

the committee are looked for with some eagerness.

APPARATUS, OR SMOKE, WHICH?

Ten, fifteen, twenty thousands dollars, invested in first-class fire fighting apparatus is worth that much more than a quarter of a million in smoke and ashes. Astoria is growing and the municipality must keep pace with the fire area. Twenty minutes will undo the work and dissipate the accumulations of twenty years, under the unpropitious conditions of wind and weather and a too meagre supply of apparatus. Without anticipation it is difficult to measure possible realization; but the smallest actual loss gives ample guaranty for its anticipation, hence whatever the common council shall elect ! to do by way of remedy, should, and will, be commended. Last Wednesday's blaze furnished a warning that only the most obtuse wit could fail to appre-

ciate.

THE SEAMY SIDE.

The universal, active expression of sympathy and good-will that deluged the unhappy San Franciscans during the week of days that followed her catastrophe, buoyed them up to a pitch of civic pride and hope, that will be strenuously tried in the days now at hand. The seamy side is fast unfolding; there will be a play of all the coarser attributes known to man, and it will tax the wisdom, courage, and reliance of the people there to meet the access of meaness and dispose of it with dignity and success. Only the exercise of the loftiest principles and the highest examples of business nonor, will overcome the tide of gross and morbid selfishness that is sure to thrust itself to the fore-front.

> 0-WE WANT TO KNOW.

What, if any, effect, the recent earthquake at San Francisco and along the

There are now 303 schools in Canada for Indians, who number 107.637. To build up the tissues of the body

sip a glass of rich creamy milk before retiring.

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.

> The average family does not need a coat of arms, but it needs a motto: "United we stand; divided we fall."

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Don't find too much fault with this world. If you do, you may be sure that heaven won't exactly suit you.

Smiles lead you back to your youth; tears drag you toward old age. It takes no more time to laugh than to weep

A German scientist says the time will come when the supply of water will not be sufficient to support life on this earth.

Somebody figures that Chicago under the high license law will lose five hundred saloons. It's a case of reducing the surplus.

A woman in Collidge, Kan., tacked a scarlet-fever sign on her door, so that she wouldn't have to be bothered receiving calls.

While it is interesting to hear that money is easier what we should like to know is whether the people who have it are "easier."

The maple sugar product of a certain Vermont sugar-bush comes to New York under the brand "Adversity." Sweet are the uses, we infer.

Make the girl in the looking-glass as sweet as you can. She's a good friend to you, and you want to treat her well. Most of us count up everything else but our blessings. Right there our adding machine stops. It isn't right, though.

A member of the New York legislature is trying to have a bill passed to require that all Chinese laundry checks shall be written in English. This reminds us of the fact that no legislature has recently wrangled over coast country, has had on the run of the question of having doctors' prescripsalmon? They have charged everything tions written legible United States.

but they possess another sort of check which is fully as effectual. The builders, contractors or owners, or all three, are notified that further insurance policies will not be made on the building until certain remedies are made."-Pittsburg Press.

Earrings.

Earrings have always been among the most favorite ornaments of nearly 8 all the nations of the world, certainly with those which are called civilized. Indeed among the Persians, Babyloni-ans and Carthaginlans they were worn by men as well as women. They were always worn by Greek women from Hera in the "Iliad" down to the Venus de Medici, whose ears were pierced for the reception of earrings. Pliny tells us that there was no part of dress upon which greater expense was lavished among the Romans. Many Egyptian earrings of very beautiful design have been preserved, and these antique designs have been imitated in modern times.

Match War Erected a Fountain. Probably the price of no other article in common use has undergone such a revolution as the match. The first friction matches in 1830-the "Congreves" -were placed on the London market in tin boxes of fifties at half a crown a box, with a piece of glass paper for striking purposes thrown in. Messrs. Bryant and May took a leading part in defeating Mr. Lowe's proposed tax on lucifers, as they were then called, and in recognition of their services a public drinking fountain was erected at Bow.-London Mail.

Not Well Enough For Hospital. House physicians, when they wish to empty a bed of a chronic case, will welcome the new and original excuse contained in the following letter: "Dear Sister-When next the doctor attends mother, will you please ask him to dismiss mother, as she does not feel well, and oblige, yours truly, ---."-London Hospital Gazette.

Necessity. "Perkins has separated from his wife and gone to live in bachelor apartments."

"What did he do that for?" "He said he couldn't live without some of the comforts of home."-Life.

Politeness. Politeness is a kind of anaesthetic which envelops the asperities of our character, so that other people be not wounded by them. We should never be without it, even when we contend with the rude.-Joubert.

Almost Malignant. M. D.-This is queer. Have you taken anything that disagreed with you? The Patient-Nothing but your advice of Yesterdat.

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