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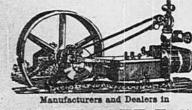
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THAT BASHFUL BLINKER.

typewriter.

were crystals of pure gold.

name of the firm.

thizing friends (male).

rapher and typewriter.

Until within six months he had

never been able to persuade himself

that the real and only way to accustom

himself to the use of a woman's society

was to employ a "lady typewriter,"

ance Mr. Blinker was out when she

never once noting the fact that the

office boy and the clerk were each put-

Blinker,

stant he was speechless.

as if he were a schoolboy about to be

licked for pasting a wet wad on the

Blinker was not responsible.

saw profit in honest politics.

jects was as funny as it could be.

determined to do this.

discharged without warning?"

"I do not want to go at all until I

typewriter.

away.

he stammered.

responsible.

a letter.

tatingly toward her,

OW pretty she was as | er," she pleaded, "that you liked to she sat with her shape- see pretty things in your office." He coughed nervously, uneasily. ly fingers dancing on the keyboard of her How many things he had said to her he did not know. How many more he I think in the time wanted to say he did not know. What to come when this he was now saying he did not know

shall have become the how he was ever going to finish. "I know that," he admitted, "but classic period for the future centuries, as the ancient Greek sometimes, you know, my dear Miss is the classic for us of this time, that Prince, a man cannot always have instead of the maiden with the distaff what he wants. As long as I was a as we have, they will have the maiden | bachelor, Miss Prince, I could do as I at the typewriter, as one of the beau- pleased, but I am to be married, at least I hope so, and you know a man's tiful figures that make art everlasting. Her eyes were so blue, her cheeks wife sometimes differs with him on were so pink, and truly, her hair must what may seem to the world at large have been transplanted from the banks to be quite trivial points."

of the Pactolus whose shifting sands Married! At one blow all her castles were The man sat near her dictating a thrown to the earth, with not so much as a corner standing to show that they On the window pane next to the had ever been other than crumbling street were the words "Hurford, ruins.

True, he had never said anything Blinker & Co., Brokers," and the man dictating was the Blinker of the firm. definitely to her, but there is so much He was also the Hurford and the Co., more in what is never said, and daily out of the unspoken affinity which seeing that he had bought out everybody else, including the well-known surely existed between these two congenial people the more foolish woman had constructed such hopes as women And what a man was Blinker-Haverhill Blinker. A bachelor of cherish to the end of time. That he forty years' experience, a business had thought enough of her to warrant man of large and increasing wealth, these hopes, a thousand wordless wita calculating speculator, a good all nesses testified.

Now thus in the very midst of the round fellow, and among women the very prototype and synonym of bashwork that he had given to her to do fulness. To see him bow and smile to for him, and that she loved to do beand at a lady when meeting her would cause it was for him, the blow fell.

have led the most critical to say he "Yes?" she responded to his statewas a courtier of courtiers, but if it ment in the faint pathetic questionbecame necessary for him to go beyond the bowing and smiling limit, she is thus called upon to face her ife had no further charms for Haver- heart's doom, and her hands unconhill Blinker. Strange to say, too, he sciously sought to go on with her was not always conscious of his weakwork.

"Yes, Miss Prince," he said, with no ness, and there were times when he sound of sympathy in his voice, "and really thought he was quite a ladies' I am pretty sure my wife will not per-When he recovered from one of mit you to remain here as my typethese latter attacks he was always sur- writer. I may say," and he simpered again, "as my pretty typewriter." rounded by a large circle of sympa-She never so much as saw the sim-

per, and in that far Mr. Blinker should have thanked his good fortune. "I have thought the matter all over," he continued, "and I leave it to you as a fairminded woman whether

