

## SOME QUEER GOODS

Odd Lines Carried by Commercial Travelers.

Queer as some kinds of business are, the work of the drummers who travel in those lines seem queerer yet. It might not seem odd to know that big houses deal exclusively in glass eyes or in telescopic adjustable coffins, but when a commercial traveler goes out on the road to work up these lines there appears something weird about his occupation. The fascination of a glass eye in a person's face is remarkable. As a rule it looks as if it stared at you, whether it does or not, there is an unconquerable desire to stare at it. But there is something still more uncanny about the one-eyed drummer who opens his sample case, takes out scores of eyes and fits them into the sightless orifice in his face to show you just how natural they look. The drummer scarcely can carry glass eyes representing all kinds, because no doubt his home house has a sample stock of 10,000 eyes, and no two alike. This, of course, is because the eyes of no two human beings are exactly alike, and this is sometimes the case with the eyes of one person. So the drummer can give only a hint of the great variety the trade affords. The finest quality of glass eyes come from France and German, principally the latter country. America has learned everything in the art except how to glaze properly. We get the shape and the color, but our glaze is soft and worn through easily. Possibly most persons with natural eyes couldn't tell the difference, but an expert can, and so can a person whom fate has decreed shall go henceforth through the world with one glass eye. How the German and the French do it is a trade secret that is guarded jealously. The glass eye isn't solid, but a thin shell of porcelain with the iris blown in the center. Some of the most expensive have the white about the iris hand-painted daintily, with even the delicate blood vessels showing. The drummer has the most difficulty in fitting gray eyes, for the markings are so varied. Sometimes a house has to send abroad for the correct thing, which is made especially to order. A drummer in glass eyes keeps at work pretty actively, for the life of an artificial eye is only two or three years at the most, and sometimes only as many months. As a burnt child dreads the fire, so does a person, with a glass eye, if he has had experi-

ence. Coming from the cold outdoor air into a heated house and stepping up to the fire to warm is likely to result in the eye cracking and dropping out of the head. False eyes, like false teeth, are taken out at night, thereby increasing the chance of breakage or loss. So, altogether, the business of a drummer in glass eyes is likely to be brisk all the year round. Then there's the man who sells telescopic coffins, which will fit a corpse of any height and width. His certainly is a ghastly calling, but not much more so than of the fellow who travels with skeletons and bones for students, hospitals and museums. Flea powder and flea traps are out of the ordinary lines of commercial traveling, yet there are men who make a good living by supplying smaller houses with such things and the same may be said of "pushers" for rat and mouse poisons. Down among the farmers of Long Island are men who go about with samples of fish, which, because of the phosphorus they contain, are guaranteed to be the finest kind of fertilizers for worn-out land. In Africa American drummers of certain lines have the whole continent for their field exclusively. If they get an order once in six months they are well repaid for their labor. These few men deal in iron bridges, like that which an American firm recently built over the Athara River, taking the contract for rapid work when Englishmen would not touch it. There's a man in England who has traveled through the British isles with mummies to dispose of to museums at from \$150 to \$300 each. He strayed into this line accidentally, for at the time he was doing nothing, and a friend, a civil engineer in Egypt, had a chance to buy a job lot of Ptolemies, which he forwarded to England with instructions how and where to sell them. Then there are drummers in battlefield relics—swords and guns, bullets and cannon balls dug up on the field of Waterloo. Possibly they were dug up there, but if so, it was because they were planted a few weeks before. Still it's far more likely that they acquired their rusty look in soil far from the blood-soaked field. These particular relics find a ready sale to the tourists in Belgium who want to take something home with them.—New York Press.

## Money Without ...Owners...

Uncle Sam Holds \$2,500,000 of Unclaimed Postal Orders.

The number of money orders issued in the United States and which are never presented for payment is very great, says an official of the Washington postoffice department. These orders disappear in various ways. Some are burned or torn up instead of the receipts. Some are sent in letters which are not addressed at all or are incorrectly addressed, and these, together with thousands of other orders, find their way to the dead letter office. Ultimately most of these letters find their way back to the remitters or duplicates are applied for.

There is today an accumulation of over \$2,500,000 in the Treasury of these unclaimed money orders which has been gradually piling up year after year during the 35 years the government has been conducting a money order business. With each individual order the government has made a special effort to effect payment to the payee or restore the amount to the remitter, and, failing, can do naught but keep the amount. The fact that 50,000 duplicate orders are annually issued would appear to indicate that the American people are extremely careless in the handling of these money vouchers. Where the originals go or how they are disposed of would fill a volume.

The government has issued \$4,000,000,000 in money orders, and has paid every cent of this great sum except the \$2,500,000 I have mentioned. A single order may be issued up to \$100 in amount, and the average is about \$7.50, the smaller offices issuing the great bulk of orders and the larger offices cashing 95 per cent of them.

