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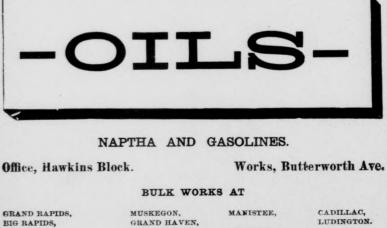
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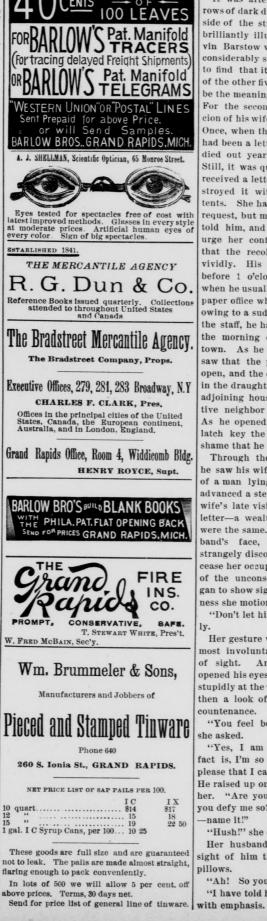
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PAID THE PENALTY. It was after 11 o'clock at night. The rows of dark dwellings which lined either side of the street made one house look brilliantly illuminated by contrast. Alvin Barstow walked quickly toward it, considerably surprised as he drew near to find that it was his own and not one of the other five in the row. What could be the meaning of this lavish use of gas? For the second time in his life a suspicion of his wife flashed through his mind. Once, when they were first married, there had been a letter, but, "Pshaw! All that died out years ago," he said to himself. Still, it was queer that she should have received a letter in his presence and destroyed it without telling him its contents. She had named the writer at his request, but more than this she had not told him, and he had been too proud to urge her confidence. He was annoyed that the recollection should return so vividly. His wife did not expect him before 1 o'clock, as that was the time when he usually got home from the newspaper office where he was employed; but owing to a sudden illness of a member of the staff, he had been ordered to start in the morning on a "detail" to a distant town. As he approached the house he saw that the parlor windows were wide open, and the curtains swayed to and fro in the draught. From the window of an adjoining house the head of an inquisitive neighbor was furtively withdrawn. As he opened the front door with his latch key the husband felt a pang of shame that he should do it so softly. Through the open door of the parlor he saw his wife bending over the figure of a man lying on the lounge. As he advanced a step nearer he saw that his

wife's late visitor and the writer of the letter-a wealthy and prominent manwere the same. At the sight of her hus band's face, Mrs. Barstow appeared strangely disconcerted, but she did not cease her occupation of bathing the head of the unconscious man. When he began to show signs of returning consciousness she motioned her husband back. "Don't let him see you," she said hasti-

ly. Her gesture was so imperative that almost involuntarily Barstow moved out of sight. An instant later the man opened his eyes. For a moment he gazed stupidly at the woman standing over him, then a look of hatred passed over his countenance.

"You feel better now, do you not?" she asked.

"Yes, I am better, I suppose. The fact is. I'm so used to doing as I dplease that I can't stand it to be crossed." He raised up on one elbow and glared at her. "Are you a woman or a devil that you defy me so? You must have a price -name it!"

"Hush!" she cried, warningly.

Her husband came forward, and at sight of him the man fell back on the pillows.

"Ah! So you have told him."

She drew her husband out of the room. "He may have a stroke of apoplexy if he is excited; he came near one as it was." "I must know what this means."

"You insist?"

"Certainly."

"Then you mistrust me!" she broke out sharply.

They regarded each other silently for a moment. Reproach and appeal were written in her eyes. He dropped his own.

"Yes," he said shortly.

"Very well, I will tell you after he is gone.'

He grasped her wrist. "You swear it?"

She recoiled as if he had struck her. "I said I would tell you." Her voice was cold. "You must ring for a carriage now and get him home as quickly as possible."

They returned to the parlor, but their visitor maintained a sullen silence until the arrival of the carriage. At the door he turned to the wife. "Remember the power of money," he said, and without a glance at her husband he was gone.

When they heard the carriage door shut, husband and wife faced each other. "It will be wrong for me to tell you the meaning of all this, for it is another's secret," she began.

"I don't care whose secret it is," he replied brutally; "I demand to know the truth and the whole truth."

"I once witnessed a murder. This man, William Sage, was the principal, and one who was very dear to me was accessory to the crime."

Instantly the expression of the man's face changed. The jealousy which had predominated vanished and a new lookkeen, shrewd, calculating, the look of a sleuth hound-took its place.

"And who was the one who was dear to you?"

For a moment she hesitated.

"My father," she whispered.

"And the victim?"

"Was George Stern, a former partner of theirs. It happened in our cabin near Altaville, in Colorado. The three had been playing cards when a dispute arose and my father charged Stern with cheating. Stern gave him the lie, and my father knocked him down. For some time previous to this there had been bad blood between them about a mine, and it was only because Stern had expressed a desire for a reconciliation that they consented to the game of cards." She paused.

"Well, did it kill him?"

"No; that is the worst part of it, for then it would have been partly excusable. Mr. Sage was furiously angry. He threatened to kill us if we rendered the man any assistance. The fall had produced unconsciousness. As soon as he opened his eyes, William Sage shot him twice and then flung the heavy gun at his head."

She drew her hand across her eyes with a shudder. "It was an awful sight. I "I have told him nothing," she replied don't think I have ever been quite the same since. His skull was fractured,

but whether by the fall or the gun we into the building. A full hour remained did not know. Mr. Sage said it was the in which to get his copy ready. In the result of the fall and threatened to prove it if we told what we knew about the looked up in surprise as he hastily affair. They dug a grave in the thick brush and the body has never been found. It was a long time before I would consent not to tell, and during that time they never left me alone. No enquiry was ever made, for the man was supposed to have left the country. No one suffered by his death, and at last I made up my mind to keep the secret for father's sake. After his death I was glad I had. But Mr. Sage has never trusted me. He came here to-night in a frenzy and accused me with having told you. He imagined that he saw a reference to the crime in an attack upon him in today's Enterprise and he wanted to buy me off-to buy my silence."

Her eyes flashed. "He seems to feel, somehow, that if he can once get me to accept money he will be more sure of me. His rage because I refused brought on the spell you saw. Now I have told you everything. Promise me that you will never breathe a word of this to a human being?"

He did not reply at once. "It is a horrible thing," he said at length, "but it is nothing in which you are specially concerned."

"Nothing in which I am specially concerned?" she repeated, in amazement. "When I witnessed it and my own father was possibly the murderer!"

"Nonsense! How could he be? If the man's skull had been fractured by the fall he wouldn't have regained consciousness."

"You haven't promised me yet," she exclaimed in sudden alarm. "On, Alvin, don't put it in the paper. Don't! It would kill me!"

He had never seen her so excited. She was usually so calm.

"You are nervous and overwrought." he replied evasively. "You must lie down and get some rest!" She read the truth in his face.

"Is nothing sacred?" she asked bitter-

ly. "Must this monster you work for be fed with my heart's blood?"

"You are growing hysterical and giving yourself a great deal of unnecessary alarm. For your own good I must ask you to go to bed at once. I must return to the office immediately, I came home to get some notes I had forgotten, and I've barely time to get through before the paper goes to press."

Once in the street he fairly ran along them in his haste to get his work done before the paper went to press.

It was a tremendous "scoop." Sage was a candidate for re-election to the United States senate, and was an owner of a rival paper. The election would take place in two weeks, and the Enterprise had been making a very bitter fight against him. This black page in his history would be a powerful weapon in their hands; but there was no time to be lost. A slight compunction for what he was about to do Barstow promptly crushed by a ready sophistry of justification. The coup d'etat just at this time would be of incalculable benefit to him. He would be advanced, perhaps, to the dazzling position of special writer. Surely this prosperity would console his wife for the grief she would feel at the publication. Besides, was it not the duty of a newspaper to expose crime?

He glanced at his watch as he dashed

local room a group of belated reporters entered the night editor's room.

"Barstow must have a good one," one remarked, with a look of envy.

The fortunate man did not reappear. He sent for the artist and gave him a rough outline of the tragedy, with instructions to make what he could out of it. Then he set to work furiously. Within an hour the article was ready for the press. This done he dropped wearily on a lounge and fell asleep.

It was 6 o'clock when he awoke. His first thought was for a copy of the paper. Yes, it was all there: a sensation with a vengeance. There was even a drawing of the tragedy, with Senator Sage represented in the act of firing at the prostrate form of his victim, and the figure of a girl and a man in the background. The well-known features of the murderer were unmistakable.

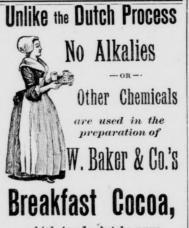
Barstow's next thought was his wife. The paper must have been delivered two or three hours earlier. He hurried out and went directly home. An aunt of his wife met him in the hall.

"Be prepared for the worst," she said sternly. "The expose in the paper has been too much for her. If you wrote it, then you brought this misfortune upon yourself."

"What misfortune? What are you talking about? Where is my wife?" he asked in rapid succession.

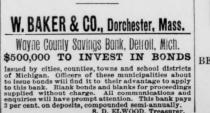
"She has lost her reason. You didn't know it was in her father's family," she added, as he staggered back. "They all have terrible tempers, or else they are quiet and deep like her, and these sometimes go mad."

A horrible laugh rang through the house. He pushed the woman to one side and rushed to his wife's room. She sat on the floor, rocking her body backward and forward as she grabbed and pointed to the morning *Enterprise* in her band. E. S. BATES.



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SPECULATIONS IN REAL ESTATE. I have been greatly interested in the many letters which I have received during the week from supporters of the single tax and anti-poverty doctrines, to which I referred in my article of last week. Most of the writers complain that I either misunderstand or have wilfully misrepresented the views they entertain. and one or two of them have. I confess. pointed out some immaterial errors of historical fact which I made, and which they regard as proofs of my entire ignorance of the subject. All that I can say in reply is that I have honestly done the best I could, and that I have endeavored, as Othello requested of his friends, to "nothing extenuate nor set down aught in malice." Warm partisans of any doctrines must remember that these doctrines necessarily look different to different minds, and the aspect they present to their advocates cannot be expected to be the same that they do to their opponents. Besides, what I was aiming at chiefly was to show that the underlying ground of the movement to abolish poverty by confiscating private property in land, was the widely diffused sentiment that the poor have a right to share in the possession of the rich, and that the Pope and his trusted advisers have come to the conclusion that Dr. McGlynn, in his advocacy of the anti-poverty doctrine, has behind him a popular support which it is not safe for the Roman Catholic Church to seem to oppose. I further desired to call the attention of the rich to the existence and the strength of the hostility to them, and to warn them of the necessity of taking measures to counteract it. The accuracy of the details of the anti-poverty teachings is, therefore, a secondary matter, though I still maintain that I have stated their es-

sential points correctly.

Among other things, I said that under our existing laws the property of the private owners of land in large cities is already largely taken from them by taxation and expended for the benefit of the poor. Of the assessed valuations of real and personal estate in New York last year, \$1,500,000,000 was real estate, and only a little over \$300,000,000 personal estate. The owners of real estate pay, therefore, five-sixths of all the taxes collected in Gotham, and owners of personal estate only one-sixth. Of these taxes, amounting last year to \$36,000,000, there was expended upon asylums, reformatories, almshouses, and public schools, \$8,000,000, besides which real property of churches, free libraries, hospitals, and other benevolent institutions was exempted from taxation to the amount of \$80,000,000, thereby increasing the sum collected from taxpayers \$1,480,-000. Thus, the private owners of land in New York, in addition to what they paid for municipal purposes, contributed five-sixths of \$9,480,000, or \$7,900,000, to furnish the poor with free food and fuel, free schools, free medical aid, free reading, and free religious ministrations, besides giving them water at a nominal price. If, now, a majority of the voters choose to extend this bounty so as to include in it free house rent, free railroad riding, free theaters, concert rooms and other amusements, there is no legal impediment in the way. It is not necessary to justify the proceeding upon the theory that private ownership in land is unjust, or to put forward any other excuse. It is enough for the majority to declare that the lucky people who draw prizes in lot-

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such is their will, and the minority must teries. It will not do to conclude from submit to it. Excellent reasons can be their success that buyers of land always given for confining taxation to the land alone, but the raising by such taxation of more than is needed for strictly government purposes, cannot be defended by denying the rights of private land owners.

