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of Lincoln, Neb., can use two or three more good men in northwestern territory. If there are any clerks, salesmen or traveling men would like to better their condition it would pay to write concerning one of these positions.

of the prodigality with which the emperors expended the money and labor of the people. The arena in which the gladiators fought with their fellows and with wild beas's-the arena in which many of the Christian martyrs met their death-is slightly oval in form, the longest diameter being about 250 feet. The arena was so arranged that it could be flooded with water and used for aquatic tournaments. The spectators looked down upon the contests from gallerics that rose in four tiers to a height of 150 feet. At one end of the arena was the tribune occupied by the emperor and his suite; at the other end the vestal virgins occupied another tribune and it was their privilege to confer either life or death upon the vanquished gladiators by turning the thumb up or down-turned up it meant life, turned down, death. The Roman populace gained access to the galleries by 160 doors and stairways. The seating capacity of the colisseum is estimated to have been fifty thousand.

The Forum is even richer than the Colisseum in historic interest and recent excavations have brought to light what are supposed to be the tomb of Caesar and the tomb of Romulus. The tribune is rointed out from which the Roman orators addressed the multitude. Here Cicero hurled his invective at Cataline and Mark Anthony is by Shakespeare made to plead here for fallen Caesar. The triumphal arch of Constantine stands at one end of the Forum and is in an excellent state of preservation. Among the carvings lately exhumed arc some (especially attractive to an agriculurist) showing the forms of the bull, the sheep and the hog. They are so like the best breeds of these animals today that one can scarcely believe they were chisclied from stone nearly twenty centuries ago. In Rome, as in Paris, there is a Pantheon in the familiar style of Greek architecture. In the Roman Pantheon is the tomb of Raphael. Cardinal Bembc in recognition of Rapnael's genius, caused to be placed upon his tomb a Latin epitaph which Pope has translated:

"Living, great nature feared he might outvie

Her works, and dying fears herself

that the northern provinces of Italy were much further advanced in education than the southern provinces, but that the people of the south were mentally very alert and with the addition of instruction would soon reach the intellectual level of the north. My stay in Italy was all too brief and I left with much reluctance this nursery of early civilization-this seat of government of the world's greatest religious organization.

W. J. BRYAN.

An Iowa Girl's Work.

A dispatch to the St. Paul Globe, under date of Waterloo, Ia., January 23, said: An lowa hen has been sold for \$300 and bids fair to bring several times that amount before it is finally disposed of.

Nearly a year ago the Iowa Presbyterian synod voted to locate a hospital at Waterloo. Lately it was discovered that a canvass of the public was necessary in order to obtain funds needed to complete the building

After the canvass had started little Maud Ballou, an orphan girl, nine years of age, and living with an uncle, thought that she might do something to aid the movement. Her relatives are poor, her foster-mother being forced to take in washing to supply the daily necessaries, while her uncle is slowly dying of consumption.

This chit of a girl canvassed her resources to discover what she could give. She had few of the joys which come to most children. She had few if any toys to aid in making her life more happy, but she possessed a young hen which she had nourished and raised from the egg, and which she kept as .. house pet. After much thought the decision was reached that the hen must be sacrificed. The girl consulted her foster mother. The latter could do but little, but from her heard-earned stipend she gave the child twenty-five cents for the hen, and the twenty-five cents was carried to the headquarters of the W. C. T. U, and given to that association to be made a part of \$500 which it had pledged.

Hearing of the work of the little girl, a local merchant visited her home and rebought the hen paying for it \$3. Then it was sold and resold, time and again. The local M. M. JOHNSON, Clay Center, Neb. lodge of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen gave \$25 for it; other lodges Patent Secured opinion as to patentabil-ity, Send for guide book and what to invent. Finest publications issued for followed suit, and sums of \$10, \$15 and \$25 kept pouring in.

his pulpit during the services, and preached a strong sermon on the good deed of the little girl, and after the sermon the church congregation bought the hep from its last owners. paying more than \$60, which was raised by a collection.

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The mite given by the child is still growing, and the belief is that it will reach fully \$500 in a short time.

An eastern commission house which has heard a portion of the story, has made an offer for the hen which it is understood, if sold at the figure offered, will be exhibited as the highest priced bit of poultry ever sold in the world.

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To those who are familiar with Roman history the river Tiber 1s an opject of interest, but here, as is often the case, one feels disappointed in finding that the thing pictured was larger than the reality. The Tiber, yellow as the Missouri, flows through the very heart of Rom3 and is kept within its channel by a high stone embankment. In and near Rome are many ancient palaces, some of them falling into decay, and some well preserved. One of the most modern of the palaces of the Italian nooles was built by American money, the wife teing a member of a wealthy New York family. Part of this palace is now occupied by the American ambassador, Mr. Myer, Art galleries and museums are numerous in Rome and in the other cities of Italy and contain many of the works of the great Italian artists like Raphael, Angcio, Titian and others. The palace of King Victor Emmanuel and the public buildings of Rome are imposing. but do not compare in size or magnificence with the ancient palaces of England and France. The journey ficm Rome to Venice carried us through a very fertile part of Italy. The land is carefully cultivated; the thrifty farmers in some places have set out mulberry trees for the cultivation of the silk worm and have trained grape vines upon the trees.

We passed through the edge of Venice and saw the gondollers on the Giand Canal waiting to carry passengers into the city. A very intelligent Italian newspaper correspondent whom I met in Rome informed me

One Sunday the pastor of the Fresbyterian church had the hen paced on

