Bibliotheca Cambrensis

American Agents' Advertiser

continued as

The Holiday Advertiser

continued as

American Agents' Advertiser

continued as

The Advertiser

Crawford 1995

American Agents' Advertiser

ACTIVE, AMBITIOUS, ADVANCING.

VOL. I. SMYRNA, N. Y., JUNE 15, 1890. NO. 1.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Hard rubber (ebonite) was invented in 1849 by C. Goodyear.

The heaviest gun weighs 135 tons, is 40 feet long and 6½ in diameter, and will shoot ten miles. It is in Russia, made by Krupp.

Congress appropriates annually the sum of $8000 for White House stationery, telegrams, books and other such contingent expenses.

The largest body of fresh water in the world is Lake Victoria Nyanza, in Africa, which has an area of 40,000 square miles. The area of Lake Superior is 32,000 square miles.

In making soundings for the new railroad bridge at Astor, Fla., the engineers struck an artesian flow of sulphur water in midstream. It comes from a depth of fifty feet and is quite a curiosity.

The great Chinese wall was built in 215 B. C. It is built of blue brick, is fifty feet wide, thirty feet high and 1500 miles long. The modern Chinese wall is the great American protective tariff.

The uncovering of ancient Rome during the last few years has yielded no relics confirming the theory that a prehistoric people lived on the site of the city long before the days of Romulus.

Sitka, Alaska, is one of the rainiest places in the world outside of the tropics. The annual precipitation is from sixty-five to ninety inches. The number of rainy days per year is from 200 to 285.

A man who was arrested in London for intoxication gave his occupation as that of a worm-eater. When pressed for an explanation he said that he was employed by a furniture manufacturer to fire shot at furniture so as to give to it a worm-eaten appearance.

One of the annual frequenters of Casco Bay, Fla., is a monster whale that plays in its waters every summer, and has been named "Old Creedmoor," from the fact that military companies on excursions down the bay have often used his black sides as a target.

The cane recently presented to President Harrison by Colonel A. L. Snowden, Minister to Greece, was made from the oaken yoke that held the bell on Independence Hall in 1776. The gold cap on the end of the stick is inscribed with a brief history of it.

The greatest ascertained depth of the ocean is midway between the island of Tristan d'Acunha and the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. The bottom was there found to be 8¾ miles below the surface. South of the Bermuda Islands a depth of 6½ miles has been found.

Near Boston, Ga., there lives an extensive family by the name of Groover. One peculiarity about them is their intermarriage. Within a radius of five miles there reside seven separate families, and each head of the family married a lady of the same name, and the kinship of none run lower than third cousin.

The small letter "i" was formerly written without the dot over it. The dot was introduced in the fourteenth century to distinguish "i" from "e" in hasty and indistinct writing. The letter "i" was originally used where "j" is now employed, the distinction between the two having been introduced by the Dutch writers in comparative modern times. The "j" was dotted because the "i," from which it is derived, is written with a dot.

The Gamelle.

There is a kind of tin mug called the gamelle, in which the French soldier receives his rations, and which he carries on his knapsack. The form is a little peculiar, so as to distinguish it from other ordinary tin mugs. A simple implement which, carried on the backs of French soldiers, has marched so often to victory, and of late to defeat, has at last received its reward in its glorification. When the young Duke of Orleans came before the court, and exclaimed "I ask for nothing but a gamelle," meaning nothing but the treatment of a common soldier, the public readily seized upon the emblem. Scarcely three days had elapsed before a great jeweler of the Rue de la Paix had hundreds of "tin mugs" in silver, gold and jewels, as pins and badges, which sold immediately as the "tin mug" of Orleans," and were worn all over Paris. A popular florist designed a vase in the shape of the "tin mug," and presented the first specimen to the Prince, who sent it to his bride, Margaret de Chartres, filled with roses and lilies of the valley. A restaurateur originated a gamelle as a soup dish, and sent it to the noble prisoner full of bouillon. But this was not permitted within the prison. In the meanwhile, all Paris is sporting the soldier's tin mug in the tricolor, and the young Duke has left a fashionable ornament to remember him by.—*The Ledger.*

A Musical Tree.

Accounts of reliable travelers describe a musical tree, found both in the West Indies and in Nubia. This vegetable phenomenon has a peculiar shaped leaf, and pods with a split or open edge. As the wind blows through these it gives out the sound which gives the tree its peculiar name. In the Barbadoes there is a valley filled with these trees, and when the wind blows across the island, a constant moaning, deep-toned whistle is heard, which, in the still hours of the night, has a weird and mournful effect.

A species of acacia, which grows very abundant in Nubia and the Soudan, is also called "whistling tree" by the natives. Its shoots are frequently, by the agency of the larvæ of insects, distorted in shape and swollen into a globular bladder from one to two inches in diameter. After the insect has emerged from a circular hole in the side of this swelling, the opening, played upon by the wind, becomes a musical instrument, nearly equal in sound to a sweet-toned flute.

A Coal Oil Magnate's Millions.

John Rockefeller was once a newspaper reporter, and less than two decades ago was a business man of only moderate means in Cleveland, Ohio. His attention was attracted to the opportunities for making money in the handling and refining of the product of the Pennsylvania oil fields. He started a comparatively small refinery, and from that grew the most powerful monopoly on earth—the Standard Oil Trust. How rapidly the Standard has grown is shown by the fact that in 1880 its capital was only $3,000,000, whereas it is now $90,000,000. The par value of the stock is $100 per share, but it is quoted at $170. It pays dividends amounting to ten per cent. per annum. Rockefeller owns more than a majority of the stock, so that something like $100,000,000 of his fortune is represented in the trust. He also has extensive natural gas interests in Ohio, and in addition is a large owner of Government bonds and the securities of railroads and other corporations.—*Chicago Herald.*

Habits of Frogs.

The owner of a frog farm near Menasha, Wis., gives some interesting facts relative to the frog's habits. In ninety-one days the eggs hatch. The thirty-ninth day the little animals begin to have motion. In a few days they assume the tadpole form. When ninety-two days old, two small feet are seen beginning to sprout near the tail, and the head appears to be separate from the body. In five days after this they refuse all vegetable food. Soon thereafter the animal assumes a perfect form.

Metropolis of an Extinct Race.

Rev. A. N. Somers, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., who is a noted archæologist and an expert on the work of the mound builders, has discovered that the little village Aztalan, Wis., is built upon the ruins of a city which was once evidently the capital of a vast region held by the mound builders. By recent excavations Mr. Somers finds that four cities have existed in the same place, one built upon the ruins of another.

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

Must prayer be voiced in glowing words
To make it worthy of the ear
Which hears the symphonies of worlds
That roll majestic in their sphere?
The humblest cry
Will reach the heart of love on high

A little waif, whose few brief years
Had brought him naught of home or love,
In struggling with the new-born thought
Of Father and a home above,
Was taught to pray,
For what he needed every day.

The alphabet was all his store
Of learning from the mystic page.
Most marvelous it seemed to him,
Could not these letters best engage
God's ear on high
To listen to a poor boy's cry?

Away from busy haunt of men
The little fellow stole away;
And, kneeling down beside a hedge,
With folded hands began to pray:
"A, B, C, D
(I b'lieve the Lord's a-hearing me).

"E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L,"
Still prayed the eager, reverent voice,
When, through a parting in the hedge
A passer by, drawn by the noise,
Peered curiously
To see a child on bended knee.

"M, N, O, P"—The prayer was stopped.
"Why, boy, what means this silly stuff?"
"I'm praying to God. He knows I want
A heap o' things. He's smart enough
To spell it through,
Though I can't tell Him what to do."

Sweet, simple child! His trusting faith
Had safely taught him how to pray;
And needs were wings which swiftly bore
His message to the throne away.
In heaven 'twas heard—
"E'en as your faith," so says the Word.
—[Alice Armstrong, in Frank Leslie's.

HER LAST ROMANCE.

BY EVELYN THORP.

"You are too romantic," said Amina.

Mrs. Merriweather turned her face upon her.

"Whnt did you say, Amina?"

"I said you were too romantic," repeated Amina, with almost sullen deliberation.

Amina was the daughter of a defunct Italian fiddler—a wild-eyed, erratic dreamer, who had drifted to these shores and for a few years kept the red-eyed hunger-wolf from the door by playing in the orchestra of the opera. There was nothing that Amina did not owe to Mrs. Merriweather. It was the rich widow who had gathered her in and given her a home.

Mrs. Merriweather stood before her and in the abrupt arresting of her movements all the tinkling bangles on her wrists gave tongue. Mrs. Merriweather was fond of baugles and pendants and tinkling cymbals. She looked very stately in her dignified pose and scarcely more than thirty-five.

"It seems to me," she enunciated, with disarming gentleness, "that I hardly merit abuse at your hands, Amina."

Amina saw through her protectress as though she had been glass. But what had that to do with it? She felt convicted of felonious ingratitude.

She suddenly flung herself out of her chair and down on the floor at Mrs. Merriweather's knees. She kissed the rustling, be-jetted gown fiercely.

"Oh, don't mind what I say. I'm a wretch! You've been an angel to me and I'm unworthy as any viper!"

Mrs. Merriweather smiled benignly. Such scenes were not new. Upon the whole, it was not unpleasant to have this half-indignant, half-protecting austerity close to one. It made one feel young—almost girlish! And the alternations of passionate, adoring fealty were pleasant also. They gave color to daily life.

Mrs. Merriweather's smile curved into a youthful archness.

"You love me so much and yet you don't seem to think that others could love me."

Amina was on her feet again, serious and almost sullen, as before.

"Mr. Pallatine is young. I don't think he is more than thirty," she said.

This, indeed, was venturing much.

Mrs. Merriweather drew herself up again, and this time there was no doubt about the steely point in her eyes.

"Mr. Pallatine is poor and a gentleman. That means that he has tastes which he cannot satisfy. To go about giving readings—gifted and fastidious as he is—cannot be wholly agreeable."

"I should think it might be more agreeable than being patronized by fine ladies," supplemented Amina.

"Decidedly," said Mrs. Merriweather, sweeping from the room, "you forget yourself to-day."

Amina sat down by the window with her hands in her lap. A wretch! Of course she was a wretch! Why had she not been left to starve by the stark body of her dead father in that bare room long ago?

That evening Egbert Pallatine, reading "Ulf in Ireland," at Mrs. Van Hooker's reception, was conscious of Mrs. Merriweather's fascinated eyes hanging on his face.

One hour later, when the recitations were over and some music to which people had listened with a patient resignation had been performed, he found himself in the midst of a push for the supper room, close to the widow's perfumed pink brocade and elaborate blond head.

He offered his arm and Mrs. Merriweather rustled along beside him, showing all her wholesome white teeth and chattering graciously.

"I am desperately hungry," she declared, "and when you have attended to me in that way you will have to attend to me in another way also. This affair to-night has given me an idea."

Pallatine wheeled rather wearily. When he had returned with some salad and fricasseed oysters and croquettes and sandwiches on a plate, and stood before the widow, she proceeded.

"I shall have some tableaux at my house. And they shall be described, as it were, by recitations. You will do the recitations and you will give me the benefit of your ideas as you think could be fittingly illustrated by tableaux vivants. There! Will not that be a new idea? I want something that has not been done before. We must begin preparations at once."

When they got back to the drawing-rooms a move was being made by the younger people to break into dancing. Pallatine, having in some way become free again, made his way to where Amina sat, for the time, alone against the wall.

"Arent't you going to dance?" he said, looking at her as he dropped into a seat beside her. She wore a gown of dark red crepe, almost high in the neck, and her small olive-tinted head, with the knot of waving black hair, looked like a cameo. Mrs. Merriweather, who had regained her good humor long before the evening, had urged Amina to wear something a little more youthful.

"You look so prim," had said the widow, gazing, not without complacency, at the vision of robust beauty thrown back by the long mirror, as her maid gave a deft touch here and there to the bodice of the pink brocade.

"I don't care about dancing," was Amina's reply to Pallatine's remark. "I don't care for this sort of thing, anyway. Only Mrs. Merriweather is good enough to bring me. She is always good. If I were better myself, I suppose I should enjoy it more."

"Why don't you enjoy it?" Pallatine's eyes had grown as serious as her own. He had abruptly awakened to the fact of how profoundly bored he had been all the evening. He had not before felt so rested and comfortable as sitting by the side of this solemn little girl who took so determinedly the air of a dependent.

"Because I was not made for it, I suppose."

"Well," Pallatine's voice sank unconsciously, "perhaps I was not, either."

"But your family used to be very gay and rich and fashionable, used it not? That makes a difference. You wouldn't naturally feel willing to give it all up now. It's only fair to take that into account."

Pallatine brought his fine eyes around upon her. What an extraordinary little girl! What could she mean?

* * * * * * *

Mr. Pallatine was coming into the house constantly now to direct the arrangements for Mrs. Merriweather's great entertainment—for as Mrs. Merriweather said, what was there with his astonishing artistic taste that he could not do?—and Mrs. Merriweather had never been more gorgeous at all seasons in her dress, had never had her complexion put on more delicately, more carefully and more with the illusion of nature. Next to her Amina crawled about the rooms and halls like a little brown mouse.

"I don't see why you can't at least be Elaine to my Guinevere," Mrs. Merriweather said complainingly to the girl. "Then if we could only have had Mr. Pallatine for Launcelot it would have been perfect! He would make such a handsome Launcelot! He is so dark and knightly looking." Mrs. Merriweather's blue eyes were soft. She gave a litttle sigh. "But, of course, as he is to read that portion of the poem when the curtain rises to show a tableau of the barge and courtiers of Arthur assembled, he can't be Launcelot too. But I repeat

that you might be Elaine, Amina."

"Do I look like the Lily Maid of Ascolat?" cried Amina, flashing suddenly her berry-brown face with a bitter gleam in the eyes of her protectress.

"A wig and blanc de theatre would make you do," said Mrs. Merriweather.

But after all Amina held good and another Elaine was chosen. Mrs. Merriweather would have liked well enough to be the Lily Maid herself. But she could not be that and the beautiful guilty Queen too. And Guinevere, of the two roles, was the stronger attraction.

When the great night came Mrs. Merriweather's magnificent drawing-room was crowded to suffocation.

"Absurd to wear a decent gown in such a crowd as this!" buzzed one lady to another.

"But then, my dear, this is an especial occasion! A sort of public proclamation of coming events—eh?"

The first lady tittered behind her fan.

"Actually it would seem so! You notice that the young man has a very prominent place in the entire affair! Good heavens, how old do you think Molly Merriweather really is?"

"To be charitable—forty-five."

"Oh, my dear! Say forty-eight! Well, he is a handsome fellow. And romance was always poor Molly's weakness."

On the improvised platform meanwhile, behind the lowered curtain, a wild scene was enacting. A rumble of crazy conversation arose from the ladies' dressing-room, like the tumult of the sea when all its waves murmur together.

"How resolutely you have kept out of this whole thing," said Egbert Pallatine abruptly to Amina. He found himself for the moment standing alone with her—both of them isolated in the vortex of the confusion.

"No. But I could do more by helping than by being in the tableaux myself," she said coldly, and hastened away with her hands full of pins and draperies. A moment later she returned to find the young man standing motionlessly in the same place.

"Mrs. Merriweather is dressed for the first tableau and wishes you to see whether there are any suggestions to make."

She spoke without looking at him, and the next instant she was bending to adjust a fold in the widow's costume.

The latter stood before the young man and challenged him to admiration with every inch of her resplendent presence. She was a gleam of jewels and priceless stuffs and red lips. She was undeniably handsome. She looked fifteen years younger than her age and the artist in Pallatine did homage to the consummate cleverness of the whole production.

"Perfect," he said, bowing low. The "Elaine" tableau came first. This was really a regal Guinevere. A flutter rose in Mrs. Merriweather's throat. The excitement half carried her a little out of herself.

"Had you been Launcelot," she murmured, with softened eyes, "it might have been perfect, indeed!"

And she held out her hand toward him.

The curtain went up in a moment, and Pallatine began his reading in a whirl. He scarcely heard his own words. When the curtain had gone down again amid a burst of applause, hiding the reader and the illustrative tableau alike from view, he withdrew into a corner and tried, with all the renewed confusion around him, to collect his thoughts. Great heaven! He did not wish to be a coxcomb, but what was this? Could it be—! Was this where he had been drifting, with his frequent visits to this house, his tolerance of the great lady's patronage? It seemed impossible, and yet— Merciful powers! He remembered Mrs. Merriweather's look, her extended hand, and a chill ran down his spine. Had the little Italian girl seen them? She had moved away as soon as he approached Mrs. Merriweather. And yet, how could he tell? His cheek tingled. If she had surmised anything of this sort it would account for the coldness, the contempt almost, with which she had seemed to treat him in these weeks he had been coming here. A poverty-stricken reader ingratiating himself into the favors of an elderly widow of wealth and standing with visions of a matrimonial denouement—that was how he must have appeared to her. Faugh! The thought sickened him.

He went through the rest of the programme automatically. He was seized with a wild desire to get away. And yet his eye watched for Amina constantly. Just before the last tableau he caught sight of her standing on a chair and nailing up some bit of drapery for the scenery.

He found himself the next instant beside her and looked up, with a sort of desperation, into her pale face. Her lips were tightly set. Some hidden emotion seemed to communicate itself from him to her, from her to him. He longed to explain to her; to tell—

His voice came thickly and all he found to say was: "I am afraid the chair is not steady. You will fall."

"Oh, no," she said in turn. But was it his close presence that made her fingers less sure? One end of the heavy drapery slipped from her grasp, and, as she made a movement to recover it, the chair tipped, and her light weight slid downwards into his arms.

It was a tremendous revelation to both of them. Their faces were white, and their eyes glowed.

"Let me go," whispered Amina, fighting for self-control.

"I love you," Egbert kept repeating. "I love you very much, Amina. You must believe me. That is why I have been coming here—though I did not know it myself."

It had all been the affair of a moment. A high card-board wing had screened them from view. But in the interstice of it Mrs. Merriweather had suddenly appeared. The three stood looking at each other; then a youth, wild with haste and excitement under his paint and wig, rushed frantically toward them and, dragging the fallen drapery out of sight, told them the curtain was about to rise.

* * * * * *

Mrs. Merriweather's boudoir was darkened, and an odor of cologne and vinaigre de toilette pervaded it. She herself lay on a lounge in a deshabille of the highest art design and with one hand, sparkling with rings, veiling her eyes.

A light tap at the door was followed by the entrance of Amina. She had, at length, been sent for and she appeared, like a culprit, with downcast eyes.

It was a dramatic moment, and Mrs. Merriweather would not have been Mrs. Merriweather had she not felt the thrill of the occasion.

"So," she began, "you have deceived me—both of you—"

But at this Amina unexpectedly rallied.

"Deceived you—no! I know now that Mr. Pallatine loves me and that I have loved him all along! But there was no deception. I owe you everything, and if you say that I must give him up I shall do so at once and forever. That I can do. But I cannot make him unlove me or love you instead if he has not done so already."

Mrs. Merriweather said not a word; and suddenly Amina threw herself down before the lounge and kissed the high art deshabille passionately.

"You are the kindest-hearted creature in all the world," she cried, "and when you are anything else you do yourself injustice! I know you will let us be happy still! Think of what you have! You can even pick up such waifs as I am and give them the greatest joy in life. But by ourselves we two have nothing—nothing but each other. Oh, be generous to us! You could not help being generous if you tried!

* * * * * * *

It must be that Amina was right. For, after all, she and Egbert Pallatine were married not long after. The bride's trousseau was as complete as though she had been an heiress of untold means.

Mrs. Merriweather wears black a great deal now and a pensive smile. Both become her, and it is possible that she is conscious of the fact. In any case, she does not appear deeply unhappy.—[New York Mercury.

Where Camphor Comes From.

The greater part of the camphor in commerce is the product of the camphor tree, a native of China, Japan, Formosa, and Cochin China. It has also been introduced into Java and the West Indies, although with but partial success. The tree is of considerable height, with evergreen leaves and yellowish-white flowers. It is imported to this country in a crude state in large leaden-lined tubs, tightly sealed, and is refined by sublimation. There are only three refineries in the United States, all of which are in the East. All of the camphor used at present in America is prepared in these three refineries. An American firm, however, has recently sent a machine to Japan for the purpose of refining the camphor where it is grown, prior to exportation. It is said that it expects to make money by this means, despite the duty, as the loss on refined camphor by evaporation is less than on the crude camphor. Druggists also say that the machines in use in America for refining camphor accomplish better results than those used in any other country. The prices of the drug in Europe are to-day somewhat higher even than in this country.—[New York Tribune.

A FREAK in the way of a chicken with three legs is attracting great attention at the residence of Isaac Bozart, of Peru, Ind. The third leg comes out near the tail, and has two feet on it. The chicken is healthy, and has as good prospect of life as an ordinary chicken.

American

Agents' ✠ Advertiser.

Active, Ambitious, Advancing.

F. J. STANTON, EDITOR.

Terms, Advertising Rates, Etc.

Subscription Price 25 cts for 12 numbers.

Advertising Rates are **1c per word** for 1st insertion of Small Advt's and Half Cent Per Word for subsequent insertions but no adv't will be inserted for less than 10c

On other adv'ts rates for from 1 to 12 insertions are as per following schedule:

	1	2	3	6	12
Half Inch	25	40	50	75	1 30
One Inch	45	70	90	1 30	2 30
Two & one-half in.	90	1 40	1 80	2 50	4 50
One-half column	1 60	2 70	3 30	4 50	8 50
Full column	3 00	5 00	6 00	8 50	16 50

Exchanges will find our latch string out.

Address, ADVERTISER, SMYRNA, N. Y.

Sworn Statement

Chenango County, s s.

Personally appeared before me F. J. Stanton, publisher of the AMERICAN AGENTS' ADVERTISER, who being duly sworn, deposes and says, that the circulation of said paper, in and for the month of June is **over Two Thousand Copies.**

F. J. STANTON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1890.

G. P. PUDNEY, Notary Public.

Permit Us

To bow and speak our little piece. We come, unsolicited perhaps, perhaps not unsolicited; unheralded at least. Having realized for some time that there was a lack of Real, Live, Pushing, Progressing Agents Papers, we have decided to become one more of that few. We propose to be Active at once, Ambitious to enlarge our field and size, and Advancing in pushing the interests of all agents and advertisers who tender us their patronage. We make no big and loud promises but simply say as our motto implies, at all times we shall be active ambitious and advancing. Let us hear from you.

