Merchants' Bean Club. Hu-Can Guess Our Bean Jars?

1—That you must use a coupon cut from this paper.

2-That no person can deposit more than three coupons with any one merchant each day.

4-That you can vote as often as you have coupons.

HU-CAN?

3-That you must bring them to the store. No mailed coupons filed.

Some Things That You Should Know:

- 5—That you should file your coupons as early as possible.
- 6-That in case of a tie the coupon filed first will receive the prize.
- 7-That no one knows the exact number of beans in a jar.
- 8-That each jar contains beans and beans only.

9-That the advertisement must be cut out with the coupon.

10-That the jars are changed and refilled after each contest.

11-That if you don't estimate correctly this time, you may next time 12-That every article offered is exactly as represented by the mer

Beans at A. Hospe's 1513 DOUGLAS STREET.

Hospe's Art Dep

eek we have a sale of a ll left-over pictures and Christmas knickknacks-prices will be cut in half or more and they must be sold at once as we invoice January 1. A \$30 picture to the successful estimate on our bean jar contest. Closes Saturday night.

My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 10 is	A. Ho	spe's	BE	AN CONT	EST COU	PON.	
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Holiday Gifts

SHIRTS! SHIRTS! SHIRTS! All our \$1.50 Star Colored Shirts will be closed out this week for just one-half-75c. The nicest stock at reasonable prices.

HU-CAN?

We will give away to the person estimating the nearest number and the next nearest number of beans in our jar each two custom made shirts worth \$5.00 Contest closes Saturday at 6 p. m.

Albert Cahn,

FINE MEN'S FURNISHINGS. 1322 Farnam St. WE MAKE SHIRTS.

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Guarantee Clothing Company.

Capitol Ave, Near 16th St.

OUR PRICES MUST ALWAYS BE THE LOWEST as we refund money if you can

	All Wool Clay Worsted Suits
M	Fancy Emproidered Suppers
W	Velvet Caps for Men
	Extreme fine Karney Overgoots
Ш	Warranted Dress Shoes\$1
S)	Donnifed Mantelan
5)	Beautiful Neckties
М	Beautiful Neckties Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 for
Ш	131 Kant Link Siceve Buttons
	Fur Overcoats as low as
Ш	Double Sleeve Shirts
М	Fancy Half Hose
п	Fine Covert Cloth Overgoods
V	Zine Temple
21	Zinc Trunks\$1
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VOTE PLENTY AND OFTEN.

My estimate of the humber of beans
jar No. 29 is
Name
Address

HU-CAN?

the person estimating the nearest number of beans in our jar a man's fine mackintosh

On December 31st we will give away to

Guarantee Clothing Co.'s

handed in at our store.

handed in at our store.

HU-CAN? WE CARRY THE LARGEST LINE OF-

Notice our north window.

People's Furniture & Carpet Co.

16th and Farnam.

People's Furniture & Carpet Co.'s BEAN CONTEST COUPON. My estimate of the number of beans in

This advertisement and coupon must handed in at our store. HU-CAN?

We Don't Do It

When you bring your prescription to us you need have no fear that you'll be charged extra in order to give "Doo" a "rake off." We don't pay doc a commission to get your business—so you need have no fear on that score. On Saturday, December 31, we will give away to the person making the nearest estimate on the number of beans in our jar a bottle of fine perfume.

SCHAEFER Cut Price Druggist 16th & Chicago.

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ł	BEAN CONTEST COUPON.
	My estimate of the number of beans
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Address....

This advertisement and coupon must be

HU-CAN?

\$142.00

\$5.00 MONTHLY.

New Steinways, Ivers & Pond, Vose, Emerson, Steger & Singer Pianos on easy payments. New pianos for rent- One years rental allowed if purchased. Instruments moved, tuned and exchanged. Telephone 1525.

Schmoller & Mueller,

STEINWAY & SONS REPRESENTATIVES. 1318 Farnam Street. Largest Music Dealers in the West.

SCHMOLLER & MUELLER'S BEAN CONTEST COUPON.

My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 17 is.....

HU-CAN.

WE WILL HAVE

The finest and Bicycles ever shown in largest line of Bicycles Omaha.



NEW WHEELS FROM \$15 UP.

SKATES-All our Skates will be sold at less than cost.

