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ARSENIC EATING.

The Effect of the Drug on the Dead and the Living.

From the Detroit Evening Journal.

A citizen and a local physician were recently engaged in conversation in front of the City Hall. As they stood talking a handsomely dressed and attractive woman passed by, and many were the heads that were turned to catch a second glimpse of her. She was of medium height and finely proportioned. Her features were perfect, and her eyes, large and dark, contrasted with indescribable effect with her pale, delicate but beautiful complexion. The two gentlemen were for the moment lost in admiration of the woman, and did not resume their conversation until she had disappeared in the crowd.

"What a beautiful woman," repeated the citizen.

"Very," replied the physician.

"Do you know her?"

"No."

"Do you know of her?"

"Well, no more than an observation tells me."

"And that is—"

"That she is an arsenic-eater!"

"How can you tell?"

"By her general appearance. I cannot explain to you how I tell, without going into details."

"Pardon me, but will you enlighten me on this subject?"

"Arsenic possesses great antiseptic powers. It has a marked effect in preserving the body from decay. When arsenic is taken, and it destroys life, if the person lives long enough for it to pervade the entire body, the remains will continue for an indefinite period in a remarkable state of preservation. Skins that are intended for stripping have arsenic rubbed on the flesh side. The habit of eating arsenic is prevalent in certain portions of Austria. In the city of Vienna it is a common custom to put arsenic in the food of horses. It gives them a glossy coat, and makes them fat and gives them good wind. It has the same effect on man. The body is rounded, the eyes are brightened, and the respiration is improved. But when the habit of arsenic eating is once formed, any irregularity in taking it is dangerous, and may end fatally. Arsenic eating shortens life. However, there have been cases where persons, who have been slaves to the habit from their youth, have remained in good health at the age of 60, and even older than that. The practice of arsenic eating, confined to a small territory at first, is rapidly spreading all over the world. It is popular among the demi-monde, and is used by them to enhance their charms. A great many ladies in this country resort to this practice, and Detroit has its share of arsenic devotees. I know a number of ladies, who move in the highest circles of society in this city, who are slaves to arsenic-eating!"

No Trouble to Show Goods.

A stranger stepped into Moses Schaumburg's ready made clothing emporium a few days ago. "Want to see some bants—genevieve Scotch tweeds?" said Moses, as he rubbed his hands and smiled, when he noticed the stranger opening his pocketbook. The stranger took a long list out of the pocketbook, and after consulting it, said: "Let us begin on summer overcoats." "Dot stock of summer overcoats was so good as was not in this State before. I sell dose goods cheap. I makes dot a halaf a tollar brofits on dose overcoats." The stranger allowed Moses to show him about forty-five overcoats. Then he said he would look at shirts. Then it was hats he seemed to want—straw hats and felt hats, high hats and low hats, were exhibited, and all offered at "thirty per cent. below cost," but the stranger, without buying anything, passed on to a shelf full of linen and flannel underwear. Moses scattered everything off the shelf on to the counter, and the stranger made a close examination of every article, but ordered nothing. "Mine vrient," said Mose, "vat you pelieve you vants? Do you vants nodings, or do you dake me to a lunatic asylum? I shows you all dose goods vat vas genevieve, und you nodings put? Maby you vants some umbrellas to look at, as you looks to have not sense to come out of the rain already. Vot is dot racket you got mit you, anyhow? The stranger handed Mose the list he held in his hand, and asked: "Is that your advertisement?" "Yes, dot vas so." "Got all the goods described there, have you?" "All dose goods vas genevieve imported, so hellup me gracious!" "Don't you say at the bottom of that advertisement, 'No trouble to show goods, call and examine before purchasing elsewhere?'" "Yes, I say dot." "Well, I always purchase elsewhere, but, as I was waiting for the train, I thought I'd kill time by accepting your invitation to call and examine your stock and prices. You have not shown me your stock of linen dusters yet." "Yacob! Yacob! bring me dot six shooter right away!"

Took Him Back.

"I want a pair of driving gloves," said a consequential looking duck, entering a gent's furnishing store and addressing a lady attendant.

"Buckskin?" asked the polite saleswoman.

"Oh, no?" replied the inquisitive customer.

"I want something that will match the color of my skin."

"Oh, you do?" returned the lady quickly, taking down a box from the shelf; "try a pair of these calf-skins!"

The dough-head has never since patronized a store where there are women attendants.

Had Had Experience.

Boy to Druggist—Want a boy?
Druggist—Yes. Ever worked in a drug store?
Boy—Yes, sir.
Druggist—What did you do?
Boy—Bit holes in porous plasters.
Rapid exit of boy, followed by a bottle of mucilage.

Every theater critic has his own peculiar style. The editor of a mining camp newspaper, for example, has this to say of a popular songstress: "As a singer she can just wallop the hose off any that ever wagged a jaw on the boards. From her clear, birdlike upper notes she would canter way down to the brass racket and then cushion back to a sort of spiritual treble that made every man in the audience imagine every hair on his head was the golden string of a celestial harp, over which angelic fingers were sweeping."

