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Trade Changes Too Late to Classify. Kent City-Fred Roman has sold his grocery stock to M. Bromon.
Lester-Fred Krum has purchased the grocery stock of E . F orney.

Saginaw-Miss A. M. Rogers bas purchased the millinery stock of Josephine \& Co.
Ypsilanti-The Ypsilanti Reed Fur niture Co. has doubled its capital stock from $\$ 25,000$.
Detroit-Schulte \& Kaiser, grocers, have dissolved partnership, Willebald Schulte succeeding.
Fenwick-R. A. Chapman bas pur chased the general merchandise stock of S. Harmon Rinker.
Manistique-Duell \& Nessman continue the grocery and crockery business of Parker \& Nessman.

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Oxford-A. P. Glaspie has sold his clothing, men's furnishing and shoe stock to Haddrill Bros.
Mt. Pleasant-The Mt. Pleasant Body Works has increased its capital stock from $\$ 20,000$ to $\$ 50,000$.
North Branch-Finkle \& McKenzie continue the general merchandise business of Geo. H. Finkle.
Detroit-Berman, Friedberg \& Co. succeed Berman, Wine \& Co. in the wholesale clothing business.
Monroe-A. Mitchell, dealer in books, has taken his son into partnership under the style of A. Mitchell \& Son.
Algonac-The Algonac Hardware Co. succeeds Clarence J. Lemmon in the hardware and plumbing business.
Lowell-Arthur McMahon has purchased the interest of his brother in the grocery business of McMahon Bros.
Battle Creek-The capital stock of the American Steam Pump Co, has been increased from 400,000 to $\$ 500,000$
Lansing-The Beilfuss Motor Co., manufacturer of gas engines, has increased its capital stock from $\$ 4,500$ to 15,000.
Hillman-Richard Bates continues the hardware and implement business formerly conducted under the style of Wing \& Bates.
Manistique-Anderson \& Norväll, grocers, have dissolved partnersbip. The business is continued by Anderson \& Parker.
Reed City-Curtis Bros., dealers in produce and grain, have dissolved part nership. The business is continued by Wm. Curtis.
Findley-Willard Walter, dealer in grain and coal at this place, bas purchased the general merchandise stock of A. Sargeant.

Sanford-Edward A. Lane has engaged in the general merchandise business, baving purchased the stock of Wm. H. Peck.
Albion-M. A. Randall, hardware dealet at Cbeboygan, bas leased a store building and will shortly open a bardware store at this place.
Detroit-Geo. E. Roberts has purchased the interest of his partner in the dry goods, furnishing and notion business of Roberts \& Wiley.
Fairfax-S. R. Wagner has sold bis general merchandise stock at this place to W. W. Terry and engaged in the dry goods and boot and shoe business at Cambria.
Jackson-W. C. Starr and Robert Campbell, of this place, and Allen P. Ford, of Chicago, have organized the Starr Hardware Co. with a capital stock of $\$ 15,000$.
Owosso-The Owosso Outfitting Co. succeeds Arthur Thompson in the sec-ond-band store business and will occupy the Thompson stand, thus consolidating the two stocks.
Detroit-The Federal Paint \& Oil Co, has heen organized with a capital stock of $\$ 50,000$, held by E. A. Hall, 500 shares: J. E. Harris, 500 shares Rachael W. Harris, 4,000 shares.
Ogden Center-Lutes \& Becker, genmerchandise dealers, have dis
purchased the interest of bis partner and will continue the business in his own name.
Muskegon-John and Joseph A. Wolters have sold their feed store at 100 Third street to George and Dirk Wolffis and will locate in Fremont, where they have purchased the Crescent flouring mill from H. A. Brown.
Crystal Falls-The Crystal Falls Mercantile Co. has been established by Ernest Peterson, Carmelita Waters and Byron C. Waters, the latter of whom holds the entire number of shares except two. The capital stock is $\$ 5,000$.
Jackson-Charles E. Barnard bas sold his interest in the bardware stock of Barnard \& Starr to the Starr Hardware Co. Mr. Barnard has been engaged in business for eighteen years and will for the present take a much needed rest.
Warren Village-The Warren Creamery Co. has been organized to engage in the creamery business bere. The capital stock is $\$ 4,600$, held by Tom Reddich, 130 shares; J. M. Stanley, 10 shares, and Mary A. Wilson, io shares.
Ithaca-H. B. Crane, who for some time was associated with C. L. Altenberg in the jewelry business at this place, but for the past few months located at Mt. Pleasant, has purchased the jewelry stock of Altenberg \& Ringle. Eaton Rapids-W. B. Garrison is closing out his bazaar stock and will retire from trade on account of poor bealth. The Eaton Rapids Co-Operative Association has purchased the building occupied by Mr. Garrison and will take possession March
Benton Harbor-A new enterprise bas been established here under the style of the Freestone Pickle Co. The authorized capital stock is $\$ 50,000$ and is held by the following persons: Wm. Freestone, 2,500 shares; Wilbert D. Freestone, 2,499 shares, and Geo. Wm, Lark worthy, I share.
Elk Rapids-C. E. Maban has resigned his position with the Elk Rapids Iron Co., to take effect March I, when be will assume the management of the Rapid City Cedar Co., wbich will operate at a point five miles east of Kalkaska. The company already owns 400 acres of cedar timber and has an option on 1,200 acres additional. Railroad ties and telegraph poles will also be bandled.

Will H. Pipp, general salesman for the Columbia Enameling and Stamping Co., of Terre Haute, Ind., now covers twenty-four states and forty jobbing points. He is accompanied on all of his trips by his brother, Henry L. Pipp, who looks after the trade of the scheme department. J. W. Sleight, who travels for the same company, calls on the retail trade and the jobbers in the small towns.

The capital stock of the Grand Rapids Veneer Works has been increased from $\$ 200,000$ to $\$ 425,000$.
$W_{m}$. Jenkinson has purchased the grocery stock of Broene Bios, at 857 Jefferson avenue.

## FOOD PRESERVATIVES

Should Prevent Bacteria and Be Perfectly Harmless.
Written for the Tradesman.
In a nation so advanced as the American, the question of food preservatives is an important one, and that should alike be discussed by manufacturer, jobber, retailer and consumer. It has been customary in the past to consider all treatment and additions to food products, for the purpose of keeping or preserving them until ready for bodily consumption, as injurious to the quality of the foods and also as making them unfit for digestion and assimilation by the buman body, and laws have been enacted, more or less ridiculous, to regulate or simply probibit the use of preservatives, giving merely some political appointee a pretense for his "useful" existence. At the present time, however, the subject of food preservatives has been taken up in an earnest manner by many able investigators, notably Doctors Vaughan of Ann Arbor and Wiley of Washington.
It is my object to present to the readers of the Michigan Tradesman a concise and intelligent review of the various articles used as preservatives
In order that food may be properly digested and utilized, it is not only necessary that it have some value as a food, but also that it be palatable-a most important point not to be overlooked, since many diseases can be traced to the neglect of the same. The stomach has an intelligence of its own and readily makes known its wants on this account. Food in general is eagerly sought by all living things. The millions, yes, billions and trillions, of unknown, invisible and greedy animalculi -microbes, as we call them, or, more properly, bacteria-contest our rights of digestion at every step. These bacteria are found everywhere-in all climates, in every mouthful of air we inbale, in every drop of water that quenches our thirst. These bacteria digest the food in their own peculiar way, and in so doing many of them develop poisonous products, harmful to the human organism. If, then, food partially predigested by bacteria finds its way into our stom. ach our health is constantly menaced and endangered.
Now a food preservative should be something that will prevent the existence of these bacteria and at the same time be perfectly barmless to the human being. Nature herself in many ways provides her living creatures with preservatives against obnoxious competitors and conditions. The presence of essential oils in many plants living in tropical, semi-tropical or marshy regions seems to justify this conclusion, since essential oils are generally very good preservatives. Oil of peppermint, from the plant of the same name, is a worthy example. Small quantities of this oil, evenly distributed, will prevent fermentation. Oil of spearmint is a nother instance. Oil of calamus, from the root growing in the low Mississippi swamps, may also be mentioned. Spices in general are good preservatives, like cloves, pimento, cassia, thyme, etc. ; these all contain essential oils. Vanillin, from the vanilla bean, bas also some value as a preservative. But one of the best known food preservatives we possess is aicohol. To the extent of not less than 15 per cent. it preserves our saccharine wines from fermenting into vinegar.
We also use the method of excluding the bacteria by first boiling the food,
to kill the bacteria already present, and then hermetically sealing the containers. This method is much used in the canning industry. By exposure to a low temperature-tbat is, freezing-we are also able to prevent the life of bacteria. Cold storage is extensively used by packers. Eggs are kept by painting them with an airtight coating of silicate of potassium and then putting them in to cold storage.
One of the best food preservatives is sugar. A syrup made by dissolving eight pounds of sugar in a balf gallon of hot water is excellent for fruits. Fruit syrups made with this strength of sugar keep exceedingly well, but less than six pounds of sugar to one-balf gallon of liquid is not satisfactory. Salt is one of the best preservatives known. Most of the so-called preservatives in the market contain from to per cent. to 75 per cent. of salt. Codfish is air dried and saited in enormous quantities on the western coast of Norway. Smoking, as in the case of smoked hams, in valuable, because the smoke contains certain substances, as creosote, etc.

that act as preservatives. One of the most modern preservatives is saccharine, which is made on a large scale from toluol, a substance found in coal tar One part to 500 parts of liquid is the proportion used in fruit juices, fountain syrups, etc. Saccbarine is exceed ingly sweet and is used as a substitute for sugar in certain diseases. Many writers ciaim that pure saccharine is perfectly harmless. It is impossible to go through life at the present time without somewhere getting a taste of saccharine, The writer bas found it by analysis in
wines, lemon pie, chocolate, sweetened wines, lemon pie, chocolate, sweetened medicines, soda water syrups and ice
cream. We spoke about salt. This article is extremely necessary to all ani mals. When eaten part is converted into hydrochloric acid in the stomach, which in normal condition should contain about one-balf per cent. of this acid Hydrochloric acid is an excellent food preservative. Without its presence food would putrefy and poison us, as is noticed in many diseases. Sulphur fur nishes, when burning, a gas called sulphur dioxide. This gas, when passed into a solution of sal soda in water, gives us sodium sulphite, an excellent preservative and used largely by packers of meat. Sodium sulphite and other compounds of sulphur have been carefully studied in their action upon digestion. The majority of investigators find it absolutely harmless, but, improperly used, it may discolor the cans and dissolve minute quantities of metal
which may cause poisoning. Otherwise sulphur is a normal constituent of the human body. Borax has come into use as a preservative for meats. Doctor Vaughan of Ann Arbor Efound no harm ful effects from its use. Nitre is occas ionally met with at the present time One of the most modern preservatives is formaldebyde, a gas made extensively from wood alcohol. It is readily soluble in water, so that you generally buy a 40 per cent. solution from the manufactur er. One part of formaldehyde will preserve $2,000,000$ of an animal food prod uct. Evidence has been offered that in this dilution it is barmless. Otherwise when concentrated, we find it to be a pungent, irritating gas, used for embalming and hardening anatomical sections. In surgery formaldehyde is used as an antiseptic, and recently a physi cian in New York used it as an injec tion in a case of blood poisoning with favorable results. Salicylic acid is well known and is a constituent of oil of wintergreen. Both the oil and the acid are used. The chemist, bowever, makes the acid from carbolic acid, which in turn is obtained from coal tar. One part of salicylic acid will keep 2,000 parts of food. Legislation has generally been directed against its use. Conflicting opinions exist as to its effect upon the buman system. Finally, benzoic acid bas come to the front as a preser vative. In animals subsisting on vegetable diet benzoic acid is constant ly formed from the food during diges. tion. It is eliminated in a more com pound form. Formerly benzoic acid was obtained from the gum, benzoe, a well known ingredient of incense, but to day the chemist makes it from naphthaline, popularly called tar campbor. It is considered harmless as a preservative.
Thus we find that a food preservative is not necessarily barmful to digestion since even Nature herself produces a preservative in the stomach when food is introduced. It is the abuse and not the use of preservatives that should be regulated by law ; and for this purpose reliable evidence by able investigator should be utilized, while mere hasty conclusions should be disregarded.

Louis Hogrefe.
An Era of Good Sense and Comfortable Living.
Ailing, complaining, whining women are not fashionable. It is not good form to ask, "How are you feeling to-day?" It is no longer interesting to faint or to pose as delicate. The modern woman is equal to most things and afraid of almost nothing, even drafts. She is interested in anything rather than her own symptoms. She prefers riding, driving, golfing and ping-pong to fancy work.
The woman who gets up late so that her day will not be too long belongs to the dark ages-the ages before writing and art and automobiling and golfing and economics and nature study, etc. made her days fall too short.
It is the fashion to get up early now and be out on your shopping or market ing by 10 o'clock.
Society has discovered that other themes are as interesting and more profitable than picking one's friends to pieces.
This bas been called the age of universal laxity, and again of universal luxury. However that may be, it is cer tainly the age of comfort. And comfort has ushered in simplicity.
This may be due to the fact that we

Do you remember our overladen dinner tables of the past?
The twelve or fifteen-course dinner has gone out-six courses is the correct thing. And not more than two kinds of wine.
How often bave you dined out and found yourself dodging a high floral centerpiece, gorgeous if you please, beautiful anywhere, but hiding a beautiful woman who may be your vis-a-vis? It stood like a wall between you and the other end of the table-a barrier to all informality.
The chroniclers of 1903 , if they do their duty, will declare that the decorations of the dinner table are low, so that guests are given an uninterrupted view of one another.
There are candelabra, but they are set at the corners of the table; there is a centerpiece, but it is not bigher than a man's waistcoat or a woman's decollete gown.
It is to be hoped that they will also mention the fact that the bewildering mass of silver and glass that bas been known to load the dinner tables of the luxurious is now infinitely less bewildering.

It does not seem more than a year ago that one sat studying an array of forkstwo pronged forks, curved forks, big forks, little forks-and knives of every sort to match. We grew scarlet with embarrassment trying to find out which sort fitted which dish. We studied our neighbor furtively.
And, ob, how frequently we came out wrong in the end, with the fish knife for the roast, or the salad fork for the punch!
This embarrassing situation is banished. It is out of fashion for madame to empty ber safe onto the dinner table. Even her collection of forks is brought out unobtrusively, one or two at a time, and slid in at the side of the plate as the courses follow one another.
Then the array of glasses that used to be set before us, six or eight grouped around our plate, so that we did $\mathrm{no}_{\mathrm{t}}$ dare move our elbows! And we thought nothing of sipping fine sherry, old burgundy, rich hock, cbampagne, claret, sauterne, at one dinner. And, ob, how we regretted it! but noblesse oblige, so does fashion.
Our host bad provided it out of his fine old cellar, and we had not the heart to refuse, although we had not the stomach to digest.
In 1903 it is the fashion to dine with one kind of wine; possibly two, not more.
We may sip Apollinaris at a banquet and not be decried as an invalid.
We may toast with a glass of club soda and whisky, and bave neither qualms that night nor the next day.
One kind of wine through dinner is a blessed fashion of this era of luxury and simplicity
Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is a notable example of the modern hostess. She has made entertaining a science. She attracts to ber house the cleverest people and invariably draws out, as a good hostess should, what is best in them. She attracts the best singers, the finest pianists, the ablest wits and best table talkers, and whatever other talent may add to the pleasure of her guests. These changes we have quoted are important. They mean healthier minds, healthier bodies, kindlier hostesses.