Omaha Bicycle Co.,

Ed. T. Heyden, Manager. Cor. 16th and Chicago Sts. On January 1st we will give a ladies' or gents' High Grade Stormer Bicycle to the party estimating the nearest number of beans in our jar.

OMAHA BICYCLE COMPANY'S BEAN CONTEST COUPON-

Name

Address This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store. BACHELORS IN PORTO RICO.

OMAHA TEA & COFFEE CO.

iar No. 2 is

HU-CAN?

On January 1, 1898, we will give

away an elegant drophead ball-

bearing \$65.00 Davis Sewing Machine to the person making the

closest estimate to the number

Second-hand sewing machines

For \$2.00 we will put anti-rust on your bicycle and store it until

We have recently taken the

agency for the celebrated Col-

umbla and Rambler bicycles.

Lucky One Gets Belted

Costs nothing but a guess-and it is not a belt from John L. Sullivan, but a nice belt from our stock.

HU-CAN?

HENRY COPLEY

Wares of Gold and Silver,

215 S. 16th St., Paxton Blk.

Two fine \$3.00 belts given away Saturday, December 31 to the two persons estimating the nearest number of beans in our jar.

BEAN CONTEST COUPON.	
My estimate of the number of bean	8 1
jar No. 14 is	
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This advertisement and coupon must be HU-CAN?

Address.....

How Many Beans?

We give to the person estimating th nearest number of beans in our jar, a beautiful \$4.00 Jardinere, to the second nearest a \$3.50 Vase, to the third a \$1.50 lily bowl, finished like the famous Rookwood pottery. Contest closes 6 p. m. Saturday.

1407 Douglas St.

Omaha Tea & Coffee Co.'s BEAN CONTEST COUPON. My estimate of the number of beans i

This advertisement and coupon must be

15th and Harney

Nebraska Cycle Co.'t

spring.

BEAN CONTEST COUPON.

My estimate of the number of beans in jar No. 33 is.....

Name

Address This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store.

GREAT CHANGES OCCURRING

Country World's Money Power.

RAILROAD PROSPERITY AND EASY MONEY High Prices for Cereals Make Capitalists in West, While Low

Prices for Them Make

Populists Instead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 .- (Special.)-Henry Clews, head of the banking house of Henry Clews & Co., in his review of Wall street,

The stock market displayed more than expected strength throughout the week. Pro-

the market are plain. They are based upon the great changes in the financial, indusmercantile branches which have developed during the last few years. Confidence in the future is universal. These conditions, which are already familfar, were first recognized by the large holdnally the great outside public has become impressed with these same beliefs and is buying with more or less determination. Speculation is consequenty increasing and at a rapid rate, but the danger point is not yet in sight. New buyers as a rule have ample margins and their success has not been sufficient to intoxicate them. although caution is necessary. An unusual amount of stocks and bonds has been paid

As for the future of the market, it is exceptionally promising and its course can-not be calculated by ordinary precedents. Everybody desires a reaction either to test values or to buy back stocks which they have lost. Such desires do not seem likely to be gratified so far as the general market is concerned; though it is quite likely that evertrading will soon produce weak spots. Confidence in the general market is based upon two important factors-increasing railroad prosperity and easy money. Increased earnings inevitably exercise an important effect upon the value of securities whose dividends and interest have hitherto been a ing stocks join the ranks of dividend payers active speculation is inevitable; while highclass 5 and 6 per cent securities have risen | make populists instead.

There is no prospect of any serious disturbance of money rates for some time come. Any atringency here would quickly draw large sums from abroad in settlement of Europe's indebtedness. Rates are not only low in New York, but at Chicago and all interior centers, indicating a universal abundance seeking employment. The difficuty in finding satisfactory opportunities for capital is one of the problems of the day.

As railroad construction offers but a limited field the chief outlet appears to be in industrial development and an expansion of our foreign trade, particularly in the export of manufactured articles. rican capital must seek new ventures

have had little experience on so large a scale as proposed in foreign government loans, but the fact that Russia has come to this market is proof nevertheless of the position we now occupy in Developments of Recent Times Make This of the world. New York is pre-eminently the Emperium city of the western hem-isphere and always will be to the United States what London is to Great Britain and Paris to France. London and New York are now the world's greatest financial centers and security markets. That it will not be long, I venture the prediction, before the bonds and stocks of many foreign nations, including government issues, will be actively dealt in at the New York Stock exchange, thereby making it a recognized world's market.

