

Affable but seedy caller—You are too busy, I take it for granted, sir, to have any time to waste in talking about life insurance? Great Merchant—Yes, sir, I am. Affable caller—Just so, sir. Do I impress you as a man to whom in view of his consideration in refraining from boring you with a lot of guff about tontine policies, payments, dividends, and all that sort, you could consistently lend a quarter of a dollar? Great merchant—You do not. Affable caller—Very good, sir. No harm done, sir. I have wasted—looking at the office clock—"two minutes of my time on a man who has no appreciation of the reciprocal courtesies that should prevail among business and professional men. Good afternoon, sir."—Chicago Tribune.

"And you wouldn't begin a journey on Friday?" "You bet I wouldn't." "I can't understand how you can have any faith in such a silly superstition." "No superstition about it—Saturday's pay day."—Chicago Journal.

Iowa Patent Office Report.
DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 24.—Upon the complaint of some person to me unknown and who may be envious or jealous of the business done in the Iowa patent office, or who may be malicious, the acting commissioner, Hon. A. P. Greeley, is violating official rules by directing correspondence in some instances to applicants and not to us, their attorneys, and by such arbitrary and unlawful action causing delay in the transaction of business and possibly frightening some timid inventors to pay others for doing work that they have already paid for. Inventors who may receive communications relating to applications for patents which have been prepared in the Iowa patent office, and for the prosecution of which we have been paid for and authorized by them are therefore requested to forward such communications to us for such attention as they merit. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address. THOMAS G. ORWIG, Originator and Proprietor of the Iowa Patent Office.

Don't place too much confidence in your companion when you are beset yourself.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

Mutton should be deep red and close-grained.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The colder eggs are the quicker they will froth.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5c.

To make good pastry the ingredients must be very cold.

"Talk about theaters and acting," shouted the know-it-all. In the Pullman. "What do you know about the stage?" "Nothing," replied the man addressed, meekly; "noting at all. I am a mere undivoree, diamondless non-wife beating player."—Philadelphia North American.

George Ford of Louisville, Ky., is 77 years old and has buried six wives. His seventh spouse is only 17 years old.

BETTER THAN A SILVER MINE.
The editor estimates that the increase in yields had by the American farmer by planting Salzer's Potatoes and new creations in Wheat, Oats, Corn, Rye, Grasses and Clovers the past year amounted in round numbers to \$50,000,000. The reason of this is Salzer's farm and vegetable seeds are bred up to big yields. Salzer is the largest grower of grasses, clovers and farm seeds in the world; 100,000 barrels potatoes, \$1.50 a barrel and up.

Just Send This Notice with 10 Cents to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get their great catalogue and 10 packages farm seeds, positively worth \$10, to get a start with. w.n.e.

Don't forget the criticisms you give thanks for the blessings you have received.

Rev. Mary A. Hillis the noted Evangelist writes: "I gladly give my testimony to the healing properties of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm. My son had a terrible cough every winter for five years and he took dozens of bottles of the leading cough medicines but nothing seemed to help him or quiet his cough. But two 25 cent boxes of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm has cured him, and it has also been a great relief to other members of my family when afflicted with colds." We are positive that Dr. Kay's Lung Balm and also Dr. Kay's Renovator have no equals. If you have any disease write us and give your symptoms and our physician will send free a 10c and a valuable 68 page book with 56 recipes and giving symptoms and various methods of treating nearly all diseases. We will also send a free sample of Dr. Kay's Lung Balm or Dr. Kay's Renovator. Address Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., (Western Office) Omaha, Neb.

The average marriage degenerates into either a family or a foundling asylum.

A good woman's love is like a star. The only reason it doesn't always shine is because it is higher than the clouds.

Coe's Cough Balsam is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

Pork should be fine, close-grained and the rind smooth and thin.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation for ever. 10c, 25c. If C.C.C. fail, druggists refund money.

Lemons will keep for weeks if covered with cold water.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A special dispatch from Shanghai says the Japanese fleet is cruising off the coast of Shen Tung.

