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THE MYSTERIOUS THIEF. ritten for The Tradesman.
Just previous to the rebellion a young man and his wife from an Eastern State settled in a small village in one of the Southern counties of Iowa. They brought a goodly sum of money with them and proceeded at once to build a store and house together, intending to engage in trade with a general stock. The entire main building was of brick, with rooms for residence in the second story, with a small one-story brick addition for dining room and kitchen adjoining it in the rear. The bedrooms, closets, drawing room and library were over the store. There was a stairway leading from the dining room below to the rooms above, also a stairway from above opening upon the ground at a back corner of the building. The only entry to, or egress from, the store in the rear was a door opening into the dining room. A small frame two-story woodshed was put up roughly twenty feet back of the brick kitchen and connected with the latter by a narrow, covered hall-way of rough lumber, so that in case of fire in the shed, this hall could be quickly torn out and the brick buildings saved from destruction. The second story of the woodshed was boarded up tightly for about three feet from the floor with three-eighth inch material, and the balance of this room was left unfinished. A substantial stairway led from the outside door below to this chamber, which was used in summer as a general store-room for the family, and in cold weather was nearly empty. I have been thus minutely particular in describing the premises so that what is to follow will be made more plain. Mr. Clark's new store had been in operation about a year, and during the last quarter of that period many daring burglaries had occurred in the villages of this and adjoining counties. A few of the thieves had been captured and convicted, but a number had escaped with their plunder. The country was comparatively sparsely settled; the locality was near the borders of a State known to be hostile to a civilized and enlightened people, and the question of slavery and secession rapidly approaching a climax when outlaws and criminals of all grades might be expected to ply their calling in all parts of the West. All signs of the times boded impending trouble of a political nature to the nation, and this and the numerous recent robberies were the general topics of conversation in the stores and taverns of every village; and every stranger was looked upon with suspicion, unless bearing well-approved credentials. Mr. Clark was exceedingly nervous over the situation, and many a night the clock struck the hour of twelve before the dis-
cussion of the subject between him and his wife ended. She noticed that his rest was broken and that he talked a little in his sleep and occasionally cried out about robbers. He would also suddenly start up and call for help. Mrs. Clark was one of those plucky and nervy little women with undaunted perseverance and grit and faith in her own power to
langh away the fears of her husband. "We have a double barreled shotgun in the house and also 'Bernie,' who is worth any two men in a case of emergency," she said to him one day, "and I want you to dismiss all anxiety about me, as I fear nothing in this country except fire."
"Bernie," to whom she referred, was a large and highly intelligent New Foundland dog which they had brought with them, and he now had comfortable quarters in the store at night. The stock of goods was valued at from six to eight thousand dollars; trade was booming, and there were no banking privileges nearer than ten miles away, and rightly Mr. Clark reasoned that he was obliged to keep too much cash in the store. His courageous little wife made bi-weekly trips to the bank with the cash on hand and to obtain the needed drafts to send East, never starting before 11 o'clock a. m ., so as to have the highway with her treasure in the most seasonable hours of the day. On returning, she had less fear of being molested, when it would be inferred that her pockets were empty. She carried a good revolver, which she would not hesitate an instant to use if her commands to strangers were not obeyed. "They take the chances, not I," was her suggestive remark one day, when asked what she would do if people insisted upon a too close acquaintance.
The only clerk Mr. Clark had in his employ was a stout, sixteen-year-old lad who lived at home with his parents and who came early in the morning and left at 9 o'clock at night. If trade was unusually lively, Mrs. Clark was called as an assistant, to tide over such contingency. One day, after a period of more excitement in the community with regard to thieves, Mr. Clark said to his wife:
"I am losing money for which it is impossible to account, unless it is stolen, and how the thief manages to reach it and cover up his footsteps is a mystery. I am systematically robbed almost every week and have been for the past three months, if not more. Nothing except duplicate keys can account for it, and even then, how the money is always readily found and only a part of it taken, and the dog silenced, still deepens the secret. I have purposely hidden my cash in some of the most improbable places and at other times under lock and key, and still with all my precautions it disappears. If 1 were a spiritualist, I should surely think the ghosts took it. You will recollect asking me several Perfection Scale.


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times why our deposit was so much smaller, when our business was apparently improving? I evaded your question, hoping to discover the leakage, but confess my inability to do so.'
"Have you ever missed any from the cash drawers?" enquired the wife, "and may not the thief be your clerk?"
"Impossible! I would as soon expect my wife or father to rob me.
"Has not some one in the village made a friend of 'Bernie?'" queried Mrs. Clark.
"I had not thought of that, and I have noticed, too, that every man in town pets him. It may be best for me to sleep in the store for a few weeks and see what will occur. Yes, I will do so.'
It was now the month of September, 1860. Mr. Clark had slept in his store every night during the previous two weeks, "Bernie" lying on a mat within three feet of the cot on which he himself lay. Generally he had retired late and risen early-often lying awake an hour or two after his light was extinguished. From some unknown cause his sleep was disturbed and several times he had started up suddenly under the impression that some one beside himself was in the room; but, upon striking a light, the dog was found in his place and showing no signs of alarm. During this time cash had been taken from several places where it had been secreted in the store, and once from a secret drawer that had been locked by Mr. Clark and was found still locked in the morning. As an experiment he had one night deposited $\$ 50$ beneath his wife's pillow in her bedroom, unknown to her, locked the door of the room after she slept and carefully laid the key in a secret place in the kitchen, where it was found next morning, and both to his and his wife's astonishment the $\$ 50$ had disappeared during the night and left no trace. A part of this money was silver coin and only a few days afterward "Bernie" was found playing with two silver half dollars, tossing them up and catching them again in his mouth on the grass. As half dollars were not very common in that year-paper money being principally used-it was readily remembered that probably these belonged to the missing money from the package in the bedroom, but this only served to make the enigma still more inexplicable. It was not possible that the dog was the thief, as he was securely locked in the store that night and, had he been released by the thief, how should the silver come into his possession without any outcry or evidence of a struggle. It follows that "Bernie" could prove an alibi and call upon his master as a witness.
It now seemed plain to Mrs. Clark that more than one person was engaged in this strange series of robberies and she prevailed upon her husband to allow her to quietly take his place in the store at night, while he slept in the room above. She would remain awake constantly and, armed with the shotgun, would capture or kill at least one of the robbers. For a week or more she watched in vain. Although she slept some during the day, she occasionally fell asleep for a short time during the night. Several times she was startled by a cat-like tread, apparently in the room, but, on striking a light, the dog, who was on the alert and standing near, would look at her an instant and then about the room as if to say "everything is all right," and then curl himself up again on the mat.
One evening, while Mrs. Clark was still acting as nightly sentinel, her hus-
band had occasion to open some boxes of bottled goods which were packed in sawdust and which had become quite wet from standing in the rain. It occurred to him that this would serve a good purpose, by scattering a thin layer of it over the floor. It would take up some of the dust and deaden the noise and for one day would be a change, and he gave orders to the young man to omit sweeping the next morning. Being in the store at an early hour the following day he noticed with surprise footprints in the damp sawdust from the back door to several distant points in the store, of a person going and returning, and his surprise was increased as he discovered footprints of a dog that had evidently accompanied him constantly. The footprints of the person were small and might have been those of a man or woman, as the feet were to all appearances encased in some kind of moceasin. Those of the dog wuld answer in size to those of "Bernie," although it could not be told for certain whether he had gone out of doors with the person or not. As no cash disappeared that night this discovery was still more astounding. Mrs Clark declared she was not off her cot, that "Bernie" had been unusually quiet, and that the back door was locked that morning.
One night soon after this occurrence she was awakened by a low whining from "Bernie" close to her cot. She sat bolt upright instantly and reached for her gun in the darkness. She did not dare strike a light, but felt for the dog with her left hand, placing it confidently on his head, meanwhile listening intently. She could hear at intervals slight noise in some part of the building, in the rear end of the store, but could distinguish no talking or whispering How to prevent "Bernie" giving an alarm was the question. She waited in silence a reasonable time, thinking the thieves would either enter or try to enter the store. She was now thoroughly awake and determined. Her plans were also quickly formed. She remembered that some small linen twine was within a few feet of her and it took only a moment to obtain a ball, bite off a sufficient length, and noiselessly tie "Ber nie" by the neck to a stout column which supported a part of the upper floor Then putting her mouth to his ear, at the same time striking him sharply with the palm of one hand on the head, she told him in a loud whisper to "lie down!" Feeling that he had obeyed and would make no more noise, she grasped the gun and felt her way to the door leading into the dining room. Unlocking and opening the door cautiously and leaving it open, she felt her way along the wall and into the kitchen, the door of which wa left open at night. Passing to the door at the entrance of the hallway, a few rays of light showed that the way was clear to the woodhouse and sounds came from the upper room of it as of persons walking about. Determined to "beard the robber," she cocked both barrels of the shot gun and, holding it at the position of "make ready," she was quickly on the stairway, her head on the line with the upper floor, and a single glance across showed the outline of a man in a stooping position near one side of the building. Without even a warning sound, Mrs. Clark nervously raised the muzzle of her gun above the floor and flred both barrels in the direction of the shadow The next instant she was running rapidly

