IN A CROCKERY SHOP.

SOME OF THE TRIBULATIONS EN-DURED BY CHICAGO TRADESMEN.

Startling Charges of Methods by Ladies of Percerted Ideas of Honesty-Packages Ordered to Be Delivered After Nightinfi-An Explanation.

"A crockery shop is a capital place to study human unture," said a State street manager. "Business never was better nor gibbel memness more mabtle. What do I rium v'tich, known as the Bon Marche, rises mean? Oh, a dozen things. For instance, yesterday a couple of laties came into the store and asked if we had a burgain counter, I showed her up aming and after she had seen all the specials, noted me what we did with the cracked ware. I told her mode of it was thrown out in the alley, and that the slightly damaged goods viere disposal of fer anything we could get. At her request I hunted upon mirror with a crack in it, and a man in a dingy little dry goods store in the min thelio cap of French china that had been chip sed about the edge. I saw at a glance that that was the chair of goods she was lookmg for, and follered the capa is forty cents and the mirror for sevent-dive coats. The cup pleased her. the looked relativistic by at the few months of each other in for awhite, and then blandly asked if I thought I could find the chip. My negative discountry i her, and the decided to take the marci. Is last a two line erack in one cornor that described as pretty an isoscies triangle as I ever and out blood a geometry. Well, I went off to hand up a bot, and while I was gone one of tay climas everheard herentireversation with the lasty, which can like

cause I don't care error habout him to spend eny mero money; only he always at rely me comoletes et and I red that I must return the present. Fit read it through the Dime Limites. They're a fully bery new, and it is the most are stall in region the world. for him to anyone that the driver necidestably erected in I when get damaged goods torough that company, and whenever I complete at the case where they were boarded force told that I be responsibility rests. on the contract of the ends the

phology, and a center of her, and color ner-view, about the disperimental which we have our own opinion. Very clien we relt a set of ice erenn or ten thiogs, and allow generords for a damaged macer or two. The goods are ordered and to a certain address, and the most emphatic care is to have, deal of distress in Paris, and the Boucleants and the most emphasize days to define a many fine and the parent of rade, but our firm and ediminated from the parent. Office the fair parents r will include according the box after it is peaked. The next move of the anxious clean goods which were on sale every Saturbary and the provided a special class of clean goods which were on sale every Saturbary and the poor. Layer is the order the preference delivered at the layer is the order the preference are aroused. Directions are carried out, and a question or increasing prosperity. In a short time the increasing prosperity. two put to the delivery clerk brings the new of a welding for which the "imperior of the was a gift. The exclusion of our mame and the night delivery are simply the means taken by one smart woman to thwort another's officiousness. Sometimes we innocently give the whole thing away by overholding the medallion stange bearing our native, which is burned on the back of certain fact of ware. Of course, their wonderful prosperity was greatly due it is not provible to remove it without trouble, became it is put on to start. After the honeypeople and a real before, the bride brings in the goods, and thinking the secident due to carelessness on the part of the express clerk, censuals a new set. It then becomes necesearly to chate that the goods delivered were the goods purchased, end I can not certain that our cardor is not the death knell of some very near friendship.
"The positionly moreovery buyer selects a

stenton \$10 price bert to beng on it. "But this is not the only thing they steal.

I suppose you have seen the loose sleeved ege, leaven's you? Well, a woman will follow me through the art department and deliberfor the cavatel goods.