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Berrien Springs-R. C. Bell has en gaged in the meat business.
Leslie-A. Hall, of Detroit, has pur chased the bakery of H. Crane.
Port Huron-L. A. McCarthar has opened a grocery store at the North End. Detroit-Wallace \& Bohn have purchased the drug stock of John A. Van Loon.
Allendale-Edward Scanlon has sold his general merchandise stock to George Robston.
Alpena-The Star Co., Limited, succeeds the Cheney Shoe Co. in the retai shoe business.

Battle Creek-David Moss has purchased the crockery and notion stock of John D. Wilson.
Alma-Pulfrey \& Co. have sold their grocery stock to W. L. Scranton \& Co., formerly of Corunna.
Parma-L. H. Godfrey and Lloyd Van Valin have purchased the bardware stock of J. R. Godifey.

Asbley-D. W. C. Tiffany \& Co. have sold their bardware and furniture stock to Charles A. Pratt.
Ann Arbor-L. T. Freeman has purchased the grocery business of Stimson \& Co., at 914 South State street.
Eaton Rapids-H, Kositchek \& Bros. are closing out their clothing and furnishing goods stock at this place.
Battle Creek-H. R. Chown, who has been conducting a hardware store at Greenland, has moved bis stock to this city.

Reed City-A new furniture store has been opened in the store building of Stoddard Bros., with N. A. Stoddard as proprietor.
Lansing-C. J. Rouser has contracted with Hugh Lyons \& Co. to equip his drug store with new shsiving and modern fixtures.
Pontiac-At the annual meeting of the Howland Manufacturing Co. it was decided to increase the capital stock from $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 60,000$.

Imlay City-Jobn McKillen bas sold his bakery and grocery stock to Samuel Burk, who will continue the business at the same location.
Muskegon-P. E. Zuidema has opened a feed store in connection with his grocery at the corner of Sixth street and Washington avenue.
Kalamazoo-J. A. Phillips, formerly
engaged in the grocery business, has engaged in the grocery business, has opened a bazaar and variety stock at 152 South Burdick street.
Detroit-The Summerfield-Hecht Co., dealer in furniture, carpets and stoves, has been incorporated under the style of Summerfield \& Hecht.
Greenland-L. Lansing has moved his stock of hardware and furniture from Mass City to the store building recently vacated by H. R. Chown.
Manton-Judd Seaman has purchased the grocery and crockery stock of Burns \& Westbrook and will continue the business at the same location.
Chelsea-Hoag \& Holmes, dealers in hardware, furniture, crockery and bazaar
goods, have dissolved partnership. The goods, have dissolved partnership. The business is continued by Holmes \& Walker.

Allegan-The meat market of Wiley \&
AcAlpine will hereafter be conducted McAlpine will bereafter be conducted by H. C. McAlpine, Mr. Wiley baving removed to bis farm in Trowbridge township.

Detroit-The capital stock of the McKaig Foundry Co. has been increased from $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 10,000$ and the name of
the company changed to the Michigan Column Co.
Petoskey--Jobn C. Clark, of the Clark Shoe Co., has purchased a half interest in the general merchandise stock of Armour T. Cope, at Carp Lake. Mr Clark will continue to reside bere.

South Haven-Barrett \& Barrett have offered to settle with their creditors at 50 cents on the dollar. The creditors bave not yet accepted, but it is thought that they will do so in order to save further litigation.
Baldwin-The O. K. Cummings House Furnishing Co. has sold its stock at Newaygo and will engage in the same line of business at this place about Feb. 10. Mr. Cummings will also continue his undertaking business bere.
Walton Junction-M. D. Crane has sold a half interest in his general merchandise stock to Henry W. Fraser, and has also purchased a balf interest in the Exchange Hotel owned by Mr. Fraser. The new style is Crane \&
Fraser. Pleasant-The Minto-Bell Co.
Mt. composed of W. E. Bell, of Union City, and C. W. Minto, of Durand, has embarked in the clothing, furnishing goods and shoe business and will locate in the block vacated by the Isbell Hardware Co.
Petoskey-Bump \& Co. succeed the hardware firm of Bump \& Waldrond, the interest of Mr . Waldrond baving been purchased by George Bump and Sidney S. Bump. Sidney Bump will be the managing partner of the new business.
Berrien Springs-Frank Ford has exchanged his hardware stock, new build ing on Main street and other valuable considerations for a farm in Marshall county, Ind., owned by Mr. Calbeck, who will continue the hardware business here.
Alpena-A. Rudolph \& Co. is the style of a new clothing and furnisbing goods business established at this place, Mr . Rudolph has for some time been a clerk in the employ of I. Cohen. His partner will not take an active part in the business.
Onaway-The Marks-Barnett Co., Limited, dealer in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes and furniture, has dissolved partnership The business wil hereafter be conducted under the style of the Marks-DeCarrie Co., Limited, with Oliver DeCarrie, of Alpena, in charge. Grand Haven-John M. Cook, who bas been engaged in the grocery business for the past eignteen years, has sold bis stock to his son, Richard Cook, who will continue the business with two clerks, Louis Streng and Cornelius Donker, as a copartnership under the style of the Cook Mercantile Co.
Ann Arbor-L. T. Freeman, formerly engaged in the grocery business at Chelsea, has purchased the Stimson grocery at 314 State street. Geo. Stimson, who bas been conducting the business for the estate of the late J. D. Stimson, will remain with Mr. Freeman for some time. The store building will be remodeled and an addition erected.
Detroit-Charles B. Ward has been adjudicated a bankrupt on his own petition. His liabilities are $\$ 16,183.97$ and his assets are $\$ 6,335$, consisting of real estate, on which there are mortgages. Mr. Ward was in business here for thirty years, lately as a bicycle dealer. He has also been interested in real estate, and suffered when the slump came in that market.

Lake Linden-The general dealers, grocers, meat market proprietors, bard-
ware dealers and merchants in exclusive lines, such as jewelry and shoes, bave all signed the agreement calling for the adoption of early hours for four nights of each week, namely, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On these evenings the several stores will close their doors and relieve the clerks at 6 o'clock, while on Wednesday evenings the closing hours will be 8 o'cloc and on Saturday evenings $90^{\circ}$ clock.

Manufacturing Matters.
Saginaw-The Lufkin Rule Co, has increased its capital stock from $\$ 100,000$ to $\$ 200,000$.
Onekama-John Koeglan has engaged in the grocery business here, purchasing his stock of F. Firzloff \& Son, of Manistee.

Detroit-Henry A. Berns continues the manufacture of tables formerly conducted under the style of Burhop, Berns \& Co.
Corunna-The United States Robe Co. has declared a dividend of 10 per cent. The prospects are favorable for a arge output this season.
Athens-The Star Manufacturing Co. Limited, has been organized, with capital stock of $\$ 60,000$. Woolen boots, gloves and mittens will be manufactured.
Chelsea-The Chelsea Manufacturing Co., manufacturers of metal novelties and specialties, is succeeded by a limited copartnership under the style of the Chelsea Manufacturing Co., Limited. Capac-W. J. Forrest, cigar manufacturer, has taken a partner in the person of A. L. McMeans, of Rocky Ford, Cali. A number of changes have been made in the factory, greatly improving its appearance.

Zeeland-J. Grebel, Secretary for the Vander Meer-Timmer Lumber Co., bas sold his interest in the business to Lambertus Schipper and will engage in business at Grandville. Miss Bertha Tolsma succeeds him as acting Secre | tary. |
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Detroit-Articles of incorporation will be filed in a few days by the Cadillac Cabinet Co., capital $\$ 100,000$, to manufacture fancy cabinetware, music cabinets, ladies' desks, ladies' toilet tables, shaving cabinets and articles of a sim ilar character. The promoters of the enterprise are the officials of the Wolver ine Manufacturing Co., whose remarkable success in the latter concern has often been commented upon.
Ann Arbor-The stockholders of the Ann Arbor Organ Co. have decided to increase the capital stock from $\$ 51,000$ to $\$ 75,000$ and will sell the new stock to be present stockholders at par. The new capital stock will be used to develop the business and increase the out put. The number of organs manufac tured last year was six times the number turned out in 1896 , when Mr. Hen
derson took charge of the management. The business of 1902 showed an increase of 20 per cent. over that of 1goi. During the past year a new boiler house and new boilers have been added to the plant. During the coming year a new system of dry-kilns will be put in.
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## Grand Rapids Gossip

The Grocery Market.
Sugars-The raw sugar market is quiet but unchanged. There is very little interest manifested in raw sugars just at the present time. Refiners are apparently well supplied for the present and are bolding off purchases, waiting further developments. The same can be said of the refined market. Although there is very little demand, purchases being almost entirely for immediate wants, the market remains firm, with the prospect of a renewed activity shortly.

Canned Goods-The canned goods market continues rather quiet, althougb there is a little interest in some lines. As a rule, prices are firmly held and no changes of note are reported. There is some future business being done, particularly in corn, which is selling quite freely. Spot tomatoes are unchanged in price and are meeting with fair demand. Some Michigan packers who did not sell any futures have still a few on hand, which they are holding for full prices. The spring trade on this article is usually good and dealers are looking forward to an increased business in this line. Corn continues in moderate demand at unchanged prices. This articie is in good position and trade is on the increase. The demand for peas continues fair, with light stocks and full prices realized on all sales. Peaches are still quiet, with no apparent improvement in demand. They can not always stay this way, however, and something is expected to develop shortly. Stocks are only moderate and would soon be exhausted with any increased demand. Supplies of salmon are moderate and trade is of good volume at unchanged prices. Sardines are in fair supply and a good trade on this line is reported. Prices are firmly held, both for oils and mustards. There is also some enquiry for fancy grades at full prices.
Dried Fruits-The dried fruit market as a whole is quiet and unchanged. Prunes still occupy the chief attention and are selling well at firm prices. There is no surplus of stocks, as the small as well as the large sizes have been in good demand, which has reduced stocks considerably. Holders are firm in their views and are holding up for full prices. Seeded raisins show no changes in price here, but the general tone of the market is firmer, caused by an advance on the coast. Stocks here are quite liberal, however, and no immediate advance is looked for, at any rate not until the present stocks are considerably reduced. No lower prices are thought possible on account of the small stocks on hand on the coast to last the remainder of the season. Apricots are in fair demand, with prices firmly held and the prospect of higher prices soon. Peaches are quiet, but firmly held and meeting with light demand. Stocks of these goods are light. Figs are quiet, with rather heavy stocks on hand and a somewhat weaker tendency. The demand for evaporated apples shows no material change, being fair for the goods both in 50 pound boxes and I pound packages. Just at present the weather is unfavorable for the sale of these goods, but with the return of colder weather, a better demand is looked for.

Rice-The rice market is very firm, with holders' views rather above those of buyers. Offerings of the fancy grades are very light, but the more common
grades are in good supply and are moving out quite well at full prices.
Molasses-The molasses market is firm, with good demand. Offerings are rather limited, but dealers' supplies are light and what stock is offered is quickly taken up at full prices. Holders are very firm in their views and no concessions in price are made. Corn syrup is very firmly held, with no immediate prospect of shipment as the refineries are at least three weeks oversold, and even after the goods are shipped the railroads are making such poor time that shipments are very badly delayed. Fish-Trade in fish is good, with a very firm market on almost all grades. More interest is being taken in this line now, as a more active business is expected soon. Dealers' stocks are small and they will bave to make large purchases to supply their regular consuming trade. There is quite a little trade on halibut in packages, and mackerel and codfish are both in good demand.
Nuts-The situation in this line is still very quiet and the continued inactivity has depressed prices on some ine. Brazil nuts are quoted $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ lower on both medium and large. Filberts are particularly dull. Almonds are in small request, but prices remain unchanged. For walnuts the demand is quiet, but as the supplies on band are not large, there does not seem any disposition to force goods at lower prices. Peanuts are in fair demand with prices unchanged.
Rolled Oats-The rolled oats market is very firm, with the probability of an advance very soon. Business has been very good in this line and the mills are badly oversold.

## The Produce Market.

Apples-Cold storage stock is in steady demand at $\$ 2.50 @ 3$ pet bbl. Bananas-Good shipping stock, $\$ 1.25$ (1) 1.75 per bunch.

Beeswax-Dealers pay 25 C for prime yellow stock.
Beets-50c per bu.
Butter-Receipts of dairy Eare inceasing and stocks are accumulating. Local bandiers pay $14 @ 15 \mathrm{C}$ for packing tock, 16@17c for choice and 18@1gc for drop of actory creamery sustained local handlers have re duced their selling prices to 25 c for choice and 26 c for fancy.

## Cabbage-40c per doz.

Carrots-35c per bu.
Celery-17c per doz. for home grown 75c per doz. for California.
Cocoanuts- $\$ 3.25$ per sack. are strong at $\$ 3.50$ per bu. box and $\$ 10$ per bbl.
Dates-Hallowi, 5c; Sairs, $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; I b. package, 7 c

Eggs-Receipts of fresh are improving in quality and increasing in quantity, in consequence of which the price has dropped to 19@2Ic for case count, $21 @ 23 \mathrm{c}$ for candled. Refrigerator eggs have fallen heavily as a natural result of the decline in fresh and prospect of further increase in supplies. There are many remaining to be sold and trade has been so dull that actual values have heen hard to arrive at. Holders who have been anxious to close out have been willing to accept 18 c for their best spring goods and $171 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for very good qualities, and poorer lots have been offered lower; even at those prices the demand has been slow and uncertain. Some holders, banking on the possibility of a later cut off in fresh, have withdrawn fine marks from sale at present. Limed are still in considerable supply, greatly neglected and values are nominal.
Figs- $\$ 1$ per 10 lb . box of Califor nia; 5 crown Turkey, $16 \mathrm{c} ; 3$ crown, 14 c . Game-Rabbits are weak and slow sale at $90 c @ 1$ per doz.