This Country World's Creditor. The United States national banks holding Pacific railroad bonds, known as currency 6s, which become due January 1, 1899, and upon which their circulation and government deposits are based, should at once take other securities for reinvestment, as the amount maturing (\$12,813,560), of which the expected strength throughout the week. Pro-fessionals made several attempts to force a reaction, but failed and those who had sold expecting to repurchase in a lower market were disappointed.

The several attempts to force a mand for United States government bonds and, with prices now strongly advancing for the best class, the need for action is imperative. The present condition of af-The reasons for the present strength of fairs has very encouraging features. This country is the world's creditor and the large balances to be paid in must be invested h giving strong support to the bond market. Universal confidence in increasing prosperity is drawing vast sums from tele deposits into active and profitable channels of trade, which will give better employment for the banks' funds. The expansion of the country will call for enormous capital in new commercial enterprises, quickening the exchanges and broadening the possibilities of the banks and, judging from the right settlement of every financial question thus far, the coming subject of currency reform and the future of the banking system will receive wise and liberal legislation. The United States bonds now in the market are:

amount of stocks and bonds has been pass for outright, so that the floating supply is steadily diminishing, while no new capital creations of importance have thus far been reported, the industries which have been floated not being classed as new enterprises.

Continued as at 1824 yield \$2.50 interest as eight and a half years' investment.

4s of 1925 at 1284 yield \$2.50 interest as twenty-six years' investment.

5s of 1904 at 1124 yield \$2.30 interest as five years' investment. years' investment, s of 1908-18 at 100% yield \$2.30 interest as ten years' investment; at 107.83 yield \$2.50 interest as twenty years' investment. The continued 2s are the least desirable, is they yield less than average interest and as tacy yield less than average interest and are payable only at the government's option indefinitely at par. The occurrences of the year have made at times quick and large declines in bonds of high premium and the new United States 3s are most in demand at present, as costing the least and having certainly ten years', possibly twenty years' duration.

> ists in the west, while low prices for them OMAKA GENERAL MARKET.

luration.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The recent advance in wheat and the 10-cent higher price of corn at the present

time over the corresponding date of last year is a strong bull argument for the stock mar-

ket. High prices for cereals make capital-

Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock. 20c.
BUTTER—Common to fair. 12@12½c;
choice, 13@18c; separator, 20c; gathered
creamery, 17@18c.
POULTRY—Hens, live, 4c; dressed, 5½@
6c; old roosters, live, 2½c; dressed, 4@4½c;
spring chickens, live, 4c; dressed, 6c; ducks,
live, 5@5½c; dressed, 7c; geese, live, 6c;
dressed, 7@7½c; turkeys, live, 7@8c; dressed,
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GAME—Teal, blue wing, \$1.75; green wing, \$1.50; mixed, \$1.75@2.25; prairie chickens, \$5.50; quail. per doz., \$1.00@1.10; jackrabbits, \$1.23@1.50; cottontails, 75c@81.00.
PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.
VEAL—Choice, 80%c.
OYSTERS—Bulk Standards, per gal., \$1.10; Mediums, per can, 15c; Standards, per can, 26c; Extra Selects per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can, 30c. abroad and keep pace with our most opporpolitical expansion. In this connection the attempt of foreign nations to place loans here is especially significant. Rusa's success, however, in her negotiation somewhat problematical, as our people VEGETABLES.

CELERY-California, good stock, 25c;

choice, 35c; fancy, 50c; extra large, 75c. ONIONS—Per bu., 40250c. BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., \$1.30 POTATOES-Choice, sacked, 45@50c; poorer stock, 40c.
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., \$2.50.
CABBAGE—Per lb., crated, 14c.
TROPICAL FRUITS
LEMONS—California, fancy, \$4.00; choice, \$3.75. ORANGES—Mexicans, \$3.50; Navels, fancy, \$3.75; choice, \$3.50; seedlings, \$3.25. BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, \$2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, \$1.75072.00

FRUITS.

