

This extraordinary petrified fish is erected in Wurtemberg as a memorial to William I., German emperor and King of Prussia, and dates from prehistoric times. It is twelve feet long without its head, which has not been discovered. The diameter of its throat is six-and-a-half feet.

communication with the ward lead-

ers of both parties, and while they

were of course patriotic, they did not

allow patriotism to warp their com-

They contributed to the legitimate

expenses of the ward and municipal

campaigns, generally had some sort

of representation in the official rosters

of the ward clubs, and displayed a

commendable activity in public af-

fairs from the simple reason that

they could not afford to be "dead

ones." Business men who were active

democrats, or active Republicans, as

the case might be, boldly hung the pic-

tures of their party candidates on the

outer battlements—meaning the blate

glass windows of their establishments

But of course if a man was an "all-

round" politician, like the proprietor

of a "thirst boudoir," he hung them

all up, Democrat, Republican, Inde-

pendent, Labor, Socialist, Socialist-

Labor, and even, when waggishly in-

clined, the portrait of the Prohibition

on good terms with his employes, was

a political power to some extent. He

has men right, he could swing a good

many votes the way he wanted them.

popular idea of money spent in polit-

The bulk of the money in campaign

ing the wards and getting all the vot-

ing strength out; for sending out cir-

culars and other campaign literature;

for hiring balls, and back hire for ora-

tors; for brass bands and torch-light

processions; for carriage hire to make

a thorough canvass of the ward by the

candidates; for the precinct captains

on election day: for printing bills, and

divers other expenses. The money

that "goes over the bar" is what the

candidate himself puts up as a rule.

their checks to see the men win

who they thought would be friendly

trustworthy and reliable candidates

who would not he too ferociously stub-

born about granting any little "harm-

less" privilege. They were bitterly

For instance, suppose some highly

freight. Suppose such an elevation

Now the business men contributed

wiser as to how he voted?

Now, your "business man" who was

candidate.

was wonderful what a variety, there who worked in his establishment; but

was in the way of business enter- if he was a sarewd man, and treated

mercial judgment.

## **BUSINESS POLITICS**

How "Couns" Are Effected and the People Wonder Why.

By ERNEST McGAFFEY

Politicians-Un-

derground Route

Between City Hall

in politics, speak ing, electioneering, canvassing, and occasionally casting about for suitable candidates, togeth-

and Inner Circles of Commercial Life. er with the more active of the ward politicians, I often met with the "business" men of the ward. Men in all sorts of lines, hardware and "soft ware," real estate men, grocers, butchers, bakers, plumbers, and other pursuits; coal dealers, printers. did not control, by virtue of the Ausjewelers, restaurant men, tailors-it tralian ballot the votes of the men

prises. Now, no man can carry on any business whatsoever in a ward without What so easy as to have a quiet "talk finding that politics is going to cut with the men," showing them that the some kind of a figure in his chosen prosperity of the business, the sucline. It may be directly, or it may be cess of the plant (the workmen's indirectly, but it is sure to affect him | bread and butter, d'ye see) dependin some way. A good many business ed on the election of this or that set men simply shrug their shoulders and of men? Was it done? Well, Well! charge politics to "profit and loss." | Certainly when a "boss" was dis-The condition of a street or district liked he could not have swung a soli was a matter of politics; the paving tary vote with a hawser, but when and usually "went with the current." and sidewalk surroundings, whether the men liked and respected him, they If he didn't, he would "go up the good or bad, meant politics; the health | could be and were influenced by that | spout" the next time he ran. of the ward depended on it; the light- magic argument, nationally celesprinkling of them in summer and the pail."

a matter of politics. And yet the majority of the business men dabbled only in politics as to deal with the question, and when would sweep the politicians off their tt might happen to affect their particu- fully identified with any particular feet. But as a rule they were apalar line of work A paving contractor or a sidewalk builder was sure tribute to the campaign fund. The of "business." to be active; a grocer or a butcher.



