The Business of Farming.

If the rule prevailed in farming which governs other businesses, the marvelous prosperity of the farmers in recent years would make the demand for farms so great that it could not be met without exhausting the available supply of abandoned land in the east and the unoccupied land in the west. The corn yield last year, according to the government Crop Reporter, was worth half a billion dollars more than in 1899, although the crop was smaller. The wheat harvest was worth nearly two hundred millions more for about the same number of bushels, and so on through 12 principal crops, with a total increase in value for the 12 of a billion five hundred million dollars. The prices for farm products have gone up, and made the farmers rich. They have paid off their mortgages and have been asking the banks to take their surplus money, even at the low rate of two per cent. interest. Since corn and wheat and potatoes sell at prices from a half more to nearly twice as much as in 1899, it is important for the consumers that the extent of agricultural land, or the amount raised to the acre. should be increased. This country cannot continue to export grain without increasing the yield. That increase must be considerable, even to keep pace with the demands of the growing city population, to say nothing of the increasing consumption of their crops by the farmers themselves, now able to enjoy luxuries they once could not afford. Men with money rush into one business after another, frequently created by a passing fad, and lose their capital, forgetting that there is always a demand for the products of the farm, even in panic times. Men can get along without automobiles, but they must eat. The present profitable prices are to continue for a long time, in the opinion of the secretary of agriculture, for population has grown much faster than the farms; therefore the business of farming ought to hold the attention of those seeking success.

There was a time when the West Indies swarmed with pirates, and merchantmen plying their trade in that quarter ran big risks of losing both crew and cargo. The pirates, the buccaneers and the whole lawless outfit disappeared before the advancing power of civilization, reinforced by men-ofwar which were more than a match for the free-booters. Occasionally, however, some reckless spirits start out on a career akin to that of the erally the experience is a short one. The United States revenue cutter Algonquin, cruising along the coast of were planning a course of robbery, expecting when they had accumulated sufficient booty to escape to Santo Domingo and to enjoy their ill-earned fair chance of languishing in prison. These are unpropitious times for the

The house in which Paul Revere lived when he made his famous ride from Boston to Lexington has lately been restored to its original condiposed that a part of the building was erected in 1686. It was, therefore, an 1770. The part of Boston in which it stands is now occupied largely by Italians, who receive valuable lessons in patriot.

The most curious railway in the world is built on ice. It is laid between Cronstadt and Oranienbaum, and is in use only during the winter. struction of a similar winter railway by the steamboat traffic along the Dnieper river. This means of communication is closed in winter by the ice. A costly, roundabout journey has to be made between the two towns, though they do not lie far apart.

Count Boni talks of challenging Prince Helie to fight a duel. Why doesn't Boni wait? Helie may be generous and permit Mme. Anna to make her former husband an allowance, even after she gets married and set-

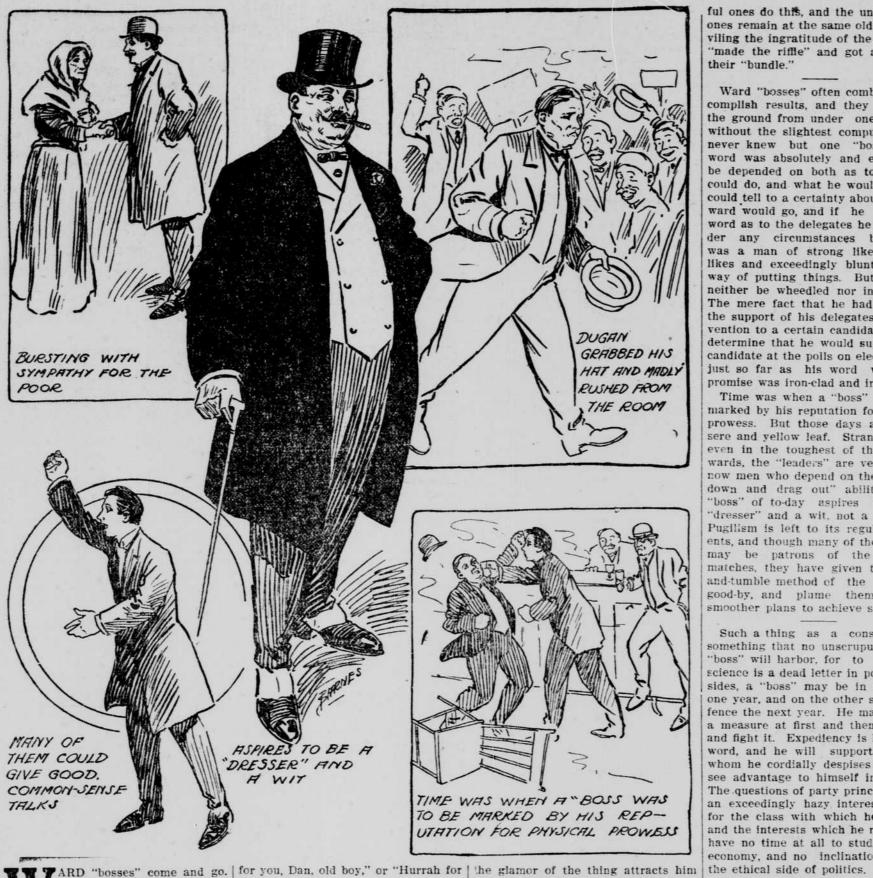
A Baltimore man who died at the age of 66 had all his internal organs no good at answering conundrums!" in a jumble. Here must be the original of the individual so frequently spoken of in novels as having mingled

