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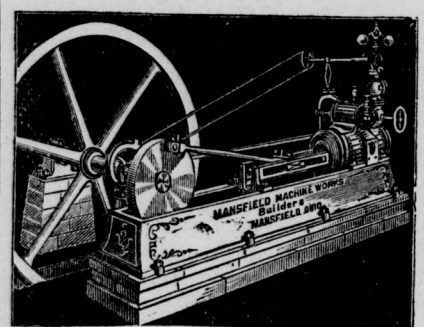
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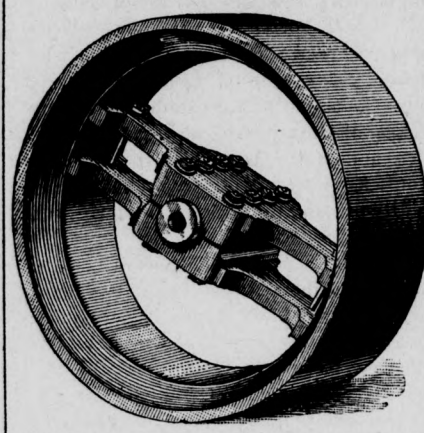
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CRIME AND ITS INCREASE.

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Is mankind eventually to return to bar-
barism, or whither are we tending? Is
society lapsing into crime, or is it only the
same percentage in our rapidly increasing
population? Upon what shall we fix the
responsibility, and what will arrest its
progress? These questions are asked on
every hand. We would not be called an
alarmist, and yet the following is a truthful
description of "a ghost which will not
down at our bidding." Never before was
there a time in the history of this nation
when the tendency to commit criminal acts
was so prevalent or the number of those
acts committed so great. This tendency
pervades all classes and enters alike the
humble cottage and the palace of the mil-
lionaire. Both sexes, ranging from infancy
to old age, have caught the infection, and
the disease—if such we may term it—
rapidly assumes a mild or a violent form.

The crimes committed are a violation of
every class, both human and divine, and
there are other crimes, not yet named in
the catalogue. Nevertheless, they are crimes,
but so gilded over with good intentions as
almost to escape observation. Extravagance
in the reckless expenditure of the public
money is a crime. From one decade to an-
other taxes have increased from this cause,
until they have become a grievous burden.
The cost of defraying the national expenses
has increased in a still greater ratio, and
corporate or legislative "steals" (as large
and unnecessary appropriations are called)
are of common occurrence. It would al-
most seem as if custodians of the public
funds are, by virtue of their offices, per-
mitted to use and speculate with it at dis-
cretion for their personal benefit, risks of
loss to be taken by the State or nation.

We are justly proud of our common free
schools, and we are told that it is cheaper
to pay for education, than incur the ex-
pense of dealing with crime and criminals,
while it is, in truth, an open question
whether our modern higher education is
not largely responsible for the increase of
crime. But we tread upon forbidden
ground, and are liable to ostracism when
we dare call in question the wisdom of "too
much learning." Yet, even at the risk of
being called an enemy of schools and
breasting the anathemas of our great army
of teachers, whose province and interest it
is to foster and perpetuate the higher
branches of study, we assert that a majority
of the people protest against being taxed
for the support of high schools. They are
willing to pay a reasonable amount for the
support of common schools in which all the
primary branches are taught, but doubt the
wisdom of even this requiring about one-
third of all their taxes, as the receipts will
show. If an individual desires a scientific
or classical education, which is, of course,
for his benefit only, why should you or I
pay his tuition? And to compel us to do so
is a crime. It is a truth, without being
repeated, that it requires an educated per-
son for the most successful rascal. "The
greater the sinner, the greater the saint,"
says the divine; and we often hear it said,
"the highest in crime was the highest in
his class." No grovelling "hewer of wood
or drawer of water" defalcates for a hun-
dred thousand or is advertised as the em-
bezzler of a National Bank on a vacation in
Canada. No, indeed! And the world says
of the criminal, "He is a shrewd, sagacious
and discerning gentleman;" but of his ser-
vant, "He is a boor who never will rise
above poverty and honesty." Such is the
shameless verdict which is fast degrading
us as a people.

It is not too much to say that one-half
of the farmers' sons and daughters who gra-
duate at Ann Arbor or Vassar leave those
institutions with radically changed ideas of
the stern duties of life, and they return to
their humble but once happy homes dis-
gusted and discontented and with the
opinion that for them, at least, physical
labor is degrading. Whenever an individual
reaches the point where he honestly be-
lieves that physical labor degrades, that
moment he has stepped upon the first run-
der of the ladder of crime, whence the ascent is
easy if not rapid.

Every high school in our land should be
a technical one, and physical labor and the
cultivation of the earth should be taught as
a synonym of the highest respectability.

The present tendency to commit crime
clothes stealing in a garb of quasi respect-
ability under new and evasive names and
stalks abroad in the best society with a
brazen effrontery that insults our civilization.
With a grim smile of complacency it
stands behind a shield of self-defence and
insanity when it commits murder. Society
is placing a premium upon high crimes by
its outspoken sympathy for the criminal, by
its feasting and honoring him while in
prison and by its sycophantic fawning upon
him on his release. It plainly says to
others, "Go, thou, and do likewise." It is
the old story of the prodigal son repeated.
No fatted calf is slaughtered for the good
boy, but it is always in readiness for the
scoundrel and the criminal!

There is an epidemic of crime in these
United States which is positively conta-

gious, and both its votaries and victims
may be numbered by the thousands. The
finer moral feelings for our kind are being
seared and blunted, and the most heartless
and unfeeling methods to filch and swindle
receive the time and study of months or
years to accomplish the end in view. That
high sense of honor in all business trans-
actions which should be the glory and
pride of our race and era is fast vanishing
and a mere verbal obligation is now con-
sidered of little value. Confidence seems
lost, and both men and women are suspi-
cious of each other and stand ready to take
a selfish advantage whenever opportunity
presents. The most noble acts of humanity
are often rewarded by the basest ingrati-
tude. The condition of society is so cor-
rupt that commercial men have felt obliged
to associate themselves together for mutual
defence against the numerous unprincipled
persons who scheme to obtain possession of
goods by all manner of lying and deception.

In order to shield families of wealth and
high station, particularly females, from the
infamy of theft they are said to be "klep-
tomaniacs," and are discharged for the
twentieth time with a mild reprimand.
Precocious boys and girls who are addic-
ted to pilfering are found to be so numerous
as to cast suspicion upon the most respect-
able. Shame, compassion and remorse are fast
being blotted from the human heart. The
taking of human life upon the most paltry
provocation is a daily if not an hourly
occurrence, and self-destruction is almost
equally prevalent. Men become monsters
and, wild with rage or passion, disregard
the pleadings of both infancy and age. The
sacredness of chastity or of helplessness is
ignored and the demon of selfishness only
is remembered. As in war familiarity with
suffering and death hardens sympathy and
kindness to a fearful extent, so the preva-
lence of criminal acts with a great number
of successful escapes from punishment im-
pairs and weakens the power to do right,
rendering the mind plastic and receptive to
wicked influences. Witnessing the power
and place that wealth confers, and the
honors paid to it, with the laxity of inquiry
as to its rightful possession, the temptation
to imitate and to incur great risks is quite
often too strong for moral resistance.

Another fruitful basis of crime is that in-
extinguishable tyrant, Fashion, which invades
every place and position, public and pri-
vate; and in the process of feeding the in-
satiated monster all deficiencies are supplied
in the same fashionable manner, which
may be embodied in one plain Anglo-Saxon
word—stealing! Extravagance, the off-
spring of fashion, walks hand in hand with
her and boldly enters every legislative hall
in our country. Even the sacredness of re-
ligion is no shield in defense of honesty,
and fashionable defaulters are found in
sacriligious quest of mammon. Not as in
the last century do people live for what is
best for their mental and physical happi-
ness. The questions are not, Is it right?
Is it healthful? and can I possess it hon-
estly? but Is it the style? Is it fashion-
able? We build, we furnish, we dress and
ride to please others and not ourselves, and
truly it is other people's eyes that ruin us.
If all the world were blind, how little
would fashion cost us!

We in this land of equality (?) whose in-
come may be only a thousand a year or less
must, at all hazards, move in the same
station as our neighbor whose income is
four or five times as much. "And why
not?" says one. "Are we not as good and
respectable as he? And why should there
be any favored ones in our land?" "The
world owes me a living," says another,
"and I labor as hard as my neighbor, who
seems to be coining money." (Possibly he
is—counterfeit.) And if the expenditures
exceed the receipts, what then? Simply
this—crime is the dernier resort to supply
the deficiency or to blot it from the un-
happy mind forever. In numberless in-
stances fashion forces entire families either
to criminal acts or to social ostracism and
is, therefore, wickedly responsible therefor.
Not all, however, are found chained to this
juggernaut. Now and then, here and
there, is a happy soul who whistles and
labors, who loves honor and honesty for
their own sake, accepts the ostracism, if
need be, and preserves his own manhood
"though the heavens do fall." What cares
he for fashion? His home is always an
Eden.

Another source of crime is the constant
addition to our population from other
countries. The immigration problem,
while it may require the wisdom of a Solo-
mon to solve it, should at once receive the
earnest attention of this government. Few,
indeed, are aware of the vast number of
paupers, lunatics and criminals of every
grade who are gratuitously landed on our
soil yearly from the old world. This ele-
ment and its pernicious doctrines are large-
ly responsible for the increase of crime.
Neither socialist, anarchist, nihilist or
murderers under any other name must for
a moment be permitted to instill their dead-
ly poison in the minds of any public or pri-
vate gathering in America. There should
always be a limit, even to free speech, and
that limit should be the border of crime.

Unless a line is drawn, our flag which has
braved the storms of one hundred and ten
years will surely go down in blood.

In closing this article it might be pre-
sumptions for the writer, an old man, to
institute any comparison between the
morals and fashions of society fifty years
ago and those of the present day. They are
already matters of history. The course of
this nation must still be onward, and,
profiting by our errors and follies of the
past, we can, if we will, change the im-
moral course of our people. Civic societies
may be formed, including both sexes, which
might wage a successful war against both
fashion and extravagance and thereby
lessen crime. At least some new and radical
departure must be instituted in our
tuition and laws, or, like the fate of most
republics of the past, we perish by our own
hand.

FRANK A. HOWIG.

Where We Live.*

We live, a large portion of the time, in
the realms of imagination. We embellish
and people this realm each after his own
fancy. The young man, with laudable am-
bition, dreams of joys and honors which
shall be his in the to-morrow, in that real
world toward which he hastens. The man
of maturer years seeks recognition of his
worth, the good-will of his fellow-men and
present honors amid the throng of busy hu-
man workers who people the real world in
which he moves. The gray-haired man,
bending beneath the weight of many years,
craves remembrance of the fact that yester-
day the bright dreams of the young and the
desires, labors and honors of the middle-
aged were his—sacred legacy for a day, to
be surrendered to succeeding generations
forever and ever. In this imaginary world,
as in the real world, it often occurs that the
young and the mature and the aged dream
the same dreams and share the same hopes.

We meet to celebrate such an occasion to-
night. To-night we may live on the very
mountain-top of this delightful world—riot,
as it were, amid the choicest flowers of fan-
cy and be forgiven. Come then, friends, to
this delectable land and for a moment dwell
in it. In fancy, look forward upon the nar-
row streak of light through fell and forest,
which follows upon the track of this sturdy
band of patient toilers. Note the white
stars of hope emblazoned upon the leaf-
crowned monarchs, which, on either side,
line this devious and narrow pathway.
Contemplate the oft-repeated monuments
which rise at stated intervals along the way
and decipher, if you can, the strange hero-
glyphs with which they are adorned. Be-
hold! On either side the lordly forest
shrinks away and, far as eye can scan, a
broad and fair highway stretches into the
distance. And now, across the graded bed,
at even distance laid, the ties and rails of
steel do bind us to Bellaire and Charlevoix.

Where do we live? In a real world now
—a practical and a working world. A
world of vast possibilities and wondrous
achievements. The picture presented, dear
friends, is not wholly imaginary. The nar-
row line of light, the blazing stars, the
monuments, the hieroglyphics are a sub-
stantial reality, a fixed and visible fact.
Thanks to the persevering, energetic, pub-
lic-spirited citizens of Charlevoix, Antrim
and Kalkaska counties it is so. There is
where we live, and, in the language of the
immortal sage of Marshfield, "We still
live"—live to make the imaginary part of
this picture a blooming reality: Where do
we live? We live in picturesque and de-
lightful Charlevoix, the queen of Michigan
summer resorts, laved upon the north by
the lake waters and touched into warm life
from the south by the D. C. & E. R. R.;
we live in brave, bustling Ironton with its
furnace chimneys belching forth smoke and
flame by day and by night, preparing its
products for shipment over the D. C. & E.
R. R.; we live in Central Lake and in Snow
Flake in the fair and fertile valley of the
intermediate. The granary of the
north, the fruits and the fish, the fowls of
the air and the "cattle on a thousand hills"
are ours to ship over the D. C. & E. R. R.;
we live in Bellaire, the home of the pro-
genitors of the D. C. & E. R. R., the per-
sistent pushers of the project; Bellaire, the
bright and the busy, with its magnificent
river and noisy factories; Bellaire, the
metropolis of Antrim county, crowned on
the west with grand old hills in rich setting
of rare scenery, on the north and south by
its chain of beautiful inland lakes, and
speeding through its eastern suburbs the
trains of the D. C. & E. R. R.; we live in
Kalkaska, on the G. R. & I. R. R., fourteen
miles in a southwesterly and downward
direction from Manicouan; plucky, hustling
Kalkaska, which reaches out for that
which it desireth and diveth down deep, if
need be, that its desires may be met;
Kalkaska, fair City of the Plains, seat of
mills and factories, terminus of the Elk
Rapids and Kalkaska railroad, present
southern terminus of the great trunk line
from Lake Michigan to the Gulf, the D. C.
& E. R. R., and the great railroad and com-
mercial center of the famous Grand Traver-
se region. This is where we live.