Partisan of Both Sides.

passive. Every saloon keeper was an had their individual ideas of what uld that baleful term meant be readily inferred from the pictures of all candidates hung conspicuously repubtable merchant wanted to elein his windows, together with a rep- vate the sidewalk above his place of resentation of the flag of our country business to facilitate the handling of bringing up the rear.

Some business men who have large practically "hogged" that part of the interests, manufacturers doing a sidewalk, to the exclusion of the passwholesale business, for instance, usu ing pedestrians who demurred at ally had some one in their company or climbing up the elevated sidewalk. corporation, who kept unassuming, there to stumble over skids and but close, "tab" on political doings. through piles of boxes and barrels. These concerns sometimes wanted to Was that any part of the public's busi-"Grab off" some out-of-the-way little pess? Pish, and also Fie!, Nothing is chunk of ground for a stub switch- so obnoxious as the average pedesend to run in cars to their factories; trian. He is always getting tangled world, and the best that we find in or maybe they wanted to scare away up in electric cars, or cabs, or skids, our travels is an honest friend. He is some costly smoke-consuming device; or wheels, and having his plebelan or choke of a paving scheme; or save anatomy defaced or broken by getting We travel, indeed, to find them. They money in some other way. They very in the way of "progress." shrewdly, therefore, kept in close Then there was another type of ert Louis Stevenson.

business man. This was the type that had no particular ax to "grind." They were "party men," who generally held their conferences with the "down town" leaders, and who played "politics" in a genteel way. They never contributed unless they knew where the money was going to, and they did not use politics as a means to an end. Sometimes they were chosen as aldermanic, or other candidates, and when elected made good They were often selected for posi-

tions of non-salaried prominence, and they represented what might be termed the passive respectability of the party. The "active" respectability of the parties was divided among the professional men, "big" merchants, small tradesmen and ward politicians, in proportions which varied according to localities. Sometimes one of these men would turn "reformer" and often he made a very persistent and active man behind the gun of reform. Reform, bad as it sometimes is, must be credited with having accomplished much, both in local and national politics. About the only way the average

business man could be reached with political argument, was either by mail, or by a personal call. You never saw a "bunch" in your life so immune from campaign oratory. Many of them took their politics from their papers, and voted straight the ticket which their editor had selected for them. They might be induced to read campaign circulars if they reached the house on Saturday so as to be on hand for Sunday, but they "side-stepped" the meetings, unless some bright particular star of verbiage had been announced to speak. Nationality cut always a figure, sometimes more, sometimes less, in their predilections, but personal interest was the keystone of the arch of their political gateway. Occasionally a proposal to do something which might interfere with their ideas of right or wrong, or entail considerable pecuniary sacfice upon them, would result in "mass meetings," which were largely attended, and at which much pyrotechnical oratory was indulged in. At these mass meetings they generally had the aldermen in the ward attend; and



age Pedestrian.

when the alderman got up to speak, he knew what was expected of him,

The business men in the different ing of the streets at night and the brated, locally vital, the "full dinner- wards had a great deal more power than they divined, but as "business" removal of the snow in winter was This argument could be used in any was their first thought, they left pol-"politics;" the schools, parks, alleys, old election, from alderman to presi- ities to the politicians; and thereby boulevards-why, the very air one dent. These big business men sel- hung their scales. But once aroused, breathed and the water he drank was dom personally held any interviews and maddened by the sound of human with the "small fry" politicians of the oratory, and they would sometimes deward. They had their representatives velop into a solid voting force that party, they were counted on to con- thetic about everything but the fetish

> Those who were business men and ical warfare is that it goes for whisky politicians combined, who had a payand to bribe voters. Comparatively ing business and a paying combination little goes for whisky to what it was with official life, were not an unusual in the old days, and as for bribery, sight; and these were surely the what's the use of "bribing" a man to subtlest in the game. If their cardivote, when he can take the money and date "lost out," and they were gently vote as he pleases, and no one be the separated from the "trough," they simply smiled and went on doing business "at the old stand." If their canexpenses goes for thoroughly canvass. didate won, and they were retained in office, they won out at "the store." and also at the "city hall," thus both "eating their cake and having it," and outdoing in completeness the southern process of catching the 'possum "a-comin' or a-gwine." ERNEST M'GAFFEY.