"Para" Formands. Now and then as-

samed indipation will esimple the face, there may be a tender two, but it is never necessary to make long. One of my customers couldn't help the vice. The began with increasive things, such as bique lig-ures, cordin outs, and collars and out mugs, but her trade was no valuable and the theft so trivial that we everleshed the failing. One day also took of a 10 salad fork, but returned in the next morning with a note, say-

is law it is an easy matter for him to verify his accuracy, and white we takeve in it may send on a series to the lawer for policy. If the goods are very charge, or the gift wilt the goods are very charge, or the gift wilt the goods are very charge, or the gift wilt the goods are very charge, or the gift wilt the goods are very charge, or the gift wilt the good into very charge, or the gift wilt the good into very charge, or the gift wilt the good into very charge, or the gift will the good into very charge or the gift will be a constant of the good of the gift will be a constant of the good of the gift will be a constant of the good of the gift will be a constant of the gi breaks (), to excelled is paid to the re- pound interest of 3% per cent, que furcier tentha accidence un invita-tion to the burner to call and see us. The typica provided on thy goods and jewelry firms extra m too. Also y contemplating a dinner party will call a a flar and of chiral or crystall, the is will care and call it back to it marries will some frivolous exerce, and a safer for a lump chimaer. Entail back to the class can be back to the marries will some frivolous exerce, and a safer for a lump chimaer. Instant's ideas, she transformed the whole back to the class can be backet to the class can be backet to the class can be backet to the class t Salad Lowls of out glass, capdelabras, jardiniers for helifier potted plants, vases, crystal trays and boats for hon bons, colory, fruit and offices are irrequently obtained in

begrow a few please of choice ware. We minong their number a managing director

A Centile theat Estate Speculation. A Washington correspondent says that the best real estate speculation in that ciry during the past summer was that of Gardiner Hubberd, the father-in-law of Bell, of telephone neteriety. He paid \$60,000 for a tract of hill and hollow on the line of the Massac chusetts avenue extension, put 300 men at work with carts and shovels and barrows; thus spent \$103,000 in improving the property, and has some of the original tract on hand.—
Chicago Herald.

has also founded and munificently endowed a benefit fund for assisting such of the employes who, for one reason or another, are in trouble and in need of temporary relief and assistance.—Paris Cor. New York World.

THE BON MARCHE.

CAREER OF MME. BOUCICAUT, THE QUEEN OF PARIS SHOPKEEPERS.

Story of the Mammoth Trade Emporium in the Heart of the French Metropolis. Profit Sharing in Paris-Shares and

Every American, especially those of the fair sex, who has visited the French metropolis, is acquainted with the mammoth empoon the left bank of the Seine, in the very heart of the aristocratic Faubourg St. Germain. This immense establishment, which transacts over \$50,000,000 of business per annum, and employs a staff of no less than 4,000 on the premises alone, was founded thirty-five years ago on the most humble scale by a young couple of the name of Boucicaut. Aristide, the husband, was a sales-Rue du Bac, while his wife, an illiterate peasant girl, the widow of a laundryman residing at Verjux, a little village on the banks of the River Shonne, was an assistant in the about ten years ago, while Mme. Boucieaut, who has been frequently described as "tho queen of all the shopkeepers of the world," expired a short time ago at the age of GG, leaving a fortune estimated at over \$40,-

A brief account of the career of this remarkable woman, whose charity was practically sunlimited, and who, notwithstanding her humble origin, has won for herself a "Now, Cad, you mustabled, will you? Be- prominent place in the history of Paris, can hardly fail to be both interesting and instruc-

SETTING UP IN BUSINESS.

She first made Aristide Boucicaut's acquaintance in the little shop above mentioned, where they were both employed. For ten long years they worked together behind the same counter, during which time the young peasant girl learned how to read and write, to keep accounts, and, above all, to diplay goods to their greatest advantage in the chop windows. At length, when she had ranched the age of 28, the young couple decided to marry and to set up on their own account. Their employer happened, fortunately, to be old and anxious to retire from active work, and, as he had the greatest amount of confidence in young Boucleant's integrity and abilities, he consented to make over hisstore to him on moderate and easy terms. Just about this time there was a great business had grown to such an extent that it became necessary to purchase the next house on the right hand side, then that on the left, and subsequently one by one all the adjoining houses, until at length M. and Mme. Boucienut owned the whole block. This they demolished some fifteen years ago, and on its site stands the magnificent and vast Bon Marche building. It is needless to add that to the extraordinary reputation for probity and commercial honesty which the couple had accraired throughout the business world and which caused their credit to be one of the strongest and firmest in France.
Eoth M. and Mme. Boucleaut, although