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back through the hall to procure a light. She had not reached the kitchen before she heard a fearful racket of overturning chairs and other furniture and "Bernie," growling and whining at every jump, bounded through the hall and up the stairway. Returning in a moment with her lamp, she came near falling at the sight before her. Half reclining against the siding at the head of the stairs, with "Bernie" licking the blood from his face sat Mr. Clark. He was bareheaded and in his night dress only. Blood was run ning from one upper arm and also from the top of his head down over hi blanched face, and his white clothing was already transformed into a ghastly picture. He had fainted. It required but an instant for his wife to take in the situation. Water and cloths were quickly brought and questions were soon asked and answers rapidly given Neighbors who had been aroused by the two almost simultaneous reports of the gun soon crowded into the house and Mr. Clark's merely flesh wounds wer soon dressed. Very fortunately, the gun was in her haste aimed too low and on one side or the man would have been killed instantly. It is thought that he was kneeling on one knee and the ben position of his body brought his head within twelve inches of the floor. A few shot had struck the top of his head, tearing a portion of the scalp badly and mak ing a ghastly flesh wound in one arm near the shoulder, but severing no important arteries. It was equally myste rious to Mrs. Clark as to her husband and neighbors, how he came in the place and position where he was injured, as he could give no account of it himsel and remembered nothing except that he had experienced a shock. He had heard no report of the gun, and only when he found his wife bathing his face with cold water, and realized her distress, did he wonder what it all meant, and how and why he was in the woodshed. The doc tor suggested that he must have been dreaming and arose and went out partially asleep; but all agreed that watching for burglars any longer (unless special police were employed) was a practice fraught with extreme danger and must be discontinued. The morning following this exciting and tragic night Mrs. Clark repaired to the woodshed to examine the effects of her shot on the wall of the chamber. Her amazement cannot be described at the revelation disclosed. The discharge of her gun at that short distance from the stairs upon which she stood had torn a hole eight or ten inches in diameter completely through both the inside ceiling and clapboards and within a few inches of the floor. This discharge must have been concentrated and terrific. Scattered over the floor near the spot were quantities of bank bills, both entire and in pieces and the four inch space between the inner and outer boards was quite filled with the same valuable paper, intermixed with considerable coin in gold and silver. Upon raising a window of the room and looking upon the ground, money was also seen scattered beneath in large quantities. brought to her aid and, after her entire find of cash was harvested and properly repaired in condition to use, it amounted to nearly $\$ 800$. Another conference between the Doctor and Mr. and Mrs. Clark gave the probable and satisfactory explanation of the mysterious robbery. Mr. Clark recollected that when a small
boy he had been told by his mother that he was a somnambulist and she was careful where he slept and usually he was obliged to pass through her room to leave the house, as she feared he would meet with accident. They all saw that Mr. Clark's mind and nerves had been so wrought upon by the knowledge of robberies at that time, and the anxiety in regard to his money, that the disease had re-appeared and he had from time to time concealed his own money in this out of the way place. "Bernie" had evidently watched and followed him while in the store, but reasoned that as it was his master, all was right. Mr Clark had moved about the premises a night in his stocking feet only and had, no doubt, deposited all that money in the open space in that unfinished wall, where it might have still remained were it not for the untiring preserverance o his faithful and plucky wife. The cicatrized scars upon his arm and head are quite sufficient to remind the now happy couple that some pitying angel must have partially turned aside that fearful implement of destruction on that eventfu night.
F. A. H.

From Charlevoix to Hoosierdom. A. Rosenthal, dealer in clothing and dry goods at Charlevoix, noted an item in The Tradesman to the effect that clothing store was needed at Shipshewana, Ind., and immediately started for that place to investigate the field. He was so well pleased with the prospects that he thereupon leased a building and is now engaged in transferring his stock to the new location.


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## AMONG THE TRADE.

around the state.
Detroit-E. F. Lee succeeds E. F. Lee \& C 0 . in the glass business.
Petoskey-C. Whitten has sold his grocery stock to C. A. Bacon.

Belding-Mrs. A. M. Lang has removed her millinery stock to Greenville.
Bangor-B. F. Winch has sold his grocery stock to Martin Kingston.
Snginaw-D. B. Cook succeeds Leonard Art in the second-hand clothing business.

Minden City-Marshall A. Coss is succeeded by George H. Dillon in general trade.
Owosso-G. J. Gibson, late of Howell, will shortly open a dry goods and notion store here.
Plymouth-John M. Moore has removed his grocery and confectionery stock to Farmington.
Owosso-Geo. Ingle and E. A. Conuis have leased the Williams elevator and are in the market for grain.
Dimondale-S. M. Horner \& Co. will shortly remove their hardware stock from Potterville to this place.
Flint-Wetmore, Smith \& Begole succeed Smith \& Begole and H. \& A. Van Essen in the flour and feed business.

Cadillac-E. D. Dunham-not C. C. Dunham, as stated last week-succeeds A. Rathman in the grocery and bakery business.
Marcellus-Chas. C. Long has moved his grocery stock into his new store. He has lately purchased the Harris Hartman stock, at Three Rivers.
Manton-Ballard \& Phelps have purchased the hardware stock formerly owned by Frank Rose and recently managed by C. A. Shepard, Agt.

Caledonia-Nagler \& Beeler, who have conducted a drug business here for the past seven years, have dissolved. The business will be continued by C. F. Beeler.

Dimondale-C. E. Norton and Elmer Jones have formed a copartnership under the style of Norton \& Jones and will embark in the sale of agricultural implements as soon as a warehouse can be erected.