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The Figures Settled It. Two men got into an argument durof the infinite inferiority of the rest almost as youthful in effect. to them in a pinch; they selected their of the country. Finally the man from party candidates when they could, the east challenged: "Come out here and I am of the opinion that the most an' get licked, you big stiff," he of the "big men" wanted absolutely begged.

"You can't lick me," said the other. decidedly. "Cer'nly I c'n lick you!" shouted man from the east. "Lookee opposed to "graft," of whatever party here."

they happened to belong to, but they He went to a weighing machine near at hand and solemnly climbed moment. "There!" he said in triumph. "Two hunner' and forty-eight pounds. Cer'nly I c'n lick you." The westerner walked over to the

> scales and focused one eye on the needle. "Guess that's ri'," he commented. "Gissa drink, bartender." Who can say, after that, there is need for an International Peace so-

The Honest Friend. We are all travelers in what Ahn Bunyan calls the wilderness of this a fortunate voyager who finds many. are the end and reward of life.-Rob

## KNEE MAT



Perhaps one of the hardest household duties that anyone can be called upon to perform is that of scrubbing, and any device to lighten work of this description will well repay the cost and trouble that is entailed in its construc-

Our sketch illustrates a capital article for this purpose, and one that without difficulty can be made at home. It consists of a piece of wood about an inch in thickness and semi-circular in shape, the upper side of which is padded either with wadding or sawdust, and covered with coarse canvas nailed on at the sides or underneath.

In the article from which this sketch was made, the canvas had been covered with a piece of fur cut from an old mat, which made it additionally comfortable to kneel upon. In front, and made of American cloth, there is a kind of hood which pulls over the knees and keeps the skirt from becoming wet. The mat, for want of a better name, is easily shifted about, as occasion arises. and such a device as this is invaluable in a case where stone has to be knelt upon, and may be the means of saving colds and other illnesses. In the upper sketch, on the right hand side, the interior of the article is

shown, and underneath there is a diagram of the shape of the wood. In another part of the sketch, the dotted line and arrow indicate the way in which the American cloth may be pulled up over the knees, to protect the skirt from splashes of water.

A WORD AS TO MEDICINE.

scribed for the User.

It is a very common thing among

This is a most dangerous practice,

and should not be continued. If a phy-

sician has written a prescription for

his patient, he understands her partic-

ular case and is not prescribing for

He may not only give her medicine

for what he thinks she needs, but may

give her drugs which she needs and

It may be something to strengthen

the heart or other organ of the body,

some drug which would be very harm-

It is a very dangerous practice for

fect upon another constitution.

anyone else who wishes to take it.

knows nothing about.

COATS IN HALF-LENGTH.

Garment That Gives Graceful Finish Danger in Taking Drugs Not Preto Hat Costume.

There is no more graceful finish to a hat costume than the charmingly women that they will take medicine transparent half-length coats of tulle which is recommended by friends and embroidered in fine paillettes or with also give it to their children without flosses, or of fine lace, whatever its investigating its formula. kind. They are not only most becom- They will have prescriptions refilled ing, but give an air of grand chic to which another woman's physician has the wearer if her figure is slender and recommended for her particular case, shapely. One especially was of black or take up what remains in her bottulle, very delicately wrought by hand | tle. with pink and black silk—the latter in traceries brightened with cut jet bugles. It was a low-necked model, with a bust insetting of real Alencon, triangular in shape. At one point in the middle of the bust line there was a finish of a handsome jet buckle across a lace bow of Alencon, with finished ends. This coat had a slight gathering of front fullness on each front and caught under the jet buckle to give ease to the fitting across the bust. while at the same time producing a decidedly smart effect. The fronts, al- ful to another person; or opiates may though open, were swept back on each be in the formula which would have side with a long downward curve, the an entirely different and disastrous efback being half-fitting, showing the two long shoulder seams now so general. The half-sleeves were formed from the front and back pieces, and not give such things to your children. embroidered to correspond. In shape they were wide at the elbow and slit understand what to do, call a physiup to shoulders on the outside arm cian and let him prescribe in the right line, calling for gloves long enough to incase the entire arm. That long glove line enters as a feature of distinction into the ensemble, but for ailment of the child, but if the child wear in extreme midsummer heat a is really sick you will know it. Do not transparent, close-fitting, wrinkled long risk the child's health by giving it sleeve to match the gown may be things which you do not understand worn, made either of gauze, crepe de and which may be poisonous to it. You

