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Deeply Disappointed.

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PRESENT MONTH IS A RECORD-BREAKER

People Have More Money Than Heretofore, Buy Much More Freely and Seldom Quibble Over Prices,

Those who have watched the trend of business affairs in Omaha during the last twelve months have frequently and freely expressed the opinion that the year 1859 would mark goods than during the past and all notice a year will show 25 per cent better. an important epoch in the commercial intergreat improvement in all lines of trade. ests of the city. All along they have contended that this year was to be a record-breaker and that upon the closing of the better than last year, especially in solid goods. books all the merchants would be able to to be looking for cheap articles but this show good balances on the right side of the year, to satisfy them. I must sell them ledger. solid or the heaviest plate.

During the early fall business in all lines was good, and as winter drew on it increased Company-We notice a great improvement rapidly in volume, scores of the houses being over the trade of former years. This year compelled to double their forces in order to trade started in much earlier and has con-handle the trade. The flood tide of the tinued to increase steadily. Again, as a has week when the holiday shopping was at the whole, business has been first class, its height. Cold weigher came on just at the much better than we anticipated. only downtown stores, but the streets as that business has been 50 per cent better well, have been crowded with people from than last year. Take it with stoves, skates

early morning until late at night. In order to ascertala what the merchants have been doing a large number of them customers have plenty of money and are have been interviewed, and the best idea of their prosperity and the general prosperity now prevailing over the country can be for complaint. Last year I did a big busigained by the statements that follow:

C. C. Belden of Thompson, Belden & Co., Dry Goods-The last year has been the best we have experienced since we located in People are all at work earning great deal of the cheaper grades. The Omaha. money, and spending it freely, not only in watch trade has been unusually large, while buying hollday goods, but more serviceable many diamonds and other stones have been articles to wear. People have bought better sold.

goods than ever before and more of them. We are well satisfied with the business of the year.

our trade during the last year has been much would stimulate the shoe business, not only better than ever before. During the holiday in shoe lines, but in all others. The holiseason it has been 33 1-3 per cent better day trade has been the best in years and than during the corresponding season of last with cold weather the boom would be suryear. Then, this year people have wanted prising. only the best, and frequently I have had

difficulty selling cheap goods. H. Hardy of the 99-Cent Store-I figure on a 33 1-3 per cent increase in trade as compared with 1898, and I thought that the big year. Trade started early and kept right on growing until the last few days, when we were nearly swamped. This year the best goods usual. sold first, contrary to the usual custom. In our wholesale department we had more business than we could handle. Everything is

a big demand for goods next holiday season. Clothing House-Business has been far ahead rounding towns. We laid in a heavy stock enters only at the dome; at night is brilhave it

A. B. McConnell of Sherman & McConnell, Druggists—The holiday season has been a record-breaker. We sold 20 per cent more goods than ever before. Of course we are outside of the drug trust, and I fancy this swered in this article, as on that point the swered in this article, as on that point the swered in this article, as on that point the A. B. McConnell of Sherman & McConnell, of it.

ALL REPORT HEAVY SALES take care of the trade. People are buying the year the business has been the best our as they never bought before, and at the house has ever had. Last year was a big ame time they seem to have money left, year, but the one just closing will exceed Verily, this is a season of prosperity, not it. Our holiday trade has been excellent only in Omaha, but in the whole country but it would have been better had there

tributary to the city. been more cold and sloppy weather. Still, Albert Edholm, Jeweler-I never saw any-thing like it before. My store is constantly Schmoller & Mueller, Planos and Musical rowded with customers and frequently I instruments-Last year was most prospercan't walt on the people. Gold watches are ous, but this one has been ever so much STORIES OF HIS PROWESS IN ATHLETICS sold almost by the dozen, and the sale of better. Trade has kept right up with the precious stones and fine jewelry has been times and at no period has there been a seyond precedent. With a year of such slump. Holiday trade has been far better susiness I could retire with enough to last than ever before since we have been in a lifetime.

business. Manager Shank of the Dowey & Stone Howe Shoe Company-During the last Furniture Company-The whole situation year a tendency to buy better goods than may be sized up in one word, "Good," No ever before has been manifested. City peomerchant in Omaha has any right to com- ple have been good buyers and the country plain. Not only the city, but the country trade has been the best we have ever had. trade as well, has been the best in years. We did a big business during the year of We all feel an increased demand for better the Transmissiesippi Exposition, but this

