Kinds of People.

TONS OF MAIL RECEIVED AND SENT

Envious Kicks Against Neighbors Getting Pensions-Beneficiaries Living in All Parts of the World.

Perhaps there is no other department of the government at Washington that has a correspondence with the general public as large as that of the United States pension bureau, presided over by H. Clay Evans. In the last fiscal year there were 1,012,796 letters received by that bureau, of which \$36,851 were "miscellaneous letters." and during the same period 1,883,359 letters were written by the small army of clerks employed there for that purpose. The correspondents are among "all sorts and conditions of men," and live not only in this country, but all over the world. are now pensioners living in the Comore islands, Isle of Man. Malta, Mauritius, Portuguese East Africa, Sierra Leone and St. Helens, to say nothing of the larger and more populous countries and islands of the seas, and there are 437,104 claims still

Most of the correspondents have the vaguest ideas of the working methods of the pension bureau. There are multitudes who send volumes of illegible manuscript everflowing with ardent descriptions of their own glorious deeds upon the fields of battle-neglecting, however, to enclose a scrap of evidence in support thereof. The office regretting its inability to accept the unsupported statements of these heroes, politely calls on them for the necessary evidence and continues to call with unabated politeness until such testimony is all collected or the applicants cease from troubling.

Often the applicants aim their requests directly at President McKinley. a sample from Mississippi which betrays the belief that the president has discovered the necessity of advertising in this age of business competition

"Mr. William McKinley dear Sir; lurned By reading one of your advertisement that fny one that Faught in the Yan kee Armie that you would sind thim a Pansion Well sir I Faught in the Armie 2 years and I got shot one time in the Armie but I did not stop fighting but 3 days & i Wint Fighting on. I Will not try to tell you all the Plaices that we wint to but I will tell you some of thim to let you know no that I shore was in the Armie dear sir you can look on your Book & find my name. Well Whin I left home I wint down to Servaner Georgie & left thair and wint down to Borfert of South Carlinas & went from thair to Jonesfer and from thair to Rolle and then we capted Johnson if i make no mistake It is Bin so long that I cant remember ever little thing & after we capted him we wint to Richmon Verjenias and from thair we wint in camp between Elexander and Washeton. We left thair and got on the train and wint down to the ohio R and got on the Boat and wint to louisvill Kintockie and whin they all musted out I was not there i was sick that day had bin for weak so that is all I have to say in this letter so rite soon and help me if you pleas i no it is in your Power."

A Bureau of Information.

Many persons regard the pension office as a sort of bureau of information, established

named Tom Smith is living or dead and it you know where he resides if living. Ans. right away."

The extraordinary concern displayed by some of the correspondents lest their neighbors should stray from the path of righteousness is worthy of a better cause. One of these zealous workers sent this complaint of a certain applicant for pension in his vicinity:

"I let you know that Mr. - that has but in for benchen is not in titell for it, he is Joust as Weall as enny own of ous and if he gets benchen then hall Milwaukee can get it.

Shortly afterward the same writer advised the office thus, regarding the same

"I have to let you know that mister - has but in for Benchen and is getting examined to Day, he is Joust as helthy as I am. He bordet by ous and I know what he is he is to lacey to do anney thing and is Nothing but a Dramb. he tolt me that he hat to eat 2 bounts of Crabes yesterday becaus he waar geting examined to Day. If mor explomashing or if you

wount to know mor let me know. truley Here is a remarkable specimen of the same kind, manifesting a surprisingly intimate acquaintance with his neighbor's affairs on the part of its author:

"Sir Jantlemans I will let you know that - is getting to mutch pension he is fully a well man he can walk and run for three or six miles and carry a load on his back. he knows about the time when youens would come examine him then when he sees youens coming he junt in to bed and squealed like a hog and got his oman to fan him the while youns was there to see him, as soon as youns went away he junt out of bed and went to his work and he is a well man up to this day."

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PENSION BUREAU LETTERS the two following complaints, both referring to the same pensioner, leans toward brevity in his style, for the effort required to decipher such an amazing combination of Samples of Quaint Correspondence from All bad spelling with poor penmanship and a supreme disregard of punctuation and cap-

ital letters is a sufficient trial to the mosexperienced clerk: "The Comishner at Washington to the

- is a Drawing of "I think unleigal Bhenshine I beleve he has bin a adnandassisten (aiding and assisting) the Phrenological Deductions Drawn from wild caters in their vilations of the government Laws.