it is my duty to gain a wife and lose a and then he did it because a relative of his, his aunt, in fact, in a neigh- typewriter, or vice versa?" By this time she had recovered boring town, had asked him as a specfrom the primary shock. She had ial favor to help the daughter of an old school friend of hers, in sore dis- even begun to wonder how he had ever mustered up sufficient courage to tress, who was quite a skilled stenogpropose to the future Mrs. Blinker. She even went further and made up It was entirely beyond the compre-bensibility of Mr. Blinker's aunt that her mind that the lady was a widow, and had used the traditional wiles of Mr. Blinker would give her employ-

the widow on the unsuspecting and ment, but the aunt thought he might know someone who had a place for her. bashful Mr, Blinker. "By all means, Mr. Blinker," she Therefore, when he wrote to his aunt said coldly, "gain the wife. The saying that he would give the young woman a place in his office at \$40 a world is full of typewriters, but it is month she was more than surprised - not every day that a man can get a she was delighted, and sent the gold- wife. At least such a wife as you deen-haired daughter of her dear old serve," and in spite of herself there school friend right over to her nephew. | was something soft in her tone that The day she made her first appear- she did not want to be there.

Mr. Blinker noticed it, too, but he called about 11 o'clock, and the office didn't stop to comment upon it. "Good for you, Miss Prince," he boy and the clerk having insisted upon her remaining for a few minutes until laughed. "I knew you were a woman

Mr. Blinker should return, she sat of sense." She shrank as if she had been down near the window and waited. touched with a hot iron. "Thank you, Mr. Blinker," she said. ting in every moment of his spare 'Now, if you please, we will go on with our work.'

time watching her and wondering It had seemed as if a lifetime had what the mischief business an angel right from heaven had with Mr. past since she had written the last word, and as she bent down over it, as if the better see what it was, a tear fell When Mr. Blinker finally appeared, upon the line.

and the office boy and the clerk col-This Mr. Blinker also observed, but lapsed, he hadn't the least idea who said nothing, seeming to enjoy it. she was, and his heart began to pound "Before we do, Miss Prince" be so on the inside of him that he said, "may I ask a favor at your hands thought it was the janutor turning on

-a promise?" more steam and shaking up the radi-"What is it? Yes," she answered. ators in the office and halls. It was Mr. Blinker braced himself. the very first time he had ever seen a "That, if this woman whom I am

woman in his office, and the experience soon to ask formally to be my wife," was so entirely novel that for an inhe said, "should refuse me, that you will marry me."

"Is this Mr. Blinker?" she inquired, For an instant the girl looked at rising to meet him as he came hesihim, then she rose to her feet, her eyes fairly blazing. "Yes'm," responded Mr. Blinker,

Mr. Blinker saw that the tigress was about to spring, and he was fright-"Wait, stop!" he exclaimed, hold-ing up his hands as if to shield himself

wall. "May I inquire to what I am indebted for the honor of this visit, from the blow. "Hold on till I tell Blinker would no more have made such an egregiously silly and stilted you who the woman is. It's you, Miss speech as that to a man than he would Princs-you-you-you! Won't you have tried to have told the truth in marry me? Will you be my wife? Chicago, but this was a woman, and Haven't you always known I didn't care a cent for any woman on earth but "Your aunt," said the visitor, with you? Ruth, darling, don't look at a roguish twinkle in her eye, but me like that!"

Mr. Blinker was going all to pieces Blinker didn't see it any more than he mentally and emotionally, and the young woman took pity on him, for it "I-I-beg your pardon, ma'am." dawned upon her all at once that the more bashful a bachelor is the more The very idea of his saying "Ma'am," to a girl like that! It would have ridiculous he is in love, and the only been criminal if Mr. Blinker had been way to prevent a tender emotion from becoming ludicrous is to accept it on Then she told him who she was, and the spot.