APPLES—Western Ben Davis, Genitons and Winesaps, per bbl. \$3.50; New York Raldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl. PEARS-Bartlett, California, out of the market; other varieties, \$2.25.
STRAWBERRIES-Per box, 30c.
GRAPES-Maiaga, per bbl., \$879.
CRANBERRIES-Bell & Bugles, per bbl.,
\$7.50; Jersey, \$6.2576.50; per crate, \$2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12c; standards, 11c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 7@8c; cocoanuts, per 100, \$4.50; peanuts, raw, 6@61/2c; cocoanuts, 7@71/2c; chestnuts, 8@9c

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal, can, each, \$2.50; gal, cans, pure, per doz, \$12.00; half-gal, cans, \$6.25; quart cans, \$3.50.

FI-38—Imported, none; California, 10-lb, boxes, \$1.50. MISCELLANEOUS.

boxes, \$1.50.

HONEY-Choice white, 1214@13c.

DATES-Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb, boxes, 66

14c: Sair, 514@6c: Fard, 9-lb, boxes, 10c.

CIDER-Per half bbl., \$3.00@3.15.

SAUERKRAUT-Per half bbl., \$2.00.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 green hides, 84c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 green hides, 84c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 green hides, 84c; No. 2 salted hides, 74c; No. 1 veai calf. 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal caif. 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tailow, No. 1, 3c; tailow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tailow, No. 1, 3c; tailow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tailow, 1½c; white grease, 2½d3c; yellow and brown grease, 1½d32c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15d 75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), ach, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska mutrain wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 4d5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska mutrain wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 4d5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 3d4c, FURS—Mink, 10d75c; bear (black or brown), 55.00220.00; otter, \$1.50036.00; skunk, 15d50c; muskrat, 3d7c; raccoon, 15d50c; red fox, 25cd32 25; gray fox, 25d50c; wolf (timber), 25cd32.50; wdlf (prairle), coyote, 10g50c; wildcat, 10d25c; badger, 5d40c; silver fox, \$50.00075.00. HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET. Cattle Market Active and Higher-

Hogs in Strong Demand. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.-CATTLE-Recelpts, 3,220 head; natives, 875 head. Offerings were too light to satisfy the demand, The market was very active at 10c higher. There were no offerings of choice native There were no offerings of choice native steers. Medium steers, \$4,4025.10; light weights, \$4,2565.60; stockers and feeders, \$3,2544.25; butcher cows and heifers, \$2,2564.25; western steers, \$3,3564.00; Texas steers, \$3,3564.40; Texas butcher cows, \$2,7063.25; canning stock, \$2,0062.85.

HOGS-Receipts, 2,410 head. A strong demand from local packers advanced prices 5c again today. Heavies, \$3,4562.50; mixed. \$3,3563.50; lights, \$3,1563.50; mixed. \$3,3563.50; lights, \$1,1563.50.

SHEEP-Receipts, 775 head. The supply was too light to interest all the buyers, but trading was fally active at steady prices. Lambs, \$5,0065.50; muttons, \$3,8564.60; feeding lambs, \$3,8064.20; feeding sheep, \$3,2565, \$3,75; stockers and feeders, \$2,2563.50.

Following are the receipts at three principal western markets for December 26:

Cattle. Hogs. Sheen.

Chicago (estimated) . 22,000 9,000 7,000

Kansas City . 3,220 2,410 775

St. Louis . 860 4,000 400 Kansas City St. Louis Totals 64,020 15,410 8,175

St. Joseph Live Stock.

ST. JOSEPH. Dec. 26.—(Special.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 300 head; quality common; a man for his home in the skies. But early market active and strong to loc higher; natives, \$3.75@4.86; Texans and westerns, \$3.00 that makes life longer, better and wiser. St. Joseph Live Stock.

@4.75; cows and helfers, \$1.75@4.00; stockers and feeders, \$3,00@4.25. HOGS-Receipts, 2,500 head; market active and 5c higher, selling at \$3.45@3.62½; bulk, SHEEP-Receipts, none; demand strong CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Cattle and Hogs in Good Supply and Prices Higher.

Prices Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—HOGS—Estimated receipts, 23,000 htad; market opened strong to 5c higher, closed weak, with advance mostly lost; light hogs, \$3,30/3.60; mixed packers, \$3.36/3.65; heavy shipping grades, \$3.30/3.55; rough hogs, \$3.30/3.40.

CATTLE—Receipts, 9,000 head; market 10c higher; beeves, \$4.00/3.65; cows and helfers, \$2.00/3.75; Texas steers, \$2.40/3.65; stockers and feeders, \$2.80/3.40.