—Well, for our maiden issue, how do we strike you?

—We advise all our readers to get a copy of Prof. Starr's new song. See his adv't.

—We date our paper the 15th of each month. This time it happens to fall Sunday.

IMPORTANT!

Will you PLEASE MENTION THIS PAPER when writing to our advertisers?

OUR DIRECTORY.

Those wishing their name inserted in this Directory can have same 3 months for 10c. and this paper will be sent them during that time Free.

All subscribers or advertisers can have their name inserted one time gratis.

Publishers, novelty dealers, and others are requested to send samples or circulars to the following names and addresses:

Frank H Kelley, Agent, Carrollton, Illinois
A Choyce, 792 Madison av, Paterson, N J
Frank Jones, box 678, Lowell, Mass
John T Lumpkins, Neva, Va
F J Stanton, Smyrna, N Y
R O Butterfield, Publisher, Dixon, Illinois
Henry Kephart, Berrien Springs, Michigan
A Chamberlain, Hasbrouck Heights, N J
Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y
Arthur C Paddock, Nantucket, Mass
W H Mannen, 421 S 3d st, Philadelphia, Pa
Kindy's newspaper Agency, Nyra, Ark
George Bunce, 553 4th ave, Brooklyn, N Y
C F Alcott, 90 Wiscon. st, Milwaukee, Wis
Albert R Head, Joy, Blount county, Ala

25 Gold Beveled-edge Cards, name on, postpaid 20c, 50 Transparent cards, name on 25c. A. Choyce, 792 Mad. av. Paterson, N.J.

$5 to the one forming the shortest sentence containing every letter of the alphabet I will give $5. Contest closes JULY 1st. Send 25c silver to pay for copy of all sentences.

John T. Lumpkins, Neva, Va.

BEAUTIFUL WORDS and BEAUTIFUL MELODY.

In Life's Gloaming

A NEW —and— Beautiful HOME SONG by the Popular

Stanley Starr
In his Inimitable Original FEMALE IMPERSONATIONS.

STARR

Elegant Lithographed Title Page with portraits of Prof. Starr and the impersonation used with this song.

Regular Price 40c but to Readers of this Paper, 30c postpaid.

"One of the best of Prof. Starr's many compositions." Shortsville Enterprise.

"It is destined to become a popular song."—Oxford Times.

"Stanley Starr is one of the leading elocutionists, composers and impersonators in the country and his latest production cannot fail to meet with the large sale which it richly deserves."—Norwich Telegraph.

Please address orders to

STANLEY STARR, SMYRNA, N. Y.

THE STARRS may be engaged for from one to three nights on stipulated sum or percentage. Booking now for season of 1890-91. Correspondence solicited and our terms, testimonials, etc., cheerfully given.

100 per ct.

Profit Guaranty.

I guarantee agents who engage with me a clean ☞100 Per cent. Profit!

☞Articles are the BEST of their kind IN THE MARKET! We Guarantee this and authorize our agents to do the same!

Six different kinds of goods and they can be sold from House to House or to Storekeepers. One or more can positively be sold each house as they are a necessity.

The goods have been in the market for several years and ONLY words of praise have been given them.

They are attractively put up in colors and attract attention at first sight.

We will send one sample of each of the Six Kinds By Express for Fifty Cents. You can readily sell them for twice this sum.

Wholesale prices, by the dozen, half dozen and gross accompany each sample line.

Please let us hear from you by an early mail and if sole agency for your town is not taken and you so desire we will give it to you. Address

J. Stanton,

Manufacturer and Dealer,

SMYRNA, N. Y.

Trade Ru-bi-graph Mark.

.. OUR..$1.00..TYPE-WRITER ..

Is the Greatest Invention in the World.

A sample machine will be sent prepaid on receipt of price (1.00) we pay all Express and Freight charges. Book of testimonials will soon be ready.

Agents wanted in every City, Town and School district, to whom a liberal discount will be given. Any Agent can show their sample and secure an order from nearly every one of their friends, as the low price places them within the reach of all.

Address all orders to

Rubigraph Type-Writer Co., Sedalia, Mo.

AGENTS. Camellia Tooth Powder $6 00, Starch Polish 6 00, Razorine 5 00, Sheet Bluing 4 00 per gross. Samples 10c, Circulars free. Frank Jones, Box 678, Lowell, Mass.

Are You Anxious to make money? Send for particulars and circulars of Herndom's Life of Abraham Lincoln, the most popular and best selling book published. Lib. com. Splendid opportunity. Agents wanted everywhere. D. J. Winkelman, Gen'l Agent, 22 E 18th St., New York

Tell Your Own Fortune. Full and Complete Illustrated Directions Post Free 10c Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Pencils. 3 Pencils, rubber tips, good quality, 5c 12 best Falcon Pens 5c, all by mail. Address Albert R. Head, P. M., 3 Joy, Blount county, Alabama.

12 of the **Finest Steel Pens** sent Post paid for 5c You pay twice this at the store Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

300 circulars mailed for 25c, 100 10c or 1000 $1. No stamps. Send trial order. Address John T. Lumpkins, Neva, Va. tw

Second SIGHT MYSTERY.

Full Printed Instructions for performing this Great Trick of the World's Greatest Magician—Heller Any one can learn it in a short time Ours is the only correct expose Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Headquarters for all kinds of Society, Visiting, Trick and Photo Cards. C. F. Allcott, Printer and Stationer, 90 Wisconsin Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 3

WHITE CAP MASKS. Get one of our Genuine White Cap Masks, and with it you can have lots of fun Beautifully made Only 10c Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y.

Transparent

CEMENT!

Mends articles of every description, stands fire and hot water, Trial bottle by mail 15c, Ink any color one powder makes one pint, 1 Fountain Pen, 1 adhesive Hook and 1 recipe for making Ink Eraser, all for 15c IF YOU MENTION THIS PAPER. Ag'ts Wanted! Geo. Bunce, 553 4th ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. o

A Big Thing. 30c for a complete Printing Outfit See our other adv't in this paper Stamp Works, Smyrna, N Y

Send 2c stamp and we will mail you our large catalogue containing over 100 illustrations, our 32 page Book of Songs, etc Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

The Agent's Journal,

Published monthly at 25c a year Sample for stamp Special offers to the readers of this paper: The Journal one year, your name in Agent's Directory 3 months, and 100 desirable samples all for only 25c Adv rates 1-2 cent a word, continued 1.4 c The Agent's Journal, Trumansburg, N Y si

BOYS Think of It. 11 complete DETECTIVE and 16 others **27** stories in all **10c.** Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N.Y

Publishers, please send specimen copies with Subscription and Advertising Rates. Kindy's Newspaper Agency, 3 Nyra, Saline county, Arkansas.

Cheap Reading. For 10 cts in silver I will send a package of story papers and magazines. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

How to Make Your Own Rubber Stamps Full PRINTED instructions sent you for one unused 4c stamp. Address Stamp Works, Smyrna, New York

FREE In addition to our splendid premiums, the persons sending in the largest list of subscribers before Jan 1891 will receive a paid up scholarship in one of the leading commercial colleges in the U S Send a stamp for full particulars R O Butterfield, Pub Young Folks at Home, Dixon, Ill. tf

Parachute. An exact pattern of the Parachute used by celebrated Jumpers,—man and all with full directions only 10cts Imperial novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

False Mustache sent post paid for **7c,** Goatee **5c,** or Both for **10c.** State color. Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

THE ILLUSTRATED AGE,

A monthly 7x10 inch folio, Only 1-10 part of paper devoted to advertising Printed on good paper with choice stories Only 5c a year The Age, 72 Wisconsin st, Indianapolis, Ind

Choice 10c.

Send us 10c for either of these great novelties: The Missing Link, Electric Push Button, Dancing Skeleton, Bird Warbler and Tablet Key Ring Or 8c for a Lot of Pharaoh's Serpents, The Devil's Bottle, the Great Puzzle Whistle or 6c for a Knife tooth pick and ear spoon combined. Order now Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

F:R:E:E:!

Sample copy of The Corona News-Letter —indispensible to all interested in the agency business A great number of ads of "Agents Wanted." Ad rates same as ADVERTISER. The above paper and ADVERTISER 6 mos for only 25c. Corona News-Letter, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

A BIG THING

Read this and we know you will Want One.

For only 30 cents in silver, a postal note or stamps we will send you one of our

COMPLETE PRINTING OUTFITS.

Prints any name—Can be changed a thousand times—prints cards, envelopes, note paper—marks linen, books or papers—Is Complete, Practical, Perfect. This Outfit contains a full 3 A font of very handsome rubber type, type holder, bottle of indelible ink, pad, tweezers and full directions for operating. Only 30 cents. We want every person who reads this adv't to order one at once and to act as

OUR AGENT.

Agent's terms with outfit. Use the one you order to canvass with and get your share of the Big Money before some one else gets ahead of you.

STAMP WORKS, SMYRNA, N. Y.

Old Stamps wanted

For CASH or GOOD EXCHANGE! You or some of your friends probably have old letters stored away? Look them up and send us envelopes with each kind of stamp you can find on them, and tell us how many of each you have and by return mail we will tell you how much we will allow you for them. It is the envelopes post-marked previous to 1870 we want. Also revenue stamps formerly used on match boxes, patent medicines, documents, etc. Address, F. J. STANTON, SMYRNA, NEW YORK.

3,000 Gummed Stickers with any printing on for 1.25. W. H. Mannen, 421 So. 3d St., Philadelphia, Pa. o

50 var. fine Foreign Stamps 10c, 100 var 15c, 150 mixed stamps 10c postpaid. Arthur C. Paddock, Nantucket, Mass.

ITCHING PILES.

Infallible Cure prepaid 50c or circular proof free. Absolute, Permanent, Sure. H. Kephart, Berrien Springs, Mich.

REDUCED from

25c to 15c

In order to increase the sale of our Imperial Budget we have CUT THE PRICE down to 15c. The Budget contains:

Washington's Little Hatchet,
29 Valuable Money Making Recipes,
1 Postal Card used in the old country,
1 Magic Joke card,
1 Great Coin Trick,
1 Magic Love Letter,
32 Late comic and sentimental songs,
25 Postmarks,
10 different kinds of Flirtations,
The Language of Flowers
4 Handsome Pictorial Cards, and
1 Piece of small Jewelry

Was there ever such a Bargain offered before? Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

VIGOROUS Manhood permanently restored by "Bloodine" "The Poorman's Friend." The only reliable home cure for exhausted vitality, nervous debility, etc. Price 25c by mail. Address "Bloodine Co.", 55th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. o

BEAUTIFY

Your Cabinet, Centre Table, Mantel or Brackets with one or more of our Large and Beautiful ARCTIC TERN or ROSEATE TERN'S EGGS. These are Rare and Lovely Bird's Eggs and are VERY cheap at the price we offer them at which is 15c each, or one of each for 25c. All securely packed and sent post free.

Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

SAVE IT. Cut this out and save it for it is worth 25c to you, if you return it with two names We want to introduce into every city, town and village, the Young Folks at Home, the brightest and best 8 page magazine published If you will send us the name of a good canvasser and of your teacher or of all the teachers in your neighborhood, if you wish, with 25c, half price, we will send the magazine 1 yr or if you send names and 15c we send it 6 mos Reg price 50c Specimen 5c R O Butterfield, Pub, Dixon, Ill tf

Difficulty of Killing Floating Otters.

In former years otters were hunted in boats, the same as seals are at the present time, but they are now so rare that this style of hunting has ceased to be profitable. Occasionally the sealing boats come across an otter and secure him, but the majority of these animals are shot by hunters, from the beach. Otters are hunted along the coast of Washington, between Gray's harbor and the Straits of Fuca, and at no other point is it done as a regular avocation. The hunter patrols the beach, or sits in his tower and watches closely for his game. Only the animal's head appears above the water, seeming like a little black ball at the usual distance of from 300 to 600 yards. It can readily be imagined that none but an expert marksman can shoot at such a target with any hope of success, and, indeed, the most skillful otter hunter often misses twenty shots before he succeeds in putting a bullet into his floating mark; but he can well afford the loss of ammunition and time when success means so much. It would be well for some of our riflemen who boast of four bull's eyes in five shots to try their hands at this style of shooting.—[West Shore.

Five thousand bunches of bananas were tossed over to the mermaids from a Nicaraguan steamer the other day to lighten the ship in a severe storm.

Confidence Begot of Success.

So successful has Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery proved in curing chronic nasal catarrh, bronchial and throat diseases, that its manufacturers now sell it through druggists under a *positive guarantee* of its benefiting or curing in every case, if given a fair trial, or money paid for it will be refunded. Consumption (which is scrofula of the lungs) if taken in time, is also cured by this wonderful medicine.

For Constipation or Sick Headache, use Dr. Pierce's Pellets; Purely Vegetable. One a dose.

Soon or late, to all that sow,
The time of harvest shall be given;
The flowers shall bloom, the fruit shall grow,
If not on earth, at last in heaven.
—[J. G. Whittier.

Dr. L. L. Gorsuch, Toledo, O., says: "I have practiced medicine for forty years, have never seen a preparation that I could prescribe with so much confidence of success as I can Hall's Catarrh Cure." Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Preparations are being made by Russia to construct a fort on the White Sea and to organize torpedo defences. Two mortar batteries will be added to the artillery.

Six Novels Free, sent by Cragin & Co., Phila., Pa., to any one in U. S. or Canada, post paid, upon receipt of 25 Dobbins's Electrical Soap wrappers. See list of novels on circulars around each bar. This soap for sale by all grocers.

Bertram Russell, brother of Lord Russell, recently won a mathematical scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge. He is only 16 years of age and the youngest student who ever captured this honor.

FITS stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No Fits after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and $2 trial bottle free. Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

The Sultan of Jahore, who is shortly to revisit England, would probably pass for an ordinary, well-developed European gentleman of middle age.

A pocket cigar case free to smokers of "Tansill's Punch" 5c. Cigar.

Emin Pasha speaks twenty-seven languages and dialects. Dr. Parks, who was with Stanley, says Emin is suffering from an incurable cataract, and that before a year shall elapse he will be blind. U20

KISSED ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE.

"You scoundrel," yelled young Jacob Green
At his good neighbor, Brown,—
"You kissed my wife upon the street,—
I ought to knock you down."

"That's where you're wrong," good Brown replied,
In accents mild and meek;
"I kissed her; that I've not denied,
But I kissed her on the cheek—

and I did it because she looked so handsome—the very picture of beauty and health. What is the secret of it?"

"Well," replied Green, "since you ask it, I will tell you; she uses Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I accept your apology. Good night."

An unhealthy woman is rarely, if ever, beautiful. The peculiar diseases to which so many of the sex are subject, are prolific causes of pale, sallow faces, blotched with unsightly pimples, dull, lustreless eyes and emaciated forms. Women so afflicted, can be permanently cured by using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription; and with the restoration of health comes that beauty which, combined with good qualities of head and heart, makes women angels of lovliness.

"Favorite Prescription" is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, **under a positive guarantee** from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. This guarantee has been printed on the bottle-wrapper and faithfully carried out for many years. It is a *positive specific* for leucorrhea, painful menstruation, unnatural suppressions, prolapsus, or falling of the womb, weak back, anteversion, retroversion, bearing-down sensations, chronic congestion, inflammation and ulceration of the womb.

As a regulator and promoter of functional action, at that critical period of change from girlhood to womanhood, "Favorite Prescription" is a perfectly safe remedial agent, and can produce only good results. It is equally valuable when taken for those derangements incident to that later and critical period, known as "The Change of Life."

A Book of 160 pages, on "Woman and Her Diseases, their Nature, and How to Cure them," sent sealed, in plain envelope, on receipt of ten cents, in stamps.

Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, No. 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets

DR. PIERCE'S PELLETS

Purely Vegetable and Perfectly Harmless.

Unequaled as a **Liver Pill.** Smallest, Cheapest, Easiest to Take. **One Tiny, Sugar-coated Pellet a Dose.** Cures **Sick Headache, Bilious Headache, Constipation, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks,** and all derangements of the stomach and bowels. 25 cents, by druggists.

Send for large Illustrated Catalogue.

AFTER ALL OTHERS FAIL

CONSULT **DR. LOBB, 329 North Fifteenth Street, Philadelphia.** Twenty years' experience in special diseases; cures the worst cases of Nervous Complaints, Blood Poisoning, Blotches, Eruptions, Piles, Catarrh, Ulcers, Sores, Impaired Memory, Despondency, Dimness of Vision, Lung, Liver, Stomach, Kidney (Bright's Disease); confidential. ☞ Call or write for question list and book.

Suicide in Japan.

According to a recent Japanese return it appears that the great majority of persons committing suicide in Japan are over fifty years of age. Next on the list in respect of numbers come the suicides of persons between twenty and thirty years of age. Of these, the greater part turn their backs on the world in consequence of disappointed love. For suicides of all ages July is the favorite month. During the period of six years from 1883 to 1888, inclusive, the number of suicides in the month of July ranged from 500 to 800, while the number during the remainder of the year averaged from 200 to 300 only. A characteristic Japanese suicide occurred last year at the famous shrines of Nikko. An old lady of sixty went thither in August. Her circumstances were good; she had two sons in official positions, and her home in Tokio was comfortable and happy. She spent two days at Nikko, visiting the various temples and places of note, and seemed bright and contented. But at daylight on the third morning she was found with her throat cut before a little shrine at the back of the temple of Iyemitsu. From her satchel the police took a paper, wherein was set forth, briefly but plainly, the motive of her suicide. It was very simple; she had loved Nikko, and wished to die among its sacred groves. At her age the probability of being able to return there appeared remote. Therefore she availed herself of the present opportunity, and with kind farewells to those left behind, made her exit.—[New York Times.

NERVE-PAINS.

St. Jacobs Oil Cures Neuralgia. Neuralgia. Neuralgia.

Salt Point, N. Y., April 16, 1889.
I suffered six weeks with neuralgia; a half bottle of St. Jacobs Oil cured me; no return of pain in three years. Have sold it to many, and have yet to hear of a single case it did not relieve or permanently cure.
G. JAY TOMPKINS, Druggist.

Green Island, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1889.
I suffered with neuralgia in the head, but found instant relief from the application of St. Jacobs Oil, which cured me.
E. P. BELLINGER, Chief of Police.

To Restore Tone
and Strength
to the System when
weakened by
La Grippe
or any other
Illness,
Ayer's Sarsaparilla
is positively
unequalled.
Get the BEST.
Prepared by
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co.,
Lowell, Mass.

Artificial ice can be manufactured, so it is said, at a retail cost of about $8 per ton, or forty cents per hundred pounds.

Your Blood

Needs a good cleansing this spring in order to overcome the impurities which have accumulated during the winter, or which may be hereditary, and cause you much suffering. We confidently recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla as the very best spring medicine. By its use the blood is purified, enriched and vitalized, that tired feeling is entirely overcome and the whole body given strength and vigor. The appetite is restored and sharpened, the digestive organs are toned and the kidneys and liver invigorated.

"I was feeling very much worn out and found nothing to benefit me till I took Hood's Sarsaparilla. I have now taken several bottles and it has made me feel perfectly well. I was also troubled with sores breaking out in my mouth, but since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla have had no further trouble from them. I have recommended it to others, who have been very much benefited by using it."—MRS. MARY ADDERLY, 627 North Water St., Decatur, Ill.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Sold by all druggists. $1; six for $5. Prepared only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass.

100 Doses One Dollar

Ely Cream Balm
is the best remedy for children suffering from
COLD IN HEAD
—OR—
CATARRH.
Apply Balm into each nostril.
ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y.

PATENTS—PENSIONS—How to get a Pension quick. Send for digest of Pension and Bounty laws. Send for Inventors' Guide or How to Get a Patent. PATRICK O'FARRELL, Attorney at Law, Washington, D. C.

PURELY VEGETABLE.
THOROUGHLY RELIABLE.
ABSOLUTELY SAFE.
25 CENTS PER BOX. 3 BOXES FOR 65 CTS. Sent by mail, postage free, on receipt of price.
FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.
DR. J. H. SCHENCK & SON, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

OPIUM HABIT. Only Certain and easy CURE in the World. Dr. J. L. STEPHENS, Lebanon, O.

DETECTIVES
Wanted in every County. Shrewd men to act under instructions in our Secret Service. Experience not necessary. Particulars free. Grannan Detective Bureau Co. 44 Arcade, Cincinnati, O.

FRAZER AXLE GREASE
BEST IN THE WORLD
Get the Genuine. Sold Everywhere.

Piso's Remedy for Catarrh is the Best, Easiest to Use, and Cheapest.
CATARRH
Sold by druggists or sent by mail. 50c. E. T. Hazeltine, Warren, Pa.

USE
DR. TOBIAS'
CELEBRATED
Venetian Liniment

It acts like magic in cases of acute pain, such as Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Pains in the Back, Chest or Limbs, Stiffened Joints, &c.
TRY IT AND BE CONVINCED.
Warranted for over forty years.
Send to us if your druggist or storekeeper does not keep our goods.
DEPOT, 40 MURRAY ST., NEW YORK.

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH
PENNYROYAL PILLS
RED CROSS DIAMOND BRAND.
Safe and always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for *Diamond Brand*, in red, metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. All pills in pasteboard boxes, pink wrappers, are dangerous counterfeits. Send 4c. (stamps) for particulars, testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return mail. *Name Paper.*
Chichester Chem'l Co., Madison Sq., Phila., Pa.