*Response by A. A. Abbot at recent banquet
of Kalkaska B. M. A.

Equal to the Occasion.

"Do you think, young man," said a mer-
chant to his clerk, "that you will be able to
take care of my daughter Flora in the style
to which she has always been accustomed?"
"I think so, sir," answered the young
man, confidently. "She refused to go to
the picnic with me last week because, she
said, she had nothing to wear."

Most manufacturing interests will enter
upon the later half of the year under com-
fortable surroundings. The rush of orders
for the past two months has been sufficient
to keep factories and mills busy. Stocks of
all kinds, in both crude and finished ma-
terials, are light. Although production has
been gauged to demand, overproduction is
feared. Trade combinations are doing their
best to keep up the discipline that has been
established. In a general way, manufac-
turers anticipate a busy summer.

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E. A. STOWE, Editor.

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THE ANTIDOTE OF ANARCHISM.

The Grand Rapids *Workman*, which for several years has been an ardent advocate of the strike and the boycott, has lately taken to recommending building and loan associations—a change of tactics which all good citizens will cordially approve. There was never a better plan devised to encourage savings on the part of working people than the building and loan association and anyone advocating the project is entitled to the gratitude of people of small and moderate means. Grand Rapids has one such organization, but the field is broad enough for a dozen associations. The new law passed by the last Legislature simplifies the work of organization and maintenance very materially, as it embodies all the desirable features recently introduced by the Illinois and New England associations.

All that is said in this connection relative to the advantages of these associations will apply with equal force to any locality in the State. They are as essential to a small community as a large city, and can be made to work very economically even in a farming community. The reasons for this are that there are no preferred class to absorb the profits; no sinking fund to create; no large salaries for officers or clerks to maintain; no liabilities incurred except to members. Every member has a voice in the management of the business and a constant insight of its affairs. It affords a simple method of stimulating and investing savings and enables the members to pay for homes with the same money that would otherwise go to pay rent.

Every home established by a working man drives a nail in the coffin of communism and anarchism.

A local trade organ asserts that the entire credit for getting the Cole anti-compact insurance bill through the House of Representatives is due to Messrs. Widdicombe and Van Assum, of this city. As a matter of fact, neither gentleman knew that the bill was before the Legislature until informed by the editor of THE TRADESMAN that it had already passed the House. They then set about a vigorous campaign in the Senate chamber and to their efforts is largely due its success in that body. The almost unanimous vote the bill received in the House was due to the efficient work of the various Business Men's Associations in the State, and THE TRADESMAN has inside information that their potent influence was also felt in the Senate. "Honor to whom honor is due."

Chief Smith is carrying the work of public purification bravely forward. The rooting out of the social evil from business blocks owned by Joseph Martin, W. S. Gunn and others who make a practice of renting buildings for purposes of prostitution is having marked effect. Why Mr. Smith does not proceed against such men under the State law is more than THE TRADESMAN is able to state. That would seem to be the shortest way to effect a reformation, as that method strikes at the root of the evil.

The statement of *Boots and Shoes*, in an article on the fourth page of this issue, to the effect that wooden shoes are made in this country only at Clymer, Penn., will not be given credence in this State. As a matter of fact, there are two regular wooden shoe factories in this city, presided over by industrious Hollanders, while at Holland, Zeeland, and several other places in the Holland Colony, there are men who make a practice of hewing out shoes at odd intervals.

The Traverse City Association Applies for the First Charter.

TRAVERSE CITY, July 6, 1887.
E. A. Stowe, Grand Rapids:

DEAR SIR—At our meeting last evening I acted as Secretary and suggested that the Traverse City Association call for charter No. 1, as soon as ready. A motion was made and unanimously carried that the State body grant our Association the first charter issued. "Give us a charter," was the cry.

A communication from Dr. Baker, Secretary of the State Board of Health, was placed before the meeting, asking as to the desirability of holding a Sanitary Convention here in August. A committee of six was appointed, with Dr. B. D. Ashton as chairman, with instructions to arrange for the proposed meeting.

Owing to the press of business that comes before our meetings, it was decided to hereafter hold them semi-monthly.

The base ball committee, who played at Elk Rapids on the 4th, reported that "the rain descended and the flood came," but that they "cleaned the Elk Rapids men out all the same."

The transportation committee was instructed to open correspondence with the G. R. & L., asking that our former rates on freight be restored.

Much enthusiasm prevails here on the question of manufacturing industries. A large representation of business men were present. The hot weather in no way lessens our regular attendance.

Yours truly,

FRANK HAMILTON, Sec'y pro tem.

Michigan now has 111 national banks.

AMONG THE TRADE.

GRAND RAPIDS GOSSIP.

C. H. Cornell, commission dealer, has moved to Petoskey.

O. E. Brown is building a grain elevator near the south yards.

J. W. Crater, dealer in picture frames, has been closed on chattel mortgage.

A. N. Howe has engaged in the grocery business at Sheridan. Olney, Shields & Co. furnished the stock.

S. L. King is building a drykirk in the rear of his lunge factory on South Front street, 20x20 feet in dimensions.

D. H. Mosher is now employing about a dozen men in his wood mantle and store furniture factory on South Front street.

Hawkins & Perry have foreclosed their mortgage on the Ashton Bros. grocery stock, at Traverse City, and are closing out the same as fast as possible.

H. H. Freedman & Co. will remove their wholesale cigar stock to Reed City about the 20th and operate the business in connection with their cigar factory at that place.

Walsh & Spoon, who engaged in the grocery business about six months ago at the corner of Canal and Erie streets, have concluded to close out their stock and retire from business.

Edward McArdle, who failed in the grocery business about a year ago at 119 Plainfield avenue, and who moved to Detroit and engaged in the same business, has again been closed on chattel mortgage.

Olney, Shields & Co. have leased the upper floors of the building occupied by them on Fulton street and removed their office to the rear end of the first floor, using the old office for a sample room.

The Grand Rapids Portable House Co. has received an order from the Government for fifty-eight of the Densmore veneer cottages. In case the cottages are satisfactory, they will be adopted for the use of the army, in place of tents.

R. G. Philbrick has sold his general stock at the corner of Fifth and Davis streets to John B. Gregg, formerly engaged in the grocery business on Grandville avenue. Mr. Philbrick contemplates engaging in the flour and feed business in an adjoining store.

The Grand Rapids School Furniture Co. has received an order for school desks from the interior of Asiatic Turkey and are shipping them in fifty pound packages, so they can be transported on the backs of camels. The corporation has also contracted to furnish 2,000 opera chairs for the Warder Opera House, at Kansas City, said to be the finest opera house in the West.

AROUND THE STATE.

Sault de Ste. Marie—C. H. Pease, general dealer, has assigned.

Traverse City—C. Howard & Son have opened a grocery store at Fernwood.

Big Rapids—C. P. Judson & Co. succeed C. P. Judson in the hardware business.

Montague—G. Veenstra succeeds Veenstra & Watson in the boot and shoe business.

Sand Lake—Chas. Morton and H. F. Hamilton have consolidated their grocery stocks.

Caro—Ryerson J. Parkhurst succeeds Parkhurst & Johnson in the boot and shoe business.

Escanaba—Wm. Pinchin succeeds Aaron Miller in the grocery, fruit and confectionery business.

Sand Lake—E. A. Horton, proprietor of the Sand Lake House restaurant, has put in a stock of groceries.

Ashley—John V. Blair has moved his grocery stock to Oia, a new town five miles from this place.

Detroit—Ellair Bros.—composed of A. G. Ellair and Alexander J. Ellair—succeed A. G. Ellair & Co. in the commission business.

Vermontville—C. E. Hammond has purchased Loomis & Co.'s stock of wall-paper, books and stationery, and will continue the business.

Nashville—B. B. Downing succeeds Downing Bros. in the meat business. H. E. Downing will hereafter devote his attention to buying and shipping stock.

St. Louis—W. G. Mitchell, of Bay City, recently put in a grocery stock here. Not succeeding as well as he expected, he packed up and moved back to Bay City.

Kalamazoo—H. H. Everard & Co., job printers, and Ihling Bros., blank book manufacturers and stationers, have consolidated their business under the style of Ihling Bros. & Everard.

Allegan—J. M. Mendel has retired from the milling firm of J. M. Mendel & Co. E. R. Reid will conduct the flour and feed business and Samuel Guard and L. G. Steadman will continue the milling business.

Caledonia—Stow & Brooks' two-story brick block and Whitmer Bros.' one-story brick block adjoining are nearing completion. The former will be used as a meat market and the latter as an agricultural implement warehouse.

Detroit—Stephen Baldwin, special partner in the wholesale millinery firm of W. H. Mitchell & Co., has withdrawn. W. H. Mitchell, Mansfield Shelly and Douglas E. Kellogg, general partners, and Reuben C. Webb, special partner, succeed to the business under the same firm name.

STRAY FACTS.

Springport—Reuben Yerton, general dealer, is dead.

Cheboygan—A. W. Westgate & Son's creditors get 35¢ cents on the dollar.

Battle Creek—W. J. Fisher, the grocer, was recently married to Miss Mary Cranford.

Pontiac—A little over a quarter of a million pounds of wool was purchased at this market.

Muskegon—Wm. Peer "dedicated" his new grocery store, at Lakeside, with a dance on July 8.

Battle Creek—A Building and Loan Association has been organized by a number of representative business men.

Baraga—Thomas Nester is having a lumber barge constructed which is designed to have a capacity of 1,000,000 feet.

Bellaire—Geo. W. Dole has retired from the livery firm of Dole Bros. The business will be continued by Andrew J. Dole.

South Boardman—W. H. Thompson has been convicted of illegal liquor selling, fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Eaton Rapids—Jas. Rushton, in addition to his drug business, is handling a patented attachment for spring tooth harrows, which commands a large sale.

Caledonia—C. G. Johnson, of the grocery firm of Johnson & Seibert, has gone to Denver in the hopes of securing relief from the bronchial hoarseness which has troubled him for the past three years.

Mt. Clemens—Druggist Shotwell and Mr. Wm. D. Wilson had a little scrap recently which was not only disgraceful, but which resulted in the warlike doctor getting a large-sized licking. He was the aggressor, it is claimed.

Detroit—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Third National Bank, held on July 6, it was unanimously voted to increase the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$300,000. The new stock will be placed in entirely new hands.

Kalkaska—THE TRADESMAN's correspondent writes: "The huckleberry season opened here Wednesday with a shipment of twenty bushels. The crop is enormous and thousands of bushels will be shipped from here within the next six weeks."

Whitehall—George Morley, of Detroit, has purchased from Campbell & Covell, the steam barge R. C. Brittain. The Brittain was built at Saugatuck in 1877, has a capacity of 225,000 feet of lumber, rates A 2, and is valued by Inland Lloyds at \$14,000.

Port Huron—Some itinerant frauds recently succeeded in ringing a new change on the sawdust trick. They went to a saw-mill and filled a number of bags with sawdust, which they managed to palm off for corn by some ingenious method of scheming, and had the money in their pockets before the trick was discovered.

MANUFACTURING MATTERS.

Romeo—The carriage factory has shut down for the present.

Coldwater—W. A. Combs has bought Kerr Bros' flouring mill.

Menominee—The sawmills are now cutting about 3,000,000 feet daily.

Flint—Stone, Atwood & Co. are building an addition to their woolen mill.

Lansing—The Lansing Iron & Engine Works are building a large addition.

Mason—Holly & Bullen, tile manufacturers, were recently partially burned out.

Rochester—The Western Knitting Co. pays out over \$1,300 per week for wages.

Belding—The Belding Refrigerator Co. has sold over 9,000 refrigerators this season.

Flint—Holman & Catharin are building a brick elevator in connection with their grist mill.

Oscoda—Penoyar Bros. will cut 250,000,000 feet of lumber this year in all their mills.

Battle Creek—The Michigan Scoop Co. is shipping goods to Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

Charlevoix—Frank D. Phillips, late of Port Huron, will engage in the manufacture of cigars here.

Chippewa Lake—The Chippewa Lumber Co.'s shingle mill burned on July 2. Loss, \$2,500; insured.

Reed City—The Reed City Manufacturing Co. has received an order for half a million washboard frames.

Eaton Rapids—V. R. Steglitz is now employing ten men in his cigar factory and expects to double his force by fall.

Clarion—Blood Bros. ship a car load of maple broom handles, rolling pins, potato mashers, etc., every day. They use about 100,000 feet of logs monthly.

Owosso—The common council has voted \$2,500 to L. E. Woodard in consideration of his increasing his working force in the Owosso Casket Co. fifty men. He proposes to immediately erect two brick buildings—on 48x112 feet, four stories high, and the other 32x40, three stories.

Stanton—The Stanton Milling Co., which has absorbed the business of Turner & Reynolds, has been incorporated with a capital of \$35,000, 77 per cent. of which has been paid in. The officers of the corporation are as follows: President, E. K. Wood; Vice-President, C. W. Chapin; Secretary and Treasurer, M. A. Reynolds.

Detroit—The officers of the Detroit Safe Co. have purchased 150x138 feet adjoining their present works and will erect a one-story factory for the manufacture of glass enameled steel casks used in connection with the new vacuum process for refining beer. The concern expects to be in running order by January 1, when it will start in with orders for \$100,000 worth of tanks.