"The Comishner of the Phenshion w think --- is a Drawing of an unleigal Phenshion he sed that he wood help the Wild Caters out of ther Vilastion if it Costed him all he Had and all he Could get and we wish to Let you all know that and famous men for thirty-five years, and be said this is true i Can Proove this and more than that. Yours Trula

Another worthy citizen, resigned but cheerful in the consciousness of faithfully performing a duty, gives abundant evidence that certain lawless characters in his vicinity are receiving pensions for disabilities not contracted in the military be made. The dealer has preserved hunservice. He asserts that " and - goes fishing 4 miles to the River every day all summer, grape of phrenology. wine and wichlous habets" thus conveying a dark hint that "grape wine and wichious habets" are responsible for the

pensioned ailments. On investigation such charges are often proved to have no other foundation than personal malice or envy. Some of the addresses in the pension bureau's mail are even more curious than the letters themselves. The promiscuous American use of the prefix "Mr." has made it possible for one man to address his communication to "Mr. Pension Department. Washington, D. C.," which is not more original, however, than this superscription, 'U. S. Statutes, Penchon Offic."

Wonderful Addresses. An envelope worthy of special regard for its unpleasant suggestiveness reads: "Pinching Department, Washintong, D. C.," and a correspondent from South Carolina addresses the present commissioner as "Mr. Evans, governor of the United States." One feels compelled to admire clever-

handed over to the Bureau of Pensions letters addressed as follows: "Washington, D. C. "U. S. D. O. te o cor: mishingbiors." and

"Commissioner Clay, Columbus, Ohio." The commissioner's title is variously modified to "Keeper," "Proprietor," or "Head Man" of the Pension office. Here are some other odd expressions used in

addressing Commisssioner Evans: "H. Clay Evans, Pension General," "Evans & Co.," "Soldier's Attorney Evans," "evans penchant agent," "Henry C. Ivens, General Comison Agent," "Secritary Pension Buro," and even this: "jen hon Comitioner of "jen" is presumably to be pensions." translated "General" and "hon" of course stands for "the honorable." Another man directs his request to "Comitioners" in the plural, evidently in the belief that their name is legion. A correspondent from Pennsylvania literally covered his envelope with these directions; Mr. Evins.

M. C. Official Business

Penalty for Private. A singular superscription, the full import of which is still shrouded in mystery, is:

"Washenton "Penchen Offic

And yet it is possibly not more astonishing than this one: Washington d. c.

"to the pention department terror" a brief, but novel, method of expressing "Pension Office, Interior Department." The fact that all the business of Uncle Sam's executive departments is not transacted in one building would probably be a

source of wonder to the men who directed their envelopes thus: "U. S. Penshen Burea, U. S. Capitol "Washington City of D. C. "To the Secretary of Ware."

"Washington D. C. To the Terasure Department of War,"

"Mr. McKiley "The Pension Office." 'Jeneral penshion offis, Washington, d. c.

Carefully crowded into the corner of an odd-looking envelope is the entire address One feels inclined to wonder what could have been the writer's motive in leaving so much blank space. A California man recently requested some information from the "Comisinger of Pensionegers." Any one who feels inclined to wonder at

the length of time that clapses in many Two clerical cranial outlines are those cases between the fling and settlement of. a pension claim is respectfully requested each 7% in size and each decidedly sharp to consider the difficulties made by the ened toward the front, the slope of Talapplicants themselves, as well as the neces- mage's head being more abrupt. Greatest sity of sifting the evidence presented, the of all the heads in the collection except work of gathering medical testimony, of Secretary Long's, and broader even than proving the identity of the claimants, etc. that, is that of Carl Schurtz, who wears a Many applicants on the rejection of their 7% hat so abnormally broad behind the claims are firmly convinced that such ac- ears that each new one has to be stretched tion is the result of personal malice on the to the verge of disruption in shaping it. part of the commissioner of pensions or the On the other hand, the smallest head deissuing pension certificates. If these people hat. Mr. Assano is a Japanese who has realized the fact that over 100,000 cer- been in the diplomatic service and whattificates of all kinds were issued during ever else his hat size may imply, it does the last fiscal year possibly they might gather a faint idea of the tremendous number of cases constantly being handled.