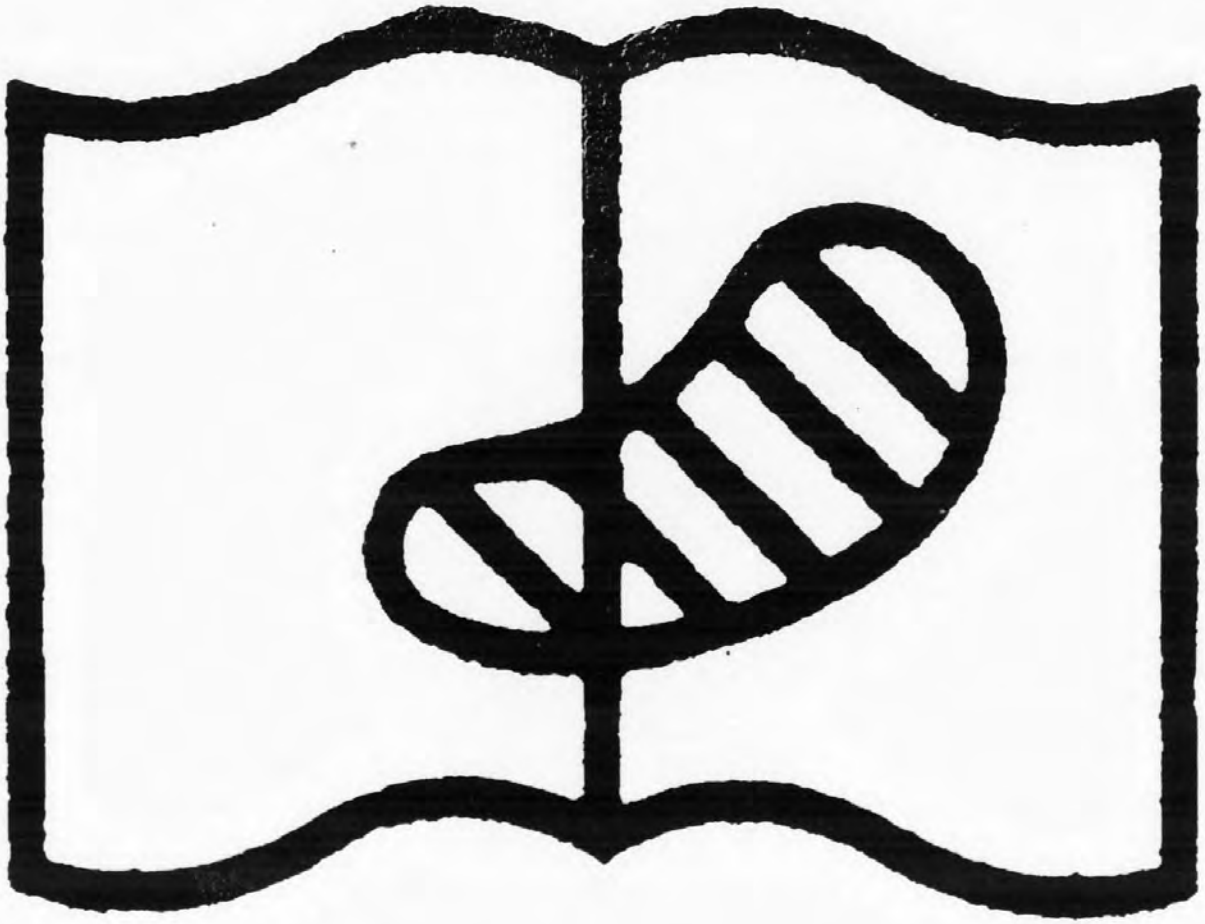
BIG G
Cures in 1 TO 5 DAYS. Guaranteed not to cause Stricture.
Mf'd only by the Evans Chemical Co. Cincinnati, Ohio.
Trade Mark

I prescribe and fully endorse Big G as the only specific for the certain cure of this disease.
G. H. INGRAHAM, M. D., Amsterdam, N. Y.

We have sold Big G for many years, and it has given the best of satisfaction.
D. R. DYCHE & CO., Chicago, Ill.
$1.00. Sold by Druggists.

EVERY WATERPROOF COLLAR OR CUFF
THAT CAN BE RELIED ON
BE UP TO THE MARK
Not to Split!
Not to Discolor!
BEARS THIS MARK.

NEEDS NO LAUNDERING. CAN BE WIPED CLEAN IN A MOMENT.
THE ONLY LINEN-LINED WATERPROOF COLLAR IN THE MARKET.



THE EARLIEST ANIMALS.

Queer Living Things Which Existed Ages Ago.

The earliest traces that can be found of any living thing are the remains of sea-weed and of the club mosses that grow in wet places. Soon, however, animals appeared, and the layers of Silurian rock are found in some places to be entirely composed of the shells of animals. Sometimes these shells are very small, but some are larger than those of any animal now in existence. Nor is it by any means certain that small animals were created first. Little and big seem to have existed together. We find the shells of animals so small as to be invisible, except under the microscope, side by side with shells four feet broad. The framework of the tiniest creature which helped to make up these layers of rock is extremely beautiful.

The little coral animals commenced their busy career during this age, building limestone reefs and making the beautiful chain coral which can still be seen on the limestone cliffs of the Western States. Another kind of animal, related to the coral polyp, and called a "crinoid," must have greatly added to the beauty of the Silurian seas. We find its remains in the shape of a curiously carved, six-sided body. From each of five sides a lily-like arm was sent off, and the animal was fastened to the rock by a stem running from the center of the sixth side. Professor Agassiz called them "stone lilies."

Other layers of rock are composed wholly of the remains of queer animals called "trilobites." They belonged to the same family as our lobsters, and varied in size from one-sixth of an inch to two feet in length. There were two great depressions running lengthwise in their bodies, which divided them into three lobes. They had also the same ring-like division running around the body as are seen in lobsters. They swam on their backs, and had the power of rolling themselves into a ball. Probably this was done to defend themselves against some foe. Many were caught in this position when the mud was changing into rock, and kept for us to see. In other layers of rock are found fossils of different animals of the lobster kind. Nothing like these old animals is found now.

So many mollusks—that is, soft animals with hard shells, like the oysters—then swam in the waters that this age is sometimes called the "Age of Mollusks." They were of all sizes and shapes, and there were millions and millions of them. There was one, belonging to the same family as our nautilus, which was four feet across. Another resembled a nautilus unrolled. It was from ten to fifteen feet long and measured a foot in breadth.

The remains of fishes are found, for the first time, in some of the upper layers belonging to this period. In Wales, in the land of the Silures, they claim to have found one layer composed entirely of fish bones.

Now, there is something we must keep in mind when we speak of "remains" in geology, or else we shall be disappointed when we see these fossils. If you should break open a stone and have the great good fortune to find in it the remains of a leaf, what would those remains be? A real leaf? No; nothing but the *impression* of one. No wood—no pulp. Simply a picture engraved on the hard rock. So, also, with the remains of a fish—no body, no bones—only an impression; but so true a one that geologists can tell even the way it swam, and, in some cases, the nature of its food! As you were told before, these remains are called fossils. What a thrill of pleasure it must give to find one yourself—to think that little bit of world-history has remained sealed up in a rock for centuries, waiting for you to find it!

So far, then, as we have journeyed in our travels through the back ages, we see a world of water, with such plants and animals as live in water. It is true that little patches of dry land existed, as at the close of the first period; and these had even been increased a little by the addition of beaches. But these bits of land were so small, compared with the vast expanse of ocean, that we are justified in calling it a "world of water." It must have been a very thickly inhabited "water-world," since whole layers of rock were made from the animals which swam in its depths or paddled on its surface.—[St. Nicholas.

Shaving His First Dead Man.

"I never shall forget the time I shaved my first dead man," said a Washington barber to a Star reporter, as he grabbed the scribe's fore lock and cleared it off unceremoniously. "I had only been a journeyman two weeks, when one moonlight night my door bell rang violently and some one asked for me. Well, I went to the door. There stood a lady all dressed in black. Between her sobs she told me her father had died and she wanted me to prepare his face for burial. Of course I knew that the old man wanted a shave, but I was kind of surprised that the daughter should come, instead of leaving it to the undertaker, as is the custom. Well, to make a long story short, I put a couple of razors in my pocket and the rest of my outfit, and soon arrived at the old man's house. It was situated on a lonely road in the midst of a large clump of chestnut trees. The body lay in the front parlor, and without any ceremony I was conducted to the door and left. I moved over toward the body, which lay on a cooling board, covered with a sheet, exposing the face. The eyes were wide open and the jaw had fallen. The moon shone over the tree tops and into the room and put such a strange light on the old man's face that I was scared almost to death. Well, I commenced to shave him, but those eyes kept looking at me and every now and then I fancied I heard some one say: 'Look out, there, your razor drags.' I completed the job somehow or other and left $5 better off, but I don't think fifty times that amount would have tempted me to shave another dead man that night. I soon got over my scare, however, and now as I have already said, I kind of like it. There is another class of people who go to make a barber's life miserable, and that is the women. Oh, they are a tough set, fretful, particular, and, above all, close. I have several patrons who are ladies, but I don't want any more women. They come in here usually once a month to get a shampoo, and a man must be as careful as though he were scratching the head of a baby two weeks old. It is right funny to see them come in here and take off the false hair and sit on it while we shampoo them. We play a great many jokes on them if the opportunity presents itself."

Origin of the Name William.

The name William was not at first given to children. It was a name conferred upon a man as a reward of merit. When the ancient Germans fought with the Romans, the Germans were armed only with light weapons, swords, spears, shields, etc., and if a German killed on the field a well-armed Roman, wearing a gilded helmet, the helmet was set on the head of the brave German who had slain its owner, who ever after was known as Gildhelm, or, as we would say, Golden Helmet. Among the Franks the name was Guild-helme, and with the French Guilheaume, afterwards Guillame, and with the Latin-speaking nations, Gulielmus. Finally the French Guillame became Wuillame, and soon evoluted into William.—[St. Louis Republic.

SYRUP of FIGS

ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50c and $1 bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

AMERICAN AGENTS' ADVERTISER.

ACTIVE, AMBITIOUS, ADVANCING.

Vol. 1 SMYRNA, N. Y., JULY, 1890. No. 2

MY PALACE.

h over the lamppost, high over the street,
note from the traffic, its rush and its beat,
ath a sky now o'ercloudled, now sunny and blue,
vell in the stillness, my dear one, with you.

windows are grimy, my walls they are bare,
vreck is my table, a ruin my chair!
I prize them far better than if they were new,
they tell me, my dear one, they tell me of you!

troubled by visitors, tranquil I brood,
the chimney top's level folk seldom intrude;
I heed them but little if ever they do,
I'm talking, my dear one, still talking to you.

n as dust over gable and roof hovers near,
l the first star is faintly beginning to peer,
f a song, half a sigh, the dim casement steals through,
l the angel who breathes it, my dearest, is you. —Cornhill Magazine.

A Fortune in a Cushion.

A rich merchant's wedding took place at Petersburg. Before the ceremony the de's uncle brought in an old worn out shion. The young lady, thinking it a e on the part of the eccentric old gen-man, threw it into a corner. Imagine r astonishment when she afterward dis-vered that the cushion was stuffed full bank notes. The uncle belonged to the d school," and was in the habit of stow-g away his money in old stockings and shions, and one of the latter was made serve as a wedding present. It was nd to contain 22,000 roubles.—Peters-rg Lislok.

Little Danger from Lightning.

t is not probable that a person can be uck by lightning and live if he be struck the head or if the fluid pass down rough the body. Most of the people who im to have been struck by lightning are t hit at all, but are affected by the cur-nt passing near them, or are struck by tle currents thrown off from the main e. Every one who is in a house when it struck naturally thinks he is hit. But average swath cut by the fluid is but an h or two across, and a house might be uck a dozen times without any one be-g killed.—Boston Globe.

A Business Eyed Girl.

Timpany (jeweler)—Say, Bobby, come re and tell me like a good little boy if ur ever heard your sister Gwendolin say ything about me.

Bobby—Yesterday she said to mamma at it would be a good thing for you if u married her, as then the wedding ring uld cost you nothing and all her friends uld buy the presents at your store and rhaps you might sell them afterward.—welers' Circular.

Eighty-six designs in competition were bmitted for the great iron tower in Lon-n which is to surpass that of Eiffel in ris. A suggestion is made by an engi-ering journal that some spectacle at-ctive to the public should be held at a nt not less than 500 feet from the ground, of reach of fogs and ordinary rain uds.

Some of Nature's Wonders.

The polypus, like the fabled hydra, receives new life from the knife which is lifted to destroy it. There are 4,041 muscles in a caterpillar. Hook discovered 14,000 mirrors in the eyes of a drone. To effect the respiration of a carp 13,300 arteries, vessels, veins, bones, etc., are necessary. The body of every spider contains four little masses, pierced with a multitude of holes (imperceptible to the naked eye), each hole permitting the passage of a single thread; all of the threads, to the amount of 1,000 to each mass, join together when they come out, and make the single thread with which the spider spins its web, so that what we call a spider's thread consists of more than 4,000 threads united. Leuwenhock, by means of microscopes, observed spiders no bigger than a grain of sand which spun threads so fine that it took 4,000 of them to equal in magnitude a single hair. The fly spider, it is known, lays an egg as large as itself.—New York Telegram.

A Young Naturalist.

A dozen men were standing around the defunct carcass of a snake on Water street, speculating as to what variety it belonged to. One said it was a house snake, another contended that it was a rattler, and others suggested that it was a black snake, a garter snake or a water snake. Finally a barefooted boy, with one pantaloon leg rolled up to the knee and the other to the ankle joint, stepped up, and inserting a stick under the reptile's body raised it up and said:

"I'll tell you what kind of a snake that is."

"What kind is it?" asked several men in chorus.

"A dead snake," said the urchin, as he tossed it into the mud and darted away.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

Horse Tail Protector.

A recent patent enables a horse's tail to be kept at all times as trim and neat as a fine lady's coiffure. This patent is entitled the horse tail protector, and consists of a short bar with two heads or buttons on the ends, to which is attached a rubber cord having at each end elastic sockets corresponding with the buttons. The idea is to allow of the horse's tail being twisted round into a knot, which is firmly held by the protector. This not only keeps the tail clean, but saves an immense amount of combing and brushing, which is so destructive to the hair.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Emperor William's Mistake.

The emperor is a great smoker, and his cigars are manufactured expressly for him. Not long ago, sitting of an evening in one of the apartments of his palace, he inadvertently reached out and struck a match on a splendid oil painting that stood on an easel hard by. The empress was as mad as a wet hen. "Your majesty," said she, "if you were not the emperor and my husband I should chastise you." And she would have done it, too, for be it known that Augusta is a husky dame and one of exceeding lusty temper.—Eugene Field in Chicago News.

BEAUTIFUL WORDS and BEAUTIFUL MELODY.

In Life's Gloaming

A NEW —and— Beautiful HOME SONG

by the Popular **Stanley Starr** In his Inimitable Original FEMALE IMPERSONATIONS.

STARR

☞ Elegant Lithographed Title Page with portraits of Prof. Starr and the impersonation used with this song.

Regular Price 40c but to Readers of this Paper, 30c postpaid.

A FEW PRESS COMMENTS:

Stanley Starr has our thanks for a copy of his new song, "In Life's Gloaming," which is a gem. On the left of the title page is an excellent likeness of the author, and on the right the representation of an old man, which character is assumed by him in the song, at his entertainments.—Chenango Union.

Stanley Starr is not only a good impersonator but composer. We are under obligations to him for a copy of his new song "In Life's Gloaming." The song is sung by him in his entertainments and is justly popular.—Bainbridge Republican.

It is a pretty thing and has already met with a large sale.—Earlville Standard.

It is a fine solo and a gem in Mr. Starr's collection.—Madison County Leader.

Stanley Starr who is pleasantly remembered by DeRuyter people has just published another song entitled "In Life's Gloaming." The words and melody are sweet and it is meeting with a very large sale,—De Ruyter Gleaner.

"One of the best of Prof. Starr's many compositions."—Shortsville Enterprise.

"It is destined to become a popular song."—Oxford Times.

"Stanley Starr is one of the leading elocutionists, composers and impersonators in the country and his latest production cannot fail to meet with the large sale which it richly deserves."—Norwich Telegraph.

Please address orders to

STANLEY STARR, SMYRNA, N. Y.

THE STARRS may be engaged for from one to three nights on stipulated sum or percentage. Booking now for season of 1890-91. Correspondence solicited and our terms, testimonials, etc., cheerfully given.

The Batavia Daily News in speaking of MRS. STARR, says: She is one of the finest Lady Solo Cornet Artistes on the road.

American Agents' ✠ Advertiser.

Active, Ambitious, Advancing.

Terms, Advertising Rates, Etc.

Subscription Price 25 cts for 12 numbers.

Advertising Rates are **1c per word** for 1st insertion of Small Advt's and Half Cent Per Word for subsequent insertions but no adv't will be inserted for less than 10c

On other adv'ts rates for from 1 to 12 insertions are as per following schedule:

	1	2	3	6	12
Half Inch	25	40	50	75	1 30
One Inch	45	70	90	1 30	2 30
Two & one-half in.	90	1 40	1 80	2 50	4 50
One-half column	1 60	2 70	3 30	4 50	50
Full column	3 00	5 00	6 00	50	16 50

Exchanges will find our latch string out.

Address, ADVERTISER, SMYRNA, N. Y.

Sworn Statement

Chenango County, ss.

Personally appeared before me F. J. Stanton, publisher of the AMERICAN AGENTS' ADVERTISER, who being duly sworn, deposes and says, that the circulation of said paper, in and for the month of June is **over Two Thousand Copies.**

F. J. STANTON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1 90.

G. P. PUDNEY, Notary Public.

NOTES.

—Please subscribe!

—There are no flies on us!

—The Yankee Youth is a right smart little fellow.

—We open an exchange department, FREE to all, this month. Send on your notice.

—We call attention to Prof Starr's beautiful song on first page. Read the press notices and order a copy of it.

—Lack of space prevents our speaking of each of our exchanges, but we love 'em all, big and little. Come regularly boys.

—The editor of that admirable con. of ours, the veteran News-Letter, has been kept sweating busy of late. Well, it serves 'Lon right.

—Active, Ambitious, Advancing, we believe we are. We have discarded our "patent insides" and our paper is now all printed at home.

—If you have ever so good a thing you can't expect to get rid of or sell it unless you let people know you've got it and to do the latter you must do what?—why ADVERTISE!

—PUSH is what does the business!

—The Boys' and Girls' News is booming.

—The Advertiser's Bee has enlarged again.

—The Witness is a bright Southerner and devoted to a great topic—woman suffrage.

—Parties who so desire can order the Old Sleuth Library mentioned herein, of F. J. Stanton, Newsdealer, Smyrna, N. Y., at published prices.

—The bed bug has no wings—never had any—but he gets thar nevertheless. So does the American Agents' Advertiser! Don't you doubt it!

EXCHANGERS.

This Department is **free to all,** whether subscribers or not. Send brief notices.

Large no. of books and files of Scientific American, Forest and Stream, Country Gentleman, Godey's, Arthur's, Ballou's, Fireside Companion, etc. to exchang. Write us what you have. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

Advertising space in this paper for curiosities. Write the publisher.

OUR DIRECTORY.

Those wishing their name inserted in this Directory can have same 3 months for 10c. and this paper will be sent them during that time Free.

All subscribers or advertisers can have their name inserted one time gratis.

Publishers, novelty dealers, and others are requested to send samples or circulars to the following names and addresses:

J V Edwards, box 97, Flagstaff, Arizona
Clarence Bundy, New Castle, Indiana
Byron Smith, box 112, Kyle, Texas
Dr Joseph Hale, Lebanon, Ohio
Frank H Kelley, Agent, Carrollton, Illinois
A Choyce, 792 Madison av, Paterson, N J
John T Lumpkins, Neva, Va
F J Stanton, Smyrna, N Y
R O Butterfield, Publisher, Dixon, Illinois
Henry Kephart, Berrien Springs, Michigan
A Chamberlain, Hasbrouck Heights, N J
Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y
Arthur C Paddock, Nantucket, Mass
Kindy's newspaper Agency, Nyra, Ark
C F Alcott, 90 Wiscon. st, Milwaukee, Wis
Albert R Head, Joy, Blount county, Ala
W M Hewitt, Peachton, Ottawa co, Ohio
J Victor, 275 Howard st, Indianapolis, Ind

How to Build Houses. A book giving plans and specifications for 25 houses of all sizes from two rooms up sent postpaid upon receipt of 25 cents. Address Chicago Business Record, 132 W Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ills. 10

FOR 50c

I will send 12 SAMPLES that will sell for One Dollar and Fifty Cents. These goods sell themselves, you need not be a "talker" to sell them. F. J. STANTON, Smyrna, N.Y.

Fellow publisher, if this notice is marked we'd like to exchange adv. space with you Please send us your copy at once

Ladies, Ladies!

We want you to send for one of our new **"Ladies' Delight"** Packages and to take orders for it. They can be sold for from $1 25 to 1 50 each and you can make money pleasantly and easily by simply calling on your friends and neighbors and show them the pakage It contains One Pair of Cashmere Gloves, Three Dozen of Elegant Dress Buttons, One Fine Cambric Fancy Bordered Handkerchief, One Elegant Fichu, One Pair Cashmere Hose, Three Yards Fine extra wide Oriental Lace and Three Yards of Fine Embroidery. We send this Graat Package post free all for One Dollar! We will send Special Prices with first order to ladies who care to take orders or to those who write for our agent's prices after they receive package. Please address plainly

Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N.Y.

Do You Need ANY Printing.

We have Unexcelled Facilities for turning out Fine Work at Very LOW PRICES. We quote a few of our sample prices, the first column being for 500, the second 1000:

Ordinary Bristol Cards	$1 25	$2 00
Ordinary Business Cards	1 75	2 50
Good Quality Note Heads	1 75	2 25
Good Quality P'k't Note H'ds	1 85	2 50
12 lb. Linen Note Heads	1 75	2 25
16 lb. Linen Note Heads	2 00	3 00
Letter Heads	2 40	3 75
Statements	1 50	2 25
Bill Heads 6s	1 50	2 25
Bill Heads 4s	2 15	3 35
Envelopes 6s white or ass't	1 75	2 50
Shipping Tags	1 35	2 00
Price Lists, etc., 5x7	1 25	1 75
Price Lists, etc., 6x9	1 75	2 50

Estimates for anything promptly furnished. As a SAMPLE of our work we will send 100 Printed Envelopes and 100 Printed Linen Note Heads Postage Free for One Dollar. ADVERTISER Office, Smyrna, N. Y.

Headquarters for all kinds of Society, Visiting, Trick and Photo Cards. C. F. Allcott, Printer and Stationer, 90 Wisconsin Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 3

Free, Free!

We will put your name and address in our

Mail List

which we send to almost one thousand

Publishers

all over the United States every month; in return you will receive

Hundreds

of sample copies of newspapers, story papers, magazines, books, novels, and the like

FREE.

You will get lots of valuable mail for a long time. All of this free if you send only one silver dime for our charming story paper a year on trial. Our paper contains thrilling stories of romance, love, detective and adventure and is certain to please you. Wrap the dime up in an old envelope put it in the letter and then write your name and address and send it to the "Boys' and Girls' News," Avon, Liv. County, N. Y. and it will reach us all right. Everyone who has sent to us has been well pleased. If you will MENTION THIS PAPER and send now we will send something nice by return mail FREE!