deeply religious, were imbued with a considerable amount of socialism. It was, however, socialism of the true sort, resulting from kindness of heart and a remembrance *The recaliurly increasing buyer selects a etc. 50 king-ables creamer or augar basket and and the firm business notions of the most enlightened kind on the other. Realizing the fact that clients like to find always the same salesmen behind the counters, and to be wram that were so inchionable a few years served by the same courteous and intelligent assistants who have attended to their rentely draw in one or two small pieces of the guirements on previous occasions, M. and thing or reyal Wereaster. If I don't see the and to interest them in the welfare of the business. With this object in view an arrangement was made whereby every employe of the establishment received a percentage of the profits of his special department, estimated in accordance with his rank and seniority. Moreover, every effort was made to cause each employe to retain his own individuality and to encourage him or her to become a thoughtful and responsible assistant, with initiative and forethought of his own,

COMFORTS AND AMUSEMENTS. A large club house has been built for the male employes, which contains a perfectly ing that the calling did not please her. After that we wanted ther closely, and charged to equipped fencing hall and gymnasium, a her account winter r was appropriated. No swimming bath, billiard room, library and objections were ever maile to the bill, nor did reading rooms, besides a restaurant where we every end one that was itemized. Poor old we man, she is dead now, but stealing care as instant to her as talking.

"Another tilt of vicionness to which not a few of our file cases are addicted is lying. Pound prevariously, but downright lying. Very I and deliver a dozen plates, and the number of the family for one more, insisting that may cover were very delivered. The substant is larded up, and while he may not be able is access to an infallable count the backs that the new matter for him to verify.

The female assistants have a large building devoted to their own exclusive use, in which they reside, and which is clamest as well provided with comforts and amusements as the club house of the men. Besides this a pension fund exists, to which limb right of the female assistants have a large building devoted to their own exclusive use, in which they reside, and which is clamest as the club house of the men. Besides this a pension fund exists, to which limb and the first of the female assistants have a large building devoted to their own exclusive use, in which they reside, and which is clamest as the club house of the men. Besides this a pension fund exists, to which limb and the first of the female assistants have a large building devoted to their own exclusive use, in which they reside, and which is clamest as the club house of the men. Besides this a pension fund exists, to which limb and the provided with comforts and annual mean of 4,000,000 frances, in addition to a couple of millions of frances which she had given a few years previous for the same purpose. The porters, coachmen and stablemen are all provided for by means of a similar retiring fund, to which she has we over send one that was itemized. Poor refreshments are to be obtained at almost Mme. Boucleaut was so thoroughly the

this perty manage. Or course, we knownbout theres, and as such the casting vote and this play in the course, we know about the relation thing, but selden make the canning work that people who are able to do there things are able to harm us in a business sissing of the 300 shareholders and copartners "Now and then a customer comes in to above mentioned. These in turn elect from berrow a few pieres of choice ware. We know her to be reliable, and as she only wants the hen for one night, and is willing to early and seturn them in her own carriage, obserfully oblige her. Do you know what the vanis them for the daughter's wedding party."—Inter Ocean.

A Genetae Real Estate Speculation. time. Boncienut has bequeathed her vast for-time in equal portions to the Bon Marche Joint Stock company and the philanthropic in tutions connected therewith and to vari-ous charitable estrobishments and works in which sho was interested, the Bon Marche teniness will be carried on just as before. I have forgotten to mention above that, in ad-dition to the pension fund, Mma. Boncienut has also founded and munificently endowed a benefit fund for assisting such of the emme. Doucie ut has bequeathed her vast for-

THE GRAVES OF THE FLOWERS.

