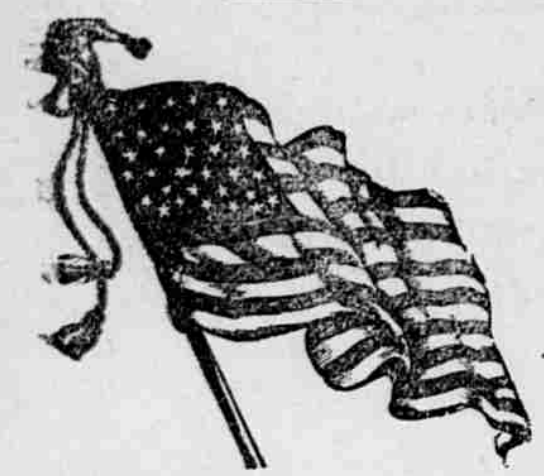


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DEPRECIATION IN METAL INJURES BRITISH BUSINESS.

Mr. Thomas Sutherland's Experience Related to Stock-holders—A "Most Serious and Onerous Loss" to England—Steamship Company's Affairs.



Sir Thomas Sutherland, president of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company, in a recent report to his stockholders, has contributed some authoritative information as to the existence of British steamship subsidies, which the free-trade papers in this country persist in claiming have no existence in fact. We quote Sir Thomas:

"There is, I know, a section of the public who profess to believe that a subsidy is paid to a mail company as a sort of generous gift on the part of the government toward the proprietors of that company; that it is paid without any commensurate service being rendered; and that the company is able to live and thrive merely on the strength of being a mail carrier and receiving a mail subsidy. There can be no greater delusion, if, indeed, that idea is really seriously entertained in any quarter. We have been paid during the last ten

steamshipping business are pointed out by Sir Thomas Sutherland as follows: "Who could possibly have imagined that within these last ten years the rates of freight would have fallen to the miserable point at which we find them to-day? Who could possibly have imagined that silver would to-day be worth little more than half what it was worth ten years ago, thus involving the operations of this country in a most serious and onerous charge for loss in exchange? And who is able to say what may take place within the next ten years?"

We believe that the foreign mail steamship companies honestly earn every penny that is paid to them for carrying mails. We also believe that American companies earn far more than is paid them, and we want to see these compensations equalized, or if there is to be any advantage let it be on the American side. The difficulties of low freight rates and the depreciation in the value of silver that confront the P. and O. company are equally pertinent as applied to the Pacific Mail, Oceanic, Occidental and Oriental lines that ply between the Pacific coast and Australia, China and Japan. We have the fact settled that subsidies are paid to British steamships for mail transportation, so now let us get the fact equally established that the rates paid to American steamships for transporting American mails shall be on as liberal a scale.

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We're a thinkin' of you ever, And your Tariff bill so clever, And our hearts are forever true to you!

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Chorus.

We want yer, McKinley! Yes, we want yer mighty badly, We're a thinkin' of yer gladly, 'Cause the country needs you sadly; So come back to please us, Old Grover can't deceive us, 'Cos we want yer, McKinley, yes we want yer, want yer, want yer; 'Cos we want yer, McKinley, yes we do!

Now the bosses say "tarnation," Where were we in the "creation" Of that boom so vast and true, Our scheme has failed completely, Though we fashioned it so neatly, 'Cause the people were devoted to you.

We won't yet linger longer While the tide is growing stronger, But jump on the wagon with you, Free silver ain't in it, Not for a single minute: The people they all want you.

Chorus.

When the bonds am a poppin' And the mills am a stoppin' Then we want yer, McKinley, yes we do.

For you are the one to strike it, As you know we do not like it, And our country is forever safe with you.

We'll have money for to-morrow, And no further need to borrow From London or Timbuctoo, So, come back, our hero, While the Treasury's at zero, 'Cos we want yer, McKinley, yes we do.

Chorus.

When the corn am a growin' And the meetings a goin' The sun will be shinin' on you, And their voices raised in glory, Shall chant aloud the story Of your record so grand and true. Prosperity will follow, Not weal, nor woe, nor sorrow, And 'twill all be owing to you. So hail to Protection: That's the need of every section, We want yer, McKinley, yes we do.

Chorus.

When the country am in danger From the foreigner and stranger Our honor will be safe with you. The stary flag will cover Our land entirely over, And Britain will cringe and sue; A policy so glorious, On land and sea victorious, Will bury old Democracy from view. So, hurrah! for the soldier Whose heart will ne'er grow colder In its love for the Flag and you.



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INSTRUCTIVE READING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Mocking Bird Dance—Spider That Catches Birds—The Hunter and the Bear—A Magnetic Boy—When We Got It.