GENERAL WALLACE'S STUDIO. Henry Copley, Jeweiry-Business is much

A Beautiful Big Workshop, Furnished Last year many customers seemed in Oriental Style. The most beautiful author's studio in the

world has just been completed by General Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," at Craw-Manager Stoll of the Megeath Stationery fordsville, Ind., reports the St. Louis Globe- lives fully four miles from the nearest rail- literary work is done about "Undershaw" his business, however, was reached during the rule, people buy more expensive goods. On erection of his palatial workshop. Its style tica, pure Greek; the body of the building, Romanesque design. Rose-colored vitrified

and numerous other articles, 1 have been unable to keep a supply on hand. All my

buying much more freely than before. A. Mandleberg, Jewelry-I have no cause ness, but this year it has been better. People seem to want only the best jewelry, whereas in other years they have bought :

Colder Weather Desired.

Robert Rosenzweig of the Drexel Shoe Company-Our trade has been fully up to Mrs. J. Benson, Dry Goods-I figure that expectations, but a little snow just now

T. J. Rogers of Milton Rogers & Sons. Hardware-Our business has been all we brick and stone are the materials from which could desire. Of course there has been no the walls are built. The structure stands boom, but during the entire year there has in the center of the wooded grounds surbeen a steady and healthy increase, as com- rounding the author's home at Crawfordspared with 1898. For the holidays people ville.

Holliday & Mawhinney, Jewelers-We have and an Oriental mosque. The interior is one had a fine trade, not only during the holiday great room, with the exception of an encleaned out, which means that there will be season, but throughout the entire fall. The trance corridor and a mechanical apartment trade from the city has been unusually in the rear. The immense study .vom is S. Gamble, Manager of the Continental heavy and good from the country and sur- flooded by day with mellow light, which

been steadily increasing. From morning

WHERE CONAN DOYLE LIVES found about the house. Even his library household. There are no traits which prom-Home and Workshop of the Creator of

"Sherlock Holmes." being entertained. The doctor is a member of both at home and on his travels except one of the best amateur cricket teams in the when he visited the Stater in 1895. The

Where the Noted Writer Obtained His Impressions and Literary Material-A Great Bellever in Fair Play.

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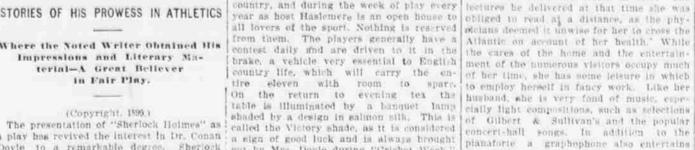
a play has revived the interest in Dr. Conan a sign of good luck and is always brought planaforte a graphephone also entertains Doyle to a remarkable degree. Sherlock Holmes is, unquestionably, the greatest de-Through its influence several trophics are tective in fiction, and his impersonation by supposed to have been won. The hosters is Mr. Gillett has set the critics to thinking as onthusiastic as her husband over the again about Dr. Doyle's newer work and his sport, and if necessary to afford room, will work ways. I had the pleasure of visiting Doyle recently in his English home. to remain until the guests have departed. As He is as far removed from civilization as is the cricket season occupies nearly two Kipling in his home at Rottingdean. He months, it may be surmised that very little

read-at Hindhead. It is one of the charm- until its close or between spring and autumn. Democrat, For the past three road-at Hindhead. It is one of the charm- until its close or between spring and autumn, years General Wallace has found ing English residence towns free from mest. In addition to cricket, however, a spring recreation in superintending the of the unpleasant features of city life, yet trap and the fragments of numerous clay with urban advantages. A person of means pigeous scattered about the grounds attest of architecture is a combination. The por-tica, pure Greek; the budy of the building, city existence should feel satisfied in this in the stable include two fine saddle mares, city existence should feel satisfied in this in the stable include two fine saddle mares, right time and during the last ten deys not A. Raymer, Hardware-It is safe to say Hyzantine, with copper roof; the towers, of part of the queen's domain unless over fastidious. Along the range of hills can be found the side of the house is a grass tennis court position and is a great pet with the chil- ward. "I had my money on Sullivan, and bearing the indications of frequent usage, the homes of some of England's most noted

inclined.