made.-Vogue. Remodeling Last Year's Sleeve. In remodeling a part or the whole of any garment the first thing to do is to rip it up and clean and press well. After the sleeves have been carefully pressed they are ready to be cut over. Lay the pattern on the sleeves and cut carefully, according to directions. When the sleeves have been seamed up and the cuff replaced the sleeve favorite. should again be carefully and thoroughgarment.

Any gown can be remodeled in this manner and made to look decidedly up ample of the present craze of associ- In all but three of the states which to date for merely the cost of a good ating a cloth or veiling skirt with a sleeve pattern and the time that the remodeling takes.

White in Different Tones.

fabrics that are near white that it is on. not necessary to get snowy linens in One of the best examples of the typiorder to get the white effect. There cal small sleeve is used in the tailleur. linens, mercerized cottons and mulls and with no perceptible fullness at the that are delightfully refined and dainty armhole.

To Keep Lace Firm.

from lace stretching at the edge, es-

top of a collar which is made out of

from catching the thread underneath.

Alcohol for Tender Feet.

do after a lively game of tennis or a tume.

pecially around a Dutch neck or at the

things are in order generally.

lace sewed together.

sewing machine.

jaunt into the woods. Bathe your only to do the darning and see that tender feet, but it is amazingly refreshing and in many cases it will prevent

tional society consists in forming new state Audubon societies, strengthening the weaker ones, maintaining a warden system, by means of which sea birds, such as terns, are specially protected during the breeding season, and attending to all matters of legislation. Besides all this, the national committee interests itself greatly in various bits of educational work, including the dissemination of illustrated leaflets. It is also a valued medium of exchange between the state societies.

N INTERNATIONAL BIRD LEAGUE

YORLD-WIDE MOVEMENT TO PROTECT OUR

Though the foreign methods in sachusetts where the first Audubon ment is truly international. On the society in this country was organized, continent it has taken the form of movement has become world-wide. It gresses. It was the German Ornithois no longer a national Audubon soci- logical assembly which first brought ety, but an international Audubon so- up the matter of bird protection in 1845. One Baldenus suggested the tecting the bird life of the world from idea, but, according to the records, his destruction at the hands of its innu- proposal was first "rejected;" next merable enemies, both natural and un- year, at the meeting of the Saxon Agnatural, the two-legged animal man ricultural society, "shelved," and ten coming under this latter classifica- years later, at the second meeting of German ornithologists, "ignored."

It was not until 1868, at the twenty-The United States as a whole comsixth assembly of German agriculturalists and foresters, that a request was made by vote of the assembly to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister to take measures for bringing about the formation of international treaties and agreements. Switzerland and Italy were the arst states to join in the movement.

> Vienna under the patronage of Crown Prince Rudolph.

On account of various delays, such the department of agriculture and the place till the year 1891. It was held at Budapest, and little of importance was accomplished, though there was was organized in 1886, at the sugges- a general feeling that the matter in hand demanded close and immediate attention.