A great deal is said, I know, not only by Mr. George and his disciples, but by others, about the "unearned" increment of land values, and the right of the community to appropriate it for its own purposes. Instances are adduced of purchases by individuals of parcels of land at a trifling price which have subsequently, in the course of time, become enormously valuable; and it is asked triumphantly, as if there were no sufficient answer to the query, why this enhanced value should not go to those by whose exertions, it is said, it was created. instead of being retained by those who apparently merely sat still and waited for fortune to come to them. It is enough to reply, it seems to me, that unless vested rights are recognized in land, as well as in other property, no civilization is possible. If, after an individual. under the sanction of laws made by his fellow citizens, invests his money in land. he is to be deprived of it merely because he has made a good bargain, a precedent is set which strikes at the ownership of property of any kind. Moreover, those who talk about the injustice of permitting private owners to retain the increase of land values, either forget or never have known that the cases in which land decreases in value are quite as numerous as those in which it increases. Many pieces of real property in New York are worth barely one-half now what they were thirty years ago, and in the neighboring cities of Brooklyn and Jersey City similar cases abound. If. therefore, justice allows the community to appropriate the increase of land values. it likewise demands that owners whose land has decreased in value by the withdrawal of popular favor shall be compensated for the loss.

Another point which the would-be confiscators of the increment of land values fail to consider is that, in most cases, this increment, instead of being unearned, as they suppose, by the owner of land, has in reality been more than earned by him. To illustrate by actual experience: A friend of mine bought just before the war some lots in the suburbs of New York, paying for them \$2,500. He held them for thirty years, paying taxes and assessments upon them all the time, and then sold them for \$10,-000. Here was, apparently, a profit of 300 per cent. which he had not earned. But in reality he had paid out in taxes and assessments, and in loss of interest during the thirty years, allowing nothing for his own trouble in taking care of the property, not only the \$10,000 which he finally received, but \$10,000 more. He thus actually lost \$10,000 on his investment, instead of gaining \$7,500. Another friend, about the same time, paid \$5,000 for some other lots which he sold last year for \$50,000, showing an apparent profit of \$45,000, or 900 per cent. On making up his accounts he found he was really out of pocket \$5,000 by the operation. It cannot be denied that some speculators in land are more fortunate than my friends were, but they are like

make profits, any more than it will do to conclude that all buyers of lottery tickets win prizes. In fact, we know that as a whole they lose money.

A practical difficulty, too, in the way of any legislative measure for confiscating the unearned increment of land values as such, is that of determining who, in case of such confiscation, are to share in the proceeds. The increased value of land in New York, for example, is due to the growth of the entire United States and of its trade with the rest of the world. Land in Wall street is immensely valuable, because the financial magnates of both America and Europe congregate there to do business. Broadway shops are in demand at high rents, because the citizens of the rest of the Union come there to buy goods. Fifth avenue lots sell at great prices because they are wanted for residences, not only by our local millionaires, but by men who have made fortunes in other places. Land further up town is also dear, because of its desirability for families the heads of whom have come here to seek their fortunes, and to this desirability the elevat ed railroads have contributed immensely. But for their help, indeed, my unfortunate real estate speculating friends would have lost much more than they did by their ventures. It is impossible. among the claims of all these diverse agencies, and of the many others which I have not enumerated, to decide how much is the share of each one in augmenting land values, and this fact alone, irrespective of the injustice of the proceeding, is an effectual bar to putting into practice the theory that the supposed unearned increment belongs to others than those who have bought the land in accordance with existing laws.

That, in spite of all these considerations, the conclusiveness of which I think will commend itself to every dispassionate judgment, the doctrines taught by Henry George and Dr. McGlynn have found so many adherents as they have, is. I repeat, a sign of the times which should not pass unheeded. Declaiming against them is a waste of breath, and I am not sure that my efforts to expose their true character are worth the trouble of making them. Still, I felt irresitibly moved to write what I have written, and now that I have unburdened my soul, I will let the subject drop for the present. MATTHEW MARSHALL.

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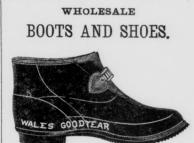
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AROUND THE STATE.

Detroit-John B. Boyle succeeds S. J. Ransier in the drug business. Coleman-S. Bowdish succeeds Bow-

dish & Boyce in general trade.

Hough on-Ruhl & Barry succeed Sheldon Bros. in the drug business.

Hudson-Martin & Blood succeed A. Opdyke in the lumber business.

Newaygo-Seth S. Watrous succeeds Lever & Lever in the drug business. Owosso-John Hoyt has purchased the

crockery stock of Glynn & Monroe.

Marquette-Hager Bros. succeed Chas. A. Hager in the furniture business.

Brown City-John Shearsmith succeeds Rice & Mapes in the hardware business. Bachelor-R. R. Rogers is succeeded by

S. J. Brightman in the grocery business. Dowagiac-Mandaval Eaton has sold

his stock of groceries to Charles Amsden. Morenci-H. D. Pegg succeeds Pegg & Wilson in the drug and grocery business.

Cass City-H. B. Fairweather succeeds Fairweather Bros. in the grocery busi-

Benton Harbor-Nichols & Hall succeed Guy Lockwood in the drug business.

lonia-The Ionia Produce Co. has closed out its stock and will retire from business.

Litchfield-J. W. Hartman succeeds John E. Lewis in the cigar and tobacco business.

Ionia-Canfield & Hanigan succeed Welch & Long in the grocery and meat business.

Kalamazoo-F. M. Harwood is succeeded by Harwood & Oakes in the hardware business.

Detroit - Jno. N. Graham succeeds Caroline C. (Mrs. E.) Rolls in the drug business.

Blissfield-A. C. Bartholomew is succeeded by John Houghtby in the furniture business.

Pewamo-J. H. Whittaker succeeds the Pewamo Elevator Co. in the hand ling of grain.

Detroit-Hasse & Dings, tailors, have dissolved, J. C. Hasse & Son continuing the business.

Negaunee---Wm. Johnston is succeeded by A. Boulson in the saw and planing mill business.

Adrian-Gibford & Walker succeed Gibford, Kennedy & Aldrich in the hardware husiness.

Saline-Chas. F. Underkirchen succeeds G. B. Mason in the drug and stationery business.

Fremont - Gross & Mosier succeed Chas. Rose in the restaurant and confectionery business.

Weston-Vail & Holden are succeeded by Holden & Morris in the agricultural implement business.

Bay City-Thatcher & Olmstead, grocers, have dissolved, Geo. Thatcher continuing the business.

Detroit-D. O. Wiley & Co., produce dealers, have dissolved, D. O. Wiley continuing the business.

Lansing-Dunham & Price, hardware dealers, have dissolved, Price & Smith continuing the business.

Davison Station-The Davison Road Cart Co. is succeded by the Wolverine Carriage Co., incorporated.

Clayton-Kessler & Bales are succeed ed by John B. Kessler & Son in the hardware and lumber business.

Petoskey — Pettingill Bros., grocers | known as Vallier & Atchison.

and bakers, have dissolved partnership. Samuel Pettingill succeeding. Monroe Center-Willis Wrightman has

purchased the grocery stock of Byron Craine and will continue the business.

Grand Ledge-The A. L. Worden drug stock has been purchased by Joslin & Anderson, who will continue the business.

North Branch-Schell Bros. & Castle, dealers in general merchandise, have dissolved, Schell Bros. continuing the business.

Applegate-Munn & Mattison are succeeded by Munn & Sherman in the dry goods, grocery and boot and shoe business.

Cadillac-Newark & Drury have merged their hardware business into a stock company under the style of Newark & Druary Co.

Lowell-Hunter & Son have refurnished and decorated their drug store. enabling them to display their stock to better advantage.

Bendon-Albert Kent's store and general stock were recently destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$3,000, with no insurance.

Reed City-P. M. Lonsbury has sold his stock of drugs and stationery to E. H. Pierce and Frank Lonsbury, who will continue the business.

his dry goods and grocery stock to Geo. E. Hutchinson and will re-engage in business in some other location.

Bellaire-Ira A. Adams has purchased the interest of Mr. Swift in the hardware firm of Adams & Swift and will continue the business in his own name.

Mancelona-W. E. Watson, the pioneer merchant of this place, has sold his stock of shoes, dry goods and men's furnishing goods to P. Medalie.

Detroit - Alexander Goetz has purchased the interest of Geo. Taylor in the dry goods stock of W. N. Winans & Co. The firm name remains the same.

Watervliet-The general firm of S. D. Walden & Co.-composed of S. D. Walden and F. H. Merrifield-will hereafter be known as Walden & Merrifield.

Wayland-E. W. Pickett has purchased the interest of Frank E. Pickett in the general stock of Pickett Bros. and will continue the business in his own name.

Kalamazoo-Charles Lawrence, for the past nine years shipping clerk for the Phelps & Biglow Windmill Co., has resigned and purchased the grocery stock

of W. A. Purdy. Cheboygan-Samuel Rindskoff has retired from the clothing firm of Rindskoff Bros. The business will be continued by Wm. and Henry Rindskoff under the same firm name.

Coldwater-J. W. Shively has uttered two chattel mortgages on his dry goods stock, one to A. J. Shively for \$10.600 and the other to the Coldwater National Bank for \$4,350.

1shpeming-Leffler & Hildebrant, meat dealers at this place and also at Beacon. have dissolved, John Hildebrant continuing the business at Beacon and J. J. Leffler at this place.

Muskegon-Glasgow Bros. & Dack will move the unsold portion of the D. M. Stever dry goods stock to their stores in Jackson, where they have been in business for the past eight years.

Fremont - James Atchison has pur-chased the interest of Mr. Wilcox in the grocery and boot and shoe business of Vallier & Wilcox. The new firm will be

Prairieville-J. E. Cairns has sold his interest in the general merchandise business of Cairns, Temple & Co. to his partners, who will continue the business under the style of Temple & Nelson.

Kalamazoo-Conger & Baumann, who recently uttered mortgages on their crockery stock to the City Bank for \$14,-500, offer to compromise with their general creditors at 50 cents on the dollar.

Sand Lake-The firm of Blanchard & Tringle has been dissolved. T. J. Blanchard will continue the furniture and undertaking business and Tringle & Laclear will continue the hardware business.

Middleton-A. P. Albaugh has sold his grocery stock to Naldrett Bros., who will continue the business at the same location. Mr. Albaugh has leased the new hotel here and will try his hand as a landlord.

Manton-F. T. Roberts and A. H. Meeker have formed a copartnership and will embark in the produce and cold storage business, erecting for that purpose a stone and brick building, 25x60 feet in dimensions.

White Pigeon-The "oldest established business in St. Joseph county," recently referred to in THE TRADESMAN, should have been located at this place, instead of Constantine. It correctly referred to Whitneyville-F. T. Croinger has sold the harness business of John Hotchin, who has sold out to Geo. W. Pike.

MANUFACTURING MATTERS.

Marquette-Bice & Sons have started their sawmill and will cut out their stock by May 1.

Daggett-The G. H. Westman Lumber Co. will build a planing mill as an adjunct to its sawmill here.

Evart-Nixon & Morgan have put up a shingle mill on Norway creek, near this place, and started it last week.

Trout Creek-The Trout Creek Lumber Co. has started its sawmill and will saw during the balance of the season.