MAD CONAN DOYLE

Tennyson lived here. Prof. Tyndall was



Undershaw

s made the receptacle for cricket and tennis | mently distinguish Mrs. Doyle from other kits, and guns and trout tackle are spread all women in her rank of life. She is, naturally

over the place; for while the family at H nd- proud of her husband and as interested in

head is small, excluding the six setvants, his work as though she herself were per-

riends from London or nearby are generally forming it. She has been his companie

dren.

Just Like a Man.

Dr. Doyle's workshop is always ready with big follow was a slugger and a lighter from that apartment opposite the drawing room is given up to billiard and pool tables for indoor sport in inclement weather, although while the box of smoking mixtures always knucked out myself when his colors were the rain must fall fast or the snow be deep to keep the author-sportsman from enjoying some outdoor pastime if he feels thus descriptions have been written with that pipe

A Modern Home. probably never be known, but its appearance "Undershaw" is very much of today-like its hest. It cannot boast of anything indicates that it has done yeoman service. Considering his experience it is not historical, as it was built two years ago strange that the doctor has secured mate-

ial for such a variety of fiction-if it can be called fiction-which he has prepared. It scarcely seems credible that the same hand which detailed the career of an adventurer of the Richelieu regime, could with equal faithfulness, portray the lives of the miserly London merchant and his villainous sonin "The Firm of Girdlestone" but he has visited the most historic sections of France and no detail of scene which would assist in forming the plot of a story has escaped his notice. He is as familiar with the his and outs of the world's greatest city as though a lifelong resident, and has traversed about every part of England offering matter for his line of work. The time spent as a medical practitioner at Southsea and clocwhere gave him an additional fund to draw from, which the great majority of writers have never possessed. He can detail the work in hospitals and use casualties and crimes that came under his observation to strengthen his descriptions. Everyone at all familiar with the routine of a surgeon can appreciate the opportunities he has had to observe life from a point of view hidden to the Jayman. This has been the good fortune of Dr. Doyle, but he has abandoned

the use of the scalpel and phial except as and that the people are willing to let go green, or, as General Wallace expresses perhaps front veranda-for the house seems popular in Surrey. All of the decorations cmergencies require his skill in his own it, the color of the under side of an olive to have a front where the rear should beown

pareness of network with network and the land as y enough to accommodate a sofa and numerthough. No doad game sport would do -only those mouthy bruisers that have more wind than sand. After you're counted out the only way to do is to pick yourself. up and shake hands with the other feller, no matter how hard you'd like to paste him.

Has Trained Everything from a Henvyweight Pruiser to a Buil Pup and Always Dies Game Without Hollering. Next to G. M. Hitchcock himself, the

confusionist" most disappointed and who feels most keenly the sting of ingratitude by the appointment of Senator Allen is Ed. the family, and such melodies as "Way Rothery of this city, who prides himself Down Upon the Suwanee River" and with the honor of being the president of Sousa's marches are among the airs which the G. M. Hitchcock club. Rothery, who are received with greatest applause-so has trained and prepared everything for a much for the Anglo-American feeling at prize fight from a heavyweight pugilist down

One of the author's more faithful friends to a ten-pound bullterrier, has not yet fally recovered from the jar he experienced from and an important personage at his home is the bursting of the senatorial boom of his Row. He only exhibits his appreciation of favorite, whose detonation shook the cratwhat is done for him by showing his teeth while gladiator of the magic circle fairly or wagging his tail, but visitors prefer the off his pedals.

latter, as Row is a bull dog of high degree, "I was at the ringside when Corbett Jaw-He is as ugly as any similar member of the ered the plume of John L. Sullivan," said a big lump of it, too, and when I saw him go down in defeat I was all broke up. The

in abundance of paper, pens and pencils. Way back, and 1 felt as if I had been contains a good supply for the favorite lowered. But Hitchcock's defeat hit me just stumpy black pipe. How many thrilling as hard, not exactly in pocket, but it made me feel as if I was in the ring and some clenched between the author's teeth will one had shot one into my own solar plexes.

"Our man should have got the decision, cause Allen fouled him in entering the ring. He should have stayed back and let a democrat have a show. I thought we had it all framed up to win, and had we thought t necessary we might have done a good deal more plugging up rooters and packing the bleachers. As president of the Hitchcock club I trained our man for a twenty-round go, but had to give some time to my saloon just to keep the constituency properly luiricated. I thought it was all one way, just like a prize bullterrier fighting an eight-ounce rat.

