LOUP CITY, - - NEBRASKA.

The Worship of Diamonds. A McGill professor, lecturing on the diamond the other night, demonstrated Jramatically the well-known fact that a diamond is merely crystalized carbon, by burning a couple of small stones in an electric arc. Flakes of graphite fell from the sides, and the whole became a mass of coke. Yet what has not been bought and sold for diamonds? It requires an expert to tell the difference between some of the imitations and the real stones. Paste diamonds are worn to great assemblies by great ladies while their genuine jewels repose safely in the vaults at home. Still, says the Montreal Herald, this does not induce other ladies, who cannot afford the genuine, to be quite as content with the paste. If some one were to discover a "mine" of diamonds and flood the world with them-if a scientist should learn how to make them-if, it is said, the present diamond miners were to put on the market all they could-the value would go down. In the two former cases it would wellnigh disappear. Yet to-day people will coin the toil of many men for long years into diamonds and wear them as symbols of wealth. This is a curious world in some ways. Yet, perhaps, not so curious. We gen-

Japan's Knowledge of the World. The fact is, we suspect, that the

erally want chiefly to have what oth-

er people cannot have.

Japanese understand the rest of the world better than the world understands them, for the reason that since she "opening" of that country it has been a very serious part of Japanese public and private business to study the rest of the world and to learn as much as possible about it. Japanese students have been numerous in almost every civilized land, acquiring not only the general arts and in 1839, the old tavern became the iniscent of the great. sciences but also and particularly the especial knowledge which was to be gained of the individual countries thus visited. This knowledge, says the New York Tribune, has in turn been imparted to and has been eagerly sought by the entire Japanese people. 1840 until 1864. During the '50s it While the world at large has interested itself in Japan largely because of its picturesque charm, the Japan- whom were Abraham Lincoln and ese have interested themselves in all Judge David Davis. Both Lincoln the world in the most practical, sys- and Davis were warm friends of Keltematic and businesslike way. While ley, whose ready wit and great fund we have looked at jinrikishas and of stories made him a favorite with plossoms they have studied both men. constitutions and industries.

Paint and Ocean Travel.

"The worst feature of ocean travel is never mentioned in steamship com travel," said a returning tourist. "It greyhounds, that neither rock nor ters or the inferior cooking or the tipping habit. It is paint. There is er, and there is never a sign on it to warn passengers. The modern sail or is a painter, constantly wielding the brush, always painting some part of the ship or other, says the Phila delphia Record. There is hardly a passenger on the ocean that does not land from a voyage with some article of apparel damaged by paint. A sail or told me once that every ship is entirely repainted inside and out at least three times a year. The worl goes on constantly in port and or the sea, and the passenger can never

Exposing the Fast Set.

The fast woman in society in France compromises herself because she falls under the spell of passion: the fast woman in society in Nev York, on the other hand, compromises herself to pay for her bonnets and gowns. In this comparison the French fast woman has much the ad vantage of the American fast wom They are both essentially vulgar, declares the Outlook, judged from the strictly social point of view. The men and women of the fast set always force the note. They overeat. overdrink, overdress and overact their parts. They are to people in really civilized society what sensational jour nalism is to high-class newspaper work. They represent the "yellow" in morals, dress, manners and style of life. It is a mistake to treat them too seriously. Irony, ridicule and sarcasm are the only weapons that

The United States senator from Ne braska who wants the post offices closed on Sunday will receive the thanks of all the mail clerks for his efforts, even if many business men think he is getting more than a shade too puritanical.

American exportations of wood have increased 80 per cent. during the past nine months. The breakfast food industry is to be congratulated on this sudden boom in its prosper-

Somebody has started the report that King Edward is aging fast because he frequently drops off to sleep during the delivery of afterdinner speeches. It might be well before deciding that the king has become senile to find out something about the speeches.

The Baltimore Sun says "there are more fresh people in this country WRITTEN BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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Assirable.

Lincoln, writter more than half a cen- ing the series of Lincoln's correspondtury ago to his life-long friend, ence in order to bequeath to members Thomas J. Turner, of Freeport, Ill., of his family souvenirs whose value he afterward a colonel in an Illinois regi- foresaw with prophetic eye. ment, is here reproduced as an object of national interest.

charge in the Turner generations, the living in Chicago.

An autograph letter of Abraham man to whom it was written treasur-

Any letter of Abraham Lincoln's would be of interest to the people of The value of this letter to the fam- Illinois, especially one written before lies to whom it has descended-like an the period of war and turmoil, when spostolic succession-may be estimat- the Springfield lawyer was engaged ed from the fact that it has passed in the vocations of peace. The owner from deathbed to deathbed as a sacred of the letter-a Freeport man-is now

Famous Illinois Tavern.