The woods are full of tiny graves, The sweet graves of the flowers, That sprang in every sheltered nook, Amid the springtime hours. The buttercup lies on the slope Where first the sunlight fell; The violet sleeps beside the rill,

The daisy in the dell.

Upon no stone is carved the name Of April's children fair; They perished when the sky was bright And gentle was the air.

To the soft kisses of the breeze They held half trembling, up, Full many a small transparent urn

And honey laden cup. And when the roses budded out, In summer's balmy hours, No little mound was made to tell Where slept the gentle flowers. Those early flowers—they seem to me

Like little children sweet. Who smile a moment on our path, Then perish at our feet. -Louise Chitwood.

DOCK LIFE IN LONDON.

The Seamy Side of Existence in the English Metropolis-Social Isolation.

The universal dislocation of the social life of East London manifests itself in the docks not only by the absence of all ties between employer, foremen and men, but in the complete severance of the different grades of labor, and, among the more respectable of the working class, in the isolation of the individual family. The "permanent" man of the docks ranks in the social scale below the skilled mechanic or artisan. With a wage usually from twenty to twenty-five shillings a week and an average family, he ex is above the line of poverty, though in times of domestic trouble he frequently sinks below it. He is perforce respectable, and his life must needs be monotonous. His work requires little skill or intelligence; the one absolute condition is regular and constant attendance all the year through. He has even a vested interest in regularity, the dock company acting as a benefit society in sickness and death, an interest which he forfeits if he is discharged for neglect of work.

By the irregular hands the permanent man is looked upon as an inferior foreman, and disliked as such, or despised as a drudge. He, in his turn, resents the popular characterization of dock laborers as the "scum of the earth." As a rule the permanent men do enabling them to live in a small house rented at the same figure as one room in Central food and employment for the wife and chi dren induces a man to inhabit St. George's | that they want to "trace." in the east or Limehouse, he will be found in

a "Peabody" or some strictly regulated lowereland manned. "The boats" I say bepoint of not mixing with any one," and per-haps he will sorrowfully complain "when the lead there is, besides the crew, the interclasses that respectability means social isola- as the promises made to induce the natives to

permanent dock laborer it made by his wife. | beads, a few of which constitute what is If she be a tidy woman and a good manager, | call I "full dress;" packages of matches, decently versed in the rare acts of cooking | guaranteed not to light "on the box" or anyand sewing, the lamily life is independent, even comfortable, and the children may fel- knives and needles, and other ingenious low in the father's footsteps or rise to better frauds with which to purchase such supplies things. If she be a gossip and a bunglerworse still, a drunkard-the family sinks to the low level of the cast London street, and the children are probably added to the number of those who gain their livelihood by irregular work and by irregular means.-The Nineteenth Century.

Wives of Old Marblehead.

They say that down at brave old Marblehead every third woman is a widow. Here among fisher folk the same is true. And so the going and coming, and going and never coming, have woven a warp and woof of smiles and tears here, which have mellowed and softened thousands of human bearts in a way you can quickly see and feel. Your fisherman who comes, and the wife, sweetheart or child, that is here to greet him, are o'er tender for it all. The old city is used to it and does not mind it. It is the way its toilers of the sea have. And so if you ever walk her streets and see a hulk of a fellow holding a happy woman as he would clutch a fife rail or a capstan head in a heavy storm, you will know he is simply "making fast" with the strong hawser of an honest love to the very anchorage of his life, utterly unconscious of your, or anybody's sense of time proprieties. And this tenderness, too, is all compassing. There are many trusts and funds for the widow and fatherless, and these men give generous y to them. The light and darkness of it all come piteously to cognizance even in the fisherman's gayest

On every week day night the whole year through, when the seaport is stirred by the arrival of fleets with their "fares" or cargoes of fish, there is a "fisherman's ball," and often many, These are never for individual profit, but invariably for the benefit of women whose hearts ere breaking. Fothose who are merry making had comradewhose lives went out in a shricking storm where a nor easter swept some craft from its fastenings upon the Banks, or a dory was beaten into the seathing sea. This year alone 17 fishing craft were lost and 127 fishermen were swept into eternity. The havec goes on from year to year until one can hardly hear aught in the whistling winds and hourse voices upon the breakers alongshore but the piercing cries of drowning fishermen and heart sickening dirges for the dead .- Edgar L. Wakeman in New York Mail and Ex-

Concert Audiences Are Quiet.