Saginaw-The firm name of the Feige-Silsbee Furniture Manufacturing Co. has been changed to the Feige Desk Co.

West Bay City-The Wilson Hoop Co., not incorporated, have dissolved, F. L. Wilson and I. Pierce continuing the business under the same style.

Ithaca-W. S. Keefer has purchased the timber on seven forties, near Farwell, estimated to cut 2,000,000 feet, mostly hemlock and it will be cut at once.

Luther-Crandall & Goul have erected a new shingle mill seven miles east of this place and are already running on their plentiful stock of choice cedar.

Three Rivers-L. J. Knause has ceased manufacturing harness goods at Mendon, and sold his interest in the Jackson harness factory, accepting a cash bonus to establish a harness factory at this place.

Coldwater-The stock and business of the B. S. Tibbits' Cigar Manufacturing Co. has been purchased by the American Cigar Co. Mr. Tibbits will give his entire attention to the business of the Coldwater Oil Stove Co., of which he is Manager.

Negaunee-William Johnston, who has been operating a planing mill here, has sold out to A. Boulsom, who will run it under the name of the Negaunee Sash & Door Co. As soon as necessary repairs can be completed, it will be started up for the season's business.

Gladwin-Seely & Hood, hoop manufacturers at Beaverton, have dissolved.

Mr. Seely retains the Beaverton mill and business, and Mr. Hood the Gladwin mill, which has been run under the firm name of Saylor Hoop Co., although the property of the copartnership of Seely & Hood.

The Grocery Market.

Sugar-Without change in price. The demand is light and the market on both raw and refined is weak.

Canned goods-Tomatoes and corn continue to strengthen in price and all varieties of vegetables are bound to go higher before the advent of another season. The same is true of peaches and some other varieties of fruit. Domestic sardines are higher and will probably double in price, owing to the passage of a law by the Massachusetts Legislature, forbidding salmon packing in that State until next fall.

Ovsters-The mild weather is beginning to be felt in the oyster business and prices declined 10c per gallon Monday.

Energetic solicitor wanted to fill general agency position, representing the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., of Newark, N. J. Good territory. Commission and renewal contract. Excellent opening for business man or traveler. Address, confidentially, H. R. Whitman, Supt. Michigan Agencies, Grand Rapids.

FOR SALE, WANTED, ETC.

Advertisements will be inserted under this head for two cents a word the first insertion and one cent a word for each subsequent insertion. No advertisements taken for less than 25 cents. Advance payment.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE -- FURNITURE STOVE AND crockery business. Store well adapted to the business. Undertaking might be added. Bargain on the stock; low rent; great oppor-tunity; fine prosperous farming country. Ad-dress Lock Box 98, Greenville, Mich. 651 FOR SALE-GOOD, CLEAN, SALABLE stock of drugs, groceries and hardware, or will exchange for desirable chattel property or real estate. Arthur Mulholland, Jr., Ashton, Mich.

645 FOR SALE-STOCK OF GROCERIES AND fixtures in a vive town in Northern Indiana. Will invoice about \$1,800. Address Lock Box 61, La Grange, Ind. 649

SITUATIONS WANTED.

POSITION WANTED. POSITION WANTED-FOR A YOUNG LADY who is experienced in commercial and bank book keeping, accustomed to cash and general office work, an excellent stenographer and Rem-ington operator, five years' experience with late employers Valuable, competent help, a lady of refinement and ability. Owing to change in business, parties are assisting to secure a posi-tion Address Late Employers, care Michigan Tradesman Tradesman

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE-OR EXCHANGE FOR LARGE stock of merchandise. Will pay cash dif-ference. Six hundred acres hardwood timber land in Emmet county. Good soll. One half mile from railway station, by road or waterway. For particulars address E. F. B., Grand Blanc, Mich. 652

TOR SALE OR TRADE FOR MERCHAN-dise, 3 billiard and 3 pool tables with outfit complete. Brunswick, Balke, Collender Co.'s make. Used only six months. Address No. 653, care Michigan Tradesman. 653

care Michigan Tradesman. 653 WANTED-BOOT AND SHOE STOCK IN-voicing \$3,000 or less in exchange for resi-dence property in Jackson. Chas. F. Sanborn, 207 Orange St., Jackson, Mich. 647 To EXCHANGE-SEVERAL FINE FARMS and Lansing city property for merchandise. For particulars address George M. Dayton, Lan-sing, Mich. 648

WANTED-TO PURCHASE STOCK GRO-ceries. Address Box 1015, Des Moines, Iowa. 646

Iowa. 646 FOR SALE—TWO-STORY FRAME STORE building and dwelling in thriving Northern Michigan town. Property well rented, Will sell cheap or exchange for city property. A. M. LeBaron, 65 Monroe St. 636

Lebaron, 65 Monroe St. 636 FOR SALE-CLEAN STOCK OF GENERAL merchandise, located at Summer, six miles south of Riverdale. Building is 22x88, with storehouse 20x90, all in good shape. Trade amounts to \$15,000 per year. Excellent opportunity. Address No. 632, care Michigan Trades-max

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GRAND RAPIDS GOSSIP.

W. H. Cone has opened a grocery store at 75 Clancy street. The Olney & Judson Grocer Co. furnised the stock.

W. J. Barnum has opened a grocery store at Velzy. The stock was furnished by the Lemon & Wheeler Company.

A. L. Jenison has sold his grocery stock at 144 West Fulton street to N. H. Walbridge, the East street general dealer.

Frank Collins has purchased an interest in the tobacco business of A. J. Quist and the new firm will be known as A. J. Quist & Co.

C. Quint has sold his grocery stock on Center street to M. J. Vanderveen & Co., who will continue the business at the same location.

J. DePotter has purchased the grocery stock of Seth Ellis, at South Grand Rapids, and added considerably thereto, purchasing his goods from the Lemon & Wheeler Company.

W. J. and F. C. Henwood have formed a copartnership under the style of Henwood Bros. and embarked in the grocery business at Hart. The Ball-Barnhart-Putman Co. furnished the stock.

H. P. Streng, of this city, has formed a copartnership with C. L. Streng, of Montague, under the firm name of C. L. Streng & Son, and will embark in the dry goods business at Holland about March 1.

Gripsack Brigade.

"Hub" Baker's mare and sleigh, which were raffled off last Saturday evening, were drawn by Hull Freeman, of Mancelona, and Manley Jones, the versatile grocery salesman.

Valda Johnston is able to be about again, but hardly strong enough to stand the rigors of the road. His route is, therefore, being covered this week by C. W. Payne, whose place he takes in the house in the meantime.

A. S. Doak was taken sick at Smyrna last Wednesday and is quite ill at his home here, being threatened with pneumonia. His route will be covered during his illness by Jas. B. McInnes, whose city trade will be covered in the meantime by L. Randall Hawkins.

Wm. Boughton has severed his connection with H. S. Robinson & Co. to accept a position with the new house of C. E. Smith Shoe Co. He will not start out for the new house until about March 1, and in the meantime is spending a fortnight with a brother in Massachusetts.

C. M. Woodard who has been on the road for the past year for Barlow Bros., has engaged to travel for the Globe Company, manufacturers of file cases and office appliances at Clncinnati. His territory will comprise Michigan and Northern Ohio and Indiana.

Texas Commercial Traveler: No traveling salesman need make himself a walking encyclopædia, but the more information he gains on matters pertinent to his business the better he will be able to cope with business difficulties and advance the condition of his calling.

Wm. C. Wells, who has traveled for W. J. Gould & Co. for the past seven years, will be married Feb. 9 to Miss Maude Onnolee McGregor, of Flint, which city has long been Mr. Wells' home. The bride is said to be one of Flint's fairest daughters and a worthy companion to firm of Musselman & Widdicomb.

the intrepid traveler whose name she assumes and whose fortune she proposes to share.

H. S. Robinson & Co. have re-organized and re-arranged their traveling force in Michigan, in consequence of the retirement of Wm. Boughton and Wm. Paxton. The former will be succeeded by H. W. Mason, who is already in the field. Mr. Paxton is succeeded by Carleton Row, who will cover the Michigan Central and D., L. & N. H. Irving visits the trade of the Thumb country, Eastern Michigan and Northern Ohio. A. W. Kelly covers Northeastern Michigan and H. F. P. Schneider Southwestern Michigan. The Upper Peninsula is cared for by J. Joe Carroll, who resides at Marquette and visits all the available towns in the Lake Superior country and Northern Wisconsin.

The Hardware Market.

Steel Nails-Demand light. No change to note in price. \$1.80 rates are now asked. There is a move on foot to change the list of advances, but nothing as yet has been decided upon.

Wire Nails-Not strong in price, although the impression seems to be that bottom has nearly been reached. It is certain if there is not a change for the better some mills will have to shut down. The present price is \$1.70 to \$1.80, according to quantity.

Barbed Wire-Many dealers are placing their orders for spring shipment, believing that it cannot be lower. \$2.30 for painted and \$2.70 for galvanized is now quoted.

Glass-Something is going on in the glass market that will have a tendency to steady prices. At the figures at which glass has been selling manufacturers cannot continue and pay their debts. We quote 80 and 10 by the box.

Rope-Both sisal and manilla are weak, notwithstanding the National Cordage Co. pretends to control the market.

Lumberman's Supplies-Everything in this line is very scarce, owing to the great demand caused by the splendid winter we are having. Cross cut saws, saw handles, chain files and cant hook handles have all been short.

Musselman Grocer Co.

Wm. Widdicomb has retired from the wholesale grocery firm of Musselman & Widdicomb and the business has been merged into a stock company under the style of the Musselman Grocer Co. The capital stock of the new corporation is \$100,000, of which \$70,000 is subscribed and paid in, being held as follows: \$35,000

Amos S. Musselman John E. Peck Henry Idema Edwin F. Uhl James M. Barnett 12,000 8,000 5,000 The officers of the corporation are as follows:

President-Amos S. Musselman. Vice-President-Henry Idema. Secretary and Treasurer - John E. Peck.

Mr. Musselman, who will serve the new corporation in the capacity of Manager, has been continuously connected with the wholesale grocery business of this market for the past eleven years, having begun his career as a wholesale grocer with the former firm of Fox, Musselman & Loverage in 1882. He is a hard worker and a man of excellent business judgment, and, under his direction and oversight, the Musselman Grocer Co. will undoubtedly meet the same measure of success which attended the former

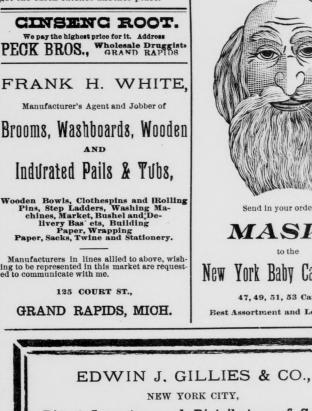
Pocket Microbes.

Representative Outhwaite, of Ohio, is none too soon in his investigation of old greenbacks and bank notes as the medi-um for spreading disease, and the whole nation should thank Dr. C. F. Clark, of Columbus, for first calling his attention to this subject. It is not pleasant to be told by Dr. J. C. Graham, bacteriologist, of Starling Medical College, that old pa-per money is as full of bacteria as eggs are of meat. It is not comforting to think that we may have shut up in our pocket-books colonies of bacteria quietly biding their time to walk down our throats and do their evil work. How pestiferous are these germs Dr. Graham does not know, but considering that the lorder London Lancet reports the finding of 19,000 germs on two Bank of England notes, and considering that cultures made in broth, gelatine and sugar killed rats and guinea-pigs twenty-four hours after infection, it is safe for Congress to infer the worst and prepare for it by passing Mr. Outhwaite's bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to frequently redeem paper currency, and appropriating the necessary money, \$50,000, for carrying it into effect. This is a small carrying it into effect. This is a small sum compared with the great danger it may avert. I hope Mr. Holman will not object. Fifty thousand dollars of pre-vention is worth millions of cure. KATE FIELD.

