A Colorado Gentle nan Describes the Dan gers of Snow-Slips.

George W. Seaver, of Aspen, Col.

in conversation with a reporter, said: "Just before I lef home we had the fir of our winter pests. I refer to snow slides. In Colorado there are two distinct kinds of snow-slips-the snow slide and the avalanche. The snow slide occurs when a dry fall of snow has covered the steep sides of the mountains and passes. The snow un-der these conditions literally slides until it strikes a lower or more level space. Such a disturbance is inconvenient, as it blocks wagon and rail roads, but is seldom attended with disastrous consequences, as the snow is so light and soft that it divides on encountering any obstacle, such as a house, without carrying it away.* Its motion, also, is so gradual, that a man in its track can easily find means of getting out of the way, and even if he were caught could escape without injury.

"The avalanche, on the other hand," Mr. Seaver went on to say, "is far more dangerous. For the formation of an avalanche snow more or less moist is necessary, and also a hard-frozen base upon which the snow rests. A heavy fall succeeding a cold snap is nearly certain to occasion avalanches, and these are most disastrous. Instead of slipping slowly and easily along in a soft, porous mass, the snow balls and rushes down the mountain side with irresistible force and at a terrific speed. Trees and rocks are torn up and incorporated in the rushing mass, and whatever comes in its way has to yield. Unlike the snow-slide, the avalanche when once it has gathered headway is not stopped by any level space of ordinary extent, but rushes across a plain several hundred yards in width and plunges down the mountain side bevond. When an avalanche occurs in the neighborhood of a pass the snow usually fills it up to a depth of from forty to fifty feet, and is not cleared out until spring, unless a very large force of men is put to work to make a pathway. It is no uncommon thing for a mining camp to be cut off from communication with the outside world for weeks at a time by one of these avalanches, and the suffering from want of food and fuel is often extreme. The only way to establish communication is by a line of couriers on snow-s'toes, and these men are in constant danger of their lives, as in passing along the track of an avalanche the least noise or motion is likely to start another, and dozens of lives are thus lost every year. The short, broad Canadian snow-shoe is never used by the couriers, as this pattern is only good on level ground. All mail-carriers and couriers are equipped with the Norwegian snow-shoe, a strip of wood about eight feet long and two inches wide. This gives a firm support on the lightest snow, and is splendid for coasting. I have seen snow shoe men come down a slope at the rate of nearly a mile a minute, and run fully a hundred yards on the level before losing their impetus. I am con vinced that the best and most daring anow-shoe men in the world are found among the mining camps of the Rocky Mountains, but in spite of their skill scores of them are lost every yearfrozen to death or overwhelmed by avalanches-and it is a wonder to me how so many men are willing to volunteer for the most hazardous duty of crossing the avalanche-covered passes in winter."-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Iron for Fruit Trees.

An exchange furnishes an account of the successful experiment of one of its correspondents who buried old iron about the roots of his trees, which resulted in a great improvement in their growth, and in a greatly increased crop of fruit. We have no doubt of the correctness of the statement. It reminds us of an experiment with similar result, made many years ago, when the theory was extensively advocated that electricity aided vegetable growth, and the grapevine planted at the foot of the recently erected lightning-rod made twice the growth of the vines remote fr. m it; and the rows of beans planted over the buried wire with upward points at the ends, grew more vigorous than beans elsewhere. It was found that the increased growth of the vine was entirely the result of the deep bed of mellow earth made in setting the foot of the rod deep into the soil, and the beans enjoyed the benefit of a similar treatment by the mellow trench for the wire. The pieces of old iron, refuse stove-pipes, worn horseshoes, cast-off iron kettles, etc., could not be buried under the trees without digging the soil deeply and thoroughly, to the great benefit of the roots, Otherwise the iron could be of no benefit. - Country Gentleman.

-What a sad world this would be to a thoughtful man if there were nothing beyond this world! Not for himself, perhaps, but for others, there is need of another life to make this life tolerable to one who observes and reflects. On every side there are deserving ones who suffer far more than the undeserving. And there are saints whose lives are lives of toil and trial and seeming failure. Here, often, if not always, the fittest die and the unfittest survive. If there were nothing to live for beyond the life that now is, the helps to true character-making would cost more than their apparent worth. -Sunday-School Times.

A New York reporter has discovered a man living in the top of a once respectable mansion, whose occupation it proposes to cut out the several figis a very odd one. He advertises that ares and sell them separately. Painthe will write "poetry on all subjects at ings by Knaus bring extraordinary reasonable rates." acrostics, of which he keeps a large that the children of Strousberg have stock on hand, made to fit almost all offered three or four thousand dollars the common feminine names. These he to save the family group from disrupretails at from fifty cents to \$1.25 each, tion. according to style and quality.

MEN GROWING BIGGER.