Which she did, and Mr. Blinker the wav Mr. Blinker began to assume never had another pretty typewriter. airs and strut around as if he were a -New York Sun. mighty potentate with a lot of sub-

Storage Purifies Water. Now she had been with him six mouths, and he sat near her dictating After all, the best kind of purifier is nature's own. The minute organ-In the midst of it he stopped short. 1sms known as bacteria are the chief He had been tempted to do this causes of the impurity of drinking many times before. He had studied the matter thoroughly, as he thought, to live a well as their larger brethren, and having considered it in every and they must eat to live. As soon as light and having deliberated upon it they have eaten all in the water that for many days, and having tried to ac- there is to feed on they die. Dr. complish the desired result by every Frankland has stated from his recent means in his knowledge, he had at last examination of water stored for two weeks, that it seems as pure and free Therefore he stopped in the midst from bacteria life as though it had passed through the best of filters; but "I am very sorry, Miss Prince," he it seems stronge that this should have began, quite abruptly, and as if he so recently come under Dr. Frankwanted to get through with the dis- land's experience. Every one knows agreeable task in a hurry, "but I am | that there is no purer or better water afraid I shall have to lose you as my in the world than that which is supplied to seafaring people. Almost She clutched suddenly at the sides any kind of water stored away in a of the machine as if to support her. ship's tank becomes absolutely pure after the vessel has been a few weeks "W-w-why," she stammered with at sea. This is usually ascribed in qvivering lips, "why, Mr. Plinker, popular language to fermentation; what have I done that I should be but there is really nothing to ferment, it is simply that the bacteria have "But I'm giving you warning," he eaten everything in the water there is said, half with bravado, half with to eat and then died of starvation.apology. "You don't have to go right | Meehan's Monthly.

The Balancing of Trees. know why I am going," she argued. A very interesting suggestion con-This is all I have in the world, and I certaing the utility to a tree of the am entitled to know why I am unfitted | irregular arrangement of the branches is made by a correspondent of Nature. "Oh, it isn't your fault, exactly," Watching a large plane tree during a he went on evasively. "There are no gale, he observed that while one great such things, you know, as misfortunes, | limb swayed in one direction. another which can scarcely be classed as faults. | swayed the opposite way, and although In your case, Miss Prince, your mis- all the branches were plunging and fortune is that you are too pretty," bending before the blast, they did not and Mr. Blinker actually tucked his move in unison, or all at once in the head to one side and simpered at her. same direction. But for the peculi-She had been suspicious for a long arity in the motion of the branches, time, as most women are when they he thinks, the tree could not have have their wits about them under cir- escaped uprooting; and he suggests cumstances similar to those surround- that this kind of balancing serves in ing Miss Prince and Mr. Blinker, and general to protect large trees, like she almost smiled through the mist oaks and beeches, which have their that was gathering in her eyes. branches unsymmetrically placed, "You have always said, Mr. Blink-from being overturned by high winds. branches unsymmetrically placed,

AGRICULTURAL.

TOPICS OF INTEREST RELATIVE TO FARM AND GARDEN.

BLACK KNOT ON PLUM TREE

If it has not been done before, this s a good time to destroy the black knot on plum tress. Each specimen should be cut out, removing the limb to which it is attached, if a small one. Keep the knife wet with carbdic acid diluted while making the cits, and apply the same to the cut surfice. In this way the danger of promgating the spores by use of the knife h pruning will be prevented.

CLEARING OLD FENCE CORNES. Wherever an old fence ha stood the land is pretty sure to grow into a hedge of bushes and trees tha unless gotten rid of make the fence an effence. Very often the cost of gettingrid of these encumbrances prevents armers from dispensing with the fence altogether. Where there are many trees in the fence their stumps, ater the trees are disposed of, will revent plowing the land for year, But where the fence row is only filled with bushes, digging them out tithout cutting them down is the best withod. With a team of horses to pull in the top when the root is dug around and partly loosened, it is not a lon job to snake out a large patch of bushes. The land where these are gown is generally rich, as the fence he held the leaves from adjoining fiels from blowing any farther, and it is thir decomposition that has favord the growth of bushes. The reclaining of such fertile land helps to growerons to be made into manure and this enrich the cultivated fields. By taking the fields larger and dispensity with the fences, the cost of cultiveion is greatly reduced. This is an impreent matter in these days of improve farm implements, most of which d their best work when they have platy of room. - American Cultivator.

