The Value of the Astor Property in New York.

Looking out of my window last evening I saw the Astor brothers passing down Twenty-sixth street, writes a New York correspondent of The Philadelphia Times. They were coming from their business office just below Broadway, on the street they were traversing. Here they have quite a pretentions brick building, which looks like a banking house. It is fitted up like one. On the inside it has all the paraphernalia of screens, desks, big books, and clerks which are so common in financial establishments. On the outside of the door there are two brass signs, one bearing the name of John J. Astor, the other William W. Astor. On the inside each of the brothers has a private office and plenty of clerks to do the work. This place is a singular Little institution. It wears an air of repose entirely foreign to a business establishment yet within its walls there are more transactions of importance yearly than in many a pretentious financial institution. The score or more of clerks with their big books are kept busy looking after the real estate which belongs to the Astors. It is said that this establishment collects in rentals more than a million of dollars a year. It takes as much time and attention to keep track of the property belonging to this noted family as it would to conduct an extensive banking

The Astors are not speculators. They do not go upon the street for business or invest money in ordinary business affairs. They confine their operations to real estate. It was the foundation of their great fortune which was left to them by the shrewd and miserly old parent who made it. John Jacob Astor, the elder, was a singular old person. He labored and saved; all the money he accumulated went into land and its belongings. The most glowing business venture could not coax money out of his pocket. He believed in land and invested his fortune in it. His life was anything but a happy one, and his family do not seem to have improved much upon it. They live in good shape; that is about all. They cut no figure in the general life of the metropolis except as large property owners and purchasers. The two Astors are old men. William W. is a tall, robust citizen, near 60, I should think. He has a round, full face, a little inclined to be red, and a sandy complexion. His brother is fully as tall, but not as stout nor as cheerful looking. Both of them pass along the street without attract-

are by far the largest real-estate own- nual meeting of merchant travelelers. ers in the United States. They are ad- It has many supporters among travelding to their possessions every day. ing salesmen, and I will not be surpris-Their present ventures, I believe, are in the direction of the new property about darlem that is just now attracting so much attention. Next to the Vanderbilts I suppose this is the richest family in America. How many millions they have no one seems to know, yet in 1860 it was heralded over the United States that John Jacob Astor was the richest man in the country. He had a million dollars then. Just think of the great fortunes that have been umulated since. The Vanderbilt

t upon by the increase in the houses and lands.

After a Landmark.

Detective Manning was around the Central Market the other day when he met a man about 60 years old, who looked so dusty, tired and anxious that the officer asked if he was in trouble?"

man. "I used to be here a good deal twenty years ago, but now I can't find heap of changes."

"Twe been looking for some of the old boys, but they are gone-they are gone.

"Yes, lot's of the old boys have gone over the river."

"And I've been looking for old landmerks, but the hand of progress has wiped them out."

"As I walk up and down the streets, a stranger to every one, I felt as if I was all alone in the world." "Yes, it's sad," sighed the officer.

"There is one place I miss above all others," continued the old man as he feel so down-heated." "Was it the old City Hall?"

"No." "Some old railroad depot?"

"No."

"Some hotel, park, school house or

public building? "No; none o' those. It wasn't fur from this spot. It was a place filled with kegs and barrels in rows, and tirely outside the group, resents a slight each one was labeled. You could go in there and get any kind of a drink you ceeds in disorganizing the party to such wanted fur five cents, and you helped an extent that only one couple marry yourself. If you wanted to be a hog as they originally hoped. Some admirand drink a hull glass o' whisky or brandy or gin no one said anything to are drawn, and several keen hits are you. I've hunted and hunted, but I made regarding the society young can't find the spot."

"You go one block down and turn half a block to your right and you'll

come to it." "The same place?"

"The very same," "Fur five cents."

"For five." "And I kin be a hog and take a hull

glass?" "You can."

"By gum-shake! I'm a feelin' beter already! There ain't as many you have an enjoyable feast before you." changes as I thought fur. I ain't half is sad as I was a minit ago. One thousand times obleeged, mister. -Detroit Free Press.

company and are carrying freight between having wills drawn within the last few Buffalo Gap and Rapid City.

The Army of Commercial Travelers

An investigator of accurate mind has calculated there are now about eighty thousand traveling salesmen on the road in this country, and that their expense accounts alone will average \$1,500 a year each, says the Nashville American. He says: "This means an outlay of \$130,000,000 a year, and if you count an average salary of \$1,000 a year it will swell the total to \$200,-000,000 a year. This immense sum is scattered all over the United States. It keeps up the hotels, and is one of the most important items of railroad passenger receipts. The character of the traveling salesman has changed within a decade past. You will find very few boys and fewer drunkards upon the roads. The competition is so great and the expense so heavy that firms have to send out their best men, and salaries of \$3,000 and \$5,000 a year are by no means uncommon.

"These traveling men sell all sorts of goods. Some of them carry a halfdozen heavy trunks and others carry their samples in their overcoat pockets. One man I know gets \$3,000 a year for selling the skins which butchers put around sausages. He dresses like a Broadway swell and carries his samples in a bag no larger than a lady's shopping satchel. The best of such skins are made in Europe, and butchers buy of him everywhere. Then there is a man I know who travels from Boston to San Francisco and sells nothing but one grade of bootblacking. Some travelers sell by pictures of the articles they have to sell. Clothing forms the largest class of drummers, and next come those who sell boots and shoes. Then we have the dry-goods salesman, the grocer, the hardware men, hats and caps, and others as numerous as there are trades and factories.