Measurements Taken for Thousands

Garments Indicate This. Last spring I received a letter from an English gentleman who is interested in anthropology and bio'ogy, asking me if there were any facts to sustain the impression abroad that the white man is deteriorating in size, weight and condition in the United States. occurred to me, however, that since by far the greater part of the men of this country are clad in ready-made clothing, the experience of the clothiers might be valuable, and that from their figures of the average sizes of the garments prepared by them for men's use very clear deductions could be made as to the size of the American man. I therefore sent a letter to two clothiers in Boston, who have been long in the business, one in Chicago, one in New York, one in Baltimore, one in Detroit, one in Texas and one in Montreal. The information received in return is to this effect:

In any given 1,000 garments the average of all the returns is as follows: Chest measure, 38 inches; waist, 334 inches; length of leg inside, 324 inches; average height ranging from 5 feet 81 to 5 feet 9 in New England, up to 5 feet 10 for the average at the South and West. A few deductions of weight are given, from which one can infer that the average man weighs between 155 and 160 pounds. These measures cover the average of the assorted sizes of garments which are made up by the thousand. There are a few small men who buy "youths' sizes," so-called. and a few larger men who buy "extra

My correspondent in Chicago states "that, so far as relates to the assertion that the race in this country deteriorates, our experience teaches us that the contrary is the case. We are now, and have for several years past been obliged to adopt a larger scale of sizes. and many more extra sizes in width as well as length, than were required ten years ago. I find that occupation and residence have a great deal to do with the difference in sizes, the average of the sizes required for the cities and large towns being much less than that required for the country. Again, different sections vary very much in those requirements. For instance, an experienced stock clerk will pick out for the South and Southwestern trade coats and vests, breast measure 35 to 40; trousers always one or two sizes smaller around the waist than the length of leg inside. For Western and Northern trade coats and vests, breast measure, 37 to 42; trousers, 33 to 4) waist; 30 to 34 length of leg inside.'

My correspondent in Texas gives the verage 38 inches chest, 33 to 34 inches waist, 321 leg measure, 5 feet 10 inches height, adding: "We find that the waist measure has increased from an average of 32 to 33 inches during five years, and we think our people are beoming stouter built."

My correspondent in Baltimore had previously made the statement, to wit: Since the late war we have noticed that the average-sized suits for our Southern trade have increased fully one inch around the chest and waist, while there has been no apparent change in the length of the trousers.

I asked this firm if the change could be due to the fact that the colored peo ple had become buyers of ready-made clothing, but have for reply that the fact that the negroes are buying more ready-made clothing now than previous to the war accounts only in a small degree for the increase of the size, but is due almost entirely to the increased activity of the whites. The experience of this firm covers thirty-five years.

My correspondent in New York states that "for the last thirty years our clothing, numbering at least 750,-000 garments yearly, has been exclusively sold in the Southern States. We find the average man to measure 37 inches around the chest, 32 to 33 around the waist, 33 to 34 inches of leg inside; average height, 5 feet 10 inches. The Southerner measures more in the leg than around the waist-a peculiarity in direct contrast to the Western man. who measures more around the waist than in the leg."

My correspondent in Canada gives the following details; experience covers twenty years; about 300,000 gar-

Breast measure... 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 44 Waist measure... 32 33 34 35 36 37)439 4: Cut per 1.000 of these sizes..... 80 100 240 240 140 60

Average weight for each....

weight 140 150 160 168 175 180 200 225 My correspondent in Detroit says: We notice marked peculiarities in regions where dwell people of one nationality. The Germans need large waists and short legs, the French small waists and long legs, the Jews medium waists and short legs. We have found a decided demand for larger sizes than formerly. - Clothier and Furnisher.

-David L. Boker left New York for the West about twelve years ago to seek his fortune. He found it. He reached Colorado with one dollar and tifty cents in his pocket. After a time be became interested in a silver mine, made one hundred thousand dollars in a short time, and has been enlarging his fortune ever since. He is a tall, handsome man, and is now in the East for the first time in years seeking rest

and amusement. -Ludwig Knaus painted on one canvas the family of the Russian financier Strousberg, who became bankrupt some time ago. The picture has drifted to Paris, where the dealer who owns His specialty is prices. Further gossip is to the effect

-One of the Holborn (London) -Mexican hogs, which are a cross Board of Poor Guardians has resigned between the Spanish and the wild hog of the Mexican mountains are raised He said he could not remain in an orwith profit in Mexico, but not in any ganization that paid ten pounds for a considerable numbers. They average carpet for the clerk's room, forty-eight 175 pounds in weight, and are killed pounds for a carpet for the board-room, chiefly for their lard, which is worth 26 thirty pounds for curtains and twelve cents a pound. Fresh pork is worth pounds for poles, while there were so 124 cents a pound, but is caten very many starving poor in London. The little, for most persons can't afford it. other guardians of the poor were very It is said that Monterey, which has 50,- indignant and accepted his resignation 000, eats only about five hogs a day.