All the Boys for Hitchcock.

"The boys who came into my place at any rate all shouted for Hitchcock; every one of them was for Hitchcock, and It looked as if he couldn't lose. You den't think they were giving it to me straight? Oh, sure they were! A few drinks loosens a man's tongue and he'll tell his real sentiments then much easier than when he thinks some one's trying to pump him, and they were all for Hitchcock, first, last and all the time.

"But it is all over and I suppose no use crying. We've got to take our medicine game. But I tell you we pretty near wore that governor out with lettere, telegrams and messengers. We thought we had him several times. It was only a chance blow anyhow that knocked us out at the critical moment. It was like a thusderbolt, and of rock and rye many of the boys shook



it, the color of the under eide of an olive

better goods than ever before, and there you that there is plenty of money in the country to the bookcases are finished in a silver on the mind at once. From his rear or the exterior is that of the modern villa so

of last year, and that comes pretty close to in anticipation of the holidays and did well. liant with a score of electric lamps of many also one of the Haselemere colony, living telling the whole story. We have had all The sale of diamonds and solid jewelry varieties. The celling of the dome is fres- next door to Dr. Doyle. The natural beau-

have bought liberally and better goods than It is nearly surrounded by a most and suggests simultaneously a mediaeval castle

the business we cared to handle. We sold has been something surprising, indicating coed in immitation of ivory, the walls down ties of the surroundings impress themselves

Dr.

while one of the largest rooms-in fact writers and scientists, past and present.

"bundle" the children off to some relative's

We have had had something to do with it. all we could attend to, employing twenty- until night the store is crowded with buyers ings, bits of statuary and Oriental relics inone clerks, working night and day. People Buy the Best.

we expected just such a trade and have not Joseph P. Frenzer, Jeweler-Trade has been far ahead of last year. People have been disappointed. At that time we laid bought only the finest goods. I make a in an enormous holiday stock, the bulk of which will be sold off before the first of specialty of diamonds and this year 1 have sold more stones than during any two pre- the year.

vious seasons-some of them the finest I S. W. Lindsay, Jeweler-This year people could buy. There is plenty of money in are seeking better goods than ever and night in winter. The basement comprises town and it is well distributed. paying little attention to cheap articles. One surprising thing is the quantity of H J. Penford of the Aloe & Penford Co .-Trade has been the best in many years, goods bought to be sent away as presents. in fact since I have been in business. We of course the Omaha people are buying ing friends. have sold an immense quantity of photomuch for their friends here, yet scarcely a day passes that large numbers do not buy after day, hard at work on a new novel, graphic supplies and then in the fancy goods costly articles to send to those in other line we have also done an immense business. Not only during the holiday season, states.

but throughout the entire year we have had J. C. Huteson, Optical Goods-My goods are not particularly fitted for holiday trade, eral. I found him in the studio sitting in quiver of the cyclids. Indoor and outdoor other reference books. all the trade we could handle, both wholesale and retail.

Kelly, Stiger & Co., Dry Goode-We have sold a better grade of goods than ever bechases; still, I have no reason to comfore, and more of them. In silks the trade plain. Sales of photographic goods have He was clad in a sack coat, with a helt has exceeded anything we ever predicted. been large and I am satisfied with the busi- hanging loose. He is ruddy and straight, a The holiday season has been a continuous ness transacted.

jam, the store being crowded from morn-Never Had a Better Trade ing until night. Take the year as a whole O. K. Scofield, Cloaks and Ladics' Furnit has been the most prosperous in our recishing Goods-We never had a better trade

ord. than during the last fall. Since the first of R. S. Wilcox, Manager for Browning, King the month we have had all we could handle. & Co .- Clothing trade has been 20 per cont We have sold more sealskins during the last better than last year, which we considered thirty days than during any previous three the big year. This year people want only months since locating in Omaha. In other the best goods, while in the past many lines the trade has been equally heavy and would put up with cheaper articles. Now, when we come to balance our books at the with money plenty, you can't sell cheap end of the year they will show up to our

clothing. Omaha is a good town, and this has entire satisfaction. been the best year since our company has Nebraska Clothing Company-Trade been in business here.