Dollars

Can be made every day by keeping "an eye open" for certain dates of United States COINS—silver, nickel and copper—on which we pay good premiums. Send 5 cts for our Premium Coin Catalogue and CARRY IT WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE! Address plainly,

F. J. STANTON, SMYRNA, N. Y.

MENTION!

Will you PLEASE MENTION THIS PAPER when writing to our advertisers?

WE WANT Agents to sell our Self-lighting Pocket Lamp. It sells at sight and agents are coining money. Send for our illustrated catalogue, with testimonials, naming this paper to W. M. Hewitt, Peachton, Ottawa county, Ohio. 4

Parachute. An exact pattern of the Parachute used by celebrated Jumpers,—man and all with full directions only 10cts Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Pencils. 3 Pencils, rubber tips, good quality, 5c 12 best Falcon Pens 5c, all by mail. Address Albert R. Head, P. M., 3 Joy, Blount county, Alabama.

12 of the **Finest Steel Pens** sent Post paid for 5c You pay twice this at the store Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

300 circulars mailed for 25c, 100 10c or 1000 $1. No stamps. Send trial order. Address John T. Lumpkins, Neva, Va. tw

Second SIGHT MYSTERY. Full Printed Instructions for performing this Great Trick of the World's Greatest Magician—Heller Any one can learn it in a short time Ours is the only correct expose 10 cts. Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Agents Wanted to introduce our Perfected Acoustic Telephone! Every one put up is sure to create a demand for others No peddling from house to house but selling to business and professional men who at once see its merits and their need of it For circulars and particulars address Edw E. Harbert & Co., 132 W. Van Buren Street Chicago, Ills. to

WHITE CAP MASKS. Get one of our Genuine White Cap Masks, and with it you can have lots of fun Beautifully made Only 10c Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y.

A Big Thing. 30c for a complete Printing Outfit See our other adv't in this paper Stamp Works, Smyrna, N Y

Send 2c stamp and we will mail you our large catalogue containing over 100 illustrations, our 32 page Book of Songs, etc Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

The Agent's Journal,

Published monthly at 25c a year Sample for stamp Special offers to the readers of this paper: The Journal one year, your name in Agent's Directory 3 months, and 100 desirable samples all for only 25c Adv rates 1-2 cent a word, continued 1.4 c The Agent's Journal, Trumansburg, N Y si

BOYS Think of It. 11 complete DETECTIVE and 16 others **27** stories in all **10c.** Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N.Y

Publishers, please send specimen copies with Subscription and Advertising Rates. Kindy's Newspaper Agency, 3 Nyra, Saline county, Arkansas.

Cheap Reading. For 10 cts in silver I will send a package of story papers and magazines. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

How to Make Your Own Rubber Stamps Full PRINTED instructions sent you for one unused 4c stamp. Address Stamp Works, Smyrna, New York

FREE In addition to our splendid premiums, the persons sending in the largest list of subscribers before Jan 1st will receive a paid up scholarship in one of the leading commercial colleges in the U S Send a stamp for full particulars R O Butterfield, Pub Young Folks at Home, Dixon, Ill. tf

Do You Want to receive thousands of samples, books, papers, cards, catalogues pictures, etc., free by mail? Do you want to keep posted? Do you want to get the largest mail that comes to your office? Do you want good chances to make money? If you do send us ten cents silver or stamps and have your name inserted in the Agents' Record; it is sent to publishers, novelty dealers, card co's and manufacturers all over the U. S. and they will send you samples, etc. Address Business Record, 132 W Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ills.

50 var. fine Foreign Stamps 10c, 100 var 15c, 150 mixed stamps 10c postpaid. Arthur C. Paddock, Nantucket, Mass.

ITCHING PILES.

Infallible Cure prepaid 50c or circular proof free. Absolute, Permanent, Sure. H. Kephart, Berrien Springs, Mich.

REDUCED from 25c to 15c

In order to increase the sale of our Imperial Budget we have ☞CUT THE PRICE down to 15c. The Budget contains: Washington's Little Hatchet, 29 Valuable Money Making Recipes, 1 Postal Card used in the old country, 1 Magic Joke card, 1 Great Coin Trick, 1 Magic Love Letter, 32 Late comic and sentimental songs, 25 Postmarks, 10 different kinds of Flirtations, The Language of Flowers 4 Handsome Pictorial Cards, and 1 Piece of small Jewelry Was there ever such a Bargain offered before? Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

BEAUTIFY

Your Cabinet, Centre Table, Mantel or Brackets with one or more of our Large and Beautiful ARCTIC TERN or ROSEATE TERN'S EGGS. These are Rare and Lovely Bird's Eggs and are VERY cheap at the price we offer them at which is 15c each, or one of each for 25c. All securely packed and sent post free.

Imperial Novelty Co.,
Smyrna, N. Y.

SAVE IT. Cut this out and save it for it is worth 25c to you, if you return it with two names We want to introduce into every city, town and village, the Young Folks at Home, the brightest and best page magazine published If you will send us the name of a good canvasser and of your teacher or of all the teachers in your neighborhood, if you wish, with 25c, half price, we will send the magazine 1 yr or if you send names and 15c we send it 6 mos Reg price 50c Specimen 5c R O Butterfield, Pub, Dixon, Ill tf

OLD LETTERS.—OLD STAMPS.

Have you or your acquaintances, your parents, or your grand-parents, as the case may be, any old letters stored away? If so look them up? There is Money in them!! Send me a stamp of each kind you find, left on the original envelope, (don't peel it off,) stating how many there are of each kind and by return mail we will make you an offer for the lot. The Oldest are the best. Send envelopes with the stamps EMBOSSED or IMPRESSED on them too. We also want stamps used by the Confederate States. Go to work Now and you may find stamps for which we can give you dollars! Dive into the old boxes, trunks and bureaus!!

Please address everything plainly to
F. J. STANTON, SMYRNA, N. Y.

$1 13 Weeks The Police Gazette will be mailed, securely wrapped to any address in the United States for three months for ONE DOLLAR. Liberal discount allowed postmasters, agents, and clubs. Sample copies mailed free. Address all orders to Richard K. Fox, Franklin Square, N. Y.

25 Gold Beveled-edge Cards, name on, postpaid 20c, 50 Transparent cards, name on 25c. A. Choyce, 792 Mad. av. Paterson, N.J.

Tell Your Own Fortune. Full and Complete Illustrated Directions Post Free 10c Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

OLD SLEUTH LIBRARY.

ISSUED QUARTERLY.

A Series of the Most Thrilling Detective Stories Ever Published.

NO.		PRICE
1	Old Sleuth, the Detective	10
2	The King of Detectives	10
3	Old Sleuth's Triumph 1st half	10
3	" " 2d half	10
4	Under a Million Disguises 1st half	10
4	" " " 2d half	10
5	Night Scenes in New York	10
6	Old Electricity the lightning detective	10
7	The Shadow Detective 1st half	10
7	" " 2d half	10
8	Red-light Will River detective 1st half	10
8	" " " " 2d half	10
9	Iron Burgess Gov't detective 1st half	10
9	" " " " 2d half	10
10	The Brigands of New York 1st half	10
10	" " 2d half	10
11	Tracked by a Ventriloquist	10
12	The Twin Shadowers	10
13	The French Detective	10
14	Billy Wayne the St Louis Detective	10
15	The New York Detective	10
16	O'Neil McDarragh the Detective	10
17	Old Sleuth in Harness Again	10
18	The Lady Detective	10
19	The Yankee Detective	10
20	The Fastest Boy in New York	10
21	Black Raven, the Georgia Detective	10
22	Night Hawk the Mounted Detective	10
23	The Gypsy Detective	10
24	The Mysteries and Miseries of N York	10
25	Old Terrible	10
26	The Smugglers of New York Bay	10
27	Manfred the Magic Trick Detective	10
28	Mura the Western Lady Detective	10
29	Mons. Armand or the French detective in New York	10
30	Lady Kate dashing female detec 1st h'f	10
30	" " " " 2d h'f.	10
31	Hamud the Detective	10
32	The Giant Detective in France 1st half	10
32	" " " 2d half	10
33	The American Detective in Russia	10
34	The Dutch Detective	10
35	Old Puritan the Old Time Yankee Detective 1st half	10
35	" " " 2d half	10
36	Manfred's Quest or Mystery of a trunk 1st half	10
36	" " " " 2d half	10
37	Tom Thumb W'nd'rf'l Boy Detec 1st hf	10
37	" " " " 2d half	10
38	Old Ironsides Abroad 1st half	10
38	" " " 2d half	10
39	Little Black Tom or Adventures of a Mischievous Darkey 1st h'f	10
39	" " " " " 2d half	10
40	Old Ironsides among Cowboys 1st h'f	10
40	" " " " 2d half	10
41	Black Tom in search of a father or further adven of Mischiev Darkey 1st h'f	10
41	" " " " " 2d half	10
42	Bonanza Bardie or the Treasure of the Rockies 1st half	10
42	" " " " 2d half	10
43	Old Transform Secret Spec. Detec. 1st hf	10
43	" " " " " 2d half	10
44	The King of Shadowers 1st half	10
44	" " " 2d half	10
45	Gasparoni the Italian Detective or Hide and Seek in New York	10
46	Old Sleuth's Luck	10
47	The Irish Detective	10
48	Down in a Coal Mine	10
49	Faithful Mike, the Irish Hero	10

The foregoing works are for sale by all newsdealers, or will be sent to any address, postage paid on receipt of 12 cents each, by the publisher. Address GEORGE MUNRO, Munro's Publishing House, 17 to 27 Vandewater St., New York. P. O. Box 3751.

☞MENTION THIS PAPER!

MONEY made easy Manufacturing Rubber Stamps. Send for Price List of Outfits, to J. F. W. Dorman, No. 217 East German Street, Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A.

WHY Toil For Others when a dollar will make you the recipient of 5 recipes for manufacturing 5 of the best selling goods on the market? John Victor, 275 Howard St., Indianapolis, Indiana. 4

EARNEST OPERATORS.

MEN WHO USE THE TELEGRAPH AS A MEANS OF EDUCATION.

The Best Telegraphers Get Out of the Business After a Few Years—Many of Them Prefer Medicine, Law and Journalism.

One-third of the telegraph operators of the country are continually preparing themselves for other professions, while the other two-thirds are continually thinking of doing so. Of the 100 men working on the regular night force in the Western Union main office thirty-six of them are either studying or working at something else days. They are divided up as follows: Doctors, 8; lawyers, 6; ministers, 3; brokers, 3; actors, 2; theatrical managers, 2; real estate dealers, 2; inventors, 2; book agents, 1; manufacturers, 1; civil engineers, 1; authors, 1; commercial business, 1; electrical supply agents, 1; composers of music, 1.

The method of making the change is different from that employed by men in other walks of life. Operators never have fat places thrust upon them. This is because they never come in contact with leaders in the business world. So if they ever expect to get anything better they must reach for it. Most of the operators who desire a change are men of families, consequently they have to move discreetly and do considerable economical juggling. Being without any capital except their own energy and ambition they choose a profession. The two most in favor are medicine and law. The next thing to be done is to acquire it. But this isn't such an easy matter.

FAVORABLE HOURS OF WORK.

The only thing in their favor is their hours of duty. These are regular. Telegraph offices have three separate forces. The day force reports for duty at 8 a. m. and is off at 5:30 p. m.; the regular night force relieves the day force at that hour; the all night force relieves the night force at 1:30 a. m., and is in turn relieved at 8 by the day force again. The regular night force is the most available, and the small army of aspirants for greatness in other ranks struggle upon it. They are given no extra privileges by the companies, but are subjected to the same stringent rules and regulations that govern the rest of the men. In fact, they have a harder time of it than the majority of the operators, because they are ordinarily strictly first class, and are consequently compelled to do the hardest work.

All these men who are striving to shake loose from telegraphy were originally country boys. The villages where they went to school and where they afterward learned telegraphy grew too small for them, and they came to New York, where they could do better. Many countrymen, after spending several years in this city, enter colleges and graduate with honors. During the summer vacations they return to the city and work day and night. In this way they make enough money to run them through the college year. Dozens of such men flock to the city every summer after commencement and remain until the college opens in the fall again. As the summer season is the time when the telegraph companies do their biggest business, they don't have any trouble in getting all the work they want.

The number of telegraphers who drift into newspaper work is also large. There is scarcely a paper of any importance in this country that doesn't number several ex-telegraphers upon its staff. In New York there are a score or more. These men were usually employed by the various press associations and newspapers as operators.

Probably the only man engaged in the telegraph business who doesn't care to get out of it is John Brant, an operator at 195 Broadway. He is a banker on quite an extensive scale. For twenty years he has worked for the Western Union in this city and loaned money to the boys. The majority of operators have a way of spending their money long before pay days, which occur on the 15th and 1st of every month. Brant is their benefactor and his own. He loans them a certain sum, depending entirely upon who the person is, for two weeks at 5 per cent., without security. It is estimated that he loans $3,000 in this way a month, and he is said to have accumulated a considerable fortune.

ATTITUDE OF THE COMPANIES.

The higher officials of the various companies are said to view the evolutionary movement with disfavor. This is not strange, for the men who are working out of the business are usually the companies' best men. The companies do not put any obstacles in the men's way, neither do they give them a helping hand. They consider that the men are using the telegraph as a stepping stone to something better, and they sprinkle just enough congealed water upon the steps to make them slippery. If the men mount them in safety they take it good naturedly; if the men slide to the bottom they are satisfied. One official, when asked what aid the companies gave their men who desired to better their worldly condition, said:

"We give them no aid, because it wouldn't do. We look upon all our men alike and treat them all alike. The students are governed by the same rules that govern the other men. They have no privileges over any one else. If they want to get off before their time is up they have to put their names in the early book and take their chances with the rest of the men. If we can spare them we let them go; if we can't they have to work, no matter how tired or sleepy they may be. We hire them as operators, and all that we require of them is that they will do the work for which they were employed. If they want to attend college during the day time they can. That's none of our business. But because they do isn't any reason why we should show any partiality. After they have secured their diploma, however, we usually arrange their hours in such a way that they can have the day to devote to working up a practice. But until then no concessions are made, and they are not even allowed to study in the office, even if they did have the time."

Notwithstanding the last statement the men do study in the office. But they do it clandestinely. They carry a little volume about in their pockets, and whenever there is a lull in business they take it out and read its pages, which they screen with messages. The chiefs of the various divisions in which the men work know it, but never interfere. They are in sympathy with the men, and have a disposition to give them a lift whenever they can.—New York Sun.

Solomon's Temple Not Much.

Solomon's temple, as described in the Scriptures, would not now be regarded as a very imposing structure. Its length was 107 feet, breadth 36 feet and height 54 feet; the porch was 36 feet long and 18 feet wide. So, on the whole, you see it did not surpass many private houses of the present day, but it was looked upon as one of the wonders of the ancient world.—Chatter.

False Mustache sent post paid for **7c.** Goatee **5c.** or Both for **10c.** State color. Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

THE ILLUSTRATED AGE,
A monthly 7x10 inch folio, Only 1-10 part of paper devoted to advertising Printed on good paper with choice stories Only 5c a year The Age, 72 Wisconsin st, Indianapolis, Ind

Choice 10c.
Send us 10c for either of these great novelties: The Missing Link, Electric Push Button, Dancing Skeleton, Bird Warbler and Tablet Key Ring Or 8c for a Lot of Pharaoh's Serpents, The Devil's Bottle, the Great Puzzle Whistle or 6c for a Knife tooth pick and ear spoon combined. Order now
Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

F:R:E:E:!
Sample copy of The Corona News-Letter —indispensible to all interested in the agency business A great number of ads of "Agents Wanted." Ad rates same as ADVERTISER. The above paper and ADVERTISER 6 mos for only 25c. Corona News-Letter, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

A BIG THING
Read this and we know you will Want One,
For only 30 cents in silver, a postal note or stamps we will send you one of our
COMPLETE PRINTING OUTFITS.
Prints any name—Can be changed a thousand times—prints cards, envelopes, note paper—marks linen, books or papers—Is Complete, Practical, Perfect. This Outfit contains a full 3 A font of very handsome rubber type, type holder, bottle of indelible ink, pad, tweezers and full directions for operating. Only 30 cents. We want every person who reads this adv't to order one at once and to act as
OUR AGENT.
Agent's terms with outfit. Use the one you order to canvass with and get your share of the Big Money before some one else gets ahead of you.
STAMP WORKS,
SMYRNA, N. Y.

AMERICAN AGENTS' ADVERTISER.

ACTIVE, AMBITIOUS, ADVANCING.

Vol. 1 SMYRNA, N. Y., AUGUST, 1890. No. 3

A Drummer's Dose.

"Why don't you take that half of the seat?" I asked of a drummer for a Boston house as we were going down from Charleston to Savannah on a crowded train, and the half referred to being alongside of a fairly good looking woman.

"I quit that ten years ago," he replied.

"Any story connected with it?"

"I should smile!"

And when he had got seated in the smoking car he began:

"About ten years ago, when my eyeteeth were still in the gums, I was going from Cleveland to Cincinnati. There was plenty of room in the coach, but I figured to get alongside a woman—a good looker, about 30 years of age. I found her talkative and pleasant, but after about half an hour and while I was patting myself on the back she turned on me with:

"'Can you spare me $75 today?'

"I laughed."

"'And don't keep me waiting,' she continued.

"I laughed again, although she had a look which gave me a hint of trouble.

"'You either come down with the $75 or I'll stand up here and claim to everybody that you are my husband and that you ran away and I am bringing you back.'

"I didn't laugh this time. I saw that she meant every word of it. I had about $70, and I tried to bluff her. I told her to raise a row and I'd have her arrested, but she didn't scare worth a cent. She was springing up to denounce me when I came to time."

"You don't say you gave her the money?"

"But I do. I counted it right out on her lap, and she put it into her pocket and said she guessed it would be a great moral lesson to me to mind my own business in future. So it was. I got away from her after a bit, dead broke and mad all through, but I was placed in such a position that I couldn't say a word. No more half seats for me. One dose has worked a cure."—New York Sun.

A Kingfisher at Home.

In a bluff on the shore we saw some holes dug into the bank, the work of kingfishers. One was smaller than the rest and we attributed it to bank swallows, but after digging in a foot or two we found a quart of rotten acorns showing it to be the nest of a squirrel. Two of the other holes proved to be old kingfishers' nests. They went in straight about two feet, then sheered off to the right or left as much further, terminating in quite a chamber. The third one was occupied. I dug in to the turn and then with a little stick felt carefully about in the chamber. Something grabbed my finger and gave me such a start that I nearly tumbled down the bank. The bird followed my lacerated finger to the mouth of the hole, then stopped in astonishment. I took out my handkerchief and extended one end to her, and when she seized it I yanked her out. She scooted away without a sound. The eggs, eight of them, lay on the bare gravel. I took two and departed just as the mother bird and her mate returned. They made a dreadful clatter, but seemed to be consoled as I disappeared.—Cor. Lewiston Journal.

Knowing Horse.

Recently our maid drove the family horse out, and stopped to get the animal a pailful of water. In carrying the pail full of water toward the horse the horse suddenly turned, frightening the girl and causing her to drop the pail. The horse at once stepped upon the sidewalk, took the bucket by the bail in his mouth, carried it toward the edge of the sidewalk, put it down and drank the contents.—Cor. Newburyport Herald.

He Disappointed Them.

An Indiana minister told one of his deacons that he would church him if he umpired a game of baseball. The deacon went out and umpired, but he was not churched. Both clubs fell upon him and hammered away until nothing was left to hold a trial over.—Detroit Free Press.

A Good Reason.

"I wish you wouldn't look so lovingly at that Arab," remarked young Dolley to Miss Amy as they inspected the curiosities in the side show."

"Why not?" asked Amy.

"Because I don't like you to waste your sweetness on the desert heir."—Judge.

A Study Lamp.

Guest—What sort of a lamp is that?

Host—A study lamp.

Guest—Ah! Called that because it is for the study, I presume.

Host—No. Called that because it takes a great deal of study to run it.—New York Weekly.

Will Consist of Twenty-four Hours.

Sun (to Moon)—Hello, Luna, dear! What's the news on earth?

Moon—Labor people are agitating for shorter days.

Sun—Well, they won't get them while I am running the machine.—West Shore.

No Argument Necessary.

Prisoner—I don't think there will be any need of your addressing the jury.

Lawyer—Why not?

Prisoner—My insanity will be instantly plain to them when they see that I have retained you to conduct my case.—Puck.

As Much as He Could Expect.

Farmer Rake (indignantly)—Say, Bill, can't you do anythin' all day but swing in thet hammock?

Young Rake (home from college)—Oh, dear, yes! I can get in it, and I can get out of it!—Puck.

An Eye That Never Sleeps.

He—Never marry a man with an artificial eye.

She—Why?

He—Because, no matter whether he's reading, sleeping or eating, he'll always keep an eye on you.—Epoch.

Afraid It Would Follow Him.

Waiter (to diner)—Excuse me, sir; but whistling is not allowed in this restaurant.

Diner—I'm not disturbing any one, am I?

Waiter—No, sir; but that last lot of cheese we got in is very sensitive.—Judge.

Do You Need ANY Printing.

We have Unexcelled Facilities for turning out Fine Work at Very LOW PRICES. We quote a few of our sample prices, the first column being for 500, the second 1000:

Ordinary Bristol Cards	$1 25	$2 00
Ordinary Business Cards	1 75	2 50
Good Quality Note Heads	1 75	2 25
Good Quality P'k't Note H'ds	1 85	2 50
12 lb. Linen Note Heads	1 75	2 25
16 lb. Linen Note Heads	2 00	3 00
Letter Heads	2 40	3 75
Statements	1 50	2 25
Bill Heads 6s	1 50	2 25
Bill Heads 4s	2 15	3 35
Envelopes 6s white or ass't	1 75	2 50
Shipping Tags	1 35	2 00
Price Lists, etc., 5x7	1 25	1 75
Price Lists, etc., 6x9	1 75	2 50

Estimates for anything promptly furnished. As a SAMPLE of our work we will send 100 Printed Envelopes and 100 Printed Linen Note Heads Postage Free for One Dollar. ADVERTISER Office, Smyrna, N. Y.

WHY Toil For Others when a dollar will make you the recipient of 5 recipes for manufacturing 5 of the best selling goods on the market? John Victor, 275 Howard St., Indianapolis, Indiana. 4

25 Gold Beveled-edge Cards, name on, postpaid 20c, 50 Transparent cards, name on 25c A. Choyce, 792 Mad. av. Paterson, N.J.

