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[Detroit Free Press.]

of the finest maple sugar camps west is situated right here in Detroit. The camp, which, when first started, occupied one room in a basement, has now extended over the entire block of a five-story building. The porter, on visiting this maple grove, and the horny-handed farmers hard at work, sugaring off. Great barrels of poorest sort of Cuba sugar damp, and clammy, stood in the cellar, executed Cubans with their heads in shallow copper tanks simmered cool fires.

And the bronze agriculturist, in our busy season. We use up all barrels of muscovado sugar.

We dump the sugar into the pans and stir it up with hot water. Then add the sand and ground leaf and—

—don't twig," said the reporter. At ground leaf do you use, and when we get maple leaves and break up. Nothing pleases a man so much as to find a bit of maple leaf or a speck of twig in his lump of maple sugar.

—and the said?"

Oh, well, sand is cheap enough and a big in weighing out the chunks. The people are sort of educated up to expect to find in their maple sugar.

—on our raw maple sugar to give it flavor, I suppose?"

—Gloss you no; that's the old-fashioned way, and it's expensive. No, we use our flavoring extracts in them cars, and we can turn out any brand maple that's called for."

The boy was lading out the darkening fluid into moulds that held a quart each; some months held five quarts. Another poured the more mud stuff into cans labeled, "Pure Mount N'ple Syrup; Beware of Imitations."

—suppose you sell most of it in the city?"

—No, very little. The greater part goes to farmers in the country, who use it in their farm wagons and in the streets at houses.

—it around the streets at houses and the people will only have the article, and who won't buy from regular stores."

Watch Made to be Found.

[New York City.]

When a visitor to the office of the American Bank Note company sat down to Mr. Lee, that gentleman put a piece of white paper under a stamp, and on it, and laid the paper aside. When the visitor arose to go away Mr. Lee put the paper under the stamp again, and pounded it once more. "You need eight minutes," said he; "that is, the piece of paper." He showed the piece of paper to the caller, who saw upon it printed clock dials. One showed hands at four minutes to 4 o'clock, another showed them at 4 minutes to 4 o'clock. "We keep that stamp," said, "so that you shan't go away and that you came here at 11 o'clock in the morning, or that you had to wait ten minutes, or half, or make any other statement that can be guarded against."

—No," he added a moment later; "the stamp is the latest wrinkle in the furniture. It is an ordinary stamp with a clock attachment. The hand is simply a raised point on a movable circle. The instant ink passes a color these indicators and the clock face shows figures. Besides clock face is a cylinder with several colors, each bearing a word—one is 'appared,' another is 'wired,' another is 'delivered,' 'Lee,' 'et c.' This a business man is able to never he sends away a letter, telegraph, or package, receives an order, or receives a precious moment at which the business man at which the thing was done. It costs \$20. I did invent it. I bought it."

As Poor as Europe's Paupers.

[Boston Herald.]

Take, for example, a district like North Cove, certain parts of the North End, and of South Boston; take great cities: New York city, populated by millions of thousands; take similar localities in the growing American cities, and instances of extreme and deplorable poverty can be found which are not their parallel a generation ago. Men and women may receive a few pennies for their services, their fathers were disposed to pay their successors. But the struggle for a mere existence is much harder now than it was a generation ago.

—great deal is said from time to time of pauper labor of the old world, but one can find as wretched and some quarters, which are the homes of many of our people, as one can find in any of the cities of Europe. Statistics as to the wages which carpenters, shoemakers and boot and shoe makers receive, have no particular bearing on this great class of laborers, who are maintained, less favorably situated than they were a generation ago.

Dog Jewelry in the D. C.

[Washington Critic.]

The commissioners have just secured dog jewelry for the coming season," said a district employee to a reporter. "The dog jewelry has just been selected, and every licensed canine from the tiniest pet to the largest animal, will be presented with a German silver acorn, about an inch in diameter, bearing the impression of the city's head, the number, and the inscription, "Dog Tax, D. C., 1885." The dogs have been annually presented with a similar emblem since 1878, when a brass collar with the number was first introduced as an ornamental tag. Since that time the dogs have carried a diamond triangle, a shield, a maltese cross, a star and a trefoil. For the last year or three years the tags have been of gold and neat, and the new one will be decidedly the neatest of the lot."

Ezekiel's Moral Proverbs.

[The Century.]

The devil never was known to play a kind of a game, except for keeping the world who forgives, and doesn't forget, trying to settle with the Lord for cents on the dollar.

The man who has nothing but honor to recommend him is sure of a home in heaven, but he can't get a job in the world.

—He will swear by their religion, but he will be martyrs for it; he will present others for it, will do any and all things for it, except observe it himself.

A GOOD MANY FAILURES.