started in much earlier than last year and William Hayden of Hayden Bros, General has held right up. Even with the exposi-Merchandise-I cannot say what per cent our tion of last year we have done a much business has increased during the past year, better business this season. Our mail order but it has been better than ever. The business has nearly doubled and the house holiday season has broken all previous recsales have increased nearly as much. The ords and, during the past week, there have only trouble experienced has been in sebeen times when it was almost impossible to push through our store. All the people curing help, it being impossible to secure have had money and they have not hesitated enough competent clerks to handle the busito spend it, buying luxuries as well as ne-

B. Rosenthal of the People's Store-The cessities. situation can be sized up in a very few . A. Hospe, Planos and Music-Biggest trade in the history of cur business. Have words. People have confidence in existing sold more planes and music than during conditions and are spending money freely. any two years before. A little cold weather They are buying largely for themselves would be acceptable, but I am satisfied. In and they are also buying many costly presthe factory the men are working night and ents for those at home and abroad. In all day to get the work out. Last week my men lines trade has been enormous and indica- he sits in a reclining chair and writes on a put in sufficient extra time so that it netted tions are it will continue. I estimate our lapboard that rests on its arms. The surthem nine and one-half days holiday trade this season to be fully one- face of the apboard is covered with chambia

Rushed to Death.

third greater than last year. J. L. Brandeis & Sons-We have been rushed to death and have sold more g ods husiness is concerned it is the best in comfortable. during the last ten days than during any years. During this holiday season I have previous period of the same length of time sold an immense number of hats and the ing painting. On inquiry I learned it was a The driver, a heavily built man, had been since we have been in business. Elegant feature about the whole matter has been portrait of the sultan of Turkey, painted drinking until he was in an ugly mood. For goods are being sold and seldom do the that people have nearly always asked for by General Wallace himself after returning some reason he became angry with the hoy people hunt for anything cheap. We fiel the best in the house. I am not only per- from his frequent visits to "His Most Worsatisfied Omaha is in the most prospe ous feetly satisfied, but am predicting a big shipful Majesty" while ambassador of the condition and that the people all have trade for next year. money. The only trouble has been that Great Surprise.

we have not had the room or the help to take proper care of our trade.

C. W. Marton, of Morton & Sons-Hard- of the entire year, has been surprisingly great interest I studied the face, which was ware trade was a little slow in starting, but good. On the whole, business has been 20 sad, yst powerful and fascinating. The sul-it is in good shape now and has been for per cent beter than last year. There was a are trade was a fifthe slow in starting, but good. On the shan last year. There was a tan conceived an unparalleled regard for is in good shape now and has been for per cent better than last year. There was a General Wallace during the latter's four several weeks. While we do not carry a little full during October, but since then big line of holiday goods, we have had enor- we have been on the jump. December has years' stay in Constantinople. He would mous sales in all lines we handle. What is been the best month I have ever seen. Men sometimes send for the American author to more, we don't expect any letdown for a are buying better suits than ever before night to secure his opinion on some imlong time and few haggle over prices.

Fred Paffeurath, Manager for Nicoll the

C. H. Shaefer, the Druggist-Business was Robert Dempster, Photographic Goodsnever better than right at this time. I Business in both departments, wholesale expect it to continue so right along My and retail, has been all that could be destore is one outside of the trust and cons sired. During the last year we have done ently I do a big business, bulidays or no more business than during the same period living. holidays. True the holiday season gives hus- of any former year, while the holiday trade inces a sport, but then it is good all the has been what might be considered phe-

time and has been during the whole year nomenal. The camera people have bought his auccess. In answer he said W. R. Bennett Everything is rushing and liberally. People seem to have confidence ! It is shout all that we can do to keep up in business conditions and are showing their self with my own hand, not by means of a ished the joke conveyed in that religious title question, who has the rare faculty of making oided against her. put on extra clerks, and even now can hardly | T. B. Cartright shoe Company-During | To work I would add universal reading."

and, generally speaking, they take the best crease the artistic flavor of the room. Sevgoods that we have to offer. Last summer eral of the paintings are the product of his while from the English channel, but twenty own brush. In the center of the room stands a big mahogany table littered with letters, books and manuscript. Large and small rugs partially cover the cement floor.