U G E battlements of snowy clouds uplift Their towering bulk above the azure sky, And mountain heights are dwarfed by peaks that drift Dispersing shade and chill as on they fly, And hushing all glad nature's minstrelsy.

Most undefinably and deeply grand, The massive bulwarks of storm cloud, that Their crests like rolling surf 'gainst bars of sand, The ebon clouds all pearly-edged appear, As kindly lines lighten a face austere.

When the last rift of blue is swept away, The storm upon the pinions of the wind Bends stalwart trees like saplings in its play, And trails its slanting sheets of rain behind, Nature's great anthem, thunder peal defined.

In majesty the rushing shower has past, And nature like a child smiles through her tears, Through western gates the sun now sinking fast, Jewels the rainbow, quieting all fears; And earth effulgent, beams like man's late years.

Mocking Bird Dance.

With bodies stiff and straight as an arrow, head erect, and feathers flattened, wings drooping loosely forward, but tails elevated at an acute angle to the body as possible, the dance solemnly begins. The eyes are steadily fixed, and as methodically as any soldiers upon drill they sturdily go through the movement of bounding, rising quite high, and descending in very nearly the same place each time, from one end of the playground to the other, back and forth, always keeping the line about a foot apart. As each one nears his or her corner each slowly and dignifiedly turns a complete circle, then again faces the other, always diagonally, and slowly bounds back, to repeat the movement at the other end. Sometimes both will turn away to look off at some distant object, just as a cat will apparently forget the mouse she is tormenting. That, however, seems to be only a part of the ceremony, for soon both turn back and the dance is resumed.

One day I chanced to witness one of these pretty sights as it took place beneath the wide-spreading branches of a large orange tree, but the scene was interrupted quite unexpectedly. Just at the most graceful part of the intricate double pirouette, a very puffy and motherly old hen, who, with an unlimited number of offsprings, had been serenely picking up a dinner close by, evidently felt a sudden impatience at the sight of all this folly, for to my surprise and amusement she made a quick rush and dashed between these happy mockers, startling them almost out of their senses. Instantly the atmosphere was permeated with two separate and distinct streams of silk-splitting fire, each fully a rod long, as the two angry birds departed for the protection of a neighboring lemon tree.—I. W. Blake, in Popular Science Monthly.

When He Got It.

Some people are never at a loss for an answer, and the colored valet who got off the following is a good exponent of that class. It seems he was a lazy rascal, and his masier one day remonstrated with him about his neglect of duty.

"But, massa, I am not equal to de occasion as I once wuz."

"Why, George, what on earth is de matter with you now?"

"I 'gots a stitch in my side, sir, dat troubles me a powerful lot, and I 's not able to do as much as I hab been doin'."

"A stitch in your side! Oh, come, George, dat won't do. Where did you get such a thing as a stitch in your side?"

"De oder day, sah. You see, I wuz hemmed in by a crowd."—Harper's Round Table.

Definitions.

Tommy—Father, if I take a half dollar out of somebody's pocket, that's stealing, ain't it?

Mr. Figg—Certainly.

Tommy—And if I bet half a dollar and win, that's gambling?

Mr. Figg—Of course.

Tommy—And if I get something worth only half a dollar and sell it to him for a dollar, what is that?

Mr. Figg—That? Oh, why, that's business, Tommy; simply business.

Discouraged Linguist.

A young European, attached to one of the foreign legations at Washington, has lately withdrawn from society, according to the Star, not because he has wearied of social pleasures, but because in trying to speak English he finds himself, to use his own expression, "putting in sea foot."

Talking with one of his new American friends about the matter, he said: "I talk to ze ladies and smile, he said; and agreeable, and all at once zey grow quiet and look at me so var queer. I exclaim, 'What haf I done?' and ze ladies zey make answer, 'It is not what you haf done, monsieur, but what you haf said.' And zen I feel so decayed, oh, so decayed."

"Decayed?" said his friend. "You don't mean that, Oh, I see, you mean to say you are mortified."

The attache was cast down anew, and could only say:

"Haf I not told you I spik bad all ze time?"

"How did you come to leave the stage?" said his friend to Roscius Hamphatt. "I had a hint that I was not suited for it." "Did the little birds tell you?" They might have been birds if they were allowed to hatch," he answered, with a sigh.—Boston Review.

A Magnetic Boy.

The good people residing in the vicinity of Roscoe was much excited over the remarkable manifestation of a strange power of a 13-year-old boy named William Thomas, who lives with his grandmother about three miles east of Roscoe, on the road leading to Palmetto, says the Newman (Ga.) Herald and Advertiser. Recently the little fellow sought his couch at the usual hour for retiring, but just as he was dropping off to sleep he was aroused by a violent shaking of the bed.

