In the darkness the winter wind sighing Made the flame take a ruddier glow; The sparks up the broad chimney fly-Like witch-eyes that gleamed in the

Oh, the warmth and the light Of those red flames so bright, And the comfort and joy of the wild winter night!

Far better that friendly old fire Than buildings of simmering steam, With never a flame to admire, And never a beautiful dream! Oh, the love and the light Where those flames danced

bright. And the old-fashioned joy of the oldfashioned night. -Atlanta Constitution.

## HIS RARE SKILL.

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ACK GREEN was a reporter on a London paper, and in that cacelebrated Sykes robbery case. The story was printed from one end of the country to the other, and it made a hero of Green, especially as he received a slight wound from a stray bullet in the fracas that took place when Sykes and his confederates were arrested.

His injury won him a month's vacation, which he resolved to spend at his home in Kent. Ashford was not a very lively place in the winter, but Green was not looking for recreation.

He wanted to see Ethel Watson, who in his opinion, was the sweetest and smartest girl in the world.

On the afternoon of his seventh day in Ashford Green drove up to the Watson house to take Ethel for a drive. There had been a fine fall of snow the night before. Ethel was standing by the gate talking to Joe Sawyer, who also was in love with her, but didn't dare to say so openly. Joe was a lawyer, and the only one in Ashford who had any practice.

"Hello, Sherlock Holmes!" said the lawyer. "Have you heard the news?" "No," answered Green, sourly. "I'm really surprised," said Sawyer.

"You should have deducted it from the state of the atmosphere and the price of potatoes." "I haven't," responded Green.

"Justice Hawkins' house has been robbed," said Ethel, "and I think it's positively providential that you're Green looked at Ethel and he saw followed.

that she expected him to perform great miracles. He looked at Sawyer and saw something quite different.

"Get in here, both of you," said Green, "and we'll see what we can

They drove to the justice's house. The robbery had been discovered by your wife should have-" old Mrs. Gubbins, a lifelong dependent of the judge's family, who went through the house three or four times a week to see that all was well, but did not live there. She had reported the case to the local police-a day and a night watchman-and these functionaries, were present, with a dozen of the neighbors, when Green and his companions arrived.

Green consulted his watch, and then he slowly walked into the hall, where the old-fashioned safe built into the wall gaped emptily. He glanced around with listless eye, while everybody watched him. Then he walked into the parlor and stood for half a minute by the mantelpiece.

From this room he passed through all the others in the house, a slow procession following him. Finally he led them to the starting point, the broad hall, and there he sat down upon the stairs and looked at his watch, which he had consulted occasionally in the course of his stroll.

"Nineteen minutes and a half," said Green. "Mr. Jones, I believe you are a deputy sheriff of this county as well as a constable of the village. I will make my report to you, sir. This robbery was committed by two men who do not live in Ashford, and who are not here at present. Where they are we will consider later.

"One of them is about six feet tall and rather slender. He has red hair, but is bald on the front part of his cranium. He wore a long black overcoat and heavy rubber overshoes. The little finger of his right hand has been broken and is bent almost double.

"It may interest you to know how I discovered this. The thief is tall because he bumped his head on the swinging lamp in the parlor, and that is about six feet from the floor. He left upon it a small portion of his scalp and one red hair. If he had not been bald in front he would have left more hair and less scalp.

"The prints of his overshoes show in the dust on the floor of the kitchen closet. The print of his little finger is in the dust on top of that table, or was before Joe Sawyer sat down on it." "There wasn't any dust here-not a

speck!" exclaimed Sawyer, jumping off the table. "It depends on the eye," responded

Green, calmly.

"To continue: The other robber was short, thick-set and dark. He wore a pea jacket and a fur cap. He had a heavy black beard, which may, however, be false. I cannot tell from the single hair which I found upon a piece of bread in the kitchen until I have examined it with a microscope. He was an Irishman."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed the constable. "How do you know that?" "From his method of knocking out the ashes from his pipe," replied Green. "Irishmen have a peculiar way of doing it. I have not time to explain

in detail." "The tall man walked on this side," said Green. "Mark the longer stride and the prints of the overshoes. Without doubt they walked across the meadows to Chartham and took the 7:10

train for London." "Why not the 6:50 for Dover?" ask-

ed Sawyer.

