Humorous Department.

A CYCLONE OR TWO.—"Yes," replied the man from Arkansas according to the Detroit Tribune, when asked if he had ever experienced any cyclones in his locality. "I've been through a cyclone or two and I don't hanker after any more."

"Can you give us any particulars about them?" was asked.

"Why, yes, a few. When the last cyclone came along I was out in the field plowing with a four-mewl team. I started to run for cover, but I had not gone more'n four rods when I knew I was astride of the back of one o' them mewls and we were both in a tree top fifty feet above the ground. The handles had been twisted out of the plow and driven through the trunk of the tree, and one of the other mewls was hanging to them by his tail."

"That was a queer thing. And so you were left in a tree top.

"I was."

"And—and—"

"That's all."

"But I want to ask you—"

"I don't care to say anything more."

"But look here," said the questioner, "you were blown into a tree top along with a mule, and——"

"Please don't press me, sir."

"But can't I ask you how you got down."

"Oh, yes, you can ask that and welcome, and I'll answer you that some fellers come along and chopped the tree down. I thought you was going to ask me if the wind blew my hat-band off, and if I ever recovered it ag'in, and that's a question I han't going to answer for nobody."

THE POLITICAL ECONOMIST.—John Mitchell, the labor leader, was discussing an English financier, says the Buffalo Enquirer.

"His ideas of political economy," Mitchell said, "remind me of those of Marshall Saunders of Braidwood.

"Braidwood is an Illinois town, and I passed my boyhood there. Marshall Saunders had a fine apiary. He raised good bees and good honey. It was a pleasure to visit his neat, well-painted city of hives.

"Marshall had an inquiring mind, and he would sometimes ask himself strange questions. One of the questions he continually asked himself was this:

"'Have I any right to rob these bees of their honey?'

And for a long time he could not answer that question to his own satisfaction. Finally, though, he found an answer, I heard him tell it to his friends with pride.

"'I used to feel mean,' he said, 'about robbing the beehives, but after thinking the matter over I see now I'm in the right. If it wasn't for me taking the honey, all of them bees would be out of work the whole of next summer.'"

HIS LONE SAMPLE.—When James T. Brady, the celebrated lawyer of New York, first opened a lawyer's office he took a basement room which had previously been occupied by a cobbler. He was somewhat annoyed, says the writer of "Famous American Jurists," by the previous occupant's callers and irritated by the fact that he had but few of his own.

One day an Irishman entered.

"The cobbler's gone, I see," he said.

"I should think he had!" tartly responded Brady.

"And what do you sell?" asked Paddy, looking at a few law books.

"Blockheads," responded Brady.

"Begorra," said the Irishman, "ye must be doing a mighty fine business. Ye ain't got but one left."

☞ Chaplain E. A. Horton, of the Massachusetts legislature, told a story about a long-winded member of that body. The legislator was delivering a political address in a town not far from Boston, and the village folk gathered in the town hall to hear it.

"He had been speaking quite a while," said Dr. Horton, "when finally an old Scotchman arose and walked out of the hall. At the door one of his countrymen was waiting with his hack to drive the orator to the station.

"'Is he done yet, Sandy?' asked the Scot on the box.

"The old man turned about.

"'Aye,' said he, 'he's done lang ago, but he will na stop.'"

☞ The staff of a certain Brooklyn hospital, according to the New York Sun, has a story too good to keep.

The other evening a young man rushed in asking excitedly for Mrs. Brown.

"Mrs. Brown? Mrs. Brown?" repeated the puzzled official. "We haven't any Mrs. Brown here."

"Why, you must have, for I just got home and found this note from my wife on the table."

The physician took it and read:

"Dear Jack: I'm so sorry not to be here when you get home. I have gone around the corner to have my kimono cut out. Come around when you get home. Alice."

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.—An old woman who entered a country savings bank not long ago was asked whether she wanted to draw or deposit.

"Nayther; Oi want's to put some money in," was the reply.

The clerk entered the amount and pushed the slip toward her to sign.

"Sign on this line, please," he said.

"Above or below it?"

"Just above it."

"Me whole name?"

"Yes."

"Before Oi was married?"

"No; just as it is now."

"Oi can't write."—Harper's Weekly.

AS A BOY.—"This, ladies and gentlemen, is the most remarkable collection of relics in the world," said the lecturer. "Here, for instance, is the skull of Alexander the Great," he announced, impressively, holding up a small skull selected at random from a pile on the table in front of him.

