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## A VALUABLE LESSON

ritten for Thr Tradesman.
The amount of assurance with which many persons engaged in commercial pursuits assert their inability to make a mistake and that an error in business matters implies a neglect of duty that is almost a crime, is one of the peculiar phases of business life too freuently seen, and it occasionally happens, that that such persons boast too soon and that they live to acknowledge it and pay roundly for their tuition.
An older brother and myself were engaged in the retail dry goods business in a small country town near Lake Memphremagog, in Vermont. We had opened our store in the village of $W$, four or five years previous to the incident which I am about to relate, had kept strictly in the dry goods line, and during most of the time had made our main purchases from Parker \& Co., of New York, which city we frequently visited. On one occasion, my brother made a complaint to the house in question over
an error made in shipping one of our orders, when the senior partner pompously remarked:
' It is the boast and pride of our house that we never make a mistake, either in invoicing, packing or shipping our goods. We sell bills from California to Florida and from Maine to Old Mexico and make no mistakes, and I assure you, sir, that it is your clerks who must have blundered if there was an error."
"But, my dear sir," I replied to this rather discourteous speech, "it is an old adage that all are liable to err, and, while I am willing to grant that we, in our small retail business, are liable to mistakes and are always willing to correct them, it is only natural for us to think that other men are also human and liable to err-unintentionally, of course," I added. "But, Mr. Parker," I continued, "the small items I mentioned as having been discovered as errors, contrary to our written orders, are unimportant; and, as we still désire to deal with your house, we will drop the subject forever and I will to-day se lect more goods."
Parker \& Co. was a very wealthy ex clusive dry goods firm. They carried an immense stock, and our small annual trade of $\$ 7,000$ to $\$ 8,000$ was a mere bagatelle to them, who thought nothing of selling a $\$ 20,000$ bill in one order, but to us their friendship and good-will was highly important, as they not only gave us lower prices than most others, but, being in circumstances to do so and knowing, from our commercial rating, that we were, at least, doing a safe and careful búsiness, occasionally carried us along a few months when collections were slow. During the past year only, they had sent with our orders and billed to us several dozens of ladies' and gentlemen's hose, and also eight or ten pieces of prints and cotton goods that
were evidently intended for an entirely different trade and locality, and which we had certainly never either selected or ordered; but their most serious mistake,
however, was in half a gross of neckkerchiefs, which were regularly billed at the price we stated, but were for summer use instead of winter, which we had ordered. The house had persistently ignored our complaints to these-to usimportant errors. All these mistakes did not occur with one order nor in consecutive order, but, as stated, extended over a twelve-month. Each time we at once promptly notified the house and asked if we might return them and receive other goods. To be sure, hose, prints and cotton goods had been ordered at those times and the number on the invoice corresponded with that sent n , but not such goods as were ordered came to us. Invariably we received the brief reply that the goods were checked upon our order when laid out for us and from the order book when placed in the bales or boxes and that, with their sysem, no errors could occur, and, therefore, we must keep the goods.
We began to tire of these mistakes, as we could barely obtain cost for the goods they forced us to keep. Some of them were evidently intended for the torrid zone and, coming to us in the winter, of course, were a loss to us; others were patterns unknown and not wanted in our locality and, while good in texture, would hardly sell there at any price. No amount of argument or expostulation with them was of any avail.
It was early in April when I concluded to visit the house and talk over the mater. I found the head of the firm disinclined to re-open the-to him-distasteful subject. He was stubborn as a mule and insisted upon quoting the standing maxims of that firm which had been doing business for thirty years and had them emblazoned on the walls of the office to the effect that it was infallible and could make no errors, therefore never, no, never corrected any. "We would sooner lose your trade," he said, which he assured me, in his blandest tones, they valued, " than acknowledge

## ny mistakes.

After a lengthy argument, which only seemed to irritate him, I told him that they were unimportant and dropped the subject. This was the day after my arrival in the city. I had a long list of " wants" with me, and, after informing Mr. Parker that I would be ready to make selections the following day, and he had designated the hour which would be most convenient to wait upon me, I repaired to my hotel to revise my memoranda and arrange them in proper order for rapidity of work.
t was about 10 o'clock, the next morning when I entered the office and shook hands with Mr. Parker, who at once placed a special salesman at my disposal and, with a peculiar smile and a glance toward myself, cautioned the gentleman to take especial care and maintain the reputation of the house by making no errors. I felt just then like closing my book and leaving the firm at once and forever, as I had already paid them in full; but I choked down the insult and accompanied the clerk. It
was 4 o'clock p. m. and time to close business for the day before I was half through with my selections, and I asked the salesman the privilege of meeting him an hour earlier the next day, which request was granted.
At 3:30 p. m., the second day, a telegram from my brother was placed in my hand, summoning me home at once, on account of sudden illness of my family I looked at my watch. The train would leave for the north at precisely $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. "I will leave you to select the balance of my goods for me," said I to the salesman, " and may I ask that you will devote some extra time to the work, for which I am willing to pay the house; and, if any doubts arise in regard to our meaning, wire us at once at our ex pense."
Railroads were not numerous in New England then as now, and our goods reached the end of railroad communication about one hundred miles away from us. which distance must be traversed by the old-time freight wagons. The last of our order did not arrive until ten days had elapsed, and nearly a week more had gone by before all the goods were opened. One good-sized, heavy box was not numbered, although plainly directed to us, and by the same marker, but for which we had no invoice. The clerks had already opened it before noticing that it was not numbered, and we found its contents to be eight dozen extra quality heavy silk umbrellas, with handsomely ornamented gold handle, and forty pounds sewing silk, assorted numbers and colors, in skeins.
Fancy, if possible, our amazement at another mistake of this house which never made mistakes! At first sight of the goods I was disposed to be angry and bit my lips with vexation, but, remembering that they were not charged in the bill and were never ordered by us, I told my brother that we would enjoy a little correspondence with them on the subject; that this blunder-about a \$400 one-was clearly their own; that I was rather pleased at its occurring just at this time, so soon after a personal interview with the head of the firm, who had treated me with such insolence; that the result would teach them a lesson in business which they had evidently yet to learn, and that they would not only be humbled by having to correct their mistake, but would be obliged to apologize to us for their hastiness and rude conduct.
Here is a copy of the letter I wrote them :
Parker \& Co., New York:
Gentlemen-We reluctantly beg to inform you that there is again an error on your part in the goods just received. The entire contents of one box are evidently intended for a warmer, a more moist and a far wealthier country than Northern Vermont. Bearing in mind our last conversation upon this subject with the head of your firm, we await your reply with much interest.

Your most obedient servants,
In due time the following reply was received

New York, April 26, 18 -.
Jennings Bros., W- Wher, April
Gentlemen-Yours of the 21st is before us. We beg to inform you that this house neither makes nor corrects any house neither

Yours very respectfully,
PARkER \& Co
"Still stubborn as a mule," said my
brother, after reading the letter. "Well, their error is to our advantage this time, and I think we can stand it if they can. Here, James," and he called the porter, tack the cover lightly on that unnumbered box and carry it upstairs for the present." Then, turning to me, he said, "That firm will be very apt to come to its senses within a month or less and will probably address us at more length and in a more humble manner; if not, the firm of Jennings Bros. will have more assets on hand in case of a failure." Four or five years passed and we had not failed but prospered. We had continued to purchase goods from Parker \& Co., and had paid them many thousands of dollars. One of us had visited New York once a year, but the subject of "errors" past, present or to come was a forbidden one. A few more errors were made-small ones, however-in the invoices we received but which we never even mentloned. In the meantime, we had a few special inquiries for silk umbrellas and had sold seven or eight of them at from $\$ 3$ to $\$ 7$ each, and we might have disposed of a few pounds of the sewing silk.
One sultry day in August, we were both pleased and surprised to see Mr. Parker himself standing in the, open door, with his Panama hat in one hand, while wiping the ${ }^{*}$ perspiration from his brow with the other. "How do you do, gentlemen?" was his pleasant salutation, as he approached us. "Thought I would take a vacation for a couple of weeks during the dull season and run up among the cool hills of Vermont, but I feel as if I had made a mistake-but $I$ never acknowledge that, you know-and gone South into the Carolinas. You don't often have it as hot as this, do dou?"
" Not unless a good thunder shower follows to cool off. Should we get one to-day, we shall probably be able to find you an umbrella, as you seem to be with out one," I answered.
"Guess you're about right," he said, with a laugh, " as I neglected to bring one. And your predicted shower is surely coming, too," he continued, as he glanced toward the Western horizon, where the lightning was playing around a black cloud.
Mr. Parker was evidently in good humor with himself and the balance of the world. Not a customer was in sight. Now, if ever, was the time to surprise him. With an impressive look toward my brother, who stood listening, I said, " Mr. Parker, you must not be caught without an umbrella while you are here among the hills and subjected to shower of rain at any moment. Come with me, if you please, and permit us to present you with one well worthy your visit to Vermont." And I led the way lid to the stock room above. Raising the from the box of gold-handled beauties, I said, "Take your choice of these and be sure to make a good selection.
A look of astonishment passed over his face, but there was no gleam of recognition. "What !" said he, " do you sell this class of goods up here in the country? They are first class but too good for this market I should think.'
" Oh, we sell a few good ones here occasionally," I carelessly answered.
He soon found one with a handle to suit his taste. "Many thanks. I shall endeavor to reciprocate your kindness." And he opened and closed the umbrella