The building is heated by a furnace in the basement, which is kept going day and several cemented damp proof rocius, instove for preparing hot collations to visit-In this structure sits General Wallace day

which he hopes will duplicate the success of 'Ben Hur.' The other morning I called upon the geneyes after they have made their other pur- ary work, near the huge open fireplace, the suppleness and agility of a youth in his dred books of poetry, history, travel, biog- the girls." and he welcomed me in his hearty fashion. teens.

picture of robust health, and yet is 72 years of age.

story of his working day as follows:

exercise for two hours. I walk or ride uct of a mind not enfeebled by over-exer- true personage or whether he was a mythhabit of taking regular exercise I attribute anced with the result that today he seems my good health. I eat just what I want, as capable of accomplishing as much in the

waking till morning. I usually retire at 9:30 and rise at 7:30, aiming to secure nine hours' today he is capable of enduring any amount

but never a cigarette. "The amount of work I produce in a day

cometimes 1.200 words. What 1 write today in the rough tomorrow morning I will reise, perhaps reducing it to twenty words, perhaps striking out all the day's work and beginning at the same point once more. That constitutes my second copy. When the proofs come from the publisher another revision takes place. It consists chiefly of condensation and expurgation

He never writes sitting at a table. Instead skin, which keeps the paper from slipping. C. H. Frederick, Hatter-So far as my In this manner General Wallace is always ting a little exercise to whet his appetite for breakfast, one of these carts came along.

United States at Constantinople. It is the so busily engaged that he did not know any-

Tailor-Not only the holiday trade, but that of likenesses of his sacred person. come to Yildiz palace in the middle of the

portant question. Sometimes he would have the general remain at the palace for a week at a time. Thus Mr. Wallace is probably more intimately acquainted with the up

When rising to leave I asked the general what, in a word, he considered the secret of

last romance. Numerous engravings, painthundred feet above the sea, it is high enough to get the invigorating air of such altitudes, miles away, comes the pleasant sea breeze. A glance at Doyle indicates how well this country is suited to his tastes and habits. He might be 45-he might be 40. It is hard

to say, as he stands over six feet, a fine specimen of the vigorous, hardy manhood : native to Great Britain. His strong, retolute features are tanned by exposure in the cluding wine cellar and a kitchen with a cricket field, on the tennis court and by sea- beauty.

ling a cricket bat in a decisive play or sight- necessary room for writing material, also

Vigorous Characters.

and, stopping his horse, began beating the

lad with the handle of his whip. He was

"The White Company," "Micah Clark" and ous and is principally for family reading.

In reply to questions, the general told the rugged manliness of the principal characters. Doyle's library is a bust of Sherlock Holmes. at work till noon. Resume about 1:30 p. m. the writer. Talk with him even for a half wonder of the English reading world. and leave my studio about 4 o'clock. I then hour and you realize that they are the prod- has been questioned whether Holmes was a

I lie down and sleep like a child, never once -and perhaps more. He has built up his constitution so that

sleep. I smoke at pleasure, a pipe or cigar, of fatigue without being the worse for it. The four miles from Hindhead to Halusmere

varies greatly. Sometimes I write 400 and his figure is famillar to the country folk. Naturally of a peaceful disposition the

On the wall of the studio I noticed a strik-

only accurate portrait of the sultan extant, one else was interested until a hand grasped tress of Undershaw is truly what one im-"It's no business of such gentry as you

holder of the crescent than any foreigner

"Work! and as an author, the doing it my-

ous chairs. A generous fireplace as to size author's lips are sealed. The success of his suggests to the attractiveness of this part play, "Hayes," in London theaters may decide him to soon complete another or he may of the home during the long cold evenings of winter and as a gathering place for the produce a new creation in fiction.

QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

dining room. Probably the good wife selected In Japan there is a proverb among the for the author the location of the library, which is one of the pleasantest in the house. medical fraternity that "when the twin en-From it he can look away down the valle emies, disease and poverty, invade a home, with its ever varying hues upon a picture that he who takes aught from that home. which nothing enters to mar its peaceful even though it be given him, is a robber. Near at hand he can see his own Accordingly no doctor ever thinks of asking in the ring and my experience with prize son after season of bird and rabbit shooting. grounds partly level and partly hillside, the a poor patient for a fee. It can be seen at once that he needs no latter covered with gorse and heather and

tonics for nervousness or dyspepsia. Appar- alive with rabbits. The long writing table "By a misplaced comma," says the Kan ently he has no nerves, for whether hand- of oak, upholstered in leather, contains the sas City Journal, "a paper in Greeley