"But I always understood that Alexander the Great was a large man," spoke up a gentleman in the audience.

"Quite so," replied the showman. "What I am showing you is the skull of Alexander the Great when a boy."—Harper's Weekly.

☞ "My dear," Mr. Finnicky said to his wife, "I don't think those pills I have been taking have done me much good."

"Why, you haven't taken any for three weeks."

"Yes, I have. I've swallowed one three times a day, as directed."

"You have? Then why is it that there are as many left in the box as there were three weeks ago? What box have you been taking them from?"

"This one—marked for me."

"Dear me, John! That is my shoe button box."

Miscellaneous Reading.

IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.

News and Comment Clipped From Neighboring Exchanges.

CHESTER.

Lantern, June 23: Mr. S. M. Jones received a telegram Tuesday telling of the death of Mr. Moses Strauss in Baltimore that morning. He left on the S. A. L. evening train for Baltimore to attend the funeral.....Mrs. Hattie Wilks Anderson, widow of the late Thomas Anderson, died at her home at Lowryville, Tuesday, June 20, 1905, of cancer of the stomach, aged 58 years. Her daughter-in-law, who was Miss Florence Guy, and two little grandchildren, who lived with her, mourn her death. The funeral was at the home Wednesday conducted by Rev. A. H. Atkins and the burial at Zion cemetery. .....Marie, one of the two-year-old twin daughters of Mrs. Ed Deaton died at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, June 23, at the Springstein mills of some brain affection. The burial was at Evergreen cemetery this morning after funeral services at the home conducted by Rev. James Russell.....Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fletcher passed through on the S. A. L. yesterday morning on their way to Knoxville, Tenn., for a short bridal trip. They are expected to return to this city Tuesday evening.

LANCASTER.

Ledger, June 24: At the home of Mrs. Jane Edwards, the mother of the bride, on Wednesday afternoon last, June 21, Mr. E. Gilbert Lazenby and Mrs. Nannie E. Roddey were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. R. E. Turnipseed, pastor of the Methodist church at this place, officiating. Only a few relatives of the bride were present. Immediately after the ceremony the happy groom and bride were driven to the L. & C. depot, taking the afternoon train for Bedford City, Va., the home of the groom's parents, where they will spend about two weeks before returning home. Mr. Lazenby is an assistant in the offices of the L. M. Co., and is an excellent young man. His bride is a most estimable lady. Both are popular, and have many friends here....Mr. Emanuel Gibbes, who was shot in a difficulty with his brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Boone, at the latter's home, on the West Plantation just across the line in Kershaw county, about two weeks ago, died from the effect of his wound in his side. Boone surrendered to Sheriff Hunter at this place and was turned over to Sheriff Trantham of Kershaw county and lodged in jail at Camden last Tuesday..... .We regret to learn that Rev. J. M. Pardue of the Zion church neighborhood, was stricken with paralysis Thursday morning. Dr. R. G. Elliott was summoned and is attending him. He was thought to be doing very well Thursday afternoon, but yesterday afternoon his condition was considered worse. The whole of his left side is affected.....The deepest sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fleming of Elgin, in their sad bereavement of last Wednesday. About 1 a. m., the death angel bore away the sweet spirit of their little daughter, Lula, aged about six years, and ere her little body had been laid to rest that afternoon in St. Luke churchyard, their little son, James, aged about six months, was also taken from them. Both children died of dysentery, which seems to be epidemic in the neighborhood and is quite fatal among children. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harper having recently lost two children of the same disease. The interment of little James took place Thursday at St. Luke churchyard by the side of his little sister buried the day before.

CHEROKEE.