ENSLAVED BY OPIUM.

The Prevalence of the Morphine Habit—Women the Usual Victims.

From the Detroit News.

A gentleman was recently talking with a prominent Woodward avenue druggist when a well-dressed woman entered the store. Her sunken eyes and haggard look proclaimed that she was either a victim of some great grief or a physical wreck. Handing a small bottle to the clerk she said "Sixty." A whitish substance was dealt out to her, and after paying for it, she stealthily put a small amount into her mouth. Suddenly her eyes brightened, her countenance assumed a more cheerful aspect, and she became talkative. When she had gone, inquiry was made, and the apothecary explained:

"That woman is a confirmed opium eater. Three years ago morphia was prescribed for her to relieve severe pains. The pleasing sensation gave her a taste for the drug, and beginning with a dose averaging one-fourth of a grain she now consumes 30 grains of morphia daily."

"I suppose there are many such characters?"

"In my experience I have met with at least a score of persons who buy opium regularly in some one of its various forms. The vast majority of slaves to opium are women. Men rarely become enslaved to it, but I have noticed that those who eat opium to excess are invariably heavy drinkers. The drug is prescribed for them by physicians, and the opium-eaters gradually increase the dose until some day it becomes large enough to carry them off."

"What are the effects of continual opium-eating?"

"At first a pleasant sensation is produced. 'We go off to the third heaven,' one of them once told me. The system is stimulated to unusual activity, and when the effects of the drug have passed away, languidness takes possession of the whole frame. The opium eater is in reality little weaker when not under the influence of the drug than before, but his condition, when compared with his previous exhilaration, is so inferior that he takes another dose of the drug in order to reproduce the same feeling. We can always tell how long they have been addicted to its use. When they use it at first they come in boldly and ask for their consolation. Then they grow shy, and strive to hide the use they make of it. Finally they say little or nothing, handing their package, for we know what is wanted."

"Where do they wind up?"

"In the county houses and insane asylums. The brain is destroyed, and they end in a pauper's or a lunatic's grave."

Patents Issued to Michigan Inventors.

The following patents have lately been issued to Michigan inventors:

John P. Benoit, Detroit, cut-off valve gear.
Horace Butler, Ludington, skidding machine.

George Cassidy, Flint, feed-water heater.
William H. Cloud, Detroit, bench-vise.
Freeman S. Farr and J. Evered, Muskegon, log-roller.

James G. Gilleland, Palmyra, animal trap.
James A. Green, Bay City, lubricator.
E. Eugene Jeanjaquet, Detroit, colter cleaner.

Richard Lanckner, Bay City, valve.
Henry T. and H. H. Lowell, Ionia, refrigerator.

George Moebis, Detroit, machine for bunching cigars.

Luther V. Moulton, Grand Rapids, machine for drying grain.

Hiram P. Pruin, Grand Haven, breastpin.

Victor Shreve, Detroit, car coupling.

George N. Spencer, Three Rivers, railway velocipede.

Ransom E. Strait, Galesburg, grain binder.

The Way He Looked at It.

From the Albany Argus.

A boy passing the peanut stand at the corner of Broadway and Columbia street, yesterday noon, snatched a single peanut from the open roaster. The attendant Italian saw the act, and quick as a flash seized the lad, to whom he administered a vicious kick. A benevolent old gentleman who had witnessed the affair remonstrated with "John."

"Why do you kick a small boy for taking one peanut? You ought to be arrested."

"Dida you sometimes sella ze peanut?" queried the Italian, pleasantly.

"No," replied the old gentleman, with a puzzled expression.

"Wella, I tella you a somezing zen. Onea lit-tel boy steala onea lit-tel peanut, no maka mucha losa. Bnta when ze touselen lit-tel boy steala ze touselen peanut, it maka hella ze hole in ze bag."

Don't Mention It.

"I can't make my cash balance," reported the book-keeper to the senior member of a five-year-old concern.

"Which way is it?"

"Over."

"How much?"

"Forty-five dollars."

"Correct you are, my boy. You take five and give me forty; you see, my wife came in here this morning and I dumped what money I had in my pockets into the cash drawer. Then I turned my pockets inside out, and told her I hadn't got a cent, and the money in the drawer was part of a sum to pay a note, and that you had gone out to borrow enough to make up the whole. You take the five, I say, and don't mention it."

Timely Warning from a Young Kid.

A small boy was recently discovered purloining some apples from the front of a grocery store. The proprietor gave chase, but failed to overtake him, and he was obliged to shake his fist and shout after him:

"Never mind, my young kid, I'm going up to see your mother about this."

"That's all right," yelled back the small boy, "you just go right along up there. Pa filled a man full of buckshot the other day for going to see ma, and I reckon he's got another dose laid away somewhere for you."

"Then you are getting along nicely in school, my little man! Can you tell me how many pecks there are in a gallon?" "Just half a peck, sir. You see, there are eight quarts in a peck, and four quarts in a gallon. That just fetches it." "Your logic is very good. Now tell me how many yards in a foot!" "I should think there was a yard and a half in your foot," and then the boy "skinned" around the corner for fear the foot might swing in his direction.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Miscellaneous Information of Interest to Everybody.