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several times, seeming in deep thought, when, as we started to go down stairs, he remarked, "Guess I shall have to tell you a story after I find a seat."
Knowing the old gentleman to be fond of a cigar, I motioned for my brother to pass the box, at the same time offering him an easy chair. The shower was now full upon us and was rapidly lowering the temperature, so that we closed the door, and all took seats to listen.
"This umbrella," began Mr. Parker, "reminds me of an incident. About eight or ten years ago, our house received an order from a Spanish merchant, in Mexico, for a large invoice of the best silk umbrellas, with heavy goldplated handles. It is so long ago that I cannot recall the number wanted, but, with some fifty pounds of sewing silk ordered with it, the bill was about $\$ 500$. As an evidence of good faith, the merchant enclosed a draft for $\$ 200$ with the order and also references to several banks in New York and Philadelphia. Well, to cut the story short, we shipped the goods, but they never reached their destination; and, although we expended nearly the total amount of the check in the search, we have never, from that day to this, found a trace of them."
"You certainly have seen them?" said I.
"I do not understand you, Mr. Jennings," rejoined Mr. Parker. "I just told you that I have never even heard from them."
"But, still, you have seen them," I persisted, without a change of expression.
"Never, sir !" emphatically protested the old gentleman, who did not yet see the point.
At this, clerks and all roared with laughter. Just a moment only, a shade of anger passed over Mr. Parker's face as he glanced from one to another. Then a new light seemed to dawn upon him and a smile came to relieve the embarrassment. "Yes, gentlemen," said he, "I think, now, that 1 have both seen and found the lost box of umbrellas And I will acknowledge that it was my own fault that I did not find them years ago. The circumstance all comes back to me now. It served us right. I have no fault to find with anyone except myself. The box was evidently mixed up with your goods and was marked as yours by mistake, and, had it not been for my crusty reply to your letter intimating that an error had occurred, you would have returned my lost goods at once."
"Well," I replied, "I believed that the time would sometime come to show you that box, and it did, but I was surprised that you did not instantly recognize your lost goods." Turning to my brother, "George," said I, " make out a bill of the umbrellas and silk already sold, have Mr. Parker receipt for the amount and we will ship the balance to his house to-morrow."
"Never!" exclaimed the old gentleman, rising to his feet. "That box of merchandise is yours, although it is not sufficient to compensate you for my mistakes in the past and my dogged determination never to acknowledge an error. In the later years of my life, I have begun to see my own faults and am willing to believe that no merchant lives who is not liable to mistakes and that the true principle is to acknowledge
them. I must say that I am astonished at your patience and forbearance in remaining our patrons so long, considering the provocation you have had for leaving us, and I trust that this incident will leave a valuable impression upon those who are yet young and are soon to occupy our places in the marts of trade." H.

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## AMONG THE TRADE.

AROUND THE STATE.
Addison-A. D. Swartout has sold his meat market to Humphrey Bros. Graafschap-Thos. Boven will re-engage in general trade in the spring. Quincy-E. A. Jones is succeeded by $A$. Whitney in the hardware business. Detroit-John J. Gorman succeeds E. \& J. Gorman in the hat and cap business. Bay City-Jennison \& Son succeed Jennison \& Co. in the hardware business. Saginaw-The West Side Furniture Co. is succeeded by the West Side Art

Belding-Foote \& Sons are succeeded by Geo. Hauk in the boot and shoe business.

Kalamazoo-F. P. Ford succeeds Ford \& Humphrey in the photographing business.
Woodland-Bolter \& Gates succeed J. W. Hathaway in the wood, lime and salt business.
Fremont-Wm. Boone succeeds Wm . Boone \& Co . in the furniture and undertaking business.
Ann Arbor-C. F. Staebler \& Co. are succeeded by Staebler Bros. in the paint and oil business.
Lake Odessa-W. Elliott \& Co. have put in a line of clothing, hats and caps and men's furnishing goods.
Manistique - Andrew Anderson has suffered the loss of his boot and shoe stock by fire. No insurance.
Ithaca-J. B. Beemer \& Co. are succeeded by Geo. W. Stambaugh in the agricultural implement business,
Montague-L. G. Ripley talks of putting a stock of dry goods in the store soon to be vacated by G. H. Mason.
Battle Creek-Murphy \& Kelleher are succeeded by T. J. Kelleher in the dry goods and furnishing goods business.
Detroit-King, Klugh \& Co. are succeeded by Louis B. King \& Co. in the wholesale and retail crockery business.

Saginaw - Groll \& Nothhelfer, boot and shoe dealers, have dissolved, each continuing business on his own account.
Ypsilanti-Stowell H. Dimick, one of the first men to go into business here, is dead. He started a drug store here in 1847.

Stanton-John W. S. Pierson \& Co. have merged their hardware business into a stock company under the same style.

Rogers City-W. W. Hunter, Hartwell \& Co. are succeeded by Fingleson, Hartwell \& Co. in general trade and the sawmill business.
Climax-R. E. Jeff has sold his interest in the drug and grocery firm of Pierce \& Jeff to A. S. Lee. The new firm will be known as Pierce \& Lee. $\square$ Cheboygan-Reid \& Co. have dissolved partnership and retired from the grocery business. The partners were John Reid, of this city, and Geo. Thomas, of Owosso.
Belding-C. G. O'Bryon has purchased of H. T. M. Treglown his stock of boots and shoes and, in exchange, Mr. Treglown has taken Mr. O'Bryon's line of carpets.
Belding-J. Cornell, formerly proprietor of the Commercial House, at St. Louis, has purchased the grocery stock of Wm. F. Bricker and will continue the business.

Allegan-The lines of business formed by the consolidation of Sherwood \& Griswold and E. C. Jenner will hereafter be conducted under the style of Sherwood, Griswold \& Co.

Nunica-Fremont Brown has sold his interest in the hardware firm of Brown \& Parkhurst Bros. to his partners, who will continue the business under the style of Parkhurst Bros.
Dushville-P. Allyn and Caleb Bundy have formed a copartnership under the style of Caleb Bundy \& Co. to carry on the grocery, flour and feed, meat, notion, hard ware and tinware business.
Dushville-P. Allyn has sold his dry goods, clothing and boot and shoe stock to John A. Drew, who will remove same to Two Rivers-Caldwell postoffice-and consolidate it with his general stock.
Plainwell - The Michigan Paper has purchased the old B. F. Lyon paper mill, which has not turned a wheel since August, 1887, and expects to have the same in operation within sixty days.
Nunica-J. Brown \& Son have pur chased considerable new machinery, some of which has already arrived, which they are to put in their flouring mill here making it a full roller process mill.
Saginaw - Charles Adams, who has been carrying on the grocery business at 623 North Porter street, has sold out to A. M. Fellows, who will continue the business. C. E. Hodges, who was with Mr. Adams, will have the general management of the business.
Cheboygan - Barber \& Grieve, the Third street meat market firm, have desolved partnership, Mr. Grieve retiring and Barber contiruing the business at the old stand. Mr. Grieve has bought out Lee Clark, the Main street butcher and will continue in the meat market business at that stand.
Detroit-A. McPherson \& Co., whole sale commission merchants on Woodbridge street, west, have given a chattel mortgage on their stock and fixtures to the American Exchange National Bank, and have closed their doors for an inventory. The senior member says that he doesn't know whether business will be resumed or not.
Detroit-S. Simons \& Co. have filed a chattel mortgage, executed by Ryan Rrothers, in favor of the firm filing, in the sum of $\$ 17,000$, covering all the goods, merchandise and personal proper ty, composing the entire stock in trade all machinery, engines, boilers, etc., and all stock that may hereafter be added to the general stock of the knitting works. The mortgage secures certain promisory dorsed by the Ryan Bros.
Jackson-The item in a recent issue of The Tradesman regarding the successors of Clark, Baker \& Co. in the wholesale grocery business is a little mislead ing. The Jackson Grocery Co. is not a corporation, albeit it has a corporate style, the copartners being W. D. Thompson, the banker, H. S. Griggs, another Jackson man, and Frank H. Bower, who traveled along the Michigan Central for five years for Phelps, Brace \& Co., of Detroit. The new house has ample capital and starts out under most flattering auspices.

## manufacturing matters.

Fenwick-Banyard \& Preston succeed Banyard \& Johnson in the milling business.

Detroit-The E. J. Robinson Lumber Co. has been incorporated, with a capital stock of $\$ 8,000$.
Douglas-Jas. Gardiner has been appointed receiver of the basket factory of Wm. Weed \& Co.

Jackson-J. W. Hewitt is succeeded by F. Hanam \& Co. in the manufacture of buggies and road carts.
Detroit-Fitzsimmons \& Creary succeeded Fitzsimmons \& Fink in the manufacture of overalls.