H. D. Pegg, general dealer at Morenci, passed through the city last night on his way to the pharmaceutical convention at Petoskey.

Association Notes.

H. M. Marshall, President of the Lawrence B. M. A., writes: "We are waking up the dead-beats to beat all."

The State Board of Health will hold a sanitary convention at Traverse City the latter part of August under the auspices of the Business Men's Association.

Geo. W. Albrecht, of the Bank of Bellaire, writes that he "will be at Flint in September." The local committee on arrangements will please govern themselves accordingly.

The State Sheet for July has been delayed by press of work in the office where it is printed, but all the associations will receive their full quota before the end of the present week. The July sheet is the largest and most valuable yet issued.

The Allegan B. M. A. is canvassing the subject of railway connection with Saugatuck, which would give the former town the advantage of water freights. Saugatuck and Douglass have reported to have subscribed \$15,000 in aid of the project.

Whitehall Forum: The Fourth on White Lake was passed in an exceptional way. Instead of the usual accompaniment of brass bands, uniformed parades, and pyrotechnic displays, those who did not seek these abroad were treated by the Business Men's Association to a free excursion to the Resort, and the steamer Brittain was chartered for the purpose.

Mancelonia Herald: The members of the Bellaire Business Men's Association allow no flies to roost on them. The organization is laying out its money in street improvements, and is doing whatever will tend to benefit and improve the town. The Association is doing all in its power to build up and develop Bellaire and surrounding country, and the vim and determination manifested by the members is good evidence that success will eventually crown its efforts.

The Grissack Brigade.

Dave Haugh is taking a rest this week. Fred. Ball is covering his regular route for him.

Albert Antrim left yesterday for a several months' trip in the interest of the Alabastine and Anti-Kalsomine Co.

John Cole, formerly engaged in the hardware business at Fremont, is now on the road for the Gunn Hardware Co.

T. A. Ward, for several years past on the road for the Detroit Paper Co., will hereafter sell wallpaper for a Chicago house.

C. E. Cones, representing S. W. Venable & Co., of Petersburg, Va., spent Sunday at this market and smiled upon the jobbing trade yesterday.

Valda Johnston is confined to his home by illness; By. Smith ditto. Mr. Musselman visited the Muskegon customers of the former on Monday.

Gus. Sharp has opened an office with S. P. Swartz and is now dickering in shingles. He says he is making more money than he ever did on the road.

Mrs. A. D. Baker and son are spending the summer at Traverse City, in consequence of which Ad. puts in his Sundays there the same as of old.

W. N. Ford, representing J. G. Butler & Co., of St. Louis, Mo., was in town over Sunday. He is putting in this week at Manistee, Onokama and Frankfort.

Petoskey Democrat: A party of patriotic Grand Rapids drummers roused M. B. Harner from his slumbers at 3 o'clock on the morning of the Fourth, with a rattling salute of able-bodied fire crackers.

Cornelius Calomel Crawford is anxious to purchase a good dog for a friend who runs a drug store. Anyone having a spare canine can find a purchaser by addressing Mr. Crawford at this city; or the dog can be sent to his address by express.

Alex. Stevenson, traveling representative for the Black Hardware Co., of Detroit, fell while playing base ball at West Branch one day last week and fractured his collar bone, which will lay him up three or four weeks.

H. A. Hudson stayed over night at Crystal a week or so ago. For the purpose of getting ahead of certain other traveling men who were headed toward Carson City, he drove over to that place very early in the morning. When he got there he discovered that he had left his pocket-book, containing \$600 in cold cash, under his pillow at the Crystal Hotel. It took him just forty minutes to cover ten miles, but he found the pocket-book all the same.

Purely Personal.

N. B. Clark has purchased 7,000 cords of tanbark from John Canfield.

J. O. Seibert, of the Caledonia grocery firm of Johnson & Seibert, was in town last week.

Fred. B. Clark and wife went to St. Joseph yesterday, where they will spend a couple of weeks in pursuit of rest and recreation.

Frank Kruse, formerly with John Caulfield, later engaged with his brother in the grocery business on West Bridge street, has entered the employ of a Chicago wallpaper house.

Druggist Fincher, of Pentwater, and Druggist Hatch, of Hart, went to the convention in the yacht Norden. They started last Thursday, and were joined at Manistee by A. H. Lynn.

"Nuttall's Standard Dictionary of the English Language" revised by the Rev. James Wood, is a valuable work for any student's library. It contains many thousands of new words which modern literature, science and art have called into common usage, with pronunciations, etymologies, definitions, appendices of proper names, illustrations, etc. Frederick Warne & Co., publishers, N. Y.

VISITING BUYERS.

The following retail dealers have visited the market during the past week and placed orders with the various houses:

C. E. Coburn, Pierson.
Caspar Schuit, Howard City.
B. T. Kent, Howard City.
D. Celand, Coopersville.
R. K. Finch, Saranac City.
L. Alexander, Howard City.
John Giles, Lowell.
J. A. Massie, Grand Haven.
W. S. Johnson, Sutton's Bay.
F. P. Grommon, Saranac.
Jo. Totten, Totten.
John Prulin, Holland.
E. S. Day, Ludington.
Neal McMillan, Rockford.
R. P. Barnard, Maple Valley.
W. C. Sheldon, Grand Haven.
Hoag & Judson, Cannonsburg.
Geo. N. Reynolds, Belmont.
C. K. Hoyt, Hudsonville.
C. H. Joldersma, Jamestown.
D. C. Carlin, Greenville.
J. Cordes, Alpine.
Smith & Bristol, Ada.
H. F. Hamilton, Sand Lake.
John Giles & Co., Lowell.
A. Fisher & Co., Lowell.
E. M. Reed, Coopersville.
G. B. Baker, LaBarre.
W. G. Hastings, Kent City.
W. G. Clark, Saranac.
O. House, Chautauque.
J. Ray, Marlett, Berlin.
N. Harris, Big Springs.
J. Guntra, Lamont.
J. B. Brooks, St. Ignace.
H. Ade, Conklin.
L. M. Wolfe, Hudsonville.
J. C. Townsend, White Cloud.
H. D. Purdy, Fennville.
H. A. Hastings, Sparta.
John Grise, Plainwell.
C. E. Blakeley, Coopersville.
J. Q. Look, Lowell.
W. K. Walker, Waukegan.
W. K. Walker, Waukegan & Hewitt, Lansing.
A. DeKruif, Zeeland.
G. TenHoor, Forest Grove.
C. Tuxbury, Sullivan.
C. H. Dunning, Dutton.
Sisson & Lilley Lumber Co., Lilley P. O.
W. H. Hicks, Morley.
R. E. Workman, Holland.
N. Bouma, Fishers.
Jno. Damstra, Gitchell.
F. B. Watkins, Hopkins Station.
W. Bell, Nottawa.
H. Thompson, Canada Corners.
J. W. Humphrey, Humphrey & Spaulding, Wayland.
J. Ball, Morley.
J. K. Sharpe, Big Rapids.
M. F. Walling, Walling Bros., Lamont.
Jno. Bishop, Montague.
C. E. Manley, Kinney.
Wm. Black, Cedar Springs.
G. N. Reynolds, Belmont.
Wm. Vermeulen, Beaver Dam.
E. Hagadorn, Fife Lake.
Jno. Smith, Ada.
Nelson F. Miller, Lisbon.
C. W. Caskey, Harbor Springs.
F. D. Warren, Plainwell.
G. W. Robinson, Edgerton.
A. B. Foote, Hilliards.
F. B. Jones, Plainwell.
Martin Walsh, Spring Lake.
Henry Antos, Benton Harbor.
Cole & Chapel, Ada.
M. H. McCoy, Grandville.
J. P. Dwinell, Edgerton.
W. H. Potter, Jenisonville.
John Farowe, So. Blenden.
Farowe & Daimon, Allendale.
Geo. P. Stark, Cascade.
E. B. Hawley & Son, Westwood.
F. B. Hopper, Middleville.
Koolvoord & Travis, Hamilton.
S. L. Ware, Sand Lake.

An Adrian furniture dealer is the owner of a small but vivacious terrier whose education is remarkably complete. The process of trading money for meat he mastered long ago, and the milkman's ring he recognizes blocks away, while to carry letters or papers, or to burden himself with a small bundle or basket forms one of his chief delights. It is his polite and invariable custom, when given a piece of money with which to treat himself, to return to the donor with his purchase to obtain permission to eat it and possibly to return final thanks for the favor. At any rate, the thanks theory ought to be accepted because upon one occasion he returned to express his displeasure. A farmer gave him a leaden nickel which no butcher would accept, although he tried a number of them, after which, it is related, he followed the farmer to his home, some three miles out, laid the nickel at his feet, bit him severely in the leg and ran away.

What do you think of this? While in conversation with Wm. M. Dale, one of the largest druggists in Chicago, we were surprised to learn that he had sold over one and a half million of Tansill's Punch 5c. cigars and that the quality gets better all the time. The demand continues to increase. Let us tell you, if you want to sell a cigar that your customers will be pleased with, the sooner you order Tansill's Punch the better.—Independent Grocer.

Michigan Drug Exchange.

375 South Union St., Grand Rapids.

AGENTS FOR THE
Standard Petit Ledger.

WANTED—A registered female pharmacist to take situation in western town. All other registered pharmacists and assistants.

FOR SALE—Stock of \$3,000 in town of 1,000 population. Average daily sales, \$30.

FOR SALE—Stock of about \$2,000, well located in Grand Rapids, doing good business.

FOR SALE—Stock of about \$500 in town of 500 inhabitants. No other drug store in town, good location. Must be sold on account of death of proprietor.

FOR SALE—A new, clean and carefully selected stock of \$1,500 in town of 500 inhabitants. Average daily sales \$12. No other drug store in town.

FOR SALE—Stock of about \$1,800 in town of 1,800 population. Will exchange for good real estate.

FOR SALE—Stock of \$1,700 in town of 800 inhabitants. Average daily sales \$15. Will sell on easy terms.

FOR SALE—Stock of about \$4,000 in town of 2,000 inhabitants. Will exchange for good farm lands.

ALSO—Many other stocks, the particulars of which we will furnish on application.

TO DRUGGISTS—Wishing to secure clerks we will furnish the address and full particulars of those on our list free.

WE HAVE also secured the agency for J. H. Vail & Co.'s medical publications and can furnish any medical or pharmaceutical work at publishers' rates.

Michigan Drug Exchange,
357 South Union St., Grand Rapids.

WHIPS

ADDRESS
GRAHAM ROYS, - Grand Rapids, Mich.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements will be inserted under this head for one cent a word or two cents a word for three insertions. No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Advance payment. Advertisements directing that answers be sent in care of this office must be accompanied by 25 cents extra, to cover expense of postage.

FOR SALE—\$2,200 stock of drugs and groceries at a sacrifice. In good little town of life and energy. Also store building and house and lot. Will exchange real estate for farm property. Address G. & D., care Tradesman, 2007.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, 80 acres of choice farming land situated in township of Clearwater, county of Kalkaska, on north 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of section 24, in town 23, north of range 8 west, with 18 acres improved. Frame barn 36 x 38 and small house. For terms of sale apply to Perry Hannah or Smith Barnes, Traverse City, Mich. 1937.

FOR SALE—A good-paying hardware business in a thriving Michigan village. Will sell stock or tinner's tools, with or without the building. Will invoice about \$2,000. Good reasons for selling. Address "Tinsmith," care The Tradesman, 2027.

FOR SALE—Well-selected grocery stock, bakery business, store buildings and good residence adjoining same. Cash sales aggregate \$15,000 per year. This property will be offered exceptionally low for cash and time, or will take a small unencumbered place as part pay. Address J. W. Landes, 276 Champion st., Battle Creek, Mich. 1937.

FOR RENT—Large store, corner West Fulton and Front streets, Boston Block. Good location for a grocery. Inquire of J. T. Strahan, 221 Mt. Vernon st., Grand Rapids, 200.

FOR SALE—120-acre farm, with fine house and other buildings, three miles north of Coopersville. The best orchard in Ottawa county. Price \$7,000 cash. Address, for further particulars, E. A. Stowe, Grand Rapids, Mich. 1937.

SOLIMAN SNOOKS.

The Old Gentleman Angry at His Would-be Imitators.

CANT HOOK CORNERS, July 11, 1887.
Editor Tradesman:

DEAR SIR—Things are very warm around the Snooks' mansion this week. I don't refer especially to the weather, but to the feeling of your humble correspondent. It seems I have reached that period on the onward march of fame which generates imitators—and it begins to look as though they would be thick as bees in swarming time.

When I sent my last note to you by the reporter who took my speech in short hand, I promised to write to you all about our celebration, but it has all been knocked out of my head by some infernal dunderhead sending a sickly paper down in your town two or three communications signed with my name, in imitation of my *rechurch* style of literature, and trying to palm it off on an innocent, unsuspecting public as a genuine, A1, warranted full measure and all-wool article.

Although it is a tribute to my greatness to have some impudent upstart try to make folks believe he's me, and sail 'round like a barn door painted red, I don't like it a bit, and, moreover, I ain't going to stand it. If the feller had wrote to any other paper than the one he did, I wouldn't mind it so much. But, as our immortal friend has it, "there's the rub." I wouldn't mind having my name and address stole, and a feeble attempt made to imitate me—for what great name has not been imitated, even my namesake of old—but to have it sent to a paper that ain't read by anybody, and one that don't circulate in Cant Hook Corners even, is too much.

And then the cheek of signing my name to his letter and putting "Mayor" under it, when he ought to know that Cant Hook Corners is only a little village and can't aspire to more than a President. It is true I am the President, but that don't make it any less ridiculous to have it appear that I am hankering after honors that don't belong to me.