Where Lincoln, When a Circuit Riding Lawyer, Swapped Stories.

With the demolition of the old Kelley tavern, torn down to make room fact that the author was a famous for a barn, there passed one of the general and famous novelist, but that famous old hostelries of Illinois. Built so many of his recollections are remstopping place of all west bound travelers, it being the only hotel between criptions is that of his first sight of Danville and Urbana on the state Abraham Lincoln. It was in 1850, at

For years it enjoyed great popularity, especially during its ownership by Joseph Kelley, who operated it from was the regular stopping place of the pearance. old time circuit riding lawyers, among

alded about the surrounding country, drew scores of farmers to the hotel, and not infrequently residents of Urbana drove down to enjoy the contest them, sometimes it actually seemed between the two great story tellers. However well equipped with new material was Mr. Kelley he always found himself vanquished by Mr. Lincoln, whose fund of anecdotes seemed inexhaustible. Old residents say that the two champions frequently told stories almost all night, Lincoln sitting in an immense armchair with wide rockers and a buffalo robe cushion, known to the household as "Abe's The old chair is still in the possession of the Kelley family, one

of its most cherished heirlooms The old tavern played an important part in the social life of the community. Here during the winter months assembled all the young people for miles around to dance and enjoy themselves. In the yard were held the turkey shoots on Thanksgiving tion. and Christmas, when the pioneers asfirearms. Whisky on these occasions have occurred about the old building, but for the most part the early settler was good natured, even in his cups, heartily than I laughed at the man. and no serious damage was done in

As Wallace Saw Lincoln.

Famous Author Wrote Entertainingly of First Meeting.

The charm of Lew Wallace's Autobiography consists not only in the

One of the most fascinating desa tavern in Danville, Ill.

Wallace writes as follows: "There was one of the contestants who arrested my attention early, partly by his stories partly by his ap-

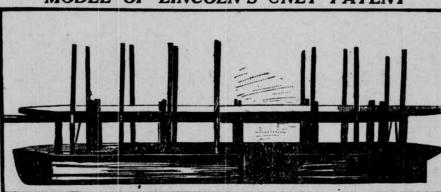
"His hair was thick, coarse and defiant; it stood out in every direction. His features were massive, nose long, eyebrows protrusive, mouth large, cheeks hollow, eyes gray and always responsive to the humor. He smiled all the time, but never once did he augh outright. His hands his arms slender and disproportionately long. His legs were a wonder, particularly when he was in narration; he kept crossing and uncrossing he was trying to tie them into a bow

"Altogether, I thought him the gauntest, quaintest and most positive ly ugly man who had ever attracted me enough to call for study. Still when he was in speech, my eyes did not quit his face. He held me in unconsciousness.

"About midnight his competitors were disposed to give in; either their stories were exhausted, or they were tacitly conceding him the crown. From answering them story for story. he gave two or three to their one. At last he took the floor and held it And, looking back, I am now convinced that he frequently invented his replications; which is saying he pos sessed a marvelous gift of improvisa-

"Such was Abraham Lincoln. And sembled to prove their wonderful to be perfectly candid, had one stood skill with their old muzzle loading at my elbow that night in the old tavern and whispered: 'Look at him flowed freely, and some famous fights closely. He will one day be president and the savior of his country.' I tad laughed at the idea but a little less "Afterward I came to know him better, and then I did not laugh."

MODEL OF LINCOLN'S CNLY PATENT



One of the most valuable of the gov- like bellows, worked from sides of ernment's unique collection of patent boat by upright poles. When a vessel models, the finest in the world, is No. so equipped strikes shoal water the 6,469, granted May 22, 1849 to Abra- bellows are inflated by pressure on ham Lincoln for method of lifting ves- the poles, which is supposed to raise sels over shoals. The device consists the boat clear of the bottom. When of the application to a river steamer, the bellows are to be deflated a windof two or more collapsible floats made lass raises the poles.-N. Y. World.

Lincoln Eminently Fair.

