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PUTTING LAW IN FORCE.

But recently Philadelphia confectioners confessed to using glucose in the manufacture of their products in violation of the pure food law, and the fines imposed amounted to the enormous sum of \$500,000. Hardly a day passes in which either proceedings are not commenced against some trust operating in restraint of trade or conviction secured. The government is after the trusts, after violators of the pure food law, and the attempt at regulation has been tended with gratifying success. Action against the tobacco trust has been commenced before Judge Hough in the United States circuit court of New York. Counsel representing the McAndrews and Forbes company and the J. S. Young company of Baltimore both subsidiary companies of the American Tobacco company, have pleaded not guilty. The charge against the defendants is that they violated the Sherman anti-trust law in restraint of trade. DeLancy Nicoll and John D. Lyndsay, cousel for defendants, describe the case as of paramount importance to the trade. Henry L. Stimson, United States district attorney, who is prosecuting, has a large numcase is expected to last fourteen days A further charge will be preferred against the defendants at the termination of the present cases. They will be indicted for illegally controlling the output of liquorice paste used in making plug tobacco. The government will charge that under a secret agreement they divided the trade between them, forcing prices up exorbitantly. One company, it will be charged, furnished the material to the trust companies and the other to the independent manufacturers. Congress and the entire country has been watching the outcome of these particular cases for years and great interest is centered in them.

THE JAPANESE IDEA.

There is a great deal of nonsense written about the possibility of a Japanese boycott against American goods. We do not believe that the inclination to engage in that style of warfare exists in Japan, and it is not likely that it can be cultivated, because every Japanese of sense is fully aware of the fact that scarcely anything is imported into the islands from this country which could be profitably produced there; and one the other hand, we import a vast quantity of stuff from the islands which we could and would promtply dispense with if they began any nonsense of that sort. The United States is Japan's best customer, and there is no likelihood of her adopting the suicidal course of converting our people into non-buyers of Japanese products.--Ex.

PIG IRON TO BURN.

An interesting analysis of the uses to which the 25,000,000 tons of pig iron produced this year in the United States, will be put indicates that the opinion, somewhat freely expressed, that we are approaching the clay age is a triffe premature. According to a writer in the journal referred to, not for Sprains, Nuralgia, Bruises, Conreplaced by cement. No doubt the Navasota, Texas, writes: latter will continue to be used in larger quantities in the future, but it of satisfaction. I always keep it in cannot be employed as a substitute for the house." Harts Drug Store.

the thousands of things which now consume about 23,000,000 tons of our annual product. There is one item in the Iron Trade Review's list, however, which may be supplanted. The output of ralls amounted to about 3,700,000 tons this year. It has been pointed out that it would be entirely practicable to substitute for the present railways a system of smooth roads over which freight, and passengers Club of Dr. Parkhrust's church, might be hauled more cheaply than on steel rails. The cost of such roads at present is prohibitory, but some ordinary decencies and to labor. At day, when prices of iron go up, as they are bound to as the supplies of cells six feet square. I know what ore diminish, it may be cheaper to it means. In England for nine months build and maintain such roads than I had solitary confinement in a cell the ordinary railroads which serve seven feet by four with a log for a our purposes at present.-Ex.

THE SQUARE THING.

In granting autonomy to the Transvaal, the British government has done only what might have been expected of the 24 prisons she had visited in from her treatment of her other col- America. Their prisoners are praconies. Letters patent establishing a constitution have been issued and the N. J., she found strange contradic-King has expressed through the tions. "They still have underground proper channels his earnest wishes for the peace and prosperity of the country under that instrument. It might ited them I heard a poor man call, be said the rights of all the people thereof are sure to be respected, a condition which did not exist under

ON THE BOTTOM LEVEL.