I wish I had that feller up here for just half a minute. I'd make him think his hair grew on the wrong side of his empty cocoon when he wrote that nonsense.

My opinion of the man that tries to run a newspaper on other folks' money and fills his columns with ideas and articles stole from other and better papers, is that he is mean enough to steal pennies from his children and then lick 'em for losing 'em. That editor, I'll bet, cuts his cook-stove wood in two in the middle and burns it in one side of the stove to save wearing out the other.

Mr. Editor, I don't know when to stop when I get into this coagulated strain, but you know my brother-in-law, Tom Spriggs's wife had red hair, and it kind o' runs in the family to be hot-tempered, and I've got awfully stirred up over this piece of audacious brazenry.

When this man, who's trying to make a kind of Two Dromios out of me, wrote the first one or two of his letters—one about the water-works and other nonsense—a friend of mine happened to find the paper behind a wood-pile near the track of our new railroad, where some lunatic going to the Traverse City asylum had thrown it, and sent it to me. Well, I didn't think much about it, for I knew folks could tell that it wasn't the genuine thing by the taste, like that lunatic on the train, crazy as he was; but I thought I'd see if he'd write any more, so I sent to Grand Rapids to get a paper the next week, for you can't find one anywhere else, and there was that mushy mess about our Fourth. I showed it to the Rev. Timothy Tinker, and he said that as a patriotic man and a citizen of the Corners, as well as a compounder of the gospel, he, for one, insisted that I should write right off to you and set matters right in regard to our celebration. He cautioned me to refrain from bad language and stick to the gospel truth. Well, I can do the latter, but human nature is too much for me in the former.

In the first place, this nonentity says the Corners was "one vast blaze of fire-crackers, patriotism and beer." Now, did you ever hear of patriotism being set on fire except in novels or some trashy newspaper? And as for beer, though I never drink it myself I have always noticed that instead of the beer blazing it generally sets the man that imbibes it on fire—anyway, they always want to paint the town red.

Next, he goes on to say, in regard to the procession, "the center was supported by a 15-inch gun under the arm of Sam Collins and a squadron of cavalry from Pine Holer." About the gun, there is no doubt that it was there, but Sam Collins died three weeks ago Saturday and was buried the next day. This shows that the man who is imitating me does not live at the Corners at all, though he may have been here at some time in the past.

He goes on to say that the Slabtown Home Guards were "followed by the Cant Hook fire department with its pail and brass pump." Now, if this liar had ever been to the Corners he would know our fire department had its pail damaged by letting it stand in the sun empty, and the hoops came off. We sent it down to Barker's Creek to be fixed and it wasn't in use on the Fourth. The brass pump was in use all day to keep the wash tub we used for a settling reservoir full of water, so that in case fire broke out we would have a supply to fight it.

I have said enough to show all fair people that we didn't disgrace this glorious country by raising any rumption, as he says, so I will let it rest here, and in the future take no notice of such flabbergasted pretenders. But my heart is so full it seems as

though it would slop over every step I take, it jars it so, with the sorrow and hard feelings I have for one of my fellow-men; for you know I am a soft-hearted creature, and would rather climb a ten-rail fence than stop to quarrel with a yearling bull pup.

Yours, in deep affliction,
SOLIMAN SNOOKS,
President, G. D. & J. P.

Eaton Rapids in Line on Organization.
Agreeable to call, the business men of Eaton Rapids met last Thursday evening to consider the advisability of forming a Business Men's Association. Will Emmert was selected to act as chairman and H. F. Reynolds as Secretary. After an explanation of the aims and objects of organized effort by the editor of THE TRADESMAN, L. A. Bentley moved that the formation of an Association be immediately proceeded with, which was adopted. The constitution and by-laws presented by Mr. Stowe, were adopted, when the following gentlemen handed in their names for charter membership: C. T. Hartson, I. N. Reynolds, Wilcox & Toles, Stirling & Co., Reynolds Bros., Will Emmert, E. D. Corbin, L. A. Bentley, Harvey Capron, J. D. Stedwell, R. H. Reynolds & Son, L. D. White, First National Bank, J. W. Munger & Co., J. Rushton.

On motion of L. W. Toles, H. F. Reynolds, C. T. Hartson and Will Emmert were appointed a special committee to solicit the names of the remaining business men of the place, when an adjournment was taken until Friday evening.

THE SECOND MEETING.
EATON RAPIDS, July 9, 1887.
E. A. Stowe, Grand Rapids:
DEAR SIR—Our special Committee on Membership secured the following additional names for charter membership in the Association: P. C. Cupp & Son, E. S. Harris, Wesley Vaughan, F. Z. Hamilton, Joseph Carr, Turrell & Wright, W. B. Garrison and James Gallery's Son. This gives us a membership of twenty-three, which we propose to increase to thirty before the next meeting.

At our meeting last evening the following officers were elected:
President—F. H. DeGalin.
Vice-President—C. T. Hartson.
Secretary—Will Emmert.
Treasurer—F. Z. Hamilton.

The election of the committees was deferred until the next meeting, which will be held on Friday evening, July 15.

Yours,
H. F. REYNOLDS, Sec'y pro tem.

Monthly Report of State Secretary Mills.

GRAND RAPIDS, July 11, 1887.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

The following names were added to our State membership during the month:

15008 A. R. Thayer, Detroit.
15010 R. T. Scott, Fenton.
15015 A. F. Peck, Detroit.
15052 J. H. Hamilton, Ionia.
15055 D. W. Diehl, Lansing.
15058 W. H. Gallup, Battle Creek.
15059 W. T. Hess, Grand Rapids.
15060 A. Kuppenheimer, Grand Rapids.
15063 C. F. Marple, Charlotte.
15064 D. S. Hostwick, Detroit.
15088 G. W. Bence, Detroit.
15135 J. A. Ray, Buchanan.

Thirteen members have paid dues. There have been no receipts and no disbursements of cash during the month.

Concerted action to secure week-end tickets is being made by our railroad committee. Respectfully submitted,
L. M. MILLS,
Sec'y-Treas. Mich. Div., T. P. A.

Negaunee Considering Organization.

NEGAUNEE, July 7, 1887.

DEAR SIR—We organized a Business Men's Association here some two years ago, but it has already fallen into a state of "inocuous desuetude."

I think an organization having proper elements of cohesion would be of value to our business men, and we shall be glad to meet you and talk the matter over, and if the scheme appears feasible, I have no doubt we can easily organize. What are your plans, objects and character of the association? The term "Business Men" is quite broad.

Yours truly,
JOHN Q. ADAMS.

The Coopersville cheese factory has suspended operations, owing to the failure of the farmers to furnish enough milk to render the factory self-sustaining. Considering the record made by the factory, the farmers appear to be very short-sighted. The merchants of Coopersville will now be deluged with poor butter again.

Grand Rapids Traveling Men's Association.

President, L. M. Mills; Vice-President, S. A. Sears; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. H. Seymour; Board of Directors, H. S. Robertson, Geo. F. Owen, J. S. Bradford, A. B. Cole and Wm. Logie.

Subscribers and others, when writing to advertisers, will confer a favor on the publishers by mentioning that they saw the advertisement in the columns of this paper.

Must Have Tiger Oil.

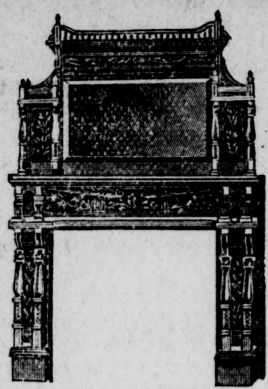
GRAND RAPIDS, June 22, 1887.

Dr. Leeson, Cadillac:

DEAR SIR—I should have answered your letter ere this had not sickness prevented, and now I will just say that I asked for the sole agency of Tiger Oil simply because I thought your medicine was not at present for sale here. I have relatives and friends here who have tried repeatedly to find Tiger Oil in the city and failed, and consequently have been in the habit of sending to Millbrook for it. When we moved here recently, almost the first day some one asked if I brought any Tiger Oil to sell. As I had not I kept looking from what I had for private use, until it was gone, and we tried to buy more here, and, as on former occasions, failed to find any. So, thinking perhaps it might pay to keep a small supply on hand (if no one else near me kept it), I wrote you as I did. I intended sending out your circulars from house to house, and so advertise it. If, as you say, so many druggists in this city keep Tiger Oil they take no pains to sell it, even when called for.

You can do as you choose about sending me any to sell. I can get my supply, as formerly, from my husband's mother in Millbrook. Very respectfully yours,
MRS. SUSA CAWTHORNE.

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Special attention given to ordered work. Call and see me or send for estimates.
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FRUIT JARS,
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Manufacturers of
"Our Patent,"
"Star,"
"Calla Lily,"
"Golden Sheaf,"
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Rye Flour, Granulated Meal,
Bolted Meal, Bran Mid-
dlings and Screenings.
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We are prepared to receive from Merchants and others consignments of
Butter, Cheese and Eggs,
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GRAND RAPIDS STORAGE CO.
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HARDWOOD LUMBER.
The furniture factories here pay as follows for dry stock:
Basswood, log-run.....12 00/14 00
Birch, log-run.....15 00/18 00
Birch, Nos. 1 and 2.....22 00
Black Ash, log-run.....13 00/15 00
Cherry, log-run.....25 00/35 00
Cherry, Nos. 1 and 2.....45 00/50 00
Cherry, cull.....20 00
Maple, log-run.....12 00/13 00
Maple, soft, log-run.....11 00/12 00
Maple, Nos. 1 and 2.....20 00
Maple, clear, flooring.....22 00
Maple, white, selected.....22 00
Red Oak, log-run.....22 00
Red Oak, Nos. 1 and 2.....24 00
Red Oak, quarter sawed.....20 00/22 00
Walnut, log-run.....25 00
Walnut, Nos. 1 and 2.....27 00
Walnut, cull.....22 00
Grey Elm, log-run.....12 00
White Ash, log-run.....14 00/15 00
Whiteoak, log-run.....20 00/22 00
White Oak, log-run.....21 00

WOODENWARE.
Standard Tubs, No. 1.....6 00
Standard Tubs, No. 2.....5 00
Standard Tubs, No. 3.....4 00
Standard Pails, two hoop.....1 40
Standard Pails, three hoop.....1 40
Pails, ground wood.....4 50
Maple Bowls, assorted sizes.....2 25
Butter Pails, ash.....2 25
Butter Ladles.....1 00
Rolling Pins.....75
Potato Mashers.....50
Clothes Pounders.....2 25
Clothes Pins.....60
Mop Sticks.....1 00
Washboards, single.....1 75
Washboards, double.....2 25

BASKETS.
Diamond Market.....40
Rusheal, narrow band.....1 00
Rusheal, wide band.....1 75
Clothes, splint, No. 1.....3 50
Clothes, splint, No. 2.....4 50
Clothes, splint, No. 3.....5 00
Clothes, willow No. 1.....5 50
Clothes, willow No. 2.....6 50
Clothes, willow No. 3.....7 50
Water Tight, bu.....3 75
" half bu.....2 85

Hardware.

These prices are for cash buyers, who pay promptly and buy in full packages.

AUGERS AND BITS.
Ives', old style.....dis 60
N. H. C. Co.....dis 60
Douglases.....dis 60
Pierces.....dis 60
Snells.....dis 60
Cook's.....dis 40
Jennings', genuine.....dis 25
Jennings', imitated.....dis 10
BALANCES.
Spring.....dis 40
Railroad.....\$ 14 00
Garden.....net 33 00

BELLS.
Hand.....dis \$ 60/10/10
Cow.....dis 30/15
Call.....dis 25
Gong.....dis 25
Door, Sargent.....dis 60/10
BOILERS.
Stove.....dis \$ 60
Carriage new list.....dis 70/10
Plow.....dis 50
Sleigh Shoe.....dis 70
Wrought Barrel Bolts.....dis 60
Cast Barrel Bolts.....dis 40
Cast Barrel, brass knobs.....dis 40
Cast Square Spring.....dis 60
Cast Chain.....dis 40
Wrought Barrel, brass knob.....dis 60
Wrought Square.....dis 60
Wrought Sunk Flush.....dis 60
Wrought Bronze and Plated Knob.....dis 60
Flush.....dis 60/10
Ives' Door.....dis 60/10

BRACES.
Barber.....dis \$ 40
Backus.....dis 50/10
Spoford.....dis 50
Am. Ball.....dis net
BUCKERS.
Well, plain.....\$ 3 50
Well, swivel.....4 00
BUCKERS, CAPS.
Cast Loose Pin, figured.....dis 70/10
Cast Loose Pin, Berlin bronzed.....dis 70/10
Cast Loose Joint, genuine bronzed.....dis 60/10
Wrought Narrow, bright fast joint.....dis 60/10
Wrought Loose Pin.....dis 60/10
Wrought Loose Pin, acorn tip.....dis 60/10
Wrought Loose Pin, japanned.....dis 60/10
Wrought Table.....dis 60/10
Hipped.....dis 60/10
Wrought Inside Blind.....dis 60/10
Wrought Brass.....dis 75
Blind, Clark's.....dis 80
Blind, Parker's.....dis 80
Blind, Shepard's.....dis 70

CAPS.
Ely's 1-10.....per m \$ 65
Hick's C. F.....60
G. D.....35
Musket.....60
Rim Fire, U. M. C. & Winchester new list.....dis 50/10
Rim Fire, United States.....dis 50/10
Central Fire.....dis 50/10

CHISELS.
Socket Firmer.....dis 70/10
Socket Framing.....dis 70/10
Socket Corner.....dis 70/10
Socket Sinks.....dis 70/10
Butcher's Tanager Firmer.....dis 20
Barton's Socket Firmer.....dis 20
Cold.....net

COMBS.
Curry, Lawrence's.....dis 40/10
Hotchkiss.....dis 25

COCKS.
Brass, Racking's.....dis 60
Bibb's.....dis 60
Beer.....40/10
Fenns'.....60

COUPLER.
Planchard, 14 oz cut to size.....\$ 25
14x52, 14x56, 14x60.....31
Cold Rolled, 14x56 and 14x60.....23
Cold Rolled, 14x48.....23
Bottoms.....23

FILES—New List.