## ITALIAN ALPHABET AND MONOGRAM. 0.Y.

This quaint and interesting alphabet was selected and adapted from Italian Mss. of the sixteenth century. The letters are well adapted for use on table-linen, using this size for napkins and enlarging any one of the letters for table cloths. Embroider in white cotton, making the solid parts in satin stitch, and the light lines in cording stitch or outline them. The monograms are suitable for towels, etc., using blue embroidery cotton on blue bordered towels and red embroidery cotton on red ones.

received this message from Scotland

"Have your men. Description per- of the station. fect. Most of goods recovered. Will send men in charge of Detective Cuff, 10 o'clock train.'

"I'll give it up," said Joe Sawyer. And he gnawed his knuckles till they bled. Green walked away from the station with Ethel, and a cheering mob

He got her into her own house as soon as he could, and there in the parlor he faced her, red with shame.

be anything else. I haven't the mind

"Don't! Don't!" he groaned. "Ethel, I can't act this lie before you. I have only been a lucky idiot in this affair, as in that other in London."

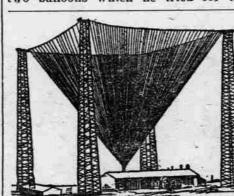
"Luck!" she cried. "Could luck tell you that the robber carried a black bag nstead of a brown one--'

"Child! Child! I saw it!" moaned at the back of the judge's house when those two thieves came out through ham and catch the 7:10 train to Lon-

"Jack," she cried, "you're a bigger man than I thought you were. You're a wonder!" and she flung her arms around his neck.-Indianapolis Sun.

MARCONI'S WIRELESS STATION. Where the Inventor Has Been Con-

ducting Experiments. The wireless telegraph station at Table Head, Glace Bay, near Sidney, N. S., where Mr. Marconi has been conducting experiments with a view to proving the possibility of sending messages across the Atlantic, is altogether different from those originally erected for his first tests. At Signal Hill, Newfoundland, where Marconi succeeded in obtaining faint signals sent across the ocean from the station at Poldhu, Cornwall, the messages were received by means of a single wire sustained by a kite, whose unsteadiness made it difficult to obtain uniform results. One or two balloons which he tried for the



MARCONI STATION AT GLACE BAY.

same purpose escaped. Before the close of 1901 a station was erected at Cape Cod, Mass., consisting essentially of a great circle of poles which were to sustain the vertical wires, but the contemporary thematicians and political mathematicians and there is a great difference. Sampson.

8. Town of St. Pierre, Martinique, destroyed by voicano....Paul Leicester Ford, author, slain by brother, Malcolm Ford, who then kills himself. a great circle of poles which were to this too met with a mishap. The sta tions at Polhu and Cape Cod were therefore remodelled, and the one at Glace Bay has been constructed on the same line, so that a description of one will fit all three.

As shown in the illustration, the structure consisted of four square wooden towers, which stand about 215 feet high. Each one is cross braced with steel wire rope, and all four are connected with each other by diagonal not diminished the number of postal stays. Finally, to render the structure stages in Germany. On the contrary, still more rigid and wind-proof, stout cables are run up over the tops of each 5,176 to 1896 to 5,314 in 1900. pair of towers on all sides, and secured o anchorages in the earth.

From each of the four horizontal bridges which connect the tops of the towers are suspended fifty copper ca-"Thieves with plunder always strike bles. The cables are composed of seven

for the big cities," said Green. "Mr. strands, an eighth of an inch in diam Jones, if you telegraph to London, giv- eter, tightly twisted together. Outing a description of the men and their plunder, I think the police can catch them for you before to-morrow mornity there are three hundred and fifty

| Average Portugal, on Por ing a description of the men and then plunder, I think the police can catch them for you before to-morrow morning. Now, Ethel, if you're ready, we'll wires on a side, or fourteen hundred in all.

