The Sewing-Machine Trade.

Effects of the Expiration of Patente. Various opinions prevail among the manufacturers of sewing machines as to the effect upon their business of the recent expirations of patents. Henry Bristow, agent of the Domestic Company, said vesterday to a Tribune reporter that their wholesale trade would not be impaired. Their agents were constantly coming to the city and making new contracts, and he thought it was a mistaken idea that the companies would suffer. The canvassers only would suffer, as they would now get from 15 to 20 per cent. commission instead of 25 to 30 per cent., as formerly. It was not proposed to discontinue the sale of sewing machines by installments, as the company had 4,000 out now, and their system of collection was working well. The plan of putting machines out on trial would be materially changed. The company had lent 800 on trial, but this required a large force of teachers and other employes. Heretofore canvassers had been permitted to put on trial any number of machines. They were now limited to ten each. When the reduction was announced, more than the average number of buyers made purchases, on that account. "The gist of the matter, as far as concerns us." said Mr. Bristow, in conclusion, "is, that the reduction of prices enables us to sell machines and hire canvassers at less expense, and at the same time increases our sales by popular prices."

J. O. Woods, of the firm of Wheeler & Wilson, said the expiration of patents was the occasion not the cause of the reduction of prices. The real reduction was made months ago, and prices had only been kept up nominally since that time. A machine that formerly sold for \$75 had been reduced to \$50, but \$30 was allowed then for a sewing machine given as part payment, while now \$10 only was given. The system of installments had proved ruinous. It was better to sell machines outright as low as \$20 or \$25 dollars apiece. Thousands had purchased machines who had no credit, and after paying other bills the sewing machine was paid for-if anything was left. It had been stated that there was a combination at Washington to get patents extended, but no such attempt had been made for several years. and there had never been any combination among the leading manufacturers to keep up the prices. The prospective changes in the methods of the business had temporarily checked the sales, because canvassers had not made arrangements for beginning work. Last week the Wheeler & Wilson Company had done nothing, but on Saturday and Monday business had revived.

Edward Clark, President of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, said it was too early to tell what effect the expiration of patents would have on the trade, but he thought in a few months the sales would be larger than ever. The great competition must stop, for imitators could not live on their sales, while the Singer Company could make a fair profit at the reduced rates. Bad methods of selling must also be abandoned and as a natural consequence the machines having the highest reputation must be sold more extensively than ever. As a matter of fact, more money has been lost than gained in the business during the last few years. Few companies had declared dividends, and many had sold stock without having anything now to show for it.

Up to the time when the last "foundation patent" expired the owners of those patents collected a royalty of \$3 for each machine made by companies not possessing the patent. Expensive litigation was often required. With the recent expiration of patents lawsuits fell through, and as all companies which had the means were at liberty to manufacture, those with the largest capital at once put down the prices, to deter others from entering into competition. The Singer was selling more now than before the reduction. This might be accounted for from the fact that may people had delayed buying, as they expected a fall in prices. On the average, profits were now equal to what they formerly were. The outlook for responsible companies was better than ever, while the permanent effect of the reduction could only be told after several months.-N. Y. Tribune.

Black Walnut.

"A subscriber" writes us from New York, and wants to know "if all this talk about a black walnut famine amounts to anything?" Who first started the cry that our walnut forests were being cut down so rapidly that we would soon be destitute of that valuble wood we know not, but we are confident that there is no danger of such a "famine" in the immediate future. The "slaughter" of this wood, as they call it, has been very great of late years, but we are inclined to doubt the assertion that there is no younger growth to supplant the trees which the choppers' axe level every day and hour. The growing demand for mahogany has not materially affected the walnut market. Mahogany has not yet come into anything like general use, and we doubt its ever taking the place of black walnut. The objections against it will have to be outgrown, they can never be so overpowered that this generation will ac cept mahogany instead of walnut for general use.

