

In Southern Texas, where the majority of people live on large ranches, the difficulty of church attendance becomes great. It has been solved by the institution of the "Sunday house." Each head of a household maintains a meagrely furnished but comfortable house near the church, and thither every Saturday comes the whole family, with food and all necessities for a week-end stay. The different meetings have their full quota of attendance all day Sunday, and Monday morning may be seen the long procession wending its way homeward.

## FOREIGN MAIL BOX.

### SAFELY HOME.

Madras, Feb. 21st, 1919.

Dear LINK,—At last we are here, but it still seems untrue, as we only arrived last night, and this seems but one more strange city where we have to change, instead of Madras. We know that you all at home have been following us with your prayers, and we feel that those prayers have been answered, for the way was wonderfully opened up. The first boat we were on was the "Ecuador" of the Pacific Mail Company. She is certainly a very comfortable boat, but will never hold the record for crossing the Pacific in the shortest space of time. We zig-zagged to Hongkong, for first we went to Honolulu, then up to Shanghai, and across to Yokohama, down to Manila and up to Hongkong. Much to our joy we had only two days and a half to wait in Hongkong before we started out on our travels again. This time we took a coaster, the "Taming" of the Indo-China Company, to Singapore. As she was a coaster, she called at Swatow and we saw a real Chinese city. If it had not been the Chinese New Year we would have had twelve hundred coolies on board, but we did carry garlic, which was had enough. But what garlic and coolies would have been like—oh, my! Singapore was the next stop, and we left the Taming and said good-bye to the jolly captain, who had done all he could to make it pleasant for us. We expected to stay a week in Singapore, but had nine days to wait before we sailed away on another coaster, and our hearts certainly sank when we saw what she was like. She was the "Fultala" belonging to the British India Company. They have some good boats, but the "Fultala" was certainly not one of them, and we carried coolies this time—over a thousand of them. True to our natures, we took a little side-trip to Fort Swethingam. This was to take on coolies; then on to Penang, and at last to Madras. We leave to-night for our different stations, and if the people in them will be as glad to see us as we shall be to see them, we certainly shall be happy.

Yours sincerely,

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### SOME RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL CUSTOMS IN BOLIVIA.

Although there are many things in the life of the Bolivian people that are very like the things one finds in Canada, there are many social and religious customs that are quite different, and some of these are peculiar to the Highlands of South America. In this paper I would like to tell you of some of these. Until a few months ago we had an Indian servant girl who was very anxious to learn to cook for foreigners. As she stayed with us for the relatively long period of a year and a half, we had some opportunity of learning some of these things.