A. L. BANNON. DOWN A MOUNTAIN SLOPE.

Wild Ride on a Stage Coach Over s Dangerous Road.

The descent from the easiest pass across the Blue Ridge mountains thereabouts, known as Snicker's gap, to the Shenandoah river, is long and steady. At regular intervals a little elevation of solid earth, also known as a brake, has been banked up across the road to keep it from being washed away by the heavy rains. A ferry, propelled by the river current, carries the stage coach across the Shenandoah, which flows at the fcot of the mountain.

One day the coach, well loaded with passongers and their baggage, had attained a fair speed when an accident to the harness occurred. The driver could not turn the vehicle in against the high banks on either si e without upsatting it and perhaps maiming its occupants. There was nothing to do but to "keep the horses on their feet and

Every time he reached one of the mounds across the road he had to exercise the greatest skill in steering over it squarely, out by coolness and presence of mind he rought his load safely, although at a tremendous speed, down the mountain. From ng experience he knew where it was posthis to drive into the river without getting beyond his depth, and as he boldly plunged his team into the stream an effective brake upon its speed began to operate. It soon came to a standstill and the terror-stricken passengers drew a long breath once more. Rowboats came out after them, the harness and brakes were repaired and the lourney resumed.

Cranial Diagrams of Well Known Men Preserved in Washington.

HOW GREAT MEN PICKED THEIR HATS

Bumps, Big and Little-Secretary Long Lends the Procession.

A certain hat dealer in the national cap-Ital has furnished headgear for statesmen in that time has covered the craniums of when we Came to the test we can Proove most men of note in Washington. He has of the head and permits the shaping of the chapeau according to the bumps of geniusor other bumps. The conformer registers the lines of cranial development in miniature on a card which is filed away in a book and from which future shapings can dreds of these outlines and some of them make interesting subjects for the student

Abraham Lincoln's outline is the one most valued by the hat dealer. The great war president had a head which was wonderfully well formed. It was an almost perfect oval, leaving out of consideration a slight waviness of outline due to the bumps," which are found accentuated to greater or less degree on every head. From the shape of Lincoln's head a phrenologist would infer firmness, caution and the family virtues, with reasoning power predominant. His hat size was 71/4. Stanon, Lincoln's great secretary of war, had a long head, but it was neither as broad nor as symmetrical as Lincoln's a size larger. On the left side of his cranial diagram there is a perceptible flattening scriptions from two doctors, but grew and on the right side at the rear a cu- worse all the time. I finally bought a botrious depression. Phrenologically consid- tle of Foley's Honey and Tar and after ered, the most striking characteristic is using two-thirds of it I was entirely cured. firmness. Grant's head was singularly Meyer-Dillon Drag Co., Omaha; Dillon's ness of the postoffice clerks who rightly for a 7% hat. Its contour denotes firmness shapely, even, and unusually large, calling drug store, South Omaha. and reason. The lines of President Hayes' head are symmetrical, but the forehead line is unsually flat. His hat size was 7 1-16.

> It took a very big hat to fit Garfield, 7% being his size. The head is long and broad, but uneven, one side being much flatter than the other. The splendid frontal width is a noticeable characteristic. One might expect of Guiteau, Garfield's assassin, that his cranial contour should show some marked eccentricity, but this is not the case. But for a flattening on one side, which does not attain an abnormal degree, the head would be uncommonly well shaped. The size is 71-16.
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> A Model Head.
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> President Arthur had a splendid head and its contour seems consistent with the is a noticeable characteristic. One might

President Arthur had a splendid head and its contour seems consistent with the character of the even tempered, polished man of the world, with cultivated mind, that he was. He wore a 7¼ hat. Firmness, approaching obstinacy, and aggressiveness are obvious in the phrenological design of President Cleveland's head. It is a very At an inquest at Columbus, O., where a beat man and the country viriginia, C. R. Kesterton found an auger hole plugged by a pin. On removing the pin he found in the hole five \$30 gold pleces bearing dates between 1850 and 1860. The coins are supposed to have been hid there for safekeeping during the civil war. Comisher off pinsh.