There are yet great forests of walnut here in the West, and it will take more than the destroying forces of the next ten years to deprive it of its wood. which is its pride. If your Legislature would pass an act like the one now in force in the department of Biscay, France, which compels every landowner to plant two saplings for every tree he cuts down, there would be no cause for all this talk about the dearth of walnut, and then people who delight in predicting all sorts of horrible catastrophies and terrible troubles to our sources would be silenced.-Chicago Furniture, Trade.

PERSONAL. Kate Claxton's share of one week's profits at St. Louis was \$5,400.

A feminine correspondent reports that Mrs. Fred. Douglas is quite black. Baron Rothschild, who is at the head of the Vienna firm, has an income of

#2:30,000,000, or about \$75,000 a day. Mayor Butler of Portland, Me., wrote on an Aldermanic bill for cigars, instead of auditing it, "The city does not smoke."

Prof. Tice is out with the prediction that there will be fifty-four thunder storms this summer. Get glass castors for your bedsteads.

The Queen has granted the three Misses Defoe, lineal decendents of the author of "Robinson Crusoe," pensions of \$375 per annum each.

Hank Monk, the stage driver, whose dare-devil Jehuism the late Horace Greeley once had occasion to test, is still on the road between Carson and Lake

The Khedive of Egypt is becoming mentally incapable. Unless he takes a turn for the better, he will soon be driveling idiot. His eldest son is about twenty-two years old, and is a quiet, sensible youth.

Mr. P. T. Barnum has offered a re ward of \$10,000 for the restitution of Charlie Ross, and has promised immunity to the persons making the surrender. Mr. Christian Ross, the father of the child, has sanctioned the arrange-

Mr. Sankey did not write: "The Ninty and Nine." It is a piece that he found in a paper and fitted up for evangelistic use, and was written years ago set about. by Miss Eliza Clapham, then quite a young girl, of the County of Fife, in Scotland.

Dr. Schaff writes from Jerusalem that the Jews in that city number 8, 000, or one-third of the population. They are all orthodox, and are growing in influence every year. Much has been done for them by Baron Rothschild and Sir Moses Monteflore.

Jefferson's home at Monticello is little better than a pile of ruins. Captain Levy, of the navy, gave it to the Government, and left money to endow it as an agricultural college, but the heirs broke the will, and the mansion ands as a monument of devastation caused by litigation.

At a complimentry reception given to Ole Bull in Boston lately, the violinist presented the committee on the Norse memorial a check for \$2,000, the result of recent concerts given in the west. The monument which it is proposed to erect to the memory of the early Norse settlers will cost \$14,000.

The sentence of Mr. Bernard J. Reily, a St. Louis la wyer, to two years in the Penitentiary for swindling a widow | not be doubted by those who know him. out of \$20,000 trust-fund provokes the In 1847 there appeared on Mr. Hargus' special wonder of the Milwa ukee Sent- left breast, just over the heart, a fibrous inel, which says: "It is doubtful if any | tumor or cancer. He was then living precedent can be found for the action | in Galena. It was about the size of an of the court and jury. Surely if this orange, extremely painful, and grew becomes epidemic it may be a danger-

ous thing to become a defaulter." The old King of Gaboon in Africa, is dead at the age of nearly one hundred. His eldest son, Adaude, at once, on succeeding him, cashiered the hundred women of his father's harem, liberating fifty slaves, and abolished the sacrifice of human beings at religious rites. Admiral Ribaut and staff, of the French squadron in the Gulf of Guinea, assisted at the coronation ceremonies. The Admiral gave the King a cow and a bull by way of starting a herd of cattle

for His Majesty. The death, at fifty-four, lately occurred of an Englishman, known as the Norfolk giant. He was a farmer, and often loaded his own wagon by carrying four bushels of wheat under each arm at a time. When in great haste to get far m work done he has been known to harness himself to one of his own harrows. His weight was 336 pounds; height, 6 feet 6 inches; width from shoulder to shoulder across the back, 20 inches. As is proverbially the case with giants, he was very good -natured It is well known that Byron left an autobiography, which he gave to Tom Moore. The latter sold it to Murray for £2,000, for publication, but subsequently Moore, at the instance of some of Byron's friends, who deemed it totally unfit for publication, bought it back. Among those who read it was Washington Irving, who, in his later days, often gave to his intimate friends many particulars regarding this work. It is now stated that the son of one of these friends intends to publish a work, under the title of "The Supposed Biography of Byron," and great indignation is expressed. Washington Irving, we are happy to know, expressed his opinion most strongly against its publication.