Gaffney Ledger, June 23: At a meeting held Tuesday in Dr. J. F. Garrett's office, secretary of the board of trustees of the Gaffney graded schools Prof. W. Claude McArthur was elected superintendent of the schools, and Miss Nannie Cora Richardson assistant. There were several applicants for the office of superintendent, one being from Alabama. Prof. McArthur is a model young man, and his high character and fine mental training well fit him for the duties of his responsible position. Miss Richardson has had long experience in teaching and will make a competent instructor in the school.....Court will meet in Gaffney Monday, the 25th, with Judge D. A. Townsend as presiding judge. There are two murder cases to be tried, and quite a number of minor cases; and the civil docket is full, as usual..... Wednesday afternoon the spacious and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sam Lipscomb at Asbury, was a scene of life and gayety and pleasure the occasion being the marriage of their eldest daughter, Miss Agnes, to Mr. Robert L. McGhee of Greenville. Over a hundred invited guests from this and other cities were present to witness the ceremony, which was performed in a solemn and impressive manner by Rev. Dr. Cody, pastor of the Baptist church of Greenville. After the nuptial rites had been solemnized, a reception was given the bridal party and guests at which light refreshments were served in a sumptuous manner, and hearty congratulations were showered upon the newly wedded couple. The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sam Lipscomb and she made a handsome picture in an elegant gown of white chiffon over white taffeta, with a long bridal veil and orange blossoms, the veil being caught by a splendid diamond brooch, a gift of the groom. The groom is a prominent business man of Greenville, being cashier of the City National Bank of that city. He was clothed in the usual black. The attendants were Miss Lena Lipscomb, sister of the bride, and Mr. John McGhee, brother of the groom. After the festivities were over Mr. and Mrs. McGhee came to Gaffney and boarded the northbound vestibule for a trip through the north, probably extending to Canada. They expect to be away about two weeks and will then return to Greenville, where they will reside.

GASTON.

Gastonia Gazette, June 23: The critical illness of Mrs. J. B. Meacham is still a cause of apprehension to her family and friends. There has been no improvement in her condition....Little Caroline, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holland, is quite ill. She suffered something like a stroke of paralysis Tuesday night.... ....The operation on Mr. Lowry Falls for appendicitis was performed Wednesday morning with successful results so far. Dr. Lindsay was with him and returned Wednesday night, leaving the patient in good condition. Mrs. John Anthony also was getting along well.....The condition of Miss Clara Babington, sister of Mr. R. B. Babington, was extremely critical yesterday. She has typhoid fever at St. Peters hospital in Charlotte.....Clifford Judson, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Huss, died yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at their home at the Loray. He was three years old the 26th of April. About five weeks ago the little boy contracted whooping cough, which, with bronchitis, caused his death. He had been seriously ill since last Saturday. At half past nine this morning the funeral services will be conducted at the home by Rev. E. L. Bain, and concluded at the grave in the city cemetery.....Miss Mattie Stanton, daughter of the late David Stanton, will on next Wednesday become Mrs. H. F. Glenn. The marriage ceremony will be performed at the bride's home by Rev. W. B. Arrowood. Owing to the recent death of the bride's father the ceremony will be simple and the marriage a quiet one. Mr. Robert Adams and Mr. Hardaway Stowe will attend from Gastonia. The bride and groom will take train No. 35 Wednesday night for Asheville where they will spend a week or ten days, after which they will return to Gastonia and board at Mr. F. T. Pegram's. The groom is county physician of Gaston county and is one of the most promising young physicians in the state. The bride is well known in Gastonia and York county as one of the most amiable, accomplished, and popular young ladies who ever graced any community.

A POLITE SALESMAN.

How He Struck It Rich With a Shabby Looking Customer.

A friend of the late Charles Lockhart, Standard Oil magnate, relating some of the deceased millionaire's eccentricities, told the following story:

Something happened to him in New York which would make a plot for a Sunday school book if the same plot hadn't happened so often in Sunday school books that it is getting trite.

There was a new silverware and jewelry establishment struggling along in New York. Not a small shop, you understand, but a big concern which was not yet recognized as a leader in fashionable trade. One very hot summer afternoon a tall, sad and rather ill dressed old man entered the shop and said he wanted to buy a wedding present.

Now, it was a hot day, and the clerks were tired and irritated, and the stranger looked like a visitor from the remote farming district with about $1.49 to spend. He passed from counter to counter pricing things.

The clerks were not at all cordial. At last, down at the end of the silverware department, he bumped into a young fellow, a new man in the shop. This clerk was trying to make good; also, to do the situation justice, he hadn't been there long enough to know the difference between a promising customer and an unpromising one.

The old man went higher and higher in the examination of silverware. He got to pricing full sets of silver plate. After the young clerk had run through the list he said:

"Is that the best you've got?"

The young clerk remembered then that the firm had begun the manufacture of a specially designed, extra heavy set of plate for a rich New York family. The order had been canceled, but some of the pieces had been finished for show. He trotted out that set.

The old man figured out on the back of an envelope every frill which could be added to a set of silver plate, shoved his list at the clerk and asked how much it would cost. The clerk consulted the manager and answered that it would be fifty thousand and some odd dollars and cents.

"All right, have it made for me," said the old man.

"How much do you want to deposit?" asked the clerk.