Purely Personal.

D. L. Wigent, the Watervliet grocer, has been laid up two months with inflammatory rheumatism, but is recovering so rapidly that he will soon be himself again.

The man who unscrupulously tries to get the earth catches another place.





AT THE GATE.

St. Peter stood guard at the golden gate, With solemn mien and an air sedate, When up to the top of the golden stair A man and woman, ascending there, Applied for admission. They came and stood Before St. Peter, so great and good, In hope the City of Peace to win, And asked St. Peter to let them in.

The woman was tail and lank and thin, With a scraggy beardlet upon her chin. The man was short and thick and stout, His stomach was built so it rounded out; His face was pleasant, and all the while He wore a kindly and genial smile. The choirs in the distance the echoes woke, And the man kept still while the woman spoke

And the man kept still while the woman sp "O thou who guardest the gate," said she, "We two come hither, beseching thee To let us enter the heavenly land And play our harps with the angel band. Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt— There's nothing from heaven to bar me out. Tve been to meeting three times a week, And almost always I'd rise and speak.

The told the sinners about the day When they'd repent of their evil way; I've told my neighbors-I've tol' 'em all 'Bout Adam and Eve, and the Primal Fall; I've shown them what they'd have to do, If they'd pass in with the chosen few; I've marked their path of duty clear, Laid out the pian for their whole career.

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got, And I don't know whether he'll pass or not.

Hen a contraction which is the in pass of no He never would pray with an earnest vim Or go to revival or join in a hymn; So I had to leave him in sorrow there, While I, with the chosen, united it prayer; He ate what the pantry chanced to afford, While I, in my purity, sang to the Lord, And, if cucumbers were all he got, It's a chance if he merited them or not.

And, O St. Peter, I love him so-To the pleasures of heaven please let him go! Ain't one enough -a saint I've been? Won't that atone? Can't you let him in? By my grim gospel I know 'tis so That the unrepeutant must fry below; But isn't there some way you can see That he may enter who's dear to me?

It's a narrow gospel by which I pray, But the chosen expect to find a way Of coaxing or fooling or bribing you, So that their relation can amble through. And say, St. Peter. It seems to me This gate isn't kept as it ought to be; You ought to stand right by the opening there And never sit down in that easy chair.

And say. St. Peter, my sight is dimmed. But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed; They're cut too wide and outward toss— They'd look better narrow, cut straight across. Well, we must be going, our crowns to win, So open, St. Peter, and we'll pass in!"

So open, St. Feer, and we'n pass in: St. Peter sat quiet stroking his staff, But, spite of his office, he had to laugh; Then he said with a fiery gleam in his eye, "Who's tending this gateway, you or 1?" And then he rose in his stature tall, And pressed a button upon the wall, And said to the imp who answered the bell, "Escort this lady around to-Hades!"

The man stood still as a piece of stone— Stood sadly, gloomi y, there alone. A life long, settled idea he had That his wife was good and he was bad; He thought, if the woman went down below, That, he would certainly have to go; That, if she went to the regions dim, There wasn't the ghost of a show for him.

There wasn't the ghost of a show for him. Slowly he turned, by habit bent, To follow wherever the woman went. St. Peter, standing on duty there, Observed that the top of his head was bare. He called the gentleman back and said, "Friend, how long have you been wed?" "Thirty years," with a weary sigh, And then thoughtfully added, "Why !"

St. Peter was silent. With head bent down, He raised his hand and scratched his crown; Then, seeming a different thought to take, "Thirty years with that woman there? No wonder the man hasn't any hair! Swearing is wicked, smoke's not good; He smoked and swore—I should think he would!

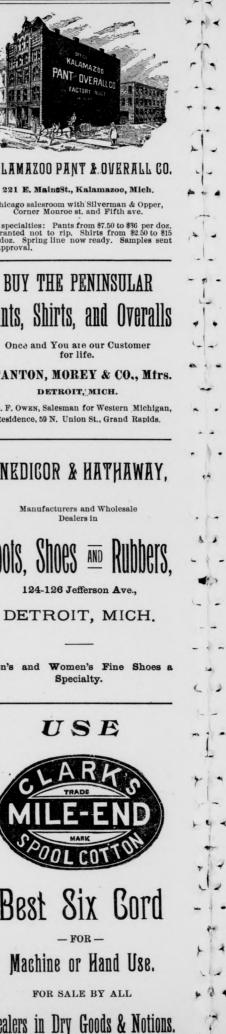
He smoked and swore—I should think he would Thirty years with that tongne so sharp? Ho? Angel Gabriel! Give him a harp! A jeweled harp with a golden string! Gabriel, give him a seat alone— One with a cushion—up near the throne? Call up some angels to play their best, Let him enjoy the music and rest! See that ou finest ambrosia he feeds— He's had about all the Hades he needs; It isn't hardly the thing to do To roast him on earth and in the future too."

They gave him a harp with golden strings, A glittering robe and a pair of wings; And he said, as he entered the Realm of Day, 'Well, this beats cucumbers anyway !' And so the Scriptures had come to pass That "The last shall be first and the first shall be last." JOSETH BEAT SMILEY.

It is not a good idea to jump into deep water unless you know how to swim. It is not a good idea to embark in a business that you don't understand.

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A Successful Suburban Grocery.

Didn't think there was such a thing. did you? Well, there is, and more than that, there are several of them in all of our large towns. We even have some of them here in Grand Rapids.

But these successful suburban grocery stores are not run by labor-shirking Yankees who are looking around for a nice soft spot where they can sit down and whistle, whittle and whine. Such fellows are found on every corner. When they entered the grocery business, they took off their overalls and stuffed them into the ragbag, and took a fond adieu of work, worry and want. Fatal mistake! Those overalls should have been hung up by the side of the dinner pail and carefully preserved, for the time is speedily coming when they will be needed again, and, when that time comes, the necessary means will be lacking with which to purchase a new pair. The successful suburban stores are run by a different class of fellows, men who are on good speaking terms with grimy toil. and who have never taken off their overalls or thrown away their dinner pails. These men did not invest their hardearned dollars in a little grocery store as a means of getting rid of work, but as a means of increasing their productive power and adding to their accumulations.

In order to describe one of these establishments, we will suppose that the owner landed in the city, direct from Holland, ten years ago, with less than \$10 in his pocket, and a wife and two children to support-or, rather, a wife to help him support the two children. Before the sun went down on the day succeeding their arrival, they had found a dwelling place and the head of the house had secured a "yob." A Hollander is never idle. He is always at work, early and late, and for whatever wages he may be able to command; and, be his wages high or low, he keeps digging away, and he never allows his expenses to entirely consume his income. After a few months he has secured permanent work in a factory somewhere. He's not the man to miss a day on account of having caught cold sitting in a draft at the theatre, or any other account, and, consequently, in a marvelously short time he is the owner of a small lot, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or, in other words, a small house and a chicken coop. Two or three years more find him with an accumulation of \$300 or \$400, in addition to his house and lot, which are paid for. By this time, the neighborhood is thickly built up with other little houses, which are occupied by his own countrymen, who have followed him to "the land of the free and the home of the brave," as he followed others who came before him.

We have reached the point now where the successful suburban grocery makes its appearance. His home is paid for and he has a small accumulated capital pay for board and the families must buy groceries. Why not put his spare capital to work helping to make more capital? No reason why he should not; and so he either puts a partition across one end of

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and the sidewalk, and puts in his little stock.

He is now a grocer and entitled to all the privileges and benefits of a grocer. B This means groceries and provisions at cost, which reduces his family expenses Or and enables him to lay aside more of his wages than formerly, for the title of "grocer" does not spoil the Hollander's Ca zeal for labor. His wife and children attend to the grocery, and the sales, large or small, represent so much clear gain.

The Hollander is a utilitarian. He never allows anything to go to waste, and, not only so, but everything in his control must be turned to some practical account. His own labor must count, his B wife's labor must count, every accumulated dollar must help earn another dollar, and, if his house is a little too large for his family, the spare room will be W utilized for a boarder or two.

A Yankee knows how to whittle, but, when it comes to running a successful suburban grocery store, he is simply E. A. OWEN. "not in it."

The Best Oranges.

The Best Oranges. The expert orange buyer does not select the smooth, clean-skinned fruit invariably, nor does he object to a heavy percentage of rough, dirty skins. The latter are not always easy to sell, but they invariably give the greatest satis-faction. This is because in the case of oranges, as with almost any other fruit, beauty is only skin deep, and the insects which infest orange groves and extract fruit S which infest orange groves and extract sweetness from the fruit much as bees draw honey from the finest flowers, only attack the sweetest and choicest to be found. The effect of their efforts is to roughen the skin by perforating it, and hence dust is retained, instead of falling or being brushed off the untouched skins. The fruit within the latter having been rejected by the insects on account of a lack of sweetness, is not so palatable as that in the rougher looking skins; and it is decidedly a good plan to follow in the footsteps of the busy little creatures who can tap an orange and ascertain how sweet it is in a manner no man could attempt.

Business men are expected to be cured when handling anything that is a drug on the market.



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CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

One of the great obstacles in the way of securing the administration of prompt and satisfactory justice upon murderous criminals is the difficulty of obtaining juries that are willing to serve. A large number of the persons who are examined as to their fitness for jury duty will profess an unwillingness to convict on circumstantial evidence. Another large proportion will profess an equal unwillingness to inflict the death punishment for any crime. Leaving out of the question the large amount of sympathy that exists in favor of the shedders of blooda sympathy that countenances any sort otkilling except that by judicial decree -a few words on the sufficiency of circumstantial evidence, as brought out in the recent decision of a case by the New York Supreme Court of Appeals, may be interesting.

The case was that of Carlyle W. Harris, convicted in the lower court of the murder of his wife by poison. Harris was a medical student, well acquainted with the operation of medicines. He had been married secretly to a young woman who was not known to be his wife until after her death, and it was shown that he wished to get rid of her in order to marry another woman to whom he was engaged. His character was proved to be bad. While there was considerable direct evidence to connect him with the crime, much of the testimony, especially in the way of completing links in the chain, was circumstantial and was based on the judgment of of all for its method and thoroughness. medical and chemical experts. Harris was convicted by a jury in the lower court, and his conviction was affirmed in the higher. In delivering the declaration of the court. Justice Gray remarked upon the force and value of circumstantial evidence. Some of his observations are important: "The mind may be reluctant to conclude upon the issue of guilt in criminal cases upon evidence which is not direct, and yet, if the facts brought out, when taken together, all point in the one direction of guilt, and to the exclusion of any other hypothesis, there is no substantial reason for that reluctance. Purely circumstantial eyi- State Bank.

dence may be often more satisfactory and a safer form of evidence; for it must rest upon facts, which, to prove the truth of the charge made, must collectively tend to establish the guilt of the accused. If any of the material facts of a case were at variance with the probabilities of guilt, it would be the duty of the jury to give the defendant the benefit of the doubt raised. All that he should require of circumstantial evidence is that there shall be positive proof of the facts from which the inference of guilt is to be drawn, and that that inference is the only one which can reasonably be drawn from those facts."

The Judge, after citing the details of evidence, concluded: "The evthe idence seems to overwhelm the accused with his guilt, and leaves the mind unfitted to accept any other belief than that he intended to make away with his wife in order to free the field of his own life and to escape from the imminent danger of disgrace or punishment, and that, with cold deliberation, he planned her death by methods which should conceal him as its author. I think that justice does not demand that this defendant should have a new trial, unless there were errors committed upon the trial in the admission or exclusion of evidence, or in the charge of the Recorder. which affected any substantial rights of the accused."

Circumstantial evidence can be so complete as to amount to a certainty, and it is unreasonable to decline to give weight to all or any evidence that is not direct. It should be heard before its sufficiency is passed upon.