FREE In addition to our splendid premiums, the persons sending in the largest list of subscribers before Jan 191 will receive a paid up scholarship in one of the leading commercial colleges in the U S Send a stamp for full particulars R O Butterfield, Pub Young Folks at Home, Dixon, Ill. tf

Ladies, Ladies!

We want you to send for one of our new **"Ladies' Delight"** Packages and to take orders for it. They can be sold for from $1 25 to 1 50 each and you can make money pleasantly and easily by simply calling on your friends and neighbors and show them the pakage It contains One Pair of Cashmere Gloves, Three Dozen of Elegant Dress Buttons, One Fine Cambric Fancy Bordered Handkerchief, One Elegant Fichu, One Pair Cashmere Hose, Three Yards Fine extra wide Oriental Lace and Three Yards of Fine Embroidery. We send this Great Package post free all for One Dollar! We will send Special Prices with first order to ladies who care to take orders or to those who write for our agent's prices after they receive package. Please address plainly

Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N.Y.

Headquarters for all kinds of Society, Visiting, Trick and Photo Cards. C. F. Allcott, Printer and Stationer, 90 Wisconsin Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 3

Dollars

Can be made every day by keeping "an eye open" for certain dates of United States Coins—silver, nickel and copper—on which we pay good premiums. Send 5 cts for our Premium Coin Catalogue and CARRY IT WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE! Address plainly,

F. J. STANTON, SMYRNA, N. Y.

American Agents' ✣ Advertiser.

Active, Ambitious, Advancing.

Terms, Advertising Rates, Etc.

Subscription Price 25 cts for 12 numbers.

Advertising Rates are **1c per word** for 1st insertion of Small Advt's and Half Cent Per Word for subsequent insertions but no adv't will be inserted for less than 10c

On other adv'ts rates for from 1 to 12 insertions are as per following schedule:

	1	2	3	6	12
Half Inch	25	40	50	75	1 30
One Inch	45	70	90	1 30	2 30
Two & one-half in.	90	1 40	1 80	2 50	4 50
One-half column	1 60	2 70	3 30	4 50	8 50
Full column	3 00	5 00	6 00	8 50	16 50

Exchanges will find our latch string out.

Address, ADVERTISER, SMYRNA, N. Y.

NOTES.

—25c a year.

—Please subscribe!

—Oh, we're gettin' thar!

—And we're a baby yet, so to speak—but a lively one for a 3-months-er!

—The Youth's Delight is one of the brightest amateur papers on our list.

—There are new papers reaching us every little while. We wish them all success.

—Hot weather effects the monthlies badly but we have kept on time each month so far.

—The Agents' World has suspended and its list been turned over to the Agents' Monthly.

—The Waterville Gazette is the only weekly amateur paper we receive regularly. It is a lively one and deserves the success it surely merits

—Mr. F. G. Ko ckert says when forwarding his subscrip tion, that he is much pleased with this paper. That is the case with a goodly number of others, hence our growing sub scription list.

—In answer to inquiries as to the reliability of the Imperial Novelty Co., ahd the Stamp Works, of this place, both of whom are extensive advertisers with us, we would say that they are strictly first class and live up to their agree ments every time.

—Drive your Business do not let it drive you.

—The Amateur Press has made wonderful strides.

—Have you any old stamps See card in another column.

—Read the notice of the premium coin catalogue on first page.

EXCHANGERS.

This Department is **free to all,** whether subscribers or not. Send brief notices.

Bound vol Blackwell's Magazine of 1835, Phila. Ledger 1835, another paper 1845, card press and outfit, pair buffalo horns, flowering shrubs to exchange for a cow, printing press, etc. O. Wood, Cinnaminson, N J

Indian Scout telescope for old newspapers. Send list. Byron Smith, Kyle, Tex.

Large no. of books and files of Scientific American, Forest and Stream, Country Gentleman, Godey's, Arthur's, Ballou's, Fireside Companion, etc. to exchang. Write us what you have. F.J.Stanton, Smyrna, N.Y.

Advertising space in this paper for curiosities. Write the publisher.

Good stamps for books. G. U. Hardy, Albion, Illinois.

For 200 square cut envelope stamps or if mixed lot of 3c red, 4c, 6c, 7c, 10c, 15c, special delivery, postage due or revenue stamps, I will send a book worth 25c. Address Lock Box B, Smyrna, New York.

Indian arrow heads for books or watches or small printing press. Papers for papers. Geo. Murphy New Site Prentiss co. Miss.

Serpent's Eggs.

Lots of FUN for 8 cts.

And it is Innocent, Harmless Fun! No Danger! No Explosion! Just apply a lighted match to tip of the Egg and the serpent begins to show himself. Sometimes they will be nearly a yard long. Our eggs are larger and better than most of 'em offered for sale and Remember they are at less price. Imperial Nov. Co., Smyrna, N.Y.

POWDER

Sent you with which you can make Rubber Stamp Ink and Printed Instructions for the Making of Rubber Stamps both free for but 12 cents in stamps. If desired you can make a pint of first class writing ink with the powder. Stamp Works, Smyrna N. Y.

Thousands of Letters are Lost Every Year simply because they don't have the sender's Return Address printed on the envelope. Guard against this! We will send you 250 nicely printed Envelopes postage free for One Dollar or 125 for 50 cts. Order now! Why wait? Job Printer, Smyrna, N.Y.

Fellow publisher, if this notice is marked we'd like to exchange adv. space with you Please send us your copy at once

OUR DIRECTORY.

Those wishing their name inserted in this Directory can have same 3 months for 10c. and this paper will be sent them during that time Free.

All subscribers or advertisers can have their name inserted one time gratis.

Publishers, novelty dealers, and others are requested to send samples or circulars to the following names and addresses:

Chas Wuichet Collins PO Louisiana
Tandy Harvey Peru Randolph co Ark
Joseph A Tully Tompkinsville New York
J M Hall High Bridge New York
J F Hoyt Brentwood Corners New Hamp
W W Shaw Jr box 296 Sharpsbutg Pa
G U Hardy Albion Illinois
D Farrell National Military Home Kansas
Geo W Huntington box 24 Hurleyville N Y
Oscar Johnson box 97 Monrovia Ind o
So. Novelty Co 453 1-2 Melp. st New Orleans
Hy C Williams 117 north Beaver st York Pa
S W Quinn 14 Locke st no Cambridge Mass
G J McElroy 4 Worth'ton st B High'ds Mass
J V Edwards, box 97, Flagstaff, Arizona
Clarence Bundy, New Castle, Indiana
F G Koeckert 159 9th st New Orleans La
Byron Smith, box 112, Kyle, Texas
Dr Joseph Hale, Lebanon, Ohio
Frank H Kelley, Agent, Carrollton, Illinois
A Choyce, 792 Madison av, Paterson, N J
F J Stanton, Smyrna, N Y
R O Butterfield, Publisher, Dixon, Illinois
Henry Kephart, Berrien Springs, Michigan
A Chamberlain, Hasbrouck Heights, N J
Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y
Arthur C Paddock, Nantucket, Mass
Kindy's newspaper Agency, Nyra, Ark
C F Alcott, 90 Wiscon. st, Milwaukee, Wis
Albert R Head, Joy, Blount county, Ala
W M Hewitt, Peachton, Ottawa co, Ohio
J Victor, 275 Howard st, Indianapolis, Ind

SPECIAL!

Any person who will send us 3 names and 30c for Our Directory can have his or her name inserted free; send us 6 names and 40c (retaining 20c for yourself) and we will insert your name free; or send us 12 names and 60c (retaining 60c for yourself) and we will insert your name free.

MENTION!

WILL YOU PLEASE MENTION THIS PAPER when writing to our advertisers?

WE WANT Agents to sell our Self-lighting Pocket Lamp. It sells at sight and agents are coining money. Send for our illustrated catalogue, with testimonials, naming this paper to W. M. Hewitt, Peachton, Ottawa county, Ohio. 4

BOOKS FOR SALE. All kinds of novels. Three for 25c. V. F. Stockman 11 Allegany st. Boston Mass. 6

ADVERTISER!

YOU'RE GETTIN' LEFT every month that finds you without an adv't in our columns! FACT!! Do it no longer but send us a trial ad.!

Taylor's Unequaled Pile Remedy will cure the worst cases of Piles or res no matter from what cause arising. y it sufferers; you will never regret it! r sale and prepared by the proprietor ly W. C. Shannon Mc Brides Michigan. ice 25 cents. o

FOR 50c

I will send 12 SAMPLES that will sell for ne Dollar and Fifty Cents. These goods ll themselves, you need not be a "talker" sell them. F. J. STANTON, Smyrna, N.Y.

WANTED Agents male and female introduce four useful household articles stores and families. Large profits and dy sales. 10c for sample. E. M. Daner Bastress Pa. Be prompt this will t appear again. o

500 Circulars mailed for 35c or 100 trial 5c. Send them along. Agents send mp for a big bundle of circulars and pa-s. H. Norman P. M. Midway Minn. o

Here Quick! A large 20 column paper nonths and name in Agents Directory; free use of exchange column for only cts. O. Wood box 7 Cinnaminson N J

NOTICE.—Advertise The witness, Frankfort, Ky. rculation over 5,000 Adv tes: 1 line, cash or stamps, c; 1 inch 75c. Name in rted in Agents' Directory 10c Send us 2 one cent mps for sample copy and ms to agents. The Witss, Frankfort, Ky.

Publishers: I am now prepared to duct Puzzle Departments and furnish all ls of mss on reasonable terms. Write ice. Send copy of paper. Address O. d Cinnaminson New Jersey.

samples worth 90c sent postage free for 35 cents They are worth and that will sell for 90 cents and over. Order Imperial Novelty Co. Smyrna N. Y.

Look Here. We will send the Agent rter and Home a mammoth 20 col-agents' paper one year for 25c and in-your name in agents directory free; give free use of exchange column. mail will make you smile A sample 5c none free Advertising rates 5 cts ne 40 cts an inch; half price to sub-ers. Every fiftieth person sending 25c ears subscription receives a handsome bound book free O. Wood Cinnaon New Jersey.

Famous Detective Stories ail 5c. G. Boller, Arcana Indiana ot

Lise Mustache sent post paid for lentee **5c**, or Both for **10c**. State col-Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

CIRCULARS.

We hold circulars for adver rs in The witness, and can d out any number every th from 100 to 5,200, as send out 5,200 copies of witness every month, and ly to new names. Circu not larger than 6x9 inch 10c a 100. The Wit-, Frankfort, Ky.

Parachute. An exact pattern of the Parachute used by celebrated Jumpers,—man and all with full directions only 10cts Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Pencils. 3 Pencils, rubber tips, good quality, 5c 12 best Falcon Pens 5c, all by mail. Address Albert R. Head, P. M., 3 Joy, Blount county, Alabama.

12 of the **Finest Steel Pens** sent Post paid for 5c You pay twice this at the store Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Second SIGHT MYSTERY.

Full Printed Instructions for performing this Great Trick of the World's Greatest Magician—Heller Any one can learn it in a short time Ours is the only correct expose 10 cts. Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Agents Wanted to introduce our Perfected Acoustic Telephone! Every one put up is sure to create a demand for others No peddling from house to house but selling to business and professional men who at once see its merits and their need of it For circulars and particulars address Edw E. Harbert & Co., 132 W. Van Buren Street Chicago, Ills.

WHITE CAP MASKS. Get one of our Genuine White Cap Masks, and with it you can have lots of fun Beautifully made Only 10c Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y.

A Big Thing. 30c for a complete Printing Outfit See our other adv't in this paper Stamp Works, Smyrna, N Y

Send 2c stamp and we will mail you our large catalogue containing over 100 illustrations, our 32 page Book of Songs, etc Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

The Agent's Journal,

Published monthly at 25c a year Sample for stamp Special offers to the readers of this paper: The Journal one year, your name in Agent's Directory 3 months, and 100 desirable samples all for only 25c Adv rates 1-2 cent a word, continued 1.4 c The Agent's Journal, Trumansburg, N Y si

BOYS Think of It. 11 complete DETECTIVE and 16 others **27** stories in all **10c.** Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N.Y

Publishers, please send specimen copies with Subscription and Advertising Rates. Kindy's Newspaper Agency, 3 Nyra, Saline county, Arkansas.

Cheap Reading. For 10 cts in silver I will send a package of story papers and magazines. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

How to Make Your Own Rubber Stamps Full PRINTED instructions sent you for one unused 4c stamp. Address Stamp Works, Smyrna, New York

FREE!

We will put your name & address in our Mail List which we send to almost one thousand Publishers all over the United States every month; in return you will receive Hundreds of sample copies of newspapers, story papers magazines, books, novels, and the like Free! You will get lots of valuable mail for a long time. All of this free if you send only one silver dime for our charming story paper a year on trial. Our paper contains thrilling stories of romance, love, detective and adventure and is certain to please you. Wrap the dime up in an old envelope put it in the letter and then write your name and address and send it to the "Boys' and Girls' News," Avon, Liv. County, N. Y. and it will reach us all right. Everyone who has sent to us has been well pleased. If you will MENTION THIS PAPER and send now we will send something nice by return mail FREE!

How to Build Houses. A book giving plans and specifications for 25 houses of all sizes from two rooms up sent postpaid upon receipt of 25 cents. Address Chicago Business Record, 132 W Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ills. o

50 var. fine Foreign Stamps 10c, 100 var 15c, 150 mixed stamps 10c postpaid. Arthur C. Paddock, Nantucket, Mass.

ITCHING PILES.

Infallible Cure prepaid 50c or circular proof free. Absolute, Permanent, Sure. H. Kephart, Berrien Springs, Mich.

REDUCED from

25c to 15c

In order to increase the sale of our Imperial Budget we have CUT THE PRICE down to 15c. The Budget contains: Washington's Little Hatchet, 29 Valuable Money Making Recipes, 1 Postal Card used in the old country, 1 Magic Joke card, 1 Great Coin Trick, 1 Magic Love Letter, 32 Late comic and sentimental songs, 25 Postmarks, 10 different kinds of Flirtations, The Language of Flowers 4 Handsome Pictorial Cards, and 1 Piece of small Jewelry Was there ever such a Bargain offered before? Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

BEAUTIFY

Your Cabinet, Centre Table, Mantel or Brackets with one or more of our Large and Beautiful ARCTIC TERN or ROSEATE TERN'S EGGS. These are Rare and Lovely Bird's Eggs and are VERY cheap at the price we offer them at which is 15c each, or one of each for 25c. All securely packed and sent post free.

Imperial Novelty Co.,
Smyrna, N. Y.

SAVE IT. Cut this out and save it for it is worth 25c to you, if you return it with two names We want to introduce into every city, town and village, the Young Folks at Home, the brightest and best page magazine published If you will send us the name of a good canvasser and of your teacher or of all the teachers in your neighborhood, if you wish, with 25c, half price, we will send the magazine 1 yr or if you send names and 15c we send it 6 mos Reg price 50c Specimen 5c R O Butterfield, Pub, Dixon, Ill tf

OLD LETTERS.--OLD STAMPS.

Have you or your acquaintances, your parents, or your grand-parents, as the case may be, any old letters stored away? If so look them up? There is Money in them!! Send me a stamp of each kind you find, left on the original envelope, (don't peel it off,) stating how many there are of each kind and by return mail we will make you an offer for the lot The Oldest are the best. Send envelopes with the stamps EMBOSSED or IMPRESSED on them too. We also want stamps used by the Confederate States. Go to work Now and you may find stamps for which we can give you dollars! Dive into the old boxes, trunks and bureaus!!

Please address everything plainly to
F. J. STANTON, SMYRNA, N. Y.

The Police Gazette is the only illustrated paper in the world containing all the latest sensational and sporting news. No saloon keeper, barber or club room can afford to be without it. It makes friends wherever it goes. Mailed to any address in the United States, securely wrapped, 13 weeks for $1 00. Send five cents for sample copy. Richard K. Fox, Franklin Sq., N. Y.

MONEY made easy Manufacturing Rubber Stamps. Send for Price List of Outfits, to J. F. W. Dorman, No. 217 East German Street, Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A.

A MATTER OF SURVIVAL.

An Interesting Decision in a Suit Growing Out of the Johnstown Flood.

Judge Dennis has delivered an interesting opinion in the case of Bertha H. Cowman against Bertha H. Cowman as administratrix of Walter E. Hoopes and G. Lloyd Rogers, in which the Supreme lodge of the order of the Golden Chain filed a bill of interpleader.

The case arose out of the Johnstown disaster, to determine who was entitled to the $3,000 to be paid on the death of Walter E. Hoopes, secretary of the Johnstown Steel company, a member of the order, and who with his wife and two children was drowned in the flood. Mrs. Cowman is a sister of Mr. Hoopes, and claimed the funds, while Mr. Rogers as administrator of the two children of Mr. Hoopes contended that they belonged to both parents, and the fund to their estate.

There was only one survivor of the flood who knew anything of the manner in which the Hoopes family perished. He testified that he was in the dwelling of Mr. Hoopes, in the parlor with Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes, when he saw a dark body covering the windows. He rushed out and up stairs, and never saw Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes after that. Up stairs were his own wife and child and the two children of Mr. Hoopes. He got them all together and drove them before him up to the top of the attic steps. Then the house was swept away and all were drowned except himself.

Under the old Roman law, Judge Dennis remarked, all sorts of presumptions as to survivorship were taken into consideration as to sex and strength, being an expert swimmer, etc., but the English law swept all this away, and the courts now do not consider presumption in such case. The leading case in this country, cited by Judge Dennis, is that of Ball, in Cheeve's South Carolina reports, arising out of the blowing up of the steamer Pulaski, plying between Savannah and Charleston. In this case Mrs. Ball was heard, some ten minutes after the explosion, to call loudly for her husband and she received no response, and as he was known as a brave man and a devoted husband the court decided that the evidence was sufficient to establish that she survived, throwing out as not so conclusive the fact that some minutes after the explosion a man rushed to the side and threw a coat into a small boat, and then disappeared and never was seen afterward, and that the coat would fit Ball, a large man, and that it bore his initials. The court held that the man might be other than Ball himself.

Judge Dennis, acting on the only tangible evidence, decided that the children of Hoopes survived their parents, and awarded the fund to their estate.—Baltimore American.

The Wooden Shoe Trade.

"Are there many wooden shoes sold in Cincinnati?" was the query the reporter addressed to a dealer in the article.

"There are 10,000 pairs sold annually, at an average price of thirty-five cents a pair."

"Where are they made?"

"In Indiana, chiefly. A solid block of poplar wood is shaped on the outside with draw knives, and the cavity for the foot is gouged out with peculiarly shaped instruments."

"Are they warm and light?"

"Yes, more so than leather. A man with wooden shoes on his feet appears clumsy, but he is wise and feels comfortable."

"Who buy most of them?"

"Dairymen, gardeners, street car drivers and actors. For wear where the feet will be subjected to damp nothing is better, and there is nothing on earth that can equal them for making a racket when containing the nimble feet of a skilled clog dancer on a polished stage floor."

"When is the trade in them at its best?"

"Just at the opening of winter, when slush and mud become common."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Children in Washington.

Why is it that children don't like Washington? I have never found one who would not prefer to be at home. They all say there's no fun here. The beautiful parks, the wonders of the patent office and the National museum, even Washington's swords, Franklin's cane and the original Declaration of Independence in the state department—all these fail long to charm them. The boy from Montana who has been here for five years, the youthful son of an army officer, whose recollections of a home are confined to the quarters of a fort in Wyoming; the small girl who looks fondly back to the sands of western Michigan, the youngster from Detroit, each and every one of them is glad when it comes time to leave Washington and go home. Why is it? I do not know, unless it is that Washington means boarding houses and no snow and ice.—Cor. Detroit Tribune.

Indian Sign Language.

Lots of our army boys on the frontier have half the language at their fingers' end. Suppose we take up just the signs of the tribes so that you could find out without a word spoken just what band or nation an Indian happened to belong to, or, if you like, play the game among yourselves.

To ask who or what you are either make the sign of some tribe you have in mind and then point to him with the index finger of the right hand, or else hold the right hand palm to the front, about the height of the shoulder, and with thumb and finger extended and separated turn the hand to and fro a few times by wrist motion, then point to the Indian himself. It means, "I want to ask you a question. Who are you, or to what tribe do you belong?"

In reply, a Sioux will make the sign of drawing the extended fingers across the throat from left to right, meaning cutthroat or "cut off head," for in old times the Dacotas cut off the heads of their slain enemies. "Cutthroat" is the sign, therefore, for Sioux.—Exchange.

Difficult Men to Find.

I should say the two Rockefellers, John D. and William, and Henry M. Flagler are the hardest men now in New York for a stranger to get at. They are the principal men in the great Standard Oil combination, and when they are in the city are daily at the palatial offices in the Standard Oil building near the foot of Broadway. The visitor to this building is received with the utmost suavity and courtesy, and every attention will be given to him if he goes on business; but, though he can without difficulty see the secretaries of the millionaires named, he may go 1,000 times without ever being able to see either one of the three named. It is a little strange that they should be so very averse to seeing strangers, unless they are afraid of being imposed upon, for all three of them are exceptionally liberal men outside of business transactions. John D. Rockefeller's favorite line of beneficence seems to be giving checks to churches and other religious institutions.—Cor. Augusta Chronicle.

Do You Want to receive thousands of samples, books, papers, cards, catalogues, pictures, etc., free by mail? Do you want to keep posted? Do you want to get the largest mail that comes to your office? Do you want good chances to make money? If you do send us ten cents silver or stamps and have your name inserted in the Agents' Record; it is sent to publishers, novelty dealers, card co's and manufacturers all over the U. S. and they will send you samples, etc. Address Business Record, 132 W. Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ills.

F:R:E:E:!

Sample copy of The Corona News-Letter—indispensible to all interested in the agency business. A great number of ads of "Agents Wanted." Ad rates same as ADVERTISER. The above paper and ADVERTISER 6 mos for only 25c. Corona News-Letter, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Choice 10c.