Fruitport-G. S. Putnam did not sell his general stock to Geo. Truax, of Spring Lake, as was reported. The drug stock was sold to W. D. Ballou, who removed it to Grand Rapids. The remainder of the stock was purchased by John H. Westover, late of Nunica, who will continue the business at the old stand.
Muskegon-Dr. F. C. Van Deinse has sold his drug stock at 137 Pine street to Geo. A. Abbott and John Tinholt, who will continue the business under the style of Tinholt \& Abbott. Both partners are men of considerable experience, Mr. Abbott having been behind the counter for A. H. Eckerman for several years, while Mr. Tinholt has been preseription clerk for W. A. Sibley for some time past.
Detroit-A couple of weeks ago the old Hull Bros.' store property was sold under foreclosure proceedings, George H . Barbour buying a three-fourths interest for about $\$ 19,000$. He now files a motion in the Circuit Court to have the sale set aside for the reason that the Diek \& Meyer case, pending in the United States Court, is a lien on the property or a clond on the title. He asserts that no notice was given at the sale of the United States Court case, and he was not aware of its existence.
manufacturing matters.
Manistee-Wm. H. Beverly has opened a cigar factory at 321 River street. Hastings-John C. Cole has engaged in the manufacture of cigars, employing five hands.
Detroit-The Deveraux Truck Co. has been organized, with an authorized capital of $\$ 10,000$.
Detroit-The Hercules Keg and Barrel Co. has been organized, with an authorized capital of $\$ 100,000$.
Rhodes-The Estey Manufacturing Co., of Owosso, is building a sawmill and table leg factory near this place.
Grandville-H. E. Velzy has leased the Grandville feed mill for a term of years and has already begun operations.
Marcellus-Frank H. Drummond has sold his carriage factory to M. E. Gartner, and will remove to Three Rivers.
Manton-A. Green \& Son are building an addition to their planing mill, which they will devote to the manufacture of chair stuff.
Rhodes-A. M. Bently, who operates a sawmill near this place, has made arrangements to put in a shingle mill in connection.
Owosso-The Robbins Table Co. has completed an addition to its factory, which will be used for finishing and storage purposes.
Detroit-The Easy Wagon Gear Co. has been incorporated, with a paid-up capital of $\$ 20,000$. The stockholders are Jeremiah P. Johnson, James E. Howard, Thos. T. Leele, Jr., Daniel A. Waterman and Henry H. James.
Saginaw-Yates \& Co. have leased the lumber yard of the Saginaw \& Averil Lumber Co. and will do a general yard business. Mr. Yates has been buying and selling extensively of late, and shipped over fifty car loads in October. Bay City-The sawmill of Hargrave \& son started for the season on March 10 and has only lost one week's time, having cut about $18,000,000$ feet. It is intended to operate the mill until Christmas. The mill has been provided with an electric light plant.
Manistee-Seymour Bros. have sold to the Charles Rietz \& Bros. Salt \& Lumber Co. about $5,000,000$ feet of logs, to come in over the Manistee \& Northeastern Railroad, which have lain in Lake Ann, a tributary of the Platte river, for a year or more. The price was $\$ 12$ in the water here.
Grayling-Salling, Hanson \& Co. will build an extension to the Vanderbilt branch of the Michigan Central, which will traverse several hundred million feet of pine in the vicinity of Turtle lake, owned by themselves, Burrows \& Rust, of Saginaw, and a number of others.
Adrian-The Standard Candy Co. has been organized here, composed of $\mathbf{C}$. L. Truesdell, L. S. Wilcox, C. L. Spence, W. T. Moreland, R. S. Moreland, E. W. Crane and J. S. Moreland. R. S. Moreland will serve the corporation in the capacity of President, C. L. Spence as Secretary and L. S. Wilcox as Treasurer. Both manufacturing and jobbing will be carried on by the company.
Advices from Sioux City, Iowa, report that the farmers in that section are about to engage heavily in sugar-beet culture,
and will put up a bond for $\$ 150,000$ with and will put up a bond for $\$ 150,000$ with thomselves to raise 2,000 acres of beets next year, if the Oxnards will build a refinery to cost $\$ 500,000$ at South Sioux City.

Gripsack Brigade.
Cornelius Crawford and family have closed their mansion for the winter and taken rooms at the Warwick.
W. N. Ford, Western representative for Jas. G. Butler \& Co., of St. Louis, was in town several days last week.
A. L. Braisted and family are now pleasantly settled in their handsome new home at the corner of Henry and Buckeye streets.
Wm. A. Warner, who has represented T. H. Hinchman \& Sons on the road for many years, has severed his connection with that house.
C. L. Spence, formerly on the road for the Crescent Candy Co., of Toledo, has joined his fortunes with the new Standard Candy Co., at Adrian.
John Cordes, Jr., who has traveled several years for Sherman Bros., of Chicago, will hereafter do the buying for the John Cordes grocery store, on Canal treet.
Ed. L. Forsyth, formerly engaged in the retail drug business at Detroit, succeeds H. E. Tremayne as traveling representative for Williams, Sheley \& Brooks.
It should not be forgotten that a regularly called meeting of the Grand Rapids Traveling Men's Association will be held at Elk's Hall on Saturday evening of this week for the purpose of making arrangements for the annual social party and the transaction of other business.
'It amuses me to hear the jobbers prate about dispensing with their traveling men," remarked a representative
drug salesman, the other day, "for my experience satisfies me that the traveling man is worth all he costs in fixing up shortages, adjusting rebates and patching up disagreements with the house. Our house could not hold half its present trade if its travelers did not see its customers at regular intervals and set aright the little annoyances which inevitably arise between the jobber and retailer."

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## GRAND RAPIDS GOSSIP.

Moseley Bros. are putting in an elevator for the handling of beans.
J. B. Graves \& Co. have purchased the lumber yard and planing mill of the Lake Shore Co., at Benton Harbor.
J. C. Benbow, general dealer at Harrietta, has added a line of groceries. The Ball-Barnhart-Putman Co. furnished the stock.
W. D. Ballou has purchased the Putnam drug stock, at Fruitport, and consolidated it with his own stock at 545 Ottawa street.
The Elliott Button Fastener Co. is now running its factory every evening until 10 o'clock in the effort to get out machines fast enough to fill its most urgent orders.
Frank Cordes has retired from the management of John Cordes' grocery store, at 127 Canal street, being succeeded by John Cordes, Jr. Judd Cordes will remain with the establishment.
Alfred Coe has purchased an interest in the hardware stock of Benjamin Rankans, at Lamont, and the new firm will be known as Rankans \& Coe. A line of groceries has been added, which was produced in this market.

John Vissers, Jenness Vissers, Jerome Miedema and Louis Jacobussen have formed a copartnership under the style of the Valley City Soap Co. and purchased the soap factory formerly conducted by H . Weiden, on Walker avenue

## Purely Personal.

Will Pipp, buyer for Pipp Bros. \& Martindale, of Kalkaska, is putting in a few days at this market.
Milo Bolender, the Hubbardston druggist, has been in town several days, purchasing goods for the holiday trade.

The sympathy of the shoe trade will go out to Geo. H. Reeder in the loss of his wife, whose death occurred on the 29th. It is reported that a movement is on foot to secure the revocation of the notarial commission of Heman G. Barlow, on the ground that he is altogether too careless in taking acknowledgments. One of the merchandise brokers of this city recently sold a piece of property, which necessitated his wife signing the deed. The latter thoughtlessly signed her maiden name and the equally thoughtless notary re-wrote the name, without discovering the incongruity of the situation. Of course, the deed was rejected by the Register, who pronounced it invalid, at the same time hinting that the notary was either incompetent or subject to spells of absent mindedness. Any one wishing notary work done from this on can be accommodated by applying to Mr. Barlow, free of charge, by simply mentioning this circumstance.

Wool Still Higher---Hides and Tallow Dull.
Wools are strong in price and higher. The demand keeps up, as manufacturers have good orders ahead for goods. New spindles and old rusty ones are being set in motion, and all create a demand foor wool. There is a stimulus felt in the trade which has not existed for years. Many are straining their credit, which has been none too good in the past and a strong reaction is not improbable. Conservative dealers are selling and conservative manufacturers are only buying for
immediate wants. The sales and receipts of wool at Boston have been the largest for a long time.

Hides are again lower, with the tendency downward. They are now 3 cents lower than in June and there are prospects of another 1 cent drop during the month. All prices quoted are nominal on the demoralized market of both hides and leather.
Tallow is lower and dull. All lines connected with the beef trade have a downward tendency, on account of the large supply of light cattle.
The New Deal of the Starch Combination.
The National Starch Manufacturing Co. has promulgated a scale of selling prices, as follows:
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## At the Old Stand.

F. J. Dettenthaler is still doing business at the old stand, handling the several brands of oysters which have given him a reputation second to none. All the favorite brands of last season are handled this year, but the sales are far in excess of anything he has ever before experienced-in fact, he has had to "hump himself" to keep pace with his orders.

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## Dry Goods.

