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Glass bricks are gradually coming into use, and it is said that glass will soon be used for making statues for public places, as it resists the corroding effect of the weather much better than marble or granite.

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The art of canning fruit in large quantities has reached a stage little dreamed of by our grandparents 25 and 50 years ago. The best example of this advance is found in the Monopole brand of fruit and vegetables. The fruits are delicious and sweet and retain all their natural flavor. The vegetables taste almost exactly as though they were direct from the garden. They are packed under a beautiful blue label. First class dealers handle them. Wadhams & Kerr Bros., Portland.

Very Fashionable.

Ida—Was it a fashionable summer boarding house? May—Oh, yes; every Sunday we had chickens for dinner that had been run over by millionaires' automobiles. —Chicago Daily News.

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FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A Deduction.

"Your wife," said the embryo Sherlock Holmes, as the stranger entered his presence, "is an intellectual woman."

"Right you are," replied the stranger, "but how did you know that?"

"By the buttons missing from your coat," answered the great detective. —Chicago Daily News.

He Had Learned.

"I heard a good story the other day," began the grocery man, "about a certain politician."

"That will do," interrupted the disappointed office-seeker. "In the first place, there are no certain politicians."

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SHREWD WOMEN CROOKS.

In Criminal Walks the Sex Is Keeping Well Up with Man.

"Women are making progress along more than one line," remarked an old member of the police force. "A recent example shows that they are quite as efficient as men in the matter of safe blowing." Woman in the role of safe blower is new to the police. The fact is that the operation of female offenders has heretofore been confined to offenses of the daytime or of the early part of the night. But here comes a story from Tennessee of the arrest of several women who belong to a gang of expert cracksmen, and who actually took part in a safe blowing in a small town near Nashville, where they robbed a bank and got \$1,700.

"Women have often developed into expert forgers, as, for instance, in the recent case of an American woman abroad, who succeeded in conducting a forgery scheme for a considerable length of time, and until she had fraudulently collected a vast sum of money. They make high-class pickpockets, and, in fact, infinitely more successful in this line of work than men.

"One curious fact in this connection—despite the frequent announcements publicly made of offenses of this kind committed by women, men are never on the lookout for the female pickpocket unless they find themselves in a questionable resort, or in bad company. For this very reason women find it much easier to pick a man's pocket. They can get closer to men, too, without becoming offensive, and can lift the diamond pin out of his scarf, nip his watch and chain or any other valuable thing he may have before he will ever dream of anything wrong.

"In that kind of pilfering, too, peculiar to kleptomania, she is more successful because in this instance of the way she dresses and woman's peculiar demeanor around the counters in dry goods stores. If a man, for instance, should go into a dry goods store and begin to pick up little things and fumble over them, apparently for the purpose of inspection, he would at once arouse the suspicion of every clerk within visual range. On the other hand, a woman may do exactly the same thing without exciting the least suspicion. It is simply looked upon as a matter of comparative ease for the kleptomaniac.

"But the woman safe blower is a new type, as far as my experience goes, and I suppose it simply means that the police of the country will soon be confronted with many new problems in dealing with the female offender." —New Orleans Picayune.

The Tragedy of Being Poor.

I. In the summer, when the hot wind sweeps the plain, In the summer when the parched fields gasp for rain, When the sky above is brassy and the sun, Like a vessel from which molten metals run, Hangs overhead through days that never seem to end, They totter in the dusty streets and the children in their huddled hovels pined, Lie crying out through shriveled lips and dry—

In the summer, when the heat is stinging, We assume a thousand shapes they must endure, Till Death is kind enough to claim them—O, The tragedy of being poor!

II. In the winter, when the plains are white with snow, In the winter, when the maddened blizzards blow, When the sky above is leaden and the sun, Like a weary slave, whose heavy task is done, Shrinks out of sight, as if to steal a rest, With faces pinched and blue they go their ways; The mother, with her babies on her breast, Beside the empty stove weeps through the days; In the winter, when the blasts are icy, We assume a thousand shapes they must endure, Till Death is kind enough to claim them—O, The tragedy of being poor!

—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Butcher of Taste.

There is a butcher in one of the New Orleans markets who has built up an immense family trade entirely by reason of his taste in doing up parcels of meat. His modus operandi is very ingenious. If he is handling a porterhouse he places it between two squares of pasteboard, uses a sheet of pearl gray manila paper as a wrapper and ties it up with baby blue string. The result is a neat rectangle which has every appearance of having come from some fashionable drug store or confectioner's. Chops and such like he stows away in neat little cardboard tubes, and he keeps a supply of one pound candy boxes especially for chicken livers and chopped sausage. The system is very effective.