Send us 10c for either of these great novelties: The Missing Link, Electric Push Button, Dancing Skeleton, Bird Warbler and Tablet Key Ring. Or 8c for a Lot of Pharaoh's Serpents, The Devil's Bottle, the Great Puzzle Whistle or 6c for a Knife tooth pick and ear spoon combined. Order now. Imperial novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

A BIG THING

Read this and we know you will Want One,

For only 30 cents in silver, a postal note or stamps we will send you one of our

COMPLETE PRINTING OUTFITS

Prints any name—Can be changed a thousand times—prints cards, envelopes, note paper—marks linen, books or papers—Is Complete, Practical, Perfect. This Outfit contains a full 3 A font of very handsome rubber type, type holder, bottle of indelible ink, pad, tweezers and full directions for operating. Only 30 cents. We want every person who reads this adv't to order one at once and to act as

OUR AGENT.

Agent's terms with outfit. Use the one you order to canvass with and get your share of the Big Money before some one else gets ahead of you.

STAMP WORKS, SMYRNA, N. Y.

Tell Your Own Fortune. Full and Complete Illustrated Directions Free 10c Imp'l novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

AMERICAN AGENTS' ADVERTISER.

ACTIVE, AMBITIOUS, ADVANCING.

Vol. 1 SMYRNA, N. Y., NOVEMBER, 1890. No. 5

I SHALL BE SATISFIED.

After the toil and turmoil,
And the anguish of trust belied;
After the burden of weary cares,
Baffled longings, ungranted prayers;
After the passion and fever and fret,
After the aching of vain regret,
After the hurry and heat of strife,
The yearning and tossing that men call "life;"
Faith that mocks and fair hopes denied,
I shall be satisfied.

When the golden bowl is broken
At the sunny fountain side;
When the turf lies green and cold above
Wrong and sorrow and loss and love;
When the great dumb walls of silence stand
At the doors of the undiscovered land;
When all we have left in our olden place
Is an empty chair and a pictured face;
When the prayer is prayed and the sigh is sighed
I shall be satisfied.

—London World.

Statistics About the Echo.

Some one has recently figured out the exact distance that a person may be removed from a reflecting surface and yet hear the echo of his own voice. Five syllables a second is said to be the limit both of distinct pronunciation and distinct hearing. This gives one-fifth of a second for each syllable. When the atmospheric temperature is 61 degs. sound travels 1,120 feet a second. In one-fifth that time it will cover a distance of 224 feet. Hence, if a reflecting surface is 112 feet distant the initial sound of an uttered syllable will be returned to the ear just as the next syllable starts on its journey. In this case the first fifth of the second is consumed in the utterance of a syllable, and the next fifth of the second in hearing its echo. Two syllables would be echoed from a reflecting surface 224 feet distant, three syllables from 336 feet, and so on within the limit of audibleness.—New York Press.

A Stalk of Rhubarb.

A stalk of rhubarb grown by George Cruickshanks and exhibited at George H. Randel's market measured eight inches in circumference and weighed two pounds and four ounces.—Fitchburg Sentinel.

Wages of Proofreaders.

The New York Sun pays $140 per week to proofreaders; The New York Times and New York Tribune, $245 each, and The New York Herald and New York World, $315 each. A new "dress" of type for The New York Times or New York Tribune costs $12,000; for The New York Herald, $15,000, including mailing type; and for The New York World, $13,890, excluding mailing type. As a rule new type is purchased annually.—E. M. Camp in Century.

Beating a Superstition.

A New Yorker has collected facts relating to over 500 dinners where there were thirteen at table, and the average of deaths among them is so low as to lead him to declare that thirteen is an exceedingly lucky number, and to advise everybody to ring it in whenever possible.—Detroit Free Press.

Lifting Power of Plants.

Experiments of a peculiar character have been carried on at several of the noted agricultural colleges of the United States, the object being to ascertain the lifting power of growing plants of different species. The one result which has, perhaps, attracted the greatest attention is the discovery that a weight of two and a half tons can be lifted by the common "Yankee" pumpkin in the course of its development.

Dr. Carpenter relates the story of a paving stone weighing eighty-three pounds that was raised from its bed (when joined by others on all four sides) by such a soft piece of fungi as the common mushroom. And still another and more remarkable story is added to the above. A man having a cask of sweet wine placed it in an empty cellar to mature. When examined several years later it had risen from the floor of the cellar to the ceiling, having been borne upward upon the tender shoots of a vine fungus, with which the cellar was filled.—St. Louis Republic.

"Who Will Watch the Watchman?"

Electricity is now employed for keeping a record of the movements of the watchman in public buildings and hotels, and this it does with relentless certainty. The watchman can report himself by an arrangement connected with a watchman's clock, or otherwise, at any specified time, and thus his whereabouts at any particular hour of the night is made known at the office. An adaptation of this system is also made in hospitals for the purpose of preventing surreptitious snoozing on the part of nurses. Time indicators are placed in the wards, and once every hour the nurses are required to report to the doctor over the electric wire.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Popularity of Latin and Greek.

A publisher was saying recently that the Chautauquan circle in this country is largely responsible for the present marvelous interest in Latin and Latin literature. At no time within fifty years have so many text books, commentaries and translations been turned from the press. The tendency of the colleges to make Latin and Greek optional studies, instead of allaying this interest, seems to have excited ambition among budding scholars all over the country to master the dead language. Since the first American translation of Virgil a year or two ago the publishers' woods are full of MSS. Virgils, Horaces, Ovids and Lucretiuses.—Exchange.

Broadens His Feet, Too.

A school teacher was recently endeavoring to instruct his pupils in the advantages of travel for broadening a person's sympathies.

"And now," said he, "can any of you boys tell me what traveling does for a person?"

A youngster who had seven miles to tramp every day to school snapped his fingers when the teacher inquired:

"Well, Bobby, what does traveling do for a person?"

"If you please, sir," was the reply, "it mak's his feet sair."—Boston Globe.

3,000!

We shall no doubt issue 3,000 OR MORE COPIES of our Holiday [December] number in order to boom our Advertising patrons! Our rates will remain the same! **Advertiser wake up** if you want to get into the big issue & Send copy NOW!

Jonah and the Whale

NEW, NOVEL, JUST OUT!

THE BEST PUZZLE

Ever Introduced.

Beats everything! Is handsomely gotten up! In neat Box! Illuminated cover! The puzzle is to get

JONAH IN THE WHALE'S MOUTH

Endless amusement for the Young or Old! Don't fail to order one now and get ahead of your neighbor! Their price postpaid

Is Only Ten Cents!

Hundreds of these could be sold in your neighborhood! Do you want to act as our agent? If so, write at once for Terms to

Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N.Y.

COINS!

Can be made every day by keeping "an eye open" for certain dates of United States Coins—silver, nickel and copper—on which we pay good premiums. Send 5 cts for our Premium Coin Catalogue and CARRY IT WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE! Address plainly,

F.J.STANTON, SMYRNA, N.Y.

POWDER

Sent you with which you can make Rubber Stamp Ink and Printed Instructions for the Making of Rubber Stamps both free for but 12 cents in stamps. If desired you can make a pint of first class writing ink with the powder. Stamp Works, Smyrna N. Y.

American Agents' ✠ Advertiser.

Active, Ambitious, Advancing.

Terms, Advertising Rates, Etc.

Subscription Price 25 cts for 12 numbers.

Advertising Rates are **1c per word** for 1st insertion of Small Advt's and Half Cent Per Word for subsequent insertions but no adv't will be inserted for less than 10c

On other adv'ts rates for from 1 to 12 insertions are as per following sched le:

	1	2	3		12
Half Inch	25	40	50	75	1 30
One Inch	45	70	90	1 30	2 30
Two & one-half in.	90	1 40	1 80	2 50	4 50
One-half column	1 60	2 70	3 30	4 50	8 50
Full column	3 00	5 00	6 00	8 50	16 50

Exchanges will find our latch string out.

Address, ADVERTISER, SMYRNA, N. Y.

NOTES.

—Can't you afford to subscribe?

—A man's light won't shine if it's hid under a bushel—moral: advertise!

—Do you get lots of sample papers, circulars, and the like? Remember they come through your name being in Our Directory! 3 months 10c and paper free!

—Attention is called to the Jonah and the Whale puzzle advertised on our first page. It is most interesting and entertaining and we hope each person who reads this paper will order one.

FREE In addition to our splendid premiums, the persons sending in the largest list of subscribers before Jan 191 will receive a paid up scholarship in one of the leading commercial colleges in the U S Send a stamp for full particulars R O Butterfield, Pub Young Folks at Home, Dixon, Ill. tf

Do You Need ANY Printing.

We have Unexcelled Facilities for turning out Fine Work at Very LOW PRICES. We quote a few of our sample prices, the first column being for 500, the second 1000:

Ordinary Bristol Cards	$1 25	$2 00
Ordinary Business Cards	1 75	2 50
Good Quality Note Heads	1 75	2 25
Good Quality P'k't Note H'ds	1 85	2 50
12 lb. Linen Note Heads	1 75	2 25
16 lb. Linen Note Heads	2 00	3 00
Letter Heads	2 40	3 75
Statements	1 50	2 25
Bill Heads 6s	1 50	2 25
Bill Heads 4s	2 15	3 35
Envelopes 6s white or ass't	1 75	2 50
Shipping Tags	1 35	2 00
Price Lists, etc., 5x7	1 25	1 75
Price Lists, etc., 6x9	1 75	2 50

Estimates for anything promptly furnished. As a SAMPLE of our work we will send 100 Printed Envelopes and 100 Printed Linen Note Heads Postage Free for One Dollar. ADVERTISER Office, Smyrna, N. Y.

EXCHANGERS.

This Department is **free to all,** whether subscribers or not. Send brief notices.

Lot of reading matter, books, circulars, etc., for books, curiosities, or whatever you have. American Eagle, Martin's Ferry, O.

From No. 43 Vol. vi Golden Days to No. 40 Vol. ix for offers. S. W. Quinn, 14 Locke st., No. Cambridge, Mass.

Large no. of books and files of Scientific American, Forest and Stream, Country Gentleman, Godey's, Arthur's, Ballou's, Fireside Companion, etc. to exchang. Write us what you have. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

Agates for a flute. Rennie Osburn, 220 Davenport st., Iowa City, Iowa.

Two pianos and a parlor organ in good condition for a lot of land for building purposes in good location within 500 miles of New York. F. A. Munson, Sing Sing, N. Y

Advertising space in this paper for curiosities. Write the publisher.

Good B. L. magazine, King's improved Winchester rifle for body type or offers. R. E. Agent, Aarwood, Mich.

65 nos Leisure Hour Library for stamps. A. D. Grutzmacher, Mukwonago, Wis.

For 200 square cut envelope stamps or if mixed lot of 3c red, 4c, 5c, 7c, 10c, 15c, special delivery, postage due or revenue stamps, I will send a book worth 35c. Address Lock Box B, Smyrna, New York.

Books, novels, magazines, etc., for others or anything useful. Eugene C Wright, Aarwood, Kalkaska Co., Mich.

120 papers, magazines, books, etc., for a polyopticon, microscope, or best offers. C. Ross MacKenrick, box 217, Clearfield, Pa.

My heart, hand and fortune for that of a true woman, aged 40, or thereabout. J. Martin Ritter, Aarwood, Mich.

Do It!

Send five ONE CENT STAMPS for a copy of my PREMIUM COIN CATALOGUE! It may be worth many dollars to you. Keep it with you for reference. Handy and neatly printed. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y. 6

False Mustache sent post paid for **7c,** Goatee **5c,** or Both for **10c.** State color. Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

Publishers: I am now prepared to conduct Puzzle Departments and furnish all kinds of mss on reasonable terms. Write at once. Send copy of paper. Address O. Wood Cinnaminson New Jersey.

6 samples worth 90c sent postage free for 35 cents They are worth and that will sell for 90 cents and over. Order Imperial Novelty Co. Smyrna N. Y.

Look. 20 comic return envelopes 8c 100 for 30c. Printer, Gageville, Ohio 6

Telescope magnifying 5000 times only 75c. Price before $10. No humbug. Ag'ts wanted. Joseph Fogelberg, Bancroft, Neb

Real Estate for sale; easy terms. Partner wanted. Real Estate Agent, Aarwood, Kalkaska Co., Mich. 6

Printing press 2 1-2x3 1-2, type etc. complete $3 25. Satisfaction guaranteed. W. F. Trulan, Andover, Mass. 4

10 cts pays for 1 complete Reversible Fountain Pen. C. Lejeal, Erie, Pa 4

TEN Copper Cents, all rare, price one dollar. Selling lists free. Trask & Sugden, Box 141, Woodbury, Conn. 9

Send one vol old story paper and only 25c and I will send you another story paper of same price. Albert Kiel, Round Top, Tex

Do you want correspondents for fun or matrimony Send to Box 383, Leslie, Mich for particulars. 6

OUR DIRECTORY.

Those wishing their name inserted in this Directory can have same 3 months for 10c. and this paper will be sent them during that time Free.

All subscribers or advertisers can have their name inserted one time gratis.

Publishers, novelty dealers, and others are requested to send samples or circulars to the following names and addresses:

Chas Wuichet Collins P O Louisiana
Tandy Harvey Peru Randolph co Ark
Joseph A Tully Tompkinsville New York
J M Hall High Bridge New York
J F Hoyt Brentwood Corners New Hamp
W W Shaw Jr box 296 Sharpsbutg Pa
G U Hardy Albion Illinois
D Farrell National Military Home Kansas
Geo W Huntington box 24 Hurleyville N Y
So. Novelty Co 453 1-2 Melp. st New Orleans
Hy C Williams 117 north Beaver st York Pa
S W Quinn 14 Locke st no Cambridge Mass
G J McElroy 4 Worth'ton st B High'ds Mass
J V Edwards, box 97, Flagstaff, Arizona
Clarence Bundy, New Castle, Indiana
F G Koeckert 159 9th st New Orleans La
Byron Smith, box 112, Kyle, Texas
Dr Joseph Hale, Lebanon, Ohio
Frank H Kelley, Agent, Carrollton, Illinois
A Choyce, 792 Madison av, Paterson, N J
F J Stanton, Smyrna, N Y
R O Butterfield, Publisher, Dixon, Illinois
Henry Kephart, Berrien Springs, Michigan
A Chamberlain, Hasbrouck Heights, N J
Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y
Arthur C Paddock, Nantucket, Mass
Kindy's newspaper Agency, Nyra, Ark
C F Alcott, 90 Wiscon. st, Milwaukee, Wis
Albert R Head, Joy, Blount county, Ala
W M Hewitt, Peachton, Ottawa co, Ohio
J Victor, 275 Howard st, Indianapolis, Ind
Max Mendel 58 Suffolk st New York
Cha's Amesbury box 70 Rearing Spring Pa
Rennie Osburn 220 Dav'p't st Iowa City Ia
Willard Robinson Cisco Texas
Edward Camm Lynchburg Va
Chester Bush Summerdale Cook Co Ills
T W Sizemore Piana West Va 9
John P Labrie Montmorency Fall Canada
Frank E Sturtevant box 126 Millbury Mass
Albert Kiel Carmean Fayette Co Texas
Geo P Parsons box 18 Durham Conn

SPECIAL!

Any person who will send us 3 names and 30c for Our Directory can have his or her name inserted free; send us 6 names and 40c (retaining 20c for yourself) and we will insert your name free; or send us 12 names and 60c (retaining 60c for yourself) and we will insert your name free.

ADVERTISER!

YOU'RE GETTIN' LEFT every month that finds you without an adv't in our columns! FACT!! Do it no longer but send us a trial ad.!

MENTION!

Will you PLEASE MENTION THIS PAPER when writing to our advertisers?

VE WANT Agents to sell our Selfting Pocket Lamp. It sells at sight and nts are coining money. Send for our strated catalogue, with testimonials, ing this paper to W. M. Hewitt, Peach- Ottawa county, Ohio. 4

FOR 50c

will send 12 SAMPLES that will sell for Dollar and Fifty Cents. These goods themselves, you need not be a "talker" ell them. F. J. STANTON, Smyrna, N.Y.

Here Quick! A large 20 column paper onths and name in Agents Directory; free use of exchange column for only ts. O. Wood box 7 Cinnaminson N J

NOTICE.—Advertise The witness, Frankfort, Ky. rculation over 5,000 Adv tes: 1 line, cash or stamps, c; 1 inch 75c. Name in rted in Agents' Directory r 10c end us 2 one cent mps for sample copy and rms to agents. The Witess. Frankfort, Ky.

Serpent's Eggs.

Lots of FUN for 8 cts.

And it is Innocent, Harmless Fun! No anger! No Explosion! Just apply a ghted match to tip of the Egg and the pent begins to show himself. Sometimes they will be nearly a yard long. Our gs are larger and better than most of 'em fered for sale and Remember they are at s price. Imperial Nov. Co., Smyrna, N.Y.

CIRCULARS.

We fold circulars for advertisers in The witness, and can end out any number every month from 100 to 5,200, as e send out 5,200 copies of he witness every month, and mostly to new names. Circulars not larger than 6x9 inch s at 10c a 100. The Witness, Frankfort, Ky.

Look Here. We will send the Agent advertiter and Home a mammoth 20 column agents' paper one year for 25c and insert your name in agents directory free; also give free use of exchange column. Your mail will make you smile A sample copy 3c none free Advertising rates 5 cts per line 40 cts an inch; half price to subscribers. Every fiftieth person sending 25c for a years subscription receives a handsome cloth bound book free O. Wood Cinnaminson New Jersey.

Thousands of Letters are Lost Every Year simply because they don't have the sender's Return Address printed on the envelope. Guard against this! We will send you 250 nicely printed Envelopes postage free for One Dollar or 125 for 50 cts. Order now! Why wait? Job Printer, Smyrna. N.Y.

Parachute. An exact pattern of the Parachute used by celebrated Jumpers,—man and all with full directions only 10cts Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

12 of the **Finest Steel Pens** sent Post paid for 5c You pay twice this at the store Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Second SIGHT MYSTERY.

Full Printed Instructions for performing this Great Trick of the World's Greatest Magician—Heller Any one can learn it in a short time Ours is the only correct expose 10cts. Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

Agents Wanted to introduce our Perfected Acoustic Telephone! Every one put up is sure to create a demand for others No peddling from house to house but selling to business and professional men who at once see its merits and their need of it For circulars and particulars address Edw E. Harbert & Co., 132 W. Van Buren Street Chicago, Ills. 10

WHITE CAP MASKS. Get one of our Genuine White Cap Masks, and with it you can have lots of fun Beautifully made Only 10c Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y.

A Big Thing. 30c for a complete Printing Outfit See our other adv't in this paper Stamp Works, Smyrna, N Y

Send 2c stamp and we will mail you our large catalogue containing over 100 illustrations, our 32 page Book of Songs, etc Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N. Y.

The Agent's Journal,

Published monthly at 25c a year Sample for stamp Special offers to the readers of this paper: The Journal one year, your name in Agent's Directory 3 months, and 100 desirable samples all for only 25c Adv rates 1-2 cent a word continued 1.4 c The Agent's Journal, Trumansburg, N Y si

BOYS Think of It. 11 complete DETECTIVE and 16 others **27** stories in all **10c.** Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N.Y

Cheap Reading. For 10 cts in silver I will send a package of story papers and magazines. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

How to Make Your Own Rubber Stamps Full PRINTED instructions sent you for one unused 4c stamp. Address Stamp Works, Smyrna, New York

FREE!

We will put your name & address in our Mail List which we send to almost one thousand Publishers all over the United States every month; in return you will receive Hundreds of sample copies of newspapers, story papers magazines, books, novels, and the like Free! You will get lots of valuable mail for a long time. All of this free if you send only one silver dime for our charming story paper a year on trial. Our paper contains thrilling stories of romance, love, detective and adventure and is certain to please you. Wrap the dime up in an old envelope put it in the letter and then write your name and address and send it to the "Boys' and Girls' News," Avon, Liv. County, N. Y. and it will reach us all right. Everyone who has sent to us has been well pleased. If you will MENTION THIS PAPER and send now we will send something nice by return mail FREE!

How to Build Houses. A book giving plans and specifications for 25 houses of all sizes from two rooms up sent postpaid upon receipt of 25 cents. Address Chicago Business Record, 132 W Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ills. 10

ITCHING PILES.

Infallible Cure prepaid 50c or circular proof free. Absolute, Permanent, Sure. H. Kephart, Berrien Springs, Mich.

REDUCED from

25c to 15c

In order to increase the sale of our Imperial Budget we have CUT THE PRICE down to 15c. The Budget contains: Washington's Little Hatchet, 29 Valuable Money Making Recipes, 1 Postal Card used in the old country, 1 Magic Joke card, 1 Great Coin Trick, 1 Magic Love Letter, 32 Late comic and sentimental songs, 25 Postmarks, 10 different kinds of Flirtations, The Language of Flowers 4 Handsome Pictorial Cards, and 1 Piece of small Jewelry Was there ever such a Bargain offered before? Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

BEAUTIFY

Your Cabinet, Centre Table, Mantel or Brackets with one or more of our Large and Beautiful ARCTIC TERN or ROSEATE TERN'S EGGS. These are Rare and Lovely Bird's Eggs and are VERY cheap at the price we offer them at which is 15c each, or one of each for 25c. All securely packed and sent post free.

Imperial Novelty Co.,
Smyrna, N Y.

SAVE IT. Cut this out and save it for it is worth 25c to you, if you return it with two names We want to introduce into every city, town and village, the Young Folks at Home, the brightest and best page magazine published If you will send us the name of a good canvasser and of your teacher or of all the teachers in your neighborhood, if you wish, with 25c, half price, we will send the magazine 1 yr or if you send names and 15c we send it 6 mos Reg price 50c Specimen 5c R O Butterfield, Pub, Dixon, Ill tf

OLD LETTERS.—OLD STAMPS.

Have you or your acquaintances, your parents, or your grand-parents, as the case may be, any old letters stored away? If so look them up? There is Money in them!! Send me a stamp of each kind you find, left on the original envelope, (don't peel it off,) stating how many there are of each kind and by return mail we will make you an offer for the lot The Oldest are the best. Send envelopes with the stamps EMBOSSED or IMPRESSED on them too. We also want stamps used by the Confederate States. Go to work Now and you may find stamps for which we can give you dollars! Dive into the old boxes, trunks and bureaus!!

Please address everything plainly to
F. J. STANTON, SMYRNA, N. Y.

The Police Gazette is the only illustrated paper in the world containing all the latest sensational and sporting news. No saloon keeper, barber or club room can afford to be without it. It makes friends wherever it goes. Mailed to any address in the United States, securely wrapped, 13 weeks for $1 00. Send five cents for sample copy. Richard K. Fox, Franklin Sq., N.Y.