"Traveling men," this gentleman continued, "are, as a rule, bright, generous fellows. They spend freely, and many of them, when they become old and leave the road, find themselves poor. We have now a project to take care of disabled traveling men. It is a traveling men's home, to be endowed by traveling men and to be devoted to their use. The idea is that each one of the 80,000 travelers is to give \$1 a year for the next three years to such an institution. This will make a total of \$240,000, and from this we will buy a farm in Kentucky, or some other good locatity, and erect comfortable buildings, with reading-rooms, parlors, and chambers, so that the occupants can have all the comforts of life during their declining years. We will further endow the home by a year or two more of contributions, and the institution will ing any attention or scarcely a passing | be under the care of a competent board of managers. This project is, I under-In dollars and cents I suppose they stand, to be submitted to the next an-

"What is Marriage?"

Is the startling headline in an exchange, and to which a writer replies: We have never been married, but we have listened to our married friends tell their experience, which is just as good. As a grammatical proposition "marriage" is a plural number in the present tense-sometimes intense-ly is one of these; while old Astor's present-and it takes two persons of ments, once thought to be worth opposite sexes to form the number. n, must by this time have grown | For about fifteen months after the briadred millions. The fortune he dal day, marriage resembles a highis family is one of the very few stepping pair of boots traveling on York that has been kept intact | sidewalks made of gold and precious stones. After that period it is full of wood piles, kitchen stoves, cold mornings, syrup of squills, red flannels and pins that cannot possibly stick anybody. Marriage is a state in which nothing is taken for granted and in which morning wrappers and untied shoes abound. It is a state in which a fellow always imagines he married the wrong girl and that all the girls in town save his wife feel sorry for him. A man should "Kinder that way," replied the old never be married until he has arrived at the years of discretion, and he must always permit his lady-love's mamma nothing nor nobody. There's been a to judge when he has reached such a state of years. Marriage is also that state where the wife threatens to go home to her mother every twenty-four

> "Lovers Four and Maidens Five: A Story of the Allegheny Mountains," by Julius Chambers. Price 25 cents. Philadelphia: Porter & Coates.

> hours, and the husband devoutly hopes

she will .- National Weekly.

This love story of Cresson Springs reawakens all the old fascination that a visitor to that beautiful mountain resort has experienced. The weird and romantic localities are described in a riped his nose on the palm of his hand. gay and vivid manner; many of the 'If I could find that spot I shouldn't lost tales of the Alleghenies have been rescued from oblivion and upon the pretty thread of a love tale a valuable collection of historical and topographical information has been grouped. A really novel idea is the foundation of the story. Four young men go to Cresson to pass a summer month and they find four charming girls. At first there is harmony; but a fifth girl, enthat has been put upon her and sucable pictures of clever young women woman, who manages her parents. It is in every way a clever and readable volume. One can enjoy it at a sitting. The fifteen original pictures by J. B. Sword, N. A., and F. C. Schell give it additional value. Many crisp epigrams are scattered through the pages that would well repay quoting, but it would be unfair to our readers to deprive them of the pleasure they will derive in picking out the bright sayings for themselves. To them we say: "Fall to,

A New York gossip says that unsignblock down-half a block to the right ed wills are very common. People get them made, but are afraid to put their names to them. "I know one man" Six Indians have formed a transportation he says, "who has spent \$20,000 in The American Trotter.

It is now the American trotting horse, and not the runner, which is the high-stepper of fashion. Runners are bred and trained only for the race-track, for exhibition, and the chances which render their performances of interest to the gambling class. But for pool-selling and private betting, the running race-tracks would soon blooded runners would die out. For personal use the running horse is of little practical value, compared with the recognition of his merits when saddle riding was popu- portrayed it. But who can fitly describe lar in the days gone by. But improvement | the joy of the rescued victim? in the trotting strains receives encouragement in the demand for horses of good movement for road uses. Most horses which develop extraordinary powers of track, out public exhibitions serve a good purpose in advertising fine blood, and promoting an interest in improved horses must bring out corresponding signs of improvement, not only in the fashionable city drives, but, also, in the country lanes; and while the dashing gentleman flashes by everything on the road that doesn't move faster than a mile in 2:30, the farmer's boy, with his girl by his side, throws dust in the eyes of his father's ambling "critter." Take last year's record and ponder. Two hundred and eighty-three trotters that, in 1885, for the first time knocked off a mile less than 2:30, and twenty-four who entered the 2:20 list! There remains unknows but that in a few years this now fancy record may be rated as rather slow and "unprofessional," and abandoned to the "speed rings" of the county pig and pumpkin shows .- [Cincinnati Commercial-

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H. C. Wilson, of Loveland, O., formerly with March, Harwood & Co., manufacturing chemists of St. Louis, and of the well known firm of H. C. Wilson & Co., chemists, speed, of course find their way to the race- formerly of this city, gave our reporter yesterday a bit of thrilling personal experience in this line.

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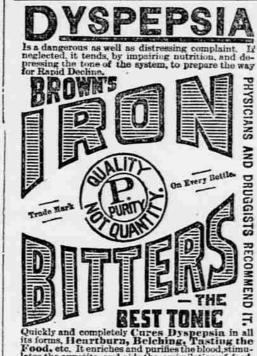
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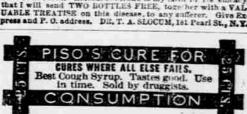


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