Grape Fruit- $\$ 4.25$ per case ${ }^{-}$for California; $\$ 5.25$ per case for Florida.
Grapes-Malagas, $\$ 5.25$ @5.75.
Honey-White stock is in moderate supply at 15@16c. Amber is active at $13 @ 14 \mathrm{c}$ and dark is moving freely on he basis of 12@13c.
Lemons-Californias or Messinas, $\$ 3.50$.
Lettuce- 15 c per lb . Supply is now equal to the demand.
Maple Sugar- $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per lb.
Maple Syrup-\$1 per gal. for fancy.
Nuts-Butternuts, 65 c ; walnuts, 65 c hickory nuts, $\$ 2.35$ per bu.
Onions-In increasing demand at 60 c per bu.
Oranges-Floridas command $\$ 3.25$ per box. California Navels $\$ 3$ for fancy and $\$ 2.75$ for choice; California Seedlings, \$2.25.
Poultry-Live pigeons are in active demand at 75c@\$1. Nester squabs, either live or dressed, $\$ 2$ per doz. Dressed stock commands the following: Chickens, 12@13c; small hens, 11@12c; ducks, 14@15c;young geese, 11@12c; ducks, 14@15c; young geese, 11@12c, turkeys, $16 @ 1 / 2 @ 15 c ; B e l g i a n$ hares, $8 @ 9$. Ducks,
12 geese and broilers are scarce and in ac tive demand.
Radishes-25c per doz. for hothouse.
Spanish Onions- $\$ 1.50$ per crate.
Spinach-goc per bu.
Sweet Potatoes-Jerseys, $\$ 4$ per bbl Illinois, $\$ 3.75$.
Turnips-40c per bu.
Hides, Pelts, Furs, Tallow and Wool.
Hides are well sold ahead 'by dealers in Chicago market and they are now squeezing values down. Stocks are lighter than one year ago. Eastern tanners are not free buyers at prices asked, and values are likely to go lower.
Pelts are closely picked up by one or two large puilers. There is no accumulation and the demand is good. Values have been somewhat advanced.
Furs were well sustained in value at London sales the past week.
The tallow market continues strong, with little trading. Prime and edible are in good demand for small amount offering. Soapers' stocks are well cleaned up as offered.
Wools are in fair demand at slightly bigher values, with supplies none too arge for the demand. The outlook is for higher values. Wm. T. Hess.
Samuel M. Vinton has exchanged his residence property at South Grand Rapids, known as the Ward place, for the three-story Spraker building, at Lowell, and will remove to that place and engage in the grocery business. Mr. Vinton was engaged in the grocery business at Leetsville for several years.
I. C. Levi is effecting a settlement with his creditors on the basis of 25 cents on the dollar. At a meeting of the Eastern creditors, held in New York

City, Mr. Levi made a frank statement of his condition, after which the creditors present voted unanimously to accept the compromise proposed. It is stated that every creditor who has been approached by Mr. Levi up to this time has signed the agreement.

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The fifth annual banquet of the Grand Rapids Retail Grocers' Association, which was held at the Warwick Hotel Monday evening, was fully up to the standard of former events of a similar character held under the auspices of that organization. The dining room was handsomely trimmed with the national colors, presenting a very fine appearance. John J. Witters led the "grand march' 'to the dining room shortly after 8 o'clock, after which a comprehensive invocation was pronounced by Rev. Paul P. Cheff. After the singing of the first stanza of " America, 'the banqueters took seats and discussed the excellent menu with apparent relish. At the conclusion of the repast, J. Geo. Lehman called the gathering to order with a few well-chosen words, giving his reasons for gracing the banquet with his presence and introducing President Fuller, who made one of his characteristic addresses. He, in turn, introduced Homer Klap as the master of ceremonies. The toastmaster called upon Daniel Viergever to act as special policeman during the evening, to ensure order and enforce the payment of the fines levied on a few individuals who came under the displeasure of the manager. O. G. Clement presented a toy whistle solo, which was well received. Geo. W. Thayer told of the early days in the grocery trade of Grand Rapids. H. J. Schaberg, Secretary of the Kalamazoo Retail Grocers' Association, criticised the action of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner in taking the stand he did on lemon extract. Fred J. Ferguson responded to the topic of The Ladies in the following manner
I will admit that my subject, " The Ladies," is a great subject to talk about, but I would rather talk to them than about them, and I hope before we have another annual feast the boys will
see to it that the ladies are invited to join us on that festive occasion. I think it would increase our membership and bring out a larger attendance at our meetings, for you all know that the ladies like to attend these social func tions and, looking forward to being in vited, they would urge their husbands to become members and to attend the meetings regularly.
I think the grocer comes in closer touch in his business with the ladies than any other class of business men. In dealing with them he finds some very pleasant ladies and also a few cranks, and when the cranks have their day the grocer feels if he could get a job man aging Mayor Palmer's municipal coal yard he would sell out for 50 cents on the dollar, but the next day's dealing with the pleasant ladies is such a pleasure that he would not trade his business for Homer Klap's chances of being al derman of the ninth ward. Another class of ladies we have to deal with is the traveling saleslady and if they were all of the same type as Mrs. Allen the boys on the road would have to take to the woods. Mrs. Allen was in my store a short time ago and said she wished she could be with us at the banquet and bear the speeches. She says of the rehigh, if other class of husiness men she ever met, ' and if thanked her, on behalf of the trade, for the compliment.
One peculiar feature of the trade is that, no matter how well liked the gro cers may be by the ladies, they will shake them for the buckster in the summer time, and I will say rigbt here that if our friend, G. H. DeGraff, was mayor it would not be so. He would issue no permits and the license would he $\$ 50$ instead of $\$ 25$. So I will say to the grocers present who are not members, become such and under the leadership of
ex-Alderman :De *Graff! go "before the License Committee of the Council this spring 300 strong, instead of ten or twelve, and they will listen, because it tion, brother grocers; think it over and join us in a good cause for you as wel as for us, and stop knocking.
There are a few grocers who are spe cial favorites with the ladies in a business way: Fred Fuller, our President whose pate right smile to the ladies bose patent right smile to the ladies Lehman, the ladies say, can not be beat Le church social but sits in the front at a church social, buy, sits in B, S, Har ris for honesty and fair dealing can not ris for honesty andir dealng can not be beat and the ladies or the South End swear by him. For managing a pie Kontest at the grocers pilat Klap bas no equal. Bif Andre would stand in with the ladies if be could go out and beat some one with his grey cit. By the way, did you bear of Yir, dam tavig a horse race on New Year day? He had a policeman riding with bim-what for, I do not know, unless he thought it ladies' day at races and brought him along to keep order. They raced four heats-Bill lost every time the last heat the other fellow gave Bil one block the start of him, raced to him and passed him and when he finished at the end of the third block Bill's horse was doing kutchee kutchee in the middle of the second block and the policeman looked as though be would like to fine Bill $\$ 5.35$ or give him ninety days on the rock pile for making a bluff that he had a trotter. The moral to this is, William, do not think every other horse you see is an old cow.
We know in this age of the new woman the ladies are displacing the men in all avenues of business and la bor, but there are a few salesmen we know who will give the ladies a hard run for their money. There is Art. Fowle, of XX fame-much abused in price, but not in quality. It is good and you like to sell it, for it is so easy to grind. Art. is a jollier, you know $I$ think if Gov. Bliss would appoint


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Art. Commissioner on the ladies' annex at the Soldiers' Home be could stop all dissatisfaction among the old ladies because their pensions were taken away. Manley Jones, with the Telfer Coffee Co., is well liked by the trade. Before being married he was a ladies' man, they say, but since he talks nothing but coffee, and his wife says she fears his mind will give way under the strain; but, gentlemen, he bas the goods. Joe Triel, for the Lemon \& Wheeler Co., stands well with the ladies and the funny part of it is they take him for a ew-a preat combination a Jew selling Jew-a great combination a Jew selling goods for the Irishman. That is not so. Joe is Dutch and a great sympathizer Patrich, who sells. Tread for Blake. He atrich, who sells bread for Blake. He is a keen observer of people, both ladies and gentlemen. He bas had experience with both. He has sold water to the adies and bread to grocers and comes out flat-footed in declaring that there are more cranks among the retail grocers than among the ladies, and I beieve he is right; but there is a reason for it. Every grocer wants fresh bread and the Deacon would like to leave some stale.
Before ending my response I want to advise the clerks and delivery boys to be kind, courteous and accommodating to the ladies. Do not argue with them, fot you can not win. 1 know by experience. Do not spend much time with the young ladies, as you might fall in love; and, by the way, do not think every time you have a stitch in your side or a crick in your back you are in love or you will have dreams and they may come true, and you will wake up to find yourself trying to support a wife with a millionaire's taste on a small salary then you will lose your job. Baby will have to drink skim milk. Your wife won't be as pretty as you thought she was. House rent will be past due and you would give your wedding presents to a friend to kick you into the canal. When you get the real thing, you will know it. What some people think is love is only a deranged liver.
N. I. Tubbs, of Grand Haven, invited the Association to hold its next annual picnic in Grand Haven. Edward A. Rasch presented a couple of recitations. R. J. Cleland talked on and around organization, after which the event was brought to a close.
Music was furnished by the Furniture City orchestra and the Oriental trio. The affair passed off pleasantly and re flects credit on all who took part in the managem nt .
Occasion For the Remarkable
From the Paint, Oil and Drug Revlew.
Advanced prices on refined and crude oil in this country bave been occasion for unfavorable comment on the part of the daily press alleging that advantage of the coal strike has been taken to increase the price of oil. This is so far from true that it needs no refutation among those who are best acquainted with the oil situation as it is.

The ratio between runs and shipments is constantly decreasing, resulting in a net loss to stocks on hand that is alarming. With all the activity in seeking new production the exhaustion of present pipe line stocks is apparently matter of only a short time, and the re cent sharp upward movement of the crude, and consequently of the refined, markets is due to causes of supply and demand over which no one interest, nor all combined, has any control. The net decrease in stocks during November was 597,908 barrels, and it is evident that this drain, if kept up during the coming year as it has been in the past, will result in still further advances in the crude market without the necessity of any manipulation whatever.

Indiana oil-field men are jubilant over the increase in price of Indiana oil to the unprecedented figure of $\$ 1.04$ per barrel. The operators are confident that the top has not yet been reached. The November demand exceeded production by over 320,000 barrels and the total shipments from the two States-Indiana
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John DeBBer, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows

I am pressman in the office of the Tradesman Company and have charge of the presses and folding machine in that establishment. 1 printed and folded 7,000 copies of the issue of January 21, 1903, and saw the edition mailed in the usual manner. And further deponent saith not. $\qquad$ John DeBoer. Sworn and subscribed before me, a this twenty-fourth day of January county, Henry B. Fairchild, Notary Public in and for Kent county, Mich.

## general trade review

The long indifference of the public to Wall Street affairs has become such a habit that it takes but little of political complication to bring business to a low ebb. Thus the Venezuela complications have been enough to prevent stock ac-
tivity and to bring operations within tivity and to bring operations within
easy manipulation of professional traders except that there is too much inherent strength to permit any material declines. It is noticeable that among the properties showing most strength copper is now often mentioned. Money is coming into the large centers in great abundance, so that its lack can no longer be accounted as preventing activity. The greater amount of trading is in low priced issues, indicating that the stronger properties are in the bands of investors who are satisfied with conditions as long as liberal dividends are forthcoming. Prices of securities of this character are already so high that there is hesitation in further advances by speculation.
If such prices were not already high there would be occasion for a more active advance in the fact that the rail-
ways are unable to handle the business offered. With plenty of money and universal activity, it would seem as though boom conditions could hardly be avoided, but it is fortunate that conservatism is still permitted to control. General business shows bardly an indication of the usual bait to follow the holi-days-hardly a breath being taken before pushing ahead for the new 'season.
There is an activity in labor circles in some trades and localities which has a disquieting tendency, but not more than is to be expected under the favorable conditions. One feature of the labor disturbances worthy of note is that wars seem to be spreading between
rival organizations. Thus rival organizations. Thus the output of footwear from Eastern factories would undoubtedly break all records were it not that a fight between two unions
promises to cut down the results. In several other trades this remarkable condition is a factor of uncertainty

It is often remarked and frequently proved that juries are prone to give verdicts for the plaintiff in negligence suits for damages against corporations. Whenever a person is injured by a railway company or any such corporation, it usually happens that an action is brought and then the attorneys endeavor to impress themselves and their client's case upon the sympathy of the twelve men who sit in the box. The lawyers for the defendant companies always make the claim that justice should be meted out between the parties without any reference to the fact that one is an individual and the other a corporation. A case occurred the other day in St. Louis where a jury seemed to discriminate between sympathy and justice and sought to meet the ends of both. A suit was brought against a street railway company for damages caused to the plaintiff, who was a crippled boy, but the plaintiff did not make a strong case, although in many ways he was entitled to sympathy. The jury brought in a verdict of "no cause for action" and then among themselves made up a purse which they presented to the plantiff as an evidence of their substantial sympathy. It is perhaps not an example liable to be very generally followed. It is noticeable, however, as indicating that juries see and appreciate the distinction and that is more than they al ways do.

The Tradesman has positive information that "Col.'" John Bennett will succeed himself as Food Inspector under the new Dairy and Food Commissioner. This will be unwelcome information to the wholesale and retail grocery trade of his district, who have come to regard the gentleman from the Sawdust City with anything but the highest feelings of regard, due to his peculiar methods
and his frequent lack of frankness and fairness in discharging frankness and bis position. The Tradesman is assured that Governor Bliss will clip bis wings and not permit him to make wholesale arrests on bis own responsibility and without consulting the head of the department, as has been his custom during the past two years the department has been without a head. This will afford some relief, but, genial as the Colonel is socially, his bump of
vindictiveness is too largely developed vindictiveness is too largely developed
to enable him to make a safe and satisfactory inspector.

Magic cities are familiar in the West. Hundreds of prosperous places in West ern States have literally sprung up in a night. Such occurrences are unlooked for in the East, but they are not impossible. Maine offers several instances of recent development. They are due to
the utilizing of water power in regions that it was supposed would never be populated. Rumford Falls, in particular, has had a phenomenal growth. Where there was lately only a howling wilderness there is now a town of 6,000 ,, 00 inhabitants.