Fellow publisher, if this notice is marked we'd like to exchange adv. space with you Please send us your copy at once

MONEY made easy Manufacturing Rubber Stamps. Send for Price List of Outfits, to J. F. W. Dorman, No. 217 East German Street, Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A.

LIVING LIKE A FAMILY.

TWELVE HUNDRED PERSONS EAT AND SLEEP UNDER ONE ROOF.

It Is Not a Prison Either—Immense Success of the Civil Service Supply Association of Great Britain After a Twenty-five Years' Test.

Twenty-five years ago the government employes of Great Britain organized themselves into a "Civil Service Supply association" in order to enable each member to purchase at wholesale prices food, clothing and furniture.

A chest of tea was the first investment. This was equally divided among the originators and subscribers, and the price of one pound of tea to each member was so small that the news quickly spread, and thus originated "The Civil Service Supply association, limited," which has now become in England one of the most powerful corporations. None but civil service employes are admitted to membership. These include all branches of the service, such as the war office, foreign office, British museum, postoffice and custom house. A man or woman who, having passed a severe competitive examination, once enters any branch of the service is secure of a place for life, advanced according to ability and worth, pensioned if incapacitated by age or sickness to perform his or her duties, and only dismissed for serious offenses or misbehavior.

From that first chest of tea purchased twenty-five years ago by a fair, level headed man has sprung up a business in England the like of which does not exist in any other country.

One of the largest of these stores, if not the largest, is that of John Barker & Co., of High street, Kensington. The firm occupy thirty stores, covering an entire square block all merged into one vast business, which is carried on from the cellars to the highest stories. They employ 1,200 clerks, salesmen and saleswomen, besides a small army of mechanics and workingmen and women of all classes.

AN ARMY OF SALESMEN.

"We have in our employ," said D. T. Barker, "900 salesmen and saleswomen. Besides these we have on our pay roll about as many clerks, bookkeepers, drivers, porters, carpenters, plumbers, butchers, grocerymen, tailors, dressmakers and workingmen and women. They are paid full union rates, as I have made it a point in my business never to contend with what the working classes consider their rights.

"From practical experience I believe in the employer supporting workingmen's unions, for I have always found that by doing so I get the best workmen and accordingly the best work done. Every employe in the store, from the commonest porter to the highest graded, has three weeks' holiday, with full pay, every year. The hours of attendance are from 8:30 in the morning until 6:30 in the evening. The stores close sharp at 2 o'clock every Saturday the whole year round, and even during the holiday rush there are no extra hours.

"It is the custom in England, and I am astonished to hear that it is not adopted in the United States, for all stores employing many clerks and salesmen and women to board and lodge those who are unmarried."

Mr. Barker then took the correspondent to the top floors of his thirty stores. In each of the buildings were set aside two floors used as lodgings for the employes, of whom more than three hundred are there accommodated. The rooms are not only comfortably but handsomely furnished and carpeted. The rental of these rooms, the correspondent found from personal experience with the lodging houses of London, was so small, considering the locality, the furnishing and comforts of the rooms, as to seem almost incredible that such comforts could be provided for at such cost.

CO-OPERATIVE LODGINGS.

Mr. Barker then took the correspondent a short distance from the stores into one of the quietest and prettiest streets in Kensington. He led the way to a row of fine, large private house, with pretty gardens in front. Pointing to six of the handsomest houses that stood alongside each other Mr. Barker said:

"Our firm not only leases these buildings, but has furnished them throughout, and we have divided them into rooms, which we rent out to our employes on the same principle as those I have shown you. Now, instead of the system being unpopular, as you in America would think, we are, on account of the increase of our business, going to rent more houses, so great is the application made to us for rooms by our employes."

Two of the houses were specially set aside for the female employes, and while all the rooms were well and comfortably furnished some showed that their occupants were women of taste and refinement from the books, pictures and ornaments in the rooms. One of the larger rooms is set aside as a parlor. In this room, which was handsomely furnished, was a grand piano. "We have among our employes some really accomplished musicians," said Mr. Barker, "and many are highly trained vocalists.

"Every month our employes are allowed to give a concert to which their friends are invited. Twice a month they are also permitted to give a dancing party to which also they are allowed to invite their friends. Once a year they give a concert at St. James' hall, a smoking concert and a banquet. On these occasions tickets of admission are sold, and the amounts thus gathered are set aside to swell a general benefit fund."

Mr. Barker then led the correspondent into another large room. This room was not only handsomely furnished and thickly carpeted, but around it were elegant bookcases, fine engravings, large tables and rows of comfortable chairs. The library contains 20,000 volumes, embracing all classes of literature, history, travels, biographies, poems and selections from the best novelists.—London Cor. New York World.

Prescription Latin Must Go.

One of our intelligent citizens who, like the rest of us, is not up in doctors' Latin, received a prescription from his physician which wound up with the following mongrel injunction: "Sig. teaspoonful t. i. d."

"T. i. d.—what's that?" queried the patient—"ah, I see; till I die. No, doctor, you can keep your prescription—I want something to take t. i. g. w.—till I get well."

The physician righted things by explaining that "t. i. d." was short for "ter in die"—which means three times a day.—Springfield Union.

Barnum, the perennial, is over 80 years of age. But he sees no reason why he should not work as hard as ever, and make as much more money as he can. He is now occupied with real estate speculations in Colorado, which he follows with personal attention, and which reward him by justifying his foresight and courage.

Do You Want to receive thousands of samples, books, papers, cards, catalogues pictures, etc., free by mail? Do you want to keep posted? Do you want to get the largest mail that comes to your office? Do you want good chances to make money? If you do send us ten cents silver or stamps and have your name inserted in the Agents' Record; it is sent to publishers, novelty dealers, card co's and manufacturers all over the U. S. and they will send you samples, etc. Address Business Record, 132 W Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ills.

F:R:E:E:!

Sample copy of The Corona News-Letter—Indispensible to all interested in the agency business. A great number of ads of "Agents Wanted." Ad rates same as ADVERTISER. The above paper and ADVERTISER 6 months for only 25c. Corona News-Letter, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Choice 10c.

Send us 10c for either of these great novelties: The Missing Link, Electric Push Button, Dancing Skeleton, Bird Warbler and Tablet Keyring. Or 8c for a Lot of Pharaoh's Serpents, The Devil's Bottle, the Great Puzzle Whistle or 6c for a Knife tooth pick and ear spoon combined. Order now. Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

A BIG THING

Read this and we know you will Want One,

For only 30 cents in silver, a postal note or stamps we will send you one of our

COMPLETE PRINTING OUTFITS.

Prints any name—Can be changed a thousand times—prints cards, envelopes, note paper—marks linen, books or papers—Is Complete, Practical, Perfect. This Outfit contains a full 3 A font of very handsome rubber type, type holder, bottle of indelible ink pad, tweezers and full directions for operating. Only 30 cents. We want every person who reads this adv't to order one at once and to act as

OUR AGENT.

Agent's terms with outfit. Use the one you order to canvass with and get your share of the Big Money before some one else gets ahead of you.

STAMP WORKS.
SMYRNA, N. Y.

Tell Your Own Fortune. Full and Complete Illustrated Directions Free 10c Imp'l novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

AMERICAN AGENTS' ADVERTISER.

Vol. 1 SMYRNA, N. Y., DEC. 5th, 1890. No. 6

Character in the Mustache.

There is a great deal of character in the mustache. As the form of the upper lip and in the regions about it has largely to do with the feelings—pride, self reliance, manliness, vanity and other qualities that give self control—the mustache is more particularly connected with the expression of those qualities or the reverse. When the mustache is ragged, and, as it were, flying hither and thither, there is a lack of proper self control. When it is straight and orderly the reverse is the case, other things of course taken into account.

If there is a tendency to curl at the outer ends of the mustache there is a tendency to ambition, vanity or display. When the curl turns upward there is a geniality combined with a love of approbation. When the inclination is downward there is a more sedate turn of mind not unaccompanied with gloom. It is worthy of remark that good natured men will, in playing with the mustache, invariably give it an upward inclination, whereas cross grained or morose men will pull it obliquely downward.—Northwest Magazine.

Hidden in the Novel.

A prisoner in the Webster county (Ia.) jail, a few days ago, received a copy of the "Kreutzer Sonata." The sheriff felt obliged to read the book through in order to judge of the propriety of leaving it with the prisoner. The official was rewarded for his watchfulness by discovering two sharp steel saws secreted between leaves which had been pasted together. This offensive feature was promptly expurgated, but it is not known whether the prisoner received the volume as amended.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Never Saw a Horse.

One of the most remarkable old ladies in Maine is living on the island of Mohegan. Although only 75 years old she not only knows nothing of the cars, telephone, electric light, etc., but has never seen a horse. She has always lived on the island several miles from the mainland, and her world has been Mohegan. Sheep and cows are kept on the island, but there is no call for horses. She ought to have seen something of the kind, if nothing more than a sawhorse.—Bangor Commercial.

Cheap Clothes.

A Bowery clothier advertises that he sells boys' complete suits at $1.90 and throws in an overcoat with each suit. That's cheap enough in all conscience, but I would advise the parents who avail themselves of this bargain to keep their boys in when it rains. The clothes might get wet and the mucilage dissolve.—Racket.

Know His Kicking Power.

Amicus—She is a stunner. Why don't you make love to her?

Versely—Because her father is an editor.

Amicus—Yes, but he is rich.

Versely—I know, but I called on him once with a poem, and you don't catch me fooling around where he is any more.—Epoch.

Rickets.

This disease—rachitis is the medical term—is known in Europe by names which indicate that it is there looked on as specially English, at least in its prevalence. Says an English authority: "Without doubt it is the most common, the most important, and in its effects the most fatal of all the diseases which exclusively affect children." It is now hardly, if at all, less common on the continent than in England.

In America it was formerly either very rare or greatly overlooked. Two distinguished medical experts affirm it to be now common here. The change is probably due to the fact that the immense increase in our foreign population, the multiplication and growth of our cities, the vast increase of wealth, with its luxurious habits on the one hand, and of poverty with its poor food and bad surroundings on the other, have brought us much nearer than formerly to the domestic, social and unhygienic conditions of the old countries.—Youth's Companion.

Japanese Ware.

Very few pieces of really fine Japanese ware are brought to this country. Dainty tea and coffee cups and saucers in French and English ware are from $12 to $60 a dozen. Many of these are open stock, and a single cup and saucer can be had at the same rate. One dozen that I saw, in white and gold, was in a handsome case and seemed particularly appropriate for a wedding present. Another, gorgeously decorated in blue and gold, was marked $52.

There is little that is new in Dresden china. It is pretty and quite expensive, and many people prefer it to other kinds that are more fragile. Tiny individual salt dishes in this ware are $4 a dozen, and look like toys.—New York Telegram.

The Consequences.

The Teacher—Well, young man, did you deliver that note to your father about your conduct?

The Truant—Ye—yes, sir.

The Teacher—Did it raise a breeze?

The Truant—Yes, sir—a spanking breeze.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

The manufacture of wood pulp by Ekman's process for paper making is carried on at Bonne-Nouvelle, in Dieppe. The pulp is sold to paper mills in France, and mostly used, together with rags, for the manufacture of various kinds of paper.

When a Deaf Man Can Hear.

It is said that a man severely afflicted with deafness can hear when riding in a rumbling car. The philosophy of this phenomenon, as stated by an aurist, is due to the well known counteraction of the noisy motion on the drum of the ear—that is, the rumble of the heavy wheel on the track causes the drum to vibrate, and in this way producing or exciting the capacity to hear. Instead of raising the voice when speaking to a deaf person in a moving car or vehicle the voice should be low.—Toronto Globe.

Trades and Occupations.

The Youth's Companion for 1891 will give an instructive and helpful Series of Papers, each of which describes the character of some leading Trade for Boys or Occupation for Girls. They give information as to the Apprenticeship required to learn each, the wages to be expected, the qualities needed in order to enter, and the prospects of success. To new subscribers who send $1 75 at once the paper will be sent free to Jan. 1, 1891, and a full year from that date. Address The Youth's Companion, Boston, Mass

THE PRESS.

(NEW YORK)

DAILY. SUNDAY. WEEKLY.

6 pages 1 c 20 pages 4 cts 8 or 10 pages 2c

The Aggressive Republican Journal of the Metropolis.

A Newspaper for The Masses.

Founded December 1st, 1887.

Largest Daily Circulation of Any Republican Paper in America.

The Press is the organ of no faction; pulls no wires; has no animosities to avenge.

The Most Remarkable Newspaper Success in New York.

The Press is now a National Newspaper, rapidly growing in favor with Republicans of every State of the Union.

Cheap news, vulgar sensations and trash find no place in the columns of The Press. It is an expensive paper, published at the lowest price American Currency permits.

The Press has the brightest Editorial page in New York. It sparkles with points.

The Press Sunday ed. is a splendid 20 page paper covering all current topics of interest.

The Press Weekly ed. contains all the good things of the Daily and Sunday editions with special features suited to a weekly publication. For those who cannot afford the Daily or who are prevented by distance from early receiving it, The Weekly is a splendid substitute.

As an advertising medium The Press has no superior in New York. It reaches an excellent class of readers. Rates very reasonable. Full information upon application.

THE PRESS.

Within the reach of all. The best and cheapest newspaper published in America.

Daily and Sunday, one Year	$5 00
" " " 6 months	2 50
" " " one month	45
Daily only, one Year	3 00
" " four months	1 00
Sunday, one Year	2 00
Weekly Press, one Year	1 00

Send for the Press circular with full particulars and list of excellent premiums.

Samples free. Ag'ts wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions. Address

The Press, Potter B'd'g, **New York**

COINS!

Money made every day by keeping "an eye open" for certain dates of United States Coins—silver, nickel and copper—on which we pay good premiums. Send 5 cts for our Premium Coin Catalogue and CARRY IT WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE! Address plainly,

F.J.STANTON, SMYRNA, N.Y.

American Agents' ✠ Advertiser.

Terms, Advertising Rates, Etc.

Subscription Price 25 cts for 12 numbers.

Advertising Rates are **1c per word** for 1st insertion of Small Adv't's and Half Cent Per Word for subsequent insertions but no adv't will be inserted for less than 10c

On other adv'ts rates for from 1 to 12 insertions are as per following sched le:

	1	2	3	6	12
Half Inch	25	40	50	75	1 30
One Inch	45	70	90	1 30	2 30
Two & one-half in.	90	1 40	1 80	2 50	4 50
One-half column	1 60	2 70	3 30	4 50	8 50
Full column	3 00	5 00	6 00	8 50	16 50

Exchanges will find our latch string out.

Address, ADVERTISER, SMYRNA, N. Y.

VOL. 1, NO. 6. WHOLE NO. 6.

NOTES.

—Patronize our advertisers

—What have you to exchange?

—Our Directory is one of the best!

—More than 3,000 circulation this month.

—Advertiser "get left" no longer but place an adv't in this paper at once!

—If you've not yet ordered a Jonah and Whale puzzle of us we would advise you to at once. Adv't on last page.

—Send us the Quarter now. What's the use of denying yourself the benefits you can and would receive from this paper?

—The Imperial Novelty Co. of this place, have a whole column in this issue advertising their elegant false mustaches beards, etc. They are just the thing for entertainments

Save MONEY.

Please subscribe through us if you wish any of the following magazines or papers:

	PRICE OF MAGAZINE ALONE	WITH THIS PAPER
Godey's Lady's Book	$2.00	1.80
Demorest's Magazine	2.00	1.80
Peterson's Magazine	2.00	1.80
Ballou's Magazine	1.50	1.30
Frank Leslie's Newspaper	4.00	3.50
Good News	2.50	2.20
New York Weekly	3.00	2.60

☞ Note the great reduction we make from Publisher's Price besides giving this paper Free! ☜

Stamps. 10 var. of Japan 5c, 8 Jamaica 5c 7 Sweden official 7c, Entire Japan Postal Card 5c, 25 var. U. S. 10c, ALL for 25c. List Free with order. F. J. STANTON, SMYRNA, N. Y.

Ink. Condensed sheet ink, 10c a p'kage One p'kge makes a pint of superior writing ink. F. N. Murray, 269 Lark st. Albany, NY

EXCHANGERS.

This Department is **free to all,** whether subscribers or not. Send brief notices.

Large no. of books and files of Scientific American, Forest and Stream, Country Gentleman, Godey's, Arthur's, Ballou's, Fireside Companion, etc. to exchang. Write us what you have. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

Novelty foot-power press 6 1-2x10 1-2 in and Velocipede scroll saw for not less than 8x12 self inker. H. C. Kingsley, Rockford, Ill

200 papers, etc., for telescope, polyopticon or microscope. C. Ross MacKenrick, Box 217, Clearfield, Pa.

Books for a press, polyopticon, camerr, or books. B. J. Ostby, Norman, Iowa.

500 foreign and 200 mixed stamps for a U S. cent of 1799 or 1804 1-2 cent of 1796 or dime of 1802. G. B. Herron, Enniskillen, N. B

Package papers for anything of equal value. W. F. Trulan, box 502, Andover, Mass

Advertising space in this paper for curiosities. Write the publisher.

125 magazines, etc., and gold fount. pen, for a 32 Colt's or S. & W. revolver. Eugene Eskew, Denver, S. C.

For 200 square cut envelope stamps or if mixed lot of 3c red, 4c, 6c, 7c, 10c, 15c, special delivery, postage due or revenue stamps, I will send a book worth 25c. Address Lock Box B, Smyrna, New York.

Ruled sheets with 500 stamps for a printing outfit. A. Grutzmacher, Mukwonago, Wis

OUR DIRECTORY.

Those wishing their name inserted in this Directory can have same 3 months for 10c. and this paper will be sent them during that time Free.

All subscribers or advertisers can have their name inserted one time gratis

Publishers, novelty dealers, and others' are requested to send samples or circulars to the following names and addresses:

Chas Wuichet Collins PO Louisiana
Tandy Harvey Peru Randolph co Ark
Joseph A Tully Tompkinsville New York
J M Hall High Bridge New York
J F Hoyt Brentwood Corners New Hamp
W W Shaw Jr box 296 Sharpsbutg Pa
G U Hardy Albion Illinois
D Farrell National Military Home Kansas
Geo W Huntington box 24 Hurleyville N Y
So. Novelty Co 453 1-2 Melp. st New Orleans
Hy C Williams 117 north Beaver st York Pa
S W Quinn 14 Lockest no Cambridge Mass
G J McElroy 4 Worth'ton st B High'ds Mass
J V Edwards, box 97, Flagstaff, Arizona
Clarence Bundy, New Castle, Indiana
F G Koeckert 159 9th st New Orleans La
Byron Smith, box 112, Kyle, Texas
Dr Joseph Hale, Lebanon, Ohio
Frank H Kelley, Agent, Carrollton, Illinois
Max Mendel 58 Suffolk st New York
Cha's Amesbury b x 70 Rearing Spring Pa
Rennie Osburn 220 Dav'p't st Iowa City Ia
Willard Robinson Cisco Texas
Edward Camm Lynchburg Va
Chester Bush Summerdale Cook Co Ills
T W Sizemore Diana West Va
John P Labrie Montmorency Fall Canada
Frank E Surtevant box 126 Millbury Mass
Albert Kiel Carmean Fayette Co Texas
Geo P Parsons box 18 Durham Conn
A G Wells, Chalemont, Franklin co Mass
Oluf Nelson, box 127 South Chicago Ills
J A Tinsman, Kirksville Missouri

"Go snowshoeing"? Yes, my dear madame, why not?—provided the heavens be propitious and furnish the snow, and there is every prospect of it this winter Snowshoeing is as easy as sliding down hill,—after you know how, and you will know how, and how to form a club, and what to wear, and all about it, after reading the breezy article on "Snowshoeing" in Demorest's Family Magazine for Jan. Published by W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East 14th Street, New York.

HARK. Advert'se in Wisdom and Collector's World. 1-4 cent per 3 words. G. P. Jacobson, Calmar, Iowa.

100 circulars distributed in S. C. for 10 cts. Eugene Eskew, Denver, S. C.

TRIAL. 300 circulars mailed for 15c. G. P. Jacobson, Calmar, Iowa.

····SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.····

Send 25 cents for a copy of my New Illustrated CATALOGUE OF SPORTING, ATHLETIC & GYMNASIUM GOODS, the finest ever issued.

RICHARD K. FOX,
Franklin Square, New York.

I distribute circulars at $1 per 1000. I have horse and cart. Will distribute 1000 circulars on trial for 25c. G. P. Jecobson, Calmar, Iowa

"Hello! Tom. Glad to see you, old fellow! It's almost ten years since we were married. Sit down: let's have an experience meeting. How's the wife?"

"Oh! she's so-so, same as usual,—always wanting something I can't afford."

"Well, we all want something more than we've got. Don't you?"

"Yes: but I guess 'want will be my master.' I started to keep down expenses; and now Lil says I'm 'mean,' and she's tired of saving and never having anything to show for it. I saw your wife down street, and she looked as happy as a queen!"

"I think she is; and we are economical, too,—have to be. My wife can make a little go further than anyone I ever knew, yet she's always surprising me with some dainty contrivance that adds to the comfort and beauty of our little home, and she's always 'merry as a lark.' When I ask how she manages it, she always laughs and says: 'Oh! that's my secret!' But I think I've discovered her 'secret.' When we married, we both knew we should have to be very careful, but she made one condition: she would have her Magazine. And she was right! I wouldn't do without it myself for double the subscription price. We read it together, from the title-page to the last word: the stories keep our hearts young; the synopsis of important events and scientific matters keeps me posted so that I can talk understandingly of what is going on; my wife is always trying some new idea from the household department: she makes all her dresses and those for the children, and she gets all her patterns for nothing, with the Magazine; and we saved Joe when he was so sick with the croup, by doing just as directed in the Sanitarian Department. But I can't tell you half!"

"What wonderful Magazine is it?"

"Demorest's Family Magazine, and—"

"What! Why that's what Lil wanted so bad, and I told her it was an extravagance."

"Well, my friend, that's where you made a grand mistake, and one you'd better rectify as soon as you can. I'll take your 'sub.' right here, on my wife's account: she's bound to have a china tea-set in time for our tin wedding next month. My gold watch was the premium I got for getting up a club. Here's a copy with the new Premium List for clubs,—the biggest thing out! If you don't see in it what you want, you've only to write to the publisher and tell him what you want, whether it is a tack hammer or a new carriage, and he will make special terms for you, either for a club, or for part cash. Better subscribe right off and surprise Mrs. Tom. Only $2.00 a year—will save fifty times that in six months. Or send 10 cents direct to the publisher, W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East 14th Street, New York, for a specimen copy containing the Premium List."