The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: It has been decided that the whole Spanish fleet shall concentrate at Havana, though not immediately unless circumstances demand.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says it is reported there that the Kurds are devastating Armenian villages in the neighborhood of Russian villages, and the Armenians are retaliating. The correspondent adds that "there is complete anarchy in the Asiatic provinces of Turkey."

The Constantinople correspondent of the London Standard says: The minister of war, Riza Pasha, has been ordered to prepare eight regiments with a minimum strength of 1,700 men each for service in Roumania next spring. The attitude of Bulgaria is causing uneasiness, and the Porte has sent remonstrances to such effect.

M. Jules Emile Richebourg, the French novelist, is dead. Among his voluminous publications there may be cited as the most interesting: "Les Dames de la Vie" (sixteen volumes), "Les Solres Amusantes" (two volumes), "La Belle Organiste," "L'Idiot," "Jean Loup," "Un Calvaire," "Le Million de Pere Raclet" and "L'Enfant du Faubourg."

According to a special from Shanghai, Sung, the Chinese commander, recently informed Captain Chichester of the British war ship Immortalite that the Russian war ships had the Taung Li Yamen's special permission to remain there. Captain Chichester thereupon insisted that Sung should obtain by telegraph that permission for the Immortalite. Sung complied with the demand and permission was granted.

John Morley, the liberal leader and member of parliament for the Montrose boroughs, speaking at Stirling, Scotland, said the proposed West Indian grant was "merely a disguised bounty" and another instance of the government's policy of "sops and doles to favored classes." He declared it would be equally justifiable to manufacture sugar to face a protective tariff and express the belief that the scheme would not prove such a merely temporary measure as Joseph Chamberlain had represented.

The United States ambassador, General William H. Drane, gave a magnificent official reception at Rome in the splendid Plombino palace. There were 600 guests, including personages from the Quirinal, members of the high aristocracy of Italy, ambassadors, ministers and others of the diplomatic corps and some Americans. The guests were introduced by Prince di Montedonati and Count Tozzoni, masters of ceremonies to the court. Those present with one accord pronounce it the grandest social function of this season.

The Pekin correspondent of the London Times says: The French attitude has undergone a sudden change and now it appears to give a reluctant support to the menacing language of the Russian agent, M. Payloff (charge d'affaires at Pekin) against the opening of Taitien-an. The Chinese, having made inquiries, disbelieve Payloff's statement that Russia can provide a loan on the same financial terms as Great Britain. At a meeting of the grand council the Chinese decided to approach the English and Russian governments with a proposal of compromises, each power to provide one-half of the loan on its own basis and the other conditions to be adjusted between them.

In spite of the optimistic cable advices that are being forwarded to Madrid, it is no believed in political circles at Havana that the journey of General Blanco through the east of the island will bring peace. Although he carried about \$50,000 with him when he left Havana, no one believes that any important leader will surrender. It is reported that he will soon return, because General Maximo Gomez has fallen back across the Moron-Jaricho rocha into the Canagney district. The presumption is that he went in the expectation of meeting General Gomez. Should he return without having induced the principal insurgent chiefs to surrender, autonomy, it is believed, would be considered a failure at Madrid, a conclusion that would seriously affect the stability of the government at Havana and at the home capital.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