Gen. Taylor was triumphantly elect-

This absolute and impartial fairness to friend and foe alike was one of his strongest traits, governing every action of his life. If it had not been for another term in congress, for there had been talk of reelecting him. In

am very grateful to our friends for having done it, has not pleased me as much as I expected," this must have ed, and it became Lincoln's duty, as been flattering. But there were many whig member of congress from Illi- able young men in Springfield who nois, to recommend certain persons to coveted the honor, and they had enfill government offices in that state, tered into an agreement among themsays Helen Nicolay in St. Nicholas. selves that each would be content He did this after he returned to with a single term. Lincoln, of course, Springfield, for his term in congress remained faithful to this promise. His ended on March 4, 1849, the day that strict keeping of promises caused him Gen. Taylor became president. The also to lose an appointment from Presletters that he sent to Washington ident Taylor as commissioner of the when forwarding the papers and appli- general land office, which might easily cations of people who wished appoint- have been his, but for which he had ment were both characteristic and agreed to recommend some other Illiamusing; for in his desire not to mis- nois man. A few weeks later the lead or to do injustice to any man, president offered to make him govthey were very apt to say more in ernor of the new territory of Oregon. favor of the men he did not wish to This attracted him much more than see appointed than in recommenda- the other office had done, but he detion of his own particular candidates. clined because his wife was unwilling to live in a place so far away.

His career in congress proved of great advantage to him in after life; having given him a close knowledge

and Active in Every Community.

PATRONIZE HOME MERCHANTS

The Great Danger to Local Interests That Are Found in the Mail-Order Systems-Educate the Public.

(Copyrighted, 1906, by Alfred C. Clark) Why should we trade at home? Why should we consider home in any vertise. way more than any other place unless it pays us financially? First, because all doubt or question, it pays from a so nor member. money point.

The greatest menace to the country loss to the citizens of both town and

HOME-TRADE CLUBS they cannot consistently ask others to trade with them when they do not patronize their brothers in trade. The editors should patronize home, and They Should Be Organized even at considerable personal sacrifice refuse foreign advertising for lines of goods in competition with the home merchant. The editor deserves more credit than he receives. Many a wellto-do farmer or city man would think himself perfectly justified in sending away for all his groceries and clothing if he thought he could save ten dollars thereby on a year's purchases, but most editors forfeit many times that much every year by refusing advertising from distant firms in the same lines of business as his home merchants; and sometimes the home merchant even then declines to ad-

Trade-at-home clubs might be organized, with mottos something like it is our home. The pride we should Club," or "I Patronize the Home Mertake in the prosperity of our home chants," or "I Buy Nothing from Mail town and our neighbors should be suf- Order Houses," for members to disficient inducement to give them the play. The acceptance and displaying preference. Second, because beyond of such a card might constitute a per-

Much of the trading away from home is due to thoughtlessness and merchant to-day is the mail order ignorance of business principles. business, and with the decline of the Many persons consider only the first country merchant comes inevitable cost; if they save 25 cents on a tendollar order by buying from a mail country. What at first was considered order house they consider that clear a great convenience and an exhibition gain. They should be shown that a of commendable enterprise has grown merchant and his family living in to be one of the crying commercial their midst, keeps up a house, pays evils. The success of the mail order taxes, adds to the social features, conhouse is the result of constant, ex-1 tributes generously towards public entensive and intelligent advertising. It terprises, etc. If by buying at home is not by persistent swindling as some their town gives support to several tell us, for no business was ever built more local merchants, creating a betup in that way. The home merchant | ter home market, they get back a libcan do no better than to adopt the eral percentage. Every man and womsame method, the judicious use of an takes more or less pride in local affairs and is willing to contribute While the merchants are the heav- something toward home improve iest immediate losers, and could do ments, if the matter is fairly pre-



Are you operating the tread mill to pour the wealth of your community into the bottomless hoppers of the mail-order house? Are you driving your local merchants out of business? If you are you are killing your town and

this growing evil, by liberal advertis- edy lies in education. ing and publishing prices, they should The merchant can move to some other readily than can the professional man ties, just as they get orders." business through years of acquaintanceship and establishment of character. If the farmer, or property owner in town, want to sell out they are and country by patronizing home.

publicity. In many places that edu- sending away for goods, that the mercation will come through bitter ex- chants carry such poor stocks. The perience, but, in other communities, wonder is that they carry any. where they are quicker to detect the approaching evil, and heed more read- sell the same class of goods cheaper ily the warnings of the press and than the big city merchants, and there friends of home, they may correct the are good reasons for it-difference in

evil more readily. Wealth and power are corrupting influences and the mail order houses are probably not sending out as honest goods as they once did. They have chants, but it pays more for advertis learned the tricks of imitation and ing, packing and shipping, so that order man is honest, and his methods does, undersell the catalogue house of advertising legitimate in every way, The latter makes selling goods a study his success is of no interest to us and his advertising is carefully wordin the slightest degree. If crops should fail or sickness render us short of at cost, but he adds enough to the trust us for a dollar-we must always public is not familiar, to make up the in times of adversity.