American File Association List.....dis 60/10
Disston's.....dis 60/10
New American.....dis 60/10
Nicholson's.....dis 60/10
Heller's.....dis 55/10
Heller's Horse Raps.....dis 50
Nos. 16 to 30, 22 and 24, 25 and 26, 27 28
List 12 13 15 18
Discount, Juniata 50/10, Charcoal 60,
GAUGES.
Stanley Rule and Level Co.'s.....dis 50
Maydole & Co.'s.....dis 25
Kip's.....dis 25
Yerkes & Plumb's.....dis 40/10
Mason's Solid Cast Steel.....30 c list 50
Blacksmith's Solid Cast Steel, Hand.....30 c 40/10

HANGERS.
Barn Door Kidder Mfg. Co., Wood track 50/10
Champion, anti-friction.....dis 60/10
Kidder, wood track.....dis 40
HINGES.
Gate, Clark's, 1, 2, 3.....dis 40
State.....per doz, net, 2 50
Screw Hook and Strap, to 12 in. 4 1/4 14
and longer.....3 1/4
Screw Hook and Eye, 1/4.....net 10 1/4
Screw Hook and Eye, 1/2.....net 8 1/4
Screw Hook and Eye, 3/4.....net 7 1/4
Screw Hook and Eye, 1.....net 7 1/4
Strap and T.....dis 70

HOLLOW WARE.
Pots.....60
Kettles.....60
Spiders.....60
Gray enameled.....50
HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.
Stamped Tin Ware.....dis 75
Japanned Tin Ware.....dis 25
Granite Iron Ware.....dis 25

HOES.
Grub 1.....\$11 00, dis 60
Grub 2.....11 50, dis 60
Grub 3.....12 00, dis 60

KNOBBS—NEW LIST.
Door, mineral, jap. trimmings.....dis 55
Door, porcelain, jap. trimmings.....dis 55
Door, porcelain, plated trimmings.....dis 55
Door, porcelain, trimmings.....dis 55
Drawer and shutter, porcelain.....dis 70
Picture, H. L. Judd & Co.'s.....40/10
Hemacite.....dis 45

LOCKS—DOOR.
Russell & Irwin Mfg. Co.'s new list.....dis 55
Mallory, Wheeler & Co.'s.....dis 55
Brantford's.....dis 55
Norwalk's.....dis 55

LEVY.
Stanley Rule and Level Co.'s.....dis 70
MATTOKES.
Adze Eye.....\$18 00, dis 60
Hunt Eye.....dis 60
Hunt's.....\$18 50, dis 20 & 10

MAULS.
Sperry & Co.'s, Post, handled.....dis 50
MILLS.
Coffee, Parkers Co.'s.....dis 40
Coffee, P. S. & W. Mfg. Co.'s Malleables.....dis 40
Coffee, Landers, Ferry & Clark's.....dis 40
Coffee, Enterprise.....dis 25

MOLASSES GATES.
Stebbin's Pattern.....dis 60/10
Stebbin's Genuine.....dis 60/10
Enterprise, self-measuring.....dis 25

NAILS—IRON.
Common, Brad and Fencing.
10d to 60d.....\$ keg \$2 05
8d and 9d adv.....dis 50
8d and 7d adv.....dis 50
4d and 5d adv.....dis 50
3d advance.....dis 1 50
3d fine advance.....dis 2 25
Finishing, 10d 80 6d 4d
Size—inches 3 3/4 2 1/4
Adv. \$ keg \$1 25 1 50 1 75 2 00
Steel Nails—2 15.

OILERS.
Zinc or tin, Chase's Patent.....dis 60/10
Zinc, with brass bottom.....dis 50
Brass or Copper.....dis 50
Reaper.....per gross, \$12 net
Olmead's.....50/10

PLANES.
Ohio Tool Co.'s, fancy.....dis 30
Sciota Bench.....dis 50/10
Sandusky Tool Co.'s, fancy.....dis 30
Bench, first quality.....dis 50/10
Stanley Rule and Level Co.'s, wood.....dis 30/10

PANS.
Fry, Acme.....dis 50/10
Common, polished.....dis 60/10
Dripping.....\$ D 6 1/4

RIVETS.
Iron and Tinned.....dis 55
Copper Rivets and Butts.....dis 60

PATENT PLANISAIRED IRON.
"A" Wood's patent planished, Nos. 24 to 27 10 20
"B" Wood's pat. planished, Nos. 25 to 27 9 20
Broken packs 1/4 c 1/2 c extra.

ROPES.
Sisal 1/4 in. and larger.....10 1/4
Manilla.....12 1/4

SQUARES.
Steel and Iron.....dis 70/10
Try and Bevels.....dis 60
Mitre.....dis 20

SHEET ZINC.
In tanks of 600 lbs. \$ D.....6
In smaller quantities, \$ D.....6 1/4

TACKS.
American, all kinds.....dis 60
Steel, all kinds.....dis 60
Swedes, all kinds.....dis 60
Gimp and Lace.....dis 60
Cigar Box Nails.....dis 50
Finishing Nails.....dis 50
Common and Patent Brads.....dis 50
Hungarian Nails and Miners' Tacks.....dis 50
Trunk and Clout Nails.....dis 45
Tinned Trunk and Clout Nails.....dis 45
Leathered Carpet Tacks.....dis 35

TINNER'S SOLDER.
No. 1, Refined.....dis 12 50
Market Half-and-half.....dis 18 50
Strictly Half-and-half.....dis 17 50

TIN PLATES.
10, 10x14, Charcoal.....5 40/25 60
1X, 10x14, Charcoal.....7 25
12x12, Charcoal.....6 25
1X, 12x12, Charcoal.....7 75
1X, 14x20, Charcoal.....5 75
1X, 14x20, Charcoal.....7 25
1X, 14x20, Charcoal.....10 75
1XXX, 14x20, Charcoal.....12 55
1X, 30x28, Charcoal.....15 50
DX, 100 Plate Charcoal.....6 50
DXX, 100 Plate Charcoal.....10 50
DXXX, 100 Plate Charcoal.....12 50
All sheets No. 18 and lighter, over 2 inches wide not less than 2-10 extra.

Roofing, 14x20, 1C.....5 25
Roofing, 14x20, 1X.....6 75
Roofing, 20x28, 1C.....11 00
Roofing, 20x28, 1X.....14 00

TIN—LEADED.
1C, 14x20, choice Charcoal Terne.....5 50
1X, 14x20, choice Charcoal Terne.....7 00
1C, 20x28, choice Charcoal Terne.....11 00
1X, 20x28, choice Charcoal Terne.....14 00

TRAPS.
Steel, Game.....60/10
Oneida Community, Newhouse's.....dis 35
Oneida Community, Hawley & Norton's.....60/10
Hotchkiss'.....60/10
S. P. & W. Mfg. Co.'s.....60/10
Mouse, choker.....15 c 1/2 doz
Mouse, delusion.....\$1 50 1/2 doz

WIRE.
Bright Market.....dis 67 1/4
Annealed Market.....dis 70/10
Coppered Market.....dis 69 1/4
Extra Bailing.....dis 65
Tinned Market.....dis 62 1/2
Tinned Broom.....\$ D 60
Tinned Mattress.....\$ D 8 1/4
Coppered Spring Steel.....dis 50
Plain Fence.....\$ D 3
Barbed Fence, galvanized.....4 25
Copper.....painted.....3 50
Copper.....new list net

WIRE GOODS.
Bright.....dis 70/10/10
Screw Eyes.....dis 70/10/10
Hook's.....dis 70/10/10
Gate Hooks and Eyes.....dis 70/10/10

WRENCHES.
Baxter's Adjustable, nickelled.....dis 50
Coe's Genuine.....dis 50
Coe's Patent A.gricultural, wrought, dis 75
Coe's Patent, malleable.....dis 75/10

MISCELLANEOUS.
Bird Cages.....dis 50
Pumps, Cistern.....dis 70/10
Screws, new list.....75/10
Casters, Bed and Plate.....dis 50/10/10
Dampers, American.....dis 40
Forks, hoes, rakes, all steel goods, dis 10/10/10
Copper Bottoms.....25c

The Michigan Tradesman.

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WOODEN SHOES.

Something About Those Worn in Holland.

From Boots and Shoes.
The Dutch wear heavy wooden shoes, which render their gait laborious and ungainly. A number of Dutch belles of the lower class drag these heavy wooden shoes along with them. The children seem to be able to manage their wooden shoes much easier than grown people. When a dozen or more little urchins indulge in a romp in the street they set up a clatter which can be heard for blocks. The mother who wishes to find her naughty child who has left its task for street play, does not at first use her eyes in the search for the juvenile delinquent. She quietly sticks one of her ears out of the window, and when she hears a loud clatter which suggests the tearing down of houses in the neighborhood she rushes towards the sound, guided by her ears. When, at length, breathing forth threatenings and slaughter, she leads home her shrieking offspring, the cries of the latter are drowned by the music of his companions' footfalls. The great advantage of the wooden shoe is its staying powers. Every one does not require a new pair of wooden shoes in his or her lifetime. When the honest citizen is informed by the blooming daughter that she would like to have a new pair of wooden shoes, he frowns and says: "My child, what is the matter with that pretty pair which your grandmother bequeathed to you? They are still neat, although not gaudy. You must remember that times are hard, and that family expenses must be kept down." The common people seem to understand how to live cheaply. Many of the laboring men earn but two shillings a day, and yet manage to support families, and lay up enough money to give a decent burial to those members of their families who find themselves unable to keep up the task of trying to live.

In the town of Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a large settlement of Hollanders, the older members of which brought from their fatherland the simple manners and industrious habits which have always been characteristic of that race. Nearly without exception they are engaged in general farming and dairying, and to supplement their farm labors they have introduced an industry which is carried on in no other place in the Union. This is the making of the wooden shoes or clogs which are so common in Holland and some other foreign countries. During the coldest days and the long winter evenings these Hollanders ply their knives and "shaves" almost without cessation. The business is really a monopoly, and of late it has proved very profitable, the demand for the clumsy shoes for decorative purposes not only enhancing their value, which the shrewd Dutchman were quick to see, but increasing the number called for very materially. The woods used are basswood and cucumber. Each shoe is bored and cut from a single block. They become so well seasoned that a pair made in the best manner is almost indestructible. The bulk of these shoes is handled by a dealer in Corry, Pa., and a large number are sent to the Philadelphia market. It also requires a great many to supply the wants of the colony itself, as the shoes are generally worn by both sexes.

There is something so odd about wooden shoes that they are regarded as great curiosities, and are often found in museum collections. Regular wooden shoes modelled after the old Dutch patterns are kept for sale in many novelty stores in cities.

Hints on Disinfectants.

This, of all others, is the season of the year when general cleanliness, ventilation and the judicious use of antiseptics or disinfectants commend themselves to all who would prevent the spread of infectious or contagious poisons, by the adoption of proper sanitary precautions.

A large number, perhaps the majority of people, continue to misapprehend or imperfectly understand the word disinfectant. Thus, there is a prevailing impression that the fumes of burnt vinegar or of certain aromatic resins, or gums, woods, or essential oils, are efficient agents, whereas the discoveries of modern science have shown them all to be perfectly worthless, inasmuch as they exercise no chemical action on their surroundings, and serve merely to momentarily cover noxious emanations by their own more powerful aromas.

Chemically speaking, a true disinfectant must have high oxidizing power, or at least be capable of imparting to a vitiated atmosphere the elements required to restore to it the natural equilibrium of its component parts. Thus, for example, the heated vapor of nitric acid is a very powerful oxidizer, so strong, in fact, as to rapidly oxidize charcoal, phosphorus or iodine, or destroy most organic matter by setting it on fire. Sulphuric acid, or oil of vitriol, acts as a dehydrator, and renders great service in that capacity by decomposing organic substances rich in the element of water. Many metallic salts occupy important positions as antiseptics and disinfectants; and hypo-chlorides are similar in their action to chlorine. If bleaching powder be treated with a free acid of any kind, it throws off its chlorine gas, which then becomes at liberty to destroy germs and other attendants upon putrefaction. A solution of bleaching powder acts as a perfect decolorizer and deodorizer. The readiness with which oxygen is evolved from compounds containing the oxides of chlorine is easily shown by treating chloride of potassium with sulphuric acid under water, and dropping into the liquid a small piece of phosphorus, which will immediately burst into a flame and burn with a brilliant light. Permanganate of potassium is another salt very rich in oxygen, and its solution in water has become widely known under the name of Condy's fluid.

Chloride of iron is an active disinfectant, and, like chlorine and its compounds, acts as an indirect oxidizer while undergoing reduction to the lower chloride. Chlorides of zinc and mercury are both very corrosive poisons and powerful germicides; they have the power of coagulating albumen, and should be used in a high state of dilution and with extreme caution.

Arsenious acid and boric acid may both be used as preservatives, the latter being especially efficient and well worthy of more general application. Sulphate of iron is an invaluable disinfectant, its action being that of an absorbent of oxygen. Carbolic acid is also very extensively used and generally recommended and approved. A very safe and at the same time effectual compound for domestic purposes—purification of drains, etc.—may be prepared either by dissolving 2 pounds of green vitriol—sulphate of iron—or mixing about a quarter of a pound of carbolic acid in a gallon of water. All new disinfectants, relying upon advertisements for their sale, and of which the composition is held to be a secret, should be carefully avoided, as the more "fearfully and wonderfully" they are made, the less likely are they to be other than costly shams.