The silk industry is making progress in Utah.

Some Florida orange trees are blooming for the third time this season.

Confectioners are the only class of men who charge pretty girls for taffy.

Denver charges railway ticket brokers \$500 per year for license, and requires them to keep an open record of all sales, the same as pawn-brokers.

Nothing, perhaps, is more exasperating to the commercial traveler than to be flatteringly, yet falsely, accused of a crime which the lack of opportunity only has prevented his committing.

Boasting of her industrious habits, an Irish housemaid said she rose at five, made her fire, put on her kettle, prepared her breakfast, and made all the beds, before anyone else was up in the house.

A gentleman of leisure has figured that there are about 14,000 pet canaries in this country, which yearly use 168,000,000 pounds of seed, worth at least \$14,000,000. Twenty-two manufacturers, it is said, made 1,000,000 bird cages last year.

One of the chief features at a recent county exhibition of England was an iron watch, which had been turned out by a Kidderminster firm for the purpose of showing the extraordinary malleability of their metal. The watch is said to be perfect.

Among the odds and ends of the New York city retail markets, calf's heads and calf's liver can be obtained for fifty cents each, sweetbreads for \$3 and \$4 a dozen, roasting pigs for \$3 and \$3.50 each, and tripe for six cents a pound.

"So your husband is a contractor. In what particular line is he?" "In the debt line." "In the debt line?" "Yes, he has contracted about \$10,000 worth of debts during the last two years. Everybody says he is very successful at his business."

It is said that the largest grapevine in the United States grows on the premises of Mr. Madden in Pike county, Ga. It is eighteen years old, is thirty-four inches in circumference at its base, is a quarter of a mile long, and yields five wagon loads of grapes.

The breaking up of the great Glenn wheat ranch in California, the largest cultivated farm in the country, will soon take place. About 15,000 acres, more than one-third of the ranch, are advertised for sale, and other farms will shortly be placed on the market.

The cotton-growing region of the South is rejoicing over the invention of a cotton-picking machine which successfully discriminates between the open bolls, green bolls and blossoms. It harvests cotton at the rate of two hundred pounds an hour, and promises to take the place of hand-picking.

The idols worshipped by the heathen of Africa and India are nearly all manufactured in England, and pay a very handsome profit. It is stated that the commercial value of the brass and cast-iron gods shipped to heathen lands far exceeds that of the Bibles, books, and tracts which reach the same destination.

It is said that one New York produce firm has paid an average of \$50 a day for a month at a time for telegrams to Chicago, and the telegraphic business of five firms with their Chicago correspondents costs \$110,000 a year. And yet less than half a century ago all the world's business was transacted without the wire.

The cheapest postal service in the world is that of Japan, where letters are conveyed all over the entire empire for two *sen*—that is about one and two-fifths cents in our money. This is the more wonderful as the country has little over one hundred miles of railway, a small steam marine, and rather poor roads.

English farmers have been in the habit of selling their wheat crop as soon as threshed to get money with which to purchase feed for stock during the winter. Of late years, however, the wheat crop has been very poor, giving a smaller amount of money to invest, and the losses from disease have been unusually severe.

A number of Boston capitalists have acquired a lease of the gutta-percha forests of Dutch Guiana for a term of thirty-three years, and have already begun operations there upon an extensive scale. Their lease covers 1,000,000 acres, and the quality of the gum is said to be equal to that of the best East India product.

Baltimore, having more than \$20,000,000 invested in oyster packing, and over 30,000 persons engaged in the business, is taking measures to prevent the destruction of the oyster beds in the Chesapeake Bay. It is proposed that the period of rest for the oysters shall be lengthened and extend from April 1 until October 1.

"Well, John," remarked the thrifty housewife, as she poured the tea with that beautiful rise and fall motion she had cultivated with the tea-pot, "I guess you had better order up a barrel of flour in the morning, Mrs. Thriftless folks, over the way, had a barrel rolled in to-day, and they won't be in borrowing trim for some time."

"How is it you can tell such whoppers?" asked a caller, addressing the editor of the fish story department. "Well, you see," replied the editor, "our wife's name is Anna."

"What has that to do with it?" "A great deal. When we are writing fish stories we usually have Anna nigh us to help us."

The caller was carried to the hospital.

Kitten heads are sufficiently fashionable in Paris to make the special business of breeding the kittens profitable. It is to be hoped that the fashion will extend to the United States just long enough, in point of time, to clear off the present available stock, and afford relief to the countless millions of human non-fashionables who are sadly afflicted by the miserable midnight merriment of ancient toms and tabbies. Raw materials of this kind can be sold very cheap, and bills be dated ahead to the satisfaction of buyers.

The Territory of Arizona makes a good showing. According to the report of Governor Tuttle its population is not less than 75,000. It was 40,440 in 1880. It is now in excess of that of Nevada. In the production of gold, silver and copper, it is only second to Colorado as a bullion producer, the combined annual value being nearly \$24,000,000. In cattle and sheep it is making enormous progress. The present demand is for artesian water, and Congress will be asked to make a liberal appropriation for boring such wells.