Finally, in 1900, the third international ornithological congress was Henry Ward Beecher, John G. Whittier held in Paris, and in 1902 the conand Bishop Potter. At the end of 1886 vention was signed by the delethe society had 16,000 members. The gates present. Its most important resolutions were as follows: "Birds useful to agriculture, particu-

larly the insect eaters, shall be unconditionally protected by a prohibition forbidding them to be killed in any way public seemed to lose interest in the whatsoever, as well as the destruction of their nests, eggs and broods, "It shall be forbidden, at any season

and in any manner whatsoever, to steal nests and eggs, to take or destroy nestlings.

nestlings, their transport, the colportage of the same, their putting up to sale, their sale and purchase, shall be pro hibited.

"The construction and employment of traps, cages, nets, nooses, lime-twigs or any other kind of instruments used for over the country that has kept the the purpose of rendering easy the wholesecond Audubon movement from sale capture or destruction of birds, shall be forbidden. failing like the first. The matter

"It shall be forbidden from March 1 to September 15 of each year to take or kill

"The sale or offering for sale of the Pennsylvania, and then other states soon followed the example of Massaforbidden." chusetts, and at the present time Among the nations represented at there are but ten states in the union

the convention were Austria-Hungary, in which an Audubon society does not Germany, France, Belgium, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Sweden and Norway and Switzerland. Italy sent dele-They have their own magazine, Bird gates, but they withdrew early in the session. Two years ago, in 1906, Austria-Hungary incorporated the convention into its corpus juris. There is have the society the uniform Audubon hope that the other countries whose law for the protection of non-game delegates signed the convention will soon follow Austria's example. Already several of these nations have do not possess a state Audubon laws protecting birds to a certain degree.

French Doctors in Bad Way.

The number of physicians in France has nearly doubled in ten years. There Its object is to secure uniform action are now 20,000, and nearly 2,000 are and establish some sort of union turned out every year by the medical schools. Fees have decreased alarmoccasion arises. A national commit- ingly because of this competition, and because of the diminution of disease mittee each of the state societies due to hygienic precautions. In some sends a delegate. This committee districts in Paris a franc is all that is paid for a doctor's call.

## At present the work of the na-BLACK-BACKED GULLS The movement for bird protection the struggle for bird protection difwhich began many years ago in Mas- fer from this country's, the move-

has grown with the years until the international conventions or conciety which is actively engaged in protion.

THE OBSERVATION TENT

pares most favorably with other countries in the matter of bird protection. The history of the "Audubon movement" is most interesting and significant. It really began in the early eighties, when the American Ornithologists' union earnestly discussed the matter of the undue destruction of birds, and the council of the union was directed to prepare that the first international ornithoa memorial to congress to ask for logical congress actually met at United States department of agriculture was secured \$5,000, and a superintendent, Dr. C. Hart Merriam, was appointed by the Ornithologists' union as the death of Prince Rudolph of to help in properly spending the Hungary, who had been the moving money. From this beginning has spirit of the first meeting, and the grown up the biological survey, which quarrels between various officials, works in close collaboration with both the second congress did not take

The National Audubon society itself tion of a committee of the American Ornithological union. It started under most flourishing auspices, receiving encouraging letters from such men as next year it began to get out a special organ, the Audubon Magazine, and the

National Audubon society.

yourself, but in all common sense do If your child is sick and you do not membership increased to 38,000. Two years later came a slump. The movement. The bird laws were broken repeatedly. The press paid little attention to the Audubon workers.

exist. In most states the societies

are large and continually increasing.

Lore, a successor to the old Audubon

Magazine, but much more ambitious.

birds has been adopted, and this law

is in force even in some states which

organization - West Virginia, for in-

The National Association of Audu-

bon Societies is not a distinct club,

tion of the various state societies.

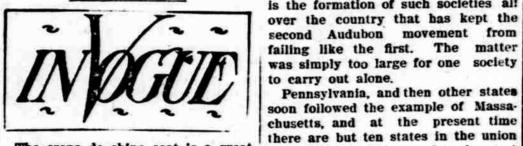
admitting of concerted action when

tee has been formed, to which com-

That Was All.

meets every year.

way, even if it does cost more money. By this it does not mean that the doctor has to be called for every small Things were discouraging during the next few years, but in 1896 the question of the protection of birds was again brought before the public by the organization of the Massachine or lace, according to choice are running a terrible risk by doing it. chusetts State Audubon society. It is the formation of such societies al!