Business men who are compelled to rely on the mercantile agencies for specific information of a commercial character denounce the bill introduced by Representative White, of this city, requiring commercial agencies to pay an annual license fee to the State. The law providing for the taxation of mortgages threw additional burdens on the borrower, without securing commensurate returns to the people as a whole. The measure above referred to is equally foolish and illy advised, as its enactment as a law would necessarily result in the commercial agencies raising their present schedule of prices sufficient to cover the amount of the proposed tax. It is a common remark that the fool killer would be sadly overworked if compelled to attend a session of the Legislature, and the introduction of such bills as above tend to confirm the correctness of the remark.

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It has become an established maxim that no man is indispensable in any business upon which the welfare of society depends. "The workmen die, the work goes on." There are, however, conflicting theories in regard to the philosophy of progress. It is maintained by some students of history that every forward step in civilization, in practical industry and in thought, is due to some individual initiative. It is contended by others that the advancement of the race towards improved conditions of life is the result of a law of historical evolution as invariable and inevitable as the law which determines the growth of a plant. This second theory seems, at the first glance at least, the part which genius plays as an agent of progress. In the first place,

by the operation of an inevitable law. We never know where or when to expect it: but in the most unlikely times and under the most unpropitious circumstances it makes itself heard and felt. and, whenever and wherever it comes, it is always a surprise. It cannot be shown to be the result of heredity or of special training. Great men are seldom succeeded by sons as able as themselves; but sometimes, at the end of a long lineage of unbroken mediocrity, a child is born with the magic gift. While the colleges are training scholars in a routine of learning, some youth who has been but hastily taught the barest rudiments of knowledge astonishes and enriches the world with an epoch-making discovery or invention. There are, in short, no statistics of genius, no data to enable us to predict its advent.

In the second place, genius is original and creative, while talent is only productive, or, more strictly perhaps, reproduc-The man of genius does something tive. that has never been done before. The man of talent is merely able to do excellent work. From these facts, then, it might be argued that progress, in certain directions at least, is dependent upon the leadership of genius. A poet like Tennyson, an inventor like Edison, cannot be made to order: but what a difference their labors in the world have made in its inner and its outward life! When we look over the annals of the centuries, we find that great men have founded the great kingdoms, established the great schools, and won the great battles of his-They found the world one thing tory. and left it another. Now all this goes new ideas. We are inclined sometimes

dividual initiative, but for an initiative by some exceptionally endowed individual of whose special power science can give no satisfactory explanation.

On the other hand, there can be no doubt that progress tends to beget progress. It was a far cry from Pythagoras to Newton, but what would modern astronomy do without that golden bridge which was built by the old Greek geometer? We use the learning of the past to arrive at knowledge of which our forefathers never dreamed. Progress in this age has acquired an irresistible momentum. Men expect and demand something new and something better from day to day, and there is yet stimulus in the atmosphere of our intellectual environment. Progress is gradual, because one discovery or an invention is necessarv to another. The world may move by leaps but it can make in any given direction only one leap at a time. But the lines of thought converge and the same suggestions bring different minds simultaneously to a common conclusion. Consider, for example, the invention of the modern calculus, or the discovery of Neptune. And when an invention or a discovery is made, how easy it usually is to push it a little further. The inventor has hardly got his machine before the public when some competitor appears with a useful improvement. The original inventor was the greater genius, perhaps, but his competitor is none the less serviceable. We have now so great a start that we have no difficulty in going ahead, such a fund of suggestions that we can hardly escape the appeal of

genius does not appear to be developed to show not only the necessity for an in- to believe that less and less genius is necessary to the march of progress as it continues.

> But how constantly that word recursprogress! After all, does the happiness of life consist so much upon the increase of knowledge and power? Deep within our hearts there dwell some things the same through all the changing years. We know how soon the wise and the powerful pass away; how soon the ruler lays aside his scepter, the warrior his sword, the millionaire his gold. Is it not best of all to abide in that permanent part of our nature where the poet, the philosopher and all the great consolers of literature and art, speak to us in a language which is understood through all the revolutions of time? How much of progress is superficial merely! But, no; that thought is vain. So much suffering, ignorance and vice abound in the world that we should welcome any true leader.

It is said sometimes that our age has attained a high level of medriocrity, that distinction has become more difficult; while the present stands as a whole far above any former generation, and great men are not so essential as they were in times gone by. But somehow we can take little pleasure in the thought that the great men of this country are to have no successors of equal eminence. We try not to believe it. Genius, as we have said, is always a surprise, and as it has often come when there was least reason to expect, we not altogether despair of it, even in an age which has attained a high order of mediocrity.

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A Worthy Measure.

One of the most meritorious measures introduced in the Legislature is a bill providing that telegraph companies shall be liable for the actual loss sustained by customers as the result of negligence on the part of the company's employes. The bill is a proposed amendment to Act No. 59 of the laws of 1851, relative to the incorporated telegraph companies doing business in the State, as follows:

Sec. 14. It shall be the duty of the owner or association owning any tele-graph line doing business within this State, to receive dispatches from and for other telegraph lines and associations, and from and for any individual, and on payment of their usual charges for individuals for transmitting dispatches as es-tablished by the rules and regulations of such telegraph line to transmit the same with impartiality and good faith. And such owner or association shall be liable for any mistakes, errors or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery of any repeated or non-repeated message in damages to the amount which such person or persons may sustain by reason of mistakes, errors or delays in the transmission or delivery; or for the non-delivery of any such dispatch due to negligence of such owner or association, to be recovered with costs of suit, by the person or persons sustaining such dam-

ages. Sec. 15. It shall likewise be the duty of every such owner or association to transmit all such dispatches in the order in which they are received, and in case such owner or association shall refuse or neglect to so transmit such dispatches, such owner or association shall be liable for all damages sustained by the person or persons whose dispatch is postponed out of its order as herein prescribed, to be recovered as provided in the foregoing section.

The amendment is evidently aimed at the rotton old hulk which goes by the name of the Western Union Telegraph Co., whose policy has been to curtail expenses in every department by the employment of incompetent help, relying on the laxness of the present State laws relative to errors in transmitting messages. There are few business men in the State who have not suffered considerable pecuniary losses by reason of the parsimonious management and consequent inferior service afforded by the Western Union, and the present opportunity is an excellent time to remedy the difficulty by compelling the company to assume the same responsibility which all common carriers are compelled to assume under the law. Business men who favor the enactment of such a measure would do well to communicate with their Representative and Senator.

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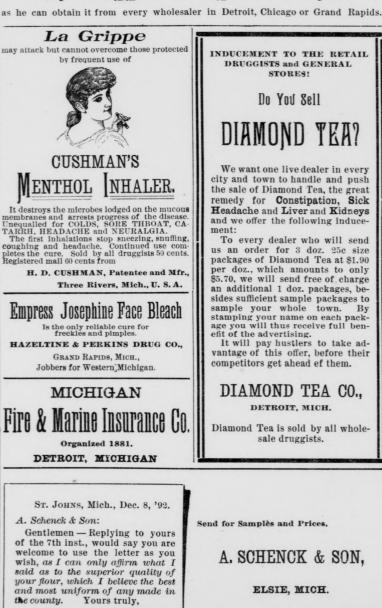
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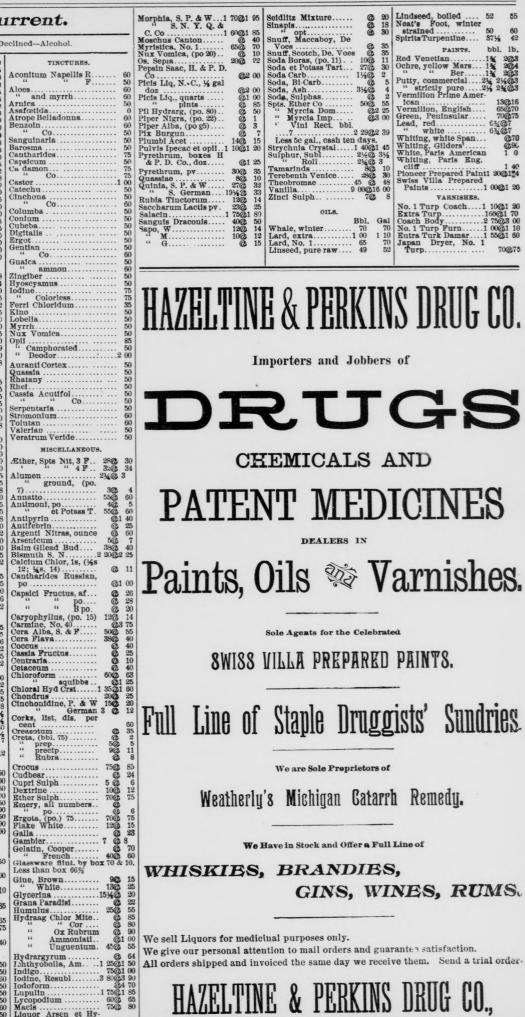
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GROCERY PRICE CURRENT.