CURING MEATS.

Probably one reason why so much cured meat is purchased by fariers is that much of the home curing s improperly done. But this need lot be so. In the first place the farmr who proposes to cure his own mess can specially feed the animals so as to start with a really superior met for curing. The work of curing this not difficult nor hard to learn. I only needs a little careful attention to details, and nowhere in life are god results obtained without this attation. In the first place, it must be imembered that meat is not fit for alting until it is entirely free from nimal heat, and yet it should not be lozen, or penetration by the salt will h prevented. For pork cover the bttom of the barrel with salt to the dith of three inches, then pack the stips of pork in circles, the rind facily the staves, but with a deposit of st intervening. Put a layer of salt haveen each layer of pork. When thimid-dlings have been packed in thi way, prepare a brine sufficient to cour the pork, using all that the wai will take up. In other words, make what is called "a saturated solution. "Fring the brine to a boil, skim it and lien it is cold pour it over the pork. Ogood cover is a necessary part of apork | days; total, thirty days. barrel, and the p down so that it with the brine

Trim the h rub them wi blood. Pack pickle consist of salt to a pc each gallon o saltpeter to Bring the pic

pour it over the cold. Hams who let the hams press against each otha as "bone spoil" is then likely to self. before the hams are thorough salted. Those who cure carefully 1 move the hams from one barrel to other as often as twice a week uil the curing is well toward completel. This prevents the taint at the bond

The value of hams, shoulders nd

bacon largely depends upon the smking. Salt-cured hams and shoulers hould be make perfectly cleanind sprinkled with fine black pepper or with equal parts of black and red ; > per, which is preferred by sore. Loops for hanging should be insered in each piece. The smokehouse shold be so arranged as to guard agaist fires, and should have a brick pr earthen floor. Moderate quantitie of meat may be smoked in an inver, d barrel. The fire should be star d with dry stuff and then smothered vih green, hard wood chips, preferally hickory. Sometimes the chips are go dry and they should then be wet. The point to be sought for is a carefuly egulated fire that will not go to had nor make a blaze, and yet will kep smoking all the time. . A very god practice is to use hard, wood sawdut, and fire it in a large iron kettle. This is safe; the sawdust never makes any blaze, and always makes a good volune of smoke. Wet corncobs are used by many with success, but after all, thee is nothing like hickory chips. Wold that gives off a disagreeable odor mut be especially avoided. Slow smoking is preferable to quick, and smoking at intervals of, say, half a day twice a week is preferable to continuous smoking. The longer the smoking is carried on, the better will be the coor and the better the protection against the bacon bug. In smoking in a smokehouse the meat should be changed, that nearest the file moved toward the wall, and that nearest the wall brought toward the centre in order to secure uniformity. In the spring the hams can, if necessary, be sewed up in coarse cloth, whilewashed and packed away in clean hay or straw. - The Indicator.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES Neglecting to salt the cows egularly s often a cause of the butter not com-

Milk to churn easily and mike good butter should not be over thirty-six hours old. Dogs continue to make the sheep

industry very unprofitable importions of Oregon. Did you ever think of it, that a good

apple tree was worth \$50? At any rate, with wise cultivation and good business management of the trop, it will pay eight per cent. dividend on that amount year after year with but few exceptions. Whenever you find yourself able to

do so, buy a pair of Angoras and run them with your flock, if you want real protection from sheep-killing dogs. The dog has a great deal of respect for a billy goat and shows it by giving him a wide berth. In treeless sections the main object

has been to secure tree growth quickly, without much regard to actual value; but no time should be lost in starting trees of greater value, that will actu: ally supersede the box elder, with its bugs, and the short-lived Lombardy. WORDS OF WISDOM.

We have but one instant to live, and we have hopes for years. The winner is he who gives himself

to his work body and soul. Doing good is the only certainly happy action of a man's life.

inspire.