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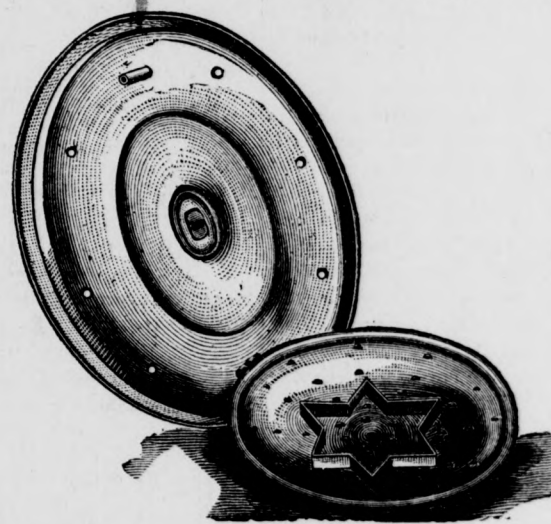
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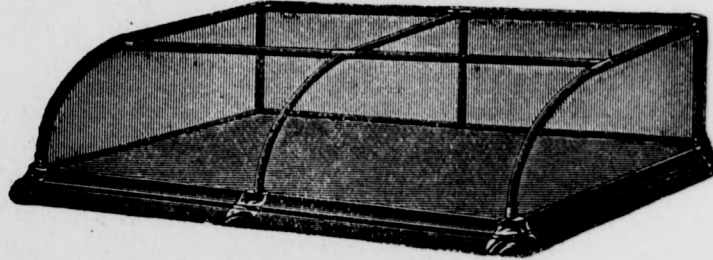


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LEISURE HOUR JOTTINGS.

BY A COUNTRY MERCHANT.

Written Especially for THE TRADESMAN

The "drummer" system of the past decade or two has materially changed the relations between the jobber and retailer. I can remember when the wholesaler deemed it a duty incumbent upon him to see his trade at regular intervals, more for the purpose of keeping up a friendly intercourse and ascertaining that no cause for grievance existed, than for soliciting orders. In those days, the buyer would visit the market perhaps twice a year, and, if an old and valued customer, he was not infrequently the guest of the jobber. Correspondence between the parties, without the intervention of the bookkeeper, was common, and it was frequently of other than a business nature. Very often the customer would make it an especial duty to see that the household of the city merchant was supplied with "gilt edge" country products, while the latter would reciprocate by attending to the retailer's personal commissions in town.

But probably half the country merchants of to-day have little or no personal acquaintance with the jobber, and the balance rarely have any business transactions with him—the "drummer" having steadily and effectually absorbed almost the entire trade—and, notwithstanding the grumbling of the old fossils over the new order of things, I am inclined to think the change beneficial to all concerned.

The assertion that there should be no friendship in business seems cold and unfeeling, but it involves the right principle for the successful trader. For a dozen years or more I paid heavy tribute to a combination of personal intimacy and the wholesaling of a certain line of merchandise, and, while I never accused my friend, even mentally, of wronging me intentionally, I knew that his poorest transient customers were buying goods at better rates than myself; but I lacked the moral courage of securing a divorce between business and friendship.

Of course, if you come in personal contact with the jobber, it is materially more pleasant to meet a jolly and genial John J. Bagley than an austere and morose A. T. Stewart, but if the Bagley variety of dealers cost you five or ten per cent. more than the Stewart ditto, you must decide for yourself whether you can afford the luxury.

Speaking of A. T. Stewart brings to my mind a little incident connected with that individual, which was related to me by a Detroit merchant some years ago:

"I had been," said the gentleman in question, "a liberal buyer at Stewart's wholesale store for a long time, but, although I was in the establishment three or four times a year, I had never even caught a glimpse of the great dry goods magnate, and one time, after transacting my business, I told the attaché who took my order that I would like to meet Mr. Stewart."

"Meet Mr. Stewart!" he said, with almost a gasp, "why, my dear Mr. F., have you any business with him?"

"No, no particular business, but—well, the fact is it's more curiosity than anything else."

"Well," he said, "I'll see if I can get you an interview," and excusing himself he left me for a few minutes. Returning, he took me up to the second story and introduced me to the factotum of the floor, who in turn made me acquainted with a dapper, hustling gentleman on the third story. The latter took me into custody and conveyed me up to the portion of the building occupied by the Great Mogul and made me acquainted with the Grand Vizier. The latter said to me:

"Mr. B— tells me, Mr. F., that you are desirous of seeing Mr. Stewart; he's extremely busy, but as you're an old customer, he will, perhaps, make an exception in your favor. Please be seated a moment."

"He returned in about ten minutes and ushered me through two offices into the 'sanctum sanctorum.' The great man was seated before a large desk, with a litter of books and papers before him, busily engaged in making memoranda. For a considerable period he never noticed us. Then, suddenly turning around in his chair, he gazed inquiringly at my conductor.

"This, Mr. Stewart," explained that individual, "is Mr. F., the gentleman whom I mentioned to you."

"The dry goods potentate extended to me a cold, clammy and lifeless hand, and said in an unmistakably absent-minded manner: 'Ah! yes! glad to see you, sir! Trade good? Yes! Sorry haven't time to make your better acquaintance, but very busy just now! Good day!'"

"And I left him—and my trade left his house. Not but what I appreciated the immense strain his business must have had upon him, but I thought that when a merchant couldn't find time to observe the ordinary courtesies and decencies of trade

it was time his customers began to be weeded out."

The Stewarts of the business world prove that the common assertion that politeness and affability are necessary for the successful merchant is not invariably true, but, notwithstanding my recent homily regarding the duty of the buyer to himself, I don't believe the Stewarts of business would ever wax wealthy if all dealers were minded like myself. To be sure, if I have transactions with their houses I am not obliged, perhaps, to come into direct contact with them, but if circumstances bring us together, I don't want to go through a course of our etiquette, and then witness an exhibition of vulgarity and purse-proud arrogance. If I belong to the snobocracy, and intrude upon Jay Gould, or some other money bag with whom I have no business relations, and get painfully snubbed, I have no reason for complaint, but the man who accepts my custom and dollars owes me a reasonable courtesy and, at least, ostensible respect in return.

There are two classes of individuals who would make me violate the plain business principle of buying where I can buy the cheapest, and these are—first, those who practically affirm that a dealing with them is a favor, and condescension on their part, and, second, those who indulge in an excess of "soft soap and slobber."

Happily, however, for those parties who perhaps let prejudices interfere with their interests, the versatile "drummer" has wedged himself in between his objectionable principal and the buyer, and "it's a cold day" when you find one of his fraternity who ever offends your sensibilities.

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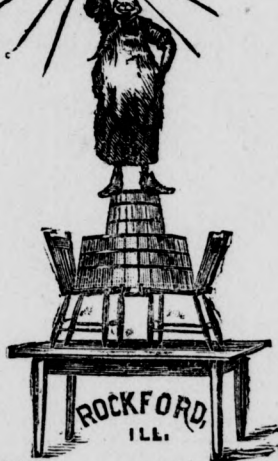
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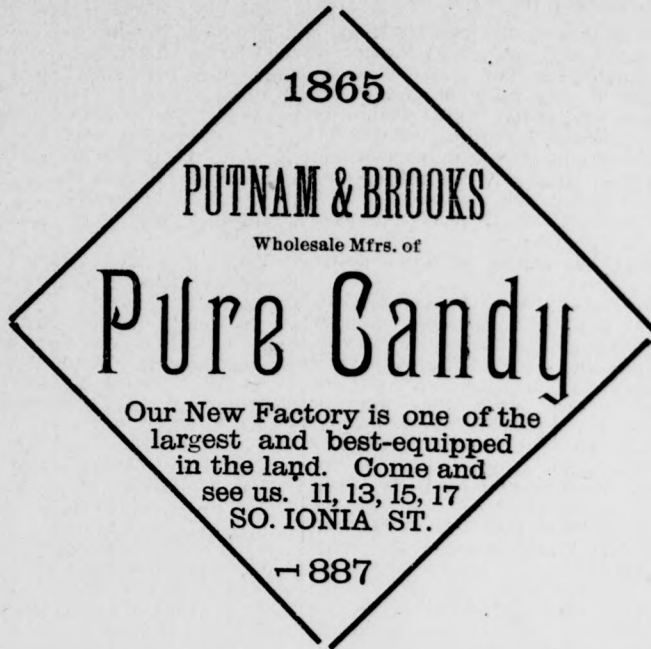
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After a few months' growth, a deep purple bud appears in the crown of the stalks whose constantly lengthening stem soon pushes it beyond the leaves, and it hangs down beside the main trunk, where, in due time, it becomes a mass of beautiful flowers, which in turn are replaced by the fruit growing closely together in compact clusters around the stem, forming a massive bunch two and three feet in length containing 100 to 200 and more bananas. When matured these bunches weigh 50 to 100 pounds, and the bananas are six to ten inches long and one to two inches in diameter.

When grown for transportation, the fruit is cut from the stem while yet green and firm. The stalk, if left to itself, soon withers and dies, and new shoots spring up around the roots, which may be transplanted for new stalks. But in cultivated fields, the stalk is cut down as soon as the fruit is removed, and a new shoot springs up which matures much sooner than do the transplantings.

The banana requires very tender handling, as very slight bruising will render a bunch unsalable. The large wholesalers and dealers of New York have from 10 to 15 steamers of their own, which are specially constructed for carrying bananas and other tropical fruits, being provided with refrigerators, fans, ventilated chambers and other devices for preserving an equable atmosphere and protecting their cargoes from overheating or being otherwise damaged. On their sometimes boisterous journeys across the gulf. Recently, through mismanagement and stress of weather, an entire shipload of bananas was lost by overheating.

In warm weather they are shipped to distant markets throughout the country, ventilated cars, or else packed in boxes with openings in the sides, for the purpose of ventilation. In colder weather, each bundle is put separately in a heavy paper sack, then two or more of these are enveloped in salt marsh hay and packed in cases lined with heavy sheathing paper, then forwarded to their destination in the warm refrigerator cars. Wholesale dealers receiving them have also to provide refrigerators, or warm apartments with an equal temperature, for keeping them in cold weather, as the least touch of frost injures them. But the winter trade is light.

Our dealers here say this fruit is becoming more popular every year. Whereas a few years since, an occasional box of the coming in a car with other goods and distributed to a few dealers throughout the city, was sufficient for the demand, there now come in, often during the summer season, three and four cars at a time. Babies, a toddling child out for an airing with mamma or nurse will almost invariably be seen contentedly munching a banana in his chubby fist. The picnic lunch basket is no longer complete without its complement of bananas. They are coming also to be used freely as a dessert on the table, cut into slices and eaten with sugar and cream, or they may be served as a salad, sliced green, or as peas; fried lightly in butter; baked with the skins on; or made into pies, puddings, etc. Dealers sometimes have their quiet fun, when one of their remote customers sees them for

The old Spaniards, from some fanciful reason of theirs, conceived the singular notion that this was the forbidden fruit of the garden by which Mother Eve was tempted to disobey the Lord, and one variety has now the technical name "Musa Paradisica." Some suppose it to have been the fruit, called in scripture "Grapes of Eschol," which the spies brought from Palestine to Moses—one bunch of which was borne on a pole between two men.

The first shipment of bananas to the United States was made by a Frenchman from Baracoa, Cuba, as a venture, fifty years ago. He sent 500 bunches to New York. Since then the trade has gradually grown until now Baracoa ships to New York not less than a million bunches a year. It is said that the trade in this fruit, since the close of the war in 1865, has doubled every five years. The following statistics, just procured by a Detroit merchant from official sources in New York, show the immense importation of this fruit into that city from October, 1885, to October, 1886, from the ports named:

Jamaica (south of Cuba).	759,819 bunches
Baracoa (Cuba)	691,303 "
San Juan (South America).	322,970 "
Aspinwall (Central America).	143,320 "
Porto Cortez.	31,091 "
Boca Del Toro.	29,448 "

Total..... 1,967,031

Say two million bunches yearly in New York, and with a loss of not more than 15 per cent. To these must be added the large receipts at New Orleans, Charleston, Baltimore, Boston and other seaports. From information obtained at the Grand Trunk and Michigan Central railroad freight offices, it is estimated that from 220 to 240 carloads come to this market every year. As a car holds from 300 to 400 bunches, as per size, the present trade in bananas will reach from 75,000 to 80,000 bunches annually.

The Grocery Market.

The staples are quiet and almost without feature. As predicted by THE TRADES MAN, cheese has taken a strong upward jump during the past week, being now quotable at the factory at 8c for strictly first-class, while jobbers hold at 8½¢@9c.

Oranges and lemons show a very strong market and prices are gradually advancing. Nuts are steady at former prices, though pea nuts are very firm.

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Butter—Creamery is in good demand and fairly firm at 18c. Dairy is in better demand at 12 to 14c.

Blackberries—15c. $\frac{1}{2}$ qt.

Corn—Green, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. $\frac{1}{2}$ doz.

Cabbages—new, 4¢ per crate.
Carrots—50¢ per doz.
Cauliflower—\$1 per doz.
Celery—25¢ per doz. |
Cheese—Has taken a strong upward turn
consequence of marked advances at other
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Cucumbers—25¢ per doz.
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Dried Peaches—Pared, 15¢.