The present sleeve is close, but not ly pressed before it is replaced in the tight; it molds the arm without binding it.

The satin coat is an excellent exwrap of satin. The small sleeve, when not carried

to an extreme, is always becoming. It is one of the few fashion manifesta-In these days there come so many tions which the stout woman may gaze

are mustard-colored stuffs, pongees. It is full length, of course, close fitting but simply a loosely-drawn federa-

in appearance. And if one does not | A girl of 12 years will look dressy if care for yellow there are the rose col- she has an evening frock of nun's ing lunchtime in the Astor house ro- ors, the natural tan tones, the soft veiling, with a lace yoke and sleeves tunda at New York the other day. pale apricots, and the delicate grayish and silk band trimming. A dress of One was from the east, one from the white fabrics. These do not soil quite louisine trimmed with quilling of silk west. Each had many things to say as readily as the white goods, and are is pretty, also, with a lace yoke at the front and back.

> Nearly every girl does a little home tired feet with hot water and with a dressmaking at one time or another. coarse towel rub away any callouses Some make nearly everything they which might be there. Then rub them wear, while it is the luck of others well with alcohol. It not only toughens

A great many girls find trouble disagreeable perspiration.

solutely omniverous than any other peace." Soft Scarf Girdles. In direct or position to the princess, animal of my acquaintance or of bebe princesse and jumper frocks, are which I have knowledge," said a Jer-When once it has pulled it is impos- the new soft scarf girdles now being sey resident. "The other day I besible to get it into shape again, and exploited in Paris. They are the descame the owner of a pedigreed Boston tria, where several hundred persons to the end of its days it will never set pair of the stout woman who wishes bull pup that had spent his short life were employed, was completely to disguise the fact that she has hips, in a New York flat. He weighed 17 wrecked by an explosion due either Before the dress has been washed and the delight of the slender woman pounds and I deemed his avoirdupois to the ignition of celluloid dust or to the baste a strip of newspaper under the who has secretly been bemoaning her would have relation to his appetite. action of some of the powerful chemlace, then ren the edge through the lack of them. The new girdle is mere However, he ate two pounds of dog icals which are used in the process ly a soft sash that is wound twice biscuit, the bones of half a dozen of manufacture. It is known that at The paper, which is torn off when about the waist and drawn up half lamb chops, a pint of ice cream and a least 17 persons were killed. finished, keeps the sewing machine way to the bust. With a skirt and quarter of a pound of marshmallows. coat costume it takes the place of a We were just leading him on to see waistcoat, or rather is both belt and what he would take. Then he went vest in one, and it actually helps to out in the yard and tore up a rubber a Chafing Dish?" asked the customer If you are starting out on your vaca- dress up the blouse into a semblance plant that stood three feet high and in the book store. tion and if you intend to do a great of a fitted bodice. Preferably the scarf at that, leaf, stem and root. He then "No'm," replied the haggard-lookdeal of tramping around, stow away girdle should match the color of the in-aded the house and during the ing clerk, who had attended a weigh this little hint in a corner of your gown, unless a decidedly contrasting might ate my leather automobile cap, rarebit party the night before, "but I brain and see how much good it will the is necessary to "tone up" the cos- a pair of shoes, got my wife's hat and can tell you what should be done with

Boston Bull Was a Little Hungry, his brass studded collar and leather leash, upset and drank a jar of harness oil and arriving at a bottle of "The dog in his domesticated con- Platt's Chlorides capsized that and dition more nearly approaches the ab- lapped it up and laid down at last in

Celluloid Explodes.

JUST A MODEST SUPPER

A cellulcid factory in Vienna, Aus-

From His Own Experience. "Have you 'What Can Be Done with

ate that, bolted a paper of tacks, ate a chafing dish."-Philadelphia Press