Marconi is not content to flash wireless messages across the Atlantic Ocean. He will soon direct bis attention to the establishment of wireles communication between New York and San Francisco. After that is accomplished he will endeavor to send messages across the Pacific. Verily Marconi regards

EDUCATION OF THE COAL STRIKE. Every controversy involving economconditions is of value in that public attention is called to possibilities of change and to the effects of interference in the accepted status of things. For instance, the general manner of beating the dwellings of the American people has been the outgrowth of a natural transition from the growing scarcity of fire wood to that which most easily could be made to take its place. It was not a question whether the substitute was the best or the cheapest which could be
found, but whether it was the most convenient to use in the present state of public education. The smoke objection to the use of bituminous coal kept it out of the large cities to a great extent, and where this was not so great a factor the natural tendency for the well-to-do to buy the best and most convenient went far to give the harder fuel its ascend ency. Then the natural tendency for manufacturers to assume certain fixed furnaces, and the man who would buy anything out of the accepted forms would be considered at least eccentric, even if be could find anything to meet his demand.
Another phase of educational effect is the canvass of the transportation problem and its effects upon the prices of the commodities transported. In ordi nary times it has been accepted that a large profit should be made at the mines, another relatively larger in the transportation and then as much as the public could be made to pay at the last in the retail distribution, varying a dollar or so per ton between the summer and poor pay the bighest prices. Combina tions in all these fields would spring up with more or less effect according to lo cality, so that the matter of fuel produc tion and distribution had become one of the most extravagant features of our conomic life in every city. Thus, asid from the more direct results of the strik and its investigations into the workings of unionism in the anthracite regions and the economic and industrial condi tions obtaining there, these less direct questions are being brought under the public eye to an extent which promises the most widespread results.
One of the earliest questions to gain attention was that of firing in the use of other than the hard fuel. All are familiar with the discussion of the use of petroleum and its rapid adoption in such localities as its relative plentifulness and accessibility made desirable. Also the use of soft coal, coke and other forms of fuel early gained notice to a degree which will no doubt conduce to their permanent substitution in a vas number of cases.
One result of the agitation of nosmall significance is the turning of attention to the use of unusual forms of fuel Most prominent among these is the use of the almost unlimited and universal $y$-distributed stores of bog peat. At ention has been directed to the fac that many countries of Europe are depending upon this kind of fuel, either in its natural form or made into briquettes, to the practical exclusion of all others. Emigrants of those countries bring the knowledge of their use and manufacture here, but under ordinary conditions these are so taken up with wage-getting, as the opportunity offers, that the knowledge of such matters is soon lost sight of. Such will be found of service when the experimenter turns his attention to the subject. Space will
not suffice to go into the different direc tions in which fuel development must lead, but it is pertinent to say that when an effective and cheap rival of coal may be found within a few hours of every large city it will tend to modify the transportation problem.

Then the direct attention to the mater of transportation and distribution is likely to work no small consequences. The present local coal famines are calling for the minutest consideration of the question of responsibility for the suffering produced. In the great cities commissions are investigating to find out where the coal is apparently hiding ; whether claims of car shortage are well founded; whether there are illegal combinations of producers and carriers or of carriers and distributors or either of these. Grand juries are indicting those found illegally interfering with the public welfare in this emergency. Altogether there is such an awakening of public interest as occurs seldom in economic history and the consequences in many directions are bound to be far reaching.

Drunkenness in England has become so general that a most stringent law against it has been enacted and went into effect January i. Three convictions in a year make a man an habitual drunkard and he is publisbed as sucb. After that anvone who serves bim with drinks is liable to a fine, anyone who treats him is likewise liable, and if the man is found intoxicated at any time within three years a long term of imprisonment is inevitable. Another clause in the act provides ready means by which husbands may escape drunken wives and wives drunken husbands. Habitual drunkenness is now made a ground for legal separation. Many have already obtained relief from their marital ties through this section.

Postmaster General Payne says that the Postoffice Department is nearing the point where it will be self-supporting. Rural free delivery, when it becomes generai, he declares, will not be a burden, but a source of increased revenue. General Payne thinks that a reduction of foreign postage from five to two cents would be a great advantage, and would add largely to the receipts. The present cost of sending foreign mail prevents anything like active correspondence among poor people who have relatives and friends on the other side, and American business bouses can not send their circulars abroad without too great expense.

Secretary Hay says be was born in Indiana, brought up in Illinois, educated in Rhode Island; that he got his law in Springfield, bis politics under Lincoln in Washington, his diplomacy in Europe, Asia and Africa; bas a residence in New Hampshire and a desk in the District of Columbia; his father was born in the North and bis mother in the South, while bis grandfathers were of Scotch, English, German and French blood. "So," said Mr. Hay, in his address before the Ohio Society, ' seem to be nothing but just a plain American." It does not appear that this fact bas proved anything of a handicap.

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## Dry Goods

## Weekly Market Review of the Principal Staples.

Staple Cottons-A moderate amount of business has been done in ducks and brown osnaburgs and prices are steady. Bleached cottons show no change in the amount of business or prices in any grade, the market being in generally good shape and prices firm. Wide sheetings are well sold up and prices steady. Canton flannels and blankets are scarce and prices firm; a considerable more business would be accomplished in these if stocks could be found. Coarse colored cottons of all descriptions show the same condition that has existed for some time. A fair demand limited by the small quantity of goods obtainable keeps prices firm.
Prints and Ginghams-The demand for regular lines of printed calicoes has been on a quiet basis for some time past. There is a steady and reasonable quantity of orders coming to hand, but buyers are doing little beyond filling in for immediate requirements, both of staples and fancies: Sellers control the market for indigo blues, mournings, reds and other staples and no stocks of size are to be found. Fancy calicoes receive an occasional reorder and they are in good condition. As a rule the market is quiet for printed dimities, organdies and other sheer fabrics and printed flannelettes are pretty well sold ahead. Woven patterned fabrics, both staples and fancies are firm.

Dress Goods-The developments of the week in connection with the new fall lines of dress goods have not been such as to clarify the situation to any substantial extent. The new lines have not yet been regularly opened, and it will be another week or more before the new lines will come out in earnest and with a show of completeness. Agents representing both domestic and foreign manufacturers have already garnered considerable business. The past week has witnessed the placing of a very fair volume of advance business, principally on staple fabrics. Such has been the business done by early buyers, prominent among whom are large Western jobbers, that certain well-known lines of staples are already in a well-sold position with a promise of an early covering of the entire production of a number of lines. The early buying bas been done largely on such fabrics as venetians, broadcloths, sackings, thibets, cheviots, etc. A question that is agitating the dress goods manufacturer to no small extent has relation to the status of fancy effects in heavyweights. That fancies are going to be a factor in the situation is generally admitted, but to what extent they will claim the buyer's support is a matter of uncertainty. There are those who refuse to believe that staple effects will fall below the proportion of business attracted by them in 1902 for fall and claim that the buyer has not been wholly satisfied with the manner in which the fancies bought last year have worked their way into consumption. The strong manner in which neat plaid effects, Scotch checks, French knot and mohair effects closed the last fall sesaon is considered by certain sellers as holding out good promise for these and similar fabrics during the season just about to open. Whatever may prove to be the status of fancies, sellers look for careful, conservative buying operations on the part of their trade pending a demonstration of the attitude of the retail buyer thereto.

Underwear-The purchases of fleeced underwear since our last report have fallen off to some extent. Many buyers have bought all they needed, at least for the early part of the season, and are waiting further developments before increasing their lines. Perhaps if a weak spot could be found in the market where the agents were inclined to make concessions the jobbers would take advantage of it on speculative bases, but we fail to hear of any inducements in this direction recently. The cheaper lines are practically all sold up, but the higher grades bave not yet reached that condition, as a rule, although they bave secured enough business to place them well beyond the worrying condition. When the conditions of stocks and purchases are compared with the conditions that existed a year ago now and the developments that followed, there seems to be no need of worrying over the fleeced goods situation. There is positively no need of cutting prices for the prospects of this as well as other departments .of the knit goods market were never better than to-day.
Hosiery-The last week has seen the receipt of good orders for hosiery that have been increasing and promise to increase during the balance of this week. Here, as in the underwear sections, buyers stated that they would come to town, and while quite a fair business bas been accomplished on the road, it is expected that even more will be done in the city than usual. Salesmen report in many cases that their trips were more successful than for last fall, yet the buyers informed them that they are coming to town to make many of their purchases. There is some anxiety on the part of buyers to get their orders in early and avoid possible delay and confusion, such as existed in previous seasons.
Carpets-The carpet trade continues in excellent condition. Manufacturers, in general, are well sold up for weeks to come on all lines. What new business is coming in comes under the bead of duplicates. The orders that are placed are where the wholesalers find that they are short on certain lines. The hulk of the season's business has already been placed and will keep the mills running generally until it becomes time to think of fall lines. The large Eastern mills have taken about all they can handle, and, in fact, bave been in that position for some time. Even although their production has been pretty much sold up, they have in some cases given out the fact that an advance ranging from 2 to 5 c per yard will go into effect at once. They do not expect much business at these rates and could not take such even if they desired to. This advance is quite usual at this season of the year and is done more for the purpose of affecting values next season than for the reason that conditions necessirate it.
Rugs-Rug weavers generally are exceedingly busy and bid fair to be so for many weeks to come, on both cheap and high-priced rugs. The large carpetsized rugs in Wiltons, Axminsters and Brussels are in big request and some makers report that they bave sufficient business in these alone to keep all bands busy. In Smyrnas there is a good business doing in the smaller rugs.

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## Clothing

Prevailing Styles in Clothing at Chicago Cbicago.
Ready-to-wear evening clothes are growing in favor. Time was when a "hand-me-down" dress-suit was regarded with silent contempt. One who would buy such an article was looked upon as a trifle off color, that is, if he allowed the awful truth to leak out. Established custom shuddered at the very thought. Strange to say, however, the practice of renting a dress suit for an evening, although the subject of some intercbange of pleasantries, was not regarded as an unpardonable crime. The idea became prevalent that a lucky possessor of such a dress suit was a legitimate prey for all others of his stature among this circle of acquaintances. The idea still prevails.
Chicago clothiers, for whom the sale of dress clothes is more of a side issue than an established business, are so much encouraged with the increase in sales of these garments, that more attention will be paid to them this year than before. Indeed, one store, at least, that has been the Mecca for men who strut about in attificial plumage at the rate of \$3 per night, has decided to go out of the business of renting dress suits. This concern believes it can sell more of them by so doing. While the bulk of business in that line is comparatively small, it has grown to such an extent that it seems to warrant special pushing.
The ready-to wear suit business benefits alike the producer and the consumer. At least this is the argument. The garments are turned out during comparatively dull seasons in trade, and in them is a good margin of profit for both the maker and the dealer. A ready-towear outfit will sell from $\$ 35$ to $\$ 50$ and the dealers say they can not be reproduced by the tailors for one-third more at the inside. There is where the consumer saves.
Those who handle the garments say the made-up dress suit is fitted in a very few minutes with such a degree of perfection that it can not be distinguished from the custom-made garment. What more can be desired? asks the merchant. The "spike-tail'" bas the bulk of Cbicago sales in its favor, but the Tuxedo, or dinner coat, is a very good seller. Dealers say the purchase of the former is almost invariably followed by the sale of the latter. In fact, the increased sale of the dress suit, the making of which until recently was regarded as the one unquestioned prerogative of the custom tailor, is but one phase of the increased popularity of ready-to-wear clothing. The reported increase in the clothing trade may be explained to some degree by the general prosperous trade conditions. But the increased sale of high-priced clothing is an indication that the ready-to-wear dealers are making inroads into the business of the custom tailors.
More Chicago business men patronized the retail clothiers this season than ever before. These men, advised by friends, caught by the advertisements and determined to give the thing $a$ trial, or however they may have been attracted, bought the ready-made garments and found them satisfactory. The average business man, once suited, is held as a customer, for business clothes at least. In overcoats more than suits, perhaps, this tendency is noticeable. It is not quite so difficult to fit a man with an overcoat as with a suit, and the
garment may be purchased from the clothier for one-third less. Given this proposition and the business man be comes a customer.
Chicago men have taken kindly to a Pongee silk muffler in white. The neck scarf is about a yard long and folds handily without the bulky appearance of the heavier materials. A muffler of this kind may be washed, and two of them furnish a working outfit

New York
Whatever the future trend of fashion may be in men's wear, a change, no matter how slight, will undoubtedly receive a cordial welcome, providing it indicates a break-away from the predominating funereal black which characterizes men's dress at present. In cast ing about among the best dressed for just a ray of color I learn from the lead ing custom shops that there is a most aंecided tendency to subdued, unobtrusive splashes of color in the cloth ing.

Browns have first place in the estima tion of those who should know a thing or two about the direction of gentlemen's choice. Browns are certainly making bid for recognition, and just a glimmer of hope in this direction is observable on the streets of New York. There are not so many brown overcoats as there are fabrics containing a tasteful mix ture of the color, varying in shade from the golden to the dark seal. In suit ings, these mixtures are rich and natty They are the conversions of American mills as a knickerbocker adaptation of the heathery Scotch mixtures, at pres ent so popular abroad.
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There is one thing certain about the tendency, however, and it is that brown bas received more attention than usual in the new fabrics designed by American mills for the new year.
For the coming spring season, greys are said to be in the lead. White and black and its commixtures certainly would be the logical successors of black. In new goods greys predominate in unfinished worsteds, homespuns and double-and-twist novelties. These spring clothes in natty greys are sedate enough for the most conservative individual.
With a view to forecasting the acceptableness of greys, leading clothiers introduced suits made up of the newest types of mixtures. They were put before their best customers to ascertain how well they would take, and the change met with such a welcome reception that naturally a very good opinion of grey is entertained for spring.
As indicating a style departure from these combinations of color-if white and black can properly be called colors -white and brown, with just a dash of color, was brought out at the same time, and for the new season we are going to have an attractive variety of double-and-twist and single-twist yarn fancies in fabrics on the knickerbocker and homespun order of fabrics.
The new design of sack coat will be less military in cut tban formerly, more graceful in its proportions, to my way of thinking, and by far a more sightly garment for young men as well as those advanced in years. The coat collar will be narrow in width, as in the present style of cut, with small lapels, concave shoulders, square set but only lightly padded, just sufficient to give a graceful poise to the set of the garment on the wearer.
Vests will be cut high with small lapels. Trousers have lost their baggy, peg-top effect and fit more snugly about the hips and are shaped to conform to the anatomical proportions of the leg, medium in width to just below the calf and from there narrowing to the bottom.
just bow much grey is going to come into fashion may be judged by the fact that it predominates largely in other lines of men's wear. In shirts, grey grounds with black and also color stripes have already been taken to very gratefully by swagger young men as a decided change from white grounds. The new grey percales are very neat, althougb dark. Grey is also a dominant color in madras shirts, the grounds being in solid grey, the shades varying in strength from light to dark, and are enhanced by corded stripes and woven figures in light tones.
Grey in neckwear is a feature of the season before us. Efforts bave been made to push heliotrope as a color change from prevailing vogue, but with somewhat indifferent success. Grey is consequently the most promising, for the reason that it admits of a great variety of treatment and combinations in patterning.
Last, although by no means the least, we are to have grey hosiery. Black still holds fuil sway, and the tans or leather shades will be of secondary importance, but greys are very much in evidence in half-hose, and their catchiness may be instrumental in making them the vogue. -Apparel Gazette.

The deep thinking and optimistic minds of the present, from out their glowing eyes, look up the pathway of evolution into a moneyless civilization, where there will be a better medium of
exchange than lifeless gold and perishable paper.