Those whose inclination or business takes them to many of the musical entertainments in this city note the great difference in the characters of the audiences at operas and concerts. It is very rarely the case that the concert goer is disturbed by inattention on the part of his neighbors, as he is at opera. This is doubtless due in a great degree to the stern discipline of Theodore Thomas, who in the past exercised his power over his audiences as well as over his musicians. It has come to be quite the fashion nowadays for younger musicians to pause between the movements of the piece they are playing in order to permit some interesting conversation to be concluded before they begin their performance again. When such a pause is made everybody in the house knows what it means, unless it be the offending talkers. As a whole concert audiences are quiet and attentive, if not appreciative.—New York Sun.

The "Universal" Language. Volapak, the so called universal lauguage, is said to have seventy societies, ten periodicals, a literature of ninety-six bo ks and 100,-000 disciples. If its supporters are willing to confine its sphere to commercial intercourse, very well; but one cannot imagine a machine made language conveying delicate shades of meaning or having the grace and strength of ferred to apple decuping as "dump de cur all sufficient English. -Public Opinion. | apple."

AMONG THE SAVAGES.

HOW "BOYS" ARE OBTAINED TO WORK ON SUGAR PLANTATIONS.

Scenes on a "Labor Ship"-The Manner in Which a Glib Interpreter Captures Heathen Workers by the Promise of

So great is the demand for "cheap labor" in the sugar growing districts of Tahaiti and and the Hawaiian Islands and in Queensland, that, it being known that the natives of the New Hebrides were willing to "ship" on plantations for a term of years for merely nominal wages, "labor vessels" visit the group annually to engage men and a few women for that work. The manner in which this is done wall illustrates the distrust the natives and foreigners have for each other.

"Labor" vessels are always provided with a regular arsenal of rifles and pistols. The main hold is titted with gratings that separate the females from the men-or "boys" as they are called—and in these compartments are fixed certain sleeping platforms called "banks." The vessels engaged in this trade are generally small, seldom exceeding 250 tons measurement, and they carry their boats as the whalemen do, hanging from the davits, ready for immediate service.

The captain of an English labor vessel sails her to and from certain designated ports, and cruises about where there is the best chance of getting "boys," but no boat can go "recruiting" unless the government agent goes with it. No "boy" can, theoretically, be brought off to the ship against his

There is generally on a labor vessel an "interpreter."

the writer sailed on a Hawahan labor vessel, was called 'Billy the Devil," which title sufficently indicates his character.

Supposing a vessel after "boys" to have atrived in Havana harbor, the finest in the group, on the Island of Vate; the captain generally engages at least cos boat's crew of the natives themselves, on the principle, perhaps, that it takes a savage to catch a savage, there always being plenty on hand who are experienced in the business.

Leaving Havana harbor the vessel cruises leisurely off through the groups, never being more than two or three miles from one island or another. Cruising along on the lee not live in the immediate neighborhood of the side of these islands a sharp lookout is kept docks. They are scattered for and wide in | for any signs of a "smoke" on the stretches Forest Gate, Hackney, Upton and other out- of sandy Leach. So dense is the foliage and lying districts, the regularity of their wage | so careful are the natives to conceal their villages that the only indications of there being human life on these islands is a column London. And if the temptation of cleap of smoke that we occasionally see on the shore, sent up by the savages to let us know