"One of the best articles in a grocery store is politeness. It should be an impossibility to offend a grocer." This is, as Tony Weller says, "a werry pretty sentiment," but the grocer who could not be offended when the boys carry off his boxes and outside fixtures for election bonfires, is not for this cold world. He needs wings, immediately.

"Aw, you can sell me, aw, a blue necktie, to match my eyes, you know?" inquired an Austin dude in a gentleman's furnishing store. "Don't know as I can, exactly," replied the salesman. "But I can fit you with a soft hat to match that head." Then the dude withdrew from the store, a crushed strawberry hue suffusing his effeminate features.

Hop growers have a strong competition in hemlock bark. Numberless schooner loads of this latter material are received in Chicago, and prepared for use in giving lager beer pungency and color. So long as beer drinkers are willing to accept bark extract in place of hops, the cultivation of the latter must cease to be remunerative. It is difficult to grow hop vines in competition with hemlock trees.

A lady living in Glendive, Montana, who, while on a farm in Ohio, had great experience in raising hogs, writes that worms in the intestines, or parasites in the flesh known as trichinae, may be destroyed by giving the hogs wood ashes with their dry food or lye in their swill. She states that the parasites in swine are always accompanied with an overabundance of mucus, and that the quantity of it may be greatly reduced by feeding the animals wood ashes or lye.

The great boom in the hop market last year, when the price went up from twenty-five cents per pound to \$1.10 caused the brewers to use substitutes, and instead of 1½ pounds of hops to the barrel, they use six-tenths of a pound. The substitutes are gentian root, Colombo root, chamomile flowers, quassi wood or extract, nux vomica, aloes, cocculus indicus, licorice paste, etc. And people who drink these concoctions sometimes wonder why they do not feel very well.

At Astoria, Oregon, all the offal of the salmon used for canning is thrown into the sea at the shore, the canneries being so situated that the great Pacific Ocean, at the mouth of the great Colorado River, receives all the rejected matter. According to the Portland *Oregonian*, this seeming wastefulness is a means of constant reproduction of the salmon. The first operation in the canneries, he argues, is to relieve the fish of their entrails, fins, heads and spawn, and these in almost every instance, are dropped directly into the river. Much of the spawn, of course, is eaten by fish or destroyed, but a goodly share, he thinks, finds lodgment on the bottom, where in the natural process it hatches. It is a fact well known that the water about the canneries fairly swarms with young fish during the summer and fall.

The Value of a Good Clerk.

From the Commercial Enquirer.

A good clerk is a prize too rarely found and when found, often unappreciated. When a man has a clerk in whom he can place confidence he may regard himself as extremely fortunate. One good clerk will do more and do it better than two poor ones. He does not require constant looking after. When he does anything there is no necessity for his employer to do it over again. He will always take pains to treat customers well and give them exactly what they want. He never acts as if he owns the whole establishment and a very large part of the world outside of it. He is polite, unassuming, and anxious to forward his employer's interests. He is sufficiently level-headed to recognize the fact that the more his employer's business increases the better is his own chance for advancement. With this end in view he naturally takes a close personal interest in the business.

When a man is fortunate enough to get such an employee, he would do well to endeavor to retain him. If he wants a holiday once in a while, let him have it. He will appreciate it and make it up to you. Should he ask a favor of you, grant it, as by so doing you will make him regard you as his best friend and the bond between you will be one of friendship as well as business interest. Many employers overlook the fact that a good clerk is a person of some influence. He can always bring trade with him, and need never be at a loss for employment. If he leave one employer he can readily obtain a position with another, probably in the same neighborhood, and draw trade to his latest employer. When you get a good clerk keep him. You can feel a sense of security when you go to market or for an evening's recreation, if you leave such a person in charge. Your business will be well attended to and even if you pay him a liberal salary you will find it a benefit in the long run.

How to Travel without a Ticket.

A "Traveler" writes to London *Truth*: Perhaps the following story may be of interest to some of your readers, if they should ever be under the necessity of traveling without a ticket: The other day, on the Railway, a man got into one of the carriages and presently began talking to a fellow passenger. After a time he asked the gentleman whether he had ever heard the story about how a man traveled without a ticket. The gentleman said he had not; so the man asked him to lend him his ticket, that he might show him how it was done, and began fiddling about with it, but pretended that the story had suddenly slipped out of his head, but that he would be sure to remember it soon. After a time the train got near London, and as the man still could not remember the story, he returned the gentleman's ticket. This struck the gentleman as being very curious, so he watched the man. When the man got to the barrier and was asked for his ticket, he said he had given it up, but the ticket collector denied it, and after a good deal of altercation the man pulled some silver out of his pocket, and was about to pay his fare when he suddenly said (producing a small piece of ticket) that he could prove that he had given up his ticket, because he remembered playing about with it in the train and tearing off a small piece and that if the ticket-collector looked he would find a ticket with the piece torn off. On looking, the ticket-collector found a ticket with the piece torn off, and of course, immediately begged the man a thousand pardons.