OMAHA.		
Butter—Creamery separator	20	21
Butter—Choice fancy country	14	15
Eggs—Fresh	14	15
Chickens—Per lb.	9	10
Ducks—Per lb.	7	8
Geese—Per lb.	7	8
Habits—Per lb.	7	8
Pigeons—Live	75	80
Lemons—Choice Messina	3.00	4.00
Honey—Choice, per lb.	12	14
Onions—Per lb.	42	43
Cranberries, Jersey, per bbl	7.25	7.50
Beans—Hand-picked Navy	1.25	1.35
Potatoes—Per bush	50	52
Sweet potatoes—Per bbl	2.25	2.50
Oranges—Per box	3.00	3.25
Apples—Western stock, per bbl	1.75	3.00
Hay—Upland rye ton	4.00	5.50
SOUTH OMAHA STOCK MARKET.		
Hogs—Choice light	3.05	3.45
Hogs—Heavy weights	3.20	3.70
Beefsteers	3.50	4.20
Bulls	2.30	3.50
Stags	3.20	4.10
Calves	5.50	5.50
Western Feeders	2.90	3.25
Cows	3.50	3.60
Heifers	3.00	3.40
Stockers and Feeders	3.00	4.85
Sheep—Western Lambs	4.40	5.50
Sheep—Mixed Western	1.00	3.50
CHICAGO.		
Wheat—No. 2 spring	93	95 1/2
Corn—per bu.	28	28 1/2
Oats—per bu.	25	25 1/2
Barley—No. 2	27 1/2	28 1/2
Rye—No. 2	47	47 1/2
Timothy seed—Prime per bu.	2.70	2.75
Pork	9.30	9.35
Lard—per 100 lbs.	4.70	4.72
Cattle—Choice beef steers	4.75	5.25
Cattle—Stockers and feeders	3.84	4.35
Hogs—Mixed	3.60	3.70
Sheep—Native Lambs	4.00	4.75
NEW YORK MARKET.		
Wheat—No. 2, red, winter	1.07	1.07 1/2
Corn—No. 2	33	33 1/2
Oats—No. 2	25	25 1/2
Pork	8.50	9.00
Lard	4.75	5.00
KANSAS CITY.		
Wheat—No. 2, spring	82	83 1/2
Corn—No. 2	24	24 1/2
Oats—No. 2	24	24 1/2
Hogs—Mixed	3.45	3.65
Sheep—Mixed	3.00	3.50
Cattle—Stockers and feeders	3.00	4.00

A BENEFACTRESS' KIND ACT.

From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. John Tansey, of 130 Baker Street, Detroit, Michigan, is one of those women who always know just what to do in all trouble and sickness. One that is a mother to those in distress. To a reporter she said: "I am the mother of ten children and have raised eight of them. Several years ago we had a serious time with my daughter, which began when she was about sixteen years old. She did not have any serious illness but seemed to gradually waste away. Having never had any consumption in our family, as we come of good old Irish and Scotch stock, we did not think it was that. Our doctor called the disease by an odd name which, as I afterward learned, meant lack of blood. "It is impossible to describe the feeling John and I had as we noticed our daughter slowly passing away from us. We finally found, however, a medicine that seemed to



Most of the Time She Was Confined to Bed.

help her, and from the first we noticed a decided change for the better, and after three months' treatment her health was so greatly improved you would not have recognized her. She gained in flesh rapidly and soon was in perfect health. The medicine used was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I have always kept these pills in the house since and have recommended them to many people. I have told in my mother about them and they have effected some wonderful cures. "Every mother in this land should keep these pills in the house, as they are good for many ailments, particularly those arising from impoverished or diseased blood, and weakened nerve force."

barrister, famous in the sixties in Victoria for his fun and audacity, was addressing an election meeting in Ballarat, the "golden city." The lively advocate had come to that time in his career when much whisky and soda had wrought palpable havoc with his complexion. His speech ended, and questions were invited. "Aspinwall!" bellowed a stalwart digger, "tell us what makes your face so red." "Blushing at your confounded impudence, sir!" was the quick reply. It carried the meeting.

CANADIAN CREAMERIES.

How They are Operated and Made to Pay the Farmer.