"Oh," said the customer, "I'll pay the whole thing and get it off my mind." So he drew a check for the amount.

The clerk didn't recognize the signature—he'd never heard of Charles Lockhart—so he took it to the manager and asked if the latter thought it was good.

"Good for a thousand times $50,000," said the manager.

Lockhart came back to that store in the Christmas season that year. The clerks knew him that time, for the $50,000 purchase had become a tradition of the store. He went past them all, though, and asked for the clerk who had sold him the silver plate. When he found his man, Lockhart bought $30,000 worth of Christmas presents.

This story ends the way it ought to end for the Sunday school library. The clerk with an $80,000 customer on his string attracted the attention of the firm, and now he's a big man in the silverware business.

Sounds like a chapter from "Thrift," by Samuel Smiles, doesn't it?—Keystone.

FULL OF RESOURCE.

A Story of Jean Bart, An Old Time French Naval Officer.

Jean Bart, a French naval commander of the last part of the seventeenth century, was at one time ordered to convey the Prince de Conti, a candidate for the throne of Poland, to Dantzic, a voyage fraught with danger, as his vessel must pass through the waters where were cruising the hostile fleets of the English and Dutch. During the passage the little squadron was chased by the enemy, and Bart, as soon as they were reported, called his little son to him and gave him whispered instructions. The pursuit continued for eight hours, and at the end of that time the enemy was no longer in sight. Then Bart went down into the cabin, where the prince had been sitting in ignorance of the day's excitement.

"You've had a narrow escape, monseigneur," said he.

"What do you mean?" asked the prince.

"Why," answered Bart, "that we've been chased by three eight-gun ships and nine frigates. We've run them out of sight, and there's nothing to fear."

"But, M. Bart, if they had taken us?"

"Oh, monseigneur, that was quite impossible."

"Eh! What? Why impossible?"

"Because," answered Bart, "I had stationed my brave son, my Cornil, in the gunroom with a lighted match and strict orders to put it into the powder if we should be overpowered."

"What!" cried the prince. "You would never have done such a thing?"

"Certainly I would have done it," said Bart. "It shall never be said that I allowed you to be taken when the king ordered me to take care that you were not."

Perhaps the prince himself might have preferred prosaic surrender to the doubtful glory of being blown up.

Timely Fashion Tips.

FOR THE LADIES.

Helpful Hints on What to Wear and How to Wear It.

—Deep ocher laces are exceedingly modish.

—Sun bonnets, to keep off sunburn, and, incidentally, to look very becoming, are proving mighty popular.

—With the picture hat the hair is dressed in a way that almost rivals the exaggerated fashion of the curls and puffs of a bygone age.

—One of the prettiest finishing touches to an embroidered linen suit is an embroidered linen belt. Those with the hem on each side are more attractive than the others, with a scallop on both sides.

—Those very small hats are giving way to larger and more generally becoming shapes, and most of the newest models are distinctly on more generous proportions than the styles that prevailed a month ago.

—Silk shirt waist suits continue to hold their popularity. White Japanese silk makes a very dainty and attractive little shirtwaist suit, and accompanied with white shoes, is as charming a costume as any girl could wish.

—Pearl beads are very popular for neckwear, and chains of pearl beads for fan, watches, lorgnette, etc, are almost universally worn. Single strands for the neck are preferred to double or triple, though the latter are seen occasionally.

—White serge coats, made three-quarter length, loose fitting, have collars and cuffs of velvet. Blue is the most popular color for these collars and cuffs, all shades of blue being used, with the favorite an indescribable one, neither blue nor gray-blue, but just between the two.

—It looks as though plenty of color would be worn this summer. Pale shades of pink, blue and violet come in batiste and handkerchief linen. But all-white will lead. White and white touched with gold are great favorites for evening gowns—the gold introduced in the subtlest of ways.

—The prettiest stocks are made with little frills that spread out at the base of the collar like a tiny yoke. Most of the frills are of plaitings, with an occasional one that is flared out by curiously shaped bits of some sheer material. Occasionally the severity of the stiff collar is softened with a narrow band of velvet, finished with some light steel chains in front, fastened round the top.

—The lining of cheap frocks should be carefully considered, and it is an economical plan to have one soft silk lining, which, in these days, when lining silks are sold at such wonderfully low prices, is perfectly possible even for a woman of small means. If there is but one silk lining possible, then it would better be made of white. Any color can be put over white, whereas if pink or blue be chosen, the color of the gown itself must always be carefully considered.