Recent Business Changes in Indiana.
Evansville-Conrad Mueller has sold his grocery stock to John Mubbauer. Ft. Wayne-J. R. Heinrich has taken a partner in his drug business under the style of Heinrich \& Fuelling.
Ft. Wayne-Chas. Kratsch has retired from the clothing and furnishing goods business of Kratsch Bros.
Indianapolis-Wm. H. Fox bas purchased the interest of his partner in the grocery business of Fox \& Steele.
Kokomo-Botorff \& Duncan, grocers, bave dissolved partnership. The business is continued by Cbas. Duncan.
La Porte-John S. Minich has pur chased the interest of his partner in the boot and shoe and grocery business of Minich \& Mohr.
La Porte-Peterson \& Son succeed Peterson \& Lonn in the clothing and tailoring business.
Scottsburg-Everett. Bros., general mercbandise dealers, bave dissolved partnership. The business is continued under the style of T. H. Everett \& Son.
Shelbyville-Abraham Miller has discontinued the clothing business.
Attica-E. H. Marlott, grocer and meat dealer, bas filed a petition in bankruptcy.
Evansville-H. E. Straub, dealer in bardware, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

Shelbyville-Toner \& Comstock have not discontinued thetimplement business, as stated last week.

The Way With Boys.
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Shoplifting in the Clothing store.
The article on this subject puhlished a short time ago bas elicited many reminiscences from men in the trade. In one New York town a storekeeper caught six shoplifters operating in his store during one week. One party, a woman, took a shirt valued at twentyfive cents and it cost fifty dollars to makes a test case. The woman pleaded not guilty, although caught with the goods on ber. One jury disagreed, but a second jury found her guilty. In another store in the same town five persons were caught in one day.
In the clothing department in one of the well-known metropolitan stores few people notice a well-dressed, retiring individual who stands idly about the rear of the department near the elevator. It is his business to see that no overcoats or suits travel down that way surreptitiously. It was so very easy for pecple to drift through the stock and drift into the elevator after baving had clothing drift into their arms or on their backs in a mysterious manner that it was decided to do something to impede further progress of that nature.
A well-known man in silk bat and of a most distinguished bearing went into a large clothing store lately and requested to see an overcoat. After looking at some coats the clerk was obliged to turn around and leave bim for a minute to wait on another customer. The man sauntered along to a pile of fine trousers and slipped a couple of pairs under his coat. It bappened that the clerk by accident glanced in the mirror just as the theft was committed. He was so astonished that be could net bilieve his eyes, but as the man started to walk out he hurried back to him, noticing that two pairs of trousers were missing from the pile and that the man was somewhat more corpulent than when he came in. The manager was quietly summoned and the man was induced to walk to the back of the store. He blustered and threatened a suit for damages but finally allowed the trousers to be pulled from his clothing. Then he pleaded and begged to be allowed to go without arrest. Finally the manager of the store permitted him to depart after paying for the trousers, as be did not wish to incur the expense of prosecution, But the worst form of shoplifting with which the merchant is obliged to contend is that of his own clerks. A clothier wondered where his goods were go-
ing to. Every week two or three pairs of trousers, an overcoat, or a suit were missing. It was utterly impossible to locate the means of loss, Finally the thing was revealed by accident. A new errand boy was sent out with a bundle of goods and took by accident instead a dress suit case that one of the clerks of down some of his clothing for pressing in the busheling room-a privilege extended to the clerks by the house. The man at the door recognized the case at a glance, and playfully gave it a kick as he told the boy of the mistake he had made. To the surprise of every one the case, having a broken lock, opened up under the kick and dropped two new pairs of trousers on the floor. Explanations were in order. The clerk owning the case made a clean breast of his offenses and several bundred dollars' worth of clothing was recovered. It had been for so long a time the custom of the clerks to come in and out with pack ages that no one had seemed to think of the possibility of thefts being committed in that way. This little incident from real life illustrates the inducements to theft put in the way of clerks by a shiftless system of store management. Some men are led astray by the opportunities placed in their way and, although a*man without enough moral fiber to resist temptation is pretty sure to fall sooner or later, it is a store manager's business to see that he bas no direct temptations to steal.


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At least, untrained ones do, and masculine broom wielders are no better. Any man who knows the average routine of office "cleaning" knows that the whole object of the janitor or janitress is apparently to get the dust off the floor, where it would not hurt anything, and to deposit it in an even layer over and in desks, tables, chairs, bis office coat, etc. In the down town part of a city, where a thousand smoking chimneys are scattering soot and ashes, and a thousand horses are kicking up the street accumulations, the deposits of dust are something astonishing.
Even in smaller towns, the ordinary store accumulates a vast quantity, that will damage almost any kind of stock if not fought continually. You can not keep it out. The problem is to get it off the floor and out of the building, without having it settle on the goods. The following gives some useful hints:

Dampness in some form must be brought into play to keep the dust down. How shall this be done? The oldfashioned wa; is to sprinkle water on the floor. It is thrown about from a cup or a sponge, or distributed with a gar den sprinkling pot. A very expert person might succeed with the pot in spreading the water quite evenly over the floor without making any very deep pools anywhere, but the average person does not.

Pools produce mud, which sweeping can not remove, and which, drying, becomes dust again. It is, in fact, almost impossible to dampen the floor by sprinkling so as to prevent raising dust without also making mud. This crude method, then, should never be used in any shop.

The material now often used is wet sawdust, but this is not always judiciously applied. Many cover the whole floor with a sprinkling of it. Part of it becomes dry before it is reached, while the whole forms an unwieldy mass tc sweep and it is a waste of material. The better plan is to deposit a considerable quantity, well saturated and partially squeezed out, at the point or points in the shop where sweeping is to begin.

This mass should then be swept along like a regiment in line of battle, covering in its path every part of the floor. It will absorb the dust and carry it along, leaving the floor clean. If the shop or the different portions so swept are quite long it may be necessary to reinforce the moving mass once, or even twice, on the way, but the addition should be made (like the original deposit) in a lump at one point and not scattered or strewn over the whole floor. This method produces the cleanest floor and raises the least dust of all ways known to us.

A word about using the broom. It seems to be natural for a boy to push the broom in front of him, thus flirting the dust up into the air. We never saw a boy who had not been taught better who did not do this way. Now, if a broom is used ior this purpose it should be drawn and not pushed, the handle of the utensil being pointed ahead and the broom part following. This makes cleaner sweeping, raises less dust and
does not destroy the broom. Of course, a bristle brush makes cleaner work than a bass broom. It is sometimes called a 'hair broom.'
It is needless to say that a rough floor can never be swept clean, and is expensive in its consumption of time, energy and brooms. If a landlord will not provide a smooth floor the tenant would best do it himself: it will be economical in the long run. Flooring boards should be of hardwond and sawed "boom-grain" up. So cut, they can not sliver and become rough or uneven.
Sweeping is one of the most important functions in the store. It is done every day or oftener, and should be performed under the best conditions possible. Dust is destruction to goods and losses thus entailed can and must be kept down.
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## Shoes and Rubbers

## The Tragic Love Story of Mr. Augustus

 StorySniper.
Augustus Sniper stood in his secondfloor back bedroom surveying himself in a small looking glass. He was arrayed for conquest and contemplated himself with a smile of complacency.

His necktie was most correct, his coat was a marvel of tailoring, although somewhat aggressively new, as was also the rest of his attire down to his crimson socks, but here the newness suddenly ceased, for on his feet were a pair of the most disreputable old boots which have ever been worn since boots were invented.
That they had once been patent leather was apparent, but of their former elegance, their white stitching and pristine brilliancy, there was no sign. They had been patched, sewed, blacked, inked, scratched, battered, trodden down at the heels and kicked out at the toes to such a degree that a costermonger would have refused to convert them into a
"flower for the dinner table," even accompanied by a shilling, when they had reached half the state of dilapidation in which Mr. Sniper wore them.
And why did he wear them? Among his friends his boots wete a constant source of "envy, hatred and malice;" his toes were the most pointed, his fit the most perfect, his leather the most sh iny and his fashion the newest. His lady friends talked of them, and one of them had even been known to refuse a man because "his boots were not to be mentioned in the same breath with Mr. Sniper's, and she had once seen him wear one that was patched.'
But then no one ever saw him in the boots be wore in the privacy of his bedroom. Such toes as be showed to an admiring world were not compatible with the broad foot he unquestionably possessed, and the agony they made him suffer was only to be allayed by wearing those comfortable old friends in his moments of retirement from the stage of suburban society where he played no unimportant part in his own estimation. Having surveyed himself carefully, beginning at the top and only lamenting that the new fashion in ties precluded him from wearing a stickpin, his glance at last rested on bis crimson silk socks and the boots, As he eyed the latter he gave a chuckle and looked with pride toward a pair of irreproachable "patents" which stood on his chest of drawers in a state of immaculate brightness and glasslike hardness.
"It wouldn't do to forget to change them," he said, with a grin: "by Jove, what would the dear Katie say? Why, my chances would be clean gone directly. It was only the other day I heard her say to Jack McDonald that she thought a man who did not wear patent leathers was not fit to be spoken to, and a patch was perfectly inadmissible in a lady's drawingroom. And if she was to see these! Ob, it makes me all of a flutter to think of it. Now, I must he cool. What shall I do to calm myself? I know, I will read that book she lent me; it will do to open the conversation with." So he sat down in his easiest chair and began to read.

The book, however, was very exciting, and be never noticed the time until the clock struck four, the bour be should bave been at his adored one's bouse. So, with an exclamation which one couldn't exactly say to a Sunday school class without having difficulties
with the superintendent, be bastily glanced at himself in the glass, picked up his carefully brushed hat and hurriedly left the house. Fortunately his destination, the house of Dr. Gunn, was not far off, and in six minutes he was standing on the doorstep waiting for the door to be opened that he might be ushered into the presence of his Katie, to whom he meant that very afternoon to offer bis hand, his heart and-his boots.
He heard the welcome footsteps of the housemaid and his heart was beating bigh with expectation when, looking downward; he saw he had forgotten to cbange his boots.
There was no time to retreat, already the door was open and before be could collect his thoughts he found bimself in the drawing room in the presence of his divinity and several other visitors of both sexes.
' Ob, 1 am so glad you have come, Mr. Sniper" said Katie, a pretty girl with sparkling dark eyes and a neat figure, as she burried to meet him at the door. Then she loweted ber voice to say: "Such a nuisance those people coming.'
$\because E r-e r-n o t$ at all-er-I assure you -1-' he stammered convulsively, too much unnerved by the discovery of the state of bis feet to have the slightest idea of what she was saying, beyond a vague idea that she was apologizing for something.
So Augustus was left stranded by the door where he had entered, too much overcome by the paralyzing fear that someone would look at him and discover those boots to heed Katie's anger or to be aware in what way he had offended her,
However, he dared not remain in the open space and seeing an ottoman be determined to reach it or perish in the attempt. Happily it was near Mrs. Gunn, which afforded him excuse to go to it. Where be stood he felt as though he was on the edge of some fearful precipice, any moment some one might


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look around; there was nothing for it but a rush. He rushed. Happily be was able to pull himself up in time and avoid tumbling over Mrs. Gunn.
"How do you do my dear Mrs. Gunn?" he gasped shaking bands with her violently hoping thereby to draw her attention from the eccentric manner in which be had crossed the room.
"How do you do?" she answered coldly adding to herself " If it were not so early in the day I should say that man bad been drinking. I hope be has no vicious habits. He comes here very often. I must drop a hint to Katie."
Here the conversation languished. Augustus remained wrapt in bis own thoughts which were far from pleasant. At last he decided be would outstay every one, propose to Katie and then if accepted be would be asked to dinner and would make his escape under cover of the night but if refused, well it would not much matter then whether she saw the boots or not. He was suddenly aroused from these reflections by hearing Mrs. Gunn say: "Won't you sit down, Mr. Sniper?"
And awakening to the fact that he had been standing all the time in silence he seated himself on the ottaman. But he had put bimself in the worst place in the room viz. next to the tea table. Presently Mrs. Gunn again spoke: "Ath, here is the tea. May I trouble you Mr. Sniper to take this cup of tea to Miss Neville? She is at the other side of the room near the window.'
There was nothing for it but to go, so with a cup in one hand and a plate of cake in the other he started on his perilous journey. Behind the sofa around a fat old lady between a lady and gentleman in the midst of a flirtation, occasionally darting in a zigzag course from the edge of a curtain to a footstool and back again to the vast outlying flanges of some old dowager gingerly skirting the groups of laughing, chattering girls, be made his erratic way, taking advantage of every corner with the care of a koer, and at last reached the farther end of the room, where sat Miss Neville in the bow window.
"At last," he said to himself, as be handed her the cake. "I bave done it, but I would not go through that again for $\$ 5,000$." And he sat down beside Maggie Neville, determined nothing should move him from his baven.
'What a cosy place you bave over here. I thought so directly I came in, so I got Mrs. Gunn to let me bring you your tea and come over here for a talk."
'Did you? 1 watched you crossing the
room, but I could not tell where you were going.
He turned warm at the bare idea of his being watched. Had she seen the boots?
"'Did you-er-did you notice any-thing-er-peculiar about me?" be stammered.
"No," she said, wonderingly, "except perhaps your manner of walking. You did not look as if you were trying to get here."
" Ob, that is nothing-I often-er-do that. It is a way I have.'
"Indeed."
This was not encouraging. Anything to turn the subject, so he rushed on : ' But I assure you, Miss Neville, now I am here, I could wish for no greater happiness than to remain here forever. At least, that is to say, until you go away."
This was perfectly true.
"I will leave a little margin for your politeness, Mr. Sniper, and will not consider you bound by tbat, " she said with a laugh, and then added dryly, 'What would the others-what would Katie say if you sat here all the afternoon?"'
"I do not care what they say. My present position is the only one to give me bappiness. 1 would not exchange it for a throne,"' he said with fervor.
He was getting desperate. Anything to keep ber attention from his boots, and all these speeches which she took to mean a sudden desire to get up a flirtation were no empty compliments, but terribly true expressions of his painful position.
Meanwhile Katie was watching him with great wrath. What did he mean by this behavior? She was not going to stand such treatment. He bad not once looked at ber, and now to see him flirting with that minx Maggie Neville was more than flesh and blood could put up with.
'Here is your tea,' said young McDonald at this moment. "Can I bring you anytbing to eat, Miss Gunn ?'
"Yes, please; I should like some cake, " she answered, fixing Augustus, who still beld the plate of cake, with her eye.

Where the dickens can it bave gone to?" he muttered some mintues later, after hunting high and low. "Well, I'm blessed if there isn't Sniper hug. ging it on his knee; I will go and interrupt him.'
And he went in Sniper's direction. Poor Augustus saw him coming and moved a little closer to Miss Neville, hiding his feet under the edge of her gown, little thinking all this was per-

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ceived by Katie. "The wretch," she said to herself, and when Jack McDonald returned she flirted desperately with him, keeping one eye on Augustus, however. "Well, Mr. Sniper," said Miss Neville in answer to one of his pretty speeches; "since you say your pleasure is in serving me, will you be so kind as to bring me another cup of tea?"'