Greece is in this country and adver- you would rather have, but if it tises for a job as friend of a distinguished American citizen. Er-this describes so many of us that it is quite embarrassing to know which of us would really suit. Maybe one with plenty of rocks and a marriageable daughter will secure this prize.

If airships are going to leak gasoline all over the landscape they will had made prices so high that they never make a hit with the lowly citi- couldn't afford to patronize the zen.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN POLITICS THE WARD BOSSES

By ERNEST M'GAFFEY



They rise and fall, and one Danny Dugan." ket, and the "boss" of last year other teller's hat and sat down in the with the people who live there, identious as to just how I happened to be in zens the ensuing year. One thing counting was finished in a few min- terests and finally winning the confi- were decidedly uncertain as to just was rigged up in pirate be an elimination of "bosses" in ballots all going over to one side. "It's that they will vote almost to a man as salaried position when I could not depolitics, because leaders are an a walk-away," he whispered to the he wishes.

Some people, good people, too, have started in to fight "bosses," and have most ambitious pirate. He is certain ended up by co-operating with them and getting their aid to improve conditions in certain districts. Fighting a political "boss" is an uphill job, for "the respectables," so-called, are usu-

aid, and Dugan, as I will call him, had high hopes. The night of the election, with 189 members present, Dugan's was seconded by at least five addi-American history from close associa- tional speeches, each a glowing eulogy the home of the noted of "Danny Dugan's staunch qualities and services to the party." Dugan sat entranced with the praises which were being handed out to him. The "boss' candidate. Casey, was nominated in a half-dozen words and feebly seconded by only one individual.

Dugan himself was appointed one of the tellers, and a roar of approbation shook the hall as the chairman announced his selection. Dugan went up and down the aisles, and everybody

ing from the table, "what the differ-

matter go by default. It's time for me

feed Rover. Good-by."-Chicago Trib-

Probably.

calf when the prodigal son returned?"

butcher.-Chicago Record-Herald.

"Pa, why did they kill the fatted

"Probably because the meat trust

are as sudden and abrupt Danny; hurl in a vote for your own tics deliberately will work on for them as they came into my perspecas the changes in the stock mar- ticket," and he put his ballot in the years in the same ward, growing up tive. They were always a trifle curimay be the plainest of plain citi- seventh heaven of anticipation. The fying himself with them and their inabsolute necessity in every move- man next to him." "It's a landslide," ment, and prime ministers and said his neighbor. The chairman presidents are as surely political stepped to the front of the platform 'bosses" as are the ward politicians and announced the vote for president who hold their wards in the hollow of as follows: "For Peter Casey, 188 votes: for Daniel Dugan, one vote, Dugan grabbed his hat and madly rushed from the room, with a perfect howl of cheers following him. It was his last appearance in politics.

