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**The Dead Letter Office.**  
 The dead letter office has become the most interesting, if not the most important, branch of the postal service. It was established in 1825. A law of that year made it the duty of postmasters to return to the department any "dead" letters which had remained in their offices three months. These were to be examined and returned if possible to the senders upon the payment of postage. A subsequent law required the return of "dead" letters to their writers without postal charge. During the last year there was received at the office an average of nearly fifteen thousand letters daily, or a total of about five million. These have been handled by 120 employees, mostly women. The dead letters are classed as "ordinary" and "unmailable," the latter being such as do not have a sufficient address, or which contain prohibitory matter. Misdirected letters will average 1,000 a day, and letters which have no address at all, 1,000 a month. It is an astonishing fact that the greater percent of the latter contain money.

The domestic letters opened the past year, about forty thousand contained money, drafts, checks, and money orders, amounting to about \$1,500,000. Nearly seventy thousand contained postage stamps. Every opened letter containing an inclosure of value is carefully recorded, and those for which no owner can be found, are carefully filed away, subject to reclamation within four years. When the writer's name is attached to a valuable letter he is informed of the money being detained, and by satisfactory proof is able to secure it. A lady has charge of the misdirected letters. If possible, they are sent to the person they are intended for. So proficient has this lady become that she is acquainted with the names of cities, villages, and streets, as the average schoolboy is acquainted with the A, B, C. At her desk she has railway guides, directories, and books containing the names of newspapers, bankers, ministers, and the streets of all the large cities in the United States to aid in forwarding letters to the proper person, city, or State. A letter was recently directed to "110 C street, Nashville, Tenn." It was returned to the dead-letter office. At once the lady knew that the party addressed resided in Washington, as there is but one C street in the United States, and that is in that city. The letter was delivered, and the party to whom it was sent was found. In directing it the writer had placed the name of his own city upon the envelope—a common error. Oftentimes the lady is required to guess at the address; and in no place can a woman improve her faculty of guessing more than right here. She is not required to guess like the Englishman occupying a similar position in the department of Great Britain. A letter was received in that office directed: "My son, up three flights of stairs, London." To-day a letter came to the department at Washington addressed to "Wine Dock." The name of the town to which the letter was sent is Wyandotte.

"The principal reason for misdirection is carelessness," said the lady as she threw upon the table before her a pile of a hundred or more letters. It is a common practice to mix Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa; Kansas, Arkansas, and Nebraska; and Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

"When it is impossible to forward a letter without opening, it is opened and read by a young lady, and the address of the writer being obtained, is returned. One young lady can open about one thousand of these letters a day. The majority of eastern letters thus opened are characterized by vulgarity, while the majority of western epistles show the finer feelings of the writers. When there are no signatures, the letters are cast aside and sold as waste paper.

"So, your darling," "your own pet," "lovingly, LAURA," and "eternally yours, GEORGE," if you do not hear from your epistles, possibly they are in some paper mill and eagerly perused by some girl employes. Parcels by the thousand are also received at the dead letter office. A large proportion of the most valuable are addressed to foreign countries, and are detained because they contain dutiable goods or exceed the limit of size or weight. In all such cases, if the name of the sender does not appear, the addressee is notified that the package will be forwarded by the express at his expense or returned to the sender, if his address is furnished. The articles received which can neither be delivered to the person addressed nor returned to the sender are sold annually at auction, and the proceeds are deposited in the treasury.—[Washington Letter.]

**The Cow.**  
 Among other forms of animal life which have disappeared from the earth is the sea cow. This great animal, which has been variously classed with the whales, with walrus, and seals, and with elephants, was toothless vegetable feeder, living along the shore in shallow water, and often weighing three or four tons. It was seen alive and described in 1741, but in 1780 it appeared to have become entirely extinct.  
 Bathing is more popular in Russia than in this country, because the czar made all serfs free

**Science and Invention.**  
 In some of the public hospitals Japanese paper haddkerchiefs are now used, with much satisfaction, for drying wounds.  
 A cable car, having a succession of large and small wheels inside the car, over which the cable passes, thus dispensing with the grip and much of the cable wear, has been invented by a San Franciscan.  
 A new method of dressing wounds, by which their healing is said to be hastened, and the pain made to disappear at once, consists in the application of compresses wet with a decoction of thirty parts of valerian root in 1,000 parts water.  
 Jules Garnier has designed an elevated railway for the City of Paris, which is to be completed in time for the exposition of 1889. It will be about 18 miles long, and will cost \$10,000,000. The structure will be composed of two tracks, one above the other, on an iron frame. The trains will be composed of three American cars, each.

Professor Brewer, of New Haven, has reported the results of a number of experiments on the results of soaking green wood of various kinds in cold water, and thus removing the albuminoid matters. That green lumber contains something which greatly favors its decay, and which may be removed by long-continued soaking in water, was well known many years ago, and gave rise to the process of water seasoning, in which the planks were sunk in large bodies of water and kept immersed for from six months to a year, when they were raised, piled in the air and thoroughly dried. Flooring lumber thus treated is little liable to decay, for the simple reason that it contains little or nothing that is fit for the food of the micro organisms and fungi that cause decay.

Minnis Haden, a worthy colored blacksmith of Montgomery, Va., has lately invented a piece of very simple machinery by which the striking hammer is easily and effectively worked by his foot, while he has both hands free to hold his iron and use the small hammer. To a listener, the blows come as naturally and rapidly as if there were two men handling the hammers in the old-fashioned way, but there is a difference. The machine, by an easy motion of the foot on the treadle, strikes a harder blow than any man can strike, and can be made, at will, to strike as light a blow as may be needed. But the use of this simple and cheap device in the blacksmith's shop is not half. It can be just as easily used, and will find a large field of usefulness, in driving a drill for blasting rock.

**Abnormal Growth of the Cotton Shrub.**  
 There has been made, near Plymouth, a most remarkable discovery of trees which bear a species of cotton. The *Examiner* says the trees are a foot in diameter and thirty-five feet high. They bear pods, smaller than cotton balls, but full of wonderfully soft and beautiful cotton, with a good staple. The trees grow in a swamp.—[Raleigh (N. C.) News and Courier.]

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**PUBLISHER'S NOTE.**—A Chicago paper says that the actor who plays "Koko" in the "Mikado," at a theater there, had such a bad cough that he could not have sung "Titwillow" had he not recovered his voice by a dose of Red Star Cough Cure.

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