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WORTH REMEMBERING.

On and after October 1, 1883, letter postage will be 2 cents for each half ounce or fractional part thereof between all points in the United States. The rate will then be the same on drop letters and all others. No changes have been made in rates on other classes of matter.

On and after the 1st of July, 1883, you can obtain at any money-order office postal notes in sums of \$5 dollars and under, by paying a fee of 3 cents. These notes will be made payable to bearer without corresponding advices. They will be payable at any money-order office within three months of the date of the issue. After the lapse of that time the holder can obtain the par value only by applying at the postoffice department at Washington.

On and after the 1st of July, 1883, you can obtain a postal-order for as large a sum as \$100. The present limit is \$50. The fees on and after that date for orders will be as follows:

Not exceeding \$10..... 8 cents
From \$10 to \$15..... 10 cents
From \$15 to \$20..... 12 cents
From \$20 to \$30..... 15 cents
From \$30 to \$40..... 20 cents
From \$40 to \$50..... 25 cents
From \$50 to \$60..... 30 cents
From \$60 to \$70..... 35 cents
From \$70 to \$80..... 40 cents
From \$80 to \$100..... 45 cents

The postal notes will, no doubt, be found more convenient in one respect than the fractional currency was, since they can be obtained for any number of cents under \$5. There will also less liability to loss by theft than there was when fractional notes were used for transmission through the mails, especially if the department uses judgment in prescribing the size and form of the notes and in selecting the paper on which they are to be printed. On the other hand, they will be less convenient in that they can only be obtained at money-order offices at a considerable sacrifice of time, especially in large cities. It will be observed that after the 1st of October, the cost of sending any sum under \$5 by postal note will be 5 cents—2 cents postage and 3 cents fee.

The new fees on orders are considerably less than the old; but it will be found no doubt, that they can be reduced still further and considerably simplified without loss to the department.

The postmasters will have a good deal more to do, probably, when the new provisions of the law come into operation. It is not likely, however, that many of them will resign in consequence. Congress, it may be added, has taken care to protect postmasters against the consequences of the reduced rate of postage on letters.

Down at Gunnison, last week, a large and select ball was given in a hall, one end of which had been partitioned off for sleeping-rooms. A young man who slept in one of these rooms, and who felt aggrieved because he had not been invited, and had to roll around and suffer while the glad throng tripped the light bombastic toe, at last discovered a knothole in the partition through which he could watch the giddy multitude. While peeping through the knothole he discovered that one of the dancers, who had an aperture in the heel of his shoe, and another in his sock to correspond, was standing by the wall with the ventilated foot near the knothole. It was but the work of a moment to hold a candle against this exposed heel until the thick epidermis had been heated red-hot. Then there was a wail that rent the battlements above and drowned the blasts of the music. There was a wild, scared cry of "fire," a frightened throng rushed hither and thither, and then, where mirth, and music, and rum had gladdened the eye and reddened the cheek a moment ago, all was still save a low convulsive titter of a scantily clad man, as he lay on the floor of his donjon tower and dug his nails in the floor.—Bill Nye.

Containing all the essentials of a true tonic, and sure to give satisfaction, is Brown's Iron Bitters.

An Old Trade.

"Mixers" are employed in many wholesale liquor houses. They compound wines and liquors from deodorized alcohol, extract caramel and other ingredients. They command salaries from \$2,000 a year down to \$10 a week. Only a few get the larger sum. The reporter had no difficulty in finding a "mixer."

"It is easy enough to mix liquors," he said, "but the thing of it is to mix them well. The salesman brings in a sample of brandy and says, 'mix up two barrels like that.' The first thing to be done is to taste the sample and find out its strength. Then we take spirits of wine, which is alcohol without smell, and put in enough cognac to give it the proper flavor. Then the liquor is colored with caramel, which is simply burnt sugar. The manufactured brandy has now the color and flavor of the sample, but may lack its smoothness. This is remedied by pouring in a syrup made from white sugar and water. Then we've got two barrels of the best brandy."