house? Not in the least. We alone willing to sell the whole bill ordered are to blame. The near-sighted mer- at the mail order house price. chant who has lost trade by not acquainting the community with what he has to sell and with the fact that people could obtain at home, where they could personally examine them and return them if defective in any way, goods at as low a price as him, and he said you put him off beany catalogue house can sell them, every man and woman is to blame who sends away for goods; and everyone who fails to raise his voice in favor of home trade. The editor holds the most responsible position and should be the leader in this move-

much toward checking and correcting sented. That is why I say the rem-

Most mail order houses claim they not be expected to do it all. Every are enabled to sell cheaper than counnewspaper should preach home trade, try dealers because they buy in larger every teacher should instil it into his quantities and get especially low pupils in the school room, every min- prices. This is often a base misister should preach it from the pul- statement of facts; let me cite an inpit. The debating societies and po- stance: A stock man from eastern litical conventions should discuss it. Washington was visiting in Kansas The interests of town and country City. One morning, walking with his and newspaper and church, and so-nephew, who was a clerk in a leadciety generally, are so interwoven and ing wholesale hardware house, he so identical that whatever injures one asked where Bland & Co.'s store was will eventually injure all. When the located. "Don't think I ever heard of merchants are compelled to bring on them," replied the young man. "O, smaller stocks, and employ less help, yes, I do remember the firm; they and pay cheaper rent, they are not have no store, they have an office in alone the sufferers; the whole com- (giving the name of the building), munity feels the loss. The price of but I don't see how they can sell hardreal estate is largely dependent on its ware as low as your home merchants. proximity to a good town. Rents are for while we sell them goods at less dependent on the amount of business. than retail price, we don't give them as low prices as regular dealers, betown and establish himself again more cause they buy in such small quantiand many others who have built up stockman was greatly surprised, he supposed he had been dealing with one of the largest firms in the city.

The mail order business has devel oped so slowly, and works so quietly the greatest sufferers-they can't that few persons realize the magnimove their property to some place tude it has assumed nor to what exwhere people are booming their town tent it is now sapping the life-blood of many small cities and towns. Even The remedy lies in education and now we hear the excuse given for

It is a fact that country merchants same is equally true as to the mail order house-it may save in rent and in several ways over the big mersubstitution and how easy it is to for the same quality of goods, the deceive the public. But, if the mail home merchant can, and generally and will never benefit our community ed and weighed. He uses a few stand ard articles for bait, by selling then money we could not expect him to price of other articles, with which the look to the home merchant for credit loss. Perhaps the country merchant could not duplicate the price on these Who is to blame? The mail order articles while he would be perfected

Trapped.

"I'm sorry, but I can't pay that bill to-day. You see the butcher has just been here, and-" "Yes." said the grocer, "I just met

cause you had to pay me. Here's my bill."-Milwaukee Sentinel.

A 17-year-old boy at Worcester. Mass., has a lung capacity of 300 cubic inches. When he grows up and ment.

The remedy has been outlined in a learn that it is not the orator but the AILING WOMEN.

Keep the Kidneys Well and the Kidneys Will Keep You Well.

Sick, suffering, languid women are learning the true cause of bad backs and how to cure

them. Mrs. W. G. Davis, of Groesbeck, Texas, says: "Backaches hurt me so I could hardly stand. Spells of dizziness and sick headaches were frequent and the action of the the action kidneys was irregu-

ar. Soon after I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills I passed several gravel stones. I got well and the trouble has not returned. My back is good and strong and my general health better." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

By Endless Chain. "Speaking of the endless chain prayer that is going the rounds," said the woman with the cheerful voice, "I can't see what good that can do, unless, maybe, it might start some poor wretch on the road to glory, but I got an awfully nice silk petticoat through an endless chain once. The manufacturers sent letters asking for five names and a ten-cent piece. I sent five names and the ten-cent piece, not thinking much about it, just trying it, and it wasn't long before they sent me this lovely silk petticoat. It was the nicest sort of silk, too. As long as

I wore it it didn't crock."

Caution. the market so closely resembling Allcock's Plasters in general appearance as to be well calculated to deceive. It is, however, in general appearance only that they compare with Allcock's, for they are not only lacking in the best elements which have made Allcock's so efficient, but are often harmful in their exects. Remember that Allcock's a the original and only genuine porous plasters-the best external remedy known-and when purchasing plasters the only safe way is to always insist upon having Allcock's.

PROFSSOR HAD LAST LAUGH.

Final Erasure Neatly Turned Joke on Students.

President Hadley, of Yale, was talking about his student days. "I remember a stately and venerable professor. he said, "upon whom some sophomores once tried to play a trick.