STAPLE GROCERIES.

Modoc	doz 60	Paragon	doz 65
Diamond	doz 60	Frazers	doz 85
BLUING.			
Dry No. 2	doz.	25	
Dry No. 3	doz.	45	
Liquid, 4 oz.	doz.	35	
Liquid, 8 oz.	doz.	65	
BROOMS.			
No. 1 Carpet	2.50		
No. 2 Carpet	2.25		
No. 1 Hurl	2.00		
No. 2 Hurl	1.75		
Fancy Whisk	1.25		
Common Whisk	.85		
CANNED GOODS.			
Pie Peaches	1.20	Corn, Camden	1.10
3 Standard 2 000	2.20	Corn, Trophy	1.15
Apples, 3 lb.	1.20	Corn, Tarmouth	1.35
do. 5 lb.	2.15	Peas	1.50
do. 10 lb.	3.40	String Beans	.85
do. 20 lb.	6.80	String Beans	.85
do. 40 lb.	13.60	String Beans	.85
do. 80 lb.	27.20	String Beans	.85
do. 160 lb.	54.40	String Beans	.85
do. 320 lb.	108.80	String Beans	.85
do. 640 lb.	217.60	String Beans	.85
do. 1280 lb.	435.20	String Beans	.85
do. 2560 lb.	870.40	String Beans	.85
do. 5120 lb.	1740.80	String Beans	.85
do. 10240 lb.	3481.60	String Beans	.85
do. 20480 lb.	6963.20	String Beans	.85
do. 40960 lb.	13926.40	String Beans	.85
do. 81920 lb.	27852.80	String Beans	.85
do. 163840 lb.	55705.60	String Beans	.85
do. 327680 lb.	111411.20	String Beans	.85
do. 655360 lb.	222822.40	String Beans	.85
do. 1310720 lb.	445644.80	String Beans	.85
do. 2621440 lb.	891289.60	String Beans	.85
do. 5242880 lb.	1782579.20	String Beans	.85
do. 10485760 lb.	3565158.40	String Beans	.85
do. 20971520 lb.	7130316.80	String Beans	.85
do. 41943040 lb.	14260633.60	String Beans	.85
do. 83886080 lb.	28521267.20	String Beans	.85
do. 167772160 lb.	57042534.40	String Beans	.85
do. 335544320 lb.	114085068.80	String Beans	.85
do. 671088640 lb.	228170137.60	String Beans	.85
do. 1342177280 lb.	456340275.20	String Beans	.85
do. 2684354560 lb.	912680550.40	String Beans	.85
do. 5368709120 lb.	1825361100.80	String Beans	.85
do. 10737418240 lb.	3650722201.60	String Beans	.85
do. 21474836480 lb.	7301444403.20	String Beans	.85
do. 42949672960 lb.	14602888806.40	String Beans	.85
do. 85899345920 lb.	29205777612.80	String Beans	.85
do. 171798691840 lb.	58411555225.60	String Beans	.85
do. 343597383680 lb.	116823110451.20	String Beans	.85
do. 687194767360 lb.	233646220902.40	String Beans	.85
do. 1374389534720 lb.	467292441804.80	String Beans	.85
do. 2748779069440 lb.	934584883609.60	String Beans	.85
do. 5497558138880 lb.	1869169767219.20	String Beans	.85
do. 10995116277760 lb.	3738339534438.40	String Beans	.85
do. 21990232555520 lb.	7476679068876.80	String Beans	.85
do. 43980465111040 lb.	14953358137753.60	String Beans	.85
do. 87960930222080 lb.	29906716275507.20	String Beans	.85
do. 175921860444160 lb.	59813432551014.40	String Beans	.85
do. 351843720888320 lb.	119626865102028.80	String Beans	.85
do. 703687441776640 lb.	239253730204057.60	String Beans	.85
do. 1407374883553280 lb.	478507460408115.20	String Beans	.85
do. 2814749767106560 lb.	957014920816230.40	String Beans	.85
do. 5629499534213120 lb.	1914029841632460.80	String Beans	.85
do. 11258999068426240 lb.	3828059683264921.60	String Beans	.85
do. 22517998136852480 lb.	7656119366529843.20	String Beans	.85
do. 45035996273704960 lb.	15312238733059686.40	String Beans	.85
do. 90071992547409920 lb.	30624477466119372.80	String Beans	.85
do. 180143985094819840 lb.	61248954932238745.60	String Beans	.85
do. 360287970189639680 lb.	122497909864477491.20	String Beans	.85
do. 720575940379279360 lb.	244995819728954982.40	String Beans	.85
do. 1441151880758558720 lb.	489991639457909964.80	String Beans	.85
do. 2882303761517117440 lb.	979983278915819929.60	String Beans	.85
do. 5764607523034234880 lb.	1959966557831639859.20	String Beans	.85
do. 11529215046068469760 lb.	3919933115663279718.40	String Beans	.85
do. 23058430092136939520 lb.	7839866231326559436.80	String Beans	.85
do. 46116860184273879040 lb.	15679732462653118873.60	String Beans	.85
do. 92233720368547758080 lb.	31359464925306237747.20	String Beans	.85
do. 184467440737095516160 lb.	62718929850612475494.40	String Beans	.85
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do. 737869762948382064640 lb.	250875719402449901977.60	String Beans	.85
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AMONG THE TRADE.

