THE TIMES ARE HARD.

CHIEF CAUSE OF THIS CONDITION AND ITS REMEDY.

The Government Has Failed to Do Its Duty Toward the People in Relation to Money—We Allow the Gold Monopolists to Run Things.

Reason for Discontent.

We appeal, says the Silver Knight, to every family in which there are sons and daughters to inquire the reason why there are not as good opportunities for the young people to marry and live in comfortable homes as there were when the old people were young. There must be some reason for this. Is it because the young people have become worthless, or is it because times are harder than they used to be? If the former, the race is degenerating, which would be indeed deplorable; if the latter, we must inquire what has made times hard, and what is the remedy. If times are really hard, and there is no remedy, and they must continue to grow harder and harder, the dark ages are again approaching. If there be a remedy by which the prosperous times of other days can be restored, is it not the first duty of every good man and woman to study the cause of hard times and help to apply the remedy? If every one would make it his special business to inquire what is the difficulty in his own case and find out what is lacking to give him command of the necessaries and comforts of life, the work would be begun. If it should turn out that nearly everybody should come to the same conclusion, there would be a general understanding as to what is the matter.

Suppose they should come to the conclusion that they found it difficult to obtain profitable employment and to save enough money to provide a good living and make headway in the world, it would show that money is scarce and hard to obtain. If they ascertained that they could not get as much money for their labor and services as they formerly did, it would prove that there are too many laborers and too much property or not enough money. If the former, the remedy would be a severe one. It would be necessary to reduce the number of laborers and diminish production. Such an operation would be like cutting off a boy's legs when they became too long for his pantaloons, instead of lengthening the garment.

On the other hand, if there is not money enough, what is the remedy for that? Is it with the people or with their government? The government of every independent nation has the sovereign power to create money. All governments are so jealous of that power that if private individuals attempt to interfere with it by creating money, the government holds them guilty of crime, and, on conviction, sends them to the penitentiary. The government makes laws for the collection of debts, and also makes laws declaring in what money debts shall be paid. We are therefore compelled, when there is not money enough, to look to the government, and the government alone, for relief. Some people contend that the government has no right or power to make or create money except out of the commodity gold. The gold of the world is held by the governments and banks of Europe and New York, and they say we must look to Europe for relief, and that if Europe will not let our government have gold with which to make money the government is not to blame, because it cannot make money out of anything else. If that be so, and if the goldites are right, there is no remedy and ruin is inevitable.

But is it true? Is gold the only money which the government has power to create and furnish the people? If that be so, when did it become true that the sovereign power of the government to create money by law was confined to the commodity gold? It was decided by all the judges of England 300 years ago, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, that whatever the royal prerogative declared to be money was real money, and would perform all the functions of money, no matter upon what material the sovereign stamp of the government was placed, signifying the sovereign will that it should be money. That decision has never been overruled, set aside, or modified in the slightest degree, and is to this day the law of England.

The Supreme Court of the United States, in the legal tender cases, followed that leading case in England which is known as the "mixed money case," and decided that the Government of the United States can issue full legal tender money, printed on paper, without either gold or silver. The Constitution expressly authorizes Congress to coin silver into money as well as gold, and this was done until 1873, when the bill demonetizing silver was smuggled through Congress. Is it possible that the act of Congress which demonetized silver has deprived the Government of its constitutional power and relieved it of its constitutional duty to coin silver as well as gold and furnish more money to the people than can be furnished by gold alone? As absurd as such a suggestion is, it is the foundation of all the arguments of the goldites in Europe and America.

Six and a half millions of the people of the United States declared in the last election that it was the duty of the Government to coin silver as well as gold, and give relief from the present scarcity of money to the full extent which the unlimited coinage of both metals can furnish. But we go farther, and deny that the Government is confined to metals, or to paper, or to any other commodity, for material upon which to stamp or print money. There is not a civilized government in existence which has not at some time stamped or printed on paper the law which made it full legal tender money. This proposition was declared to be true in the mixed money case 300 years ago, and it was also declared to be true by our own Supreme Court in the legal tender cases. In view of these facts, those who contend that the commodity gold alone must be used for money, and that the people must have no money if the combination which has cornered that commodity will not let the Government have it, are wrong. The whole trouble is the failure of the Government to perform its duty.