Our happiness in this world depends chiefly on the affection we are able to When the character of a person is discussed, silence, in the good natured,

is censure. There are more fools than sages; and among the sages there is more folly than wisdom.

We must often consider not what the wise will think but what the foolish will say.

The next time you are tempted to buy an article on credit remember the impudent collector who will call on you. One reason why the world gains

knowledge so slowly, is that every child must find out for itself that fire is hot. Be honest. Dishonesty seldom makes

one rich, and when it does riches are a curse. There is no such thing as dishonest success.

It is well to remember when in or out of society that people and fine linen never made a porcine character a fine gentleman.

"The older a man gets," said the corn-fed philosopher, "the harder he finds it to feel sorry for a woman whose pug dog has died.' One of the superstitions that will survive until the end of time is that the

man who does not smile when addressing a female acquaintance is a cross-grained bear. The wife who is meek and patient and forgiving and always meets her husband with a smiling face no matter

how much he makes her cry in secret, gets terribly tiresome. Narrow-minded men who have not a thought beyond the little sphere of their own vision, recall the Hindoo saying. "The snail sees nothing but its own shell, and thinks it the grand-

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est in the universe."

"Around the World in Eighty Days" was a romancer's dream, only a few rears ago. Around the world in thirty days will shortly be a fact. The Trans-Siberian railroad is the

key to the thirty-day problem, and the road will be in operation, it is thought, ý 1900. The best possible connections at

present will enable a traveler to go around the world in seventy-one days. The average time is about one-third more. Perhaps the shortest cut would be this: New York to Southampton; Southampton to Brindisi; by way of the Suez Canal, Red Ses, etc., to Yokohama; Yokohama to San Francisco, and thence over the American continent by rail.

The itinerary over the Trans-Siberian route would be as follows: New York to Bremen, seven days; Bremen to St. Petersburg, one and one-half days; St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, eight and one-half days; Vladivostok to San Francisco, nine days; San Francisco to New York, four in the popular mind as

es. Coal and iron precious metals are and the formation to bandance. The short nough to admit of a is portion of its great of the motives that decorated with brightly-colored lan-

the most gigantic rail-

late region, yet it is

s century. e mean that the new remain in the pickle from four to | railroad Suan over serve as a path for weeks. Care should be taken not a the invader. Other European tracks are standard-gage. The Siberian railroad is several inches wider, and in case of war no other Nation will be able to switch engines and cars onto the tracks, and thus convey troops to the interior .- Youth's Companion.

His "Little Feller." "I happened to be down in my cellar the other morning when the ashman came around to collect the ashes,' said a gentleman who resides in Second avenue. "I was opening a barrel of great red apples at the time, and when the big, dust-covered and necessarily untidy man came back with the empty ash barrel I picked up an apple and held it out toward him, so ring as I did

"Won't you have an apple?" "He took it eagerly, saying as he

did so: "Thank ye, sir; I've a little feller at home who'll be tickled to death to the arrangement; and, with the utmost belief in their own superiority, they felt git it. I most always find something or other in the ash barrels to carry home to 'm at night, but it ain't often I git at heart an inborn contempt—common anything equal to this big apple. I to all Chinese—for "outside barbarians." tell ve the little felter's eyes will shine when he sees it.'

ing within the sacred boundaries of "I don't know how many times that the inhabitants of all the world; and day my thoughts were of that big, rough-handed fellow, with that apple divided into two classes-Eastern and put away so carefully in his pocket for that 'little feller.'

"When evening came I thought of the 'little feller' who was on the lookent for the big, dust covered father, with the calloused and soiled hands, but with the true heart and kindly word that made him a king in the eyes of that 'little feller.'

"It must have been a very poor and humble home to which the man went at the close of his weary day, but then the hour. But one evening we found there was the 'little feller's' presence one in which I sang the last word two to make beautiful even the bare walls measures longer than she did, and and floors and to bring the love light somehow it seemed to hurt her feelto his father's eyes and joy to his father's heart. "These 'little fellers' glorify and

beautify many a home in which poverty abides. But human affections can sweetly and patiently endure toil and rags and poverty when there is a 'little feller' to meet and greet the father when the long day is done."-Detroit Free Press.

