Our readers will notice an advertisement of the Hart Pioneer Nurseries, of Ft. Scott, Kans., running in this paper, regarding an improved Veneered "Tree Protector."

We have seen a sample of these protectors, and judging from the high class of testimonials that this firm furnishes, they evidently are a good thing, and will do all that they claim of them, such as protecting trees from mice, borers, rabbits, hot winds, sun scald, etc.

We notice testimonials from some of the largest orchardists in the country, who are using them, also from leading horticulturists and secretaries of many horticultural societies, adcocating the protectors.

If any of our readers have trees or shrubs to protect, they will do well to correspond with the above firm and get their circulars and samples.

## Missed Something

Adam was showing Eve the beautiful sights in the garden of Eden. "How do you like it, dear?" he Washington Star.

VENEERED TREE PROTECTORS asked. "It's too lovely for anything," she said. "but I am so sorry about one thing!"

"What is that?"

"I have no friends to send souvenir postal cards to!" she answered with a dry sob.-Chicago Tribune.

### The Wrong Man

Fair Visitor-Here, my poor man, are some roses for you. What can I do to make you comfortable?

Prisoner-Guess you're makin' a

mistake, lady.

Fair Visitor-Mistake, how?

Prisoner-I'm only here fer porchclimbin'. Yer'll find the guy that killed hi wife in the next cell.-Cleve land Leader.

# Family Secrets

"I hope you'll grow up to be a good and intelligent man, like your father," said the patronizing relative.

"That's easy," answered the painfully precocious youngster. "Mother says I've got him beat already."-

# Dear Sir: Please ask your WIFE, DAUGHTER or SISTER to Read MY FREE Offer. **WISE WORDS OF SUFFERERS**

From a Woman of Notre Dame, Ind.

From a Woman of Notre Dame, Ind.

I will mail, free of any charge, this Home Treatment with full instructions and history of my own case to any lady suffering with female trouble. You can cure yourself at home without the aid of any physician. It will cost you nothing to give the treatment a trial, and if you decide to continue it will only cost you about 12 cents a week. It will not interfere with your work or occupation. I have nothing to sell. Tell other sufferers of it—This is all I ask. It cures all, young or old.

If you feel a bearing-down sensation, sense of impending evil, pain in the back or bowels, creeping feeling up the spine, a desire to cry frequently, hot fiashes, weariness, frequent desire to urinate, or if you have Leucorrhea (Whites), Displacement or Falling of the Womb. Profuse, Scant or Painful Periods, Tumors or Growths, address Mrs. M. Summers for the Free Treatment and Full Information. Thousands besides myself have cured themselves with it. I send it in plain wrappers.

To fiothers of Dauditters I will explain a simple Home Treatment which speedily and fectually cures Leucorrhea, Green Sickness and Painful or Irregular Menstruation in young lies. It will save you anxiety and expense and save your daughter the humiliation of explainment troubles to others. Plumpness and health always result from its use.

Wherever you live I can refer you to well known ladies of your own State or county who know and will gladly tell any sufferer that this Home Treatment really cures all diseased conditions of our delicate female organism, thoroughly strengthens relaxed mussless and ligaments which cause displacement, and makes women well. Write today, as this offer may not be made again.

Notre Dame, Ind., U. S. A. MRS. M. SUMMERS, Box 169.

# Farmers, a Little Harness Talk May Profit

Buckstaff Harness laro svad ity and You can depend upon it.

We use the Old Fashioned Oak Tanned California

Leather—the very best obtainable—such as give you long faithful service. The cu'ting, stitching, making are faultless. We make all Grades and Styles.

There is a local dealer in every community who can show them to you. Remember, they are all stamped with the letters "B. B." on the ends of the traces.

We do not retail. If this harness interests you, show it to your dealer. We will be glad to hear from you.

Buckstaff Bros. Mfg. Co. Manufacturers Lincoln, Neb.