Those Who Read Novels.

"But," we object, speaking to the author who has written a historical novel, "this historical data is absolutely wrong. Why, it's ridiculous to have George Washington fighting three duels, fighting battles he was never in, etc." "I know I took some liberties with George and history," the author says naively, "but what's the difference? He'll never know and it won't hurt his feelings." "But the people who read your book," we again object. "Surely you know that people who read historical novels know nothing of history!" he exclaims in just scorn. —Baltimore Herald.

Vast Wine Cistern.

At Asti, in California, a cistern 104 feet long by 34 feet wide and 21 feet deep was formed in a hillside for the storage of wine. The immense tank was lined with concrete 2 feet thick, and coated inside with a glaze as impermeable as glass. The capacity of the tank is 500,000 gallons.

Forty to the Square Mile.

The United Kingdom has 200 people to the square mile, Belgium 480, Russia only forty.

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Great Accumulation of Second Hand and Slightly Used Pianos and Organs Being Disposed of by Elfers Piano House for Almost Nothing.

This is an extraordinary opportunity. The variety of makes is immense. Uprights and squares, the finest pianos made, many but slightly used, that have been turned in to us as part payment on new instruments. Every one thoroughly renovated and in perfect condition. As a result of our immense holiday and club sales, the accumulation has become so great we must dispose of them to make room for the large shipments of new pianos now coming in. It is cheaper to sell the old instruments at a sacrifice than pay rental for additional warehouse room. We are therefore making prices that will prove a snap to any one who wants a standard piano for their children to learn to play on. Every one will be found in perfect tune and beautiful in appearance, having been thoroughly polished and restored.

Pianos.

Emerson, upright, in very handsome case, slightly used, but practically new, \$125.00; Fisher upright, in perfect condition, \$150.00; Ludwig, in excellent tone, \$165.00; A. E. Chase, \$246.00; Singer, in perfect condition, \$195.00; Stienways for \$265.00, \$90.00 and \$72.00, according to age and condition, but all in good order; Brakett, \$75.00; Hardman, \$78.00; McCammon, \$54.00; Marshall & Traver, fine action, \$60.00; Hallett & Davis, \$75.00; Kranich & Bach, \$95.00; Marshall & Wendell, \$68.00; Gale, a fine little instrument, \$25.00; Ernest Gabler, \$25.00; Emerson, \$65.00; Miskell, \$30.00; Marshall & Wendell, \$57.00; J. P. Hale, \$88.00. Terms \$10.00 to \$15.00 down, and monthly payments \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Organs.

Chicago Cottage, as good as new, \$34.00; one handsome Mason & Hamlin, with large mirror and big top, for \$59.00; one of the celebrated A. H. Whitney's, \$41.00; fancy cased P. H. Ward, \$43.00; Crown, guaranteed for 10 years, \$52.00; the great Western Cottage, \$45.00; Smith-American, very fine, \$28.00; another Kimball, used two years, \$49.00; an Estey, good as new, \$42.00. The payments on these organs are only \$5.00 down and \$3.00 a month.

These are only partial lists. If you are interested in securing one of these bargains write us for complete list and any further particulars you may desire. The opportunity is a rare one, you are certain to get much more out of any one of these pianos than the price would indicate. The finest, of course, will go first, so if you will need to see or write us at once. Elfers Piano House, the great Western piano dealers, Washington street, corner Park, Portland, Oregon. Other large houses San Francisco, Spokane and Sacramento.

"The Great Northwest" in the Century.

Mr. Ray Stannard Baker, one of the most popular of the younger American magazine writers, has just returned to the East from a trip of several months through the northwestern states, during which he has been gathering material for a series of articles on "The Great Northwest," which will begin in the March Century. The story of the growth of the cities, how the mighty wheat farms are managed, the mining industries, cattle raising—all will be told in Mr. Baker's crisp and picturesque way, with striking illustrations by Mr. Edward L. Blumenschein, who accompanied the writer on his journey.

The series will include articles on "The Conquest of the Forest," "The Vitality of Mormonism," "Salmon Fisheries," "The Day of the Run," (a vivid description of the opening of an Indian reservation, "Yellowstone Park," etc. The first article, which will appear in the March Century, to be issued February 28, tells of the striking things to be seen in Portland, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle and thereabouts.

Mr. Baker's series on "The Great Southwest," which appeared in the Century last year, was nowhere more highly appreciated than in the region which it described, and it is believed by the conductors of The Century that the present series will add greatly to the popularity of the magazine in the Northwest. It will certainly set before Eastern readers, more thoroughly and entertainingly than ever before, the natural and industrial wonders of that picturesque region.