IN THE CITY.

The Grand Rapids Felt Boot Co. are still running day and night in the vain endeavor to keep pace with their orders.

Geo. W. Harris & Son, a light-weight grocery firm at 238 South Division street, have been closed on chattel mortgage by Arthur Meigs & Co.

Mr. O. Halliday, of Halliday & Brown, Hoytville, was in town a day or two ago, and reported that the firm had sold out, to whom it was not learned.

Chas. E. Belknap is getting up a half dozen covered stages, on sleighs, to operate on the mail and passenger line between St. Ignace and Sault de St. Marie.

W. P. Granger, bill clerk at the Provision and Packing Co., has gone east for a week's rest. The place is filled in his absence by his brother, James E. Granger.

Chas. B. Judd, of the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co., left Tuesday for a five weeks' business trip through the Eastern States. He will go as far as Boston and Portland.

Contrary to former announcement and general expectation, Wentworth & Cannon will not engage in the jobbing trade until there is a brighter appearance around the financial horizon.

Mr. Jacob Jesson, Secretary of the newly-organized Michigan Pharmaceutical Association, was in town Saturday, the guest of Judge Montgomery. He was on his way to his home in Muskegon.

Stryker & Dekker, who have just completed the erection of a new store at the corner of Center street and Sixth avenue, looked over the market and placed their order for a full grocery stock with Fox, Muselman & Loveridge.

Putnam & Brooks have received an order for six tons of confectionery from Fort Wayne, Ind., and have lately filled large orders from New Orleans, St. Louis and Nashville. All of which goes to show that Grand Rapids candy is not surpassed by that made anywhere, and is winning a good reputation abroad.

AROUND THE STATE.

South Lyons is to have a bank.

The Charlevoix foundry has begun operations.

The Leland furnace will go into blast next spring.

A new handle factory has just been started at Cadillac.

Fax Bros, merchant tailors at Cheboygan, have sold out.

D. Stuck has engaged in the produce business at Big Rapids.

H. D. Harvey, dealer in groceries at Bangor, has sold out to J. Damsen.

All the Ludington mills, except one or two have shut down for the season.

F. L. Allen, of Lakeview, has opened a branch harness shop at Sylvester.

H. F. Snyder, general dealer at Crapo, has sold out to J. N. Franklin, late of Detroit.

Freeport will give a handsome bonus for the establishment of a wooden-bowl factory.

A company has been organized to develop the valuable limestone deposits at Petoskey.

Belling & Shutz, dealers in meats at Kalkaska, have dissolved, each continuing.

Dun's Mercantile Agency reports that Ingalls & Leete, hardware dealers at Almont, are selling out.

A. W. Fowler & Co., of Muskegon, have sold out to Johnson Bros., the transfer to take place Dec. 1.

Albert Koch and Chas. Miller have formed a co-partnership at Montague and engaged in the tailoring business.

Ryerson, Hills & Co. have sold the Washington Hotel property at Muskegon to a White Cloud man for \$4,200.

The Novelty Iron Works at Muskegon has increased its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000, \$25,000 of which is all paid in.

F. Sauerbier, formerly engaged in the grocery and crockery business at St. Joseph, has opened a similar store at Ryerson P. O.

The Cobb Spring-Tooth Harrow Company has accepted an invitation, accompanied by a liberal offer, to establish their works at Sturgis.

The Frankfort Iron furnace went out of blast on Monday, and operations will not be resumed until spring, and then probably under new management.

The first barrel of crackers turned out of the Flint Cracker factory was purchased by Bishop & Zimmerman, who afterwards sold it to the Flint Hospital.

The lumber firm of Cass, Morrison, Gale & Co., at Big Rapids, has been dissolved by the retirement of Geo. D. Milles. Business will be continued under the same firm name.

Dun's Mercantile Agency reports the assignment of John Hickey, liquor dealer at Big Rapids, and the opening of a produce and commission house at that place by Hunt & Pierce.

R. Hoffman, general dealers at Filmore Center, has removed to Montague. Tellman & Hoffman, who operated the saw and grist mill at the former place, have sold out, and H. Tellman has removed to Muskegon.

Says the Mancelona Herald: The first car load of butter plates was shipped to Chicago last Tuesday. Thirty-five hands are now employed at the factory and the plates are turned out at the rate of 150 per minute.

The Muskegon News says: The lumber on the docks will be mostly carried over until next spring. Some of it is sold and the owners prefer to let it remain here during the winter, as the danger from fire is less here than in the larger cities and the rate of insurance is smaller.

According to an estimate in the Manistee Advocate, there are about 30,000,000 feet of logs in the Little Lake, 30,000,000 in the Manistee River, 16,000,000 in the South Branch and 12,000,000 in the Little River, making the total amount of logs on hand about 88,000,000 feet.

