

A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

Invitations That Were All Good for Something. Miss Virginia de Shrewd (who is discovered at her davenport address...)

THIEVES AND BUNCO-MEN.

Detective Says They Are Not So Clever as They Once Were. "Do you know New York thieves are not any thing like so clever as they used to be?"

Something Had Happened.

"Do you expect a raise of salary the first of the year?" he inquired, as they rode together on the rear platform of the car.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

The novel "March," written by Mrs. Mary E. Bryan, was Alexander Stephens' favorite work of fiction. Wait Whitman was a composer. So was David R. Locke.

HUMOROUS.

King Charles evidently was making a Knight of it when he dubbed that famous piece of beef Sir Loin. Puck. "Never mind the young man who says he moves in the best society. He may be obliged to move as soon as he gets in."

PITH AND POINT.

An honest man is able to speak for himself, when a knave is not. Those who are fellow-creatures with men should not be fellow-judges with God.

A QUEER COLLECTION.

Bottled Waters from Many Rivers the Hobby of Two Traveling Englishmen. It is surprising how many peculiar things a man will do when he has more time and money at his disposal than he knows what to do with.

IN CASE OF FIRE.

A Description of Chicago's Unrivaled Electric Alarm System. Somebody smells smoke or sees a strange light at night and rushing to the nearest alarm-box pulls the hook. In ten or twelve seconds the number of the box pulled is transmitted to every engine-house in the city.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

The Chambersburg, Pa., Academy declines to receive students who use tobacco. Japan has 29,233 elementary schools, with 3,233,226 pupils and 97,316 teachers. Attendance is compulsory.

ELECTIONS IN JAPAN.

A Politician of That Country Tells How They Are Conducted. An enthusiastic observer of the recent political campaign work in this city was Hon. Y. Honda, a resident of Hiroaki, a city of 35,000 inhabitants in Northern Japan.