county raised a dickens of a row. It said ing his gun in a supreme moment, one can- for a box of tobacco and an assortment of 'Two young men from Leoti went with not trace a tremor of the muscles or a pipes, as well as a dictionary and one or two their girls to Tribune to attend the teachtwo ers' institute, and as soon as they left, the Each of the as people usually look to the care of their an armchair, in which he does all his liter. exercise have given him muscles of stel and cases against the wall holds perhaps a hun- girla got drunk.' The comma belonged after

raphy and fiction, including several of his

family and friends. Opening into it are the

billiard room, drawing room, library and

own works, also an elaborate edition of A young lady from interior Kansas who As one turns the pages of such books as Scott. But the selection is very miscellanewas taking the examination for the position of teacher, answered the question; "What "Brigadier Gerard" he is struck with the Perhaps the most notable feature of Dr. is your position upon whipping children?" as follows: "My usual position is on a while throughout each work a tone of vigor the detective whose marvelous performances chair with the school child held firmly "I begin to write at about 9 a. m. Keep and virility prevails which is original with as depicted by the author have been the across my knees, face down." She lost the It school but was married last week.

horseback, according to the weather. When tion, but nourished and strengthenel from conjured up to play his part in the novelist's C. Morris of Pitasfield, Mass., brings suit it rains 1 put on a pair of heavy boots and a superb system. In a word, he has not de-trudge five to seven miles across the coun- veloped his menial faculties at the expense Four," etc. It was well known that Arms company for the loss of two fingers try. I usually ride a dozen miles. To this of the others, but has kept both well bal- Holmes' friend, "Dr. Watson," was none of her left hand while operating one of the other than the author, but the identity of company's machines, is that before the ac-Holmes himself was questioned. The writer cident she was an accomplished plana player and as much as I want. When night comes literary field as he has already accomplished can positively state that he did exist, al- and thus met many people socially and that though the name of Holmes was naturally now being debarred from such opportunities fictitious. The man, whose right name was her chances of meeting anyone suitable for Dr. Belden, was a Scotchman residing in a husband will be very much less.

Edinburgh. His study of human nature led Miss Saber Rouse of Cherokee county him to play the part of detective and he

met with success in hunting down several Kansas, was run over by a railroad train is a short walk for him and many times a noted criminals who had eluded the pro- fifteen years ago, when she was only 2 years fessional detective force of the kingdom. Dr. old, and thereby lost a leg. Now her father for ten miles around knows him by sight, for Lioyle chanced to make his acquaintance and has just brought suit for \$30,000. It may an intimacy sprang up between the two men be that the plaintiff is at last convinced most of the trades.

which resulted in the production of the that the leg will not grow again, but the author is not to be trifled with any more "detective storice" which have been so inter- tardiness in bringing action would seem to labor in that state has of late made considthan some of the characters in his writings, esting because the reader was forced by the circumvent the recent ruling of a court that erable progress. The effect of the eight He is a great believer in fair play, and on narration to believe that they were true. more than one occasion has stend up for The famous character was a man of medium the weaker man in trouble to the cost of his height, and though delicate in appearance because of the uncertainty attending the maturing of the injured. mere of a little adventure in which he took Americans would call a "dead" shot with a

part at Southsea, near Portsmouth, his revolver, and the knowledge of his skill former home. Many of the cart drivers at among the criminal classes undoubtedly Southsea have boys to help deliver their saved his life on several occasions when loads. One morning as the doctor was get- tracing out the perpetrators of crimes. Evidences of Woman's Presence. Throughout the home the evidences

woman's presence are numerous-in the dainty rosettes and other ornaments on the furniture, in the tasteful arrangement of the draperies in the apartments, in the touches here and there to convert the commonplacinto the ornamental-all indications of wagging of the head "Wait till I get at him by the shoulder and pulled him headlong agines after seeing her handiwork. She is where they will have to fight it out with With into the street. "I think you've done about decidedly petite in contrast to her hig ath- the child wife and daughter.