It is a very common blunder to call the President of the French Republic translation of the Teutonic "von." Celto do with landed estate than the Brelows that Le Goffs, Le Luyers, MacMahons or Fitz Clarences lacked land. But. the prefix to their names had no connection with faudal tenure or any of its "survivals." The President of the French Republic should be styled Mac-

Handsomeness is the more animal excellence, beauty the more imagina- for full information, terms, &c .- [Dutive. A handsome madonna I can not | buque Times, Feb., 1877. conceive, and never saw a handsome Venus; but I have seen many a handsome country girl, and a few very ments. Preventes billous attact. Sold by drag-handsome ladies.—[Hare. gists. Walls & Elliotz, Agents, N. Y.

Mahon, Duke de Magenta, his ducal

title being derived from the field on

which he beat the Austrians.

ITEMS OF INTEREST. There are no sutlers in the

The Lower Danube country, where the Russians are congregating, is a very low, wet region, and marshy, equally disagreeable and sickly.

John Bull consumed 61,450,000 bushels of malt last year. No wonder he evinces such anxiety now about the possession of Malt-a.

The Turkish Aid Mission of London collects about \$15,000 a year. American missions are carried on in Turkey in Asia to the extent of about \$150,000

Two thousand sheep were lately sold in Adelaide, South Australia, at twentyfive cents a head. This is the effect of the drought. Drought and flood are the curses of that country.

Pennsylvania has decided that medical students attending her university must study harder and remain longer No more diplomas will be granted until have no doctor but a horse, and no from quinine.

The sea holds 60,000,000,000,000 tons of salt. Should the sea be dried up, there would be a deposit of salt over the entire bottom of the ocean 450 feet deep, and if the salt were taken and spread on the land it would cover it to a depth of | Iselin. 900 feet.

Certain ladies of Cincinnatti have taken up the work of establishing an art museum there. There has been some effort to discourage them by pointing out the magnitude of the work, but they only reply that they will work the to the lips of an ascetic and a saint .harder to accomplish what they have [Sir J. Stephen.

Fifty thousand elephants are killed up in England alone. The best ivory comes from Zanzibar, the silver-gray from the regions south of the Equator, and the favorite ornamental material from Siam.

Among Russian women there is no happier class than the wives of the priests of the Greek Church. The rule forbidding a second marriage of the priest renders the wife secure of the devotion of her husband, who, in case of his becoming a widower, retires to a monastery, where his only compensation for his loss is the hope of ecclesiastical promotion.

Dr. Pond's Famous Cancer Hospital. Aurora, Illinois.

Read the Testimony of Charles G. Hargus, City Recorder. The Times has made frequent mention of Dr. Pond's Cancer Hospital, of Aurora, Ill., but will now give the testimony of one of our most worthy citizens, Charles G. Hargus, City Recorder. a gentleman who has lived among us for many years. His testimony will very rapidly, so much so as to require its removal by an operation, which was performed by Dr. Johnson of that city. It was not only removed, but the breast bone was scraped and all of the poisonous flesh was pronounced removed. It soon healed, but the crimson mark was still there. Sixteen years later it again appeared, the only perceptible difference being in its size. It covered a much larger portion of the breast. Its ravages were so severe that it literally sapped the life-giving fluid of the sys-tem away—the blood. When death seemed the only alternative, Mr. Hargus again acted upon the advice of our most trustworthy physicians, and underwent another surgical operation, this time by Dr. Horr of this city.