The Cat Liked Ether. It is told of a pet cat owned near

Augusta, Me., that, it having manifested symptons of acute agony, a surgeon was called in to attend it, and he decided to administer ether and make an incision in its stomach. He found there a darning needle. Soon after the cat's recovery it had a similar attack, and the doctor, repeating his operation and finding another needle, came to the conclusion that the cat had, like other victims, got under the spell of the ancesthetic, and wanted to have experience with it again. - New York Sun. Singing as an Antidote to Consumption.

It is asserted that singing is a cor-

ractive of the too common tendency to primonic complaints. An eminent physician observes on the subject: The Germans are seldom afflicted with consumption, and this, I believe, is in part occasioned by the strength which their lungs acquire by exercising them in vocial music, for this constitutes an essential branch of their education."

INJURED BY THE BICYCLE.

Heavy Declination in the Value of Hay and Oat Crops.

demand for hay.

Along with the reduction in the mar-

ket price and product of hay, there has

been a similar reduction in the price

000, and this Nem of agricultural pro-

duct is important in Iowa, Illinois, Min-

nesota and Wisconsin. The same

causes which have operated to de-

crease the market price of hay have

operated also to decrease the market

price of oats, and the failing off in both

would no doubt be even greater than

It is but for the increase in the foreign

demand, stimulated by the export of

these products at a price low enough to

In the year 1890 the exportation of

oats in the United States amounted to

900,000 bushels. In 1896 it was 13,-

000,000 bushels, and during the six

months ending on Jan. 1 the American

shipments of oats amounted to 17,-

000,000 bushels, with indications that

the total exportation of American oats

for the fiscal year ending on July 1,

1897, will amount to 30,000,000. There

has been a similar increase in the ex-

portation of American hay to foreign

countries. In 1891 the total exports of

hay were 28,000,000 tons. In 1896 the

volume of exportation had risen to 60,-

000,000 tons, and the American market

for these products is likely to continue

so long as the diminishing demand in

the United States makes it impractica-

ble to sell here profitably all of the hay

There is a homely expression which

declares that when one door shuts an-

other opens, and apparently, the door

which is open to the American farmers

with a surplus stock of unsalable hay

and oats is the door of foreign export.

Meanwhile, the spread and improve-

ment of the bicycle have gone on unin-

terruptedly, and the speed and conven-

ience f transportation on surface cars

have been promoted greatly by the re-

A Chinese New Year's.

keeping holiday, and all was gaiety

The narrow, picturesque streets were

terns, while overhead above the roof

tops, the yellow dragon flags floated

against a blue California sky.

It was a sunny day in February; and

the streets were swarming with a mul-

titude of Chinese-men, women and

children-all arrayed in their richest

holiday attire. The children especially,

with their bright faces and black eyes,

and in their pretty costumes, formed a

most pleasing and interesting feature

Everybody seemed to be happy and

good-natured; and ever and anon, as

and amid much ceremonious bowing

exchanged the compliments of the sea-

son; for this festive occasion was noth-

ing more nor less than the celebration

Day in February may strike some of

my readers as odd. But, since this has

been the Chniese custom from time im-

memorial, and is older, by several

thousands of years, than our accept-ance of the first of January as the pro-

per time, the Chinese, perhaps, are not

far wrong in supposing themselves to

be at least as much in the right as our-

selves. This question, however, was

of no concern to this merry heliday

throng. They were quite satisfied with

This term embraces all nations not liv-

"The Flowery Kingdom," and includes

these unfortunate outsiders are broadly

Why the Music Ceased.

"I used to have a very fair voice," said Mr. Meekton, "but I have given

"That is to be regretted. There is

"Yes; if the conditions are right.

much pleasure to be derived from mu-

My wife and I used to sing duets by

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ings."-Washington Star.

Western barbarians.-St. Nicholas.

up singing."