We ask what is the reason why the Government has failed to perform its duty and furnish an adequate supply of money? The reason is that the same men who have cornered the gold in the world have control of the Government of the United States, and it is for their interests to confine the money of the world to the commodity which they own or control. Why do the people elect Presidents who belong to the gold combination? We answer because the gold combination controls all the money in the world, and can hire the press and any other invention which can be used to spread or circulate lies and deceive the people. Besides, when they are not able to fool enough of the people to make a majority, they have thus far succeeded in buying or intimidating the required number to make it possible to count a majority for the gold trust.

What, then, is the remedy? We answer there is but one remedy, and that is the ballot. If the people would take the matter into their own hands, and see to it that their votes were counted, they could elect a President who does not belong to the gold combination and who would not sell out to that combination. Relief can come in no other way. If the people will not do this, times must grow harder and harder, until barbarism takes the place of the civilization of the nineteenth century.

Gold Standard Times.

The Louisville, Ky., Chair Company has assigned with $60,000 liabilities, and assets much larger.

Judgment for $6,200 has been taken against Luke D. Ralph, dealer in clothing, at Ogdensburg, N. Y. He has been in business thirty years.

The estimated liabilities of Martin, Wise & Fitzhugh, cotton buyers, who failed at Paris, Texas, is $800,000, largely in Liverpool.

A deed of trust, covering the clothing store of O. O. Connor, Paris, Texas, amounting to $32,100, has been filed.

R. P. Monaghan, general store at Sumter, S. C., has been closed by the Sheriff on judgments for $4,048. He has been in business many years.

The Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Paris, Texas, has made an assignment.

A bill for a receiver of the Christopher Columbus Building and Loan Association was filed in Chicago by the president of the association.

S. M. Young & Son, grocers at New Castle, Pa., have made an assignment.

Breeden, Talley & Co., dealers in dry goods at Richmond, Va., have made an assignment.

A statement by the assignees of the suspended Commercial Bank at Selma, Ala., places the liabilities at $1,000,000; assets, $52,206; subject to a reduction of $25,000 deposited during the three days prior to the closing of the bank. The books show deposits to be $174,000, almost double the amount heretofore estimated. The depositors will not realize over 20 per cent.

The firm of Knowles & Poole, shoe manufacturers, of Pittsfield, N. H., who informed their employes that business would be suspended if Bryan was elected, have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors for $75,000.

Ex-Gov. Tuttle, manufacturer of custom clothing, of Pittsfield, N. H., made his first reduction in wages during a business career of thirty years by a cut down of 25 per cent. since election.

Failure of Private Ownership.

We hear a great deal from stockholders and Wall street organs about the advantages of private ownership as contrasted with Government ownership. But look at the condition of the railroads of the country where the principle of private ownership has had full sway from the beginning. The most flagrant incompetence is everywhere manifest. The railroad magnates are themselves admitting that their properties are run down. The managers continually make the grossest blunders. The commerce of the country is perpetually disorganized and thrown into confusion, and every now and then the situation gets so bad as to be intolerable.

Then the Government is appealed to and it proceeds to set matters right. Thereafter things are a little better until the financiers get them all wrong again. They are aided by the Federal judiciary, which does very little beyond interfere in railroad affairs for the benefit of Wall street. It may be doubted if we will ever have Government ownership until the Federal judiciary is taken in hand. Such are the great advantages of private ownership. The record is complete and convincing, and advocates of Government ownership need but point to it in order to put the individualists to confusion.—Twentieth Century.

Is This Anarchy?