When Ruef confessed that he had taken money of the French restaurants as pay for assisting them to mainlaw, he acknowledged that he had de- wall in the moisture. scended to the lowest level of degraded humanity. A man who would take or a bribe, whether as a voluntary contribution or as the fruit of extor- criminal. tion, thereby proclaims himself outside the pale of decent society, a panderer to the unclean, a common procurer for hire. Whether under our statutes it constitutes a legal crime for which he can be sent to State's prison. where he belongs, is a matter of secondary importance, which the courts will determine in due time. While, therefore, any additional evidence will be merely cumulative, not demonstrating additional corruption in one already confessed to be utterly putrid. his attorneys, in fishing for the "evidence" in possession of the prosecution brought out one piece of information of which the whole world cannot avoid taking notice.-San Francisco Chronicle.

EDITORIAL SALAD. ********

A new German invention is a machine for picking chickens. After the bird is killed it is placed in the machine. A button is pushed and transverse currents of air are operated by the turning of fans at the rate of five thousand revolutions a minute. In a jiffy the feathers, pinfeathers and the smallest particles of down are removed from the chicken and the machine is ready for another bird. If every chicken merchant had one of the machines he would have less trouble getting "pickers" during the rush sea-

A German mine owner has just paid \$106,000 for a Raphael, of date 1514, the portrait of a brother of Pope Leo X., to the astonishment of Berlin art circles. Doubtiess many modern artists feel they could do as well, or even better, for less than half the money. But antiquity looms large in the estimation of some people, while others don't know what to do with their money, spending it on what Mr. Beecher once called "stuffy old saints."

At any rate, one citizen who will come pretty near knowing how the State of New York is run will be the Governor of New York.

Pittsburg is discussing when is the best time to take a drink. In New York, drinks are so timed as just to avoid rear-end collisions.

"For the first time in thirty years," says Mr. Rockefeller, "I am able to eat a mince pie and digest it." Thirty years of his life wasted!

Los Angeles plans a world's fair to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal in 1915. Isn't that selling dates short?

New York's aged congressmen need not borrow trouble on account of the anti-child-labor bill; it isn't aimed at second childhood.

WHAT'S

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be well cured. A positive cure more than 2,000,0000 of the 25,000,000 tracted Muscles, and all the ills that tons of pig iron produced could be flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams,

"I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best

FOR PRISON REFORM.

Victim of English Prisons Advocates

Changes in America. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who passed many in English prisons and is now trying to reform the penitentlaries of America, discussed prison reform work last night before the Young Men's

"I claim for all men," said she, "human rights, the right to sunshine, to Sing Sing strong men are shut up in seat and my food was passed in through a trap door. They do these things for the salvation of souls; they lead to damnation."

She declared the Eastern penitentiary of Philadelphia to be the worst tically buried alive. But at Trenton, dungeons where not even the step of the warden can be heard. As I vis-For the love of God, let me out. I have been here five days and cannot bear it any longer.' Yet, as I came up I heard a sound I had never heard in a prison before. 'Yes,' said the warden, 'that's our string band practicing."

Mrs. Maybrick declared prisoners must have more sunshine. She asserted that at Sing Sing at high tide tain immoral resorts in defiance of one could write one's name on the

In conclusion she put forward an earnest plea for such an awakening money for such services, whether law- of public sentiment for reform as had fully or unlawfully, whether as a fee already brought about the separation of the first offender and the habitual

INSURANCE TRUST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-More than 20 life insurance presidents, including the chief executives of the "Big Three," will meet at the Waldorf today to discuss the question of forming a national organization. . The meeting will be in response to the circular letter of President Morton of the Equitable.

NEW CURE FOR EPILEPSY. J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes; daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleaners and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at Chas Rogers' Drug

Cosmetics will ruin the complexion. There's no beauty practice equal to the effects of Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It keens the entire body in perfect health. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

Beecham's Pills

When lack of appetite is caused by overeating, take Beecham's Pills to relieve the feeling of heaviness. When a sick stomach takes away all desire for food, use Beecham's Pills. They invariably tone the di-gestion and

Create Good Appetite Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c. and 25c.

DANGER IN ASKING ADVICE.

When you have a cough or a cold do not ask some one what is good for them, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparations, Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds and prevents pneumonia. The genu-ine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. T. F. Laurin.