A correspondent of a Brown City, Michigan, paper writes as follows: "An industry which is proving very advantageous to the settlers of North Alberta, Canada, and is truly a boon to the farmers, is the establishment of creameries by the Government at regular distances apart. The Government furnishes the entire plant, puts it in and operates it without direct cost to the farmer. From the sale of the butter the Government retains 5 cents per pound, the balance going to the farmer. This is continued for three years, when the government turns over the plant and business to the farmers, giving them a clear title of it. Thus these creameries are put in at a minimum cost to the farmer and paid for in a way that he least feels it. When we were there butter was selling at 21 and 22 cents per pound. Cheese factories were being established, too, along the railroad and much of the freight loaded on the cars on our return trip consisted of butter and cheese, as it was in the best season for milk. The produce found a ready market in the mining and lumbering towns and districts beyond the Rockies, through the British Columbia country, where it was, we were told, difficult to supply the demand." "The Klondike is another field now open to all produce of the farm, and the officials in the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, are kept busy sending out literature describing this great agricultural country. The agents of the Government throughout the United States are also supplied with literature, which they distribute free.

"Mr. Bond, may I get off this afternoon? I should like to go to a funeral." "I am afraid not, Mr. Binks, for we are very busy; but if business slackens, have no objection to your going to a funeral on Saturday afternoon."—Harper's Week.

All Kinds of Seeds.
The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of the John A. Salzer Seed Co., which appears elsewhere in this issue. Those who expect to make any seed purchases will make a mistake not to write this concern. They are thoroughly reliable, and are the largest seed growers in America. It is advisable to make seed purchases without further delay, as the season is rapidly advancing. The John A. Salzer Seed Co. will send their interesting catalogue for 5 cents in stamps to defray the postage. They have made numerous offers this year, which deserve consideration.

"Before we were married my wife swallowed everything I said." "How is it now?" "Well, she has often made me eat my own words."—Chicago Record.

Do You Dance To-Night?
Shake into your Shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Chillsblains and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Mrs. Slimditt: "So you have placed yourself under the care of a physician who reduces superfluous flesh? Did he recommend any special diet?" New Boarder: "No, madam. He simply recommended your boarding house."—New York Weekly.

B. and O. Presidents.
The recent annual meeting of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, which was its seventy-first, brings to mind the fact that the B. & O. has had ten presidents in seventy-one years as follows: Philip E. Thomas, Louis McLane, Thomas Swan, William C. Harrison, Chauncey Brooks, John W. Garrett, Robert Garrett, Samuel Spencer, Charles F. Mayer and John K. Cowen. The line was put in operation to Harper's Ferry in 1834, was built to Winchester, Va., in 1836, and to Strasburg in 1870. Westward it went to Cumberland in November, 1842, and on to Wheeling, W. Va., by Jan. 1, 1853. The Parkersburg branch from Grafton to Parkersburg was opened May 1, 1857. It is the only great railroad company that is being operated under its original name and charter.

Irish rebellion did not fight particularly well. A certain general at a lord lieutenant's party in Dublin was admonishing a begging woman to leave the place when she said: "It is I that am proud to see your honor here in the red coat you wore the very day when you saved the life of my boy, little Mickie!" "Indeed!" replied the general, on such a distinguished occasion, "I had forgotten all about it. How did I save his life?" "Well, your honor, when the battle was at its hottest your honor was the first to run and when me little Mickie was the general run he ran, too, the Lord be praised!"

Lieutenant John Macauley Palmer of the army, who has been detailed by Secretary Alger to form a military company of the students at the university of Chicago, is a grandson of General John M. Palmer, of Illinois, who was the "gold democratic" candidate for president at the last election.

Beauty is Blood Deep.
Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets, beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 25c, 50c.

As soon as a man dies, his woman folks recall that he had "favorite" hymns, which they ask to be sung at the funeral. This happens in many cases where the deceased would be greatly surprised at the discovery, if he knew it.

Good macaroni if of a yellowish tint, does not break readily in cooking, and swells to three or four times its bulk.

Judge Albert Boynton, who died recently at the Alma sanitarium was for twenty-five years the political editor of the Detroit Free Press, purchasing an interest in the paper in 1872. He was a descendant, through his mother, of John Alden.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

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A spoonful of vinegar added to the water in which meats or fowls are boiled makes them tender.

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