Poor Augustus !

- Of course my greatest pleasure is to serve you, Miss Neville, but-er-when that service-er-necessitates my leaving you-er-being deprived of your society, I can not fly to accomplish your wish as I would otherwise do-" He had the cup in band and was balancing it idiotically as he stammeringly sought an excuse for remaining where he was.
Just at this critical moment a friend passed at about the distanceof a yard and a balf. Here was bis chance.
"Thomson," be said, reaching over to touch him and nearly overbalancing as he did so, "Miss Neville says, will you get ber a cup of tea, please?"'
Thomson, who had long worshipped Maggie Neville, flew off with alacrity on his errand.

Really, Mr. Sniper, this is going too far," said Miss Neville in an offended tone; ${ }^{\text {" }}$ if you did not wish to get my tea I would not have you do it for worlds, but 1 think you need not put speeches into my mouth."
'My dear Miss Neville-not wish to get your tea? 1 assure you-1-" And then a happy idea struck bim. "The thing was, I knew that fellow wanted to come and join us-and-I-er-1-did not want bim. See?"
Just then Thomson returned, carefully steering his way across the room with the desired cup of tea.
'Thank you, Mr. Thomson," she said with a gracious smile, "it is lucky you have come, as Mr. Sniper has declared be can no longer keep away from Miss Gunn, and I shall be left all alone."

## Poor Augustus!

Thomson beamed, and there was nothing for it but for him to rise and give up his seat and make bis way to Katie.
''Oh, that I had skirts!' be groaned. Why was I not born a woman?",
By this time many of the guests had departed, and to cross the room was a matter of still greater difficulty than before. However, by making darts, when no one was looking, from cover to cover, be at length managed to place bimself behind his beloved Katie's cbair. She, however, took no notice of him, but continued chatting gaily with Jack McDonald. So there be stood (sitting was out of the question) in silence until the last guest bad departed, and when Katie returned from bidding them good-bye at the door, he advanced and said: am so glad all those bores are gone.
"You bave the advantage of me there," she said, haughtily.
He ignored this remark and continued:
$\because$ I have been waiting to speak to you all the afternoon, Miss Gunn-Katieyou know what I have come for-I want to tell you-'
'Please tell me nothing, Mr. Sniper. After your disgraceful behavior this afternoon nothing you can say will bave any interest for me.,
"But, Katie, listen to me-you know I love you, have always loved you from the first time I saw you, and I thought you did not dislike me.,

Sir, you force me to speak more plainly. In short, your language to me
in the state you are in, after your outrageous flirtation, is nothing short of an insult. A gentleman does not come to ask a lady to be his wife and begin by flirting with some one else, nor does he expect to be received in respectable houses when be can not even walk straight, nor does he,"' as her glance traveled downward, "come to pay suit in such boots.'
Augustus fled. Poor Augustus !-Boston Journal.
Shoe Dealer Solved the Fuel Problem.
Coal bas become such a precious arficle that one man in this city bas found it to his advantage to heat his store with old shoes. Rufe Williams bas been collecting old shoes for the last ten years and he bas six wagonloads of them in his cellar. He kept collecting them, for he thought he would have use for them sometime. Many customers who come into shoe stores leave their old shoes and wear away their new ones. That is the way Mr. Williams got his shoes.
When cold weather came this month the natural gas supply went down so low in the shoe store that Mr. Williams began to cast about to see what he could do for more heat. He investigated the price of coal and found it pretty high. Then an idea struck him. He remembered his visit to a shoe factory where the immense building was entirely heated by scraps of leather from the shoes. He thought of his pile of old shoes in the cellar of his store and the feul problem was solved.
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to Bingbampton, where be and bis father engaged in the meat business under the style of Barrett \& Son. Four years later be entered upon a career as traveling salesman, representing the G. E. S. S. Medicine Co., of Elmira, N. Y., in Northern Pennsylvania. He not only called on the trade, but sampled the towns, contracted for advertising and wrote the advertisements. Three years later be engaged to travel for J. Richardson \& Co., shoe manufacturers of E1mira, with whom he remained six years, covering Northern Pennsylvania and Western Michigan regularly, besides jumping to other fields at intervals. He then engaged to travel for the Pontiac Knitting Co., covering the trade of Southern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula with the regularity of clockwork for three years. On account of the change in the policy of the Pontiac company in placing its goods exclusively in the hands of jobbers, Mr. Barrett looked around for a new connection, and was gratified over receiving propositions from four houses. He finally decided to accept the offer received from the newly-organized Lacey Shoe Co., of Caro, to represent that house on the road, covering Soutbern Michigan and Northern Minnesota four times a year. In getting out the initial line of goods, he has been able to assist Manager Lacey very materially in point of style, design and workmanship, on account of the intimate knowledge of the business be acquired during the six years he was employed by Ricbardson \& Co.
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to Miss Carrie Clark, of Clarkston, where they reside in their own home His aged parents-he was an only cbild-reside in a beautiful home a Woodmere Heights, in the Catskills.
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## Woman's World

Things to Be Avoided If Popularity Is Desired. ing that semplain ing that she is not popular and asking for some magic whereby she may win the affection of ber mates. "I bave no difficulty in making friends, " she says, "'but I can not keep them. Girls seem to like me at first, but in a little time I have the pain and mortification of seeing regard turn into indifference, then into coldness and neglect, and realize that another friendship has slipped from my grasp. What shall I do to make myself popular?'
It is a hard question to answer, little sister. To a degree kissing must always go by favor, and there will be certain women who, by no conscious effort, draw all hearts to them as irresistibly as sunflowers turn to the sun. It is some-thing-nothing-a trick of manner or voice or speech or smile that attracts us, but nonetheless they go through a world where every eye brightens at their approach and every hand waves a welcome.
To have this power by nature is the gift of the gods, but if it bas been denied you, there is comfort in the thought that it can be acquired by art. It is one of our mistakes to always speak of love as if it were an orchid that grew only under tropical conditions, amid the jungles of passion; whereas, it is a thoroughly acclimated domestic plant that flourishes in any kitchen garden if properly cultivated.
It is always easier to win love than it is to keep it. Anyone can charm for an hour or a day, but the real test of one's attractiveness and likeahility comes when affection must stand the wear and tear of everyday use and the disillusionment of close companionship. This is the reason that so many people whom we like at first fail to wear well, and why, year by year, we find ourselves with a constantly narrowing circle of those in whom we take any real heart interest. It is one of the tragedies of life that we start out in youth with an army of friends, but one by one they drop away, until we are fortunate when we come to the last stage of the journey to find one faithful hand still clasping ours and one single comrade of all who started out so loyally with us still keeping step with us.
This is pathetic, but it is also selfpreservation. With intelligent people, friendship becomes a process of elimination, and as we go along we rid ourselves of the unfit, just as we throw away a garment when it begins to chafe and bind.
It is a hard saying, but worthy of all acceptance, that those who have no friends do not deserve them. We all like to think, when we are neglected, that it is because we are not understood, and we console ourselves by reflecting what a good thing people are missing when they miss us, but the solemn truth is that our fellow creatures generally appraise us at our real face value and we get all to which we are entitled.
It is, therefore, up to you, little sister, if you can not keep the love you win, to resolve yourself into an investigating committee and ascertain what it is in your own nature that drives friends away. For be sure of this, that all the world is hungering and thirsting for love and sympathy and comradeship, and everyone you meet is waiting, trembling and eager to see if you can give them
the grip and password. There are, however, faults that are as antagonistic to friendship as an acid is to a sweet. What are yours?

Are you egotistical? The reason there is so little friendship in the world is because it has been talked to death. Most people's idea of a friend is one whom they are privileged to bore. Some small remnant of decency prevents them from afflicting the chance stranger whom they meet with a dull monologue upon their personal affairs, but they show no such mercy to their friends. If they have troubles they come and dump the whole burden of them down upon their friends. If they have success they bold their friends as unwilling auditors while they blow their own horns and brag about what wonders they are.
Friendship presupposes that another person is interested in your private affairs, but it is a narrow margin on which to trade, and most of us are always overdrawing our account. We care to know that our friends are well and prospering and we sympathize with them in their troubles, but we are selfcentered creatures, and the thing of genuine beart importance to every one of us is what we are doing ourselves. If you want to bore people, talk about yourself. If you want to fascinate them, listen while they talk about themselves. This is the one rule in the world to which there is no exception. You often hear people say that when they lost their money they lost their friends. The real reason is that they became such nuisances bewailing their loss of fortune that their friends fled from them to avoid baving to listen over and over again to their tale of woe. Talk atout yourself a little, little sister. It is your


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right to take that much toll of friendship; but keep your troubles to yourself, brag lightly, and never forget that while other people's interest in you is only skin-deep, their absorption in themselves goes to the marrow of the bone.
Are you overly sensitive? This is a busy and a careless world, little sister, and if you spread your feelings all over the place you must expect to get them trodden upon. Not many people go deliberately out of their way to insult or wound one. We are not of enough importance for that. They are simply careless, and what you mistake for snubs is often only preoccupation-some grief or worry or unsettled problem that is lying beavy on another's beart and mind. Every now and then you meet a woman who says that she would like to have friends, but that she can not make the first advances. Why not? What intolerable insolence to put berself upon a pedestal and then expect people to come to her as pilgrims to Mecca, and if you will observe, my dear, there are not many people bnund on pilgrimages these days. Do not think that the giris in your school mean to slight you because you are not invited to join all their clubs and societies. They may think you haughty and standoffish and be afraid to ask you. Never forget that self-consciousness is nothing but ingrowing vanity and that it will hurt you all of your life if you do not get rid of it. Be companionable. If you want friendship you must do as our Methodist friends say-put yourself in the attitude of receiving the blessing. Precious few of us are attractive enough to make people run after us. We must meet them halfway.
Are you bossy? When you have a friend do you think she ought to do your way, or are you willing occasionally to do hers? Of course you know best. We all do, but chief among the people we could do without are the friends who think that friendship gives them the right to boss us. It is the misfortune of of being a woman that one seldom has any real liberty. By the time a girl gets out from under her mother's thumb, she is under ber husband's foot, and she has to ask permission to do things from the cradle to the grave. This makes us jealous of little liberties, and the thing that alienates friendship quicker than anything else is petty tyranny. If you want friends, do not try to make the other girls adopt your design for the class pin or the school colors, and when they will not do it, do not pick up your doll rags and go home and say you won't play any more. The ability to accept the report of the majority with a good grace will not only win you school friends, but insure you popularity througb life, for every woman is on a still bunt for a woman friend who is broad-minded enough to let her live her own life in her own way.

Are you one of those who think that friendship gives one the liberty of speaking unpleasant truths? "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, '' saith the Good Book, and it might have added that they also leave permanent scars. Nobody ever forgave the person who pointed out their faults to them or told them the thing they did not want to hear. Many people make friendship the cloak under which they satisfy personal spite and envy by doing a little stabbing in the dark. This is peculiarly coward ly, because the wounded persons is so defenseless and off his guard. Do not delude yourself for one minute by the thought that any profession of affection
is going to salve over an insult. When you tell Lulu that she has a voice like a parrot and that people ridicule her for singing in public, do not expect ber to believe that you did it in the sacred name of freindship and to save her mortification. When you tell Marie that her dress hasn't any style about it, and Susie that her hat shows that her mother trimmed it, do not expect them to believe that you did it for noble and altruistic purposes. They will not. They will believe you to be a little cat. and will dislike you to the end of their days. We can depend upon our enemies, litthe sister, saying all the unpleasant things about us that it is necessary to hear. What we want of friendship is the praise that puts new heart into us, the kindly words that heal over the hurts the world bas made, and there can be no possible use or excuse for saying unpleasant things to our acquaintances. If your friends must be stabbed by un kindly criticism and unpleasant truths, let another band deal the blow. Not yours.
Are you monopolistic? Nothing is a more deadly enemy to friendship. It is natural to want to absorb all the affection, the time and attention of those we like, but it is unreasonable. Human nature is a many-sided instrument, with many strings, and no one hand, be it ever so clever, can hope to strike every chord in it. We find one person sympathetic in one way, another companionable in an entirely different way, and so our lives are rounded out with diverse interests. Yet there are people who are vain enough and selfish enougb to resent their friends having any friend but themselves. Do not do this. Do not expect to monopolize the interest or the beart of any creature on earth, so shall you save yourself trouble and tribulation when you find out that you are merely an annex to another life, instead of being the main structure. Do not expect the girl you like to have no other friend but you. Do not make ber apologize when she shares her chewing gum with another or goes to the matinee with her. Monopolistic friendship is a burden, and the afflicted party will shake it off at the first moment. Friendship and love can never be tied. They must be sept on a loose tether or else they will break from you and escape into greener pastures.
Everything in this world, little sister, is bought at a price; friendship and love are among the highest commodities, but they are worth paying for. How to get them 1 can not tell you, but hav ing them, if you will take a grain of self-control, an ounce of forbearance, and a pound of self-reasonableness, you may make a cement that will hold them while life lasts, and that is warranted weather-proof and to stand in any cli mate.