Thoroughly startled by the strange sensation, he sat up and endeavored to

ascertain the cause of the commotion. That the disturbance was not due to human agency was apparent, and, calling to the other members of the family, he excitedly told what had occurred. They were incredulous at first and induced him to return to his bed. In a short time the singular manifestations were repeated and with more violence than before. The household was in a state of panic and alarm. It became evident that some unseen force was at work, the uncanny demonstrations ceasing only when the little fellow would get up and leave the bed.

The next night the bedstead rolled and pitched from one side of the room to the other, the combined efforts of three or four stout men being unable to hold it in place. On Friday night the casters were taken off and several chairs propped against it to make it steady, but the moment the boy stretched himself out on the mattress the bedstead commenced quaking and swaying, and finally overturned the chairs and swept out into the middle of the room.

Each night for more than a week this strange performance has been repeated and the mystery is yet unsolved. Dr. Hood of Roscoe has been called in and is making a careful study of the case. He has visited the boy twice. Upon each examination he found traces of fever and evidences of nervous exhaustion.

Whether these conditions are due to the experiences through which the little fellow has passed or whether they have some intimate connection with the remarkable manifestations described above he is unable to determine. In the meantime the excitement has not abated in the least, the strange phenomenon forming the chief topic of conversation in the neighborhood. The boy seems rather annoyed than pleased at the curiosity which he has aroused and evinces little inclination to talk concerning his peculiar powers.

The Hunter and the Bear.

Once a bear lived in a cave, Hip, hip, hip, hurrah! There came along a hunter brave, Hip, hip, hip, hurrah! He saw that bear within the hole, Injuring the web in its struggles to roll, He would the bear clean over roll, Hip, hip, hip, hurrah!

But then the bear, with cunning wild, Hip, hip, hip, hurrah! So gently to himself did smile, Hip, hip, hip, hurrah! And when the hunter raised his gun, Caesar's Ghost! the bear had fun; He chewed the hunter like a bun, Hip, hip, hip, hurrah! Tommy Ursus (10 years old).

More Drakes Than Ducks.

A man wrote to Forest and Stream a while ago saying that 80 per cent of the ducks he had killed were drakes—four drakes to one female—and he wanted to know the reason why. Others promptly said they had observed similar preponderance of drakes, and also wanted to know why. One man told how he had seen one female duck chased by four or five males.

United States Patent Office Report.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI INVENTORS.

351 patents were issued to United States inventors the past week, of which number Nebraska inventors received 2 patents, while 10 Iowa inventors were rewarded. James Gilbert of Omaha, Nebraska, receiving a patent for a lamp bearing for marine engines while W. H. Fairchild, Diller, Nebraska, received a patent for corn planter.

Amongst the notable inventions are found a railway track layer; a sand papering machine; a fence comprising a split tubular rail having a projecting serrated tongue; a vegetable cutter, grader and dish strainer, a pad attaching attachment for sewing machines; a machine for forging car wheels; a pocket for prize fruit; a hair-curler comprising a pliable web provided with longitudinal rolls; a self-feeding machine; brush; a new tubing for bicycles, comprising two half sections provided with projecting flanges, between which half sections and flanges is held a web plate; an electric igniter for gas engines; an improved carpet sweeper; a golf club; a support for musical performances; a tire shrinker attachment for anvils; a bicycle shoe provided with an outer sole comprising a layer of fibrous material; a field anchor for check row corn planters; a step cover for stairs; an improved bicycle pump; a folding brush; a collapsible chair; an inflated bicycle tire comprising a plurality of tubes arranged to form tamponades with intervening air spaces; a fire proof floor or roof; a combined child's wagon and velocipede; a combination bloomer and divided skirt and a lap board in the form of a cylinder.