The firm of J. B. Bailey & Son, dealers in groceries and crockery at Allegan, has been dissolved by the retirement of the senior member, who is 73 years old, and well deserves a rest from mercantile cares. The business will be continued at the old stand by Ed. Bailey, under the name of J. B. Bailey & Son.

VISITING BUYERS.

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

O. Halliday, of Halliday & Brown, Hoytville.

W. T. Addis, Jr., Boyne City.

E. Hagadorn, Fife Lake.

E. H. Foster, Fife Lake.

Mr. Parkhurst, of Parkhurst & Clark, Middleville.

G. W. Moekema, Graafschaps.

Graves & Son, Shelby.

P. Hansen, Big Prairie.

O. W. Knox, Hart.

H. B. Irish, Lisbon.

A. M. Church, Englishville.

Paine & Field, Englishville.

C. E. Kellogg, Grandville.

J. Omier, Wright.

G. H. Walbrink, Allendale.

Smeadley Bros., Bauer.

B. M. Dennison, East Paris.

H. Colby & Co., Rockford.

Mrs. E. Deacon, Cedar Springs.

K. L. Kinney, Maple Hill.

W. H. Struik, Forest Grove.

G. Bron & Ten Hoor, Forest Grove.

John J. Ely, Rockford.

G. W. Joscelyn, Ventura.

T. J. Sheridan, Lockwood.

U. S. Monroe, Berlin.

W. S. Root, Talmage.

H. D. Harvey, Bangor.

J. Damsen, Bangor.

L. P. Swift, Crapo.

O. Green, Martin.

F. Newman, Dorr.

A. J. White, Bass River.

Cornell & Griswold, Griswold.

Norman Harris, Big Springs.

Geo. Heintz, Ross Station.

TRADE CHANGES.

Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency furnishes THE TRADESMAN with the following business changes, embarrasments, etc., occurring up to the hour of going to press:

Battle Creek—J. W. Chaddock & Co., hardware, sold out to Pittman & Flower.

Big Rapids—Hewitt, Stevens & Co., planing mill, dissolved, W. P. Hewitt continuing.

Charlotte—Selkirk & McDonald, jewelers, dissolved, A. T. Selkirk continuing.

Homer—Higby & Henshaw, dry goods and groceries, dissolved, Higby & Hopkins succeeding.

Lansing—Porter & Strong, grocers, sold out to W. L. Chippenger & Co.

Hoytville—Halladay & Brown, general store, about to sell out.

Manistee—W. E. Smith, jeweler, reported left town.

Williamsburg—D. McVeigh, shingle mill, reported left town.

Pinebush—L. E. Richards & Co., general store, sold out to Mrs. C. E. Richards.

LATE CHARLEVOIX CHANGES.

Dun's Mercantile Agency notes the following:

A. Fox, grocer, is selling out at cost, and announces his determination of closing out and retiring from business on account of ill-health.

The Charlevoix Manufacturing Co., a joint-stock corporation with a paid-in capital of \$10,000, succeeds the late firm of S. M. C. Mason & Co. in the planing mill business.

The Pine Lake Lumber Co. is putting up another saw mill at Dwight's Landing. January 1 the capital stock will be increased from \$20,000 to \$50,000, all paid in.

CHANGES AT VERMONTVILLE.

Dun's Mercantile Agency reports the following:

H. C. & C. E. Hammond, harness, dissolved, H. C. Hammond continuing.

A. A. Hopkins, agricultural implements, out of business.

Edward W. Hyde, wagons, out of business.

W. H. Bros, saloon, succeeded by James Garnett, formerly proprietor of the livery stable.

WORTHLESS QUOTATIONS.

How the Grand Rapids Daily Papers Mislead the Business Public.

The daily papers of Grand Rapids all publish that they are pleased to call a "Wholesale Market," although the information imparted is of little value, as it is seldom correct, and consequently cannot be relied upon.

The markets are ostensibly "Corrected Daily," and a great show of authenticity is given them by regularly changing the date line at the head of the markets, but in most cases this is the only change made in weeks, and sometimes months. That this fact may be made patent to all, but few illustrations are necessary. For instance, the *Times* is still quoting ripe peaches and tomatoes, although neither have been in the market for a month. Butter is placed at 16c, whereas even a fair quality brings 25c per cent. more. Beans are priced at \$1.75, but the jobbers and commission merchants are getting \$2.50 for common stock. The *Democrat* quotes potatoes at 70c, when as a matter of fact they are a drug in the market at about half that price. Concord grapes and pears have not been in the market for a fortnight, but both are still quoted. Celery is quoted at 20c per bunch, although it is active at 30c per dozen bunches. Squash is placed at 4c per pound, but is selling for half that figure. The *Eagle* is scarcely less deserving of censure, while the *Leader* has always been open to criticism in this respect. It is still in the memory of many that the latter paper quoted strawberries as late as October about three years ago, although none were in market at that time, even in New Orleans.