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"clo Ensecptors, Pension Office," "Pionsshon D. P.," and "The Penshion of Burow," are characteristic efforts. It is striking in that no person who has seen Burow," are characteristic efforts. It is striking in that no person who has seen Burow," are characteristic efforts. It is striking in that no person who has seen George W. Putnam of Westfield, O., in evident that the man who inscribed the the two men would judge their heads to whose veins runs the blood of "Old Put" of a sort of bureau of information, established in the interests of the entire human race. The following letter from the Hoosier state fillustrates this fact:

"Sir: I would thank you ever so much if you would please tell me if a colored man named Tom Smith is living or dead and it nam point Harrison's head shows a decided depression that is not apparent in Cleveland's, and again, there is a slight bulging at the temples of the republican which is absent in the democratic cranium.

President McKinley's cranial outline loes him scant justice, for the breadth of his forehead is below the line of his 14 hat. His diagram makes the front of the head look narrow and pinched. Benevolence, reason and caution are his chief phrenological characteristics. This is a salient difference between the heads of James G. Blaine and Thomas B. Reed. Blaine's is long and even; Reed's broad and "bullet," with plenty of brain space in the rear and a decided sharpening toward the forehead. Blaine wore the largest hat-7%, to Reed's 7%. The biggest

official head in Washington is that of John D. Long, secretary of the navy, and nothing smaller than a 7% hat will suitably cover it. It is broad throughout and bulges remarkably near the back. Rear Admiral Schley's diagram furnishes a contrast to it, as marked as that between the characters and mental processes of the wo men. His outline calls for a 7 hat and one of the very even, oval shape.

Cranial Characteristics.

Another very even outline, but lengthened out larger than that Schley, is John Sherman's 71/4 diagram. That of his brother, General W. T. Sherman, is of the same size, but is considerably broader back of the temples. of T. Dewitt Talmage and Bishop Newman interference of their neighbors. Others are sign of a grown man known to the dealer constantly complaining of the delay in is that of H. Assano, who wears a 614 not imply a corresponding smallness of brain, as he is one of the keenest and ablest of the many keen and able Orientals

who have borne their part in Washington's official life. As marked as the differences in the hat shapes of the various men is the difference in their way of selecting their head gear. Lincoln, it is said, was careless and preoccupied in his selection. Grant was careful, as was also Hayes. Garfield was particular and once complained that his hats looked too big. Arthur was also very particular about the appearance of his hat, but was easy to suit because of the regutarity of his head. Cleveland insisted on having his headgear comfortable and was

not readily soothed by the stock assertion that it would "shape itself after a little wear." Harrison, though scrupulously neat in his attire at all points; wouldn't spend much time over his selections. President McKinley is deliberate. patient and courteous in his hat dealing.

EDUCATIONAL.

George Speyer, the well known banker of Frankfort, Germany, has given 1,000,000 marks to the city to promote scientific instruction.

instruction.

The will of the late Prof. Edward E. Salisbury of Yale leaves nearly the whole of his estate of \$400,000 to his widow, though there are some bequests to the university, among which is a cabinet of Oriental type.

The alluring project of an aggregate increase of \$50,000 in salaries led over £200 of the 1,255 women teachers in the public schools of Buffale to attend a meeting held for the purpose of securing united action.

Astonishing as it may seem, there is larger proportion of college students to the population in California than in any other state in the union. What a marvelou advance this indicates may be realized one but considers what California was it 1849. There is now in that state one students.

only sister of the late Jay Gould.

At a dinner given by the male teachers of New York last week Comptroller Coler said in his atter-dinner speech: "In regard to high schools, I believe in them as much as you do, and in this city college, but I believe something is wrong when two enter and only forty-eight graduats. Higher education should be a reward of merit and should bring the system of civil service into conjunction with the schools. The conjunction of the public schools with the civil service would do as much as anything else to invite attention to the schools and increase the ambition of the children.

The other day at the Feabody museum The other day at the Feabody museum at Yale in an unusued cellar an assistant in the museum picked up a piece of what for years had been considered a pile of "old brass." He ruibbed it on his apron, then took it to the light and finally assayed it in the laboratory, when it was discovered to be pure gold. The pile supposed to be a ruibbish turned out to be \$10,000 worth of the rurest Aztec leweiry. Prof. O. C. Marsh, who died two years ago, was for years collecting all sorts of rare things for the museum, always expecting to soon have time when he could make a catalogue, but the time never came, and now things of value are constantly turning up in this accidental manner.