The operation was performed. much skill and credit to the profession. The doctor took up all of the little arteries, scraped the ribs and breast bones. in fact did all that could be done. The weight of the tumor or cancer cut away was something over four pounds. After this operation Mr. Hargus was nothing but a walking skeleton, instead of the hearty, robust man of but a few years previous. The operation was bene cial inasmuch as it checked the growth of the cancer; but these beneficial results proved to be only temporary, as the tumor or cancer reappeared the third time, and was again removed by means of an operation performed in 1874, by the same surgeon. He removed about the same weight as before, but this proved to be worthless as to lasting enefits. In February last the cancer had grown to greater proportions, and was more painful than ever before, and Mr. Hargus concluded to visit the cancer Hospitals of the East, to ascertain if he could not procure treatment for the permanent removal of the tumor or cancer without undergoing another surgical operation. After making the cir cuit of all the cancer hospitals, including the one at Rome, N. Y., and receiving but little or no encouragement. osing considerable time and money, he concluded to take treatment of Dr. Pond, Aurora, Ill. He remained there more than two months, during which time the tumor or cancer was entirely killed and removed by plasters and poultices. So completely was it killed that it dropped out roots and all with-out pain or loss of blood. It has now Marshal de MacMahon. The prefix de" implies a faudal tenure, from pearances, is in a healthful condition, ways full in weight. it, was taken. It was brought into peared—the breast now being perfectly France by the Franks, and it is the sound and rugged. Mr. Hargus says he weighs more at present than he has translation of the Teutonic "von." Cel-tic nobility had its source in personal qualities. MacMahon was originally cure—a cure that will prove lasting, as the son of a certain Mahon, who was the plasters or poultices, eradictate the taller, or handsomer, or fleeter, or a more daring hunter, or a braver warrior than his other clansmen. "Mac" had no mere to do with landed estate than the Breto do with landed estate than the Breton "Le," the Irish "O" or the Anglo-Normon "Fitz." It by no means foleating into and robbing the system of the essentials of life, the blood vessels. Never allow a cancer to be operated upon by a dissecting knife, for in nine cases out of ten it will appear in a worse form than it was before being operated upon. Get the plaster or poul-ties treatment. If it is done properly it will prove a lasting cure. We might cite hundreds who bear testimony to Dr. Pond's method of treatment, and

pronounce it a blessing for those af-flicted with the accursed disease. Dr. Pond may be addressed at Aurora, Ill. Quirk's Irish Too, the poor man's friend, pr

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-{Zimmerman Of all the paths that lead man's love, pity is the straightest.-[Beaumont and Fletcher.

Physic, for the most part, is nothing but the substitute of exercise on te perance.-[Addison.

Guy Patin recommends the patient to the students can tell baking-powder apothecary but an ass!-[Chesterfield. The seeds of repentance are sown youth by pleasure, but the harvest reaped in age and pain .- [Colton.

One solitary philosopher may be great, virtuous and happy in the depth of poverty, but not a whole people.-[Izzak

Poetry is in itself strength and joy whether it be crowned by mankind or left alone in its own magic hermitage. Power and courtly influence form an

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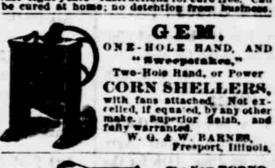
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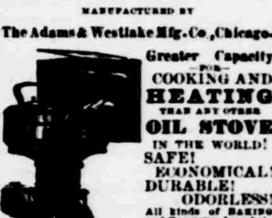
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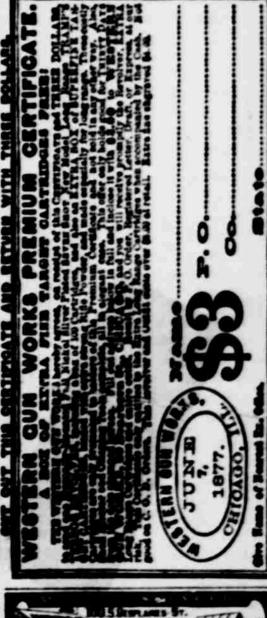
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