Walking the police can catch wires at a short distance, but in reality there are three hundred and fifty wires on a side, or fourteen hundred in Savings Co. of Cleveland.

10. Fallure of Euclid Avenue Trust and Savings Co. of Cleveland.

12. Seven lives lost in fire in Buffalo,

groups converge as they go downward and terminate in the operating room of the station.

14. Second failure of George H. Phillips, formerly called the Chicago "corn king."

15. J. B. Foraker elected Senator from Ohio, Arthur P. Gorman from Maryland and J. B.

## WAYS OF WOMEN.

No Limit to Tyranny Some Will Stand from Milliners.

There does not seem to be a limit will stand from milliners, modistes, violiniste. beautifiers, and other autocrats of that ilk. It is related of a very grande dame who had just returned from abroad to her New York home.

24. Treaty ceding Danish West Indies to United States signed....Dust explosion kills 29 miners at Lost Creek, Iowa.

28. Peace proposals made to England in Boers' behalf by Holland. "And I love you," she answered, but I'm only a silly o'rl and Ul nover or two wearing a creek of the state of out I'm only a silly girl, and I'll never or two wearing a creation in headgear for which she had paid a fabulous sum in Paris. The milliner saw the situation in a moment, and, being a Gale on Atlantic coast does quick-witted person, resolved on instant action. "Take off that hat and Ill. never put it on again," she said imperiously to her visitor, a woman whose social power is almost without limit. "Why do you say that?" she asked, with a weak-kneed attempt to Green. "I was sitting on a rock just assert her dignity. "I met Mrs. Blank this morning and she told me this hat was very becoming." Quick to seize 19. President Roosevelt's decision the yard. I heard one of them say a point, the milliner answered calmthat they had time to walk to Chart- ly: "Just so. Mrs. Blank is no friend Spain. took root at once, just as the milliner was sure it would. The upshot was garian bandits. that the hat was left to be made over, 27. madam taking a new one home, and gress.

28. Fourteen miners killed by snowslide the milliner had still more firmly riv- at Telluride, Col. eted the chain which bound her patron. The professional beautifier is about

The professional beautifier is about equally autocratic. For instance, a noted complexion specialist who is Gen. Methuen captured by Boers. noted complexion specialist who is said to have "made over" Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt accompanied that his successor.

12. Death of Former Governor John P. wealthy woman to Florida last winfer Altgeld of Illinois.... Packet overturned in and kept her "under repair" there for Mississippi River and 22 persons drowned six weeks. It is understood that Mrs. Vanderbilt saw no necessity for such close attention, but the beautifier thought otherwise and charged \$10,-000 for her services. Another specialist, by way of a vacation last summer, sauntered through a few watering May places and picked up \$6,000 before re--Chicago Chronicle.

out the weight is not given.

Difference in Figures. "You say he's a mathematician?" "Yes."

"What kind?" "What kind! What do you mean by

"Well, there are mathematical ma-

Examinations of the Air. Regular examinations of the air in New York City are to be made to de- Spain termine the presence of bacteria, and when dangerous germs are found to be prevalent the public will be warned coast, and steps will be taken to head off the Tenn.

disease. German Postal Stations. The multiplication of railways has the number of stage drivers rose from

Shortest Name Known. G. Uz of Sargent, Mo., has possibly the shortest surname on record. Most bachelors' idea of misery is being alone with a noisy baby.

RESUME OF THE YEAR

1902'S RECORD OF PROSPERITY AND DISASTER.

There Have Been Volcanic Eruptions, Wars, Conflagrations and Explosions-Large Death Lists-And Still Times Have Been Good.