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AXLE GREASE.	Blackberries.	Sap Sago	Above prices on coupon books are subject to the following	Manilla, white.	HERBS.
Aurora	B. & W	Schweitzer, imported. @24 " domestic @14	are subject to the following quantity discounts:	6½ 1 00 6 95	Sage15
Castor Oil 75 9 00 Diamond 50 5 50	Red	CATSUP.	200 or over 5 per cent.	Coin,	Hops15 INDIGO.
Frazer's 80 9 00 Mica 75 8 00	White 1 50	Blue Label Brand. Half pint, 25 bottles 2 75	500 " 10 " 1000 "	Mill No. 4 1 00	Madras, 5 lb. boxes 55
Paragon 55 6 00	Damsons, Egg Plums and Green	Pint " 4 50	COUPON PASS BOOKS.	FARINACEOUS GOODS.	S. F., 2, 3 and 5 lb. boxes. 50
BAKING POWDER. Acme.	Gages.	Quart 1 doz bottles 3 50 CLOTHES PINS.	Can be made to represent any denomination from \$10 down.	Farina. 100 lb. kegs	JELLY. 17 lb. pails
14 lb cans 3 doz 45	Erie 1 10 California 1 70	5 gross boxes	20 books	Hominy.	30 " " 1 50
% lb. " 2 " 85 1 lb. " 1 " 1 00	Gooseberries.	COCOA SHELLS.	50 " 2 00 100 " 3 00	Barrels 3 00 Grits 3 50	LICORICE.
Bułk 10 Arctic.	Common 1 20 Peaches.	35 lb hags @2	250 " 6 25	Lima Beans.	Pure
10 cans	Pie 1 25	Less quantity	500 "	Dried 4% Maccaroni and Vermicelli.	Calabria
Tb " 2 00	Maxwell	COFFEE,	CREDIT CHECKS.	Domestic, 12 lb. box 55	LYE.
10 "	California 9 10	Green.	500, any one denom'n \$3 00	Imported10%@1.%	Condensed, 2 doz
5 oz. cans, 4 doz. in case 80 16 " 2 " "2 00	Monitor 1 85 Oxford	Rio.	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Oatmeal. Barrels 200 4 85	" 4 doz
Red Star. 1/2 th cans	Pears.	Fair	Steel punch 75	Barrels 200	No. 9 sulphur
" ½ 1b " 80 " 1 1b " 1 50	Domestic	Prime	CRACKERS.	Pearl Barley.	Anchor parlor1 70
Telfer's, 1 lb. cans. doz. 45	Pineapples.	Golden	Butter. Seymour XXX 6	Kegs 21/2	No. 2 home
" ½ lb. " " 85 " 1 lb. " " 1 50	Common	Santos.	Sevmour XXX cortoon 61/	Peas. Green, bu 1 85	MINCE MEAT.
BATH BRICK.	Johnson's sliced 2 50 "grated 2 75	Fair	Family XXX, cartoon 6/2 Family XXX, cartoon 6/2	Split per lb 21/2	A CONTRACT ON A CONTRACT OF A CONTRACT.
2 dozen in case. English	Quinces. Common 1 10	Prime	Salted XXX. 6 Salted XXX, cartoon 6/2	Rolled Oats. Barrels 180	The second secon
Bristol	Raspberries.	Mexican and Guatamala.	Kenosha	Half bbls 90 2 75 Sago.	NEW ENGLAND
BLUING, Gross	Red 1 30	Fair	Boston	German 41/4	COMPANY AND ALLA
Arctic, 4 oz ovals 4 00 " 8 oz " 7 00	Black Hamburg 1 50 Erie. black 1 30	Good	Soda.	East India 5 Wheat.	MINGHERTY
" pints, round 10 50	Strawberries. Lawrence 1 25	Maracaibo.	Soda, XXX	Cracked 5	Curtosec, ILL & Part Sta
" No. 3, " 4 00	Hamburgh 1 25	Prime	Soda, Duchess	FISHSalt.	San & day in case was day of
" No. 5, " 8 00 " 1 oz ball 4 50	Erie 1 25 Terrapin 1 10	Java.	Long Island Wafers11	Bloaters.	3 or 6 doz. in case per doz. 95
BROOMS,	Whortleberries.	Interior	S. Oyster XXX	Yarmouth 1 40	MEASURES.
No. 2 Hurl	Blueberries 1 10 Meats.	Mandehling	S. Oyster XXX 6 City Oyster, XXX 6 Farina Oyster	Cod. Pollock	Tin, per dozen. 1 gallon \$1 75
No. 2 Carpet 2 25	Corned beef. Libby's. 2 00	Imitation	CREAM TARTAR.	Whole, Grand Bank 51/2	Half gallon 1 40
Parlor Gem 2 75	Roast beef, Armour's2 00 Potted ham, ½ lb1 30			Boneless, strips 7% Boneless, strips 7	Quart 70 Pint 45
Common Whisk	" " 1/1h 90	Roasted. To ascertain cost of roasted	Strictly pure	Halibut. Smoked10 @11	Half pint 40 Wooden, for vinegar, per doz.
Warehouse 3 25	tongue, ½ lb 1 35 Lb 1 35 Lb 85 chicken, ½ lb 95	coffee, add %c. per lb. for roast- ing and 15 per cent. for shrink-		Herring.	1 gallon
BRUSHES. Stove, No. 1 1 25	chicken, % 1b 95	age.	DRIED FRUITS. Domestic.	Holland, bbl 9 50@12 00 " kegs	Half gallon 4 75 Quart 3 75
" " 10 1 50 $ " " 15 1 75$	Vegetables.	Package,	Apples.	Norwegian 12 00 Round Shore, ½ bbl 2 50 "" ½ " 1 25 Scaled	Pint 2 25
Rice Root Scrub, 2 row 85 Rice Root Scrub, 3 row 1 25	Beans. Hamburgh stringless1 25	McLaughlin's XXXX. 24 30 Bunola	" quartered " 71%	" " " " 125	MOLASSES.
Palmetto, goose 1 50	" French style2 25	Lion, 60 or 100 lb. case 24.30 Extract.	Evaporated, 50 lb. boxes @101/2 Apricots.	Mackerel. 16	Blackstrap. Sugar house 14
CANDLES. Hotel, 40 lb. boxes 10	" Limas	Valley City ½ gross	California in bags 1614	No. 1, 90 lbs 9 00	Cuba Baking.
Star, 40 " 9	" soaked	Hummel's, foil, gross 1 50	Blackberries.	No. 1, 40 lbs 4 65 No. 1, 10 lbs 1 15	Ordinary 16
Paraffine 11 Wicking 24	Bay State Baked	" tin " 2 50	In boxes 8 @9 Nectarines.	Family, 90 lbs 5 25 " 10 lbs 65	Porto Rico. Prime
CANNED GOODS.	Picnic Baked1 00	CHICORY.	70 lb hage 15	Sardines	Fancy 30
Fish. Clams.	Corn. Hamburgh1 40	Bulk	Peaches.	Russian, kegs 50 Trout.	New Orleans. Fair 18
Little Neck, 1 lb	Livingston Eden 1 20	Red	Peeled, in boxes 16 Cal. evap. " 13	No. 1. 1/ bbls., 100lbs	Good 20
" " 2 lb 1 90 Clam Chowder.	Honey Dew 1 50	CLOTHES LINES.	" " in bags 12½ Pears.	No. 1, kits, 10 lbs 80 Whitefish.	Extra good 25 Choice 30
Standard, 3 lb	Morning Glory 1 15	Cotton, 40 ft per doz. 1 25 50 ft 1 40	California in bags		Fancy
Standard, 11b 95	Soaked 1 15 Peas. Hamburgh marrofat 1 35	" 60 ft " 1 60 " 70 ft " 1 75	Pitted Cherries. Barrels	No. 1, ½ bbls., 100lbs7 50 No. 1, kits, 10 lbs	PICKLES.
" 2 lb 1 75 Lobsters.	" early June	" 80 ft " 1 90	50 lb. boxes	" kits 10 lbs 60	Medium.
Star, 1 lb	" petit pois 1 75	Jute 60 ft " 90 " 72 ft' " 1 00	Prunelles.	ELAVORING EVER AGE	Barrels, 1,200 count @7 00
Picnic, 1 lb	fancy sifted1 90 Soaked	CONDENSED MILK.	30 lb. boxes	FLAVORING EXTRACTS. Souders'.	Half bbls, 600 count @4 00
" 21b	Harris standard	A dog in open	Raspberries. In barrels	Oval Bottle, with corkscrew.	Small. Barrels, 2,400 count. 8 00
Standard, 1 lb	" early June 1 20	Eagle	50 lh hoves 02	Best in the world for the money.	Half bbls, 1,200 count 4 50
Mustard, 21b	French	Genuine Swiss	Raisins.	Romina	PIPES.
Soused, 2 10	Mushrooms. French	COUPON BOOKS.	Loose Muscatels in Boxes. 2 crown 1 50	Regular Grade	
Salmoi Columbia River, flat 1 90	Pumpkin.		³ Loose Muscatels in Bags.	Lemon. doz	Clay, No. 216
" " talls 1 75 Alaska, Red	Erle 85 Squash,	TRADESMAN	2 crown 51/2	2 oz \$ 75 4 oz 1 50	POTASH,
" pink	Hubbard 1 25		3 " 6½ Foreign,		48 cans in case.
American 1/18 @ 5	Succotash.	a. 5	Currants.	Regular Vanilla.	Babbitt's 4 00 Penna Salt Co.'s 3 25
Imported 1/8	Hamburg		Patras, in barrels	SOUDERS" doz	RICE.
Mustard %s	Honey Dew1 60 Erle1 35	TREDIT COUPONE	in less quantity 43	LAVORING 4 02 2 40	Domestic.
DOLICIENS	Tomatoes.	"Tradesman."	Citron, Leghorn, 25 lb, boxes 20	Negline XX Grade	Carolina head
Brook, 3 1b	Hancock	\$ 1, per hundred 2 00	Lemon " 25 " " 10 Orange " 25 " " 11	Lemon. 2 oz	" No. 2 4½ Broken
Fruits. Apples.	Belipse1 20	8 3, " "	Raisins.	+Onlyby 100 1 02 3 00	
3 lb. standard	Hamburg	\$10, " "	Sultana, 20 " @10	Remedice XX Grade	Imported. Japan, No. 1
Hamburgh,	CHOCOLATE.	\$20, " "Superior." 5 00	Valencia, 30 " @ 7 Prunes.	DAYTON Vanilla.	Japan, No. 1
Apricots. Live oak	Baker's.	8 1, per hundred 2 50	California, 100-120	2 oz	Patna
Lusk's 175	German Sweet	\$ 2, " " 3 00 \$ 3, " " 3 50	" 90x100 25 lb. bxs.11½ " 80x90 "12½	Jennings' D C.	
Overland 175	Premium 37	8 5, " "	" 70x80 " 13¼ " 60x70 " .14	Lemon Vanilla	
		\$10, " "	Turkey	2 oz folding box 75 1 25 3 oz "1 00 1 50	
	CHEESE. Amboy	ONECENT	Silver	4 oz "1 50 2 00 6 oz "2 00 3 00	
	Amboy	COUPON	ENVELOPES.	S oz "300 4 00	
	Gold Medal	"Universal."	XX rag, white,	GENDOWDER	
	Brick 11		No. 1, 6½ 81 75 No. 2, 6½ 1 60	GUNPOWDER.	
	Edam 1 00 Leiden 23	03. " 400	No. 2, 6½ 1 60 No. 1, 6 1 65 No. 2, 6 1 50	Austin's Rifle, kegs	
		8 5, " 5 00	XX wood white	" Crack Shot, kegs 3 50 " ½ kegs 2 00	
	Pineapple	\$20, "	No. 1, 61/2 1 35 No. 2, 61/2 1 95	" Club Sporting " 4 50	