SURE TO PLEASE HER.

if you select something at Jaloff's new store as an Xmas gift. 120 11th street near Commercial.

OUTWITS THE SURGEON.

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influence, Bronchitis, and all Pulmonary discases. One bottle will convince you at your druggist, 26c, 50c, \$1.00. Hart's Drug Store.

WHY NOT BEAUTIFY THE HOME?

Is there any one thing that will make your table more attractive on Christmas day than flowers? They are the gems that will add good cheer to your home festivities.

Anticipating a large rush this year, we have been equal to the occasion. We have a gorgeous assortment for table decorations. We will dispose of them at prices that will be within the reach of all.

Fragrant Roses. Carnations. Holly.

Wreaths and pretty Green Roping suitable for decorating. Why not add cheer to the occasion?

Leave your orders early.

Delivery made to all parts of the city. Mall orders given prompt attention. Come and see our display of Palms and Potted Plants. The Orchid plant, the only one of its kind on the Pacific Coast.

Columbia Nursery Company.

Store call Red 2306. Nursery call Black 2195.

THE CORRECT CLOTHES SHOP

A man said yesterday: "I have been trying merchant tailors—had to come back—no clothes suit me like yours."



Fancy half-hose 25c to 50c Handkerchiefs-Silk, 25c to \$1; Hemstitched linen, plain or with to \$3.50 Neckdressings, 25c to \$1.50; Full Dress Mufflers and Reefers,.... \$1.00 to \$4.00 Box Suspenders and Combination Sets, including Suspenders, Armlets and Hose Supporters,50c to \$1.50 Umbrellas for Christmas giving,

In natural sticks or richly trimmed in gold or silver effects.... \$1 to \$7 S. DANZIGER & CO., "The Store That Never Disap-

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Clothiers.

Saturday is a great clothes buying day-men put off till the last minute buying what they want for themselves.

The advantage of a big stock like ours is apparent to men in a hurry.

No trouble to get suited. No trouble to get fitted. The category of our sizes and our models is very large and we are constantly adding to it.

And we have a big assortment of sizes in all grades-\$15, \$18, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$28, \$30 and \$35,

Besides this, a corps of salesmen who can put their fingers on the very size and often the very style you want at a minutes notice,

Grand Central Depot for Men's "Fixens." Happy Suggestions For Christmas Giving.

Lounging and Bath Robes, toothe same price range.

Fancy Vests, wash fabrics, and silk worsteds,.... \$1.25 to \$5.00 Suit cases..... \$4.00 to \$20.00 Cluett Shirts \$1.50 and \$2 Monarch Shirts......\$1.00 Underwear, in silk, wool, liste or Balbriggan, the garment\$1.00 to \$3.00 Dent's Famous English Gloves

Open evenings until Xmas.

.....\$2.00

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What is nicer for that Christmas gift than a nice piece of our Flatware PRICES THE LOWEST

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Means not only good things to eat, but also the best of things to drink,

Rye and Bourbon Whiskies. Choice Wines and Champagnes.

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as good or better than the kind he sold here twenty years ago (some of these are beginning to wear out). He thinks he has found the line. He will show them to you if you will call at the store of

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Monday, Tuesddy and Wednesday the great pastoral comedy drama

WOMAN'S STRUGGLE

Companion play to "Way Down East" and York State Folks.

Special Bargain Matinee Christmas Day at 2;30 p.m.

Evening prices, 15c, 25c and 35c. Matinee 10c and 25c.

Free Xmas Ticket for Opening Night, Monday, December 24. Cut this out and present at Box Office before 7 p. m., Monday.

Ladies, Free Ticket.

This ticket will admit any lady FREE to a Reserved Seat at the opening performance of No ECKHARDT'S IDEALS AT THE

> Star Taeatre, Xmas Eve., Mon. Night, Dec, 4 If accompanied by a regular paid 35c reserved seat cicket. Seats must be secured before 7 p. m., Monday, Dec. 24,