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And One of Them Went Wrong.

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Miss Elderleigh—My friends tell me these photographs fail to do me justice. Mr. Frank—Of course they do. But then, justice should always be tempered with mercy, you know.—Ex.

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For further particulars address FRANK W. MARSTON, President, Pacific Vacuum Ice Company, Rooms 519-520 Parrott Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.

EASY TO MOVE TO EUROPE.

Household Effects Can Be Transported with Very Little Trouble.

"In these days," said a storage and van man, "it is just as easy to move from New York to London as from New York to Hoboken. One's furniture and household effects can be transported across the Atlantic in vans as easily as across the North River. "Of course, vans have long been used here for comparatively long-distance moving by rail and steamboat. It is a common thing in summer, for instance, to see teams on the decks of boats running to and from this city. They just run the vans aboard on their own wheels, and run 'em off at the other end of the line, and back in the country, or wherever they want to take them.

"The vans used in trans-Atlantic moving are lift vans. They are really van bodies and can be lifted from their wheels and swung onto a car of transportation by rail or down a hatchway into a steamer's hold.

"At the end of its rail or water transportation the van can as easily be lifted off the car or out of the steamer's hold and swung upon the trucks upon which it is to be hauled to the house where the goods are to be put.

"Who are the people that thus casually pack up and move across the Atlantic? Well, they may be foreign merchants who have been living in this country, but are now going back. They may also be Americans who are going abroad to live.

"With the modern facilities for the transportation of people and goods everywhere and the very great increase in travel there are now many people who, crossing the Atlantic for a more or less extended stay, take their household goods with them.

"Of course, there are people moving in this way all the time from Europe, as there are people moving thither from here, and when we move anywhere over we want, of course, a freight back; we don't want to bring our vans back empty, and we move something this way.

"In some German cities there are published weekly newspapers, or rather extended bulletins, devoted to the interests of the storage van men. In those several publications you would find lists of the vans to be had in the city where the list was published and other information concerning them, including the name of the owner of the van, where it was from, its cubic capacity, where it would be at disposal and the name of its agent or the representative of the owner, at the point where this list was published.

"Foreign lift vans come filled with household effects to American ports, and through the representatives of their owners here they get return shipments, as American vans in Europe, through their representatives there, get shipments this way.

"So you see that really in these days it is about as easy to move to Europe as it would be to move into the next block, and there is lots of trans-Atlantic moving." —New York Sun.

COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Young Man Inadvertently Mixed Business with His Social Note.

There is no worse literary style than that of the ordinary business letter, which begins, "Yours received and contents noted. In reply would say that we received orders for goods 30th ult., and shipped same day following."

When this style gets mixed up with the formal conventionality of "society" correspondence, as related in a story in the New York Times, the combination is funny. A young woman in Baltimore received this letter:

"Mr. Blank requests his compliments to Miss Dash, and requests the pleasure of her company at the theater Thursday evening next. "Awaiting an early reply, and hoping it will be favorable to our proposition, we are, yours very truly,

"BLANK & CO."

The writer was the junior partner in a large manufacturing company. He had written many letters that day for the company and signed the name of the firm, and the stereotyped phrases of commerce ran off his pen from habit.

The lady, however, understood what had happened, and was equal to the occasion. The next day the young man was astonished to receive this reply: "Messrs. Blank & Co.: Gentlemen—Your favor of recent date at hand and contents noted. In reply will say I accept the proposition therein made and hold the goods ordered subject to your further instructions. Very respectfully,

MISS DASH.

Of course it was easy to apologize to a woman with so much humor as that, but the young man had to listen for a long time to the question, "How's business?"

U. S. S. Baltimore Fireproof.

The announcement that the cruiser Baltimore is to be made as absolutely fireproof as human ingenuity can anticipate must cause a feeling of pride in the city for which the war ship is named. All of the furniture on board will be made of thin steel, so welded that the seams will not show. Writing desks, chiffoniers, chairs and beds will contribute to the comfort of the officers on board, and yet will be of material not easily destroyed by fire. This innovation, of course, will be costly, involving about \$30,000, but if it be only an experiment it will be a source of gratification to know that the Baltimore will stand unique as the only man-of-war in the world thus far so equipped.

The wisdom of reducing the amount of inflammable material on war ships was demonstrated at the battle of Santiago, when a shell exploded in the wardroom of the Brooklyn. To the fact that the small amount of woodwork there had been fireproofed seems to have been due the cruiser's escape from flames below. While fireproofing was the best treatment for wood formerly found to be accessible, present naval development is along the theory that the only real safeguard is the abandonment of woodwork altogether.