Though most of the civilized world has enjoyed a continuance of the reign of mutual prosperity which began in 1901, it is undeniable that the year 1902 has made a woful record in the way of disaster and destruction of human life. The eruption of Mount Pelee, Martinique, May 8, may be given pre-eminence as the most disastrous occurrence of several decades, and its destructive work was supplemented by many costly conflagrations, especially during the early months of the year, and a number of deadly ex-

Many noted persons have passed into the beyond since Jan. 1, 1902, among them being Cecil Rhodes, Rev. T. DeWitt Falmage, Gen. Wade Hampton, Frank R. Stockton, J. Sterling Morton, Sol Smith Russell, Bret Harte, Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, Lord Pauncefote, Jen. Franz Sigel, Edward Eggleston, Justice Horace Gray, Marie Henriette, Queen of Belgium; Emile Zola, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Herr Krupp, Thomas B. Reed and Mrs. U. S. Grant.

The year has seen Edward VII. crowned King of England, after a delay of several weeks beyond the date originally appointed, on account of a necessary surgical operation upon the royal person; has witnessed the ending of the Boer war in South Africa, and the beginning of an international disagreement in which Venezuela. South Africa, is the storm center; during its last month that great engineering work, the Nile dam at Assouan, has been opened; it has given Cuba its first President under the new regime; and will be remembered also as the year during which occurred the extensive labor troubles in the Pennsylvania anthracite regions, from the consequences of which we are not yet relieved.

Events of the Year.

JANUARY.
1. Thomas Estrada Palma elected President of Cuba ... P brilliant reception. of Cuba ... . President Roosevelt 2. Passenger steamer Walla Walla sunk off Cape Mendocino by unknown bark; 27 lives lost.

3. White House ball on occasion of Miss Alice Roosevelt's debut.
4. Nineteen men lost in marine collision 4. Nineteen men l off Aveiro, Portugal,

McCreary from Kentucky.

16. A. B. Cummins inaugurated Governor of Iowa... Earthquake kills 300 people at Chilpaneingo, Mexico.

18. Death of Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, English political leader.

19. Four bulldings collapse in Detroit's There does not seem to be a limit business center.

to the tyranny which some women 20. Columbian insurgents win battle in Panama harbor....Death of Camilla Urso,

1. Dust explosion in Hondo, Mexico, mines; 87 men die. 3. \$2,500,000 fire in Waterbury, Conn.

damage.
4. Keeley liquor cure plant at Dwight, ill., burns.... Six firemen killed by falling walls in St. Louis.

9. \$10,000,000 fire in Paterson, N. J....
Smaller fires in Jersey City, Brooklyn and Chicago.... Eleven lives lost in lodging house fire in St. Louis. Twelve manufacturing plants burned Springfield, O.

1. Death of Marquis of Dufferin.

House passes war tax reduction bill. Miss Ellen Stone's ransom paid to

of yours and would gladly see you wear that hat." This was an idea that 000 loss and 50 lives destroyed....Senators had not occurred to madam, but it took root at once, just as the milliner

Tillman and McLauren of South Carolina fight in Senate.

23. Miss Ellen Stone released by Bul-Philippine bill passed by Senate.

McKinley memorial services in Con-

MARCH.

2-4. Prince Henry of Prussia visits Chi-Secretary of Treasury Long resigns; L. Moody of Massachusetts appointed

.. Boers release Gen. Methuen Strike of Boston teamsters ends. Severe bliggard over Canadian North 16. Severe bliggard over Canada. west, the Dakotas and Lake States. the Dakotas and Lake States.
Ship subsidy bill passes Senate,
Hoboken docks burn, with large vesloss, \$1,000,000 and two lives.
Neely, Rathbone and Reeves convictf postal frauds at Havana.
Order issued for evacuation of Cuba

20. Death of Cecil Rhodes. turning to her "studio" in New York. East and South. 31. Mine explosion at Dayton, Tenn., kills

Pigmy Camels of Persia.

The western part of Persia is inhabited by a species of camel which is the pigmy of its kind. These camels are snow white, and are on that account almost worshipped by the people. The Shah presented the municipality of Berlin with two of these little wonders. The larger is twenty-seven inches high and weighs sixty-one pounds. The other is four inches less, but the weight is not given.

1. Death of Thos. Dunn English.

3. \$1,000,000 fire at Atlantic City, N. J.