—Silk gloves in mousquetaire styles are new and are being received very favorably. Like shoes and stockings, they come in every color, Alice blue and lavender being the most striking shades, and gray, trimmed with little pipings and with stitchings of red. Lace mitts come in colors. There's no end to lace possibilities, now that dyeing has been resorted to. New lace mitts are shapeller than ever. The short thumb is well shaped and built well into the mitt, instead of being nothing more than a catching together of edges into a loop.

—The all-over embroideries with flouncings to match make most beautiful gowns, while the short fancy bolero jackets and the return to the double skirt give the up-to-date touch that is so necessary to show the change of style since last season. In white and in light tan and batiste color are many examples of this elaborate style of dress, while in the silk voile, than which there is no more exquisite thin fabric, the same models are carried out. Using different linings makes a lot of variety in these embroidered gowns, for the effect is quite different with each color.

—Linen skirts, and more especially those of short walking length, are everywhere, either worn with waists to match, making up fascinating shirt waist suits, or with the lingerie blouses that everybody adores. Seven and nine gore skirts share honors, and some circular skirts are even made in a new, mysterious way that is said not to stretch them out of shape. The most satisfactory kind, if it is to be laundered often (and there's no comfort in summer clothes unless they go into the tub at the slightest provocation), is plain, with the seams stitched flat about half an inch from the first stitching and the hem simply turned up and stitched.

—The new fashion of the chemisette is one of the prettiest and most practical fashions we have had for years. Waists of simple or elaborate gowns may be made with the neck finished low, and different chemisettes may be worn with the one waist. For those who do not happen to know, it should be explained that the chemisette is merely a standing collar and deep yoke, at back and front, of embroidery, lace, or tucking. A piece of muslin may be continued to the waist-line to pin this down, or it may be pinned to the underwaist and it will stay in place. It is unlined and is cool and comfortable, and always fresh and clean without the trouble or expense of cleaning the whole gown. With these chemisettes and the adjustable pique collars and cuffs, and also the linen sets with embroidery, there is no reason why every woman should not look fresh and smart every day this summer.

—There really seems to be no end to the wonderfully pretty stocks seen this season. Many of the daintiest waist accessories come in sets, stocks, cuffs, and girdle all matching. This is a clever idea, for a perfect transformation can often be made by adding a tasteful stock and cuffs to a simple, dark waist. A very dainty set was made of an exquisite shade of light blue, overlaid with the same shade of chiffon. Upon this were scattered at intervals tiny forget-me-nots made of beads. Small blue beads were used for the flower, the centre being composed of a yellow or gilt bead, and the tiny stems and leaf of pale green beads. A little pleated frill of the chiffon was added to the stock and at the tops of the cuffs. An unusual and pretty effect is given on some imported fancy stocks by the use of triple rows of tiny artificial flowers at the top. On one white stock the flower used was the very small French forget-me-not sewed on very closely and as flat as possible. Another of pearl gray was edged with wee rosebuds, the pink just showing through their sheaths of delicate green.

GRIDIRONING ASIA.

Great Railways That Are Girdling the Eastern World.

Mr. Balfour, in the house of commons, emphasized the importance of British railway extension in Asia. He seemed to assume temporarily that Russia would drive Japan eventually from the sea in the far East, and would then resume her march southward in central Asia.

He pointed out that the Russian strategic railways had been pushed almost to the Afghan frontier, and intimated that railway construction in Asia was to play almost as conspicuous a part in future wars in the east as the building of fleets.

Whether this is true or not, certainly the gridironing of Asia with railways is one of the most surprising developments of the last fifteen years. In railway building in Asia, Russia of course has taken the lead. The whole of the Trans-Siberian line (4,000 miles in Asia) has been constructed since 1891. The Trans-Caspian line from Krosnovodsk on the Caspian has been extended 1,355 miles by way of Merv, Bokhara, and Samarcand to Tashkend and Andjan on the Kashgar frontier. A branch line extends from Merv southward toward Herat, and another line extends from Tashkend a thousand miles to Orenburg. A line is projected from Merv southward through Persia to Bushire, on the Persian Gulf, to be joined at Teheran or Ispahan by a line from Baku, on the west coast of the Caspian.

Still another line has been projected from European Russia to run north of the Caspian to Bokhara or Merv. If Russia is driven from Manchuria it is proposed to construct a new Siberian line from Stretensk down the Amoor valley by way of Khabarofsk to Vladivostok, and another southward from Lake Baikal to Peking.