A Qestion Which Will Not Down. Written for Thr Tradeshan.
This is a somewhat thread bare subject to introduce for, perhaps, the thousandth time, but it is one which will bear much discussion. You can hardly take up a trade journal of any kind which has not some argument against the system of retail credits and more or less flimsy advice about "getting around" or avoiding it; yet only a year or two ago a correspondent of The Tradesman, taking the broad ground that business could be done more successfully without credit at all, was severely wrapped over the knuckles by others until he became disgusted, if not angry, at what he termed their folly. Now a majority of writers are almost reiterating his sentiments, and questions are asked, editorially, in the most gentle manner possible, if there is not some way of avoiding this disagreeable business.
What is causing this revulsion of sentiment, while the same practice still prevails? It would seem to be more consistent if those most deeply interested would say nothing about the subject of credit, or act according to their convictions. If it were possible to always know our debtors and trust only persons of unimpeachable honor, credit would be a far different thing, but as society $i s$, it is resolved into "to be or not to be." We cheerfully and unhesitatingly loan a well-known friend a dollar in cash, confident we shall see it again; but we hesitate if a comparative stranger solicits a loan. Could this same practice obtain in the retail credit system, it would be a worthy one and would deserve a better name than the word credit. It is probably conceded by all that the entire risk is taken by the merchant and, if he choose to assume it, the question simply becomes an individual matter.

Former Correspondent.

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## HARDWARE.

WITHDRAWING WARRANTS.
Manufacturers of Cross Cut Saws Tightening the Lines.
The following circular letter is being sent out to the trade by Foster, Stevens \& Co.:

Grand Rapids, Oct. 27, 1890. As the time is at hand when cross cut saws will be used, we would caution all our customers to be careful in what they
say regarding saws being warranted. We desire to see all warrants absolutely withdesire to see all warrants absolutely with-
drawn, then the consumer will buy only the better make of saws, and will also be careful in caring for them. Our experience last year with one lot of returned saws (180 in all), after being examined by two experts, neither knowing what the other had done, one reported eight poor blades and the other nine. With such abuse of saws the manufacturers cannot be blamed for the position they now take. We give below extracts from two letters received from E. C. Atkins \& Co. on the subject:

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\text { IndiANAPOLIS, Sept. } 24,1890 .
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Foster, Stevens \& Co., Grand Rapids:
Gentlemen-Your letter of the 20th at hand. In reference to the warranty on saws, the writer did not have an opportunity to talk the matter over with you as expected, and that matter slipped his attention. We made arrangements this season and have withdrawn all warranty on saws, except as far as the tealers are concerned; if they have any complaint to make they are to make it direct to us and we will adjust it. In this way we can overcome the abuse of saws. We have largely done so in all sections but in your immediate vicinity, and have no doubt this year will pretty effectually clean out the warranty question. We turers are willing to take this position and it will be a better thing for the jobber, for the manufacturer, and for the dealer. Yours truly,

## E. C. Atkins \& Co.

In answer to this letter, we wrote $E$. C. Atkins \& Co., asking them if we were to understand that "all warrants were absolutely withdrawn," to which they reply as follows:

## Indianapolis, Sept. 30, 1890.

 Foster, Stevens \& Co., Grand Rapids: Gentlemen-Your letter of the 27th received, referring to guarantee on crosscut saws. We would say that we have in many cases entirely withdrawn the warranty through the jobbers, the instructions being to have the saws, if claimed defective, returned direct from the dealer, and we will labor with them to show them wherein the alleged defect is in most cases no defect, as nine-tenths of the blades returned as defective are not so. But we would hardly take the position that we will positively decline to receive back any blades from you. In certain sections of the country we don't take back any blades, and here at Indianapolis and at other points in this vicinity we have declined to receive them back most satisfactory result during the past two years, and the jobbers are more than pleased with it; and we believe the same result can be obtained in Michigan, and are working toward that end. We never assume an arbitrary position without first conferring and giving ample notice of the same. Yours truly,E. C. Athins \& Co.

We go thus fully into the matter so you will see it is to our mutual interests in declining to warrant cross cut saws. We find in correspondence with Henry Diston \& Sons, The Simonds Saw Co. and other makers that they have all adopted the same rule, only they are more strict. To avoid any misunderstanding in the future, only return to us saws subject to the maker's acceptance.

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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER $\mathbf{5}, 1890$.

## IN A DILEMMA.

The New York State authorities have notified the Sugar Trust that they do not consent to any of the devices by which it has been trying to evade the force of the adverse decision of the Superior Court, and that they must take steps for the appointment of receivers for each of the companies which united to organize the trust. The first plan submitted to the Attorney General of the State was the organization of a new corporation under the general laws of the state, which might take over the property held by the Trust both within the State and elsewhere. This seemed feasible under the laws of New York, but it was prescribed that the amount of capital should correspond exactly to that actually paid up by the stockholders of the old companies. This would have suited the New Yorkers exactly, as they had been obliged to allow the New England refineries a share in the organization much in excess of their paid-up capital in order to induce them to join it. But the New Englanders refused to accede to any such plan, and as the Attorney General would not consent to the injection of this "water" into the stock of the new concern, the plan fell to the ground. The next plan was to organize under the laws of New Jersey; but the Attorney General refused to assent to the transfer of the control of New York corporations to a foreign corporation of any kind. He has to protect the interests not only of the stockholders, but of the holders of the certificates issued by the Trust, and sold like any other securities. These have tangled up the question of the final settlement, and it now looks as though the New York refineries would have to be responsible for the whole volume of these, as the law cannot reach corporations outside the State.

It is reported that Spreckles is making arrangements for the erection of an immense anti-trust sugar refinery in New York.

Jay Gould is credited with saying: expect money will be a drug this winter. There should be no trouble about funds in this country as the season advances." It is to be hoped that the Wizard of Wall Street is sincere in what he says.

Judge Wheeler, of the United States District Court, at Rutland, Vt., has deeided that the law prohibiting the mailing of envelopes having on the outside words calculated to reflect injuriously on the character of any one, is violated by sending through the mails letters contained in envelopes bearing the words "Excelsior Collection Agency," printed in large letters across the upper half of the envelope. This decision is a sweeping one, as it will prevent any collection
agency from using its name on the envelope.
The proverbial carelessness of the Western Union Telegraph Co. has met a deserved rebuke at the hands of the Su preme Court of North Carolina. The suit was brought by J. T. Young, of Craven county. It appears that Young's wife went to Greenville, South Carolina, and there became severely ill. Her husband was telegraphed for, but the telegram was not delivered until six days later. Meanwhile Mrs. Young died and was buried, Young not knowing of either fact until all was over. The Superior Court overruled the demurrer of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and held that the action was properly laid and that the plaintiff was entitled to damages. The defendant, without waiting for the case to come to trial, appealed to the Supreme Court, which promptly sustained the opinion of the Superior Court.
Business men, as a class, are proverbially remiss in neglecting the primary work in political matters, while the latter part of the campaign finds them devoting altogether too much time to insignificant discussions and unuecessary absences from home, often to the serious neglect of their own business. No part of any political campaign is so important as the selection of delegates and candidates. If we make the best possible selection of men, the battle is more than half won. To do this it is necessary for every one interested to give both their presence and voice at the primary meetings, that the choice may, so far as possible, meet with the approval of decent people. If any neglect of business must come, let it be during the last half of the campaign, at a time of the year when absence from business not only entails serious losses, but also disappointment and loss to patrons. "The eye of the master is worth both his hands."

## Typographical Blunders.

Grand Rapids, Nov. 3.-In the article upon the growth of the jobbing grocery trade, published in The Tradesman of ical errors occur: "Launching out into the wholesaling of groceries exclusively until about seven years" should read "seventeen years;" also where it reads "the proprietors or partners of which did more or less of their own trading" should read "their own traveling." Your type makes the writer say a "car load of salt would cost \$2.25." It should read "\$225." disputing the fact, that the readers of disputing the fact, that the readers of The Tradesman are of the most intelligent class and could of themselves distinguish the difference between a typo-
graphical error and an inexcusable blungrap
der.