The day of retrenchment or the day of ruin for this Government is awaiting the people of the United States in the not remote future. We shall very soon step from the nineteenth into the twentieth century. We shall carry with us either the germs of dissolution and decay or of life and conserved energy. To avoid the former and secure the latter the American people should begin at once in the household, in the factory, in the counting room, in the management of great lines of transportation, and in all other incorporations of capital, to practice something of the economy and frugality which characterized our New England ancestors. The cost of local governments must be lessened. Administration of county and city and village affairs must be made more and more businesslike and economical. In short the fixed charges of American citizenship must be cut down.—J. Sterling Morton, in Forum.

Hope in the Future.

In course of time the civilization of mankind will be democratic and not imperial. From the rivers to the seas, democracy—not indeed the democracy of a party, but the democracy of man—is going to prevail. Men are destined to be free. The elements of tyranny and enslavement shall be extinguished. The future shall bring a condition of human society throughout the world in which freedom shall be yoked with order and the equality of all men be recognized as the fundamental fact in the life of nations.—John Clark Ridpath, in Arena.

The Difference.

What is the difference between Gage and Sherman? Gage is in favor of robbing the people by contracting the money volume to the single gold standard and acknowledges it, while Sherman is in favor of the same and denies it. In other words, Gage is a barking dog, while Sherman prefers the tactics of the gopher.—Silver Knight.

The Gay Republic.

Disguise it as we may, the aristocracy of wealth by which this country is governed is fast forcing upon us the customs and extravagance, if not the titles, of monarchical countries, with the attendant poverty and low wages of the working people.

This may be a gay republic at one end, but throughout its greater extent people have more cause to mourn than to rejoice.—Joliet News.

Populist Pointers.

It is an unwritten law of the political economists that they shall ever couch their statements in very learned phrases, to the end, apparently, that they may not be too readily understood.—New York Union Printer.

During the Presidential campaign a Chicago firm invested in a lot of Mexican dollars as an object lesson on the evils of silver coinage. Last Saturday that same firm failed for a heavy sum. This is another object.—Twentieth Century.

When the Maryland Steel Company at Sparrow's Point, Md., starts up its works, which have been shut down for nearly three years, are the 2,000 employes to thank the "advance agent of prosperity" for having been elected, or the steel trust for having "been busted?"—Cleveland Recorder.

Wall street is reported to be still in a waiting mood. And what is the infernal thing waiting for now? Haven't we elected McKinley for them, and are not the silver anarchists keeping quiet, and isn't the Leadville strike settled? Can it be that Wall street depends upon the rest of the country?—Denver Times.

The admission of Abner McKinley to the New York bar, coincidently with the admission of his brother to the White House, leads the man up a tree to ask whether the policy of a New York business connection with the White House is to be adopted by this administration also.—Cleveland Recorder.

Why is Mexico more prosperous than ever before, while the United States is suffering greater depression in business than at any other time in its history? Because the mints of Mexico are open to the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver, while the mints of the United States are closed against silver.—Silver Knight-Watchman.

The people of the State have realized more in the way of freight rate reduction from the Legislature of 1897 than it has of any previous Republican Legislature, but still they expected more than they received, and, therefore, in selecting their Legislature in the fall of 1898 they will weed out the weak point and elect a People's party Legislature that will be as far above the legislative body of 1897 as that body was above its Republican predecessors.—Tacoma Sun.

The Popular Idea.

There is a popular idea that the wastes of Siberia are peopled with men who have been unjustly exiled from Russia, and that the criminal is really as difficult to find as the traditional needle in the bunch of hay. Facts, however, do not substantiate this theory any more than they do the large majority of popular impressions.

A great sensation was created two or three years ago by the finding of seven Russian exiles or prisoners who had made their escape from Siberia. They were in an open boat in the Pacific, and were taken to San Francisco, where they became the objects of popular commiseration, as well as the text for the denouncing of the Russian methods of dealing with political offenders.