During the year 1883 there were 10,569 failures in business in the United States and Canada. Some of these were big concerns, and some were very small. Failures in business are no new thing, and if it is his health that fails. A great many times 10,569 people fall in health in the course of a year. Many of our high officials, and some of our Brown and Greens, the great family medicine and purger of wasted health.

of the Customs of Our Fathers
—Various Changes.

The San Francisco Chronicle notes of the changes that have occurred in half a century in the subjoined graphs:—Family cooking was betwixt at present. Our mothers and grandmothers "took a hand" in it. Coffee was made at home. Coffee was usually ground every morning for breakfast. The grinding of the family mill was a familiar sound of the morning, long ere the children were up. Foreign help had less sway in the kitchen than now, and European cooks did not make a batch of suchly American dishes as pumpkin custards, codfishes, puddings, and beefsteaks, with white cakes, and succotash. People then did not live as long, nor the average health as good as it is now; they ate more meat, more sweets, more hot bread, more heavy wines, drank more at meals and afterward, more tobacco.

Syphilis and consumps were common; disease and premature death were doubly laid at the Deity's charge, and alluded to as "dispensations of Providence." Tombstones had larger epitaphs and the verbiage engraved upon them. At funerals the undertakers cried to the mourners—the flow of tears proportionate to the expense of the funeral.

Graves were very plain and burial customs unknown. Young folks in couples counted it a privilege to sit up nights with the dead before burial, and in many cases as a welcome recreation.

New Orleans molasses, very black and thin, was the common "sweetening" of buckwheat cakes. Refined molasses comparatively scarce.

The bank bills were of state banks, the further west their locality the sicker were they. Illinois and Indiana bills would barely pass in New York city.

A batch of the silver currency—sixty-cent pieces, and dollars—was of American coinage, brought to this country by the Santa Fe traders.

The country retail trade was better than now. People then could not so easily by rail run up to the city and and their largest cash accumulations the more expensive stuffs.

The country dry goods stores renewed their stock from the city twice a year. The "country goods" created a flutter. It filled the store for three or four days, until all the women in the village had seen the new styles. Eggs were a stilling a dozen and butter was considered high at 18 pence per pound.

There was "York currency," being \$1.00 to the dollar, and New England currency, 6 shillings to the dollar. Business letters were more voluminous and formal than now, and without precise, round hand.

Isolated rural settlements contained a greater proportion of lunatics, idiots and victims of St. Vitus's dance, than they do to-day.

There were fewer bathing places, and fewer, and there were fewer hospitals for special diseases, hence most of our diseases were kept at home.

The diet was more surcharged with grease. The winter breakfasts at thousands of tables consisted of salted ham and hot cakes.

Dinner was simply a hasty lunch at the table. Little importance was attached to the necessity for good digestion or a period of rest after eating.

The same heavy diet prevailed in many families, without change, winter and summer. Hence on the first approach of the warmth of spring came "spring fever" and biliousness. For the doctors of the period gave their patients cathartics, possibly "blue mass" or a dose of "calomel."

The regular profession then used surgery in a manner which would now be deemed reckless. The patient was under a regular purgation and directed to "diet" for a few days. Children were strongly dosed with castor oil, and adults with salts and senna on the pretext of provocation.

There was a strong age for medicine and a stage of strong medicine. Under such treatment the strong managed to recover, the weak died, and the medium class physically lingered on and suffered.

Sluicing rods made their way into the world with difficulty. The ultra devotees usually opposed them on the ground that they were an insult to the Deity, and that it was an interference with the works and will of Providence.

Negro minstrelsy was just cropping out in the traveling circus. There were generally two performers, who assumed male and female characters. The popular melody was "Jump, Jim Crow."

England's Hunting Season.
[Frank I. Jarvis in The Current.]

No sooner does the welcome item in the yearly calendar inform the world of the opening of the season for the legal slaughter of game has commenced than politics stagnate, the oracles of the press, the business becomes a mere game, and from the metropolis a general stampede begins. Ever the noble castle, mansion, manor house, country seat and hunting lodge become scenes of life and jollity. He is the richest and most coveted nobleman who is the best stocked preserve, and the people country gentleman who is a sportsman in the field, who can beat a noble field, raise a noble bird, and a double barrel right and left with uttering aim, stands on a higher pinnacle than the most subtle intellect. The brightest imagination or the most copious flow of eloquence.

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A Poet's Bad Rhyme.

Alfred A. Aldrich is taken to task for making the word Niel (in describing the French general Niel rose in a poem in "The Atlantic") rhyme with "steel." The critics urge that the French word of two syllables might rhyme with "well" or "dwell," but hardly with "steel."

Henry Clay Dean: But this must be borne in mind: in a direct conflict between the law and order of society and anarchy, the law and order side will always win.

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