# You if You are About to Buy

# To Readers of The Independent.

Below is given a blank form which we would like to have you fill out, giving the names of men with their addresses, who would likely become subscribers of The Independent and who would also be likely to want Mr. Berge's new book. We wish to send them sample copies of The

Cut this out, fill in the names with addresses, and place the same in envelopes and mail to us. This is solely for the purpose of sending them sample copies of the paper and you incur no liability whatever in doing

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# MODERN METHODS OF MERCHANDISING



The above illustration is the main building of the Kemper-Paxton Mercantile Company, Kansas City, Mo., who are leaders in Modern Methods of Merchan-

They have enjoyed a wonderful growth and attribute their success to the mod-ern plan of doing business, to liberal advertising in reputable papers which go into the home of the consumer, to the high standard of quality of the goods they distribute and their prompt and courteous manner of dealing with their

This Modern Method is the plan of direct sales from factory to user at factory prices for cash, and one price to every buyer, large or small. One institution where every want of the consumer can be satisfied at the minimum price.

To carry out this plan the Kemper-Paxton Company located their main warehouses and offices in Kansas City.

where they can reach every section of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

They buy, import and manufacture and collect in their Kansas City warehouses every kind of merchandise and from there distribute it to their customers, and their enormous capital is thus kept busy working to the advantage of the limited buyer

as well as the large buyer. Not only is a vast sum of money invested, but an army of men, all specialists in their particular mercantile line, are kept busy attending to all the details of manufacturing, assembling, buying and distributing the products of many fac-

The fact that this company almost doubles its volume of business each year indicates that this plan of consolidating every line of business into one big insti-tution, is appreciated by the millions of shrewd buying people of the United

This plan affords the people of the smaller towns and rural districts the same advantage the buyer enjoys in the

large cities where there are numerous retail stores handling all kinds of goods. The Kemper-Paxton Company go to the extreme to accommodate and satisfy their customers at a distance, as you will see by their advertisements in other columns. They offer to send their goods out on 30 days' trial. This gives their customers the opportunity to be their own judge of values in their own homes, and the Kemper-Paxton Company will pay all the freight or express charges if anything they sell does not prove satisfactory in

honest goods.

The large Catalog which this company publishes and distributes free to any adult who asks for it, is a wonderful book of nearly 800 pages with thousands of illus-trations of merchandise of every descrip-

It costs nearly \$1.00 to print and mail but it is a complete store in itself and a salesman that is busy for at least one year and it is a very economical salesman, too. It is called for in such great quantities that a large modern printing plant is kept busy every working day in the year and as soon as one edition is completed another one is begun. They date in styles, prices and new goods.

A force of artists, engravers and pho-

tographers are constantly at work making illustrations of the thousands of articles of merchandise listed in this catalog.

Everything is done on a large yet eco-nomical scale and the smallest orders receive exactly the same prompt, careful attention as the larger ones. The system necessary to conduct such

an enormous business with so much detail that requires great care must be a very exact one and requires hundreds of busy people. The thousands of letters addressed to

the Kemper-Paxton Company and given to the Rural Free Delivery Carrier or dropped into the postoffices in every lo-cality in the United States each day might be likened to grains of wheat in a ripened field, gathered together by the wonderful machinery of modern times and brought in one big load to the mill, and there passing through cleaners, shakers, sifters, elevators, spouts, grinders, packers and sackers, comes out in a dif-ferent form, labeled and tagged for the patron.

The equivalent of these thousands of letters received each morning is represented by enormous trucks loaded with boxes and barrels of Kemper-Paxton merchandise, addressed to customers re-siding in the North, South, East and West, and great bags of mail, contain-ing catalogues and letters in response to

inquiries of customers. Every care is taken to insure promptness in filling orders and every safeguard to prevent error

No one should be without this big catevery way.

This is certainly a very broad, liberal plan that will permit customers at a distance to order anything they want and have it shipped to them with the positive