

FINANCIAL AIDS AND PRESENTS

Queer Ideas of Inflation that Have Prevailed in Other Times.

WILD-CAT BANKING OF ANTE-BELLUM DAYS

Money of Mulberry Bark—Inflation of the Currency in England and France—Debasing the Coinage and Its Effects.

The silver craze which seems to have taken the democracy by storm is but one of the cranky notions with which that organization is from time to time afflicted.

THE GREENBACK CRAZE

In its essential particulars the silver craze is the greenback craze and in the history of that remarkable financial fallacy may be read in outline the history, present and future, of the movement in behalf of silver.

FIAT MONEY.

The idea that the stamp of the government only is needed to make a piece of paper or a bit of metal pass for its face value is by no means peculiar to the greenbackers.

CONFEDERATE CURRENCY.

We do not need to go so far back as the time of Marco Polo, however, in order to procure an illustration of inflated currency.

back came found victims in all parts of the south, men who claimed that the iron and copper coins were a curse for every political life.

CONTINENTAL CURRENCY. The idea that the stamp of the monarch or of the government can make money out of nothing is a notion as old as the hills.

WILD-CAT CURRENCY.

Everybody remembers what, in the slang of the time, were termed the "wild-cat" notes which were issued by the government.

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After which the bride commented on the lovely Lot of the Judge.

"Have you ever been married?" asked the judge, turning to the man.

A SINCERE INFLATIONIST.

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THE SOUTH SEA SCHEME.

While John Law was testing the value of credit in France a number of ingenuity were following in his footsteps in England.

good as gold, so long as you had faith, deposited in a carry-over scheme.

A MAGICIAN TURNS MEDIUM

His Method Undecodes the Victim of a Spiritualistic Promoter.

HOW THE TRICK WAS DONE

The Old Man's Eyes Opened by a Flashlight Photograph Which Revealed the Secret of the Séance.

Kellar, the celebrated magician, occasionally performs feats in a private way that are no more wonderful, perhaps, than his stage performances.

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brought back, with this answer: "Do so by all means."

Transported, overcome by this proof of the care and devotion of the spirits, the old man leaned heavily against the table.

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