Woodland-J. W. Hathaway has sold his elevator to Willard Bolton and Abigail Gates, who will continue the business under the style of Bolton \& Gates.
Stanton-Epply \& Devine have purchased 10,000 acres of land near Beechwood, Iron county, and will put in a shingle mill and supply store at Beech-

Hudson-The Kefuss Milling Co. has leased the Hudson Milling Co.'s plant for three years and will operate both mills hereafter. The lease dates from Feb. 18.
Au Sable-There is a rumor on the Huron shore that a syndicate is negotiating for the timber of the Potts concern, both pine and hardwood, and that if the deal is closed the mill will be stocked and operated until the timber is all cut. Detroit - Robert M. Dalton, Mary Hutchinson and David Barry have incorporated the Dalton Manufacturing Co., with $\$ 5,500$ capital, $\$ 750$ of which is paid in. The company will manufacture a combined sprinkler and seeder and other farm implements.
Marquette-The Cleveland Saw Mill Co. is doubling the capacity of its mill at this point, putting in two more band saws. Last year it sawed a large amount of defective timber in which, of course, there was great waste. It has now, however, sold all of its poor logs and timber suitable for shingles, which will be sorted out and manufactured at a shingle mill to be erected here by another concern early in the spring.
Otsego-Geo. E. Bardeen, President of the Bardeen Paper Co., writes The Tradesman that the paper mill now in process of erection will make super-calendered, calendered and machine finished book paper, the same as the present mill. In the near future, the company expects to build a third mill to use the refuse of both mills in the manufacture of bogus manilla, red express and wrapping papers.

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Milo J. Thomas, hardware and agricultural implements, Corunna, Ind.: "The Tradesman is a No. 1 paper and we could not do without it." Stickney \& Co., general dealers, Paris: "We want the paper continued.'
M. S. Brownson, rrocer, Kingsley: "I have taken The Tradesman several years and value it. Do not stop it without my order.
Dennis Leggett, drugs and groceries, Paris: Glad to see you, sir. Tre Tradesman is all fight and we want it."
Cairns E Smith, general dealer, Cairns: look forward with pleasure each week for TeE

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## GRAND RAPIDS GOSSIP.

G. N. Wagner \& Bro. are succeeded by Wagner Bros. \& Co. in the lumber and shingle business.

Chas. Sach has opened a grocery store at 219 Coit avenue. The Ball-BarnhartPutman Co. furnished the stock.
Miller Wilson has engaged in the grocery business at New Era. The Olney \& Judson Grocer Co. furnished the stock.
W. W. Bracey has removed his grocery stock from 217 Coit avenue to the former location of Kryger \& Oom, 551 Ottawa street.
Beckstrom \& Nelson have opened a hardware store on Houston avenue, Muskegon. Foster, Stevens \& Co. furnished the stock.

Foster, Stevens \& Co. have enlarged the offiee of their wholesale department, affording S. F. Stevens and his assistants more elbow room.

Meina E. Tuinstra will remove his grocery scock from the corner of North Coit avenue and Madison street to 32 West Leonard street.

Herman Burger has removed his grocery stock from 32 West Leonard street to the former location of A. Mulder \& Sons, 36 West Leonard street.

Louis Sands has put in a stock of groceries and mill supplies at Lake City under the management of his son, Chas. Sands. The Ball-Barnhart-Putman Co. furnished the stock.

## Gripsack Brigade.

C. F. Williams, traveling representative for L. Perrgo \& Co., of Allegan, was in town over Sunday.

Cornelius Crawford and family have left the Warwick and resumed life in their own home on Paris avenue.
A. R. Brandt, traveling representative for Riedeburg \& Bodden Co., of Milwaukee, was in town several days last week.
Wm . Jones has recovered from his recent indisposition and resumed his visits to the trade of the Lemon \& Wheeler Company.

Emil Fecht, traveling representative for J. J. Bagley \& Co., put in last week at Grand Rapids. He was accompanied by his wife.
M. L. Campbell, druggist at Leslie, has pulled off the road for Lambert \& Lowman. He is succeeded by his clerk, L. C. Reynolds.

Joe F. O. Reed has been called to Denver by the illness of his mother. Frank Hadden will cover his territory during his absence.

Chas. F. McLain is rapidly recovering from his recent attack of typhoid fever, but will be too weak to resume his trips on the road for a couple of weeks yet.

Capt. Lon. H. Hascall, Michigan representative for Wheeler, Blodgett \& Co., of Boston, received a welcome valentine Saturday in the shape of a buxom boy.

John Q. Ryan, formerly with John C. Sullivan, of Detroit, has engaged to travel for the cigar department of I. M. Clark \& Son, taking the D., G. H. \& M. east and the G. R. \& I., C. \& W. M., and Michigan Central north.
A. L. Thompson, formerly engaged in the drug business at Harbor Springs and more recently engaged in the same business in this city, has gone on the road for G. G. Green, the "August Flower" man. His territory includes the entire State.

Bert Remington, formerly on the road for Musselman \& Widdicomb, has engaged to travel for H. C. \& C. Durand, of Chicago, covering the central and southern portions of the State. The Messrs. Durand now have three salesmen in Michigan-Dick Savage, John R. Price and Mr. Remington.
The Jackson Grocery Co. has three men on the road-Orson Leach, who covers Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana and Ohio; Chas. S. Hitchcock, who calls on the trade on the Michigan Central, west of Jackson, and Frank Ganaird, whose territory includes the towns "on the Michigan Central, north and east of Jackson.
T. P. S. Hampson, formerly specialty salesman for the Hazeltine \& Perkins Drug Co., but for the past seven years on the road for the Anti-Kalsomine Co., has engaged to travel for the U. S. Gutta Percha Paint Co., manufacturers of paints and varnishes at Providence, R. I. His territory includes all the large towns from Miehigan to California.
One hundred and forty dollars was expended in furnishing the traveling men's room at the Masonic Home and Secretary Seymour has succeeded in gathering in about $\$ 90$. As about $\$ 50$ more is needed to meet all the bills, the Secretary rehave not contributed their dollar to do so as soon as convenient.

Purely Personal.
O. A. Ball went to Lake City last week to sell Louis Sands his new grocery stock.
L. E. Bahle, of the firm of L. E. Bhale \& Co., general dealers at Sutton's Bay, was in town last Saturday on his way home from Milwaukee and Chicago.
C. C. Philbrick, of the firm of Foster, Stevens \& Co., left to-day for the Bermudas. He is accompanied by his wife and expects to be absent a month or six weeks.
W. F. Chapman, formerly engaged in trade at 344 South Division, is now connected with C. M. Linington at Chicago. Mr. Chapman was identified with Foster, Stevens \& Co. for seven years and with H. Leonard \& Sons for three years.

Educate the Consumer. Grand Rapids, Feb. 14-In my opinion it is rather late in the season to begin to agitate the oyster situation, Fallas in last week's Tradesman. The whole trouble lies with the consumer, who continually demands something cheap. If one dealer asks 25 cents a can at retail and another asks 20 cents, the consumer invariably takes the cheaper can, although the chances are he does not get over half the oysters he would in the higher priced can. As a matter of fact, solid filled cans are now worth 27 cents per can by the case, and no dealer can sell fo pay transportation charge Edusell for less than 35 cents per can. Educate the consuriably to the idea that low prices invar will be glad to handle good goods and good goods only.

Orster Jobber.

## A Close Resemblance.

Emil Fecht, the Detroit tobacco sales man, recently noted a remark by a Teutonic gentleman which pleased him immensely. A friend met the German and congratulated him on the fine appear ance of his span of mules, when the owner remarked that there was only one trouble with the animals.
"What is that?" asked the friend.
" Each look so tam much like both dat I can't tell 'em togeder," was the unique reply.

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## SEEDS!

Parties wishing seeds of any kind for garden or field please send for our catalogue and wholesale price list before buying.
We carry the largest and most complete stock of seeds in Western Michigan, and offer only such seeds as are of the highest grade.

## The Alfred Brown Seed Store.

Parties having Clover Seed to sell, please correspond with us.


## HARDWARE.

Locks Used on United States Mail Pouches.
"It is a very risky thing nowadays for a mail agent to interfere with the lock on the mail pouches in his care," said Assistant Postmaster Gayler to a World re-
porter, as he handled a burnished copper lock which lay upon his desk. "This lock makes it practically impossible for any interference to go undiscovered. Examine this lock, and you will see that each time you turn the key, the register moves up one number. I lock it on the number 1,234. Now you unlock it. See, the number is now 1,235 . And you cannot get it back to the first number, do what you may. All our locks begin at 1 and stop at 9,999 , giving them a life of service of thirty-three years. When the last number is reached the lock will not work any more unless it is sent back to the factory and 'upset.' This fact was unknown to the route agent who ran between Altoona and Harrisburg in 1881, when the lock was first adopted by the government. He had no difficulty in procuring a key to open the lock, and figured that he could manage to go through the contents of his pouch, and by the use of a turning lathe, which he took in the car with him, he could soon send the numbers flying till he would get back to the number charged against him on leaving the post office at Harrisburg. It was mail lock No. 102, regburg. It was mail lock No. 102, regthrough the contents of the pouch and getting a good swag he placed his lock in the lathe and commenced to turn. It didn't take long to make 9,000 revolutions on the lathe, but when the lock re tions on the rathe, but when he lock re frightened and throwing his feoty got on the floor of the car, he jumped off and on the foor of the car, he jumped off and took to the woods. This was a warning to others, and we scarcely ever hear of any attempts to tackle this lock. It is the best kind of a protection against socalled honest few hundred if they risk stealing a few hundred if they risk nothing-fellows who are in positions of trust. It simply keeps watch, and if one of the men acts dishonestly, it just ells on him. That's every time and can't be bribed.'

## The Hardware Market.

Nails are without change. The bar iron and sheet iron market is weak and prices can be shaded from present quotations. Barbed wire is without change. Tin has advanced 25@50c. per box during the past week. Rope is still weak. Glass is lower and weaker.