Mr. J. W. Patterson, night police at Nashua, Ia., says: though the hat he wore was one-eighth of very bad cold on my lungs and used half a dozen different cough medicines and pre-

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Peers of Great Britain have the right to be sanged with silken cords instead of hempen ope. Few avail themselves of the privi-

The Masonic apron that George Washington were is in the possession of Kansas City lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons It is authentic and is carefully guarded, and held to be almost priceless.

A New York sch A New York school master lost his job four years ago. He claimed that he was illegally discharged, and sued the city for his salary. Now the court of appeals awards him 51.824, the same being the amount of salary he should have received

Teachers college of New York has voted to offer free tuition to two Filipmos during the next easterned your this following in the footstelland of the footstelland of

prison ships is to be rendered. The state has already appropriated \$50,000 for the work, and the Daughters of the Revolution have raised as much more, and so the \$250,000 necessary for the monument is se-

About seventeen years ago Jay Gould drew a check, written on a half sheet of commercial note paper, that called for nearly \$2,00,000. This was considered so remarkable that it caused much public comment, but two years after that William H. Vanderbilt drew his check for \$6,000,000, which held the record for a loag time and was considered so notable that the check was afterward framed, and is held as an heirloom by his family. Since then larger checks than that have been drawn, but a new record was made last week when Mr. J. P. Morgan drew a check on his private account for \$23,00,000.



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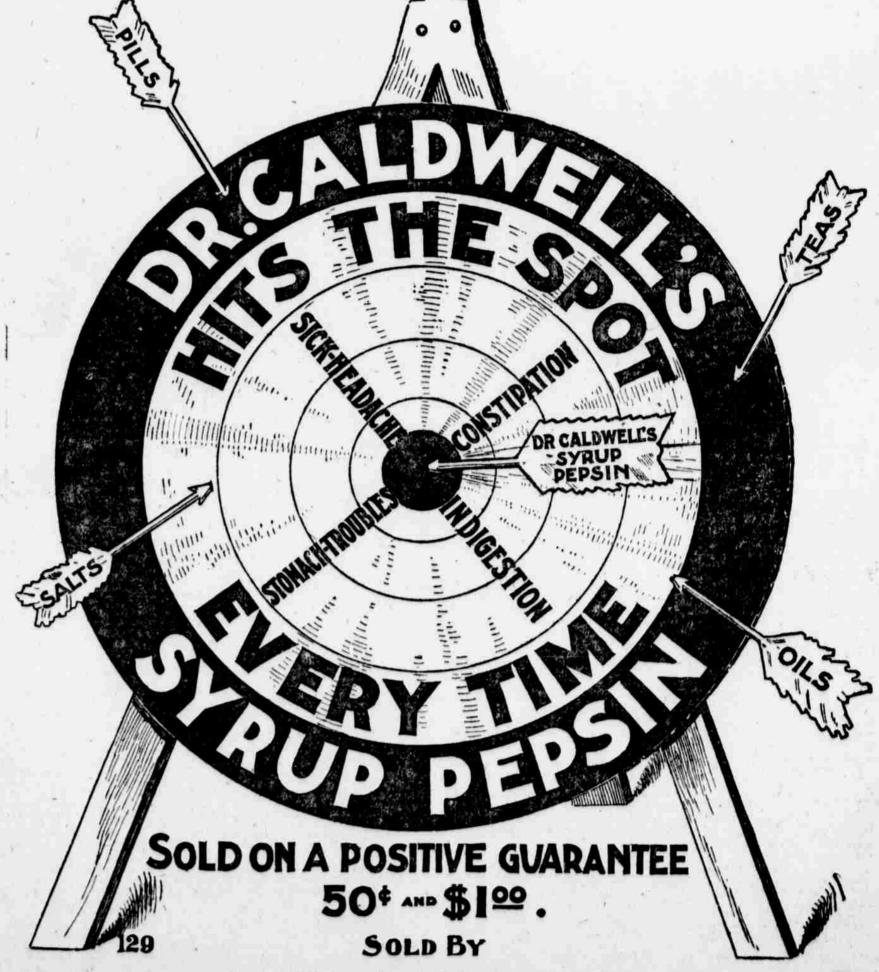
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