6. Many persons killed and injured by falling grandstand at Glasgow, Scotland.

11. Boers accept terms of peace... Death of Gen. Wade Hampton.

12. Death of Rev. T. De Witt Talmage.

13. House passes Cuban reciprocity bill ... Great ocean steamship lines merged.

20. Sixty lives lost in burning of steamer City of Pittsburg on Ohio River... Frank R. Stockton, novelist, dies.

25. Severe windstorm in Missouri Valler. Death of ex-Secretary of Agriculture

. Sterling Morton. 28. Death of Sol Smith Russell. MAY.

1. Tornado destroyed over 400 lives around Dacca, British India....Wm. H. Moody becomes Secretary of Navy.

4. Death of Potter Palmer of Chicago.

5. Death of Archbishop Corrigan...Bret Harte dles in London.

9. Strike ordered in anthracite coal re-Death of Lleutenant Governor Stone

11. Death of Lieutenant Governor Stone of Wisconsin.

12. Maria Christina resigns regency of Spain...Twenty-five persons killed by oll explosion near Pittsburg.

17. Alfonso XIII crowned king of Spain.

18. Hurricane devastated Texas gulf coast, blotting out town of Goliad.

19. Explosion in coal mine at Coal Creek, Tenn., kills 184 miners.

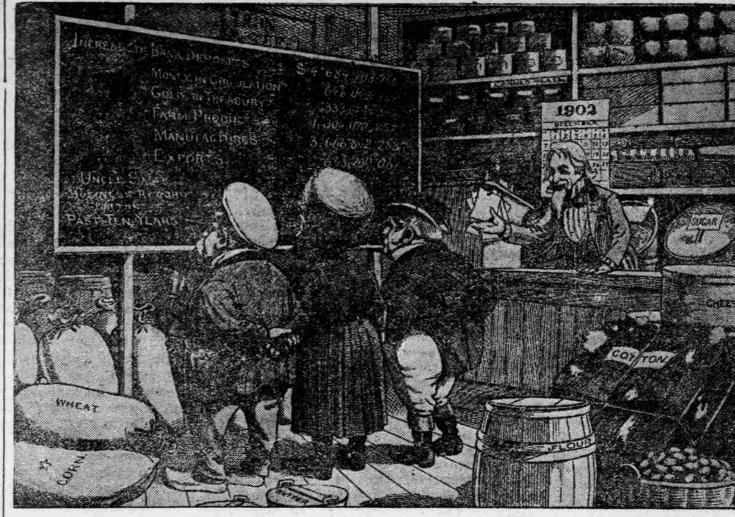
20. Cuba becomes an independent nation...Waterspout at Cincinnati and suburbs kills six persons and destroys property valued at \$2.060.000. ued at \$2,000,000.
21. Decorah, Iowa, overwhelmed by cloudburst. 23. Explosion in mine at Fernie, B. C., kills 109 miners. fils 109 miners.

24. Death of British Ambassador, Lord Paunceforte.

81. Boer leaders sign article of sur-render. . Retalbulen, Guatemala, over-whelmed by volcano, 1,000 lives lost,

JUNE. 2. Teamsters' strike causes riots in Chicago....Death of Rev. Dr. J. H. Barrows at Oberlin, O.

8. Strike riots in Chicago. RECORD THAT ASTOUNDS FOREIGNERS.



UNCLE SAM-"Well, gentiemen, isn't that a pretty good showing for a decade that included a panic?"

## COLOSSAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

be inconceivable. So far from having developed its re- being the granary of the world in an increasing proportion. sources the United States seems to be only beginning to These are only a few of the figures that might be cited use them. The decade between 1880 and 1890 was the era to show how rapidly and imposingly the United States is of tremendous railway extension, and it was then thought still forging ahead in the race for commercial and industrial that all the natural resources and riches of the country had supremacy. been tapped, but the building of the railway lines was merely precedent to the magnificent development of the some figures that must enthuse every American as he reads country which began in the last five years of the decade in them the tremendous superiority of his country in ma-

immense wealth and industrial activity of the United years have not been considered remarkable for the new States. The dispatches complain of the inability to get mileage, but there are 25,000 miles more of railway under men to do the work that waits to be done. In Chicago alone operation now than ten years ago; that is, 6,000 miles more the railways require 20,000 men in addition to their presthan the entire railway mileage of Canada—yet Canada is ent forces. Other dispatches tell of new industrial projects getting very cocky over its development. in every section of the country. Going beyond our national boundaries, every daily paper brings us news of the plans or achievements of American wealth and American the total population of Spain and nearly three times that brains and skill. In Canada, in Mexico, in South America, of Canada—in ten years. in England, in China, in Korea, in the Philippines, Americans are reaching out to get possession and to utilize the wealth that nature has stored.