The above misquotations, selected at random from issues of the papers of current date, serve to illustrate the entire worthlessness of this feature of the average daily paper. When it is understood that the work of keeping the report correct is usually entrusted to a reporter already overburdened with other and more pressing duties, it is not strange that little dependence can be placed on it. With a paper like THE TRADESMAN, the situation is reversed. One man gives his entire time to a careful scrutiny of the markets, making note of every change, and inquiring into every unusual feature incidental to the subject. He is therefore able to treat the matter understandingly, and when he finally places the ruling figures, the quotations may be accepted as absolutely correct.

The question may be summed up as follows: Do not expect too much from one paper. If you want the news, take a newspaper. But if you want correct market quotations, take a trade paper.

The mince pie graceth the festal board, making its juices rare, and the mouth of the baby waters while he vieweth the treasure there. The doctor smilith a wan, sad smile and heaveh a crocodile moan, and the marble man goeth out in his yard and polisheth up a stone. And the undertaker mournfully asks "What will his measure be?" while the sexton labels a spot "reserved" under a willow tree.

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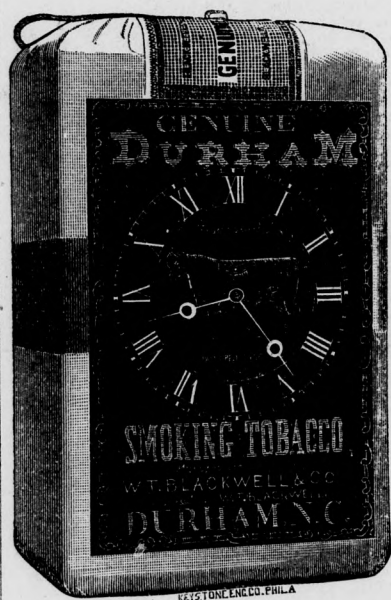
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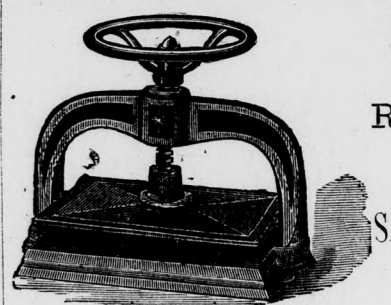
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More Failures.

It had been hoped that the recent financial flurry would serve to avert further assignments, but the present week opened with rather more than its full quota. Phillip E. Newman & Co., boot and shoe dealers doing business here and at Kalamazoo and South Bend, Ind., tacked a notice on the door Monday announcing an assignment to W. M. Robinson. L. Creighton, a commission lumber dealer at Cadillac, with small assets and liabilities, failed. Cummer & Rawles, hardware dealers at the same place, made an assignment to Peter Hailey, with liabilities estimated at \$37,000, and assets at \$42,000. Rice & Messmore, the private bankers at Cadillac, made an assignment Monday noon, after fighting strenuously for a fortnight to get above water. This will necessarily impel Messmore Bros., the clothing dealers, to take the same course, and may possibly bring about the failure of O. S. Whittemore & Co. Every failure of the kind brings legitimate business down nearer to hard-pan, and renders the future brighter for all not seriously affected by them.

Brief Review of the Leading Lines of Trade.

Dry goods are quiet and collections not so good as earlier in the season. Groceries are somewhat depressed, owing to the general failure of crops, and the consequent "floor" feeling prevalent among the farming class. Sugars are a trifle lower and have evidently touched bottom. Coffees are slightly higher and firmer. London layer and new Muscatel raisins have advanced. Candy is down 1/2c, in consequence of the drop in sugars. Business continues fair to good, and dealers look for a lively holiday trade. Boot and shoe and drug jobbers report a booming business. Hides, pelts and furs are very dull, and hides are likely to decline.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Cider—Good quality and selling freely at 20c per gal.

Celery—Active at 30c per doz.

Cabbage—Firm at \$6 to \$9 per 100.

Clover Seed—Not much moving. Some sales made at \$5.50 to \$6.25 per bu.

Timothy—In ample supply at \$1.65 per bu.

Sweet Potatoes—Jerseys, firm at \$4 per bu.

Grapes—Catawba, 10c.

Cranberries—Cultivated Wisconsin, \$10 per \$12 per bu.

Poultry—Easy. Spring chickens in good demand, but old rather slow. Dressed chickens, 11c per lb., and old fowls, 8c.

Eggs—Quite scarce at 25c for fresh, and 24c for packed.

Dried Apples—Quarters, 7 to 8c per lb.; evaporated, 15 to 16c.

Honey—In comb, 18c per lb.

Potatoes—A drug in the market. Choice Rose and Burbanks offered freely at 40c, and carload lots at 35c and very dull even at those prices.

Apples—Winter and fall fruit are selling at \$3 to \$3.25 per bu.

Butter—Dull. Western creamery, 24c; dairy, 18c to 22c.

Onions—Dull and slow. Sales of choice yellow made at \$2 per bu., and 65c per bu. in sacks.

Squash—Hubbard selling at 2c to 2 1/2c per lb.

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Cummer & Henderson, proprietors of the Cadillac Iron Works, have made an assignment to E. F. Sawyer, of that place.

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