More Openings at Shipshewana.
Shipshewana, Ind., Nov. 1.-We all feel very thankful to The Tradesman open up his stock here next week.
We need another grain and produce buyer, as the producing capacity of the buyer, as the producing capacity of the
country roundabout is greater than one buyer can manage.
A flouring mill would do well here, as the farmers would patronize such an institution liberally

We need a jeweler, a photographer and a local newspaper, and would accord al of these enterprises a cordial support.
Full information will be given any en quirer on application. Postmaster.
The charter of the First National Bank of Mason having expired, the institution has been re-organized as the First State Savings Bank of Mason. H. L. Henderson, who was cashier of the old bank, becomes president of the new institution.

Odd Places of Business.
Fritten for The Tradesman.
Forty years ago last summer a canal boat was fitted up as a dry goods store and made rather irregular trips during the season on the Erie canal, between Troy and Buffalo. In shape and build, it was what is known as a line-boat About one-eighth of its length at the bow was partitioned off for a living room and berths for sleeping, while the re mainder was shelved up all around, with drawers beneath, similar to stores on land. Across the boat, near the partition, and the entire length on one side was a handsomely finished counter. The several"towing companies" having horses to let expressly for the purpose of tow ing boats, it was comparatively easy and cheap to have the boat drawn from one point to another, as desired. This floating dry goods and notion house would tie up at a convenient spot on the heelpath side of the canal in any village along its route and remain from two days to two weeks, according as trade would warrant. The firm were both retailers and jobbers and, as there were then few (if any) commercial travelers on the road, many a merchant was pleased to see the boat and to replenish a low stock of goods with no additional expense for freight or boxing. It may be added that this store was literally "packed" with goods and-during an afternoon in many places-with ladies also. If I am not mistaken, butter, eggs and cheese were all taken at this store in exchange for goods. As this boat was taken down the Hudson river to New York City on these trips, new stock could be purchased often and the farmers' products disposed of at the best prices obtainable anywhere. In the main, this was a pleasant and quite profitable way of doing business.
A man by the name of Breed, of Buffalo, a few years later fitted up a book store on wheels and purchased a splendid span of heavy horses to place before it, with the remark that he should wear out that vehicle traveling about and selling books in Canada. This wagon was in size and shape not unlike some of the handsome circus wagons of to-day, although not so heavy. The main part of the large box, with doors opening from its roof, was constructed for carrying the goods in stock-books and stationery -in packages as purchased. Doors on the sides and rear end of this body were hung upon hinges near the roof and opened upward from the wagon bed and were quickly and easily fastened in place at the ends. Well-made shelves, ten to twelve inches in depth, were then revealed, all filled with handsomely bound volumes as in any first-class book store. In truth, these books were nearly all standard publications and included bibles, dictionaries, English reprints, etc. Beneath these shelves all around was a row of shallow drawers of convenient sizes for receiving stationery and notions. Still beneath the drawers a nicely finished counter, eighteen inches in width, was drawn out to place, and hinged supports dropped in position to hold it firm'y. In front was the driver's seat, roofed and tightly enclosed on three sides, with a water-proof apron in front. When all closed and on the road, this traveling store was veritably waterproof. In fair weather, Breed would drive up in front of a hotel or other public place in a village, unhitch, put out
open up his doors (which formed a grateful shade in a hot day) pull out the counters and would soon be surrounded by customers. The vehicle was in that condition for business very attractive in all country towns and cross-roads. He would frequently drive long distances nto quite new sections of country, where books were scarce and high, and here he usually reaped an abundant harvest. His average daily sales were from $\$ 30$ to $\$ 40$. After following the business five or six years, it is said he sold out the store to advantage within the province, and not many years ago he was the wealthy proprietor of a large book and stationery establishment in Buffalo.
A Chinaman in San Francisco was the owner of a small tobacco store and cigar factory on wheels, so small and light that one horse could draw it from place to place, as desired. It was about $8 \times 10$ feet and finished in the oriental style of architecture, with a really pretty pagoda roof. He had what he called "a home lot," upon which it usually stood, but upon the occasion of any unusual gath ering in the city, such as fairs, public meetings, or out-door exhibitions, he would promptly secure an $8 \times 10$ bit of ground for the time being and move store and stock thereon in short order. I think he was not permitted to manufacture, except when the building stood on the home lot. He was an industrious heathen-nearly always found at workand sold a far better cigar than many other dealers for the same price. He had one peculiar trait which I distinctly recall, that it would be well to imitatehe possessed a most extraordinary amount of suavity; in fact, every one noticed and admired it and went far out of their way to buy his tobaccos. It was said that he had studied how to be polite and obliging on purpose that he might be more successful in business. He had many well known characteristics which must have been acquired in this country. He was often found with an open book before him while at work. On one page it was in Chinese characters and on the opposite it was in English. The book-which I was permitted to look at-was made up of short sentences, mostly questions and answers which would naturally be used in commercial business and conversation.
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## FINANCIAL.

Local Stock Quotations. Reported by the Michioan Trust Company Anti-Kalsomine Co...


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Fifth National Bank ....
Fourth National Bank..


Grand Rapids National Bank
Grandville Avenue Plank Road Co.
Kent County Savings Bank
Michigan Barrel Co..........
New England Furniture Co
National City Bank.
Plainfield Avenue Gravel Road Co
Phonix Furniture Co.
Sigh Furniture Co.................
Walker Gravel Road Co .............
Peninsular Club 4 per cent. Bonds.
In buying your blank books, don't forget that Barlow Bros., Grand Rapids, keep in stock ledgers and journals made from A 1 linen paper and bound with the Philadelphia patent flat opening backthe strongest blank book ever made. Send for sample sheets with prices.

## M．B．M．A．

Official Call for the Fifth Annual Con－ vention．
The fifth annual convention of the Michigan Business Men＇s Association will be held at Grand Rapids on Tues－ day，Nov．25，convening at 9 o＇clock a． m．
All local Business Men＇s Associations are requested to send full delegations， and a cordial invitation is extended all business men to attend the convention， irrespective of affiliation or opinion． All will be accorded equal privileges of voice and vote，the intention being to make the convention truly representative of the business interests of the State
Recognizing the importance of the con－ vention，and its influence on the busines public，the Railway Association of Mich igan has kindly accorded the usual one and one－third rate of fare to those who procure certificates of the Secretary prio to the meeting and secure the signature of the ticket agent at the time ticket is purchased．

A most interesting programme is being arranged for the meeting and it is to be hoped that all will come prepared to at tend every session of the convention Assurances have been received from most of the ploneers of the movement that they will surely be on hand，so that the meeting will take on the character of a re－union，as well．Come one，come all！

C．L．Whitney，Pres
THE PROGRAMME．
So far as already arranged，the pro－ gramme will be as follows：

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2．Prayer by Rev．Chas．Fluhrer
3．Address of welcome by Mayor Uhl
4．Response by Geo．R．Hoyt，Saginaw
5．President＇s address
6．Secretary＇s report．
8．Report of Executive Board
9．Report of Committee on Transpor tation．

10．Report of Committee on Legisla－ tion．

11．Report of Committee on Insurance．
12．Report of Committee on Building and Loan Associations
13．Report of Committee on Trade In－ erests．
14．Appointment of special commit－ tees on President＇s address，Secretary＇s report，Treasurer＇s report，Credentials， Order of Business and Resolutions．
afternoon session－ $1: 30$ o＇clock
SHARP．
1．Report of Committee on Order of Business．
2．Report of Committee on Credentials．
3．Paper－＂How to Improve Our Col－ ection System，＂by E．W．Hastings， Traverse City．
4．Paper－＂Fire Protection，＂by P．J． Connell，Muskegon．
5．Consideration of reports of standing ommittees．
6．Paper－＂The Lard Bill now be－ fore Congress，＂by H．C．Bannard，Chi－ cago．
7．Paper－＂How to Secure Manufactur－ ing Enterprises，＂by F．H．Holbrook， Muskegon．
8．Address－＂What Shall We Do to be Saved？＂by L．W．Sprague，Greenville． 9．Paper－＂Some Phases of the Insu－ rance Question，＂by Geo．B．Caldwell， Grand Rapids．
Evening session－7：30 o＇clock shari 1．Report of Committee on President＇s address．
2．Report of Committee on Secretary and Treasurer＇s reports．
3．Address－＂What I know about Oi Wells，＂by H．H．Pope，Allegan．
4．Paper－．＂The Value of Persistency， by Julius Schuster，Kalamazoo．

