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and correct. The index numbers for meats, dairy and garden products and miscellaneous supplies show a continuous advance since 1897, while metals and clothing show a decline. The increase is greatest in meats.-Pittsburg Post.

Counting the Cost.

In home management there is immense wisdom in counting the cost before we indulge in too many luxuries. Parents who can deny their children nothing; sybarites who can never say no to themselves; careless housewives, who do not practice frugality, are apt to come to shipwreck, through their remissness in not counting the cost. Far better to wear ? shabby coat or a faded gown than to be hampered and handicapped by the expense of a new one, which cannot readily be paid for.

Far better eat plain fare than purchase delicacies which unduly tax the pocket-book. Far better let the beloved ones sometimes wait for a pleasure than procure it at risk to the health of an overworked father and mother. Before an important step, wisdom dictates that one count the cost.-Margaret E. Sangster in Chris-

tian Herald.

Belmont Beaten.

Montague Lessler, the republican candidate for congress in the special election held in the Seventh New York in that country. Taken together, the district yesterday, won a decisive victory over Perry Belmont, his democratic opponent, and Belmont and his friends were busy today trying to figure out how it happened. Squire Croker's grief over the defeat of Belmont did not seem today to be very poignant and he was not visibly cast down when he heard the result. Of course, the Squire said that he would support Belmont, when he was made the regular candidate, but Croker's advice to his followers was accompanied, so it is believed, with a suggestive wink, and they, it is similarly believed, followed the wink, not the advice.

There is woe in the Muller camp on Staten Island. Belmont's defeat meant more to Nick Muller than to any one else. The rank and file of the democratic party on Staten Island had been restive under the Muller family dictatorship and there had been many signs of revolt apparent for a long time. Muller was never conciliatory, but he was not openly antagonistic. In forcing Belmont's nomination he openly assumed the role of dictator, picked his delegates, instructed them, choked off the opposition and told the democrats of Staten Island that he would name their candidate for them. The delegates were personally selected by Muller, they were nearly all placeholders and ready to do his bidding; the general committee of the party was not notified or consulted, and despite the fact that the great body of the voters and committeemen were for O'Grady, Belmont was forced on then. The result was open revolt, and the knifing of Belmont is taken to be merely preliminary to the overthrow of Muller. His position as a leader 13 decidedly insecure, and the independents mean to have his scalp.

The vote shows that Lessler's plurality over Belmont was 394, out of a total of 15,394 cast. The total registration was over 23,000, showing that

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less than 70 per cent of the voters went to the polls. Lessler's vote was 7.677 and Belmont's was 7,283. The Manhattan districts went for Belmont, but even there the falling off was decidedly noticeable. The three election districts of the Second assembly district, which are part of the Seventh congressional district, were the only ones to give the normal democratic vote. Although Tom Foley, the leader of the Second assembly district, was an open advocate of home rule and opposed Belmont's nomination, he carried off the honors in support of the democratic candidate.

Taking the party vote of the presidential year as a basis of comparison, yesterday's vote was particularly significant of the artistic way in which Mr. Belmont was knifed. Lessler's vote was 82 per cent of the full party vote in a presidential year. Belmont's vote was less than 54 per cent. Belmont's chances were completely killed by the vote on Staten Island. He was defeated there by 2,202 votes and the best efforts of his workers in Manhattan could not offset this. Muller carried the island by 604 in 1900, showing a change of over 2,800 votes.-New York Exchange.

Paying the Price.

The Boers contine to outplay the British in the guerrilla warfare to which the campaign in South Africa has been reduced, and reports from London declare that Mr. Chamberlain is resolved on a policy of extermination, as the only way to secure peace circumstances indicate that Great Britain will continue to pay "the price that staggers humanity" indefinitely, unless the parliament soon to assemble shall unseat Mr. Chamberlain and reverse his policy.-Philadelphia Times.

Britain's Fatal Influence.

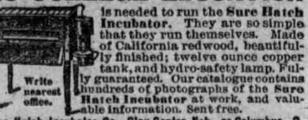
The London Daily News asserts that the truth has not been generally made public concerning the concentrado camps in South Africa. The News presents the amended figures for the two colonies during the three months ending August 31, as follows:

"Transvaal-June to September, men 279, women 621, children 3,648, total, 4,548. Orange River, total, 3,-218, of which 1,946 were children. Total deaths, 7,766. In the two Natal camps near bases of supplies, with an average population of 2,850, there were but 32 deaths, and only trivial illness. Compare these figures with some Transvaal camps. At Potchefstroom, in June, 206 out of 2,771 children died. At Middelburg, in July, 342 children out of 3,397 died."

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