The Californians, ever ready with sympathy, gave them clothes and found them work to do. It now appears that, during the interval that elapsed between their arrival in San Francisco and now, they have every one of them been punished by the law of the land. The last of the party has just been sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment for burglary, while one of his comrades only a short time back was hanged for two murders which he had committed.

Investigations which have been made show that every one of these men had been sent to Siberia for reasons which would have earned him a corresponding period of exile from the haunts of his fellowmen, if not absolute deportation from the country, in any other part of the world.—Tid-Bits.

The Aggressive Mormons.

There has been a consultation among the leaders of religious organizations in the East within the last few weeks concerning the adoption of measures to resist the missionary movement of the Mormons in the vicinity of Washington, and particularly in the South. It is asserted by those who claim to have accurate information that there are now in the field between 2,300 and 2,400 Mormon missionaries, and that their propaganda has been carried on so actively and successfully that there are churches of that sect in all but nine States and Territories of the Union. In order to avoid observation the work is carried on from headquarters in Brooklyn and Chattanooga, instead of Salt Lake City. And it is said that in both these cities are not only committees of able men directing affairs, but printing offices and other agencies for missionary work. A Mormon church has recently been organized in the District of Columbia, and over in Maryland and Virginia, almost within sight of the capitol, are several flourishing missionary stations. The most extensive work is being done in the South. Mormon missionaries are said to be swarming into Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. Formerly the practice of the church was to colonize its converts in Utah, but the old plan seems to have been changed, and wherever its agents drive a stake they remain to cultivate the ground. While polygamy is not preached or practiced in these Eastern colonies, it still remains an article of faith in the canons of the church.

Berlin pays a salary to a professional bird catcher, who keeps scientific and educational institutions supplied with birds, birds' nests and eggs, and he is the only man in the empire permitted to do so.

Forty German cities now have electric street railways. In 1891 there were only three that had them.

Chronic Rheumatism.

The Patient Had Suffered for Over Thirty Years and Now Enjoys Perfect Health.

From the Industrial News, Jackson, Mich.

The Industrial News, ever on the alert to bring its readers all items of interest, learned of the entire cure of one of Jackson county's prominent citizens, Mr. Lorenzo Neeley, of Liberty township, who had suffered with the twangs and pangs of rheumatism for over thirty years.

In order to give authentic facts, an Industrial News representative interviewed Mr. Neeley and elicited the following facts:

Mr. Lorenzo Neeley is 56 years of age, and actively engaged in farming. When 17 years old by an unfortunate accident he hurt his shoulder, and a few years after that he commenced to have rheumatic pains in his shoulders. This would not always trouble him, but on taking a slight cold or the least strain, or sometimes without any apparent cause the trouble would start again and he would suffer the most excruciating pains.

For over thirty years he has thus suffered, and for the last decade has suffered continually so that he was unable to do any work. To this the frequent occurrences of chills was lately added, making him almost a helpless invalid.

He tried the best physicians but without getting any help, and has tried several specific rheumatic cures, but all without any appreciable relief. About one year and six months ago he read in the Jackson Industrial News of a case somewhat similar to his which was cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and he concluded to try this remedy.

After the first box he felt somewhat better, and after taking three boxes the pains entirely disappeared and the dizziness left him, and he has now for over a year been entirely free from all his former trouble and enjoys better health than he has had since his boyhood.

Mr. Neeley is loud in his praises of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and will gladly corroborate the above statements. His postoffice address is Lorenzo Neeley, Horton, Jackson county, Michigan.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

On the summit of Ben Lomond are the smallest trees in Great Britain. They are dwarf willows and when mature are only about two inches in height.

A Kansas City doctor, who was looking for a crazy patient whom he was to lock up in an insane asylum, found the lunatic serving on a jury in the circuit court.

The bullet which killed General "Stonewall Jackson" at Chancellorsville, is said to be in the possession of Mr. Isaac B. Wheeler, of Highland Falls, New York.

