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Bell Telephone Company Retained By the Courts.  
Cleveland, O., Dispatch, 29d.

United States Judge Taylor yesterday granted an injunction against the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (Bell long distance system) and the Central Union Telephone Company (Bell operating in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois), restraining them from interfering with the business of the independent companies operating in those and adjoining States.

The injunction was asked for in suit by the United States Telephone Company, which is the independent long distance telephone company operating in Ohio and adjoining States.

It is charged that the Bell, as shown by their official reports, is buying independent exchanges or selling Bell exchanges where there are competing companies, and in some instances absorbing independent companies by merger and consolidation or division of territory so as to eliminate competition and establish a complete Bell control, in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and of the laws of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other States where the companies operate. The bill says that the original value placed upon the Bell patents in 1878 was \$400,000 and a year later increased to \$650,000. A year later the value of the same property, as represented by the capital stock, was increased from \$800,000 to \$6,000,000, or nearly 800 per cent.

In 1900 the capital stock had been increased to \$25,000,000 and in April of that year the present American Telephone and Telegraph Company took over the Bell patents from the old company and issued two shares of its stock. The capital had since been increased to \$250,000,000.

The bill charges that they devoted these enormous profits to pay exorbitant dividends and in acquiring control of competitive properties in order to suppress competition. They are charged with issuing many times the original cost of the stock in stock dividends and paying at times 18 per cent a year in dividends.

### Class is Manners.

Youth's Companion.

The father of Alexander H. Stephens, the Vice-President of the Confederate States, was an "old field" teacher, and one of his school room exercises, which the pupils called "learning manners" evidently made a deep impression on little Alexander, writes Louis Pendleton in his biography of the statesman. The plan was no less admirable than quaint.

It is related that about once a month on a Friday afternoon, after the spelling classes had got through their tasks, the boys and girls were directed to take seats in rows facing each other. Then the boy at the head of his row would rise and walk toward the center of the room and the girl at the head of her row would do likewise.

As they approached the boy would bow and the girl drop a courtesy, the established feminine salutation of those days, and they would pass on.

At other times they were taught to stop and exchange verbal salutations and the usual formulas of polite inquiry.

These exercises were varied by meetings in an imaginary parlor, the entrance, introduction and reception of visitors, with practice in "commonplace chat."

Then came the ceremony of introductions. The parties in this case would walk from opposite sides of the room in pairs, and upon meeting, after salutation of the two agreed upon, would begin making known to each other the friends accompanying them, the boy saying, "Allow me, Miss Mary, to present to you my friend, Mr. Smith, Mr. Smith, Miss Jones." After Miss Mary had spoken to Mr. Smith she would in turn introduce her friend.

These exercises, trivial as the description may seem, the Vice-Presi-

dent of the Confederacy says, "were of great use to raw country boys and girls, removing their awkwardness and consequent shyness and the painful sense of being at a disadvantage or the dread of appearing ridiculous."

### Masonic Temple Dedication.

Officers of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons are preparing the programme for the elaborate ceremonies that will characterize the dedication of the splendid \$125,000 temple of the Grand Lodge just completed here and in which the first session of the Grand Lodge will convene January 12th, the dedication to follow January 13th. Invitations are to be issued to the Grand Lodges of a number of other States, including Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.—Raleigh news item.

### THE COURIER FOR 1909.

During the year 1908, THE COURIER has not only published the local and general news, but has published many special articles on live important questions of public concern. Among the special contributors to The Courier in the last year were Governor Glenn, Hon. B. F. Dixon, Prof. J. Y. Joyner, Prof. J. Allen Holt, Mr. John M. Julian, Prof. Bruce Craven and a number of others.

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"I once knew a little girl who, on fire with excitement, rushed in from her bedroom to see her presents on Christmas morning and after one look burst into loud sobs of disappointment and disgust."

"It was some such experience, I have no doubt, that had befallen a little girl friend of mine."

"Are you going to give me anything for Christmas?" she said one day to her aunt.

"Yes, if you're good," the aunt replied.

"The little girl gazed at her aunt with wistful earnestness. Then she said: "Please, auntie, then, nothing useful!"—Chickamaugan Enquirer.

### A Christmas Hope.

We do not pretend to be prophets, but we can all dare to hope. And this is what we hope: That some day the strong will help and not exploit the weak; that some day fraternity will be more than a rhetorical flourish; that some day love will beget justice rather than charity. And Christmas is the one day in the year that such a venturesome hope seems more than a will-o'-the-wisp.—World Today.

### A Christmas Hymn.

No trumpet of marching armies,  
No banners flaming far,  
A lamp within a stable,  
And in the sky a star.

Their hymns of peace and goodness  
To earth the angels brought,  
Their voices in the night,  
To enter the angels' night.

When in the lowly manger  
The baby mother held  
In tender adoration,  
Her babe of heaven fall.

Born lowly in the darkness  
And none so poor as he,  
The little children of the poor  
His very own shall be.

No rush of hostile armies then,  
But just the huddling sheep,  
The angels' sinners of the Christ  
And all the world asleep.

No flame of conquering banners,  
No legion sent afar;  
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—Margaret E. Sanister in Collier's Weekly.

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