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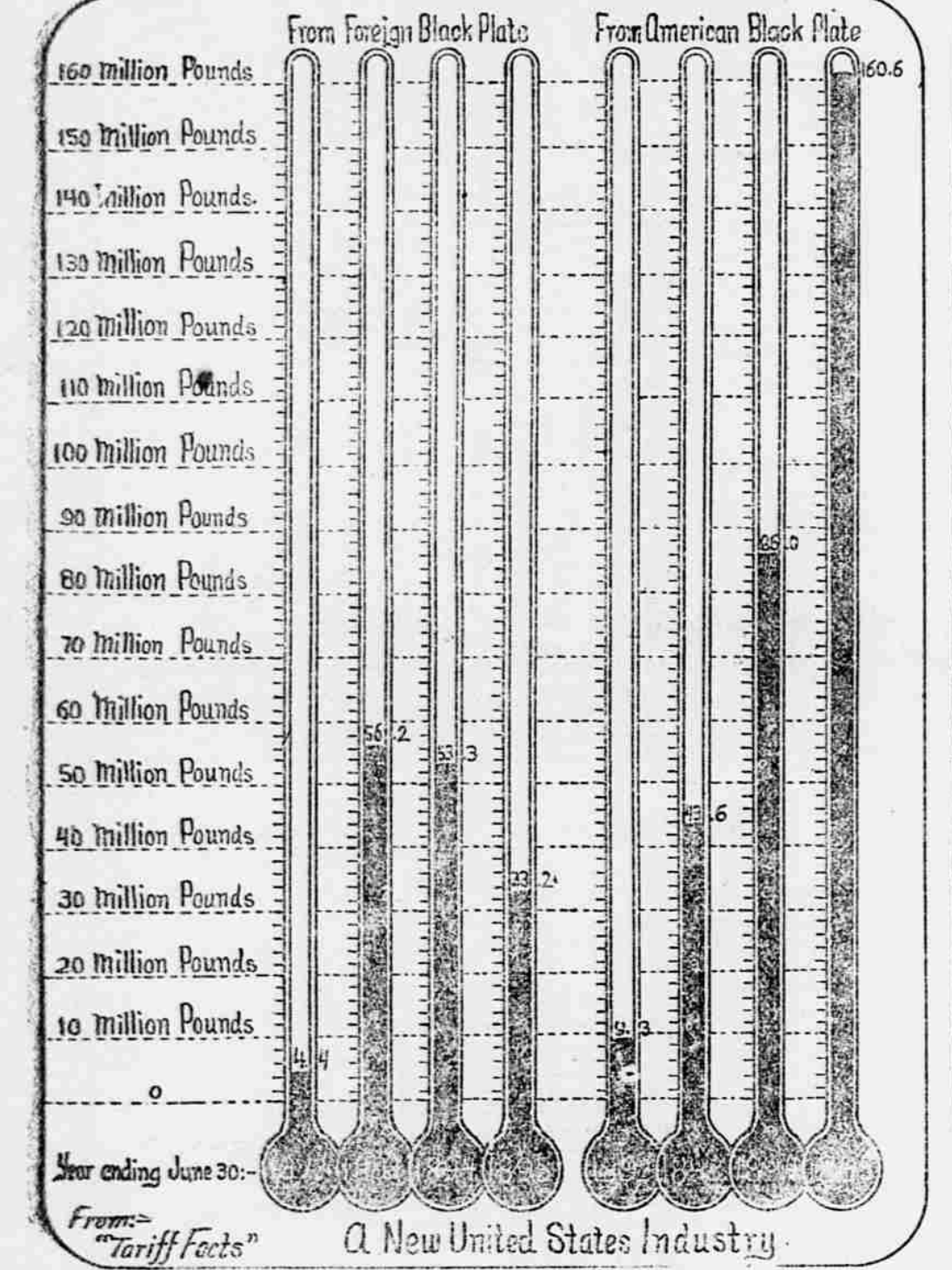
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We are glad to know, authoritatively, that there is at least one British steamship company in actual receipt of a subsidy from the British government. We hope this point will no longer be denied by the free-traders. But we never for a moment supposed, nor do we know of anybody else who supposed, that the British government, or any other government, was paying subsidies for nothing. Of course, there is a measure of return, and that consists in the transportation of the mails.

But what we do claim, and always have claimed, is that the subsidies paid by the British and other foreign governments to their respective steamship companies carrying mail matter, have been far larger than the miserable pittances doled out to American steamships performing similar services for the American government.

The foreign mail steamers start on their voyages with a larger amount of the expenses of each trip guaranteed, through the mail subsidy, than the American steamships can secure. Our lines are handicapped in their expense account to the extent of the difference between the subsidies paid by foreign and American governments. Our lines are still further handicapped by the higher wages that are paid to American officers and crews. Therefore the foreign mail steamers can afford to carry freight at lower rates than American steamers, thus securing the business, or, if the freight rate be the same by all lines, the foreigners can make a profit on the voyage where American steamship companies would have to charge up a loss. The risks of the

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English free-trade sentiment has received a fresh shock from the latest discovery of Germany's industrial invasion. The minister of agriculture is holding an inquiry regarding dogs, and a member engaged found that he had to sit on Austrian chairs and write with Bavarian pencils. When the witnesses recommended the use of German muzzles for English dogs, British pride was stung to the quick. Truly England's industrial supremacy is riding