Eggs—Jobbers are paying 12c and holding at 14c.
Honey—Fair demand at 10@13c.
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Parsley—25c 1/2 doz.
Peas—75c 1/2 bu.
Potatoes—New, \$2.65 per bbl.
Pop Corn—2 1/4c 1/2 b.
Radishes—10@12c 1/2 doz.
Raspberries—Black \$1.50 per 16 qt. case.
Spinach—30c 1/2 bu.
String Beans—\$1 1/2 bu.

Tomatoes—\$2 ½ bu.
 Turnips—75c ½ bu.
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Dry hides.....# 8 1/2 @	do "do".....10
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Old wool, estimated washed #.....25	@
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Shield Cylinder.....	26%
Eldorado Engine.....	23
Peerless Machinery.....	20
Challenge Machinery.....	19
Parade.....	19
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Black, 15° C. T.....	11
Zero.....	12%

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Acme, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cans, 3 doz. case		85
" $\frac{1}{2}$ lb "	" 1 "	1 60
" 2 lb "	" 1 "	3 00
" Bulk		25
Princess, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb		1 25
" 1 lb		2 25
" 1 lb		4 25
" bulk		28
Artic, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cans, 6 doz. case		45
" 1 lb "	" 2 "	75
" 1 lb "	" 2 "	1 40
" 1 lb "	" 2 "	2 40
" 5 "	" 2 "	12 00
Victorian 1 lb cans (tall), 2 doz.		2 25
Diamond, "bulk."		15
BLUING		
Dry, No. 2	doz.	25
Dry, No. 3	doz.	45
Liquid, 4 oz.	doz.	35
Artic 8 oz.	doz.	60
Artic 4 oz.	$\frac{1}{2}$ gross	35
Artic 8 oz.		7 20
Artic 16 oz.		12 00
Artic No 1 pepper box		3 00
Artic No 2		3 00
Artic No 3		4 00

BROOMS.		
No. 2 Hurl.	1 75	Common Whisk.
No. 1 Hurl.	2 00	Fancy Whisk.
No. 2 Carpet.	2 25	Mill.
No. 1 Carpet.	2 50	Warehouse
Parlor Gen.	3 00	
CANNED FISH.		
Clams, 1 lb. Little Neck.	1 10	
Clam Chowder, 3 lb.	2 15	
Cove Oysters, 1 lb standards.	90	
Cove Oysters, 2 lbs	1 75	
Crabs, 1 lb. standards.	1 75	
Lobsters, 2 lb. picnic.	2 00	
Lobsters, 1 lb star.	2 00	
Lobsters, 2 lb star.	3 00	
Lobsters, 1 lb standards.	1 45	
Mackerel, 5 lb fresh standards.	5 25	
Mackerel in Tomato Sauce, 3 lb	3 50	
Mackerel, 3 lb in Mustard.	3 50	
Mackerel, 5 lb domestic.	3 50	
Salmon, 1 lb Columbia river.	1 15	
Salmon, 2 lb Columbia river.	3 00	
Sardines, in Mustard 1/2s.	10 00	
Sardines, domestic	10 00	
Sardines, Mustard 1/2s.	12	
Sardines, Imported 1/2s.	13 00	

CANNED FRUITS.	
Apples, gallons, standards.	4 00
Blackberries, standards.	80
Cherries, red standard.	1 20
Dameons.	1 20
Quince, standards.	1 20
Gooseberries.	1 00
Green Gages, standards 2 D.	1 20
Peaches, Extra Yellow.	1 25
Peaches, standards.	1 60
Peaches, seconds.	1 45
Peaches, pte.	1 10
Pears.	1 10
Pineapples, standards.	1 35
Quince.	1 25
Raspberries, extra.	1 25
" red.	1 35
Strawberries.	1 20
Whortleberries.	1 30
CANNED VEGETABLES.	
Asparagus, Cut & Bay.	3 00
Beans, Lima, standard.	75
Beans, Stringless, Erie.	90
Beans, Lewis' Boston Baked.	1 70
Corn, Archer's Trophy.	
" Morning Glory.	
" Revere.	1 35
" Rome.	1 35
" Romberg.	1 35
" Sequoia.	1 40
" St. Louis.	1 40
" Livingston.	1 30
Peas, French.	1 50
Peas, extra marrowfat.	1 20
Peas, standard.	75
" Early Java, standard.	50
" " sifted.	2
" French, extra fine.	30
Mushrooms, extra fine.	20
Peas, standard.	25
Succotash, standard.	80
Squash.	1 20
Tomatoes, standard brands.	1 00

CHEESE.		
Michigan full cream.....		\$7 8
York State, Adams.....		8 8
CHOCOLATE.		
Wilbur's Premium.....	35	German Sweet.....
" Sweet.....	25	Vienna Sweet.....
" B'k'd Cocoa.....	42	Baker's.....
" Cocoa-theta.....	42	Runkles'.....
" Vanilla Bar.....	28	
COCOANUT.		
Schepps, Is.....		25
" Is and 1/2s.....		26
" 1/4s.....		27
" Is in tin pails.....		27
" 1/4s.....		28
" Is.....		29
" Is and 1/2s.....		34
" 1/2s.....		34
Maltby's.....		34
" Is and 1/2s.....		34
" 1/2s.....		34
Manhattan, pails.....		34
Peerless.....		35
Bulk.....		35
COFFEES—PACKAGE.		
		60 Ds 100 Ds 300 Ds
Lion.....		24 24 24
Lion, in cabinets.....		24 24 24
XXXX.....		24 24 24
Arbuckle's.....		24 24 24
Standard.....		24 24 24
German.....		24 24 24
German, in bins.....		24 24 24
Magnolia.....		24 24 24
Eagle.....		24 24 24
Mexican.....		20 20 20
COFFEES.		
Green.....		Roasted.....

m	Santos	23¢25	Santos	23¢25
m	Maricabo	23¢24	Maricabo	24¢25
m	Jaya	24¢25	Jaya	25¢26
m	O. G. Java	24¢26	O. G. Java	27¢28
m	Mocha	25¢28	Mocha	31¢32
CORDAGE.				
m	60 foot Jute.	1 00	60 foot Cotton	1 70
m	40 foot Jute	1 25	60 foot Cotton	1 60
m	40 foot Cotton	1 50	72 foot Cotton	2 00
CRACKERS AND SWEET GOODS.				
	X XXX			
y.	Kenosha Butter.			5
	Seymour Butter.			5
	Butter		4½	5
m	Swiss Butter.		4	5
m	S. Oyster.			5
00	Plonic			5
00	Swiss Butter.			5
00	Fancy Soda.		5	
00	City Soda.			5½
00	Soda			4
00	Milk			7
00	Boston			
00	Graham			
00	Our Meal			
00	Pretzels, hand-made.			1
00	Pretzels			

Cracknels			15%	S
Lemon Cream	7	8		
Sugar Cream				
Frosted Cream			8%	F
Ginger Snaps	7	8		
No. 1 Ginger Snaps	7			
Lemon Snaps			12%	L
Coffee Cakes			8%	C
Lemon Wafers			13%	L
Jumbles			11%	J
Extra Honey Jumbles			12%	E
Frosted Honey			12%	F
Cream Gems			13%	C
Bagleys Gems			13%	B
Seed Cakes			12%	S
S. & M. Cakes			8%	S
DRIED FRUITS—FOREIGN.				
Citron		19	@ 22	
Currants		6%	@ 14	
Lemon			@ 14	
Orange Peel			@ 14	

Prunes, French, 608.....	\$2 104
" " " " " " " "	" "
" " " " " " " "	" "
" " " " " " " "	" "
" Turkey.....	44¢ 14
Raisins, Bohemia.....	" "
Raisins, Delaware.....	3 5025 00
Raisins, London Layers.....	21 80
Raisins, California.....	21 65
Raisins, Loose Muscatels.....	1 4021 50
Raisins, Oporto, 288.....	8 60 14
Raisins, Sultanas.....	8 64
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	8 64
Raisins, Imperials.....	23 00
Cod, whole.....	562½ 4
Cod, boneless.....	544 08¼ 4
Halibut.....	" "
Herring round, ½ bbl.....	22 90
Herring round, 1 bbl.....	1 75
Herring, Holland, bbls.....	11 02
Herring, Haddon's, kegs.....	5557 5
Herring, Scaled.....	19222
Mackerel, shore, No. 1, ¾ bbls.....	20 00
" " " " " " " "	30 00
" " " " " " " "	10
No. 3, ¾ bbls.....	6 50
Sardines, Spiced, ¼ bbl.....	102 12

White, No. 1, ½ bbls.	7	50
White, No. 1, 12 lb kils.	1	10
White, No. 1, 10 lb kils.	1	10
White, Family, ½ bbls.	2	00
" " kits.	7	75
FLAVORING EXTRACTS.		
Jennings' D. C., 2 oz.	Lemon.	Vanilla.
" " 8 oz.	9	00
" " 6 oz.	1	50
" " 8 oz.	2	50
" " No. 2 Taper.	3	50
" " No. 1.	1	25
" " No. 2.	1	30
" " ½ pint, round.	4	50
" " 1 "	9	00
" " No. 3 panel.	2	10
" " No. 8 "	1	85
" " No. 10 "	2	25
MATCHES.		
Grand Haven, No. 8, square.		95
Grand Haven, No. 8, spiro.		75
Grand Haven, No. 200, parlor.		1
Grand Haven, No. 300, parlor.		2
Grand Haven, No. 7, round.		1
Oshkosh, No. 2.		1
Oshkosh, No. 8.		1
Swedish.		75
Richardson's No. 8, square.		1
Richardson's No. 8, round.		1
Richardson's No. 7 ½, round.		1
Richardson's No. 7 do		1
Woodbine, 300.		1

MOLASSES.		
Black Str.		162 18
Cuba Baking		25 08
Porto Rico		24 30
New Orleans, good		28 24
New Orleans, choice		44 00
New Orleans, fancy		39 55
	½ bbls. 2c extra	
OATMEAL		ROLLED OATS
Barrel	5 75	5 75
Half barrels	3 00	Half barrels 3 00
Cases	2 25	25 Cases 2 25
PICKLES.		
Medium		27 00
" ¼ bbl.		23 50
Small, "bbl.		27 00
" ½ bbl		24 00
		PICES.
Imported Clay, No. 216, 3 gross		22 00
Imported Clay, No. 216, 2½ gross		21 00
American T. D.		21 75
RICE.		
Choice Carolina	7	54
Prime Carolina	6	54
Good Carolina	5½	54
Good Louisiana	5½	54
Table	5½	54
	5½	54

SALETERATS.			
De Land's pure.....	54	Deight's.....	54
Church's.....	54	Sea Foam.....	54
Taylor's G. M.....	54	Cap Sheaf.....	54
½c less in 5 box lots.			
SALT.			
50 Pocket, F F Dairy.....	2	00¢	25
25 Pocket.....	1	00¢	62
100 3 b pocket.....			2 35
Saginaw or Manistee.....			75
Ashton, English, dairy, bu. bags.....			80
Ashton, English, dairy, 4 bu. bags.....			3 15
Hugline English dairy bu. bags.....			20
American, dairy, ½ bu. bags.....			20
Rock, bushels.....			21
Warsaw, Dairy, bu. bags.....			40
	½		20
SAUCES.			
Parisian, ½ pints.....	¢2	00	00
Pepper Sauce, red small.....	¢2	00	00
Pepper Sauce, green.....	¢2	00	00
Pepper Sauce, red large ring.....	¢1	25	00
Pepper Sauce, green large ring.....	¢1	25	00
Catsup, Tomato, pints.....	¢2	00	00
Catsup, Tomato, quarts.....	¢1	20	00
Halford Sauce, pints.....	¢3	50	00
Halford Sauce, ½ pints.....	¢2	20	00
SPICES—WHOLE.			
Allspice.....			3 ½
Cassia, China in mats.....			6 ¾
" Batavia in bundles.....			10
" Saigon in rolls.....			40
Cloves, Amboyna.....			75
" Zanzibar.....			27
Macé Batavia.....			60
Nutmegs, fancy.....			70
" No. 1.....			65
Pepper, Singapore, black.....			18
" white.....			29
SPICES—PURE GROUND.			
Allspice.....			11

Cassia, Batavia	.....	25
" and Saigon	.....	26
" Saigon	.....	42
Cloves, Ambonina	.....	32
" Zanzibar	.....	34
Ginger, African	.....	10
" Cochin	.....	15
" Jamaica	.....	180
Mace Batavia	.....	70
Mustard, English	.....	20
" and Trieste	.....	20
" Trieste	.....	20
Nutmegs, No. 2	.....	25
Pepper, Singapore black	.....	65
" white	.....	32
" Cayenne	.....	32
SUGARS.	.....
Muzzy, Gloss, 48 lb boxes, 1 lb pkgs.	.....	25 5/8
" " " " 3 lb "	.....	25 1/2
" " " " bulk	.....	25 1/4
" " " " 72 lb crates, 1 lb boxes	.....	25 1/4
" Corn, 40 lb boxes, 1 lb pkgs.	.....	25 1/8
" " " " 1 lb "	.....	25 1/8
Kingsford's Silver Gloss, 1 lb pkgs.	.....	25 1/4
" " " " bulk	.....	25 1/4
" Pure, 1 lb pkgs.	.....	25 1/8
" Corn, 1 lb pkgs.	.....	25 1/8
Firmenich, new process, gross 1 lb	.....	25 1/4
" " " " 3 lb "	.....	25 1/4
" " " " bulk, boxes or bbls	.....	25 1/4
" " " " corn, 1 lb "	.....	25 1/8
SUGARS.	.....
Cut Loaf	.....	25 1/8
Cubes	.....	25 1/8
Powder	.....	25 1/8
Granulated, Standard	.....	25 1/8