When such a smoke is seen the boats are

model dwelling. He will tell you: "I make a cause two are always sent in company to inthe women gets thick together there's always | preter and, in English vessels, the agent. a row." It is the direful result of the whole- There is also a box filled with "trade," that sale desertion of these districts by the better is, Turkey red muslin, as gaudy and flimsy tion with its enfeebling and disheartening ship; tobacco, of the kind known as "nigger head" (twenty-six plugs to the pound) In common with all other workingmen | sweet, cheap and rotten; gun caps of an obwith a moderate but regular income, the solete make; cheap pipes; strings of gay as yams, pigs, cocoanus, etc., and also to give as presants to the friends of those who ship. The second boat acts as a "cover" to the first, and both crews are heavily armed. Nearing the beach, the leading boat is turned round and backed to the sandy shore, care being taken to keep it affect, the interprefer warning the crowd of naked, bretal savages to keep clear of the long steering our. The crew keep their ears and rifles ready for use, and the second boat stops about 100 fees out from the first, and, swinging broad ada on, its crew seize their rifles and "stand by" to defeat any attack on their friends. The natives, some of whom are sure to be "reurned labor," and consequently familiar with "pigeon" English, crowd around near the stern of the boat and hoot and yell while he interpreter rattles off something like the

"ilello, all you fine fellals How you do? You come down to ship, hey? Well, 'sposo you want to go one fine ship-cap'n one fine nan-you come long. Here, you good fella boy," pointing to some gaping native in the rowd, "catch 'em this," flinging some bits of tobacco ashore, which are promptly fought for, "Get plenty all same on board ship. Plenty yam' (the staple food); "plenty fine dairts; shoes; oh, everything. Make you oig man you come. 'Spose you ship, you get one pound one moon for one yam," which means the man is promised £1 (65) per month or "moon" for the first year, called a "yam," because it takes that length of time for that esculent to ripen.

In the midst of the profound excitement produced by this unheard of offer a grizzled headed old ruffian in the crowd spoke up: "What for you lie, Billy! You think all this fella boy fool! Plenty boys ship here befo fo' £1 one yam'" (the regular price paid in the colonies). "Why you talk £1 one moon?" And the veteran takes a firmer grip on his battle ax and jubbers something contemptuous of Billy to the crowd, who thereupon began to handle their clubs, guns, bows, arrows and spears furtively but threatingly, Billy is not discouraged. He points to our

flag, which the savager are quick to discover is new to them, and by his cloquence and liberal showers of tobacco and investments in yains, bananas and cocoanuts persuades a few of the natives to "ship,"

But they will not do so until a good sized bundle is made up from the trade box for their friends. There are displayed, therefore, two or three yards of turkey relicioth to be given to the frightful looking, skinny old maw howling on the beach, who claims to e the mother of the "boy." There is measural out a handful of gay beads, which will with the anguish of the younger female, who is the departing man's betrocaed! A musket (an altered flint lock) is laid aside as a partinggift to the father, a lot of percussion caps, which won't fit or explode; a handful of ant like curry iges—the gan is a muzzle latter; a package of powder, damp, and some par lead for bullets go with the musuet, There are also matches, a sheath knife, and a quantity of tobacco. All this treasure is passed ashore-under cover of the rides of the boat's crew-and the "boy" is shoved along into the bow of the boat, which to pulled immediately out to the coming boat, to which the "bird" is transferred, and wo

go in to get another one. While the recruit is being taken to the second boat the scene on the beach is a peculiar on. The builde of gifts is being "distributed" and by the tiple we have shipped a half dozen "hoys" pretty much everybody on the beach has something or other.

Buch, in its hamanest aspect, is the manner in which labor is secured in the South seas. -F. L. Ciarke in San Francisco Call. Mrs. Parvene, wishing to be elegant, re-

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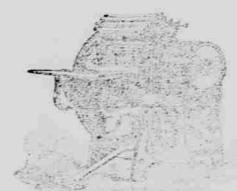
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