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### The World's Hard Wood Market.

London is the hardwood market of the world. American buyers of Mexican woods go to London to make their purchases instead of Mexico. The woods are shipped to London and then back to the United States, for the reason that London is the exchange of the world.

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March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

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You can talk freely to a woman when it is revolting to relate your private troubles to a man; besides, a man does not understand, simply because he is a man.

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## THE LUNCHEON HOUR

### WHEN PENSION OFFICE CLERKS LEAVE THEIR DESKS.

In and About the Big Court—Enjoyment in a Cup of Coffee and a Sandwich—One of the Interesting Capital City Sights.

### Among the File Cases.

No more interesting sight can be seen about Washington than that which occurs daily at the pension office during the half hour, between 12:30 and 1 o'clock, allowed the employes of that branch of the government for luncheon.



THE LUNCH HOUR.

There is something of a military precision in the manner lunches are eaten at the pension office, very different from the way that proceeding is conducted in other departments.

Commissioner Evans has insisted that as the lunch time is from 12:30 to 1 o'clock that the act of taking nourishment shall be confined to that period. Not a minute sooner than the prescribed hour the army of 1,600 clerks emerge from the offices and swarm down the broad staircases to the eastern portion of the court, where a score of impromptu tables are set loaded with sandwiches, pie, cups of coffee and various concoctions of food to be devoured. The vendors of these provisions are instructed not to sell anything before 12:30 o'clock, and previous to that time a dollar bill would not be sufficient to buy a piece of pie.

A hundred and fifty bicycles are stacked in the court of the pension office, and half of the owners of these wheels mount them promptly during lunch time and speed away a mile or a



WITH A MUG OF MILK.

mile and a half to their homes, where they eat their mid-day meal with their families. The others stand about the court with a mug of milk or coffee, a sandwich or a piece of pie, quietly gaining refreshment while they exchange the news of the day.

To the outer world the doings of the chiefs of divisions in the pension office may appear to be a small matter, but within the barn-like structure that accommodates this branch of the government the chiefs are the personal aids of the commissioner. They see the commissioner every day, talk over with him the administration of the bureau, suggest changes that might improve its methods of doing business, and to a greater or less extent the army of clerks are dependent upon them for



ELABORATE.

"reputations" as good clerks. So it is that any word that may have dropped from the lips of a chief is passed around and devoured as eagerly as are the vands which are procured of the caterers. An accident happening to any of the clerks is discussed and commented on, and the various orders issued by the commissioner form intense-

ly interesting subjects for conversation. Of course, as in every gathering of men and women, all sorts of gossip runs riot.

Other signs that would be of interest to the visitor, but which have become commonplace with the clerks at the pension office, are the great stretch of file cases containing the claims for pensions of a million brave soldiers and soldiers' widows and minor children, which cover nearly the entire floor space of the court of the pension office building, and the largest American flag in the United States, which floats above them all. In no other place on earth has there ever been such a massing together of claims of soldiers for pensions, the result of a single civil war.

Men who remember the last time the remnants of the Grand Army of the Republic, old men and feeble, many of them carrying evidences in their maimed bodies of the stirring scenes through which they passed, marched up Pennsylvania avenue amid an applauding audience made of a younger generation have a peculiar feeling of veneration toward the mass of papers which have been filed since the war in the pension office to prove their claims for recognition through pensions. But this scene, a memorable one to visitors here, is now too commonplace to call forth much interest from the clerks of the pension office who wend their way to the lunch counters through this mass of documentary evidence.

Finally at 1 o'clock a gong sounds, and before its intonations have died out the 1,600 clerks of the pension office are back at their desks and at work. There are no stragglers. This precision is unknown in other departments, but at the pension office it is ever present during lunch time. The short half hour devoted to attentions to the inner man is a pleasant break always at the pension office, and pleasanter probably because of the strictness observed in stopping and beginning work.

### "Yours Truly."

The habits of people in signing letters are receiving some attention, and interesting conclusions are drawn from a study of the different ways writers subscribe themselves. The curt "Yours" and "Yours truly" are found not only in business letters, but in personal notes as well, for there are plenty of correspondents who don't believe in gush, and who think that "Yours truly" or "sincerely" means about all they wish to convey. Opposed to these sensible and essentially practical persons is that class of writers made up usually of young and enthusiastic individuals, as a rule of the gentle sex, who throw words about as carelessly on paper as they do in conversation. The use of the word love by such people is a distressing sign of emotional weakness, or carelessness, or of insincerity, and possibly arises from the same impulse that prompts women to kiss each other indiscriminately. One Boston girl, who is quoted by the Journal, has taken her own stand in the matter, and at the risk of being considered "cold" and "thoroughly Boston" she sticks to it. In her childhood she was taught to sign "affectionately yours" to her far-away great-aunts and second cousins, some of whom she had never seen, but all of whom she tried to like, because of the claims of kindred, and the word "affectionately" came to mean to her nothing at all except polite and necessary fiction. So she signs "affectionately" to people she is supposed to be conventionally fond of, and when she says anything more she means it. She thoroughly approves of "Cordially yours," and this, by the way, is seen more and more frequently now in notes between acquaintances who are on distinctly friendly or cordial terms. After all, "Your friend," when it can be used truthfully, is a simple and satisfactory way of ending friendly letters. Some people have the habit of not preface their names with any set form of words at the end of letters. They stop when they get through, and write their signatures without any frills.—Worcester (Mass.) Gazette.

**Spread of the English Language.**  
Mr. Gladstone lately expressed himself as believing that English is to be the language of the future. Mr. Gladstone's reasons are based on what has happened within his own lifetime. When Mr. Gladstone was born English was spoken by 30,000,000 of people. It is now spoken by 120,000,000. The number of people in the earth who speak English is doubled every forty years. This forms the basis of a very simple calculation as to when the entire population of the earth shall speak English. The two great English-speaking countries are Great Britain and the United States. Wherever Great Britain goes she carries the English language, and whoever comes to the United States learns it.

**Sufficient Provocation.**  
Alkali Ike—Wot's the matter, podner? Why did you hang that 'ere chap?  
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