The accumulations of capital and wealth in the United States, the increase in the number of men of enterprise, suffer from the Civil War as the South did. But the imall other parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico pace with the harvest of capital. and other countries. Currents of Americanization will set It is a striking picture which the cartoonist presents. few years.

mobile accident.

24. Earthquakes in Italy.
26. Death of Elizabeth Cady Stanton.
29. "Mitchell" day in anthracite regions.

NOVEMBER.

St. Pierre, Miquelon, destroyed by

General election ... Fire works explo-

nres 80.

10. Fire does great damage on new East liver bridge in New York.

11. Roland Molineux acquitted in New

rns.
3. Death of Sep. Winner, composer.
5. Death of Colonei Thos. P. Ochlitree.
9. Fourteen killed by boiler explosion
Chicago stockyards...Several vessels
d 20 lives lost in gale on Great Lakes.

DECEMBER.

Congress convenes for short session.
 Fourteen lives lost in fire in Lincoln Hotel, Chicago....Naval maneuvers in Ca-

7. Death of Thomas B. Reed in Washington....Cartoonist Thomas Nast dies at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

8. Great Nile dam at Assouan opened.

robbers at Davenport, Iowa.

22. Death of Friedrich Krupp, Gergunmaker...Big ore dock at Ashland.

York kills 12 persons and in-

4. Teamsters' strike in Chicago settled.

5. Street car riots in Providence, R. I.
6. Tornado and cloudbursts in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, South Dakota.
9. St. Luke's Sanitarium in Chicago burns, 10 lives being lost.

10. Tornado causes damage and death it Hilinois, Iowa and Minnesota.

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13. President sends to Congress special message on Cuban reciprocity.

19. Senate passes Panama canal bill....
Death of King Albert of Saxony.

21. Wyeth wins American Derby in Chicago....Town Marshal of Jefferson, Iowa. killed by half-witted man, who is then albert by men.

\$500,000 fire in Portland, Ore.

Texas, 24. King Edward VII submits to opera

tion for perityphilitis .... Coronation is post

30. Senator Balley of Texas makes vio

lent attack on Senator Beverldge of Indiana in Senate.

JULY.

3. President issues peace and amnesty proclamation for Philippines... Rock island fast train held up near Dupont, Ill.

4. Trolley wreck near Gloversville, N. Y., kills 15 persons. 5. Swift's market in Chicago stockyards

burned.
7. 9,000 Chicago freight handlers strike.
9. Storms and floods in lowa and the

tills 125 miners.

11. Lord Sallsbury resigns as premier of England; succeeded by Mr. Arthur Balfour.

12. Death of Archbishop Feehan of Chi-

cago.

13. Sir Liang Cheng appointed Chinese
Minister to United States to succeed Mr

Wu.

14. Express train held up and robbed near Marshall's Pass, Colorado.

15. Cyclone destroys Emeraldo and Thompson, N. D., and Borup, Minn.

16. End of freight handlers' strike in Chicago...Fifty killed in mine explosion at Park City, Utah...General Jacob H. Smith retired with censure.

30. Murder of Minnie Mitchell in Chicago.

cago. 31. Earthquake in Santa Barbara Coun

AUGUST.

5. Burlington express train robbed near Savanna, Ill.
6. Train wreck near Collins, Iowa, kills
13 people and injures 30.
9. Coronation of King Edward of England...Body of Mrs. Ann Bartholin found

in Chicago.