## The Pem Treeger Thaseitinthelernde


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THEM OR GIVE YOU PRICES AND DISCOUNS, AMERICAN MACHINE CO., John H. Graham \& Co. Manufacturehs agents,


| Prices Current. |  | ROPES. <br> Sisal, $1 / 2$ inch and larger |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| These prices are for cash buyers, who | Kip's... \& Plumb's........................ dis. 40 di 10 | squares |
| pay promptly and buy in full packages. | Mason's Solld Cast Steel. ...............30c 11st 60 |  |
| AUGURS AND BITs. | Blacksmith's Solid Cast Steel, Hand ....30c $40 \& 10$ Hinges. | Mit |
|  | Gate, Clark's, 1, 2, $3 \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ d i s .60 \& 10$ | Com. Smooth. Com. |
| Cook's ...................................... 40 | State....................... doz. net, 250 |  |
| Jennings', genuine .......................... ${ }_{\text {Jennings', }}^{\text {Imitation }}$. ${ }^{25}$. ${ }^{2}$. | Screw Hook and Strap, to $12 \mathrm{in} .41 / 814$ and $31 /$ | Nos. 15 to 17..................... $420 \quad 320$ |
| Jennings', imitation ......................... 50\&10 |  | Nos. 18 to $21 \ldots \ldots . .$. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 420 20 320 |
| Ax |  |  |
| First Quallty, S. B. Bronze................. 8850 |  | Nos. 25 to $26 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . \quad .440$. ${ }^{46} 40$ |
| ". D. B. Bronze .................. 1250 | " 4 " 4 \% | No. $27 \ldots \ldots$ |
|  | Strap and T....................... dis. 70 | All sheets No. 18 and lighter, over 30 fnches wide not less than $2-10$ extra |
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| Railroad.................................... 81400 | Champlon anti friction ......................... 60 | List acet. 19, '86................. ....... dis. 50 |
| Garden................................ net 3000 | Ktdder, wood track ................. ........ 40 | SAsH CORD. |
| bolts. - dis. |  | ". Drab A .................... ${ }^{\text {a }} 55$ |
| Stove. .......................................50\&10 |  |  |
| Carriage new list. .......................... 70 |  | " Drat |
| Plow ...................... .............. 40 \&10 | Gray enameled......... .......... ... 40\&10 | Discount, 10 . |
| Slelgh shoe |  |  |
| BUCKETs. | Stamped Tin Ware... .............. .new list 70 | Solid Eyes...........................per ton $\mathbf{t}_{25}$ |
| Well, plain................................ 350 | Japanned Tin Ware. ..... .......... ${ }^{25}$ | ". Hand saws. dis. |
| Well, swivel....................... ......... 400 | Granite Iron Ware ..............new list 33\% $\& 10$ | Hand .o. $0 . . .1$ |
| BUtTs, Cast. dis. |  | Silver steel Dis. X Cuts, per foot, |
| Cast Loose Pin, figured........ ............70\& | Screw Eyes............................ $70 \& 10$ \& 10 | Special Steel Dla. X Cuts, per foot.... 30 |
| Wrought Narrow, bright 5ast joint. .........60\&10 | Hook's . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | " Champion and Electric Tooth |
| Wrought Loose Pin . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 60.610 | Gate Hooks and Eyes <br> 70\&10\&10 | Cuts, per foot............................. 30 |
| Wrought Table.............................60\&10 | levels. $\mathrm{d} 1 \mathrm{~s} .$ | (1) |
| Wrought Inside Blind. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 60\&10 | Stanley Rule and Level Co.'s . . 70 | Steel, Game. |
| Wrought Brass............ ................. 75 | kNobs-New List. dis. | Oneida Community, Newhouse's ........... 35 |
| Blind, Clark's............................. 70 \%10 | Door, mineral, jap. trimmings ......... .. 55 | Oneida Community, Hawley \& Norton's ... 70 |
| Blind, Parker's........... . . . . . . . . . . . . . 70\&10 | Door, porcelain, jap. trimmings ... . . 55 | Mouse, choker.... .................. 188 per doz. |
| Blind, Shepard's ............................ 70 | Door, porcelain, plated trimmings . . . . . . . . 55 | Mouse, delusion .................. 81.50 per doz. |
| blocks. | Door, porcelsin, trimmings ...... ..... ... 55 |  |
| Ordinary Tackle, list April 17, '85.......... 40 | Drawer and Shutter, porcelain.... ${ }^{20}$ | Bright Market |
| cradles. |  | Coppered Mark |
| Graln ................ . .......... . . dis. 50\&02 | Mallory, Wheeler \& Co.'s........... ........ 55 | Tinned Market |
| crow Bars. | Branford's ................................... 55 | Coppered Spring steel .................... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 50 |
|  | Norwalk's ....................... . . . . . 55 | Barbed Fence, galvanized. .............. ${ }^{4} 40$ |
|  | Adze Eye ..................... ... 16.00 , dis. 60 | paintee $\begin{aligned} & \text { Horse nails }\end{aligned}$ |
| Ely's 1-10.............................per m 65 | Hunt Eye ....................... 815.00 , dis. 60 | Au Sable . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . dis. 25 \& 10025810 \&05 |
| Hick's C. F......................... " $60^{\text {a }}$ | Hunt's .............. ......... 818.50, dis. 20\&10. | Putnam.......................... dis. 05 |
|  | Ls. dis. | Northwestern..................... dis. 10\&10 |
|  | Sperry \& Co.'s, Post, handled................ dis. 50 | Baxter's Adjustable, nickeled.............. ${ }^{\text {Wrenches. }}{ }_{30}$ |
|  | Coffee, Parkers Co.'s....... ......... ${ }^{\text {a }} 40$ | Coe's Genuine .............................. 50 |
| Rim Fire...... ..... . . . . . ${ }_{\text {Central Fire }}$ | " P. S. \& W. Mfg. Co.'s Malleables.... 40 | Coe's Patent Agricultural, wrought, ........ 75 |
| Central Fire |  | Coe's Patent, malleable.....................7s dis. 10 |
| Socket Firmer . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 70\&10 | molasses gates. dis. | Bird Cages ............... ...... .... ..... 50 |
| Socket Framing ..............................70\&10 | Stebbin's Pattern.... ..................... 60\&10 | Pumps, Cistern........... . . . . . . . . . . . ${ }_{\text {Serews, New List }}$ |
| Socket Corner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 70\&10 | ${ }_{\text {Stebbin's Genuine }}^{\text {Enterprise, self-measuring }}$....................60810 ${ }_{25}$ | Screws, New List. ${ }_{\text {Casters, Bed and Plate........... ...... } 50 \text { \& } 10 \& 10}^{50}$ |
| Socket Slicks ............................70\&10 40 | Enterprise, self-measuring $\ldots$............... | Crsters, Bed American ....................... ${ }^{\text {Dampers, }} 40$ |
| Butchers' Tanged Firmer...................... 40 | Steel nails, base............ ....... ........ 195 | Forks, hoes, rakes and all steel goods..... 65 |
|  | Wire nails, base....... .... ......... .........2 35 |  |
| Curry Lawrence's .......................... 40 | Advance over base: Steel. Wire. | IG tiv. |
| Hotchtiss ................................. 25 |  | Pig Large................................ 260 |
| K. |  | Pig Bars..... .... .................. . ... . 次c |
| White Crayons, per gross.........120121/3 dis. 10 |  | Duty: Sheet, $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per pound. |
| COPPER. |  | 600 pound casks......................... 63/4 |
| Planished, 14 oz cut to size..... per pound 30 |  | Per poun |
| " 14x52, 14x56, 14x60 ............... 28 |  |  |
|  | $10 \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | Extra wiping .................................. 15 |
| Cold Rolled, 14x48........................ ${ }_{27}{ }_{2}^{5}$ | $7 \& 6 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | The prices of the many other qualities of |
| DRILL8. <br> dis. |  | solder in the market indicated by private brands |
| Morse's Bit Stocks....................... 50 |  |  |
| Taper and stralght Shank.................. 50 |  | Cookson......................... per pound 16 |
| Morse's Taper Shank..................... . . 50 | Case 10....................... 60 90 | Hallett's........................ ${ }^{\text {a }} 13$ |
| dripping pans. | 75100 |  |
| Small slzes, ser pound ................... 07 |  | 10x14 IC, Charcoal.................... ... 8.850 |
| Large sizes, per pound................ ..... 61/2 |  | 14x20 IC, ". ${ }_{10 \times 14}$ |
| Elb |  |  |
| Com. 4 plece, 6 in.................doz. net 75 |  | Each additional X on this grade, 8 |
| Corrugated ......................... dis. 20\&10\&10 | 4 8 8.................. ...... 100 00 90 | ME-alha |
| Adjustable.............................dis. 40 \&10 | 115100 | 10x14 IC, Charcoal ............. .... 650 |
| EXPANSIVE Bits. dis. |  |  |
| Clark's, small, 818 ; large, $826 . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ 30 ~$ |  |  |
|  | Sciota Bench............................... @6i | Each additional $\mathbb{X}$ on this grade \$1.50. |
| piles-New List. dis. | Sandusky Tool Co.'s, fancy ................. @40 | ROorine plates |
| Disston's ....................................60\&10 | Bench, first quallty ........................ @60 | ${ }_{14 \times 20}^{14 \times 20}$ IC, " Worcester.................. 6 6 50 |
| New American .............................60\&10 | Stanley Rule and Level co.'s, wood. . . . ${ }_{\text {paNs. }}$ |  |
| Nicholson's . ..................... . . . . . . . . 60 \% ${ }_{50}$ |  | $14 \times 20$ IC, ". Allaway Grade $\ldots$......... 5 75 |
| Heller's <br> Heller's Horse Rasps | Common, poilshed.................... dis. dis. 70 |  |
| GALVANIZED IRON | BIVETS. $\qquad$ dis. <br> Iron and Tinned | 20x28 IC, " " |
| Nos. 16 to $20 ; 22$ and $24 ; 25$ and $26 ; 27 \quad 28$ | Copper Rivets and Burs................... 50 | boller bize tin Pl |
| $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { List } & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 18\end{array}$ | PATENT PLANISHED IRON |  |
| Discount, 60 | "A" Wood's patent planished, Nos. 24 to 271020 | 14x31 IX .............. ..... .. ........... 1550 |
| anuers. dis. | B"Wood's pat. planished, Nos. 25 to 27... 920 | 14x56 IX, for No. 8 Bollers, $\}$ per pound ... 10 |
| Stanley Rule and Level Co.'s............... | Broken packs $1 / 2 \mathrm{C}$ per pound extr | 14x60 IX, " " 9 " per pound ... 10 |