Hindus in Australia.

The Hindus in Australia, basing their claim on the fact that they are subjects of the crown, are clamoring for direct political representation in the commonwealth parliament.

A VENERABLE PASTOR

CURED BY PE-RU-NA.

Pe-ru-na is a Catarrhal Tonic Especially Adapted to the Declining Powers of Old Age.

The Oldest Man in America Attributes His Long Life and Good Health to Pe-ru-na.

Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennan county, Texas, has attained the great age of 114 years. He is an ardent friend of Peru-na and speaks of it in the following terms. Mr. Brock says:

"After a man has lived in the world as long as I have he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so.

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper remedy for ailments due directly to the effects of the climate. For 114 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoea. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases. For the last ten or fifteen years I have been reading Dr. Hartman's books, and have learned from them one thing in particular: That these affections are the same and that they are properly called catarrh.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peru-na, I have found it to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my stand-by for many years and I attribute my good health and my extreme old age to this remedy.

"It exactly meets all my requirements. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people, although I have no doubt it is just as good for the young." —Isaac Brock.

"I RELY UPON PE-RU-NA FOR ALL CATARRHAL DISEASES."

A New Man at 79. Major Frank O'Mahoney, West Side, Hannibal, Mo., writes:

"I am professionally a newspaper correspondent, now 79 years old. I have watched the growing power of the Peru-na plant from its incipency in the little log cabin, through its gradations of success up to its present establishment in Columbus, Ohio, and I conclude that merit brings its full reward.

"Up to a few years ago I felt no need to test its medicinal potency, but lately when my system needed it, your Peru-na relieved me of many catarrhal troubles. Some two years ago I weighed 210 pounds, but fell away down to 168 pounds, and besides loss of flesh I was subject to stomach troubles, indigestion, loss of appetite, insomnia, night sweats, and a foreboding of getting my entire system out of order. During some months I gave Peru-na a fair trial, and it rejuvenated my whole system. I feel thankful, therefore, for although 79 years old I feel like a young man." —Major Frank O'Mahoney.

Basket Making in Germany.

Basket making employs half a million persons in Germany, where the wages range from eighteen shillings to £2 weekly for skilled workers.

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A Natural Question.

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Wagg—Whose?

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Dr. W. A. Wise

WISER BROS., Dentists.

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In old age the mucous membrane becomes thickened and partly lose their functions.

This leads to partial loss of hearing, smell and taste, as well as digestive disturbances.

Peruna corrects all this by its specific operation on all the mucous membranes of the body.

Once used and Peruna becomes a life-long stand-by with old and young.

Mr. Samuel Saunders of Blytheedale, Mo., writes: "My disease was catarrh of the urethra and bladder. I got a bottle of Pe-ru-na and began taking it, and in a few days I was relieved and

could sleep and rest all night. I think that Pe-ru-na is a valuable remedy. I had tried other very highly recommended medicines, but they did me no good. My physician told me that I could not expect to be cured of my trouble, as I was getting to be an old man (57 years.) I feel very thankful for

what Peruna has done for me."

In a later letter Mr. Saunders says: "I am still of the same mind with regard to your Pe-ru-na medicine."

Strong and Vigorous at the Age of 88.

Rev. J. N. Parker, Utica, N. Y., writes:

"In June, 1901, I lost my sense of hearing entirely. My hearing had been somewhat impaired for several years, but not so much effected that I could hold converse with my friends; but in June, 1901, my sense of hearing left me so that I could hear no sound whatever. I was also troubled with severe rheumatic pains in my limbs. I commenced taking Peru-na and now my hearing is restored as good as it was prior to June, 1901. My rheumatic pains are all gone. I cannot speak too highly of Peru-na, and now when 88 years old, can say it has invigorated my whole system. I cannot but think, dear doctor, that you must feel very thankful to the all loving Father that you have been permitted to live, and by your skill be such a blessing as you have been to suffering humanity." —Rev. J. N. Parker.

Mrs. F. E. Little, Tolono, Ill., writes:

"I can recommend Peru-na as a good medicine for chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowels. I have been troubled severely with it for over a year, and also a cough. Now my cough is all gone, and all distressing symptoms of catarrh of the stomach and bowels have disappeared. I will recommend it to all as a rare remedy. I am so well I am contemplating a trip to Yellowstone Park this coming season. How is that for one 71 years old?"

In a later letter she says: "I am

only too thankful to you for your kind advice and for the good health that I am enjoying wholly from the use of your Peru-na. Have been out to the Yellowstone National Park and many other places of the West, and shall always thank you for your generosity." —Mrs. F. E. Little.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

A TRAVERSER AT SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

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