10. Death of Senator McMillan of Michi-

gan.... Seven persons burned to death in hotel fire at San Angelo, Texas.

16. Culiacan, Mexico, swept by tidal wave....\$28,000 express robbery at Ford-ville, Ky.

20. Autumn naval maneuvers begin off

Massachusetts coast.

20. Death of General Franz Sigel.

21. President Roosevelt on trip through

Earthquakes in East Turkestan kill

persons. Death of ex-Governor George Hoad

30. Eruption of Mont Pelee destroys

SEPTEMBER.

1 Thirty killed and 70 wounded in train

England.

Morne Rouge, with 200 lives.

lev of Ohlo.

Explosion in mine at Johnstown, Pa.

1. Adjournment of Congress.

St. James Hotel collapses at Dallas.

slain by mob.

S the accounts are cast up for 1902, it is seen that main are still beyond the reach of the plow. No man can this has been the most prosperous year in all the say how much of them will yet be fruitful So far, great history of the great republic. Looking back over as has been our increase in population, our agricultural the last five years it may be safely said that never productivity has outstripped it, and while our population did the American people see before such a quinquin- doubles every thirty years, our production of food doubles nate. The figures that tell of the nation's prosperity and in a period of from twelve to fifteen years. So the probaindustrial and commercial growth are so stupendous as to bilities are that for many years to come we shall go on

The New York Commercial Advertiser has compiled terial resources and prosperity to every other nation in the The figures given in this article present some idea of the world. Take the item of railway extension. The last ten

The present population of the United States proper is estimated at 79,000,000, an increase of 14,000,000-almost

The national wealth to-day amounts to \$94,300,000,000, whereas in 1892 it was \$65,037,091,000. The deposits in bank and trust companies have increased \$4,684,703,756 in the decade and there is in circulation to-day \$648,043,364 energy and resourcefulness and the vast accessions to the more than there was in 1892. The gold in the United States Treasury has increased by \$333,724,345. The value ranks of skilled workmen have put the country into a position to set the pace for the rest of the world for some dector manufactured products is \$3,666,842,283 greater than ten ades to come. By far the larger part of these accumulations have been in the Northern States. These did not have increased in value in ten years to the amount of \$648,-709.067. The commercial failures of 1901 were 11,002, as pression that the United States is no longer a country of compared with 10,344 in 1892, an amazingly small increase, virgin resources is not a correct one. The South alone has while the liabilities in these failures were \$951,791 less untold treasures waiting for utilization, to say nothing of than the liabilities of the failures of 1892. There has been what remains in the West and in vast Alaska. If times an increase in the wages paid to factory employes, amountremain good the next ten years will be among the most inspiring in American history. The South will make tre- Capital cannot pride itself that this is \$883,048,415 less than mendous strides upward toward the industrial level of the increase in wages between 1882 and 1892, when the inrest of the country. Besides furnishing the capital and in crease in national wealth was only \$22,395,091,000 and the part the men for this work, the fruitful North will have increase in bank deposits was less than \$2,000,000,000. It an immense surplus for application to the development of is apparent, therefore, that the reward of labor has not kept

throughout the world, but outside our own boundaries it Uncle Sam is represented as a storekeeper, with produce will be especially in Canada and Mexico that American and materials of all kinds piled around him. In the store money and American men will work wonders in the next are three fellows who often come to make purchases of him; indeed, they are among his best patrons. They are Even the older parts of the United States have not been John Bull, the corpulent and contented old chap from the utilized as they can and will be. Our whole territory was Fatherland and the Russian. Uncle Sam is proudly point-

fully occupied ten years ago, but since that time we have ing to his business record of the past ten years, upon which added 1,000,000 new farms. Two-fifths of our national do- they look with astonishment,

WINTER WHEAT PERFECT. 7. Haytlan gunboat Crete-a-Pierrot sunk by German gunboat Panther, 11. Battleship Wisconsin and cruiser Cin-linati ordered to Panama. Acreage 34,000,000 Acres for Crop of 1902-Gain 5.1 Per Ceut. The statistician of the Department of 12. Great fire in Beaumont, Texas, oil

telds...Killing frost in Northwest...Mrs Senator Stewart of Nevada killed in auto Agriculture estimates the newly seeded area of winter wheat at about 34,000,-15. Death of ex-Supreme Court Justice 000 acres, an increase of 5.1 per cent up-Horace Gray.