Traveling men, circus men, railroad employes and others, whose business requires them to move from place to place, are very fond of buying orders payable to themselves. They cannot spend an order as a bill and as no one

but themselves or the indorsees may secure the amount of the orders they are just as much ahead when they get into the next town, making themselves their own bankers with the government as a depository. Sometimes an actor or circus man will present a dozen orders at the close of the season which he has bought from time to time, and their amount represents savings which otherwise would have been spent.

### Humorous Entries for Census.

The usual humorous incidents were not lacking in the recently taken British census. An immigrant in New Zealand stated to the authorities that his mother was a Kaffir, his father an Irishman who had become a naturalized American, but afterward served in the French army, and that he was born on the passage between Yokohama and Colombo in a Spanish vessel. "Put him down a Scotchman!" was the official decision. A man brought up at Bow street was accosted by eight linguists and a professor in seventy-five languages without a response. But a test case for the census officials is that of a man in Wales who asserts that he was found on a derelict vessel (date unknown) and knows nothing about his father or mother. A householder could not tell how many children he had, while still another entered two pigs and a sheep dog as "members of his family." A West Indian entered himself as a duck stealer. A high-church clergyman, who had a very low-church son (also a clergyman) staying with him, is alleged to have registered him as a "lunatic" in the proper column.

Elbow sleeves are increasing in popularity for evening wear, and in any cases deep frills are added with graceful effect.

## HOW A ROBBER ROSE TO WEALTH.

The Duchess of Cleveland, mother of Lord Roseberry, tells a good story of her father, the Earl of Stanhope. One night when the earl was walking alone in the Kentish lanes a man jumped out of the hedge, leveled a pistol, and demanded his purse.

"My good man, I have no money with me," said Lord Stanhope in his remarkably slow tones. The robber laid hands on his watch.

"No," Lord Stanhope went on, "that watch you must not have; it was given me by one I love; it is worth £100. If you will trust me I will go back to Chevening and bring you a £100 note and place it in the hollow of that tree. I cannot lose my watch."

The man did trust him. The earl did bring the note. Years after Lord

Stanhope was at a city dinner and next to him sat a London alderman of great wealth, a man highly respected. He and the earl talked of many things and found each other mutually entertaining. Next day Lord Stanhope received a letter, out of which dropped a £100 note. "It was your lordship's kind loan of this sum," said the note, "that started me in life and enabled me to have the honor of sitting next to your lordship at dinner."

The United States is now ahead of Germany in naval strength by about 3,000 tons, and thus is entitled to fourth place among naval powers.

Nearly all the organizations for debate in Kentucky bear the name of the "Henry Clay Debating Club."

**Wonderful Deaf, Dumb and Blind Girl.**  
Helen Keller's daily themes, to the number of eleven, are printed in the current issues of the Radcliffe magazine and are very remarkable, warranting the high praise they receive from her instructors. Her critical work, they say, notably in appreciation of German literature, would be unusual for any student of her age in possession of all the senses.

### Great Mill Building.

Manchester, N. H., is to have what it is claimed will be the largest single mill building ever erected. It is nearly completed and is 770 feet long, with two wings of 330 feet, all of an average width of 100 feet, and five stories in height, including basement.

### Bernhardt in Tears.

Coquelin is responsible for a story to the effect that just before Bernhardt last left Europe Rostand read to her his latest tragedy, and the actress, bursting into tears over the story, was confined to her bed for several days.

### A Joke With Cats.

Unknown practical jokers created a sensation in Rochwood, N. J., one evening last week by bringing to town and turning loose a swarm of strange cats, which have been making life miserable for the residents ever since.

**A Blacksmith's Strange Experience.**  
Goodland, Kan., June 3.—N. E. Albertson, our leading blacksmith has been a great sufferer from rheumatism. He was so bad that he could not sleep for the great pain in his arms and shoulders. He had been afflicted for years, but lately he was so much worse, that he thought he would have to give up his shop altogether. Then a strange thing happened. A friend of his recommended a new medicine called Dodd's Kidney Pills, said to be a cure for Rheumatism. He commenced to use them, and at once began to recover. His pain has all left him, and he is a well man today, and entirely free from any symptom of Rheumatism.

To say that he is thankful, is putting it very mildly. He is delighted. Dodd's Kidney Pills deserve credit for having cured this very severe and almost hopeless case.

From recent reports, there does not seem to be anything that they will not cure, as very bad cases of Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Rheumatism, and Heart Trouble, have been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, even after having been given up by our best doctors.

**Victoria's Letters Are Valuable.**  
Letters written by Queen Victoria are already increasing in value in London, and the other day a brief three-line note of hers, written in her own hand, sold for \$25.