"The professor, one morning, being unable to attend to his class on account of a cold, wrote on the black-"'Dr. Dash, through indisposition, is

unable to attend to his classes to-day.' this notice, making it read:

mable to attend to his lasses to-day. "But it happened a few minutes later that the professor returned for a box he had forgotten. Amid a roar of laughter he detected the change in his notice, and, approaching the blackboard calmly erased one letter in his "Now the notice read:

unable to attend to his asses to-day." FEARFUL BURNING SORES.

Boy in Misery 12 Years-Eczema In Rough Scales, Itching and Inflamed-Cured by Cuticura.

"I wish to inform you that your twelve years of misery I passed with my son. As an infant I noticed on his body a red spot and treated same with different remedies for about five years, but when the spot began to get larger I put him under the care of doctors. Under their treatment the disease spread to four different parts of his body. The longer the doctors treated him the worse it became. During the day it would get rough and form like scales. At night it would be cracked, inflamed, and badly swollen, with terrible burning and itch-When I think of his suffering, it nearly breaks my heart. His screams could be heard downstairs. The suffering of my son made me full of misery. I had no ambition to work, to eat, nor could I sleep. One doctor told me that my son's eczema was incurable, and gave it up for a bad job. One evening I saw an article in the paper about the wonderful Cuticura and decided to give it a trial. I tell you that Cuticura Ointment is worth its weight in gold, and when I had used the first box of Ointment there was a great improvement, and by the time I had used the second set of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent, my child was cured. He is now twelve years old, and his skin is as fine and smooth as silk. Michael Steinman, 7 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., April 16, 1905."

Don't be too sure of the man who boasts of being sure of himself.

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A reform champion's husband believes a reformation would be good.

Trappers' Supplies Sold Cheap. Write for catalog and circular No. 9. N. W. Hide & Fur Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

When a man makes a show of himself he's not always comedy.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar made of rich, mellow tobacco. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

And people who stand up for their rights usually want to sit on the rights of others.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Drug gists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c,

A man will remember the kiss he failed to get long after the others are forgotten.

Panthers and Grizzly Bears. Ship Furs Pelts McMillan Fur & Wool Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Write for prices.

There are more ways than one by which a woman can get even with a man. One way is to marry him, and another is not to.

Garfield Tea, an unusually practical household remedy; take it for constipation, to keep the liver normal, to purify the blood, to dispel colds, to cure rheumatism,

Has Right to Damages.

A Baca county man threatens to sue a hunter for \$500 damages because the hunter killed a laying hen. Imitations have been placed upon A hen that will lay at this season is worth money, you know.-Denver

By following the directions, which are plainly printed on each package of Defiance Starch, Men's Collars and Cuffs can be made just as stiff as desired, with either gloss or domestic finish. Try it, 16 oz. for 10c, sold by all good grocers.

Even a busy man must take a day off sooner or later for the purpose of attending his own funeral.

## NERVOUS HEADACHES

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Will Cure Most Cases and Should Interest Every Sufferer.

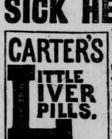
Nobody who has not endured the suffering caused by nervous head ache can realize the awful agony of its victims. Worst of all, the ordinary treatment cannot be relied upor to cure nor even to give relief. Some doctors will say that if a person is subject to these headaches there is nothing that can be done to prevent their recurrence.

Nervous headaches, as well as neu "The students erased one letter in ralgia, are caused by lack of nutrition -the nerves are starved. The only blood and it is in this way that Dr Williams' Pink Pills have accom-

plished so many remarkable cures. Mrs. Addie Merrill, of 39 Union Street, Auburn, Me., says: years I suffered from nervous head aches, which would come on me every five or six weeks and continue for several days. The pain was so severe that I would be obliged to go to bed "'Dr. Dash, through indisposition, is for three or four days each time. It was particularly intense over my right eye. I tried medicines but got no relief. I had no appetite and when the headache passed away I felt as if I had been sick for a month. blood was thin and I was pale, weak

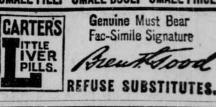
and reduced in weight. "I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in a paper and decided to try them. I first noticed that they be wonderful Cuticura has put a stop to gan to give me an appetite and I commenced to gain in weight and color. My headaches stopped and have not returned and I have never felt so well as I do now.'

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box, six boxes \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

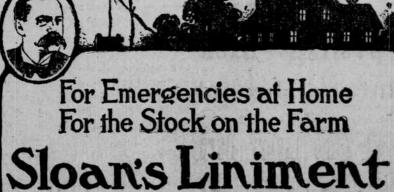


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