The owners of a Colorado sawmill started a well to supply water for their engine, and, at a depth of sixteen feet, struck pay ore, and will have a mine instead of a well.

Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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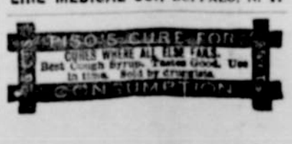

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Downing, Hopkins & Company's Review of Trade.

The wheat market was very dull during the past week. On Saturday a speculative demand sprung upon a "tip" that the coming government report on growing winter wheat would show a decline in condition of about 5 points and have a tendency to enhance values.

The slow demand from abroad for our wheat is especially discouraging, as the inquiry is below anything figured early in the season, on this side of the Atlantic or on the other other. When the figures of total production were first compiled the only question that agitated speculators was the problem of how the world was going to get along with so light supply, without prices advancing to a point that would turn enough consumption to substitutes for wheat, to make the less quantity of it do for the whole crop year. Most people thought then that nothing short of 90c to $1 a bushel would do it. There is where the mistake seems to lie. About 75c in the primary markets turned away enough wheat bread eaters to substitutes to lengthen sufficiently the supply, for all practical purposes. Even at the moderate prices prevailing last week, this country's foreign shipments were away under 2,000,000 bushels. The low price of corn at 25c, of rye at 33c, barley at 25c, and oats at 18c are particularly attractive to the practical economist who supplies the family table, in these times, when so many are idle or in a state bordering upon idleness. The official wheat yield in this country was something of an error, but the usual commercial reckoning was not much astray. The fault of calculation seems to be in the price that would turn so many consumers to the cheaper cereals.

Market Quotations.

Portland, Or., May 14, 1897.

Flour—Portland, Salem, Cascadia and Dayton, $4.00; Benton county and White Lily, $4.00; graham, $3.40; superfine, $2.75 per barrel.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75@76c; Valley, 76c per bushel.

Oats—Choice white, 38@40c per bushel; choice gray, 37@39c.

Hay—Timothy, $14.00@15.00 per ton; clover, $11.50@12.50; wheat and oat, $12.00@13.50 per ton.

Barley—Feed barley, $16.50 per ton; brewing, $18@19.

Millstuffs — Bran, $14.50; shorts, $16.50; middlings, $26.

Butter—Creamery, 30c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 17½@30c per roll.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 40@50c; Garnet Chilies, 55@65c; Early Rose, 35@40c per sack; sweets, $2.75 per cental for Merced; new potatoes, 1½c per pound.

Onions—$2.50@2.75 per cental

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2.50@3.00; geese, $4.00@7.00; turkeys, live, 12½c; ducks, $4.00@6.00 per dozen.

Eggs—Oregon, 10c per dozen.

Cheese—Oregon, 11½c; Young America, 12½c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12½c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6@8c.

Hops—7c per pound.

Beef — Gross, top steers, $3.50; cows, $2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@6½c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, $3.00@3.50; dressed mutton, 5@5½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice, heavy, $4.00@4.56; light and feeders, $2.50@3.00; dressed $5.00@5.50 per cwt.

Veal—Large, 3½@4c; small, 4½@5 per pound.

Seattle, Wash., May 14, 1897.

Wheat—Chicken feed, $28 per ton.

Oats—Choice, $23@24 per ton.

Barley—Rolled or ground, $20 per ton.

Corn—Whole, $20 per ton; cracked, $21; feed meal, $21.

Flour—(Jobbing)—Patent excellent, $4.80; Novelty A, $4.50; California brands, $4.90; Dakota, $5.65; patent, $6.40.

Millstuffs—Bran, $14.00 per ton; shorts, $18.

Feed—Chopped feed, $18.00 per ton; middlings, $22; oilcake meal, $30.

Hay—Puget sound, per ton, $12.00; Eastern Washington, $15.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; ducks, $6@6.50.

Butter — Fancy native creamery, brick, 18c; ranch, 14@15; California, 15@16½.