letic husband, and her delicate appearance s an indication of her health. For years A curious lawsuit which grew out of the to interfere when the young rascal needs a she has suffered from weak lungs. The cli- purchase of a piano has just been adjudimate of the greater part of Britain is not cated in Providence, R. J. The buyer of struggled to his feet, drew back his weip to helpful to pulmonary troubles, and the doc- the instrument ordered it delivered at her strike the newcomer. The doctor's right fist tor has taken his wife to various places on residence, but when it arrived there it could landed on his face and he went down like the continent recommended by specialists not be carried through the door. The wina log. When he appes it was to apologize. The south of France has been as dow asster were then taken out, but in in the Bulletin, along with a summary of The fight had been, to use a slang phrase, beneficial as elsewhere, but has not vain, and it was beat decideed to remove the court's proceedings in the Carlin case. entirely relieved her. Through friends the They call him "Kenn'n Doyle" in the author heard of the Haslemere valley, with unwilling to hear the expense of that opera- the new movement initiated in Broome neighborhood. The word "Conan" acems to its combination of sea and mountain air. be difficult to use and is so commonly mis- with the result that his wife has found at result the instrument was taken back to of trade unionism. Ten local unions had pronounced and misspelled, as the writer has last a place which affords her permanent reindicated, that at the time of his visit he saw lief, while it is especially suited to his taste a box from London directed to "Mr. Canon and mode of life. Her fliness has not in of the dealers to comply with her request union label adopted and an international Doyle, Hindhead," and prohably no one rel- any way affected the sairits of the lady in those who cross its threshold feel that a

| But little sign of literary work is to be least for the time they are a part of the Drink Old Quaker Rye. Soft and mellow, body.

"But I am still president of the G. M Hitchcock club and don't you forgot it And the next time we put our man in the ring he'll be able to go to a finish at eatch weights and bare knuckles. If he don't it won't be my fault, because during my carcer fighters, two-feeted and four-feeted, I've always kept grooming them until they won to ----d t cau't and why I should throw up the sponge this time. d'in no quitter and if there are any more 'stings of ingratitude running around we'll catch 'em and cut

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their claws before time's called."

Present Condition of Organized Labor in the Empire State.

The December bulletin issued by the bureau of labor statistics of New York state, comprising returns for the months of July, August and September, show a marked in crease in membership of labor organization and a reduced percentage of idlences. There were 1,320 trade unions in the state on Sepember 30, 1899, as compared with 1,087 on One of the grounds on which Miss Lillian the same duy of 1898; and the membership increased from 171,067 to 209,120, which is the largest number yet recorder by the bureau. During the quarter the number of

members idle was 4,788, or 2.3 per cent of the membership, • compared with 9,724, or 5.7 per cent in 1898, and 6.5 per cent in 1897. A still larger decrease was manifest in the number unemployed at the end of the quar-| fcr, the aggregate number being only 9,599, or 4.7 per cent of the membership, as com-

pared with 10.3 per cent at the end of September in 1898, and 13.8 per cent at the end of September in 1897. Even so late as June 30 of the present year the precentage of idleness was 10.7. The diminished idleness is accompanied with increased earnings in

The movement for shortening the hours of damages in any large amount for injury to hour law of 1859 upon public employment a child of tender years are not collectible either direct or through the medium of the tember bulletin. In the present issue ap pears an article on the movement for a

John Balle, a recent arrival in New York Saturday half-holiday in New York City from Europe, comes with his mother-in-law, where nearly 20,000 members of labor organwith whom he cloped after quickly tiring of izations have obtained the half holiday since his 14-year-old wife. Mr. Bally has thus last spring without a reduction of the weekly furnished a situation as yet untried by the wages. The trades thus successful were prin dramatists, besides confounding the humor- cipally the carpenters and ailled trades peoists, and still he is not huppy. When the ple-stair builders, cabinet workers, the lay mother-in-law was put in the detention ers, etc. The federal eight-hour law, en pen for women immigrants, and thus sepa- acted in 1892, has remained more or less of rated from Balle, she said, with an ominous a dead letter, so far as contract work was concerned, until this year. On the 21st of him." Balle is 35 years old and the woman November in the United States district court at Baltimore a firm of contractors on the new naval academy buildings at Annapolis was fined \$500 for permitting one of their employes to work more than the statutory

eight hours on July 2, 1899. The same firm was fined the nominal sum of \$10 for a technical violation of the law on another occasion. The precedent ostablished in the decision of the Baltimore court promises to be of such importance as to warrant the tion, and so was the purchaser, and as a county to bring the farmers within the ranks the plano rooms, and the woman demanded been formed up to the 10th of December, with she entered suit and the case has been de- union organized, which sent delegates to the Detroit convention of the American Federation of Labor to seek affiliation with that