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1891.
In a conversation with a Chicago gentleman who is interested in Board of Pharmacy matters in Illinois, The Tradesman learned that the Illinois Board did not elect their clerical officers from among themselves, but that the office of Secretary and Treasurer was invested in one person who, although elected by the members of the Board to perform those duties, was not himself a member and had no connection with the Board, except in his merely clerical capacity. It appears that the purpose of this arrangement was to do away with the bickerings and dissentions over the salaried offices among the members of the Board. It is generally admitted that in the Michigan Board a good deal of feeling has sprung up among some of the members relative to the disposition of the offices, and especially that of the Secretaryship, which is the only office that has much of a salary attached to it. Would it not be a wise policy on the part of Michigan pharmacists to adopt a plan similar to that of the Illinois Board and elect a competent person outside of the Board to fill the office of Secretary and Treasurer? It would seem that such a course, by eliminating the greed and plotting for office, would tend to secure a greater degree of harmony among the members and to that extent increase the efficiency of the Board. The result would be that the only office held by any nember of the Board would be that of President - a purely honorary one - and one that could be passed around without injuring the pocket of any member of the Board.

## The Grocer Waileth.

Writen for The Tradismas.
"Yes," said the grocer, "I do constantly deplore the fate that first led me into the grocery business, and I envy the farmer, the mechanic and every other vocation under the sun except this confounded one of selling groceries. Everything else is more pleasant and profitable, and just how it ever happened that I engaged in this business at all is what puzzles me. Then, too, I am obliged to be so kind and courteous to every man, women and child in the country, whether they
abuse me or not, and even if insulted, it abuse me or not, and even if insulted, it those customers standing around. I must just smile and say all sorts of mild sweet things-or nothing at all. Have to buy white livered, pie-bald ${ }_{2}^{6}$ butter, too, and am expected to say 'How nice? 'Gilt edged! etc., when I feel at the same time that it is a little too stout to grease wool with. Then comes the 'fair and lovely spring time time' butter! How its delicate odor of flowers and-well, I don't like to tell-floats upon the air of my grocery like fresh limburger cheese in a ball room! 'It stood near a barrel of onions arter I worked it over last night,' remarked the good old lady who stood
near, and who saw an involuntary movement of my nose as 1 bent my head to examine it, 'but La suz! onions is jest the healthiest herb that grows. Set that butter in the shade where the wind'll blow on it half an hour, an' you wouldn't know an onion had been within a mile of it.' And that basket of eggs, with the large ones picked out and carefully left at home! What should I say to the honest old P. I.? He didn't lay 'em. It's just the time of year for fresh egg, but it would be as much as my life -no, my trade-was worth to say one word; yet I know for a certainty that the man forgot to wash 'em, and that the hens stole their nests in the rank grass under the current bushes, near the barn yard fence, and they have very silently reposed beneath the benign rays of a summer sun and nightly dews, and have been past due and protested for thirty days. As a grocer, I have to take 'em, and let him trade 'em out, else I shall 'catch it' from his entire neighborhood. And when the glorious Fourth of July comes rushing around, and the crowds are happy in their best Sunday-go-tomeeting clothes, I am obliged to stay at home and roast peanuts and wait upon customers, as usual, and probably sell a barrel of sugar that day at a net profit of 25 cents for weighing it out. Oh yes, this keeping a grocery store is a profitable and elevating business-in a horn! When I told a man just what granulated sugar cost me the other day, he shouted out 'What! will you stand there and tell me you only make half a cent a pound on that sugar?' as if I had deliberately lied to him, and when I assured him it was true, he consoled me by throwing back his head and with a hearty laugh informed me that there was no danger but I would make up all the profits necessary on other goods! Then there is another lovely shade of the grocery business-1 should have said shadow, as that portion of my experience is all ghostly-and that is the 'sweet bye and bye' credit business. It is a veritable sweet brier-a beauty! How persuading are those promises to pay! How touching their tenderness! How softly they steal upon the memory in the waking hours of some dark night--more especially when a bank note is about due! How the artful but honest voice of the deadbeat who carried the goods lovingly from your door is reproduced upon the phonograph of your memory, and how you think you would enjoy mopping the floor with him, if you only felt physically equal to the task! I have not the courage to even look at my old ledger. It stares me in the face with the persistency of a graveyard whenever I go near it. Some of those entries would give me the chills and fever, particularly those sweet entries upon which I made half a cent a pound profit; and the coffee upon which if I sold ten pounds at once I cleared 8 per cent. Cleared, indeed! The dead-beat cleared with both my principal and interest. Only $\$ 800$ on that book donated. That is all. Others may be fascinated with the retail grocery trade, may be piling up wealth in it, but my stock is for sale at any price short of a 'yaller dog' and 1 will agree to bind myself out as apprentice to a gimlet maker, if there is nothing else to do; as there is more real happiness in a chicken ranch, or a popcorn stand, for the dreams of such men are not disturbed by the night-mare of credit."

Grocer.

The Innovation Made by Modern Machinery.

## Written for the tradesman.

"What a fine display of hardware you have in your windows to-day?" I remarked to a merchant who stood upon the sidewalk surveying his work of an hour or two, in order that there might be an attraction on that side of the street. Curiosity is alluring, and within five minutes two admiring examiners had attracted five or six more, and still others were aoming.
I entered the store with the proprietor, when he said, "When I look at the varied display in that window, I think of my boyhood days and what an excitement it would have created then. Still, no display of this kind was possible, nor probably would be to-day were it not for the aid of machinery. Look at that modern brace, with all its improvements, and at that implement for pulling nails from boxes, capable of doing its work as if by steam power and saving its price in nails in a few days. And see that most simple yet wonderful invention, the modern serew-driver, which performs its work so perfectly and with almost electric velocity. These are the fruits of invention and machinery combined; yet it is a question, with a majority of those who use these articles, whether all the machinery employed has, in the aggregate, benefited the human family. Less than a century ago, what a list of valuable household and other useful articles made of iron were fabricated by hand, nothing worthy the name of machinery being used in their production. I might name some of the articles made of wrought iron that would come within the cata-logue-butcher knives, table knives and forks, axes, scythes, sickles, horseshoes, horse-nails, every piece of iron used in the construction of a wagon, sometimes the iron shoes of a sleigh and nearly the entire list of sharp-edged tools. I will leave it for the dealers in hardware to decide whether these hand-made articles were as good or better than those now produced so rapidly by the aid of machinery. Many of the articles then made have gone out of use and something else has taken their place.
"Reasonable proof is produced to show that all our modern machinery has come to us at just the right time and that it would have been an injury to the human family in the past when the world was less densely populated. On the other hand, it is assumed that every piece of machinery made to perform the work of ten to fifty men deprives of labor every man out of this number not required to feed and operate it. Now, so far as that particular work is concerned, this is certainly true, and yet an advocate for machinery says, 'The other men not required will find some other kind of work,' or, 'The product being cheapened, there will be created a demand for it, which will bring it into almost universal use, and, consequently, other machines and other men will be employed and the greatest beneficial results will follow.'
"It might, at present, be almost or quite impossible to manufacture and supply the demand for many articles made of iron without the aid of modern machinery. Take, for example, just horseshoes and the nails to accompany them. Modern machines turn them out by the million and in greater perfection, at least, so far as appearance and comfort
to the animal are concerned, than those formerly made by hand."
"It is, I believe, conceded that all products of machinery are more uniform and perfect than can be made by hand, to say nothing of their cheapness in price," I said to the merchant.

Yes," he answered, "I think there is no doubt on that point. And machinery is turning out all articles of kitchen hardware so rapidly and cheaply that the dwellings of the poorest in our land are better supplied with articles of convenience for lessening women's work than were the wealthiest fifty years ago. If machinery has thrown onehalf the people out of their old vocations, I believe they have adapted themselves to others quite as beneficial; and the added comforts for their families, from the use of machinery, with the unparalleled cheapness, on its account, of all else they require in manufactured goods, have far more than compensated for any loss in the direction of labor."