"Is brandy the only liquor you compound?"

"Oh, no. We make up pretty much of everything—port and sherry wines, gin, rum, whisky and many others. One of the greatest things is to dilute spirituous liquors so that they can be sold for the regular article. The common modes of testing their strength are by tasting, observing the size and appearance of the bubbles when shaken, and the sinking or floating of olive oil in them. These difficulties are not hard to get over, and I've often diluted whisky that would stand before all these tests. The greatest difficulty up to a short time ago was to get the proper bubbles when the liquor was shaken. Several years ago, however, what is called 'head oil' was invented. How it is made I don't know. I believe the inventor has kept the process a secret. He made an independent fortune. A little of this oil poured in diluted liquor will give it as pretty a head as if it were high proof. Of course the fraud can be discovered by distillation, but that is a troublesome process and is rarely resorted to. To show you what we can do, just taste this blackberry brandy."

The mixer handed the reporter a small glassful. It was pleasant and mild, and had every appearance of being the genuine article.

"How do you like it?" he asked.

"Very well, indeed," said the mixer, as he took back the glass; "but it has one fault—it is innocent of blackberries."—N. Y. Sun.

John Roach, the Pennsylvania ship builder says: "In this country we have facilities for the building of ships surpassed by no other country in the world. Why is it, then, that we cannot build ships as cheaply here as on the Clyde? It is because our workmen are American workmen; that is, they are intelligent men. They are educated, and they desire to have their children educated and live in decent houses and wear respectable clothing. Mechanics in the old countries live in hovels and go around dressed in little more than rags. They build ships cheap because they are willing to live on starvation wages. We can't say to the American workman, 'you are above your place and will have to go back to the condition of the European workman.' Yet that is free trade doctrine. Labor is the corner-stone of our government, and we can't crush it in that way. Now, this talk about free ships is all nonsense. Is it just to tax me for my ship yard and the vessels I build, and then admit free ships that have taken no share of this burden? The people must be taught to understand this. The press has misled the people with all this outcry against monopoly and protection."

Where the Difference Was.

An Arkansas man had located in Texas on a few rich acres and after a year or two of southern effort at farming got discouraged, packed his household goods in a wagon and started back to Kansas. His dilapidated team consisting of a Mexican pony and a Texas steer hitched together, were pulling the load leisurely along the road, when he met a neighbor who saluted him.

"Hello, Clayton! Which way?"

"I am going back to Arkansas."

"What for?"

"Oh, I am tired and discouraged. I can't raise any crops here; the country ain't worth a cuss for farming. It is altogether too hot."

"Well, Clayton, this man appears to have mighty fine crops," said the neighbor, pointing to a neat house and the clean tidy-looking acres surrounding it, that were carrying a fine stand of different kinds of small grain.

"Yes, that is so," said the Arkansas traveler, "but d— it, Perkins, that man is a Dutchman."

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The Oregonian says that the obtaining of money in Portland on real estate security is now practically impossible; and it is so to a great extent throughout the state. The mortgage tax law is likely to be the means of closing out many farmers, who will be called upon to pay when their mortgages fall due, but who will be unable to get the money by mortgaging again.

SYMPTOMS OF A DISEASED LIVER.

Pain in the right side, under edge of ribs, increasing on pressure; sometimes the pain is on the left side; the patient is rarely able to lie on the left side; sometimes the pain is felt under the shoulder and is sometimes taken for Rheumatism in the arm. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels in general are constive, sometimes alternating with laxity; the head is troubled with pain, accompanied with a dull, heavy sensation in the back part. There is generally a considerable loss of memory, accompanied with a painful sensation of having soft, unclean something which ought to have been done. A slight dry cough is sometimes attendant. The patient complains of weariness and debility; he is easily startled; his feet are cold or burning, and he complains of a prickly sensation of the skin; his spirits are low, and, although he is satisfied that exercise would be beneficial to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it.

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