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shows the world is coming to recognize that provision must be made for aged employees. It seems certain that some day the system will be extended to private employment also.

WHAT THE INQUIRY HAS PROVED

The near completion of the senate inquiry into the Titanic disaster makes timely a resume of what it has accomplished, says the New York World.

It is not yet two weeks since the committee began the taking of testimony immediately after the arrival of the Carpathia with the survivors. In that brief time it has been established, with a mass of corroborative details—

That the captain of the Titanic had received early notice of the presence of ice-fields in his course.

That notwithstanding the warning, the speed of the Titanic was not only not reduced but was maintained at twenty-one knots an hour or more.

That in the apparent belief that the great ship was unsinkable, there was delay in notifying the passengers of their danger after the collision.

That the capacity of the lifeboats was insufficient to accommodate more than half the passengers and crew, and that with an adequate life-saving equipment everybody might have been saved.

That the wireless facilities on board ship are inadequate to the needs and are operated under conditions of laxity calling for radical reform.

It was further brought out that icebergs constitute a constant menace against such mechanical devices and human vigilance are alike powerless at night, and by way of corollary that the northern route is to that extent the more dangerous; that no ship is unsinkable and that commanders must rely in case of accident on the same means of rescue that have been relied on since navigation began, and that the vaunted regulations of the British Board of Trade governing life-boats and rafts do not enforce safety.

That these deficiencies of sea-safety are now a matter of public knowledge is due to the prompt and energetic inquiry by the senate into the conditions responsible for the loss of the finest of passenger ships, the vessel that was reputed to say the last word in marine construction. They are the essential things, and whatever opinion may be held of the manner in which the inquiry was conducted and however irrelevant some of the questions asked may have seemed, the substantial nature of the facts established has well justified the purpose of the investigation

A STURDY LIFE.

In John S. Gurdane, Pendleton has a resident who has lived more adventurous stories than Ruyard Kipling could invent. As a man of the sea he handled ships in various parts of the world and on the great lakes. He has been through shipwreck, mutinies and other dangers of the deep. He was also a soldier and a pioneer of the west. On his eighty-eighth birthday he is still hale and hearty and though not as nimble as in days gone by is still good for another ten years at least. The oak does not wither quickly and is not cast down by every breeze that blows.

The continuous floods in the Mississippi valley give evidence to the effect that the central states as well as the northwest have an abundance of moisture this spring.

If the state penitentiary can get

along just as well with the warden in command as with a warden and superintendent also why not eliminate the superintendent?

The Methodists estimate that twenty-five million people in the United States affiliate with no church. But that does not mean those people have no religion.

Regular picnic weather.

THE REALM FEMININE

Ink stains are removed by solutions of oxalic acid.

For acid stains apply pearlash, boiled in soap water.

For iron stains use oxalic acid or bittermilk.

For fruit stains wet cloth and hold over burning sulphur.

In case of grease spots take equal parts of ether, ammonia and alcohol.

Rust in iron is removed by kerosene oil.

Paint on glass may be cleansed by using strong, hot vinegar.

Smoked mica cleaned by washing with vinegar.

Steel cleaned by unslacked lime.

Metals cleaned by rottenstone and spirits of turpentine.

Marble cleaned by strong lye and quicklime.

Brass cleaned by one-half ounce alum boiled in one pint water.

Paint cleaned by common whiting.

Silver cleaned by a weak solution of ammonia.

Gold cleaned by soap and water, dry in magnesia.

Colors in fabrics set by spoonful oxgall in gallon water.

Lamp chimney toughened by boiling in weak brine.

Lamp smoke prevented by soaking wick in vinegar.

Canesetted chairs tightened by sponging with hot water.

Mold prevented by small quantity of carbolic acid.

Steel pens noncorroding by placing pieces of iron in ink.

Wood hardened by boiling in olive oil ten minutes.

Rings on fingers removed by holding in cold water.

THE VENTRILOQUIST SCORED.

Recently a well-known ventriloquist, who was taking a journey, just managed to get into the train as it was leaving the station, and had no time to take out a dog ticket for his terrier.

When the cry "All tickets ready!" was heard a few stations farther on, the ventriloquist dropped the dog into a hamper which was labeled in bold characters, "Professor Jones, ventriloquist."

When the ticket-seller opened the carriage door the dog began to bark. The man, noticing the label on the hamper turned to the ventriloquist with a self-satisfied grin and said: "All right, mister, that's very clever, but ye canna fool me, that trick's been played on me before."—London Opinion.

VIEWED WITH SUSPICION.

Before he was well known, Wendell Phillips, the abolitionist, went to Charleston and put up at a hotel. He had breakfast served in his room and was waited upon by a slave. Mr. Phillips seized the opportunity to present to the negro in a pathetic way that he regarded him as a man and brother. The negro, however, seemed more anxious about his breakfast than he regarded him as a man and social scale. Phillips became discouraged and told him to go away, saying that he could not bear to be waited on by a slave.

"You must 'scuse me, massa," said the negro, "I is bliged to stay here, 'cause I'm 'sponsible for the silver-ware."—Indianaapolis News.

EFFECT OF IMAGINATION.

Every summer John Fisher, a Liberty grocer, and Frank Cockrell, a retired farmer, who is the father of the Cockrell brothers, who conduct a garage on Fifteenth street, maintain a camp at the mouth of Shoal creek on the Missouri river, about fifteen miles below Kansas City and four miles south of Liberty, where they keep open house for their friends and entertain in lavish style.

Last summer they were entertaining among others, J. D. Taylor, a farmer of near Manola, about sixty-five miles northwest of Alberta, Canada. The hosts and their guests were grouped around a small camp fire, scantily attired and partaking of fried catfish with relish, when Taylor grabbed at his leg and arose to his

Extra Specials FOR WEDNESDAY

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Hundreds of yards of fine laces and embroideries, including fine swisses, some with insertion to match; regular value up to 20c. Your choice Wednesday while they last only, yd. 3c

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The Wonder Store

feet with a howl that sounded like the siren of the Gunter.

"I'm a goner, boys," he groaned, as he hopped around on one leg, gripping the other powerfully with both hands and imploring someone between whistles to get a club and get busy. "There's a snake in my pants leg as big as my arm and it's squeezing and biting me to death."

Fischer grabbed one side of the trouser leg in question and Cockrell the other and they ripped with right good will, but no snake appeared. When Taylor was sans pants, however, they took the remnant from his hands, and closely merged with the interior was found the stringy remains of a small frog.

"And that's what imagination will do for you," said Taylor, as he hunted up a box, and climbed upon it tailor fashion to finish his interrupted session with the fish.—Kansas City Journal.

TIME.

"How long have you been a widow, Mrs. Weed?" "It will be a year the 4th of next month." "Dear me! Is it as long as that? How time flies!" "Oh, do you think so? Well, if you ever have to wait a year to look pleasant when men offer you attentions you'll give up the idea that time is much of a flyer."

IN THE MIDDLE WEST.

Several are sewing oats now and

farmers will be very busy until they have them all in the ground, and many will have more corn ground than they are figuring on by reason of the failure of the wheat crop.

There is more mules on the farms here this year than for many a year for the reason that there were so many of the horses died last winter.

A. B. Purvines is building a new residence on his farm and will be occupied by his son, L. H. Purvines, when completed.—Plains correspondence in Illinois State Register.

Buying ribbons for his typewriter is now a patent medicine almanac joke, but it is still capable of arousing the jealousy of many a man's wife.

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