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SPICES.	Scouring.	Banner Tobacco Co.'s Brands. Banner	Bologna	SHELL G Dysters, per 100	1 50@1 75	ails, No. 1, two-hoop 1 35 "No. 1, three-hoop 1 60
Whole Sifted. Allspice	Sapolio, kitchen, 3 doz 2 50 "hand, 3 doz 2 50	Banner Cavendish	Sausage, blood or head @ 7	BUL	K. 1 00(21 25 BC	lothespins, 5 gr. boxes 40 owls, 11 inch 80 " 13 " 1 00
Cassia, China in mats 7 "Batavia in bund15	SUGAR. To ascertain the cost of sugar	Scotten's Brands. Warpath16	" Frankfort @ 9½]	Counts, per gal Extra Selects	2 25	11 1F 11 1 00
" Saigon in rolls35 Cloves, Ambeyna	laid down at any town in the Lower Peninsula, add freight	Honey Dew		Selects Standards	1 75	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
"Zanzibar10 Mace Batavia	rate from New York to the fol lowing quotations, which repre	Brands.	FISH and UISILKS.	Clams Scallops Schrimps	2 00 De	" shipping bushel. 1 25
Nutmegs, fancy	sent the refiners' prices: Cut Loaf	Peerless	f-11	PAPER & WOO		" full hoop " 1 35 " willow cl'ths, No.1 5 75 " " No.2 6 95
Pepper, Singapore, black 9 "white20 shot	Granulated	Standard	Whitefish @ 9	Straw		" " No.3 7 25
" shot	Extra Fine Granulated 4 81 Cubes	Leidersdorf's Brands	Halibut	Rockfalls Rag sugar		" " No.2 4 25 " " No.3 5 00
Allspice	XXXX Powdered 5 31 Confec. Standard A 4 69	Rob Roy	Bluefish	Hardware Bakers Dry Goods		INDURATED WARE.
" " and Saigon.22 " Saigon	No. 1 Columbia A 4 56 No. 5 Empire A 4 50	Red Clover	Shrimp, per gal 1 00 Cod10 @12 No. 1 Pickerel @ 8	Dry Goods Jute Manilla Red Express No. "No.		ubs, ¼ doz POULTRY.
Cloves, Amboyna	No. 6	Buck Horn	Pike @ 1	" No	. 2 4½	Local dealers pay as follows:
Ginger, African	No. 9	Plow Boy	Stool:fish 11	48 Cotton		owl
"Jamaica	No. 11	OILS.	Sei	Cotton, No. 1 Sea Island, asso		urkeys 15 @16 bucks 14 @15 chicken 12 @13
" Trieste	No. 13 3 31 SYRUPS.	The Standard Oil Co. quotes as follows, in barrels, f. o. b.	Fairhaven Counts @40 F. J. D. Selects @30	No. 5 Hemp No. 6 " WOODEN		LIVE, 2013 LIVE, 2013
Pepper, Singapore, black 16	Corn.	Grand Rapids: Eocene		Tube No 1	7 00 F	'owls
Cayenne	Barrels	Water White, old test. @ 7½ W. W. Headlight, 156° 6¾ Water White @ 6½	Standards @23 Favorites 19	" No. 3	5 00 D	Duck11 @13
"Absolute" in Packages. 48 48 Allspice	Pure Cane. Fair	Naptha	PROVISIONS.		Plain Creams	
Cinnamon 84 1 55	Choice 30	Cylinder	The Grand Rapids Packing and	d Provision Co.	String Rock	
Cloves	SWEET GOODS Ginger Snaps		quotes as follows: PORK IN BARRELS.		Wintergreen Berri	100 des
"Af	Sugar Creams	HIDES PELTS and FURS Perkins & Hess pay as fol-	Mess,		No 1 wranned 91	th horne 04
Sage 84 SAL SODA.	Graham Crackers 8½ Oatmeal Crackers 8½	lows: HIDES.			No. 2, " 2 No. 3, " 3	10. 00xes
Kegs 1% Granulated, boxes 1%	VINEGAR.	Green	Extra clear, heavy Clear, fat back Boston clear, short cut			BANANAS.
SAUERKRAUT.	40 gr	Dry 5 @ 5	Clear back, short cut Standard clear, short cut, best SAUSAGE—Fresh and Sm	25 00	Medium	
Gold Medal @8 25 SEEDS.	WET MUSTARD,	Alps, green	Pork Sausage			ORANGES.
Anise @12½ Canary, Smyrna 6	Bulk, per gal 30 Beer mug, 2 doz in case 1 75	Calfskins, green 4 475 "Cured 4 55 "Cured 6 7 Deaconskins	Ham Sausage Tongue Sausage Frankfort Sausage		Messinas, 2008	2 75@3 20
Cardamon, Malabar 90	YEAST. Magic,	No. 2 hides 1/2 off. PELTS.	Blood Sausage Bologna, straight Bologna, thick			2 75@3 00 LEMONS. 360
Hemp, Russian 4½ Mixed Bird 4½	Warner's	Shearlings	Bologna, thick		" fancy, 3 " choice 3	360
Mustard, white 6 Poppy 9	Diamond	WOOL.	LABD.		" fancy 30	0 4 00 R FOREIGN FRUITS.
Rape 6 Cuttle bone 30	TEAS.	Washed	Granger			s, 61b
STARCH. Corn.	JAPAN-Regular. Fair	Tallow	50 lb Tins, 1/c advance.	10	" extra "	
20-1b boxes	Good	Grease butter 1 @ 2 Switches	20 lb. pails, %c " 10 lb. " 34c " 5 lb. " %c " 3 lb. " 1 c "		" " 50.1b	. box
Gloss. 1-lb packages	Dust	FURS. Outside prices for No. 1 only.	3 lb. " 1 c " BEEF IN BARRELS.			NUTS. @19
3-1b " b/s 6-1b "	Fair @17	Badger 50@1 00 Bear 15 00@25 00	Extra Mess, warranted 200 lbs Extra Mess, Chicago packing	8 50	" Califor	mia @18
40 and 50 lb. boxes 41/4 Barrels 51/2	Choice	Beaver	Boneless, rump butts SMOKED MEATS-Canvassed		Brazils, new	@10½ @11½ le@14
SNUFF. Scotch, in bladders	Dust10 @12 BASKET FIRED.	Cat, house 10@ 25 Fisher	Hame avorage 20 lbs		Walnuts, Grenobl	014
Maccaboy, in jars	Fair	Fox, cross	" " 16 lbs		Table Nuts, fanc	W
SODA, Boxes	Choicest	Martin, dark	" picnic " best boneless Shoulders Breakfast Bacon, boneless		Pecans, Texas, H. Cocoanuts, full sa	Ce
Kegs, English44 SALT.	GUNPOWDER.	" pale & yellow. 50@1 00 Mink, dark			Fancy, H. P., Sun	PEANUTS. Ø 5% Roasted
100 3-lb. sacks		Oppossum	Briskets, medlum.		Fancy, H. P., Fla	1gs @ 5%
28 10-lb. sacks	OOLONG. (226	Skunk			Choice, H. P., Ex	Roasted
24 3-lb cases	Common to fair	Wolf 1 00@3 00 Beaver castors, 1b2 00@5 00			California Walnu	uts 12½
28 lb. " drill " 1 Warsaw.	Superior to fine30 @35	DEERSEINS—per pound. Thin and green		as 10110 w 8.		RY AND GLASSWARE.
56 lb. dairy in drill bags 3 28 lb. """""	2 YOUNG HYSON. Common to fair	Long gray, dry 20 Gray, dry 25 Red and Blue, dry 35	Cases	61/2 71/2	Pints	FRUIT JARS.
Ashton. 56 lb. dairy in linen sacks 7	Superior to fine30 @40	GRAINS and FEEDSTUFFS	" H.H		Half Gallons	
Higgins. 56 lb. dairy in linen sacks. 7	Fair	WHEAT.	Boston Cream 8½ Cut Loaf Extra H. H 8½	81/1	Rubbers	LAMP BURNERS.
Solar Rock.	Best	No. 1 White (58 lb. test) 65 No. 1 Red (60 lb. test) 65	MIXED CANDY.		No.0 Sun	44
56 lu. sacks 2 Common Fine.	TOBACCOS. Fine Cut.	MEAL. Bolted	Standard	Bbls. Pails.	No. 2 " Tubular	CHIMNEYS. Ser box.
Saginaw 9 Manistee 9	Pails unless otherwise noted	Granulated 1 60 FLOUR.	Royal	6% 7%	6 doz in box.	
SALERATUS.	Hiawatha	Straight, in sacks	English ROCK		No 0 Sun	
Packed 60 lbs. in box. Church's	0 " ½ bbls 25	Patent " sacks 4 70 " barrels 4 90 Graham " sacks 1 70	Broken Taffy basket	ts 8		
Dwight's	0 Torpedo	Graham "sacks 170 Rye " " 290 Buckwheat, Rising Sun470	b) Flowent Squares	10 13	No. 1 " " No. 2 " "	top
SOAP.	Yum Yum 28 1892 23	Buckwheat, Rising Sun4 7 Walsh-DeRoo & Co's Pure	5 Modern, 30 lb. "			
Laundry. Allen B. Wrisley's Brands.	" drums 22 Plug.	MILLSTUFFS. Less	FANCY-In bulk	Pails.		0 top
Old Country, 80 1-lb4 (Good Cheer, 60 1 lb3 (White Borax, 100 3/-lb3 (Spearhead 41	Car lots quantity Bran\$16 00 \$17 0 Screenings 14 00 14 5	printed		No. 1 Sun, wrapp	ped and labeled
Proctor & Gamble.	Nobby Twist 40	Screenings 14 00 14 5 Middlings 17 00 18 0 Mixed Feed 19 50 20 0	Chocolate Monumentals			
Concord	0 Kylo 26	Coarse meal 19 50 20 0 COBN.	Moss Drops	81/	No. 1 Sun, plain No. 2 ""	bulb, per doz
Mottled German 3	Valley City 34	Car lots	FANCY-In 5 lb. box	xes. Per Box	NO. 3	
Town Talk	Old Honesty 40	OATS. Car lots	Lamon Drong		No. 0, per gross.	LAMP WICKS.
American Family, wrp d	05 50119 141	Less than car lots	Sour Drops Peppermint Drops Chocolate Drops		No. 2, " No. 3, "	loz
N. K. Fairbanks & Co.'s Brand	s. Catlin's Brands.	No. 1 Timothy, car lots12 0 No. 1 " ton lots12 5	0 H. M. Chocolate Drops	40@50	1 97	ONEWARE-AKRON
Santa Claus	25 Golden Shower	FRESH MEATS.	- Licorice Drops.		Duttor Crocks 1	1 and 6 gal
Lautz Bros. & Co.'s Brands.	Meerschaum	Beef. carcass 6 @ 8	Lozenges, plain " printed Imperials			r doz
	75 Myrtle Navy	" fore "5 @ 6 " loins, No. 310 @12	Cream Bar		MILK PAILS, % ga	" glazed 75
Marseilles	00 German	" ribs	Molasses Bar		" " 1 "	" glazed 90

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Legislation no Solution for the Silver Problem. Written for THE TRADESMAN.

It is evident to even a casual observer that the silver question is getting to be one of the most important, as well as the most difficult, of all the questions now pressing the American people for a settlement. We are confronted with a condition that is rapidly growing dangerous. and beset with theories no less alarming. which threatens the stability of our once safe financial system. This condition will have to be dealt with either by experts or by amateurs. The latter, at present, seems to take the leading part in the general discussion. It is to be feared that they will coerce legislative action before sober second thought can be called in for counsel.

This is the era of wild and fanciful theories. Inventive genius, so long employed in practically improving the conditions of mankind, has at last overstepped the bounds of mechanical, chemical and philosophical experiment and soared into an atmosphere of exaggeration in the treatment of social and financial problems, until novelty ceases to startle the public mind, and the babies of to-day are accustomed to use impossibilities as common playthings.

The American people have been so often delivered in perplexing emergencies by the genius of some leader wise in statecraft that we have become inflated with the idea that legislation is the sure and only relief for all the ills that afflict the state and prevent the prosperity of those who compose such state. At the present, we are like the ring performer who essays the feat of riding two horses at once that are getting farther apart in their centrifugal movements, until the rider finds his straddling pow ers exercised to the fullest extent and himself at the mercy of imminent necessity. If he fail to get the steeds nearer each other, he must choose which of them he will ride, or, discarding both. make the race on foot. In either case, the celebrated two-horse act will have proved a failure, to the great disgust of patrons of the ring. Amateur jockeys looking on say that they could avert this catastrophe by tying each end of a rope, just the length of the performer's straddle, to the bit of each horse. They forget that equine movements cannot be controlled by such a slight restraint, as this arrangement does not prevent the widening of the distance between the points where the rider's feet should rest. As a practical expedient, therefore, it would be of no better service than to read aloud in the ring a treatise on horse etiquette.

Silver and gold have, for centuries, born the burdens of commerce, in all civilized lands, in the transfer of property, and that to the general satisfaction of all concerned, except when ill-advised legislation has stepped in to regulate the comparative value of either metal. In nearly every case, instead of regulating, it has disturbed the equilibrium it was designed to secure and maintain, and the repeal of each statute has become more popular than its original enactment. Centuries ago, gold was valued as to silver in the proportion of eight to one. In the natural changes brought about by the relative supply of metal, the ratio to purchase the necessities of life. has increased, until, at present, it stands about twenty to one; and yet there are

face of experience, will insist that a coinage law restoring the old ratio of sixteen to one will be the cure for the inequality in value and prove the "open sesame" to general prosperity. We have every reason to believe that the present ratio is the direct result of the unusually large production of silver in this country, which in the absence of free coinage, passes into the channels of trade and is disposed of for what people are willing to give, the increased production continually lowering the price received.

It is easy to see why those who own and operate silver mines should desire a law that will at once put an immense profit into their hands, without regard to its effect on the value of other property. The gain to them would be immediate and the actual loss remote. They could transfer their immense hoards of coin into other property before the general rise in value which would be the inevitable result. But why the millions who labor and have no chance to hedge against fluctuating values should ask such a favor for those whom they are taught to consider capitalists and oppressors of labor, is difficult to understand.

The experience gained during the late Civil War ought to convince anyone that gold and silver cannot be kept at any given ratio by act of Congress alone. The law creating greenbacks and making them legal tender for all debts had the immediate effect of fixing paper as the unit of value; and gold soon became, in the eastern portion of the republic, only a commodity. Greenbacks, by degrees lessening in purchasing power, were soon the only medium of exchange, and by them was determined the value of all species of property. Silver of equal value with gold was also forced out of circulation, and property was assessed at a figure corresponding to the difference between coin and greenbacks. The price of everything was rated by the latter. and, as greenbacks fell in value, property appreciated in equal ratio.