## MUSKEGON.

Headley, Kroff \& Co. will open a dry goods store about April 1 in the vacant store in the Lyman block. It will be known as the "People's Store."
William Tegge has disposed of his interest in the hotel building at the Heights, which Tegge \& Vogel were building, to Edward Bertrand for $\$ 2,000$. The building is being pushed to completion and will be ready for occupancy by April 1.
E. M. Woycke has sold his interest in the dry goods firm of Johnson \& Woyeke to his partner, who will continue the business under the style of A. L. Johnson.
Mrs. M. J. Sharp, who has been keeping a millinery and fancy dry goods store in Pontiac, has opened the store formery occupied by Miss Foster, on Jefferson street.
Sheriff Hancock, who still holds posession of the Holt \& Co. grocery stock, has rented one of the stores in the Albers block on Terrace street, and moved the stock to the new location. He expects to dispose of it at auction.

Wools Strong--Hides and Tallow Firm -Furs Weak.
Wools are strongly held at an advance of 1 c . per pound, with small stocks offered. Large manufacturers are well supplied, and many of the smaller ones are in the market. Dealers are in the West buying and soliciting and many of last season's purchases that have been held in the State until now have gone forward. This advance will not pay over the cost of holding and holders are free sellers if they can get their money out.
Hides are firm, with No. 1 s in light supply and all of an inferior quality. Tanners are fairly well stocked and are not anxious to buy. The leather market is dull, with small sales and low prices that will not give a profit if any advance is paid for hides.
Tallow is firm, with supply ample and light export trade.
Furs are weaker and lower-not lower than any actual market may indicate; but the excitement among dealers is less, as most of them have loaded up and now find at prices paid it is hard to realize and do not want any more at such a high cost.

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## Financial Miscellany．

The American Strawboard Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent．，payable March 16 to stock－ holders of record March 9.
The Chicago \＆West Michigan Railway has declared a dividend of 2 per cent．， payable February 16 to all stockholders who were recorded Feb． 10.
Furber \＆Kidder have opened a bank at Hopkins Station under the style of the Exchange Bank of Hopkins Station． The National City Bank is the Gran Rapids correspondent and the Chase National Bank the New York corres－ pondent．
Daily Business thus summarizes the financial situation at Chicago：＂Money is dull and plenty．General trade is only fair in any department，and the needs of the business community are not large．There is a good demand for A 1 commercial paper，and all such is readily negotiable at 6 per cent．＇
The stock of the Third National Bank of Chicago，which failed some thirteen years ago，is now said to be worth $\$ 170$ per share，or $\$ 70$ above par．This is owing to the fact that a large tract of land which was among the assets，and not thought to be worth much at the time，can now be sold for $\$ 1,000,000$ ．
The creditors of the Park National Bank of Chicago，which closed its doors on June 20，1890，are not going to fare so badly after all，and it now looks as though they would receive 100 cents on the dollar．The Controller of the Cur－ rency has declared a second dividend of 20 per cent．，making 80 per cent．in all， in favor of all claims proved up，amount－ ing to $\$ 458,966$ ．Local speculators are offering 90 cents for proved claims．

A Plea for the Private Banks．
T．P．Steadman，Cashier of the Elsie Bank，at Elsie，makes the following plea for the State inspection of private banks：
Apropos of the present agitation for State control of unincorporated banks，a glance at the situation from the banker＇s side of the fence might not be amiss．
The numerous alleged and admitted The numerous alleged and admiteay be summed up as follows：（1．）The op－ portunity offered to dishonest bankers to defraud their depositors，as there is no means of knowing aught of their stand－ ing until too often the information is afforded by the assignee．（2．）It allows irresponsible parties of small or no wealth to embark in the business，and when losses result，having no capital of their
own to charge against，the depositor mus necessarily foot the bill．
The proposed remedies for the above one proposing to forbid the use of the name＂bank＂or＂bankers＂except to in－ corporated banks，will certainly not avail anything in the protection of the public The＂bank＂will become the＂exchange office，＂＂loan and deposit office，＂etc and do business at the same old stand with the same dangers and opportunit for dishonesty as before．Theproposed measures compelling reports to the Com measures compelling reports to the Com missioner of Banking，and the one allow－ ing the organization of banks having
$\$ 15,000$ capital in villages of 1,500 ，are $\$ 15,000$ capital in villages of
steps in the right direction．
The private bank exists in this State not because it affords a chance for rob－ bery，but because there are sound busi－ ness reasons for its existence，and be－ cause it occupies a field which，under present laws，cannot be profitably filled by incorporated banks．As the law now stands no bank can be chartered with less than $\$ 25,000$ capital．In the average country town，surrounded by a good farming country，a well－known，respon－ sible firm will attract deposits which， added to the required capital，will cer－ tainly burden them with a surplus，i．e．， idle money which there is no oppotis face， nay look desirable，but inasmuch as competition forces all bankers to pay interest on deposits，they must either make this surplus earn something or see side of profit and loss account．This easily leads to more than one loss on paper known to be a little＂off，＂but which is chanced to make the surplus earn something．There is no defense for this poliey，but human nature is very much the same，whether in the members of a batring firm or the active（？）dis－ count committee of its incorporated competitor．
Under the laws of the State，the prop－ ertyof members of a firm is liable for the full amount of the firm＇s indebted－ ness．Thus，if A．\＆B partners，each is responsible for the debts of the firm， even though he has but $\$ 500$ invested， and the indebtedness of the firm be a hundred times that，he must pay as long as he has to pay with．In case of a stockholder in an incorporated bank holding $\$ 500$ stock，even though he be worth $\$ 1,000,000, \$ 1,000$ is the extent of his liability．Thus it will be seen that a banking firm，all or any of whose mem－ bers are worth $\$ 50,000$ ，is liable to their depositors to as great an extent as an incorporated bank of $\$ 25,000$ ，even though the firm have only $\$ 10,000$ actu－ ally invested in their banking business． Instead of adopting some law which would only result in annoyance to the banker，disturbance to the financial con－ dition of the interior towns and no added security for the depositor，why not unite the strong points of State examination and control with the unlimited liability of partners now operate，thereby creating for small villages a banking system which shall be safe and not so cumbersome as to be unprofitable？For instance；when any firm shall desire to embark in the business of banking without incorpora－ tion，let them be required to file with proper State officer a schedule stating under oath that they are worth above all debts and exemptions at least $\$ 25,000$ ， and if the statement be found correct， let a certificate be issued them，author－ izing them to do business as unincorpo－ rated bankers，subject to the same ex－ aminations and reports as incorporated banks．Let them be compelied to place on all drafts and stationery the responsi－ bility of the firm as fixed by law，so that those not personally acquainted with the firm may have some guide when do any time show serious loss of net worth，let them be placed in the hands of a receiver．Then let it be made a misdemeanor for any firm or person not having State authority to receive depos－ its or in any other way conduct the busi－ ness of banking，and in the opinion of age private banks will be practically solved．

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"I was conversing with my friend, Dr. M- -," said the druggist, concerning the curiosities of amputations. He fully believes that there is sensational connection between an amputated limb and the body for a long time after the separation has taken place, and in some instances during the entire life of the patient. I am aware that numbers of similar instances are on record, yet I am often somewhat incredulous while reading them, especially as - quoting the standard maxim of old Dr. Wilson when in doubt-It occurred a good while ago, was a long way off, and mebby 'taint so. In this instance, however, all the facts are so well known by many persons, and so well authenticated, that to me an unusual interest is attached to it, and thus I conclude it must attract the attention of all thoughtful persons. If you can spare the time this evening," he continued, "please listen to a letter from a friend of mine, written some time ago, which I know can be relied upon in every particular, and then I would like your opinion upon the subject. He also gives a brief account of a second case, which you will notice is similar in a degree. He writes:
'This case of intimate connection between an amputated member of the human body and that body itself or, perhaps more correctly, between the amputated member and the sensations of the brain of the person losing the member, which you ask me to describe is one of those curious-not to say wonderfuloccurrences which the surgeon with his cunning skill and the anatomist with his profound knowledge of the human body is as powerless to account for as the most unpretentious student of the strange and curious.
' 'On July 4, 1888, Peter Johnson a laborer, aged about thirty-five years and a native of Sweden, was engaged in firing a cannon at Elk Rapids, Mich. From some cause the piece of ordnance was prematurely discharged, mangling both his arms badly, burning his face, and temporarily, at least, blinding him and severely injuring his side. He was at once conveyed to his home and a physician summoned. The third day after receiving the injury, the right arm was amputated above the elbow, and all ofhis left hand except the thumb and index finger removed. He positively knew nothing of the operation, being under
the influence of chloroform during the time of its performance.
$\cdot$ From the time the accident first occurred, he has known that the arm was broken, but supposed the fracture would be reduced, and that he might eventually recover its use. His eyes Lave also been bandaged from the first, so that he cannot ascertain the extent of his injuries by sight. He has no idea that any amputations have taken place; says he can move his right hand, and the fingers of that hand, also, very easily; as well as the fingers of the left hand, which, as stated, are all removed except the thumb and index finger. The sixth or seventh night after the amputation, Mr. Johnson awoke from a sound sleep at 11:30 and complained that the fingers of the right hand were cramped and pained him, also that they felt hot and burning. The attendant quieted him by placing cool cloths over the board to which the stump of the missing arm was fastened, and after a few minutes he said the fingers felt better and dropped off to sleep. I ascertained the next day from his physician that at 11:30 o'clock the previous evening several gentleman had called at his office to look at the amputated arm. One of them removed it from the alcohol in which it had been placed, and used it in illustrating the manner in which the accident occurred. In doing so he bent the fingers of the hand together. It was at this moment as near as could be ascertained by the watchers, when the patient awoke and complained of the cramping of his fingers. He complained of no peculiar sensations in this hand previous to this time, nor has he made any such complaint since.' "Now, perhaps," said the druggist, "if there were no similar cases on record, we might call this a coincidence and drop the subject, but in this age of research it will not do to dismiss it thus summarily. The second case reported and vouched for by my friend is as follows:
"Several years ago, Dr. George H. Bailey, of Elk Rapids, amputated the leg of a French girl above the knee. It was in the winter, and the limb was placed in a box and temporarily set on a shelf in an outbuilding, quite remote from any fire. That night, and after the girl had fully recovered from the effects of the anesthetic, she complained of the cold in that leg, saying it seemed to be freezing. It pained her so long and she caused the attendants so much trouble, that the physician was sent for. He came, brought the leg into the house and examined it, and it was found to be partially frozen. As soon as it was placed by the fire in an adjoining room and carefully warmed, the girl experienced no further trouble and quietly went to sleep. During all this time she did not even know that the leg had been amputated.
"If this connection between a dissevered portion of a body, and the animated tronk can be satisfactorily explained in any rational and philosophical manner, it is highly important that mankind should hear it."
A third well-authenticated case of this kind occurred over twenty years ago, in the person of Charles Clark, afterward of the firm of Clark \& Lonsburg, druggists at Reed City, who subsequently held some county office at Hersey. The accident which deprived Mr. Clark of one leg occurred in Chicago. It was a most serious fracture, resulting in the
amputation of the entire limb, from the effects of which he did not recover for several months, remaining in that city during the time. Immediately following the amputation, the limb was packed in a box, sent to his father's home near Lawton, VanBuren county, where it was buried in a field. While still confined to his bed, he often complained of pain in the severed limb and requests by letter were made to his friends at home, asking that the leg be examined and straightened, or the position of it changed. These requests, however,
were not complied with. Afterward, when Mr. Clark returned home, he still insisted that the buried limb must yet be in a cramped position-being under the impression that his first request had been complied with-as he still experienced pain from it. As usual in such cases he was laughed at; assured it was all right and was only a "fancy" of his.
From time to time, however, the man begged his friends to again disinter the limb and straighten it out. Their reply was that the ground was frozen quite hard, and as soon as it thawed out, they would attend to it. One evening soon after this, as the men came in from their labor, Mr. Clark said to them: "So you
have obliged me at last. You have surely straightened my limb in the box for 1 now suffer no more pain from it." It was true. The men had purposely kept the matter a secret, believing it would make no difference in his condition, although interested in testing it, but had that day disinterred and straightened out the bent or cramped member for the first time.
What mysterious power connected the man with his severed leg?

