British Mail Bags.

Forty letters were written last year in England for each man, woman, and child therein, thirty in Scotland, sixteen in Ireland, and thirty-six in Great Britain taken as a whole, against twenty-one in the United States, which comes next in the list of nations as a letter writer. But the English post-office was not only not dismayed at the continents of paper and oceans of ink represented by the 1,500,000,000 of letters delivered, but undertook, besides, so much of other varied business as to merit the title of the Governmental ragbag, where all odds and ends were indiscriminately thrown. It not only sent and still sends your letters, your papers, your telegrams, and your money, but will save the latter for you if you are so fortunate as to have any; or will sell you an annuity, if you wish to provide thus against old age, or will invest your money for you in Government bonds. When you wish to do any of these things, the post-office is most pleasant and respectful; it is your servant. But it has, alas another aspect, grim and surly, where it is your master. It is a tax collector without rebate in the past or deduction in the future, and relentlessly mulcts one in certain sums for certain things. For instance, the mild and wholesome "home brew'd," which was wont in the past to wet the whistle of the thirsty pedestrian, can no longer be connected under one's own vine without first paying a yearly license of a dollar or two to the post-office; and the brewer, too, who makes hogsheads where the cottager or publican makes pints, must also contribute.

Man's four-footed friend, be he of high or low degree, is also ignominiously made the subject of license, and the owner of every dog must pay into the post-office a yearly offering of $1.50. But, think you, in case of non-payment your faithful friend is snatched away from you by a barbarian with a net or lasso? No, indeed! Your dog is left and you are the one imprisoned, and in prison you stay till you pay the license and such additional fine as the Magistrate may direct. It is needless to say that English streets are not disfigured by itinerant dog prisons, filled with suffering animals, which, of all the four-footed beings, deserve at the hand of man the most gentleness and consideration. I will say this for English law, that in this arresting the master, who is responsible, and ignoring the dog, who is blameless, it is more just and civilized than ours.

The post-office yearly demands of you $3.50 for each male servant in your employ and $10 for each carriage you may be so fortunate as to own, and should you be so unhappy as to belong to an "effete aristocracy" and have a coat of arms, you may pay $10 more and paint your crest on the panels of your coach. It is not necessary, though, to be lawfully entitled to a coat armor in order to emblazon it on your equipage. Pay the tax and no questions are asked. And this reminds me of a story, for the truth of which I can vouch.

A certain Bristol doctor, having arrived at the dignity of a brougham, ordered such an equipage at the shop of a local manufacturer. When it was near completion, says the maker: "Well, doctor, shall we put your arms on the carriage?" "O, to be sure," was the answer. "Then send us a sketch of what they are," returned the maker, "and we will put them on." "Ah! but their selection I would prefer to leave entirely to you," said Æsculap. The maker, concealing his astonishment and amusement, politely requested his customer's attention to a heraldic book in his office, asking him to select for himself. The doctor's eye was so struck with the different plates that he demanded that each should be reproduced on his brougham. The heraldic painter of the establishment subsequently flatly refused to prostitute his art by painting two coats of arms on one carriage, and combined the two escutcheons into one, so that the happy doctor now lolls in his carriage in blissful knowledge that the admiring world can see upon his carriage door the arms of the Ducal House of Beaufort quartered upon those of the ancient Berkeley family.

Fire arms as well as coats of arms must pay their tribute to the post-office, and every shot-gun in the kingdom represents two dollars and fifty cents a year to the Government, and not only must the hunter pay for his gun, but also for his game and his gamekeeper, for each of which he must take out a yearly license.

The post-office did not arrive at its present efficiency at a bound. It sprang not "full armed" from the brain of genius, but attained its splendid development through generations of slow progress. Letters originally were sent by private messengers, afterward by "common carriers," who began about the year 1500 to traverse the country with their pack horses. Sometime before this, however, traveling "by post," that is, with relays of horses, came into being, and sometimes letters were thus sent, as is proved by the writing, "Haste, post, haste," found on the backs of letters written about the sixteenth century. "Post haste" we now use as a synonym for great rapidity, but it may well be questioned if we should be satisfied in this age of steam and electricity with the speed of the post when the expression originated, which was about three miles an hour.—*Bristol (Eng.) Cor. National Republican.*

—Charles Green, of West Virginia, supposed he loved Ella Foster, and, as the parents objected, he got two friends to steal her out of the house one night, and secure a preacher. When everything was ready, Charles remarked that he guessed he wouldn't marry for a month or so. Then the two friends, disgusted with Charles, covered him with their revolvers. The marriage took place.—*St. Louis Post.*

—The Indians in Nevada on first seeing the first transcontinental telegraph line called this wonder by the queer name of "We-ente-mo-ke-te-pope," which means "wire-rope express."—*Chicago Times.*

—Barbed wire fencing has fallen ten per cent. in price within the last three months. Cows have got so they use it for a hair brush.—*Detroit Post.*

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HANOVER, O., Feb. 13, 1884.

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Dissolution Notice

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will hereafter be conducted by W. H. Strohm.

Red Cloud, Neb., March 18, 1884.
W. H. STROHM,
G. E. McKEEBY.

(Continued from last week.)

How Watch Cases are Made.

In buying a silver watch case great care should be taken to secure one that is solid silver throughout. The cap of most cheap silver cases is made of a composition known as alloata, which is a very poor substitute for silver, as it turns black in a short time. The backs of such cases are made much thinner than those of an all silver case, being robbed in order to make the cap thicker and get in as much as possible of the cheap metal. Another important point in a silver case is the joints or hinges, which should be made of gold. Those of most cheap cases are made of silver, which is not a suitable metal for that purpose. In a brief period it warps, bends and spreads apart, allowing the backs to become loose upon the case and admitting the dust and dirt that accummulate in the pocket. The Keystone Silver Watch Cases are only made with silver caps and gold joints.

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ROAD NOTICE.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, WEBSTER COUNTY.

To all to whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to view and report upon a certain line of roads prayed for in a certain petition duly signed, presented and filed with the county clerk of said county, as follows, to wit: "The undersigned ask that a public road, commencing at the north-west corner of the south half (½) of section eight (8) town number one (1) R nine (9) west, and running thence due south along the line of said half section to the south-west corner thereof, thence south on the section line dividing section seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) town one (1) R nine (9) and terminating at the Republican River in said county be vacated," has reported favorably to the vacation of said line of road as prayed for in said petition, and all objections thereto or claims for damages must be filed in the county clerk's office on or before noon of the 28th day of April, A. D. 1884, or such road will be vacated without reference thereto.

Red Cloud, Neb., April 1, 1884.
apr4-4w J. P. BAYHA, County Clerk.

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FINAL PROOF NOTICE.

Land Office, Bloomington, Neb., March 25, 1884

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the district court, Webster county, Neb., at Red Cloud, on Saturday, May 10, 1884, viz:

BURTON CURE.

on H'd entry 9996 for the south-west quarter section ten, township 3, north Range 11 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: John McCallum and William Cramer, Catherton, Neb., and John Warner and Peter Duffy, Bladen, Neb.

apr1-may10 S. W. SWITZER, Register.

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FINAL PROOF NOTICE.

Land Office, Bloomington, Neb., March 14, 1884.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the District Court of Webster county, at Red Cloud, Nebraska, on Saturday April 26, 1884, viz:

JAMES ANDERSON,

on homestead entry No. 4635, for the south-east qr section 29, township 3, north of R 11 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Hans Hansen, Christen Jespersen, Niels Sorenson, Christian Nelson, all of Red Cloud, Neb.

S. W. SWITZER, Register.
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