5．Unfinished business．
6．Election of officers．
7．Report of Committee on Resolu－ tions．

8．Adjournment．

## A Mixed Collision．

A drummer for a Buffalo house had observed that he meant to buy an acci－ dent insurance policy，but forgot it， when the agent for a Wisconsin windmill replied：
＂I had a little experience that way about ten years ago，and since I got well i prefer to travel on my shape，watched ver more or less by Providence．
Of course，we all wanted to hear the particulars，and he kindly continued：
＂It was on the Illinois Central．I got an accident policy in Chicago，and started out feeling that 1 had done a correct thing．Six hours later，just as the por er was making up the first berth，we struck a horse on the track and half the train went into the ditch．
＂You were in the half？＂queried one of the group．
＂Of course．Our car turned com－ pletely over and fell or rolled down a bank twelve feet high．
＂And all the passengers were killed or hurt ？＂
No，sir，not a person was killed，and I was the only one out of twenty who was hurt．I had my skull fractured，my leg broken，five teeth knocked out，and a foot smashed，and not another person could show a scratch．
＇How do you account for it ？＇＂
＇I was the only one with a policy．
＂But that couldn＇t account for it．＂
＂Well，then，all the others had just accepted and were reading tracts just handed them by a roving evangelist． ＂But that wouldn＇t explain it，either，＂ persisted the other
＂Oh，well，then，I had just called a chap with whom I was playing euchre a liar，and I think he and I and the collis－ ion got mixed up．However，there was mistake in the date of the policy，and to do benefit，and I want nothing policy holder too reckless with his policy mouth．＂

## How to Get Rich．

From the Boot and shoe Weekly．
The average millionaire，when re quested to indicate the particular qualifi－ cation necessary to bring affluence，usu－ ally brings up the old chestnuts of in dustry，frugality，courtesy to customers etc．Of course，everybody knows that these virtues are necessary to any man＇s success．Alone they will avail very lit tle．

Few men are willing to give the rea reason or reasons for their success in life，even if they know it themselves． Not many are as candid as the Lynn shoe manufacturer，who some time ago， when asked by a well－known Boston job－ ber how he got to be worth a million dollars，looked his inquirer in the face for a moment，and said：＂By kicking out of my reach every obstruction that stands in the way of making honest dol－ lars．＂
Besides being economical and honor－ able in all dealings，men must know how to get rid of the obstructions which are constantly arising in the path of every successful man，no matter what kind of business he pursues．

## Wall Paper and Window Shades．

：House and Store Shades Made to：Order．
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Drugs 䦠 Medicines.

| State Board of Pharmacy. <br> One Year-Geo. MeDonald, Kalamazo. <br> Three Years- Jacob Jesson, Muskegon. <br> Four Years-James Vernor, Detroit. Five Years-Ottmar Eberbach, Ann Arbor <br> President-Jacob Jesson, Musksegon. <br> Boeretary-Jas. Vernor, Detroit. Treasurer-Geo <br> Next meeting at Lansing, Nov. 5 and 6 . |
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| Michigan State Pharmaceutical Ass'n. President-D. E. Prall, Saginaw. <br> Frrst vice- President-H. G. Coleman, Kalamazoo. <br> Third Vice-President-Jas. Vernor, Detroit. <br> Secretary-C C.A. Bugbee, Cheboyg, Din. <br> Next Meeting-At Ann Arbor, in October, 1891. |
| Grand Rapids Pharmaceutical Society. President. J. W. Hayward, Secretary, Frank H. Kscott. |
| Grand Rapids Drug Clerks' Association. President, F. D. Kipp; Secretary, W. C. Smith. |
| Detroit Pharmaceutical Society Mresident. J. W. Allen; Secretary, W. F. Jackman |
| Muskegon Drag Clerks' Association. President, C.S. Koon; Secretary, A. T. Wheeler. Next meeting-Nov, is. Next meeting-Nov. 14. |

Life Hung in a Balance.
Written for The Tbadgsmas.
I am a telegraph operator and druggist. At one time in my life I was at work in San Francisco, in a drug store. A branch office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. had been opeued in one of our rooms in the rear of the store, which was located about two miles from the main city office. The stock of goods being strictly in the drug line and nothing else, even one man could, if necessary, attend to customers, and, being within a few feet of the instruments in the back room, could answer its calls at the same time. An old Morse register, instead of a sounder, was used for receiving, as being more convenient, for it was only necessary to start the clock work and give
the signal letters, "G. A." (go ahead), and go on with your work, and half a dozen messages could be sent you, if required, and could be taken off and delivered at leisure. The building was narrow but deep and there were two bed rooms back of the room in which the instrument was located. The first one, with a wide open archway instead of a door between the two, was occupied by the proprietor of the store, a bachelor and Russian gentleman by the name of Hollman, and one of the warmest and best friends I ever had. The room still in the rear of this was mine, separated from the others by a hall running across the building and a door between, which we generally left slightly ajar, that I might hear the calls, if any came during the night, as I was the night operator. However, it was only in urgent cases that we were called after 10 o'clock.
In the "wee sma' hours" of one hot summer night-probably 2 o'clock-I was awakened out of a half conscious Idea that I was wanted by a rapid and nervous call which I readily distinguished was an alarm of fire from the main office. Not wishing to disturb my friend at this unreasonable hour, I partially dressed myself and walked out as gently as possible in my bare feet and without a light, answered the summons and was just tip-toeing across the carpet of Hollman's room, within a few feet of his bed, when a sharp loud "Ha!" brought me to a stand instantly. Turning my eyes toward the bed, I saw by the dim light of the moon that came through the blinds of a window, the outline of Mr. H-, facing me and sitting bolt upright in bed, with his revolver in one hand. Fortunately I did not hesitate one instant.
"What is the matter?" I asked, my blood fairly freezing in its course from the thought that the man might be insane.
" $\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{my}$ God! is it you?" was his an-
swer. Both arms then dropped and he fell back on his pillow as if dead. I rushed to the bed, but for a few moments he could not speak to me. By this time I had a light and the expression of that pale face I shall never forget, as he said, "One moment more and I should have committed an act which would have haunted me to my dying hour! I was just pressing my finger upon the trigger as you spoke. My involuntary warning word of two letters alone saved your life. You came creeping across the room so cat-like, with one arm extended in which imagination pictured a knife in the hand of some burglar and assassin who was approaching my bed. Your steps in the office had first attracted my attention, when I grasped my revolver and sat up in a listening attitude. Never, never again pass my bed at night without waking me.'
He arose and dressed himself and there was no more sleep for us that night. The writer's only apology for inflicting this incident upon the readers of The Tradesman is the hope that it may be a lesson to the thousands who sleep in
their places of business all over the land their places of business all over the land,
never under any circumstances to take the risk of using firearms without the most convincing proof that it is not friend instead of an enemy.

Should Draw the Lines Closer.
What is business coming to?" marked a retail druggist the other day, "when dry goods, hardware and grocery stores will persist in selling our sundries at actual cost, purposely to draw trade in their legitimate lines. I can't turn my store into a junk shop and deal out napkins, cheese and nails at cost, on purpose to get even with them, and yet almost daily 1 am accused of charging exorbitant prices and lose sales because people can buy the same thing across the street at a dry goods store for a quarter or third less money. Business was not always done in that way and I am strongly inclined to believe the day is not far distant when jobbers will find it to their interest to draw the lines of
trade a little closer to legitimate dealer trade a little closer to legitimate dealers
and emphatically frow down this species of piracy."