Against those Russian strategic lines, which reach toward the Indian frontier, England has extended the Indian railway system northward toward the Russian frontier. There are now 26,000 miles of railway in India, Bombay having connection by way of Delhi with Peshawar on the northern frontier and through the Indus lines with Quetah in Beloochistan and Kandahar in Afghanistan. It is proposed to extend the Kandahar railway to Herat, and to build a road from Quetah to Ispahan in Persia.

Meantime German capitalists, under concessions obtained by the German government, are constructing railways from Smyrna and Constantinople through Asia Minor to the Persian Gulf. Turkey is constructing important railway lines in Arabia and Syria, and China has a railway system independent of the Manchurian roads, comprising a mileage of 2,800 completed and under construction. Dutch India has 1,385 miles of railroad; Cochin China and Tonquin (French) 1,033 miles; Japan, 4,116 miles; Siam, 300 miles; Ceylon, 562 miles. The total for Asia is 75,491 miles of railroad. Included are 37,287 miles under Russian control, and 26,000 under English control.

The Siberian railway is important as a military road, but it was constructed with commercial development in mind. It crosses all the great rivers flowing north through Siberia near the head of navigation, thus affording an outlet for all the valleys. It constitutes the shortest route from European capitals to Asiatic trade centres, and it will command the trade of Siberia and Northern China.

The Trans-Caspian railroad system has great strategic value in case of war, but it was constructed to command the trade of Central Asia—to reach the old trade routes through Kashgar, Samarcand and Merv. If peace should prevail for twenty-five years Merv would become the midway station between Calcutta and the Black Sea, the German railway through Asia Minor would restore the old prestige to the Euphrates valley, and the Trans-Siberian railway would bring a wonderful development to all Northern Asia.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

GERMAN HUMOR.

Too Much Like Work to Be a Joke.

A German was praising German humor, says the Philadelphia Bulletin.

"I will describe a joke," he said, "that the students are continually playing in my country. You know those underground, cool rooms—cellars, rathskellers—where Germans go at night to drink beer and converse and hear music? Well, in such cellars there is always an abundance of beautiful mugs to sell, and it is a common thing for a gentleman, after he has spent a subterranean evening, to buy a mug and take it home with him. When he does this the boss always gives him a receipt.

"Now comes the joke. Late at night there walks out of a rathskeller a young man. The policeman on the corner approaches him quietly, for he has something concealed in the breast of his coat. The coat is buttoned over something bulky.

"'Friend,' says the policeman, 'excuse me.'

"The young man gives a guilty start.

"'Friend,' the policeman continues, 'you have just come out of the rathskeller, and you have something concealed there in your breast. Your coat is buttoned over it. What it is I don't know, but it looks to me as if it might be a stein. I'll have to see it.'

"The young man is scared, and he doesn't want to open his coat. The policeman insists, though, and he has to do it. Sure enough, he has been walking off with a stein.

"The policeman begins. 'I'll have to arrest'— but the man says, 'Oh, hold on: I didn't steal this stein. I bought it.'

"'If you bought it,' says the policeman, 'show your receipt.' But the young man can't find his receipt, search his pockets as he will. So off he is marched to the police station, and there he makes a great protestation to the assembled officials.

"'Here I,' he says, 'was going peaceably home from the rathskeller with a stein I had bought, when this policeman comes up and arrests me for a thief, notwithstanding everything I can say in my defense. It is not right, in a free country like Germany, to treat a man so.'

"The captain at the desk sneers.

"'If you are innocent,' he says, 'if you didn't steal this stein, show your receipt.'

"The young man takes out his receipt and exhibits it quietly. It is correct, authentic, beyond a shadow of a doubt. And so the captain at the desk has to apologize for the false arrest, and the policeman has to be reprimanded. The joker takes his stein and goes away. His joke has succeeded well. German humor, believe me, is the best in the world."

GLASSWARE

A gentleman said in my store a few days ago after looking over my Glassware stock:

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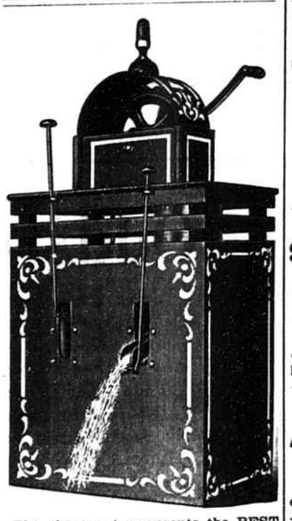

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