The term "political boss" images plug hat and a large diamond, who quently profane, and story-writers de- makes him strong with the voters

are just as many different "bosses" as ly, and he leads delegations to the there are nationalities in the larga mayor's office and to the legislatures cities, for a "boss" is simply a leader to protest against the vice of drinklonger. And some of the most suc- politics strictly for "what is in it," and of all "bosses," politically present president of the United States his spiritual welfare. And why not? is one of the most masterful of politi- Do business or professional men enter cal bosses. Who in his party dare into their respective avocations for any openly say him "nay" with any hope of the above reasons? I trow not. The of winning out against his rock-rooted "boss" has one fixed, set idea, and that

especially the typical ward "boss," is leons and then retire to some respecoften a man who may be evolved by table residence portion of the city and gave him the "glad hand" and folded either accident or design. Sometimes forget the low, coarse mob with which their ballots and tossed them into the a man goes into the game to help a he was compelled to associate while

and he stays in, to finally emerge as | It was a matter of genuine interest makes room for another. He had a ballot shoved at him with a full-blown "leader." And some one to meet the various "bosses," big and

> leads. He knows what his "people" want, and he does not stray far away constituency which favors a liberal interpretation of the liquor question he is for the "onen" Sunday, and even the all-night saloon, if necessary. He is strong on the subject of "the poor man's club" and hot against "blue most people a stoutly-built man with a laws" and for the maximum of "personal liberty." Incidentally, he favors

> If a "boss" lives in a Prohibition district he fulminates against "the dethe ruin wrought by drink. This may "high-balls" at the club, or his chamlight to set him down invariably as of whose support he seeks. He is on the alert for "blind pigs." or places where liquor is smuggled in and sold secret-

that means that he is neither in the speaking, have been Americans. The game for his health, his recreation nor hat he carried with "There's another friend out, or to satisfy a grudge, and he was getting his start. The success-

"made the riffle" and got away with their "bundle."

Ward "bosses" often combine to accomplish results, and they often cut the ground from under one another without the slightest compunction. I never knew but one "boss" whose word was absolutely and entirely to be depended on both as to what he could do, and what he would do. He could tell to a certainty about how his ward would go, and if he gave his word as to the delegates he never under any circumstances broke. He was a man of strong likes and dislikes and exceedingly blunt in his way of putting things. But he could neither be wheedled nor intimidated. The mere fact that he had promised the support of his delegates in a convention to a certain candidate did not determine that he would support that candidate at the polls on election. But just so far as his word went, that promise was iron-clad and irrevocable.

Time was when a "boss" was to be ents, and though many of the "bosses" smoother plans to achieve success.

Such a thing as a conscience is something that no unscrupulous ward boss" will harbor, for to him conscience is a dead letter in politics. Besides, a "boss" may be in one party one year, and on the other side of the fence the next year. He may support a measure at first and then "switch" and fight it. Expediency is his watchword, and he will support a man whom he cordially despises if he can see advantage to himself in the end. The questions of party principles have an exceedingly hazy interest to him, for the class with which he mingles, and the interests which he represents, have no time at all to study political | doing up there?" Without an ineconomy, and no inclination towards

in the game at every turn, from the primaries to the national conventions. they knew I was "keeping cases," as in some mysterious way I must be of some value in the sum total of elements making up political life.

The question of silent "bosses" and been variously reviewed, and the av erage judgment has been that the silent "hoss" was the great nower The fact was that the "silent" boss ed to, and the talkative boss could "stand pat" when he so desired. If it did so: if he was naturally a secretive man, he kept still generally. The most effective combination was the "Boss who could talk or keep still as occasion demanded, and who could neither be goaded nor coaxed into either silence or speech against his better

every real ward "boss" that he was not an orator. Not in the sense of a "silver-tongued spell-binder." Many of them could give good, common-sense talks, and effective ones, too, but they did not essay to split the welkin with their perorations, and rather despised his periods. At the same time, for a genuinely great speaker they had a deep respect and enjoyed hearing him were never unwilling to avail themselves of his services if he could "make good" with anything to help on

ful ones do this, and the unsuccessful ones remain at the same old stand, reviling the ingratitude of the ones who

marked by his reputation for physical prowess. But those days are in the sere and yellow leaf. Strange to say, even in the toughest of the "tough" wards, the "leaders" are very seldom now men who depend on their "knock down and drag out" abilities. The "boss" of to-day aspires to be a "dresser" and a wit, not a "slugger." Pugilism is left to its regular exponmay be patrons of the sparring matches, they have given the roughand-tumble method of the past the good-by, and plume themselves on

tickets in some of them. talkative "bosses" is one which has

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"It's the horn you're asked to play, I hear," he said. "Ever had much experience with it. Eben?"

"Never tried it but once, but I like the sound of it first-rate," said the voung man.

