

## A Marvellous Showing.

The U. S. Government, through the Agricultural Department, has been investigating the baking powders for the purpose of informing the public which was the purest, most economical and wholesome.

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### Big Prices For New York Real Estate.

The August Belmont homestead, on the northeast corner of Fifth avenue and Eighteenth street, and the boarding house next door on Fifth avenue, the whole property measuring 100 feet on the avenue and 175 feet on the street, have been sold to Arnold, Constable & Co. for \$65,000, a little more than \$35 a square foot. Counting the building out, this is said to be the highest price ever paid for land in that neighborhood. Two years ago the land where the Hotel Legerot now stands, which is diagonally across the avenue and which is of exactly the same area, was sold for \$450,000, or about \$30 a square foot.

Mr. Belmont bought the corner lots, 70 by 150 feet, in 1851 for \$22,800, and in 1860 he bought one adjoining lot on the street for \$9,561. In 1883 he completed his plot by purchasing 30 feet more frontage on Fifth avenue for \$130,000.—New York Sun.

**Champion Jump of Seventy Feet.**  
Long jumping must be something worth looking upon the winning jump is some 70 feet long. That is the sort of thing they have in Norway, as news from Christiania tells us. The champion jumper at the great annual meeting at Stockholm made a record by covering 70 feet, and the other competitors all managed to come between 44 and 60. This is certainly more exciting than our champion jump of 23 feet and a few inches. The Norwegians, it is true, do not jump as we do. The jump run is down a hill 200 feet high, in the middle of which a spring board is set six feet above the ground, and it is from this that the jump is taken. But aided or not that 70 feet flight through space is a portentous feat. The Norwegian women, too, tuck up their skirts and go at it. Truly a sight for the sons of the vikings.—St. James Gazette.

### Mr. Cleveland's Hotel Bill.

It costs a pretty penny to be an ungrateful president if one does it in good style. Mr. Cleveland had to provide so large a suite of apartments and secure so much privacy for his traveling party at the Arlington during his brief stay there before taking the oath of office that it cut into his bank account at the rate of \$150 a day. This expense, kept up for a year, would reach the handsome total of \$16,250, or more than three times the salary of the presidential office. It is an economical device, therefore, for the American people to set their president up at housekeeping instead of compelling him to "live around"—Kate Field's Washington.

### Good For Invalids.

The weather man has been very good to invalids. When a thin ghost of a male gets so blue that the air looks azure, the nurse can turn him up in a bigshawl, deposit her in a big rocking chair and roll her to the window, where she can watch pedestrians go through gymnastic performances on a small piece of ice in front of the house. Her drooping spirits rise as fast as people tumble down, and the little invalid who hasn't been out of the house for weeks and weeks declares the weather man to be a jolly good fellow.—Chicago News-Record.

### Alltogether Too Practical.

"Ah, dearest," sighed a young man, clutching at the feet of his dearest own, "don't you know what of all things is nearest my heart?"

"Really I can't say," she sweetly replied; "but in this cold weather I should think it was a flannel skirt."

She was too practical, and it broke the engagement.—Exchange.

### A Real Alabamian Man.

The most absentminded man was not the man who hunted for his pipe when it was between his teeth, nor the man who threw his hat out of the window and tried to hang his cigar on the peg—but the man who put his umbrella to bed and went and stood behind the door.—Exchange.

### Form and Intellect.

No modern men of culture would pretend, in mere perfectness of form, to rival the old Greek athletes, who intellectually were probably animals; or the berserkers, who were for the most part only hard drinking soldiers.—Million.

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