The idea of celebrating New Year's

group of friends met, they stopped

of this living Oriental picture.

of the Chinese New Year.

Chinatown of San Francisco was

and oats grown.

tirement of horses.

and bustle.

meet foreign competition.

The production of American hay nized that they are a matter of course in medical practice. Indeed, the vicamounted to 65,000,000 tons in 1803, tims have given names to them which 55,000,000 tons in 1894, 47,000,000 tons have been adopted in scientific phrasein 1895, and 43,000,000 tons in 1896. In ology. Bicycle back is a familiar ill, other words, says the New York Sun, and comes of the doubling-up position the production of hav has declined oneabout which so much has been written third in four years, and there has been and said. It is akin to the disease a considerable though not correspouknown as miner's back, which comes upon men who work in mines and are dingly large decline in the market value in a stooped position for many hours of the crop during the four years sucat a time. Telephone ear is a not unceeding 1892. The gross value of the common complaint. It is not an crhay crop that year was \$570,000,000; ganic disease, but purely a nervous last year it was \$370,000,000. New York condition and arises from nervous ranks first among the States in the strain. Almost without exception the trouble ceases with the discontinuance product of hay. of the use of the telephone. Telegraph-This decline in the product and seller's and typewriter's cramp has many ing price of hay is due to several victims. This difficulty is not easily causes. One and perhaps the chief one, gotten over, as in many instances the is the bicycle, which has to a great exmuscles become almost or altogether tent, superseded by the use of horses: useless, and the patient is unable to and another is the substitution of eleccontrol them. It is curable only after a course of scientific treatment. One tricity and cable traction for horse powof the latest complaints is the trolley er on surface railroads. The mileage of foot. The continuous use of the foot these surface roads in all the cities of on the bell causes soreness, inflammathe United States is nearly 15,000, and tion and nervous troubles, and very the use of electricity and steam power many men have left the employ of the has, by gradually reducing the number trolley roads in consequence of this | difficulty. So it is seen that the higher of horses required, reduced also the

Obeying Orders.

thing else in the world.

grades of mechanics bring evils with

them, and that the law of compensation

obtains here as well as in almost every

New Diseases.

to the use of new appliances, and these

have already become so clearly recog-

There are a number of ills incident

but not the production of oats, also extensively used for fodder. The Kind Lady-Ah, if you had only average price of oats per bushel, which done what your mother told you, you was 42 cents in 1890, was 32 cents in might not be in this situation. 1894 and 20 cents in 1895. It is now Convict-I don't know. She told about 18 1-2 cents, a reduction of more me to go out into the world and make than one-half in six years. The oat money. - Detroit Free Press. acreage of the United States is 27,000,-

been notified by their customers in the Spanish West India islands that a war tax of \$2 per thousand on pitch pine

freight \$2 on lumber.

sis.

Two Married Men.

"Why do you insist upon taking your wife out for such long walks in this rough weather?" "The doctor has told her that she

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King's Experience.

What Its Neglect Leads to. Mrs. Chas.

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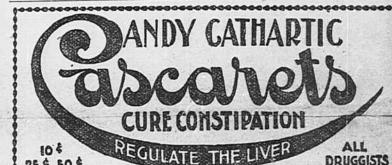
order, just as if it were of no consequence.

Their backs ache and heads throb and burn; they have wandering pains, now here and now there. They experience extreme lassitude, that don't-care and want-to-be-left-alone feeling. excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness and the blues, yet they will go about their work until they can scarcely stand on their poor swollen feet, and do nothing to help themselves. These are the positive fore-runners of serious womb complications, and unless

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away on Mackinac island, at the age

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only surviving witness of the taking of

A Michigan evangelist recently por-

trayed hell as a large hall, at one end

of which a walking match was going

on, while at the other end Bob Inger-

soll was delivering a lecture on "Gene-

The lumber dealers of Florida have

lumber has been made by the govern-

ment. This news will raise the rate of

the island by the British in 1812.