"M'm!" said the minister. "Well, I think you needn't be afraid of falling from grace on account of it, but I do | opportunity to become familiar." hope you'll manage things so your family and neighbors won't have to pass through the fiery temptation of hearing you practice too often, Eben."-Youth's Companion.

How Things Went.

Elliott H. Peabody is one of the in which she held the receiver. best-known men at the Worcester county courthouse. At one time he and a few others were interested in a business deal which they expected to put through on a certain day. He plied the drug clerk, solemnly. was unable to be there, so the next day telephoned to a Mr. H--- for particulars. A lady answered the 'phone, and said that Mr. H-was not at home. Mr. Peabody, supposing it to be Mrs. H-, said: "Well, perhaps you can tell me what I want to know. I only wanted to inquire how things went last night"

The lady, in a cheerful, reassuring y-you p-p-pl-please, sir-" tone, said: "Oh, nicely! Mrs. His doing fine, and the baby weighs six er. "If you have anything to say, say and a half pounds. I'm the nurse."- it. Don't take half a day." Lippincott's.

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The editor stared hard at the title of the essay. "'Woman and Her Defects,'" he

repeated. "Are you a married man.

"No," replied the caller, "I am not married."

The editor laughed harshly. "You should choose subjects," he said, "with which you have had an

And he handed back the essay on "Woman and Her Defects."

Using the Telephone.

It was the first time she had ever used a telephone and the drug clerk detected the fact by the nervous way

"why are all those sievelike holes in the mouthpiece?" "They are there for a purpose," re-

"Dear me," she exclaimed, timidly,

"What purpose?"

"Why, so you can strain your voice." And she was so embarrassed she forgot the number she was to call up.

A Matter of Time. It was the day of the ball game, and Willie, the office-boy, approached the

head of the firm, and stammered: "If "Come, hurry up!" said his employ-

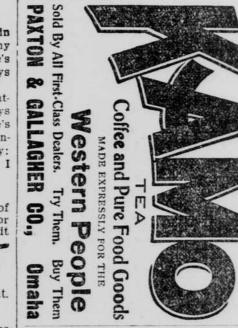
"But that's just what I was going to ask you if I could take," said Willie.--Harper's Weekly.

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he didn't. He kept moving."

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Too Hasty. "Laura," said Mr. Ferguson, cross-"I suppose you wouldn't part with ing his knife and fork on his plate and this dear old farmhouse for anything," the gathering which I attended a few folding up his napkin, "what is the said the enthusiastic girl. "No." answered Farmer Corntossel

"I don't expect to." "Now, George," impatiently inter-"You regard it as a kind of masrupted Mrs. Ferguson, "you know I'm cot, don't you?" "Well, the fellow that managed to sell it to my father was pretty lucky." sumed, looking at his watch and ris-

ence in price is between the parlor He Could Prove It. rug I picked out for you at the store "What was his excuse for not meetthe other day and the one you thought ing you last night?" "He said he was run down by an doesn't interest you we'll let the rug

automobile on his way to the appoint-

-Washington Star

-Detroit Free Press.

to start downtown. Don't forget to |cd place." "You didn't believe any such yarn as that, did you?" "Sure, I had to. You see, he was in the hospital when he told it to me."

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"A curious thing happened at a lit-"Did somebody, mistaking the host courted the landlady and all her

stupid?" "No. A young lady who was asked

to sing got up without any urging." "Oh, I've seen girls do that." "But this one could sing."-Chicago Record-Herald.

Forcing His Chances. "So Shadiboy is in trouble again?" "Yes, a bit of a card scandal." "I told him not to play unless he

could afford to lose." "He must have gotten your advice mixed, and decided he couldn't afford to play unless he didn't lose."-Washington Star.

Mathematical. "Are you going to make an example of that grafter?" said one statesman. "He's worse than an example now,"

for one of the guests, tell him it was daughters, but I'm half starved. Fat Boarder-I courted the cook. New York Weekly. Commercial. "Jones never can forget his busi-

Secret of Success.

Thin Boarder-I don't see how you

manage to fare so well at this board-

ing house. I have industriously

ness for a minute. Even at the ball last night-" "Well, what happened?"

"When a young lady told him that her partner had engaged her for the next dance he immediately offered to buy out her partner."-Detroit Free Press.

The Business Blot.

Mrs. Spriggs-Why do you leave

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