Turned the Tables on Him.
From the St. Paul Pioneer-Press.
'You ought to get five cents' worth chloride of lime."

What for?"
"For a nickel."
The above was passed around freely among a number of St. Paul citizens,
and was in each case recognized as a and was in each case recognized
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Acting upon the suggestion a prom Acting upon the suggestion a prom-
inent merchant of this city determined inent merchant of this city determined
to work it off on his book-keeper with an original variation. So he said:
"Younaht to so he said:
You oukht to get five cents' worth or potash."
Contrary to the merchant's expectations, the taciturn book-keeper merely
bowed his head and went on footing his trial balance, while his employer retired discomfitted.
The next morning he received a note from his book-keeper to this effect
" I took the five cents' worth of pot-
sh, and I am as sick as a horse."
China Wedding at Marion.
Marion, Feb. 13.-Levi Vandecar, the genial grocer and druggist, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his marriage last evening. There were eightynine invited guests present, many of them from a distance. The Lemon \& Wheeler Company sent a handsome china set and "Hub." Baker brought up a fruit set.

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## GROCERIES.

Short Weight Oatmeal and Pork. A patron of The Tradesman calls its attention to short-weight oatmeal and rolled oats which are now being shipped into this State by a certain Chicago house whose low quotation on these goods has long been a thorn in the side of reputable jobbers who give sixteen ounces to the pound. Fearful that the low price involved some species of sharp practice, a Cadillac dealer took the trouble to weigh several barrels of this oatmeal, resulting in the disclosure that every barrel was ten pounds short, con taining 170 pounds instead of the regu lation 180. Grocers who are disposed to accept a cut price on oatmeal wonld do well to secure the salesman's guarantee as to full weight and charge back any shortage which may be found to exist on the arrival of the goods
Short-weight pork has again made it appearance on the market, greatly to th disgust of those who handle straigh goods only and suffer competition with short-weight goods. If 196 pounds of fresh pork are put in the barrel, the meat will take up from ten to twelve pounds of salt, so that the net weigh should be 206 to 208 pounds. As a mat ter of fact, The Tradesman's attention has been called to a shipment of pork which did not average 190 pounds net A convenient method of ascertaining the exact contents of a barrel is to weigh the barrel and contents, minus the head, when it is opened, mark the weight on the barrel and then weigh the barrel and brine after the pork has all been removed or sold out. The difference wil show the exact amount of meat in the barrel. Salesmen or houses offering pork below the market price should be compelled to guarantee the weight, to the end that no shrinkage may occur in re tailing the meat.

Short-Weight Euaporated Apples. Saginaw, Feb. 16.-If there is an one thing I like about The Tradesman more than another, it is the outspoken stand it takes on the cheats and fraud of trade, especially the short-weight nuisance. I have suffered hundreds of dollars loss from this cause alone and welcome your attempts to set matters aright by your wholesale exposures of crookedness, no matter wher

## by whom they are abetted.

I have made careful investigation of the evaporated apple business during the past season and have about come to the conclusion that all manufacturers put the goods up short weight. I have handled upwards of twenty boxes over the counter during the past three months and every one has been from one to three pounds short-the average weight variably charged back the shortage to the jobber, and if the jobber would do the same with the evaporator, I apprehend there would be less trouble from this cause another season.

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Let April Sugar Alone.
Flint, Feb. 14-Some houses are ad vising the retail trade to place orders for sugar now for April delivery, offering a price about 2 cents per pound below the present ruling price. Is it advisable for in order to protect himself? Knowing that The Traprsyan makes a study of such topics, I venture to ask the opinio of the paper in the premises.

Grocer.
On general principles, The TradesMan advises its readers to desist from speculating in any product, especially an article which is so completely within the grasp of a merciless monopuly as sugar. All grades of sugar will be re duced from 2 to $21 / 2$ cents in April and wholesale grocers generally have already made purchases for April delivery or arranged with brokers to hold stocks in bond for them, so that retailers will be ble to secure all the sugar they need at the market price. Under the circumstances The Tradesman would consider it very foolish for a retailer to attempt to foretell the market to the extent of many barrels.

## Potatoes and Onions

The potato market is still weak and nsettled, all prognostications at this time being the merest conjesture. Ferrine Bros., of New York, who have been he strongest buyers in Michigan, now acknowledge that the bottom has dropped out of the market. What the future has in store, no one can yet foretell.
The price of onions would undoubtedly have gone skyward but for the importation of French stock, several cargoes of which have come to the seaboard. As freights from France to this country have been light, the transatlantic lines have been carrying onions for ballast, so that 40 cents could afford to pay the dull the stock in competition with the local product and make a good margin. But for the importation of outside onions, the price of home grown would probably have gone to $\$ 2$ per bushel.

## The Grocery Market

The sugar refiners are making hay while the sun shines, having advanced granulated and confectioners $1 / 4 \mathrm{C}$ during the part week, although the market on raw sugars have been nearly stationery Corn and tomatoes continue to stiffen The same is true of scaled and round herring, which are very scarce. Jelly has declined $1 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ per pound.

## The Drug Market.

Opium is steady. Morphia is lower Quinine is steady for foreign brands P. \& W. is 2c. cents lower. Corks have advanced. Turpentine is lower.
The newly-organized Manistee County Savings Bank has secured the services of W. J. Gregory, of Rockford, Ill., as Cashier. Mr. Gregory is a graduate of the Michigan University and is highly recommended by bankers in Illinois, lowa and Nebraska. The Bank will open its doors about May 1.
J, L. Strelitsky has leased the store at 10 South Ionia street and will remove his wholesale cigar business to that 10 cation.

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## PRODUCE MARKET

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Beans-The demand is steady and the market without special change. Handlers pay $81.65 @ 1.80$ ing sales at $\$ 2.05 \times 2.10$ for city picked. Beets-50c per bu.
Butter-Dairy is in moderate demand. Dealers pay 15 c and hold at 16 c . Creamery is in fair de
Cabbages- 0 c per doz. or $\$ 4$ per 1 Carrots-21(025c per bu.
Celery-200 25 c per doz Celery-20@25c per doz.
Cooperage-Pork barrels, 81.25 ; produce barrels 25 c .
25 c .
Cranberries-Cape Cods are nowout of market.
Bell and Cherry are held at $\$ 9 @ 810$ and Jerseys Eggs-Dealers pay 13@14c for fresh and hold at 15 c . Onions-The high price has curtailed the sale
very materially, few consumers being willing to very materially, few consumers being willing
pay 40 c or 500 per peck at retail Dealérs pay
$\forall 1.25$ and hold at $\$ 1.50$. Potatoes-The market is sluggish, there bein few buyers in the field on the basis of tre per Squash- $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per lb .
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Chocolate Drops.........
H. M. Chocolate Drops.
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## 404 STRONG. <br> List of Traveling Men Working for Grand Rapids Houses.