On the Western Coast the condition of things was different, notwithstanding the action of Congress making paper a legal tender. The people quietly ignored the fact that paper was lawful money, and continued to do business with the old medium all through the war, buying and selling entirely on a coin basis. While on the Atlantic Coast gold was a product useful only to pay customs dues, and in the arts, and was handled by brokers for the profit to be made, the people of the Pacific States made gold and silver the unit of value, and greenbacks were only seen in brokers' offices and speculated in as were stocks and bonds, subject to like fluctuations in market. If any business man took advantage of the Legal Tender Act to pay debts in such currency at its face value, it was received under protest, and his name thereafter stood not high in the business world. The prices of products, therefore, did not rise as a general thing on the Pacific Coast, but were kept stable except as to certain goods affected by the international revenue law. No one but those in the employ of the government received paper money at its face value, and then, to use the same, were obliged to sell it at the brokers', as they would railroad securities, for coin with which

Thus the following conditions existed for four years in the East and West unthousands of intelligent men who, in the der a law that was imperative over every

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state in the Union: A man coming from San Francisco to New York could not buy a suit of clothes with the contents of his purse, until he had changed it into paper money. He received a premium on his gold, 'tis true, but, even in buying solid coin silver spoons or a gold watch, eagles were not accepted, for the same reason that bank stocks were refused-because they were not money in common use. At the same time, a citizen of New York could not purchase a dish of clam chowder from the commonest lunch counter in San Francisco with money that was current in Wall street, but must exchange it for coin of the realm before he could hope to appease his appetite. (I should except burglars and confidence men in these statements, as they made no captious distinction between metal and paper money in their business transactions, nor likewise did the boodle receiver). The merchant of San Francisco, in war time, went to New York with his gold and sold it in Wall street as a foreign merchant would exchange a cargo of merchandise for cash. With the proceeds in greenbacks, he laid in his stock, to be shipped home and sold for gold and silver, at an apparent loss, sometimes, reckoned by the value of the currency used in its purchase. No one knew, by the price of goods there, that a war was going on.

From the foregoing, it is a fair conclusion to believe that, if Congress attempts, by a free coinage law, to force silver into circulation at the ratio of sixteen to one, the same results will follow as in the case of greenbacks-gold will be a commodity, silver the unit of value, and property will rise in value as the distance between gold and silver fluctuates. Congress had no power to keep greenbacks and coin together. Though the sacred rite of wedlock was sanctified by the patriotism and sufferings of the entire loyal millions united in a holy purpose, the gap between coin and paper widened, until the glad news of peace brought a reconciliation; but it was not until 1879, the year of resumption, that the divorced conple were again united. What the inexorable law of cause and effect divides, no government has power to bind together. The moment it attempts to do so, we are all at the mercy of the sharpest witted financiers. The poor man ought not, and the business men of this country will not, ask government to pass a law that leaves them at the mercy of capitalistic Shylocks. Just so sure as this is done, the latter will say to the former, "You can have the crow, and I will take the turkey; or, I will take the turkey and you may have the crow." Fluctuations in value of currency always feather the nest of him who has millions; but they eat into the poor man's hoard until his cupboard is bare. A stable currency is the poor man's friend. This truth has been dinged into his ears for generations; and yet men of commanding intellect try to convince him that, because we are a progressive people, the wise lessons of experience are to be put away as rubbish. They assert in effect, that because God once said, "Let there be light," and light was, therefore, a sovereign people have the power to say, by law, "Let seventy cents in silver be a dollar of golden value," and, presto, the dollar appears.

As said at the beginning of this article, we must settle this question either by D. A. Blodgett. Geo. W. Gay. S. M. Lemon. C. Bertsch. A. J. Bowne. G. K. Johnson. experts or by amateurs. The bunco J Wm. H. Anderson. Wm. Sears. A. D. Rathbone

game has been tried too often by such men as Benjamin Butler, who claimed to believe in the magic power of law to fiat something out of nothing-see his speech in Congress February 26, 1878-and Senator Stewart, of Nevada, who voices the schemes of men whose profits from free coinage would greatly enlarge his bank account, but never raise the wages nor improve the prospects of the hardworked miner who risks his life and health to dig the shining metal from the bowels of the earth, where gnomes, with dangerous weapons of defense, guard the glittering treasure.

Let us not try to ride two horses whose motions are regulated by a centrifugal force moving in an irregular elleptical orbit beyond our control: rather let us harness both steeds and drive them with chariot, secured by the centripetal chain of common sense to the center pole of true value; and not all the centrifugal forces of false theorists shall swerve us from the path marked out by the compass of safe experience. S. P. WHITMARSH.

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"The Squash She Didn't Ate."

While waiting in a South Division street grocery the other day for a chance to confer with the proprietor on a little matter of business. I was more than ever impressed with the thought that there are times when even a grocer's patience is in danger of losing its well-earned virtue.

It was past 11 o'clock, and the forenoon orders had not yet gone out; indeed, the goods were not yet all put up. At that very moment twenty-five or thirty wives and mothers were fretting and fuming in different parts of the city for the well-known delivery sleigh to arrive with the wherewithall to prepare dinners for more than a hundred hungry husbands and children. The grocer realized the responsibility that rested upon his shoulders, as evidenced by the worried, tired look on his face and the sprightly efforts he was putting forth in helping his two or three clerks in getting the stuff put up. The floor was so nearly covered with baskets, jugs, cans, sacks of flour, etc., that one could hardly make his way through the store; and, as if for no other purpose than to harass the grocer's nerves, there appeared to be a demand on the part of the public to be waited on just at that particular time. Add to this the fact that two drummers were waiting behind the stove for an opportunity to undo themselves-and do up the grocer-and you will not wonder that he looked tired.

One old fellow was in such a hurry to preserve his life by purchasing a nickel's worth of Hiawatha, that he stumbled over a jug of molasses and a kerosene After the said o. f. had reached can. the street in safety, a tall, angular specimen of a female Irishman, with a shawl thrown over her head, entered the store. As she approached the counter, she aimed a vigorous kick at a lop-eared dog that had followed a farmer into the store, and accompanied it with:

"Git out wid ye, ye mazely brute! Faith, an' it's not the loikes av me that'd permit ye to poke yer dirthy nose intil everything ef I was kapin' a grocery sthore!"

With a defiant sniff in the direction of the drummers, as though they were the joint owners of the dog, she threw a greasy pass-book on the counter and informed the grocer that she wanted to pay her little bill. The "little bill" was made out and, after glancing over it, she gave a sort of locomotive snort and vociferated:

"Luk at that now! An' would ye be afther chargin' a poor widde loike me wid a mazely weg-e-table that she didn't ate?'

"Why, what's the matter this time, Mrs. McTwang?"

"Matther," yelled Mrs. McTwang, "whin it's yerself that knows roight well that that silfsame squash was mattherated long afoor it lift the sthore? Shure, an' I'll not pay ye a divil a cint for the squash I didn't ate."

"Oh, that's nothing," said the grocer, after she had gone. "Every grocer has his McTwangs, and, if it's not a squash, it's sure to be something else that they 'didn't ate,' and we have to humor them."

How the Name "Tram" Originated. Webster's dictionary tells us that the origin of the word tram is probably Scan-dinavian. This is an instance in which the dictionary is mistaken, says *Electric Power*. Before the days of the railroad the canal was, in England as elsewhere, the most convenient means of transit for heavy loads, and the owners of these many waterways stood much in the position of the railroad kings of to-day.

Among the most successful canals in England was the one stretching from Derby to Birmingham and Staffordshire. One end of it extended to the north of Derby about four miles, to a place called Little Eaton, and its terminus there formed a convenient connection with the Little extensive house-coal, iron and pottery fields of the Alfreton and Ripley districts. The land from Little Eaton to Alfreton has a considerable rise, and it was thought unremunerative to build so many locks as would be required if the canal were extended to the latter town. road was laid, therefore, through a tract of land purchased for the occasion by the canal company, and this road is in active operation in connection with the canal to the present day. The designer canal to the present day. The designer of the road was James Outram, of Little Eaton. It consisted of flat cast-iron flanged plates, each three feet long, with a gauge about equal to an ordinary cart. The rails were laid at each end on stone blocks, and fastened to them by spikes driven into a lead plugrun in a hole in the stone. The road was called, after its inventor, an Outram road, afterward contracted into 'tram road.

The cars run on the road are made with removable bodies that can be hoisted bodily, with their loads of two tons each. into the canal boats. When these boats arrive at their ultimate destination the car bodies are then hoisted out and laid with their loads on cart frames, and the soft high-class coal of the Kilburn valley thus transported direct from the coal pit to the very cellars of the consumers without being once transhipped. This explanation of the origin of the word tram is given in Dr. Smiles' life of George Stephenson.

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Apples - About the same as a week ago, Baldwins and Spys are in fair supply and good demand, commanding \$3 per bbl. for No. 1 eat ing and \$2 for No. 2 or cooking grades. Beans-The price has sustained a sharp ad-

vance, handlers now paying \$1.50@\$1.75 for country picked and holding city picked at \$1.90 @\$2.10 per bu. Butter-Scarce and almost impossible to se

cure in any quantity. Jobbers pay 24c for choice dairy and find ready takers at 26c.

-80@90c per doz., and scarce at that. Cabbage Celery-18@20c per doz. bunches. Cider-121/2@13c per gal.

Cranberries-The market is without change. crates now being held as follows: Cape Cods and Jerseys, \$2.75; Waltons, \$3.25.

Eggs-Handlers pay 35c for fresh and hold at sc. A few warm days would probably send the price down very considerably.

Grapes-Malagas have advanced 50c a keg, be-ing now held at \$8.

Green Stuff-Grand Rapids forcing lettuce is in adequate supply at 18c per lb. Pieplant comes into market this week at 5c per lb. and radishes 40c per doz. Honey-Plenty in quantity and excellent in

quality at 12@13c per lb. Onions-Higher Dealers pay \$1 and hold

at \$1.25 per bu. Parsnips-40c per bu. Potatoes-The market is about the same as week ago, although evidences of still higher prices are by no means absent.

Southern Vegetables-Have been [seriously damaged by the recent cold weather, which extended below freezing point into Florida. Unprotected early vegetables, tomatoes, beans ctions and squash have been killed in some se but there are places where the killed plants can be replaced. In Louisiana garden truck has been killed. If the extent of the damage done be considerable, there is likely to be a firmer market for truck well into the spring.

Squash-So scarce that it is practically out of market.

Sweet Potatoes-Scarce and nearly out of mar-ket. Illinois readily command \$4.50@5 per bbl. Turnips-35c per bu

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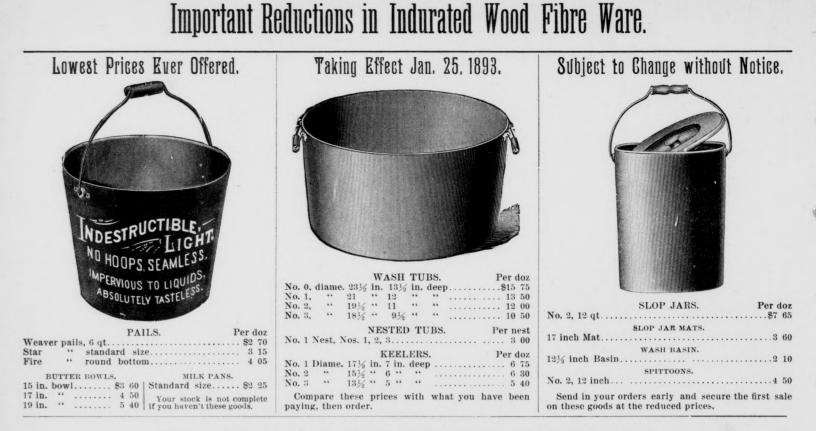


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