**What Do the Children Drink?**  
Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing, and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more healthy you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it, 15c and 25c.

A wife is either a man's best possession or his very worst.

**Are You Using Allen's Foot Ease?**  
It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Burning, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Women's thoughts of men are mostly afterthoughts.

He who defies danger defeats defeat.

# BACKACHE



MISS LUCY ANNIE HEISER, OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Miss Lucy Annie Heiser, a graduated nurse of nine years' experience, trained and graduated from the Homeopathic Hospital of Minneapolis, Minn., writes as follows:

Albert Lea, Minn., Nov. 8, 1899.

The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio:

Gentlemen—Although my school does not believe in patent medicines, I have found it to be a fact that Peruna is a grand and valuable medicine. I have known it to cure Mrs. Sampson, suffering with an inflamed womb, aggravated by malaria, after the doctors had failed to help her. Another of my former patients suffered with a complication of female diseases; she was so thin, nothing but skin and bones, but Peruna cured her and she is to-day in good health and good flesh. Facts prove that Peruna revives lost strength and restores to the sick that most wonderful blessing of life—health.

Lucy Annie Heiser,

If all the tired women and all the nervous women, and all the women that needed a tonic would read and heed the words of these fair ladies who have spoken right to the point, how many invalids would be prevented and how many wretched lives be made happy.

Peruna restores health in a normal way. Peruna puts right all the mucous membranes of the body, and in this way restores the functions of every organ.

### Soloists With Bellstedt.

There are many soloists in the famous Bellstedt band, now fulfilling a month's engagement in Omaha at the Musical Festival, among them being Messrs. Emil Kopp, George Kerst and Charles B. Jones, all famed as cornetists, each having been at some time chief virtuoso in some of the leading bands of the country. Mr. Karl Meyer, clarinet virtuoso, has filled that position with the best musical organizations. Some of these gentlemen are heard with great delight at nearly every concert. It is rare that a band is placed before the public that contains as many soloists of acknowledged merit as Bellstedt's, and those who fail to attend some of the concerts will miss a treat not often to be taken advantage of. The concerts were begun June 1st and will continue the entire month, two concerts being given each day. Railroads within a radius of 150 miles of Omaha will give reduced rates.

The bandmaster likes to have the public's money play into his hands.

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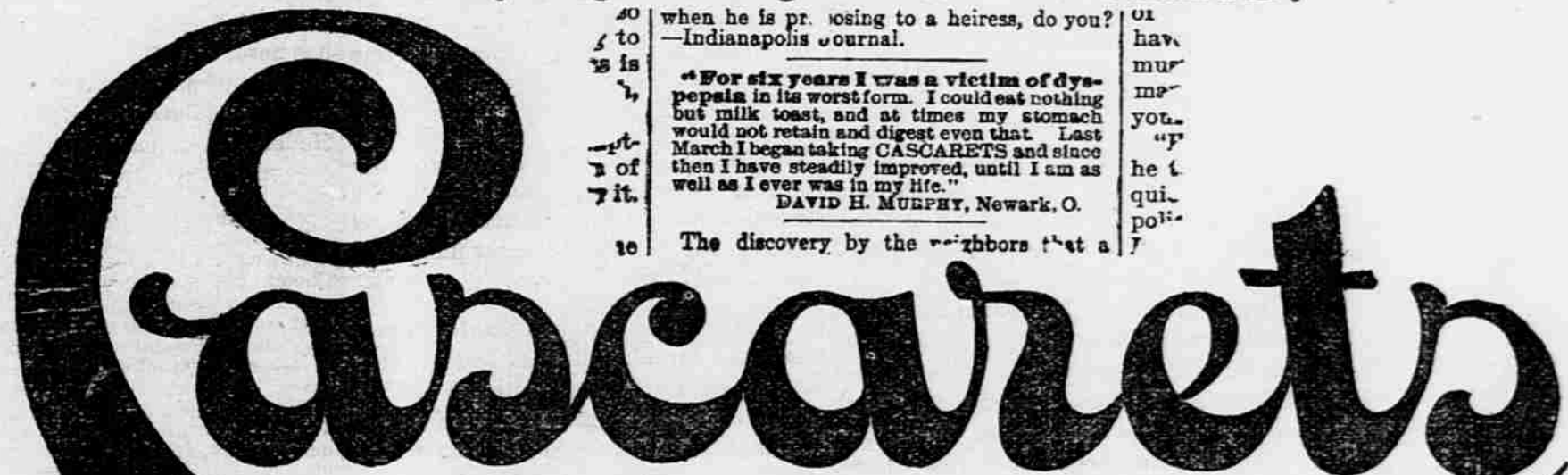
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