	On	
	Confectionery A.	2
	Standard A.	2
	No. 1, White Extra C.	3
	No. 2, Extra C.	3
	No. 3 C.	5
	No. 4 C.	5
	No. 5 C.	4
	SYRUPS.	
	Corn, barrels	2
	Corn, $\frac{1}{4}$ bbls.	2
$\frac{1}{4}$	Corn, 10 gallon kegs.	2
	Corn, 5 gallon kegs.	2
	Pure Sugar, bbl.	2
	Pure Sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ bbl.	2
	TOBACCO—FINE CUT—in PAILS.	
	Uncle Tom.	4
	What Is It?	4
$\frac{1}{4}$	Cherry	6
	Seal and Seven	4
	Maryland	2
	Five of Detroit.	6
	Jim Dandy	3
	Old Time	3
$\frac{1}{4}$	Brother Jonathan	2
	Jolly Time	3
$\frac{1}{4}$	Our Leader.	3

weet Rose.	32	Mule Ear.	65
ay Queen.	63	Fountain.	74
ay American Eagle.	64	Old Congress.	75
Meigs.	60	Good Luck.	52
ed Bird.	50	Blaze Away.	33
radian Flower.	66	Half Lighter.	30
Indian Green.	60	White Flower.	65
White Flower.	70	Globe.	60
weet Pippin.	45	Crown Leaf.	66
ustler.	22	Sunset.	35
ackinaw.	21	Yum Yum.	21
awatawa.	23		
		SHORTS.	
ur Leader.	17	Hawatha.	23
White Flower.	22	Old Congress.	23
Jobe.	22	May Leaf.	23
ule Ear.	23	Dark.	20
		PLUG.	
eye Opener.	27	Blue Blazes.	27
hopper.	30	Capper.	35
each Pie.	30	Jupiter.	25

...solder	37	Night Cap	32
...lapper	37	...splendid	32
...oner Stone	34	Red Fox	40
...aping Knife	34	Big Drive	40
...text	39	Chocolate Cream	49
...voss	39	Winced	40
...live and Let Live	38	Big Fire Center	33
...Big Nig	37	Parrot	42
...pear Head	37	Burster	35
...spring Chicken	36	Black Prince	35
...celipse	36	Black Racer	35
...Turkey	30	Alcorn	39
... & G.	30	Horse Shoe	39
...lose me	24	Vinco	36
...olly Tar	30	Merry War	34
...ted Top	24	Ben Frank	34
	32	Moxie	34
	32	Black Jack	34
	32	Musselman's Coker	30
	32	Live and Let Live	32
		SMOKING	
...um Yum	20	Pure	16
...ur Leader	16	Star	20
...id Vet	20	Unit	16
...Big Deal	27	Eight Hours	24
...guy Clippings	26	Lucky	30

Hard Tack.	36	Duke's Durham.	40
Dixie.	37	Green Corn Cob Pipe	28
Old Tar.	39	Owl.	10
Arthur's Choice.	22	Roe Boy.	24
Box.	23	Uncle Sam.	17
Gold Dust.	35	Lumberman.	30
Gold Block.	30	Railroad Boy.	25
Seal of Grand Rapids.	13	Mountain Rose.	13
(color).	25	Home Comfort.	30
Miners and Puddlers.	42	Old Rip.	—
Peerless.	24	Seal of North Caro-	—
Standard.	20	lina, 2 oz.	45
Old Fox.	15	Seal of North Caro-	—
Tom & Jerry.	25	lina, 4 oz.	—
Joker.	18	Seal of North Caro-	—
Traveler.	37	lina, 8 oz.	45
Maiden.	23	Seal of North Caro-	—
Club.	40	lina, 16 oz boxes.	45
Nigger Head.	20	King Bee, longcut.	22
Holland.	41	Sweet Lotus.	32
German.	15	Graying.	32
Colonel's Choice.	15	Bee Skin.	32
Queen Bee.	32	Red Clover.	30
Blue Wing.	20	Good Luck.	26
		Navy.	36
		STUFF.	
Lorillard's American Gentlemen.	70		
" Macabroy "	70		
Gall & Ax "	74		
Rappee.	74		
London Mills Scotch.	74		
Lotzbeck.	74		
		TEAS.	

Japan ordinary	1862	
Japan fair to good	2502	
Japan fine	2502	
Japan dust	1562	
Young Hsuen	2002	
Gun Powder	3602	
Oolong	3602	
Congo	2502	
VINEGAR.		
White Wine	30 gr.	50 gr.
Cider	08	
York State Apple		1
MUSCILLANEOUS.		
Bath Brick imported		80
do American		75
Burns, No. 0.		20
do No. 1.		8
do No. 2.		80
Cocoa Shell, bulk		25
do Condensed Milk, 72 can		25
Cream Tartar, 5 and 10 lb cans		24
Candles, Star		12
Candles, Hotel		12
Campbor, oz. 2 lb boxes		11
Extract Coffee, v. C.		80
do v. Felix		15
do v. C.		15

Fruit Jars, pint	Per box	\$10
" " "	quarts	(11)
" " "	2-quarts.	(14)
Gum, Rubber 100 lumps.		(25)
Gum, Rubber 200 lumps.		(26)
Gum, Spruce		30(25)
Hominy, ½ bbl.		(63)
Jelly, in 30 lb pails.		5(5)
Pearl Barley		24(9)
Peas, Green Bush		(11)
Peas, Split Prepared.		(3)
Powder, Keg		(65)
Powder, ¼ Keg.		(7)
Sago		(2)
Tapioca		(7)

CANDY, FRUITS AND NUTS.

Putnam & Brooks quote as follows:

		STICK.
Standard, 25 lb boxes.		\$14(9)
Twist,	do	(9)
Cut Loaf	do	(10)
		MIXED
Royal, 25 lb pails		(10)
Royal, 200 lb bbls.		(8)
Extra, 25 lb pails		(9)
Extra, 200 lb bbls.		(11)
French Cream, 25 lb pails.		(9)
Crushed, 25 lb cases		(10)
Broken, 25 lb pails.		(9)
Broken, 200 lb bbls.		(9)
		FANCY—IN 5 LB BOXES.
Lemon Drops.		(12)
Sour Drops.		(13)
Peppermint Drops		(13)
Chocolate Drops.		14
H M Chocolate Drops.		18
Crunch Drops.		22
Licorice Drops		23
A B Licorice Drops.		12
Lozenges, plain		14

Imperials	14
Mottos	17
Cream Bar	17
Molasses Bar	18
Caramels	18
Hand Made Creams	18
Plain Creams	19
Decorated Creams	20
String Rock	20
Burnt Almonds	22
Wintergreen Berries	24
FANCY—IN BULK	
Lozenges, plain in palls	21 1/2
Lozenges, printed in palls	21 1/2
Lozenges, printed in bbls	21 1/2
Chocolate Drops, in palls	21 1/2
Gum Drops in palls	21 1/2
Gum Drops in bbls	21 1/2
Moss Drops, in palls	9 21 1/2
Moss Drops, in bbls	21 1/2
Sour Drops, in palls	21 1/2
Imperials in palls	21 1/2
Imperials in bbls	21 1/2
FRUITS.	
Bananas	1 50 1/2
Oranges, California, fancy	2
Oranges, choice	25
Oranges, Jamaica, bbls	50
Oranges, Florida	50
Oranges, Rodi	50
Oranges, Messina	4 50 1/2
Oranges, OO	2
Oranges, Imperials	2
Lemons, choice	2
Lemons, fancy	25
Lemons, California	10

Flies, Bages, 50 lb.	10	00
Dates, Fraids do.	2	00
Dates, 4 do do	2	00
Dates, 1 lb box 50 lb	9	50
Dates, 4 do do box 50 lb	2	00
Dates, Persian 50 lb box 50 lb	2	00
Fine Apples, 50 doz.	2	00
NUTS.		
Almonds, Tarragona.	17	50
" Ivaca.	2	00
Brazils.	2	00
California.	2	00
Filberts, Sicily.	2	00
Bardoni.	2	00
Walnuts, Grenoble.	15	00
" Sicily.	2	00
" French.	2	00
Pecans, Texas, H. P.	10	00
" Missouri.	8	00
Cocoanuts, 100 lb.	5	00
FRUITS.		
Prime Red, raw do.	6	00
Choice do do	6	00
Fancy H. P. do	6	00
Choice White, va do	6	00
Fancy H. P. Va do	6	00
H. P. Va.	6	00

The Michigan Tradesman.

ENGLAND'S DECADENCE.

The vast throngs in London, three weeks ago, may or may not have seen evidences of England's decay. Most probably they did not. No break in the arches of London bridge was visible to the visitors whose ears were filled and eyes dazzled by the great celebration. To the ordinary observer the wealth and strength of Victoria's realm never seemed greater.

Yet the crowning of the queen's half century may be taken as the first milestone in the course of unfavorable change upon which the British empire has entered. At a point in the future—and a century will be quite enough to obtain the necessary perspective—the historian will look back to that June day of 1887, and point out how even then the powers of England were failing, and how in the fifty years that followed they showed more and more their decay. He will be able then to see plainly facts which are now only to be discovered by analysis and comparison, but which, nevertheless, are of vital significance in measuring the strength of the English Empire.

It is easy, however, to suggest some of the facts that indicate the main one. Their full importance would involve a study of many details, but their essential character any intelligent person may readily comprehend. England has prospered by a policy which enriched her, and impoverished other nations. Against this, more and more, as they comprehend its operations, the nations rebel. The world has risen against her. France terminated the Cobden treaty. The United States dismissed free trade along with chattel slavery. Germany established protection, and Russia did the same. The Australian colonies adopted economic and revenue systems of their own. Canada adopted a tariff, and is proceeding to increase it. All these were countries which afforded England great markets, and the closing of them, in whole or in part, is a heavy blow. It was her plan that they should be her commercial dependencies, but they have established, or will do so, their self-help in industry, without which political autonomy is an empty show. They do for themselves those services which England ment to do for them, and by which she would make them her subjects.

But this revolt of civilized nations against the Philistinism of Cobdenism is contemporary with other things that tend like it to the reduction of the Brummagem forces. England's coal disappears. Her labor demands higher pay, under the threat of socialistic troubles. And yet these have been her two great sources of industrial pre-eminence—abundant coal and pauperized labor. If her work people "must live," then the incomes of her employing class must proportionally diminish, and the capital centered in London must decrease. Even so London becomes, with every year, of less relative importance as a center of the world's exchange. To the United States the financial supremacy must come, more and more, with the industrial, and, in time, the commercial superiority which it will possess.

Not least among the causes of English decay is the moral impossibility of continuing the processes by which English wealth has been heaped up. To devour India, to prey upon China and Japan, to seize and rob semi-civilized and barbarous peoples in all parts of the globe, in search of a "market," becomes more and more difficult, simply from the awakened conscience of England herself. The Tory party would do it, with the old motives of aggression and plunder, and the Birmingham men would do it, as they have done, in order to sell their products; but the process has become unpleasing to an important element outside of these, and can no longer be maintained with all the power and energy of the Empire. The pressure from below, in the ranks of the people, is increasing, and it must not be forgotten how every change in the franchise has enlarged the political power of the masses, and given to them the means of more effective revolt. It is a more democratic nation which will be seen in the future, and, as we think, a better England, but it will be one whose material greatness will be much diminished, both relatively and absolutely. The day of decadence has begun in the Queen's dominions.

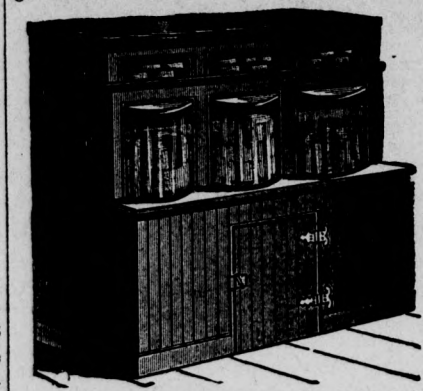
Ike Sessums, who owns the grocery at Sessums Station, near Starkville, Miss., has lost a good deal of his stock during the summer by the depredations of burglars. Last Monday night he set a trap for the rascals by charging his double-barreled gun heavily with buckshot, cocking it, and setting it in such a position that the first man who attempted to open the door was bound to be shot. Tuesday morning he came down to the store as usual and forgetting all about the gun, unlocked the door and opened it. Both barrels were discharged as if by clockwork, and the entire load entered his body. At last accounts he was lingering between life and death.

The commissioner of the internal revenue has decided to establish a butter-testing bureau in the internal revenue office in Chicago, and Collector Stone will probably find that he can make room for it, in spite of his impression a few days ago that he had no space to spare.

The ice men of New York threaten to strike the first hot day if they are not given an advance in wages.

The pool of wall-paper manufacturers came to an end at the meeting in New York Thursday.

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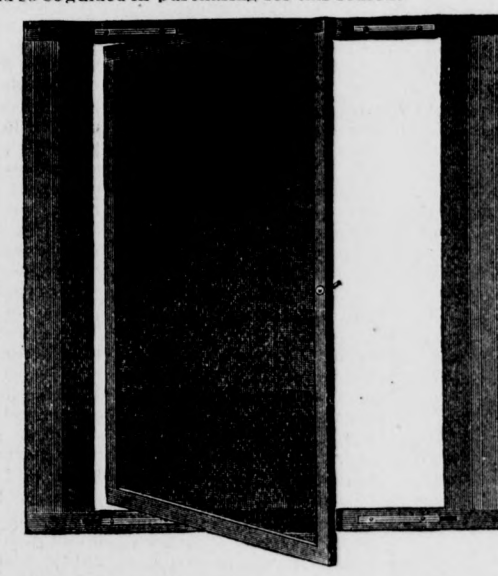
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