Cheese—Native Washington, 12c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, per ton, $13.00@14; parsnips, per sack, 75c; beets, per sack, $1.25; turnips, per sack, $1.25; rutabagas, per sack, 50c; carrots, per sack, 75c; cabbage, per 100 lbs, $2.00; onions, per 100 lbs, $4.00.

Sweet potatoes—Per 100 lbs, $4.00.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 13½@14c.

Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 7c; cows, 6½c; mutton, sheep, 8½c per pound; lamb, 5c; pork, 6½c per pound; veal, small, 8c.

Fresh Fish — Halibut, 4½@5c; salmon, 6@8c; salmon trout, 7@10c; flounders and soles, 3@4c.

Provisions—Hams, large, 11½; hams, small, 11¾c; breakfast bacon, 10c; dry salt sides, 7c per pound.

Fruits—Lemons, California, fancy, $2.50@3; choice, $2; Cal fornia fancy navals, $3.50@4.

San Francisco, May 14, 1897.

Potatoes—Salinas Burbanks, 90c@$1.10; Early Rose, 60@70c; River Burbanks, 40@60c; sweets, $1.25 per cental.

Onions—$3.00@3.50 per cental.

Eggs—Ranch, 14@15c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 16c; do seconds, 14½@15c; fancy dairy, 14@14½c; seconds, 13@14c.

Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 7½c; fair to good, 6½@7c; Young America, 7½@8½c; Eastern, 14@15c.

Wool—Choice foothill, 10@13c; San Joaquin plains, 8@11c; do 12 months, 8@10c per pound.

Hay—Wheat and oat, $7@10; best barley, $6.50@8.00; alfalfa, $5@8; clover, $6@8; compressed wheat, $6@9.50; do oat, $6@7 per ton.

Tropical Fruit—Bananas, $1.00@2.00 per bunch; pineapples, $2@4.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navel, $2.50@3.75; seedlings, do, $1.50@1.75; common lemons, 75c@$1.00; fancy, $2.00 per box.

Apples—$1.25@2 per box; Eastern, $3.50 per barrel.

Hops—8@12c per pound.

DON'T TRUST IT.

Because the weather is mild and the air balmy we cannot count on being rid of rheumatism or neuralgia. The very sudden changes of temperature or exposure to draughts are both likely to increase rather than diminish both complaints. For this reason it is wise at this season to be well prepared for sudden attacks, and to have ready what is known as the best remedy for all visitations of aches or pains. All well regulated households ought to have a nook or corner for a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil. There are other reasons also why this Master-cure should be kept at hand; rheumatism and neuralgia are chronic, acute or inflammatory, but to whatever degree of suffering they may come, the old reliable cure is the best for treatment and the surest to give permanent relief.

The wild tribes of the Caucasus, Russia, teach their children the use of the dagger as soon as the youngsters are able to walk. They are first taught to stab water without making a splash.

PHYSICIANS WISE IN THEIR GENERATION.

The above class of scientists recognize and have repeatedly borne testimony to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a remedy and preventive of fever and ague, rheumatism, want of vigor, liver complaint, and some other ailments and infirm conditions of the system. Experience and observation have taught them its value. They but echo the verdict long since pronounced by the public and the press. Only the benighted now are ignorant of America's tonic and alterative.

The largest wolf ever killed in the northern part of Montana was roped and dragged to death near Nashua, Valley county, recently, and measured seven feet from tip to tip.

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An electric underground railway under the present one is the latest project suggested in London. It would be used for express trains only.

To aid in filing saw teeth straight a new fileholder has a frame with two parallel guides, between which the file is fastened to make it run true.

Two cows, two pigs, eighteen hens, a greyhound pup and a bull were given to an agent by an Abilene (Kansas) farmer for a cabinet organ.

While chopping wood a farmer living near Springfield, Ontario, Canada, was struck in one eye by a chip and made wholly blind in both eyes.

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