MEDICAL WISDOM.

A Cure for Chapped Lips and a Study of

"As soon as the cold wind begins to blow," remarked a physician, "I am overrun with patients suffering from 3.0,410. chapped lips. The trouble generally manifes's itself in one wide cut in the middle of the lip. I used to treat such as glycerine, for instance. But I soon found that such treatment was only a temporary remedy, for after partially healing the cut would reopen at the slightest exertion of the lips. The mere act of biting any thing hard, laughing or yawning would make the unfortunate howl with pain. If the patient was addicted to the use of to-bacco the chances were that he would have a bad lip all through the winter. In my researches for a permanent cure In my researches for a permanent cure I ran across an old tramp printer who had rubbed against the rough side of the world all his life, and for whom very season had been a cold day. He told me that if I investigated the matter I would find that the people addicted to chapped lips were in the habit of touching them with their tongues. A sure cure, said he, is to ep your tongue in your mouth. 1 have since followed his suggestion in my practice, and never knew it to fail. rough skin of the tongue scratches the lips, and when they have once become chapped the least contact is enough to keep the cut open. "I have recently been making a

study of wrinkles," continued the doctor. "It is customary to say that wrinkles come from worrying, but the truth is that most of them come from laughing. This is rather paradoxical, must admit, but I have been only convinced after the most careful in vestigation. To know how to laugh is just as important as to know when to do it. If you laugh with the sides of your face the skin will work loose in time, and wrinkles will form in exact accordance with what kind of a laugh you have. The man who alwyas wears a smirk will have a series of semicircular wrinkles covering his cheeks. When a gambler, who has been accustomed to suppressing his feelings, laughs, a deep line forms on each side of his nose and runs to the upper corner of his mouth. In time, this line atends to the chin and assumes the shape of a half-moon. A cadaverous person, with a wax-like skin, is very to have two broadly-marked wrinkles, one running up from the jaw and the other under the eye. These meet at right angles at the cheek-bone, and look as though they f rmed a knot at the apex. The scholar's wrinkles form on his brow, while the scheming politician's come wheel. Some of the fat women who bet on horses have the most astonishing crop of wrinkles I ever saw outside of an elephant. One in particular was so strongly marked that whenever she smiled over a big win the wrinkles in each cheek would form themselves into the shape of a perfect pretzel." -N. Y. Evening Sun.

DRUMMERS' EARNINGS.

Much Hard-Vorking and Men Can Realize.

The earnings of traveling salesmen. local and otherwise, are a matter of more or less interest to every one, and a discussion of a subject of this character can hardly be considered out of place in the columns of a trade journal. Commercial drun ming, like every other occupation, is very much overdone. The field is full of smart men, to say nothing of the great number of men of mediocre ability. It is much harder work to sell goods on the road nowadays than a few years ago; because the number of drummers has vastly increased during the past years and there sharper competition among houses employing them for the same reasons. Good salesmen-th: men who command good salaries-it is hardly necessary to say, are scarce. We venture to say that there are not ten such men out of a hundred. Some houses pay good salaries to such men in addition to commissions on sales, but no house will employ a man on salary to sell goods on the road unless he is a traveler of extensive experience and known capacity in his line. Then again there are houses which employ men only on commission. Now it may interest some of our readers to know what a firstclass drummer, who has worked up a good trade, is able to average in earnings per week. There are many waists and legs, the Yankees small good men, we are told, who depend only on commissions as their recompense. It is said that it is not unusual for a capable traveler to run up his aggregate commissions to seventy five dollars per week. Fifty dollars is the average, and if a first-class traveler can not make this, or very near to it, he generally feels that his compensation is not adequate to the work he performs. We are speaking now, it must be remembered, of hard-working men of experience and intelligence-bright, wide-awake travelers who have thoroughly mastered the ins and outs of commercial traveling. A great many of the bright, indusrious young fellows who are habitully seen with the sack, are able to earn wenty-five dollars per week on an average from their commissions, but hey are smart fellows who know their trade and when and how to sell it. There are any number of eight and ten dollars-a-week men, but they are usually men of inexperience, of men who lack persistency and other natural qualifications of successful traveling

men. - Boots and Shoes. -Lord Salisbury recently sold his roperty between the Thames embankment and the Strand for one million ollars. By the growth of house prop erty in London he is now one of the ichest men in England.

-General Melves, a well-known haracter in New York, has served inder many flags. He was a soldier for the British East India Company, the Southern Confederacy, the Argentine Republic, the Cretan, Japanese, Egyptian and Turkish Governments. was also in the Franco-Prussian waras a French staff officer.

The great Orioff diamond, which surmounts the Russian imperial sceptre, is the first in size and third in value in the curred in the Italian Alps. world. It once formed the eye of an ido in a temple near Seringham, India, and was stolen by a French adventurer. It weighs 18) carats and is valued at \$4,-

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