Muskegon Drug Clerks' Association. The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Muskegon Drug Clerks ${ }^{\prime}$ Association was held in the Hotel Cadillac parlors on the evening of Oct. 28. J. F. Peppler
was appointed Critic. The final report of the retiring Secretary was read and approved. He then bade adieu to the office with an appropriate address. Officers for the ensuing term were then installed in office as follows:
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President-C. S. Koon.
Vice-President-Nick Miller.
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Wheeler,
Excellent addresses were delivered by the new, as well as by the retiring, officers.
Discussions upon the paper upon "Dialysis," by A. T. Wheeler, were postponed until the next meeting, at which time also a paper upon "Percolation and Repercolation," by J. T. Peppler, will be read and discussed. The Critics report was read, and accepted, and tbe meeting
adjourned until Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1890. A. T. Wheeler, Sec'y.

A College of Pharmacy at Detroit. Geo. S. Davis, of Parke, Davis \& Co., proposes to establish a College of Pharmacy in connection with the Detroit College of Medicine. He will supply an outfit to cost about $\$ 2,000$ and will keep it in good repair for an indefinite period. Two chemists, from Parke, Davis \& Co's laboratory, will act as professors.

## WILD SQUIZZELEM.

Some of the Wonderful Properties of the New Preparation.

The following letter explains itself:
Sweetwater, Neb., Oct. 20, 1890.
Dear Mr. Diotca-Yewr Wild Squizzelem cum all rite by the express and now I must tell yew what it done. But
firstly, say! did you know what it duz firstly, say! did you know what it duz
tew animils? They air seart tew deth or sot crazy by the smel of it, and sech a time as we've had yew never see. Yew don't say nothin' about anamils on the bottle, so I consated yew didn't no nothin how it effected 'em. Yew see l've bin usin the Squizzelem on my cousin's baby's club foot according to directions and the baby's better-the foot, I meanand jest as I got thru yesterday and haddent washed my hands, Johnson's ole
cow, that can lift a gate off its hinges in a twinkle of yer eye, broke into a shed to git at our cabbages. I dropped every thing and run. As I put my head in the door that confounded ornery cow got a smel of the Squizzelem on my hands. Land o' massy! She give one snort and on the keen run, and the last seen of her she was goin' over the hill, tail a flyin', about a mile an' a quarter north 'o' here. I tell you, Dioica, it's one o' the wonders o this world, and bound to make a stir. O, yes! I must tell you of Miss Jenkins' trouble happened. Miss Jenkins yew no, has an old kanser on her somewheres, and heerd in the paper about yewr Squizzelem, so she bundled up and took a big role o' butter and six duzen aigs, hitched up the ole white mare and started. She'd heerd things wuz high, groceryman offered her 26 cents a dozen groceryman offered her 26 cents a dozen
for the aigs and 15 cents a pound for the butter. She sed she was mad as a tet hen in a minnit and asked him why
wet if the Makinly bill made aigs high, said he didn't no onless the canucks. Here smuglin' in all the butter they made, fer smugh in al the butter they made, fer it was mighty plenty jest now. "If ye
don't give me 25 cents all round I'll jest ake my aigs and butter both hum agin," she said tew him, but he wouldn't dew it, and so she packed 'em in the buggy agin, pade cash for a bottle of Squizzelem and a few other things and started fer in going down a hill pretty fast the cork flew out o' that Squizzelem o' yourn. The ole mare stopped jest long enuf tew look round and git a sniff o' that medicine; then she took the bridle bits in her
teeth and started. Ther' want any whoa tu her. Miss Jenkins dropt the lines and hung on with both hans and twan't many minnits afore the aigs was all bustid and flyin all over Miss Jenkins' back. Purty soon butter and aigs was well mixt, reddy She never knowed what the woman had till I told her about the ole cow. It took three men to quiet and onharness that mare, when she stopt in the barnyard. I don't know but Miss Jenkins will sue yew fur damages. She's made all over, you bet. Mebby you'll hear from me agin. Yewrn amazinly,

Jerushy Dodge.

## The Drug Market.

Foreign quinine a trifle lower, but very firm. Opium is steady. Morphia is unchanged. Castor oil has declined. Linseed oil is lower. Nitrate silver is lower. Carbonate of ammonia has advanced. Prussiate of potash has declined. Arnica flowers are firm and advancing. Quicksilver is lower. Hops have advanced. Cocoaine has advanced. Salacine is higher. Sugar of milk has advanced. Balsam peru is higher. Oil erigeron has advanced. Oil pennyroyal is higher.

Good Words Unsolicited.
A. T. Burnett, general dealer, Cross Village year. Gan't keep atore withoutit",

For Fall painting you have to use a DRYER
in mixing WHITE LEAD
GROWN Japhi DRY̌r.
We call your attention to our CROWN JAPAN
DRYYER that we can guarantee equal in every espect to any on the market.
Its points of superiority over all others, are:
1st. It will mix with RAW or boiled oil
st. It will mix with RAW or boiled oil.
3d. It will dry with a good gloss, thus ADD-
ing a GLOSS to the paint, rather than making it FLAT, as most Dryers do.
4th. It is free from Rosin, and is entirely without sediment, and will not thicken.
5th. It is always reliable and is the STRONG5th. It is always reliable and is the
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## GRUCERIES.

## Sell Your Own Goods.

From Hardware.
"There are travelers and travelers," it has been truly said; and we might repeat the words a dozen times and not yet represent all the different kinds of commereial salesmen on the road to-day. If, in devoting a little attention to the drummers, we hurt anyone's feelings, we want them to step right up and say so.

Sell your own goods for your own firm and let opposition alone. There is, perhaps, no more pernicious habit among traveling men than that of crying down other travelers or opposition houses. Any buyer of ordinary intelligence understands the motive that prompts the words; and, if he believes them all, he not only takes a large grain of salt with them, but is tempted to distrust the backer in what he says about his firm and his own goods. We have heard of instances where the customers not only did not believe the stories, but actually put off buying until the scandalized firm's representative had called upon them, in order that they might judge for themselves whether the stories had any truth in them or not. In this way the malicious traveler gave his opposition a free advertisement, when, by keeping quiet, he advertisement, when, by keeping quiet,
could have sold his own goods instead.
First-class travelers win, perhaps, feel hurt at these remarks, but they need not, for the cap does not fit their heads. Tricks of this kind are only practiced by fifth-rate men. We have heard of many the trade against such men.

The Potato Market.
Potato buyers are still as active as ever, but the inability to secure any where near enough cars to move the crop is causing serious inconvenience. Some handlers claim that if the necessary number of cars could be secured the influx of potatoes into the principal consuming markets would cause a break in the price, but this opinion is not maintained by all the shippers who continue to pay from 50 to 55 cents for good stock so long as they can secure cellars, warehouses and cars in which to deposit their purchases.

## The Grocery Market

Sugars are a little lower, the market being dull and steady. The feature of the week has been the advance in starch by the combination known as the Na tional Starch Manufacturing Co. It is $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$ on bulk, $1 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ on gloss and $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ on corn. T. Kingsford \& Sons have advanced $1 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ on gloss and $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ on corn. New prunes are expected to arrive in about two weeks. They will be worth $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.
Candy has been advanced all along the line, all the manufacturers within a certain radius having joined hands to maintain prices.

## Half Fare to Grand Rapids.

Half fare rates have been arranged for next week by the managers of the Masonic Fair, over the following roads: Tuesday-G. R. \& I.
Wednesday D. L. \& N.
Thursday-M. C., L. S. \& M. S., and D., G. H. \& M

Friday-C. \& W. M.
Tickets will be good going on date of sale and good to return the same day and day following.
This will afford merchants an excellent opportunity to visit the city at the reduced rate and place their orders for holiday goods.
For the finest coffees in the world, high grade teas, spices, etc., see J. P. Visner, 17 Hermitage block, Grand Rapids, Mich. Agent for E. J. Gillies \& Co., New York City.