SHEEP—Receipts, 7,000 head; market was strong; native sheep, \$2.50/3.425; westerns, \$3.00/3.15; lambs, \$3.75/3.525.

Stock Receipts at South Omaha. Cattle. Hogs.Sheep. Cattle.

M. & St. P. Ry.

Inion Pacific System...

A. N. W. Ry...

J. E. & M. V. R. R...

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Totals 441 4.835 St. Louis Live Stock. ST. LOUIS. Dec. 25.—CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head; shipments not reported; market 100/15c higher and firm; fair to fancy shipping steers, \$4.2505.75; bulk of sales, \$4.500, 5.50; dressed beef grades. \$3.7505.25; light steers, \$3.0004.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.4004.50; cows and helfers, \$2.0004.40; cows and helfers, \$2.2503.40. and helfers, \$2,2503.40.
110GS-Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments not reported; market strong; pigs and lights, \$3,2003.30; packers, \$3,4563.35; butchers. \$3.600-3.70.
SHEEP-Receipts, 400 head; shipments not reported; market steady; native muttons, \$3.50@4.25; lambs, \$4.00@6.00.

New York Live Stock. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—BEEVES—Receipts, 3,704 head; market active and 10c higher; buils and cows, 10%15c higher; steers, \$4,50%5.27, no choice here; oxen and stags, \$3,50%5.09; buils, \$3,40; cows, \$1.85% 3.85. Calves, receipts, 535 head; market active and strong; barnyard calves, \$3,50%4.00; city dressed yeals, 9212c per pound. tive and strong; barnyar per pound. city dressed yeals, 2612c per pound. SHEEP AND LAMBS-Receipts, 8.044 SHEEP AND LAMBS-Receipts, 8.044 head. Sheep dull and unchanged. Lambs steady to 19c higher. Sheep, common to prime, \$2.50@4.50; lambs. \$5.00@5.50. HOGS—Receipts. 12.438 head. Market was higher at \$3.50@3.75.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—SUGAR—Market stoady; open kettle, 34/3/3-15c; open kettle, centrifugal, 35-8/4-1-15c; centrifugal, granulated, 49-169/4-5-8c; yellows, 4/4-5-15c; seconds, 27-8/3/15-16c, Molass s, stoady; open kettle, 20/22c; centrifugal, 8/6/18c, Syrup, steady, at 25/6/27c. Foreign Financial. PARIS. Dec. 26.—The bourse opened firm, but sentiment became less favorable later on apprehension of dearer money, and the closing was heavier. Spanish to closed at MADRID, Dec. 26.—Spanish is closed to-day at 59.75. Gold was quoted at 31.

Santurce, a pretty, tropical village three miles outside the city walls of San Juan on the government military road to Ponce, is now the site of a little American bachelor

Cost.

vance in the price of board and rooms. Up to three weeks ago a young man could hire a small single room for two or three pesos a week. Owing to the present rush from the states prices have been doubled. Even a single bed in a room with two others costs at least 31/2 pesos. For a room and meals the Spanish landlady charges at least 12 pesos a week. Young men of small capital, therefore, are compelled to seek quarters elsewhere than the city. Six such Americans, who had become acquainted on the steamer voyage from New York, in a search for rooms one day recently found a number of unrented cottages in Santurce village, and after ascertaining the cost decided to rent a whole house and keep bachelors' hall. They accordingly secured from the mayor a two-story stone house, consisting of nine bedrooms, sitting and dining rooms, kitchen and bathroom, completely furnished, for 55 pesos a month. Now, at the end of three weeks their other monthly expenses, roughly estimated, are a St. Thomas Island negro seen Astley D. M. Cooper's wonderful paintcook, 12 pesos; food for six hungry men, 72 pesos; a native woman, who lives at home, to take care of the beds and lamps, 6 pesos, and a negro to scrub the floors once a week, 3 pesos. In four weeks, therefore, the total bill does not exceed 148 pesos, which makes the individual cost for each of the six young men hardly \$4 a week in American money In their country home, then, for a sum much more reasonable than they could live uncomfortably within the city walls, the lawyer, architect, civil engineer and three prospectors now enjoy every luxury of home in the tropics. And their experience is also the story of the other five houses