The above magazine and this paper, both one year for $1.8 . All letters containing subscriptions should be sent to this office.

JONAH AND WHALE

PUZZLE.

Good Morning Gentlemen

I am the Latest Arrival!

This is a bran new Novelty just patented. Patent granted September 16, 1890. It is entirely different from any puzzle ever offered to the trade. It consists of a Square Box with deep cover. With beautifully colored lithographs, illustrating the Whale going for Jonah to swallow him. Inside of Box are two Balls. One large Ball with an opening just large enough to admit freely, a very much smaller, solid ball, which represents poor Jonah. The idea is to get the solid ball inside of hollow ball, which requires a good deal of patience, altogether making it one of the most popular novelties, placed on the market. This Puzzle is sure to amuse and instruct Old as well as Young. And we are now for the first time able to offer you great inducememts to handle it. **Sure to Sell at Sight.** Get samples and send in your orders before the Holiday Trade is over. Samples sent on receipt of 10 cents. Postagd Stamps, Silver or Postal Notes received.

Address all Orders to

F. J. STANTON,

SMYRNA, N. Y.

ADVERTISER-Supplement.

A Big Thing.

Our Great HOLIDAY PACKAGE contains a wonderful variety including: Washington's Hatchet, 29 Valuable Money Making Recipes, 1 Postal Card used in the old country, 1 Magic Joke card, 1 Great Coin Trick, 1 Magic Love Letter, 32 Late comic and sentimental songs, 25 Postmarks, 10 different kinds of Flirtations, The Language of Flowers 4 Handsome Pictorial Cards, and 1 Piece of small Jewelry The price of this Great Package is only **15c.**

Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

☞ Remember our Serpent's Eggs are only 8 cents a package.

Do It!

Send five ONE CENT STAMPS for a copy of my PREMIUM COIN CATALOGUE! It may be worth many dollars to you. Keep it with you for reference. Handy and neatly printed. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y. 6

Thousands of Letters are Lost Every Year simply because they don't have the sender's Return Address printed on the envelope. Guardagainst this! We will send you 250 nicely printed Envelopes postage free for O e Dollar or 125 for 50 cts. Order now! Why wait? Job Printer, Smyrna, N.Y.

A Big Thing. 30c for a complete Printing Outfit Prints cards, envelopes or anything. Stamp Works, Smyrna, N Y

Second SIGHT MYSTERY.

Full Printed Instructions for performing this Great Trick of the World's Greatest Magician—Heller Any one can learn it in a short time Ours is the only correct expose 10 cts. Imperial Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y.

Cheap Reading. For 10 cts in silver I will send a package of story papers and magazines. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

Do You Need ANY Printing.

We have Unexcelled Facilities for turning out Fine Work at Very LOW PRICES. We quote a few of our sample prices, the first column being for 500, the second 1000:

Ordinary Bristol Cards	$1 25	$2 00
Ordinary Business Cards	1 75	2 50
Good Quality Note Heads	1 75	2 25
Good Quality P'k't Note H'ds	1 85	2 50
12 lb. Linen Note Heads	1 75	2 25
16 lb. Linen Note Heads	2 00	3 00
Letter Heads	2 40	3 75
Statements	1 50	2 25
Bill Heads 6s	1 50	2 25
Bill Heads 4s	2 15	3 35
Envelopes 6s white or ass't	1 75	2 50
Shipping Tags	1 35	2 00
Price Lists, etc., 5x7	1 25	1 75
Price Lists, etc., 6x9	1 75	2 50

Estimates for anything promptly furnished. As a SAMPLE of our work we will send 100 Printed Envelopes and 100 Printed Linen Note Heads Postage Free for **85 cents** ADVERTISER Office, Smyrna, N. Y.

Parachute. An exact pattern of the Parachute used by celebrated Jumpers,—man and all with full directions only 10cts

Imperial novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

12 of the **Finest Steel Pens** sent Post paid for 5c You pay twice this at the store Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

WHITE CAP MASKS. Get one of our Genuine White Cap Masks, and with it you can have lots of fun Beautifully made Only 10c Imp'l Novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y.

BOYS Think of It. 11 complete DETECTIVE and 16 others **27** stories in all **10c.** Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna, N.Y

Tell Your Own Fortune. Full and Complete Illustrated Directions Post Free 10c Imp'l novelty Co, Smyrna, N Y

How to Make Your Own Rubber Stamps Full PRINTED instructions sent you for one unused 4c stamp. Address Stamp Works, Smyrna, New York

Real Estate for sale; easy terms. Partner wanted. Real Estate Agent, Aarwood, Kalkaska Co., Mich. 6

Do you want correspondents for fun or matrimony Send to Box 383, Leslie, Mich for particulars. 6

Do you Want to receive thousands of samples, books, papers, cards, catalogues pictures, etc., free by mail? Do you want to keep posted? Do you want to get the largest mail that comes to your office? Do you want good chances to make money? If you do send us ten cents silver or stamps and have your name inserted in the Agents' Record; it is sent to publishers, novelty dealers, card co's and manufacturers all over the U. S. and they will send you samples, etc. Address Business Record, 132 W Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ills.

TEN Copper Cents, all rare, price one dollar. Selling lists free. C. H. Trask, 10 Middlebury, Conn.

How to Build Houses. A book giving plans and specifications for 25 houses of all sizes from two rooms up sent postpaid upon receipt of 25 cents. Address Chicago Business Record, 132 W Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ills. 10

Look. 20 comic return envelopes 8c, 100 for 30c. Printer, Gageville, Ohio 6

Agents Wanted to introduce our Perfected Acoustic Telephone! Every one put up is sure to create a demand for others No peddling from house to house but selling to business and professional men who at once see its merits and their need of it For circulars and particulars address Edw E. Harbert & Co., 132 W. Van Buren Street Chicago, Ills 10

NOTICE.—Advertise in The Witness, Frankfort, Ky. Circulation over 5,000 Adv rates: 1 line, cash or stamps, 10c; 1 inch 75c. Name inserted in Agents' Directory for 10c Send us 2 one cent stamps for sample copy and terms to agents. The Witness, Frankfort, Ky.

LOTS OF FUN WITH OUR

Serpent's Eggs.

And it is Innocent, Harmless Fun! No Danger! No Explosion! Just apply a lighted match to tip of the Egg and the serpent begins to show himself. Sometimes they will be nearly a yard long. Our eggs are larger and better than most of 'em offered for sale and Remember they are at less price. Imperial Nov. Co., Smyrna, N.Y.

CIRCULARS.

We fold circulars for advertisers in The Witness, and can send out any number every month from 100 to 5,200, as we send out 5,200 copies of The Witness every month, and mostly to new names. Circulars not larger than 6x9 inches at 10c a 100. The Witness, Frankfort, Ky.

Chawley De Vere

Charles is a great lover of FUN and has lately had lots of it with a set of FALSE BEARDS, etc., he purchased of us. Here is his last letter:

LUNNUN, Eng., 1st Dec., '90.

Me Deah Fellahs,—

I have wanted so much don't-cher-know, to tell you of what a blooming lot of sport I've had with me whiskaws and the like I bought of you. By Jove, me own sistah failed to recognize me and as for the other girls, Iv'e had them all wild. Every fellah in my set says he going to send for some. I send you my photogwafs with the diffewent fixin's on—a wondawful twansformation isn't it? Most twuly.

CHAWLEY DEVERE.

The Imperial Novelty Co., Smyrna N. Y.

Here is Charles with the Mustache he obtained of us for only **7** cents.

With a Goatee added which only cost **5c**

Here we see Charles with Elegant Side Whiskers costing him but **60** cents.

And lastly we see him with a Magnificent Full Beard, which also was only **60** cents.

YOU can have much fun with our Beards and Mustaches and they will be sent post d n receipt of above prices.

THROUGH THE HEART OF ALASKA.

The journey and trials of E. J. Glave (Stanley's youngest lieutenant), through Alaska, graphically illustrated by Daniel F. Smith, Greenland's boy artist, are now to be found in

FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER

Every boy and girl should read this story. Every man and woman is interested in the development of Alaska.

Subscribe for FRANK LESLIE'S ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER, **$4.00** per year. Trial order, **$1.00** for three months; including a copy of Goupil's reproduction of the "Angelus."

ARKELL & HARRISON, Publishers,

110 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK.

"1 of the 30"

ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER DIRECTORIES, THERE ARE PUBLISHED in THE UNITED STATES OVER

16,000 Newspapers & Magazines

OF THESE

ONLY THIRTY

HAVE A CIRCULATION OF OVER

100,000 each issue.

Texas Siftings

IS

ONE OF THE THIRTY.

CIRCULATION now over 150,000.

TEXAS SIFTINGS IS A NATIONAL JOURNAL PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE $4 A YEAR

ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION TO

Texas Siftings Pub. Co.

NEW YORK.

DON'T FAIL

to send 10 cents for the Largest, Handsomest and most complete Catalogue of **TYPE, PRESSES, CUTS**, &c., published.

LOWEST PRICES. LARGEST VARIETY.

NATIONAL TYPE CO 53 South Third St., PHILADELPHIA.

MONEY made easy Manufacturing Rubber Stamps. Send for Price List of Outfits, to J. F. W. Dorman, No. 217 East German Street, Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A.

BOOKS GIVEN AWAY.

Who has not heard of that popular old reliable story paper Street & Smith's New York Weekly? For over thirty years it has been before the public, and during that time has always ranked as it does to-day first and best among the many story and sketch papers. It is not hard to tell the reason why. The best authors are engaged to write for it and the publishers spare no expense in procuring their masterpieces. Messrs Street and Smith also issue some of the most popular copyright American novels in book form, and this year as a special inducement to the public they make the following

Unparalleled Offer.

Any person remitting $1 for four months subscription to the New York Weekly, will receive in addition free of all expense, any 25c novel they may select from Street and Smith's catalogue, or any 3 novels and full year's subscription to the New York Weekly for $3. Sample copies and catalogues furnished free upon application to Street & Smith, 31 Rose street, New York City.

PARTIAL LIST OF BOOKS OFFERED.

The County Fair by Neil Burgess,
Denman Thompson's Old Homestead,
Virginia Heiress by May Agnes Fleming,
Prettiest of All by Julia Edwards,
At a Girl's Mercy by Jean Kate Ludlum,
Trixy by Mrs. Georgie Sheldon,
A Heart's Idol by Bertha M. Clay,
Brant Adams by Old Sleuth,
Gold Dust Darrell by Burke Brentford,
Muertalma or the Poisoned Pin,
Rocky Mountain Sam by Burke Brentf'd,
The Struggle for Maverick by J. F. Fitts,
And 100 others.

Remember these books are all neatly bound in elegant litho. paper covers and contain 300 to 500 pages—no cheap trash!

Jonah and the Whale

NEW, NOVEL JUST OUT!

THE BEST PUZZLE

Ever Introduced.

Beats everything! Is handsomely gotten up! In neat Box! Illuminated cover! The puzzle is to get

JONAH IN THE WHALE'S MOUTH

Endless amusement for the Young or Old! Don't fail to order one now and get ahead of your neighbor! Their price postpaid

Is Only Ten Cents!

Hundreds of these could be sold in your neighborhood! Do you want to act as our agent? If so, write at once for Terms to

The Advertiser, Smyrna, N.Y.

The Wonderful MAGIC POCKET LAMP.

$1,000 per year is being made clear of all expenses by our agents. Exclusive territory. Address **W. M. Hewitt,** Box 431, Toledo, Ohio.

MENTION!

Will you Please Mention This Paper when writing to our advertisers?

What He Said.

Another instance of a subject of speculation proving, in fact, surprisingly different from what enthusiastic fancy painted it is an amusing story of Mr. Parnell told by The London Speaker. Mr. Parnell and a colleague were sitting in a side gallery of the house of commons.

It was a serious moment, for the Irish had retired in high dudgeon from the house; the ministry were hard beset and required the Irish vote to prevent them from being defeated. Mr. Gladstone had heightened the situation by suggesting that if he were defeated he should have to consider his personal position. All eyes turned to the small group of Irishmen who had such momentous issues at their mercy.

At that moment Mr. Parnell, looking down on the surging, excited and deeply observant house underneath, uttered a few words to his companion with a look of inscrutable mystery. No one can tell what priceless guerdon would have been given to that friend who would reveal such a confidence and lay bare the great and secret thoughts that had found expression in this supreme hour.

What Mr. Parnell had said was: "I wonder why so many men in the house of commons are bald!"

Looking Forward.

Of the time when astronomy shall have a telescope sixty inches diameter and over eighty feet length, M. Camille Flammarion says: "To what unexpected discoveries would this supreme effort of your great Nineteenth century lead? This is a question which it is impossible to answer, but we have the right to dwell on the word 'unexpected.' It must not be forgotten that it was when searching for the limits in the colors in the solar spectrum that Fraunhofer discoverd spectral analysis, and that it was while seeking the parallax of the stars that Sir William Herschel discovered the orbits of double stars, and it was when seeking for Asia that Christopher Columbus discovered America.

In any event such a telescope will enable us to see for the first time the seventeenth magnitude stars, which must be scattered over the depth of heaven in a carpet of 818,000,000 stars, while the moon will be brought, so to speak, within touching distance.—Arkansaw Traveler.

About Dancing.

As to my dancing, it seems to be a popular impression abroad that my legs do duty for my voice. Why, it was only the other day that a friend of mine who saw me shaking my leg—I had been laid up for several days with a boil on it—innocently inquired if I was "running the scales." Dancing is not a mere matter of legs. The audience not only watch the legs of a favorite dancer, but they also observe his eyes. The brain of dancing is in the eye. The end of the dance that calls forth applause depends more on the expression of the face than on any movement of the feet. The hands play as great a part in dancing as the feet.—Francis Wilson in Kate Field's Washington.

Torpedo Boats.

European countries have built large numbers of torpedo boats. Italy has now about 200; England, 175; France, 150; Russia, 130; Germany, 100, and Spain, 20. On this side of the Atlantic the Argentine Republic has 18; Brazil, 15, and Chili, 10. Of course you wish to know how many our own nation has. Well, we have one.—John M. Ellicott in St. Nicholas.

A BIG THING

Read this and we know you will Want One,

For only 30 cents in silver a postal note or stamps we will send you one of our

COMPLETE PRINTING OUTFITS

Prints any name—Can be changed a thousand times—prints cards, envelopes, note paper—marks linen, books or papers—Is Complete, Practical, Perfect. This Outfit contains a full 3 A font of very handsome rubber type, type holder, bottle of indelible ink pad, tweezers and full directions for operating Only 30 cents We want every person who reads this adv't to order one at once and to act as

OUR AGENT

Agent's terms with outfit Use the one you order to canvass with and get your share of the Big Money before some one else gets ahead of you The Advertiser, Smyrna, N.Y.

100,000 COPIES PER WEEK is the large circulation already attained by Street and Smith's phenominal success

Good News

a publication less than a year old, but which is rapidly crowding at the would-be rivals of the wall. Have you seen the paper? No? Well it consists of sixteen pages each well elegantly illustrated, and full of the best stories for boys and girls, by such high-class authors as Oliver Optic, W. H. Thomes, Horatio Alger, Jr., Lieut. Lounsberry, Edward S. Ellis and Harry Castlemon. It fills a want being a paper that will interest the boys and girls, and yet of such a high standard of excellence that parents need feel no fear of evil results from placing in the hands of their children.

Books Given Away.

With each issue is printed a coupon, which entitle the holder to three good books selected from the Good News Library, a series which has been selected with great care and while full of adventure and exciting incidents will be found to be free from objectionable sensationalism—which is also true of the stories in Good News. Besides these

Elegant Premiums

are given to new subscriber for one year and to those who will get up clubs. Want of space prevents a further description of the excellence of Good News, but if you wish to know more about it, send your name on a postal card to the publishers and receive a sample copy which is sent free to applicants If you have friends whom you think would like a sample copy, send their names also. Address Street & Smith's Good News, 31 Rose Street, New York City.

THE HOLIDAY ADVERTISER.

Vol. 2 SMYRNA, N. Y., DEC. 10th, 1890. No. 1

A Drummer's Dose.

"Why don't you take that half of the seat?" I asked of a drummer for a Boston house as we were going down from Charleston to Savannah on a crowded train, and the half referred to being alongside of a fairly good looking woman.

"I quit that ten years ago," he replied.

"Any story connected with it?"

"I should smile!"

And when he had got seated in the smoking car he began:

"About ten years ago, when my eyeteeth were still in the gums, I was going from Cleveland to Cincinnati. There was plenty of room in the coach, but I figured to get alongside a woman—a good looker, about 30 years of age. I found her talkative and pleasant, but after about half an hour and while I was patting myself on the back she turned on me with:

"'Can you spare me $75 today?'

"I laughed."

"'And don't keep me waiting,' she continued.

"I laughed again, although she had a look which gave me a hint of trouble.

"'You either come down with the $75 or I'll stand up here and claim to everybody that you are my husband and that you ran away and I am bringing you back.'

"I didn't laugh this time. I saw that she meant every word of it. I had about $70, and I tried to bluff her. I told her to raise a row and I'd have her arrested, but she didn't scare worth a cent. She was springing up to denounce me when I came to time."

"You don't say you gave her the money?"

"But I do. I counted it right out on her lap, and she put it into her pocket and said she guessed it would be a great moral lesson to me to mind my own business in future. So it was. I got away from her after a bit, dead broke and mad all through, but I was placed in such a position that I couldn't say a word. No more half seats for me. One dose has worked a cure."—New York Sun.

A Kingfisher at Home.

In a bluff on the shore we saw some holes dug into the bank, the work of kingfishers. One was smaller than the rest and we attributed it to bank swallows, but after digging in a foot or two we found a quart of rotten acorns showing it to be the nest of a squirrel. Two of the other holes proved to be old kingfishers' nests. They went in straight about two feet, then sheered off to the right or left as much further, terminating in quite a chamber. The third one was occupied. I dug in to the turn and then with a little stick felt carefully about in the chamber. Something grabbed my finger and gave me such a start that I nearly tumbled down the bank. The bird followed my lacerated finger to the mouth of the hole, then stopped in astonishment. I took out my handkerchief and extended one end to her, and when she seized it I yanked her out. She scooted away without a sound. The eggs, eight of them, lay on the bare gravel. I took two and departed just as the mother bird and her mate returned. They made a dreadful clatter, but seemed to be consoled as I disappeared.—Cor. Lewiston Journal.

Some of Nature's Wonders.

The polypus, like the fabled hydra, receives new life from the knife which is lifted to destroy it. There are 4,041 muscles in a caterpillar. Hook discovered 14,000 mirrors in the eyes of a drone. To effect the respiration of a carp 13,300 arteries, vessels, veins, bones, etc., are necessary. The body of every spider contains four little masses, pierced with a multitude of holes (imperceptible to the naked eye), each hole permitting the passage of a single thread; all of the threads, to the amount of 1,000 to each mass, join together when they come out, and make the single thread with which the spider spins its web, so that what we call a spider's thread consists of more than 4,000 threads united. Leuwenhock, by means of microscopes, observed spiders no bigger than a grain of sand which spun threads so fine that it took 4,000 of them to equal in magnitude a single hair. The fly spider, it is known, lays an egg as large as itself.—New York Telegram.

A Young Naturalist.

A dozen men were standing around the defunct carcass of a snake on Water street, speculating as to what variety it belonged to. One said it was a house snake, another contended that it was a rattler, and others suggested that it was a black snake, a garter snake or a water snake. Finally a barefooted boy, with one pantaloon leg rolled up to the knee and the other to the ankle joint, stepped up, and inserting a stick under the reptile's body raised it up and said:

"I'll tell you what kind of a snake that is."

"What kind is it?" asked several men in chorus.

"A dead snake," said the urchin, as he tossed it into the mud and darted away.—Punxsutawney Spirit.

Horse Tail Protector.

A recent patent enables a horse's tail to be kept at all times as trim and neat as a fine lady's coiffure. This patent is entitled the horse tail protector, and consists of a short bar with two heads or buttons on the ends, to which is attached a rubber cord having at each end elastic sockets corresponding with the buttons. The idea is to allow of the horse's tail being twisted round into a knot, which is firmly held by the protector. This not only keeps the tail clean, but saves an immense amount of combing and brushing, which is so destructive to the hair.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Emperor William's Mistake.

The emperor is a great smoker, and his cigars are manufactured expressly for him. Not long ago, sitting of an evening in one of the apartments of his palace, he inadvertently reached out and struck a match on a splendid oil painting that stood on an easel hard by. The empress was as mad as a wet hen. "Your majesty," said she, "if you were not the emperor and my husband I should chastise you." And she would have done it, too, for be it known that Augusta is a husky dame and one of exceeding lusty temper.—Eugene Field in Chicago News.

NOTICE.

The Firms and Houses who advertise in this paper are all Live, Business Men, who believe in the

Efficacy of Printer's Ink

and who Know the Value of Judicious Advertising.

They are Wide-awake and Active in Catering to the Desires of their Patrons and are Anxious to Show New Customers the Advantages that May be Secured by Giving them a Trial. They court your patronage and they deserve it. Give it to them!

100,000 COPIES PER WEEK

is the large circulation already attained by Street and Smith's phenomenal success

Good News,

a publication less than a year old, but which is rapidly crowding all the would-be rivals to the wall. Have you seen the paper? No! Well it consists of sixteen pages each week elegantly illustrated, and full of the best stories for boys and girls, by such high-class authors as Oliver Optic, W. H. Thomes, Horatio Alger, Jr., Lieut. Lounsberry, Edward S. Ellis and Harry Castlemon. It fills a long felt want being a paper that will interest all the boys and girls, and yet of such a high standard of excellence that parents need feel no fear of evil results from placing it in the hands of their children.

Books Given Away.

With each issue is printed a coupon, 12 of which entitle the holder to three good books selected from the Good News Library, a series which has been selected with great care and while full of adventure and exciting incidents will be found to be free from objectionable sensationalism—which is also true of the stories in Good News. Besides this

Elegant Premiums

are given to new subscriber for one year, and to those who will get up clubs. Want of space prevents a further description of the excellence of Good News, but if you wish to know more about it, send your name on a postal card to the publishers and receive a sample copy which is sent free to all applicants. If you have friends whom you think would like a sample copy, send their names also. Address Street & Smith's Good News, 31 Rose Street, New York City.