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The New York Market
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Spectal Correspondence
New York, Jan. 24-Speculative coffee is down a peg and while the ac tual article is not quotably lower there is not as firm a teeling as existed last week, and dealers would not be greatly surprised to see a fractional decline. At the close Rio No. 7 is worth $53 / 8 @ 5 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$. It would be folly to say that dealers are not at all interested in the condition of affairs just now in Venezuela. They True, the ". scene of action, is a good way from Brazil, but a little spark may kindle a big fire and coffee dealers are awaiting every dispatch with the keenseems to be trying to knock a chip from somebody's shoulder and it may be from that of Uncle Sam. In store and afloat there are $2,714,306$ bags of coffee, against $2,420,962$ bags at the same time last
year. Jubbers, as a rule, report a fairly good week and some pretty good stocks have changed hands, most attention be ing paid to good roasting grades of San tos. Mild sorts have sold pretty well Indias are without change.
Every day seems to give a more confident tone to the tea market and orders
have come in with a gratifying rapidity It would seem as though stocks bad become pretty well reduced in the bands become pretty well reduced in the hands country and dealers are now trying t $t$ country and dealers are now trying $t i$
make up for lost time. Offerings are not make up large and quotations as recently made are very firmly sustained.
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It is about the very dullest time of yea in the sugar line. The trade are simply resting on their oars and neither buyer nor seller seems inclined to du much untll the Cunan treaty is out of
Congress. Raw sugars are dull ano slightly lowe
the Quotations are firm as to rice, but the volume of business is rather light.
It seems liktly itat before new crop It seems likely itat before new crop
rice comes to market supplies of dorice comes to market supplies of domestic will be very closely sold up. This is looking about a year abead, to
be sure, but sellers certainly have things be sure, but
on their side.
Spices are strong. Actual business is not especially active but holders will
not give way a bit so far as shading prices is concerned. Supplies are not large, although there seems to be enougb of everything to meet present require-
Open kettle molasses are firmly beld, although the amount of business is
hardly as large as last week. Good to bardly as large as last week. Good to
prime centrifugal, $17 @ 27 \mathrm{c}$. Syrups show little, if any, change.
In canned goods the reduction in the price of cheap salmon by Armsby has prices made by this concern it is said there is an actual loss of something like for per case. This is not very funny does not even seem to cause a boom in their direction. There has been quite a Landreth, of Wisconsin, has sold about all his futures at 5 C above last year's quotations. Taking the canned goods market as a whole it is in a most satisfor a prosperous year. The canners. convention next month at Washington promises to be very largely attended. Prunes are rather more firmly held but aside from this the dried fruit market generally is in a rather quiet position. Quotations are practically without change.
The butter market for the past day or so has been in better shape so far as demand goes, but prices have not adseconds to firsts, $22 @ 25$ c ; held cream ery, $23 @ 241 / 2 c$ : Western imeamcreamery, 19@2Ic; factory, 17@20c; renovated, $19(a 20 c$
The volume of trading in cheese is moderate, but prices are well held. Full cream, $141 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for either small or large. Exporters have been doing a little in skimmed cheese, but find our
rates too bigh for much business in cream cheese.
With increased supplies and a fair chance of still further increase, there has been a decided fall in the egg margins buyers are cautious about taking large supplies. The range for Western fresh-gathered eggs at mark is from 2I fresh-gathered eggs at mark is from 21
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seems to be top.

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Unjust Prejudice Against Renovated But-
It is difficult to understand the acrimony with which renovated butter seems to be regarded by some who are supposed to have the welfare of the dairy interests at heart. One of the greates objects aimed at by the educational efforts in behalf of this industry is to improve and make more uniform the quality of the butter product of the country. It may safely be asserted that nothing has ever been done that has been more effective in this respect, considering the butter product as a whole, than the process of 'making over' farm butter. It must be remembered that the creamery butter product is, as yet, less than half of the total. Before the introduction of the renovating process the lower grades of farm butter had no such outlets as they now have; they accumulated in the hands of country storekeepers; were often kept under the most unfavorable conditions, becoming poorer and contaminated, until finally made up into cheap ladle goods, most of which were exported. The renova ting process has opened a much more immediate outlet for the farm butter while fresh; no longer does it bang about the country stores to grow rancia and dirty, but finds sale at once at the factories, or moves to cold storage, where it is held under cleanly and wholesome surroundings. The renovating process has enbanced the value of a very large part of the country's butter product enormously, and has caused the practical disappearance from trade channels of the wretched stuff that used to disgrace the markets, the worst qualities of which were acquired after the butter was made, being the result of a lack of prompt outlet such as is now enjoyed.
The raw material from which renovated butter is made is, consequently, very much better than it was when the process was first installed, and the finished product is so far better than its raw material that there is no compari son.

Of course the product sbould not be permitted to be sold as creamery butter, and laws and regulations compelling distinctive branding are to be commended; but with this accomplished the product is in no sense fraudulent and it seems strange to find an association of dairymen branding with opprobrious names a commodity that has vastly increased the worth of many millions of pounds of the country's annual butter product.

The argument used by some that ren ovated butter is a detriment to the industry because it lessens the induce ment of farmers to take their milk to the creameries is of little force. With renovated butter selling on its merits under distinctive brand its value will undoubtedly remain enough below that of fine creamery to give the creamery system the call on all milk within practical reach, and to give an effective stimulus to the introduction of the creamery system wherever it can be profitably established.

To consider renovated butter a detri ment because it comes more in competition with creamery and high grade dairy than would its raw material of ir regular farm butter is illogical, unless one takes the ground that all makers of fine butter are injured by the universal efforts to improve the average quality of the butter product. Of course, the smaller the proportion of fancy butter, the higher its price would be in relation
to the average value of the product; but few would make this the basis for objecting to anything that would tend to raise the average of quality. As a matter of fact demand is so greatly affected by quality that improvement in the general grade of goods increases the outlets to the benefit of all producers.
Black Olives Imported From Greece.
In speaking of ripe clives imported from Greece the trade uses the word "black." The black olive is the rich, ripe olive ready for the table. Black olives are known very little among Americans. Their consumption is entirely among foreigners. Over on the East Side of New York City they are in great demand. Jews from the South of Europe, Italians, Greeks, Spaniards and others are customers for them. Their importation began about eight years ago as a recognized and separate business and it is constantly on the increase. This business was in the hands of Italians for a time, but now they constitute the jobbers principally. The business is going into the hands of Greeks, who have leatned American methods and are making a great success of it. One Greek firm in Lower Wall Street, which does the largest business in black olives, is making an effort to introduce them among the native American population and no doubt their intelligent methods and conception of the business will prove successful.
The ripe olive is really very appetiz ing. It is packed in barrels and is served from the brine just as the green one is served. The black olive is small and round with smooth, thin skin. It is very meaty and has a good flavor. The taste for it is not hard to acquire. When it is out of the brine long enough to become dried it looks very much like a prune.
Olives grow throughout all the Isles of Greece-everywhere except on the mountains. The new crop begins in October and ends in January. Men, women and childern pick them. They shake the trees and knock them off with sticks. They are gathered in baskets and carried to the market borne on donkeys. The olives are packed in brine in barrels bolding an average of 190 pounds. The imports direct from Greece last year amounted to about 10,000 barrels.
The wholesale price of the black olive is six to eight cents a pound. Retailers get ten to twelve cents. The Salona is the best black olive. The skin is thinner, it is meatier and the seed is smaller. Salona is the capital of the province of Parnassus. Etea is its principal seaport, whence the olives are shipped. Aside from their other advantages the Salona olives keep the longest. Next come the black olives of Volo. These are the blackest of all and the largest. The skin is thicker, the stone larger, the flavor less sweet. Black olives of Calamata differ from the others by being oblong instead of round. They are best packed in olive oil with a little vinegar added. When picked from the wrees they are packed in large barrels water, as the others of in salt and water, as the others. Quantities of New York for consumpere shipped from New York for consumption by foreigners in other cities of the United States. $-N$. Y. Commercial.

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## Butter and Eggs

## Observations by a Gotham Egg Man.

Here is another instance of the old saying ' There's nothing new under the sun." I suppose most people think batching eggs in incubators is a modern invention-something to place to the credit of nineteenth century inventiveness and ingenuity. But reading the travels of Sir John Mandeville the other day, a book written in the fourteenth century, I came across this statement in regard to the city of Cairo in Egypt
" And there is a common house in that city that is fuli of small furnaces, and thither bring woman of the town their eyren of hens, of geese and of ducks for to be put into those furnaces. And they that keep that house cover them with heat of horse dung, without hen, goose or duck or any other fowl. And at the end of three weeks or of a month they come again and take their chickens and nourish them and bring them forth, so that all the country is full of them. And so men do there, both winter and summer." And so we see that even
'motherless chickens'' were known and patronized away back in the thirteen hundreds.
Some time ago a Swedish gentlemanCapt. Stewart-called upon us to say that certain correspondents of his in Sweden had control of a new process for preserving eggs and that samples of the eggs preserved by this process were on the way to this country. Capt. Stewart wanted an opportunity to show these eggs, upon their arrival, to a few egg men in order to get their opinion as to the effect of the process and the quality of the goods preserved. It was said that the process was a patented one and consisted of subjecting the eggs first to dipping in hot water and then to the fumes of salicylic acid. They were guaranteed to keep in perfect condition for some eight months-maybe longer. Capt. Stewart had a good deal of trouble in getting the samples through the custom house, and although they were shipped from Stockholm on Nov. 18, it was only last Monday, Jan. 12, that he got them in sbape to show. The Egg Man, being ever on the alert for items of interest, arranged with a few egg experts to examine the samples, and on Monday afternoon the case containing the eggs was taken to the candling rooms of Gude Bros., on Warren street, and opened in the presence of a tew neighboring knights of the candle. The eggs were packed in four wooden boxes, contained in a big outer case packed with shavings. Each package contained ten eggs and was sealed and attested by a notary public of Sweden as having been sealed in his presence upon certain dates-two boxes in August, 1902 , and two in the summer of 1go1. They were opened with great ex pectations. Capt. Stewart had sheet after sbeet of testimonials, telling how perfectly the eggs were preserved by this process, and offered to read them to the gentlemen present, but it was considered best to see the eggs first and hear the testimonials afterward. So the sealed boxes were opened and there lay the wondrous eggs-some four months, some sixteen months old; and when they were beld up to the light, lo and behold, there was no difference between them; those sixteen months old were just as good as those only four months old, for all were equally rotten-just as rotten as any eggs could be, salicylic or no salicylic.

Well, of course it was a pretty severe test to have the eggs kicking around the custom house for six weesk, but Captain Stewart had to treat just the same and another "new process" for egg preserva tion was buried with appropriate cere monies.-N. Y. Produce Reveiw.
Did Not Believe Either.
"After the war." said Senator Bacon, Georgia, "there was a great shortage of judges in the South. In Georgia many men were put on the bench who had no training in the law. At a circuit court one of these judges presided, and the two lawyers who were trying a case before him thought to bave some fun with him. After the evidence had been taken one of the lawyers arose and said

Your Honor, both sides are willing to let the case go to the jury without argument and on a statement of the law and the facts by yourself.

The Judge arose slowly and faced the jury.

Gentlemen,' he said, 'you have heard the evidence and what these lawyers have said. If you believe what the lawyer for the defendant says you must decide for him. If you believe what the lawyer for the plaintiff has said you must decide for him. But if you are like me and don't believe what eithe one of them said, 1 am hanged if know what you should do.

A New Chronology.
The haughty leading lady lifted her handsome pearl-colored veil and kissed the little toe dancer.

How long bas it been since we lasi t?" asked the latter.
The leading lady pondered
"Let's see, dear," she said finally, about seven husbands back.
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SYSTEM IN SELLING.

Cardinal Principles Which Should Be
I anticipate that the reader will have very much the same opinion of my remarks as the congregation of an old English preacher had of his sermons. It is related that while in conversation with one of his parishioners be remarked that he often went into his pulpit without any preparation whatever, selected a text and preached a sermon from it and tbought nothing of it, and the parishioner replied that the congregation didn't think anything of his sermons either.
This "text" is one that has been "preached" about so often, in all its phases, that the good things to be said of it may not be new and the new things may not be guod.
That system is indispensable in all business matters is beyond question, and there is perbaps no work where good systematic effort will count for more than in selling goods on the road. Given a territory, a salesman must have, with other qualities, the ability of both a civil engineer and a train dis patcher. He must lay out his route with care as to the seasonable wants of trade and then arrange to make the towns along that route as rapidly and effectively as possible. He will be unable to "run' his trains all one way, but must plan to run in both directions and not meet himself coming back. The amount of mileage used should not be taken into consideration so long as good results are obtained-mileage cuts no tigure, it is the matter of successfully making the greatest number of towns in the shortest possible time. Time is the all-important factor.

The successful salesman's life is, indeed, a strenuous one. It is always to "make" the first town, get the first order, " catch" the first train to another town, take a snapshot at business-and repeat this programme continually. " The race is to the swift" to a greater extent in a traveling man's life than in any other. He must not wait, for waiting will not win.
Had Longfellow lived in this age of commercialism and been a traveling man he might have written a verse something like this:

> Orders may come
> To those who wait,
> But when they do
They're out of date

After having arranged for the engineering of the route and dispatch in handling the towns, the next importantand much more difficult-matter to systematize is how to approach a buyer in a manner to secure prompt and successful results. Nature has made no duplicates in men. All patterns seem to have been broken immediately after us ing. So no two on whom we call are alike. One may be a merchant with all of a merchant's ability and enterprise, the next a mere shopkeeper; one a positive pole, the other a negative. So to devise a system for approach that will apply in all cases is well nigh impossible. Personal experience has taugh
me to make all introductory remarks as brief as circumstances will permit, to proceed to business at once. The salesman's time is valuable, so is the buy-er's-too valuable to be spent in storytelling or idle gossip. He should go at his work respectfully, but fearlessly and fiercely if need be. In this way he will command attention at once, and the possible buyer will become enthusiastic in just the proportion that the salesman bimself is enthusiastic over the goods he is talking. If a negative answer is given-or, to use a common phrase, if 'turned down' -he should not give up. Giving up is more a habit than a necessity, stick to your guns-be gently ag. gressive, but courteous and dignified, and absolutely truthful first, last and all the time. Forget self entirely, but bring out the good points of the goods you are talking with all the earnestness you possess. We are sent out to get business, and get business we must. We should concentrate all our efforts and work as if life itself depended on getting that particular order. If an article does not possess merit, if it will not prove a good seller, tell your customer so frank$y$ and honesty and pass it along. That salesman makes a mistake who recommends an article that will not bear recommendation. While such a course may increase his immediate business it is sure to "queer" him for the future. If the buyer is of a pessimistic disposition, talk happiness and suc-cess-talk happiness and success anyway, it is always in order and always mutually beneficial. If inclined to be over conservative talk quantity. Talk large quantity. Impress him with his ability to sell an immense quantity of such superior goods as you would sell him.
I may be pardoned for giving here an incident from my personal experience when working this quantity 'racket:'
It was my first call on a certain firm and found them to be extremists in slowness and conservatism. They wanted and bought some goods, but all they could think about or talk about was how they could possibly pay for so many goods; pay day was ever uppermost in their minds, while I continually assured them it was orders I wanted and not money. I had spent a long time with them, had lost my own supper and kept them from theirs, but 1 continued to talk dozens of this and dozens of that and dozens of everything in the catalogue, when one of the buyers leaned back in his chair, drew a long breath and said, 'Mr. Seely, where do you live?' I told him where I lived. Then he asked if I was a married man. I told him that I was. Next he said, "Have you any children?' I again replied in the affirmative. Then be said, with much emphasis, "Have you a dozen?" That was a corker! Then was the time in my life I regretted that I was not the father of a dozen babies, for I was obliged to say "No" to him, and then he expressed surprise that one who talked dozens so constantly and industriously should stop short of a dozen children!
I do not, however, wish to be understood that loading up customers is good policy. It is, indeed, bad policy. We should never do it. We should sell them enough if possible to last,them until we can see them again, but not enough to put them or ourselves out of business.
Getting business is to a great extent a matter of dollars and cents, a cold business proposition, yet the sentimen-
tal side, if I may use that expression should not be forgotten or overlooked. A system that would ensure success in order-getting alone does not go far enough. While the money part is, indeed, a necessity, it forms a smaller part in the salesman's life of to-day than ever before. We are all familiar with the story of the miserly and moneyloving parent who, when sending his son out into the world, said to him : ' Get money. Get it honestly if you can, but get money." Such a rule as that would not apply for a moment in successfuily seliing goods. The salesman who would acquire success by such a system would be a miserable failure. Selling goods for the sole purpose of selling goods would rob the work of all sentiment, of all that would be pleasurable and ennobling. It is possible for us to get something more out of our work than the mere money we receive for it. Were it not so, the life would be all but unbearable.
There has never been a time when character and absolute honesty counted for so much in order-getting as at present. If we would be successful in all that the word implies we must be selfrespecting men. If we do not respect ourselves others can not respect us and our power for business success as well as our general usefulness will be badly impaired. If we would adopt a system of selling that would be complete in all its details, one that would give us the fullest measure of success, we must not overlook good moral cbaracter and true manhood as essential elements in that system-a system that

## Will give to us a home, <br> With a queen on its throne,

And a limitless king dom of love all our own
It is manhood gives riches like these.