18. Peary Arctic expedition returns.

19. Panic in negro Baptist convention at Birmingham, Ala., causes death of 80 perons and injury of 100... Death of Marie Henriette, queen of the Belgians.

23. Operation for abscess on President Recesser's leg at Indianapolis. on the area estimated to have been sown in the fall of 1901. The condition of winter wheat Dec. 1 was 99.7, compared with 86.7 in 1901, 97.1 in 1900 and a nine-year average of 91.4. The following Roosevelt's leg at Indianapolis.

28. Four hundred persons killed by cyclone and waterspout in Eastern Sicility.

28. Second operation on President Roosevelt's leg....Tidal wave on coast of Japan.

29. Death of Emile Zola. table shows for each of the principal States, the percentage of acreage sown to winter wheat this fall as compared with last year, the averages of condition on Dec. 1 of the present year, the corresponding averages for 1901 and 1900 and OCTOBER.

the mean of the December averages of Conference of coal operators and min-ers at White House in Washington. the last nine years: Great fire at Amoy, China.
 Governor Stone of Pennsylvania orders
 State Militia to coal fields.
 Burlington train held up near Lin-Acreage com-pared with This averlast year, year, 1901, ....108 93 92 ...111 101 86 ...101 100 96 age. 91 92 95 80 88 91 90 95 97 86 90 88 Kansas . .... Missouri . . . . 111 California . . . 101 Street rallway strike in New Orleans 99 98 101 97 97 107 13. Coal operators ask President to end 16. President appoints commission to ar Vehraska bitrate coal strike.
21. Anthracite workers vote to accept ar-Pennsylvania .101 Oklahoma ...114 Michigan ..... 23. Work in anthracite coal mines re

Texas ......113 Tennessee ....100 The newly seeded area of winter rye is provisionally estimated at 90.3 per cent of the area sown in the fall of 1901. The condition Dec. 1 was 98.1, compared with 89.9 Dec. 1, 1901, 99.1 Dec. 1, 1900, and 95.7 the mean of the averages for the last nine years. The following table shows for each of the principal States the percentage of acreage sown to win-16. Armour & Co.'s packing plant in Sloux City burns...Death of G. A. Henty. 20. James Moore, colored, hanged by mob near Sullivan, Ind. ter rye this fall as compared with that sown last year, the averages of conditions on Dec. 1 of the present year, the corresponding averages for 1901 and 1900 ter rye this fall as compared with that Rock Island train held up by express and the mean of the December averages

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England Rars Yankee Cattle,

The prevalence of foot and mouth disease in Massachusetts and other New England States has caused the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit the exportation of cattle from Boston and to establish a quarantine of cattle, sheep and swine in New England. The British Board of 8. Great Nile dam at Assouan opened.
9. German and English fleets selze Venezuelan warship in harbor of La Guaira.
11. President Castro of Venezuela Issues appeal to arms... Cuban Reciprocity Treaty signed in Havana.
13. \$1,000,000 fire in steel plant at Canal Dover, Ohlo... English and German warships reduce defenses of Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. Agriculture has also taken action in the matter and has closed the ports of the United Kingdom against the importation of animals from the six New England

1. Thirty killed and 70 wounded in train week near Berry, Ala.

3. President Roosevelt hurt in trolley accident near Pittsfield, Mass....Death of Edward Eggleston, novelist....Third great eruption of Mont Pelee, Martinique.

4. Body of Wm. J. Bartholin found near

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11. Death of Mrs. U. S. Grant.

12. 15. 1,000 killed by earthquake at Andijan, Asiatic Russia.

13. Venezuela asks for arbitration. This interdiction will prove costly to the cattle interests of New England. If is estimated that a suspension of traffil for two or three weeks will cost the steamship companies \$50 000.