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For all other accounts - 10,182,003.57

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First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgages - 69,453,037.81

Losses Stocks and Bonds - 17,850,308.68

Real Estate - 21,018,164.88

Cash in Banks and Trust Companies - 11,703,163.82

Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc. - 6,141,200.29

\$235,786,637.66

Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities - 218,278,248.07

Surplus - \$35,508,194.59

Insurance and Annuities in force - \$936,834,496.63

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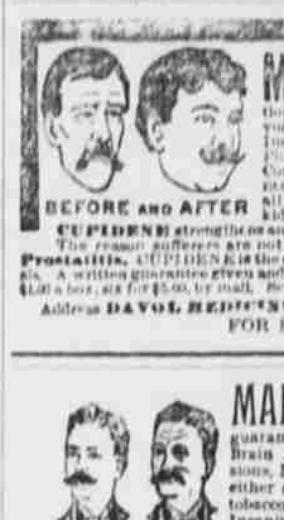


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