wealthy in New York, flourish in the front yard, and almond, orange, banana and cocoanut trees, laden with ripe fruit, grow plentifully in a two-acre back yard. Then if the home orchard is not quite ready to bear, two Porto Rican copper cents will buy half a dozen of the best bananas, two sweet oranges or a ripe cocoanut. Small native boys gladly offer their services for a copper cent. Whenever an American calls "Boy!" in however poor Spanish, numbers of these lads, ranging in age from 4 to 15 years, and in color from coal black to a light tan, immediately run to the front gate and line up, like an infantry awkward squad, to await a selection from

the group by the caller. Their help around

the country home is indeed useful. They

run to the store, climb the tallest trees to

pick cocoanuts, catch six-inch lizards for

in the bachelor colony. Beautiful ferns and

palms, which adorn only the homes of the

visitors, or, if necessary, act as guides over Santurce, being a suburban village, at first no one here, except possibly the latest arrival, ever hurries, the suburbanites easily Cooper was so impressed with her beauty a Colorado cas get accommodated, either by the stage that he would not be content with a refusal. States courts.

coach, which seats eight passengers comfortably, or by the narrow gauge steam The Art of Living in Luxury at a Low tramway. For 20 cents the business man can enjoy a daily ride in these vehicles, and, incidentally, have plenty of time on the trip back and forth to view the surrounding scenery, including a sugar, cocoanut and coffee plantation, country life in a smaller village, an old Spanish shore battery and big San Cristobal fortress. cycle riders, a few of whom live in the settlement, have between their home and place of business one of the finest highways in the world, the famous government military road. Still another way to travel is

> and a small shed for shelter in rainy weather. Native lads, again, whenever needed, make good stable boys, hostlers or coachmen. The bachelor settlement of Santurce thus early promises to give the village a regular western boom. Each steamer from New York brings enough new residents to esablish an additional homestead, whose emblem is always a little red, white and blue flag. Then one enterprising young man, until he can find some one in need of an architect, intends to run a New England restaurant. Moreover, an American capitalist already controls the steam tramway and will equip the system soon as a mod-

ern electric surface railway. THE STORY OF A MODEL.

She Posed for One Picture and Lifted a Farm Mortgage. Had it not been for a mortgage on a Missouri homestead the world would never have ing, "Trilby." There might have been painting of that subject by the same arttist, but it could never have been the mas- Telephone 1039. terpiece the present painting is. It was that mortgage that gave Mr. Cooper his beautiful model.

Some years ago, relates the Washingtoin Star, this young woman was living the happy life of a country girl on her wealthy father's farm in western Missouri. She grev up wild and free, unrestrained in spirits and form, living very close to nature. No shoes distorted her feet. She grew to womanhood an unfettered child of nature, beautiful in face and form. Then came misfortune for her father. The grasshoppers devastated his fields and he was compelled to mortgage the homestead. The father sickened and died, leaving his wife and daughter without resources and with a mort gaged home. They went to Kansas City, where the mother secured a position as a cashler in a department store and the daugh ter as cloak model in the same establishment. Their common purpose was to save money enough to pay off the mortgage on the homestead. As they came and went to their work they began to attract attention and soon all eyes were upon them. The young woman soon became known as the "Living Venus" and as such was known to many people who knew nothing of her life. At this time an artist friend, who lived in Kansas City, wrote to Mr. Cooper that he had seen the woman of goddess-like form. who alone would serve for a model for a perfect "Trilby." knowing that Cooper was searching for such a model. The artist went post haste to Kansas City. He managed to secure an introduction to the beautiful girl and with all possible tact suggested his purperfect "Trilby," knowing that Cooper was presents to the Americans the problem of secure an introduction to the beautiful girl rapid transit to the city. But luckify, as and with all possible tact suggested his pur-



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He argued with the mother, persuaded her and promised a price that would raise the mortgage and endeavored to show the daughter that there need be no sacrifice of her maidenly modesty. He told her that her mother could go with her and be with her all the time she was posing. Finally she yielded. At Cooper's beautiful home in San Jose, Cal., during the following months she was the sole model and furnished the inspiration for this great picture. When the picture was completed both mother and daughter returned to Kansas City, where the daughter was soon married.

Missing Man Reappears. pose. She indignantly refused his offer, but cooper was so impressed with her beauty a Coloper was so impressed with her beauty a Colorado cases, now pending in the United

by carriage behind a small native horse. Such an outfit, kept in repair by the owner, costs only 10 pesos a month. Their back yard supplies to the animal a grass diet