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Interview with a Merchant from the "ith a Mercha
A certain merchant from away "up North," came to town one day last week. I knew him well. His general character was good, but there was a first-class hook and line fisherman lost to the world when he made a "bee" and put up his log store, with dwelling rooms above. His will never be a model store, but as his expenses are merely nothing and his profits large, he will generally pay cash and his credit will be good. I took him gently by the hand, looked mildly and calmly into his face, welcomed him to this free-hearted city and-well, I interviewed him; and this is what he said:
"My mercurial friend, I am glad to see you looking so fine and so fat. I have arrove in your big village to lay in supplies of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes and"-he looked cautiously around about thirty seconds and then in a lower voice and with a beautiful smile over the greater part of his face added-" a small supply of 'local option.' You understand? The ager gits right down to bizness np north, and medicine must be had. My store is the only one within five miles and there is no drugger within ten. I keep some quinine, paregoric and camphor, but my neigh bors and the hunters what come along allow that quinine is dangerous sense a State officer made a fuss about my sellin' it at all, so we get along with local option. You see, I am the 'local' and the people have the 'option.'
Still retaining his grasp upon my hand, he continued: "Lo! winter will soon spread her cloak over us. The drafts of Uncle Boreas will rush down upon us from the "Soo" and Lake Superior and chill us like a driving snow storm through a broken winder pane, while we are hastily changing our soiled seclusion. The dry and seriously faded leaf rustles under the tread of our heavy boots and the tree which was lately so lovely extends its naked arms and nods in the wind, as if beckoning some one to bring back its underclothing and a winter overcoat. Pumpkin pies will soon be ripe and parin' bee's and sich will be meller Spellin' schools and huskin's and red ears of corn and bussin' bees will all be numerous. But why speak of these things that bring up the past, when we were young and had chapped feet, and a woolen string tied around several sore toes? The turkeys begin to step gently and carefully and are more suspicious than they were two months ago. They also held a mass meetin' out back of the barn last week and sence then have roosted high in the poplars. Only day before yesterday one of them told me to 'quit' several times, when I had done nothin', even to offend a chicken. The squirrels have been busy with their harvestin' and the small hen-hawk, also. The sly old muskrat has his house nearly completed and is only waitin' for a heavy freeze, and the sound of the small boy's skate near his door, when he will take possession, close the winders, and start up the furnace. Lucky for that old rat if before that time his best dress overcoat is not stolen from his back, and found lying with those of his relations in the back room of some country store. But, as I said, why should we dwell on this subjec'? Life is short, and the train goes at 10:30 to-night. I must git all my truck ready to ship to-day. Lemall my truck ready to ship to-day. Lem-
this year. Good bye." uantities to quote. ${ }_{\text {Cran }}^{\text {Coop }}$ basket. and holding at 50@95c. much fluctuation in price. Turnips-30a.

## Mess, new.

Extra clear pig, short cut
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Boston clear, short cut Clear back, short cut. Pork Sausage.
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Boneless, rump butts..

## picnic

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Dried beef, ham prices.
Long Clears, heavy
Briskets, medium
Briskets, medium. Whitefish..........

## Whitefish.

## Trout...

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randum book, "candy, nuts, raisins, currants, figs, merlasses. You see the kids and the wimmen folks like sweet goods, and come toward Christmas all these things are wanted and I must lay in a good stock. If I can sell a few more carloads of railroad ties and telegraph poles, 1 shall run down agin once more

XXX 2.75 for cooking, 83.50 for winter grades and Apples-Evaporated are in small demand at 13c. Sundried are not yet in market in sufficient
Being made on the is coming in freely, purchases being made on the basis of \$1.65@1. 20 for country
hand-picked. City picked is held at $\$ 2$ a 2.10 . Beets-New, 50 e per bu.
Butter-Dairy is in good demand at 16@18c Cabbages- 50 c per doz, or $\$ 4$ finds sale at 23 c . Carrots- 30 e per bu.
Celery- 2002 L
Celery-20@45c per doz.
Cooperage-Pork barrels, 81.25 ; produce barrels
Cranberries-Michigan berries are in fair de-
mand at 82.50 per bu. Cape Cod mand at 82.50 per bu. Cape Cod commands $\$ 10$ market is firm. or fresh and holding at 22 c . Cold storage and ickled stock find moderate call at 20 c .
Field Seeds-Clover, mammoth, $\$ 4.60$ per bu.;
 Game-Venison, 13 e per 1 l. .
doz.; Partridges, 25 c per pair. Grapes-All varieties are out of market, except
Catawbas, which are held at $35 @ 40 \mathrm{c}$ per $9-\mathrm{lb}$
Maple Sugar - 8@10c per lb., according to
Maple Syrup-75@85c per gal.
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Onions-The market is firm, dealers paying 75c Potatoes-The activity in the market still concars to move their purchases serves to prevent
Sweet Potatoes-Baltimores, 82.75 per bbl; Jer
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PORK in barrels. Standard clear, short cut. best

50 lb . Cans.......................
Extra Mess, warranted
Extra Mess, Chicago packing.
Boneles,
8MOKED MEATs-Canvassed or Plain
Hams, average 20 lbs .
best boneless

FISH and OYSTERS.
F. J. Dettenthaler quotes as follows

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The Putnam Candy Co. quotes as follows:


## Cut Loaf.


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Cocoanuts, full sacks
Fancy, H. P., Bell PEANUTs.
Fancy, H. P. :" Stars Roasted
Choice, H. P., Ex Prince

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ARCTIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY,

## Order a Case of the <br> Reward Baking Powder. <br> Packed Two Dozen 1-lb Cans. With Two Dozen, One Yellow GLASS Oil Can, <br> "the pazl."

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## Wholesale Price Current.

The quotations given below are such as are ordinarily offered cash buyers wh pay promptly and buy in full packages.


## Hotel, 40 lb . boxes. Star, Paraffine <br> 

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## Cassla, Batavia

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## Populap Goods for the Holidays

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#### Abstract

Resolved to Be a "Kicker." "You saw that fashionable looking young man wearing a silk hat who entered the store as we came out," said a well to do acquaintance of mine, as we stepped outside a gentlemen's furnishing store the other day. "Well, he works in one of the railroad offices at $\$ 40$ a month,


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"Well, that's where you are fooled," my friend replied. "This young man's parents are wealthy, therefore he is considered good for any reasonable amount, and is allowed to run up bills accordingly. In his case, it is assumed that this 'limb' will some time pay, even if he is assisted by his maternal parent, to protect the credit of the family tree. He invariably 'kicks' on the price of everything and generally gets a reduction. Then, when his bill is presented, he makes another 'roar' and wants something off for cash, as he terms it, and he not infrequently gets it. I know it to be a fact that when he paid a bill of $\$ 75$ a short time ago, the proprietor of that store presented him with the very hat you saw him have on, and it is no uncommon occurrence for him to be allowed a selection from a choice lot of neckwear or handkerchiefs on such occasions. But such is the competition in trade now and the pulling and hauling to get all there is from your neighbor in every kind of business, that modesty and diffidence with a buyer don't count at all. It is the 'kicker' who gets the advantage every time. I go into a store, order what I want and pay for it without a word, and I have known instances where I paid more for the same goods than others who wrangled over the price and then had it put on the slate. It seems to be human to impose on good nature, and I have made up my mind to become a 'kicker' from this time on."

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by our grand parents, so changed in appearance and improved are they in their new dress. Walk farther on. Here is this store in the broadest contrast with the past in the display of ladies' readymade wearing apparel-all unknown seventy years ago-novel in style and elegance, and bewildering in their beauty. Next door to this is a book store. It bears some resemblance to those of the past, but the paper and bindings of these volumes, the genius of science and art could not have produced in 1820. Here we pass a drug store. What a change in it in seventy years! The "doctor's shop" then stood in its place, as its modest and unpretending predecessor. The various aids to the more perfect and rapid transaction of mercantile business has been equally progressive. Elevators have taken the place of stairs; young ladies and type writers have crowded out the prosy old letter writers; speaking tubes and telephones have nearly supplanted the errand boys; cables and telegraphs have kept pace with the growth of the mails; fast trains do the work formerly covered by stages and coaches. We live in a fast age, but are we any happier than our predecessors of seventy years ago?
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