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and correct. The index numbers for  
meats, dairy and garden products and  
miscellaneous supplies show a con-  
tinuous 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 im-  
mense wisdom in counting the cost,  
before we indulge in too many lux-  
uries. Parents who can deny their  
children nothing; sybarites who can  
never say no to themselves; careless  
housewives, who do not practice fru-  
gality, are apt to come to shipwreck,  
through their remissness in not count-  
ing the cost. Far better to wear a  
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 pur-  
chase delicacies which unduly tax the  
pocket-book. Far better let the be-  
loved ones sometimes wait for a pleas-  
ure 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  
district yesterday, won a decisive vic-  
tory over Perry Belmont, his demo-  
cratic opponent, and Belmont and his  
friends were busy today trying to  
figure out how it happened. Squire  
Croker's grief over the defeat of Bel-  
mont 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 ad-  
vice 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 dem-  
ocratic 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 open-  
ly assumed the role of dictator, picked  
his delegates, instructed them, choked  
off the opposition and told the dem-  
ocrats of Staten Island that he would  
name their candidate for them. The  
delegates were personally selected by  
Muller, they were nearly all place-  
holders 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 them.  
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 is  
decidedly insecure, and the indepen-  
dents mean to have his scalp.

The vote shows that Lessler's plu-  
rality over Belmont was 394, out of a  
total of 15,394 cast. The total regis-  
tration 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 de-  
cidedly noticeable. The three election  
districts of the Second assembly dis-  
trict, 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 op-  
posed Belmont's nomination, he car-  
ried off the honors in support of the  
democratic candidate.

Taking the party vote of the presi-  
dential year as a basis of comparison,  
yesterday's vote was particularly sig-  
nificant 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. Bel-  
mont'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 Manhat-  
tan could not offset this. Muller car-  
ried the island by 604 in 1900, show-  
ing a change of over 2,800 votes.—New  
York Exchange.

#### Paying the Price.

The Boers continue 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 extermina-  
tion, as the only way to secure peace  
in that country. Taken together, the  
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 re-  
verse 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 pre-  
sents the amended figures for the two  
colonies during the three months end-  
ing 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. To-  
tal 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 ill-  
ness. Compare these figures with  
some Transvaal camps. At Potchef-  
stroom, in June, 206 out of 2,771 chil-  
dren died. At Middelburg, in July,  
342 children out of 3,397 died."

Commenting upon this, the London  
Truth says: "No amount of sophistry  
can explain away these figures. The  
facts show conclusively that the causes  
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