## Howard Seely.

## Gripsack Brigade.

John D. Martin, who has been laid up since January 5 with fever and grip, is again able to resume his regular trips, starting North Wednedsay morning.

Hudson Gazette: Frank Whitbeck has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Toledo Scale Co., of Toledo, Ohio, and will begin his duties at once.
W. F. Gallinger, Michigan representative for the Sherwin-Williams Co., of Cleveland, will remove about March I from North Branch to Grand Rapids, which will be his headquarters thereafter.

Charlotte Leader: George W. Rue has returned to his 'first love,'' as the saying goes, and will travel for a Milwaukee stove manufactory. Mr. Rue's first trip will take him to the Pacific coast in February.
Quincy Herald: After a vacation of several weeks, Eugene Widner has started on a trip through Illinois in the interest of the Consolidated Time Lock Co., of Cincinnati. He now has Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and lowa as his territory.
Harbor Springs Republican: Orla Brown, who recently severed his connection with Foster \& Wilson, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the A. T. Moore Cigar Co. and already entered upon the duties of his new position.

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Handy Arrangement For Barrel Goods.
An arrangement which will be useful for stores where trade compels the keeping of such stock as alcohol, witchhazel, wines, whiskies, etc., in barre quantities-especially when those commodities have to be stored in the base-ment-is as follows :
Suppose we have six barrels to be stored. Put three on the bottom row lying on their sides, slightly raised from the floor, and leave a small space between each. On top of these put a row of two, and on top of these again one more. You now bave the six barrels arranged in pyramidal form; they should be blocked up so as to be solid. Into the top of each barrel fit tightly a piece of half-inch gas pipe, and bring these six pieces up through the floor of the room above, about six inches from the wall and a foot apart, letting them project but a few inches. Into the bottom of each barrel tightly fit another piece of quarter or three-eighths inch pipe and bring these pieces through the floor, letting them project ahout two feet. The pieces from the bottom of any barrel should come through the floor against the wall, and directly back of the piece projecting from the top of the same barrel. Mount a small faucet on the top of each of the two-fuot projections, which are against the wall; and on the top of the other six pieces, which should be threaded, fit a cap that can be easily unscrewed with the fingers. A large bicycle-pump fastened to the floor and baving a rubber tube long enough to reach any of the pipes, and to the end of which is attached a cap fitting the short pipes, completes the arrangement.
Assuming the barrels to be fuil, to draw from any one remove the cap from the pipe going to the top of that barrel, and attach the tube from the pump by means of the cap at its end. Turn the faucet of the pipe coming from the bottom of the barrel and apply the pump. The liquid flows from the faucet. When through close the faucet, remove the pump, and replace the cap, which keeps out the dust, and which could be attached to the pipe with a small chain to prevent its being lost.
Now, when a barrel is emptied, i stead of putting the new barrel into the basement-always a mean, awkward job -bave it rolled into the hack room, raise it slightly from the floor, put a funnel into the pipe leading to the top of the barrel and siphon off the full one.
The barrels should be set up as near ly as possibie directly under the space on the floor above where the faucets are to be located. This is not, of course, absolutely necessary, hut saves pumping the liquid too far. Each faucet should be labeled, the name being printed on the wall directly above the correspond-
ing faucet. All joints must be airtight.
This plan saves many steps and much time; and many occasions for going into the basement, which is usually dark, are avoided. The flow of the liquid is easily regulated by the pump, or the faucet can be turned, avoiding the waste attendant on drawing from a large faucet directly from the barrel. As the faucets are small, bottling can be done direct, thus saving one bandling of the goods. It saves putting full barrels into the basement, and thus saves mounting them. It economizes space by allowing one barrel to be mounted above another Edward P. Higby, Pb. G.

## Formula For Essence Pepsin

Pepsin, 1. 3000
Ac. hydrochloric
Glycerin
Acohol.
Tr. vanillin, colorless
Tr. sweet orange peel Water ad.
Purified talcum, q. s
Dissolve the pepsin in the water, glycerin and hydrochloric acid; add other ingredients, let stand for a few hours, and filter. Some makers use a strong solution of calf's pepsin or renne solution, and in addition add considerable papaine, claiming that such a com bination is more effective and popular. John Morley.

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    "Dry" Shampoo.
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Washing soap
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Liquor potassa
Liquor ammonia
Oil geranium
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Alcohol.
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Shred the soan fine, and just 20 ozs . with water. Allow to stand all night, and next morning rub it smooth in a mortar, add more water, the borax and solutions of potash and ammonia; dis solve and strain. Then add the oils dis solved in the alcohol and finally water to make 20 ounces.
How Is Uphrasia Used in Eye Lotions It is added in proportion of two to five drops to the ounce of lotion. Eve waters usually contain boric acid or sul nhate rinc in distilled or rose water. The fnllowing is said to be the formula of a largelv advertised eye water
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Exnressed oil almond
Spermaceti
Rose water
White wax
Oil rose
Melt the wax and 6 dps . add to them the oil in wich phor has been dissolved with very gentle heat; then gradually add the rose water, stirring constantly until cold and well mixed; and lastly, add the oil of rose.

## Snuff For Colds.

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Glycerine-Is very firm, on account of higher foreign market for crude.
Prickly Ash Berries-Are again in fair supply and prices are lower.
Oil Bergamot - Has been advanced 5 c per pound.
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Golden Seal Root-Is scarce and has been advanced.
Nutmegs-Have advanced and are tending bigher.

## Premature Baldness.

The best treatment is to apply pomade No. I once daily, after washing the parts with soft soap and warm water, for a week, and then use pomade No. 2 for three weeks or a month. If this is not successful, give another course of No. I and follow it by No,

Resorcin
Vaseline
Lanoline.
Zinc oxide
Starch powder
1 dr,
2 drs

2 drs
Pilocarpine hydrochloride
20 grs
Distilled water
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Mix and add
Lanoline.
Heavy petroleum oi
Oil bergamot
Oil verbena
6 drs.

Make a pomade.
Formula For Walnut Hair Dye
The simplest form is the expressed
juice of the bark or shell of green walnuts. To preserve the juice a little alcobol is commonly added to it, with a few bruised cloves, and the whole digested together with occasional agitation, for a week or two, when the clear portion is decanted, and, if necessary, filtered. It should be kept in a cool place. It is most conveniently applied by a sponge. John Morley.
Honey Water.
Oil bergamot
Oil lemon
Oil neroli.
Rose water
12 dps.
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Alcobol.
10 ozs.
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## FROZEN EN ROUTE

Tough Story Told by a Canadian Weather Written for the Tradesman
It was a wild evening in February ; one of those nights when every manthe store loafer always excepted-who bas a home and a fireside, is supposed to stay by it, and when nothing but dire necessity tempts him from his door.
Mercury hovered close around the zero mark. For forty-eight hours a gale had been in progress, but instead of "blowin' of itself out," as the Weather Prophet had confidently predicted, it steadily increased in violence until its voice arose to a prolonged bellow.
The air was filled with little pellets of frozen snow that the wind hurled against window panes with the sharp click of a telegraph instrument, or pitched over the roof and around the corners of the little country store, and at last heaped in great drifts about its door.

Inside the building all was warm and cozy. The big box stove was filled with well-seasoned slabs of beech and maple wood and its sides glowed with the fer vor of their heat. The merchant arose and walked to the window, where he pressed his face against the pane and vainly tried to pierce the outer darkness; but he quickly returned, shivering and resumed his seat.
'This is an awful night to be out,' said he.

Wust I ever see," assented the Old est Inhabitant.
'Huh! I've see weather nuff sight wuss'n this in Canady,' snorted the Weather Prophet, snuggling back on his salt barrel. "I've seen it cold enough in Canady,' ' be pursued reminiscently, "to freeze b'ilin' water," and then he glared defiantly at his little circle of listeners as much to say, ' beat that if you can!'"

Do you mean that the water was boiling when it froze?' queried Jim Hicks, after a decorous pause.

The Prophet nodded.
'B'ilin' hard?' asked Billy Simms.
'Yes, b'ilin' hard. That's just what I meant. It don't seem like you fellers un'erstand United States. But that's jest what I mean all the same."
'Would it freeze ice right on top of the kittle the water was a b'ilin' in?" pursued Bill.
'That's what it would. It froze ice an inch thick, an' I know that cus I measured it.
'Ice an inch thick, an' the water b'ilin' all the time,' continued Billy with a guileless expression of face. " Mebbe, then, the' was a safety valve er suthin' on to the kittle?''
The listeners repressed a smile. Billy was laying a trap for the old man-the only one present who did not see it as his answer showed-for he replied guilelessly:
'Oh, no, the' wa'n't no safety valve on the kittle. They didn't have nothin' o' that kind in them parts."

Billy grinned like a demon. "How the dickens did ye keep it from blowin' up, then?'' be enquired exultantly.
There was a general titter and Simms took a fresh chew on the srtength of his own acuteness. But if the Weather Prophet was at all discomfited by the hilarity, he certainly did not show it. Slowly and methodically be shifted his position on the salt barrel to one a little more comfortable, then deliberately unclasped his pocket knife and from a sliver of wood began to whittle out a long slender toothpick.
"Ye've as't me a fair question an manners in me calls fer a decent answer," said he at length. "Hows'ever I'd feel quite a hit better over it if ye as't it in a way that'd show more respect fer yer betters. Still an' all that don't cut no ice with the facts in the case. The kittle did blow up. It blowed up slick an' clean, an' that's the way I got this 'ere scar over m' eye," and he pointed to a mark that might have been made by a small bullet or could easily have resulted from a bad case of chicken pox.
Billy was too much discomfited to speak, so the Oldest Inhabitant took up the case.
'Kittle bust an' knock ye over?'' be enquired.
The Weather Prophet shook his head.
'Nc, the kittle wa'n't hurt a mite,' said he.
" What done it, then, chunks of ice flyin' around like?
'Some. But that wa'n't what struck me:
"What was it then?"
'B'ilin' water!'’
'Scalded, eh?'"
'No; friz.'
'Friz?"'
'How kin a feller be friz with b'ilin' water?' asked Billy, suddenly coming to bimself.

Easy enough when the temperatoor is right. Ye know what the poet Shakespeare writ in the piece called Milton's Paradise Lost? 'Fer ye can't see good, and to a blind man fire and ice is all the same thing.' Ye hain't fergot that, I reckon?'
"'That hain't no poetry," grunted Billy, ' an' what's more it hain't sense nuther. Ye might as well tell a feller be wouldn't know a snowball from a hot pitater. But that hain't explainin' how bi'lin' water friz a hole in yer old cocoanut."
The Prophet turned away from Simms in disgust. "If it wa'n't that the' is decent folks here I'd go home this minute, fer 1 don't relish bein' abused no better'n the next one. I've got the feelin's of a young 'un tucked away in my old carcase an' I hate to be tromped on as bad as anybody. But l've give out that i got this scar by bein' friz with bi'lin' water, and I feel that justice to me an' to the g-e-n-t-l-e-men present demands an explanation. Feller citizens, when that air kittle blowed up, the water was a b'ilin'. I stood about twenty foot away at the time, an' the ' was a stream of scaldin' water started right fer my head. I see it a comin' an' ducked. B'ilin' water is swift ; but them times I was like a hyeny-quick, active an' savagerous. I dodged the main part of the dose, but the' was a few stray chunks sashayin' around that 1 couldn't git away from, an' one on 'em hit me right where this scar is now. I was left fer dead, but arter a while I come to, an' here I be."
"Yes, but ye said a spell ago that ye was friz, an' now ye claim as bow ye was scalded. I hope ye don't reckon we kin swaller both o' them yarns to once an' not git the dyspepsy," grinned Simms.
A look of weariness not unmixed with annoyance crossed the Prophet's face. "'Gentlem-e-n, '' said he, " the cold that mornin' was suthin'turrible. It was a hunderd an' eight before freezin'. B'ilin' water don't stan' no show in a time like $o$ ' that. When it started fer me it was frothin' like a switch engine, but by the time it got to me, goin'
through all that cold air, it was chilled until it was as hard as a fire brick, an' it friz a spot on my head eight inches long, five inches wide an' an inch an' three-eighths deep.'
The Prophet ceased speaking. After a while Billy Simms coughed a little and began to button his overcoat. One after another the members of the group arose. The merchant turned down the lights, and all moved sadly and silently out into the tempestuous night.

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## The Grain Market. Wheat has been very active during the week. The foreign demand has been good, especially from France, which has taken quite a number of damper on shipments for export, as stocks of wheat at seaborad are small, which will continue until navigation opens as the railroads seem to be unable to furnish transportation for mov- ing wheat eastward. The visible showed a decrease of 672,000 bushels. One great drawback with the dealers at present is that there appears to be a one-man mar-

 ket; that is, one house can sway themarket whichever way it pleases, and that is Armour \& Co. It is reported that this as it is long 20,000,000 bushels, jority of the cash wheat in its elevators in Cbicago, it is easy to be seen that it is dangerous for outsiders to "monkey with the buzz saw." The shorts dare not sell wheat, because they do no know where to get the wheat to fill their
short sales. Again, if they buy long wheat, they are liable to bave it delivered from Armour \& Co. 's elevators. So the market at present is simply controlled by the Armour \& Co. interest,
and this is especially bard as there is not much contract wheat in Chicago. The Northwest is holding its wheat for flouring purposes and cash wheat is a trifle above the May options, so the market is in a waiting mood.
Corn has run an even tenor, the de mand equaling the supply. Trading in futures is limited. While there are some long sellers, the short inter tract corn. Prices remain fairly steady. Oats decreased 187,000 bushels, not very firm, as there is more wanted toan is uffered. What is offered is taken up very quickly
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Rye bas been flat, with not much do ing. Prices are hardly steady and will probably sag to a lower level.
prices-one day up a couple cents and the next day down. The price seems to be topheavy just now and beans will have to be cheaper in order to move

Flour is very firm. The demand is are b-hind on orders.
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