The following is believed to be a correct list of the traveling men who work for Grand Rapids houses. If any errors have crept into the list or there are any omissions, the same will be gladly corrected in subsequent issues:

## Adams \& North-I. D. North.

Aldine Manufacturing Co. - W. H. Pierce, E. F. Gilbert, E. F. Pomeroy. Z. E. Allen-E. S. Matteson,
Graham, O. M. Bugbee, W. S. Emery, Edward Ward, Geo. Lewis.
Anti-Kalsomine Co.-Prof. T. P. S. Hampson, D. R. White, G. M. Wheeler, W. H. Fuller.

Alabastine Co.-Geo. W. Gage, D. W. Ensign, G. H. Southard, W. T. Merritt, Frank Blood, Daniel Beecher, H. C. Foot, W. C. Harper, James Wykes, Samuel Lewis, A. C. Antrim, B. F. Winch. Ball-Barnhart-Putman Co. - J Evans, D. S. Haugh, B. F. Parmenter, C. M. McLain, Robert Hanna, Geo. MeWilliams, Anthony J. Quist, Thos. Ferguson, Arthur S. Fowle.
$\square$ Barlow Bros.-W. A. Morse.
J. A. Bauman-N. A. Parker.

Belknap W. \& S. Co.-D. W. Johns.
Wm. A. Berkey Furniture Co.-L. D. Berry, Fred Hills, A. M. Jones, W. H.
Melhuish, Geo. S. Knapp, Geo. B. StodMelhuish, Geo. S. Knapp, Geo. B. Stoddard.
Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co.-Geo. S. Sanford, O. W. Dunn, C. R. Bacon, W. Foote, C. H. Bass. J. J. Van Leuven, C. B. Howard, E. H. Hudson, C. C. Woodruff, C. W. Williams.
S. K. Bolles \& Co.-Geo. W. Thayer, Jr, W. P. Townsend, M. W. Monnett. Wm. Brummeler \& Sons-Wm. Brummeler.
A. E. Brooks \&Co.-Wm. B. Edmunds, J. Henry Dawley, Geo. W. McKay, A. Oswold.
Brookings Lumber Co.-H. H. Snell.
Brown \& Sehler-T. B. Snyder, F. E. Brown, Frank Stage, Jno. L. Bailey, Chas. J. Rice.
Buss Machine Works-Geo. Buss, Ed. Buss.
Cappon \& Bertsch Leather Co.-C. C. Harley, E. E. Woodford, J. Haefner, R. T. Scott, N. H. Adams.

Chase Bros. Piano Co.-S. H. Gissin, L. C. Banghart, Geo. E. Boltwood, O. C. Clock, J, H. Campbell, F. V. Streeter, A. E. Bolt.
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Corl, Knott \& Co.-W. J. Deppen. Curtiss \& Co.-Frank H. White, O. A Perry, W. J. Jones.
A. S. Davis-A. S. Davis.
W. C. Denison-E. F. Snyder, N. W. Barker.
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W. H. Downs-W. H. Downs, S. F. Downs.
Wm. Drueke-Chas. Drueke, Elliott F. Covell.
Eaton, Lyon \& Co.-J. L. Kymer, Geo. H. Raynor, Peter Lubach, W. B. Dudley. Elliott Button Fastener Co.-Wm. E. Elliott.
E. Fallas-Edwin Fallas.

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Luther, S. S. Chesebro, J. P. Olmstead.
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Foster, Stevens \& Co. A. D. Baker,
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F. R. Miles, Harvey B. Baxter.
C. C. Folmer \& Co.-F. E. Powers.
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Theo. B. Goossen-John Hagens.
Goshen Sweeper Co.-John V. Riley, Jas. S. Knox, Chas. H. Lyon, A. C. Gonter.
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Grand Rapids Cabinet Furniture Co.Henry J. Ringold.
Grand Rapids Chair Co.-A. A. Barber, J. R. Shelley.

Grand Rapids Felt Boot Co.-Jas. Hall.
Grand Rapids Furniture More, L. C. Stow.
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Grand Rapids Manufacturing Co.-A. Grand Rapids Moore, E. N. Carrier. Grand Rapids Mattress Co.-Albert L Gussen, Henry J. Rngold.
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Harvey \& Heystek-H. J. Heystek.
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Hazeltine \& Perkins Drug Co.-L. M. Mills, C. Crawford, A. W. Peck.
Hester \& Fox-M. Hester Hester \& Fox-M. Hester.
Hirth \& Krause
Hirth \& Krause-A. B. Hirth.
Jennings \& Smith-W. H. Jennings, E.
N. Morgan, J. T. Avery, S. V. De Graff W. R. Keeler-W. R. Keeler, W. A. McWilliams, F. H. Beagle.
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## CONFESSIONS OF A DRUMMER.

## Written for The taddesman.

I didn't miss the first train out of the village. On the way to the depot I stopped at the tavern. at the special request of the kicker, and told the landlord more about the circus. Then 1 gave him a description of a commercial friend of mine who was certain to stop there within a day or two, explained that he would insist that he wasn't connected with any circus until he had sized up the town, and went on my way with a light heart and a big order.
I had just secured my seat in the train when a grizzly old chap with a vicious eye and a jaw like a bull dog entered with a young lady and sat down in front of me .
The lady's face was closely veiled, but I could see that she was erying. Her escort seemed to pay no attention to her tears, and I began to think up some plan by which I could comfort her. You see, I hadn't been on the road long enough to learn to mind my own business. I presume I would have braced up to a she bear in those days if I had got an idea into my foolish noddle that she wasn't giving one of her cubs a fair shake.
At last old grizzly took himself off to the other side of the car, and 1 saw my chance.

I leaned forward, as though to arrange the boxes at my feet, and whispered very softly in the ear of the tearful lady:
"I beg your pardon, madam; are you in trouble?"
"Oh, sir," came back the soft answer, "I am being taken away against my will. I beg of you to aid me in escaping from that man."

If one tear will stir the heart of a commercial tourist, what will a sweet, imploring voice do? I would have given my last-and first-order to have been of service to her. I don't know but I would even have made terms with the canine of the stake-and-ridered fence, if he had been there and felt disposed to graze on the form of the tear-proof-escort. The world is getting mighty tough when a man can't sit in a warm and pleasant car and extend his sympathy to a suffering lady at the rate of thirty miles an hour. I thought of appealing to the conductor. I had rather appeal to a conductor for a lady any time than try to stiff him for a ride for myself. But there is something so cold and forbidding about the eye of a railway conductor when he has his gold braid and his train manners along with him that 1 refrained.
I thought of raising the window and advising the fair creature to leap out into the gathering darkness and the company's right of way, but a hasty action of this kind al ways leaves one in so much doubt as to the futnre postoffice address of the leaper that I did not feel like giving the advice.
I thought of a pretty country eottage, embowered in roses and mosquitoes during all the long summer days which would be lonely without her pleasant voice urging the chore boy not to be all day driving that pig out of the garden, and was about to offer to die for her when a strong hand was laid firmly upon my shoulder. When I looked up, two vicious eyes were boring down the whole length of my spinal column.
"You'd better hurry up your mash on this woman," said the bull dog jaw. "She
gets off at the next station, and stays there five years for larceny!"
I bought a paper of the train boy and read it closely as long as I remained on the train.
For several days I sold goods and kept my sympathies and my jokes to myself. As between the two I found it a good deal harder to restrain the jokes than the sympathies.
I was getting along nicely when I ran against something that caused me to wish that I had pursued this course from the start.

Away up in Northern Michigan I met the man 1 had described to the landlord as the contracting agent for the circus.
Of course, I knew when I promoted him to the circus business-in my mind -that in all human probability I should meet him some day, and my imagination had selected a spot for the encounter. This spot was not a wild and barren moor, where the wild birds sang and the clouds cast fantastic shadows over miles of level land that would have to be annexed to the city of Chicago in order to be worth two beers per acre.
I had decided that when I met this much injured man it should be in a Sunday school, I did not know when I should visit a Sunday school, but I was unselfish enough to be willing to postpone the meeting until we should attend the same Sunday school on the same day.
There is something so mollifyingsomething so antagonistic to all carnal combat-in the sweet songs and tender tales of the Sunday school, that I thought the spirit of the occasion might in a measure assuage his grief. I imagined him sitting in a front seat with a smile
on his face and designs on the quarter-off-for-cash superintendent in his heart, listening to that beautiful story in which two bears and forty children play such prominent parts. I figured it all out how we would meet in the vestibule, clasp hands over the radiator, and go out of the circus business together.
But it didn't come out that way. We met in a place where there were no sweet lips and rosy cheeks from which tender hands had but recently removed the pie. We met in a large, wide room behind the office where each had gone to select a night-cap.
I cannot set down here the impassioned words with which he addressed me, as he removed a ruby-colored night-cap from a bottle with a long neck. The publisher of this paper and Anthony Comstock would both object to my doing so.
He was so excited over the matter that he declined to relate to me the experiences of his first and only day in the circus business. I gleaned from his conversation, however, that he wasn't any too enthusiastic over the lift I gave him.
I am afraid the affair would have ended in blows if someone hadn't picked me up after I had fallen down over a cuspidor. The man who did it explained afterwards that he shouldn't have interfered, only the ex-circus man was walking around there so carelessly that he might have stepped on me.
After that the landlord went out and got an oyster and put it where it would do the most good, and we purchased so many night-caps that I could hardly turn over in the morning on account of their weight.
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