Much public interest has been excited throughout the country by the announcement that the patent for one of the important features of the Bell telephone was about to expire. A search of the records of the patent office disclosed the facts that the patent granted to Alexander Graham Bell, March 7 1876, expired on Tues-day. This patent covers broadly the art of "transferring to, or impressing upon a continuous current of electricity in a close circuit, by gradually changing its intensity, the vibrations of air produced by the human voice in articulate speech, in a way to cause the speech to be carried to and received by a listener at a distance on

Letters patent to Prof. Bell, granted Jan. 30, 1877 will expire January effective for misses or young ladies' 30, 1894. The supreme court has in this patent sustained claims for a sounding box, for a speaking tube or a mouth piece, ; and for a metallic diaphragm, broadly. These details are so fundamental that a commercial without them.

The foreign patent to Bell covers a 15, 1877, so that the United States among stylish combinations. patent to Bell of 1876 would not be limited by this foreign patent, because the invention had not been "previously patented," within the meaning of the statute, prior to the 1876 foreign pat-

The patent to Hunnings in England of Sept. 30, 1878, expired Sept. 30, 1892, This patent covers a microphone, with a comminuted or powdered electrode. While it may be true that the patents in this country yet it is not to be ovelooked that a not be overlooked that a patent was issued May 3, 1892, to T. A. Edison for a microphone with a high resistance electrode, broadly. It covers a species of the genus covered by the Berliner patent It is to be presumed that the Edison and Berliner patents are valid patents until a court of competent jurisdiction has declared the same invalid. The foreign patent on the invention covered by the Edison patent has expired under such circumstances that it may fairly be said to be doubtful whether the latter be a valid patent. It is well known that a suit has recently been brought in the United States circuit court of the district of Massachusetts to annul the Berliner

Assuming that the Edison and Berliner patents are valid patents in law. of one color, and quite as often variit is clear that, notwithstanding the ous tints are combined. The revival fact that the invention covered by the Hunnings patent may be public for middle-aged persons, and large, Philadelphia, 849 Broadway, New property in this country, yet if any one not authorized should use it, he might be held to be an infringer of the Berliner patent.

The patents covering so-called "Blake transmitter" expire shortly. They cover, briefly stated, pendulous electrodes, diaphragms held in place by a spring, and mufflers acting as diaphragms.

It is a fair conclusion to reach therefore, in view of the present state of the said patents relating to tele-phones, &c., owned by the Bell Telephone company, that there seems to be no good reason why, after Jan. 30, 1894, a telephone having a magnetic transmitter should not be put upon the market without danger of infringing other patents. This at least is the opinion expressed by the chief officials of the patent office.

As to central exchanges, it may fairly be asserted that a primitive but serviceable exchange may be used without infringing any patents (of which there are many), because, possibly, anticipating telegraph switch ooards. Until a court of competent jurisdiction has passed upon the various questions involved, it is not safe to go further than is above stated.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

#### New York Fashions.

SPRING MATERIALS: THE BASKET WEAVE DOTTED CHALLIES: COTTON FABRIC MILLINERY: COLORS.

Spring fabrics as yet present very "basket weave," which appears in selfin stylish light hues are simple, yet evening dresses, and comparatively inexpensive; all varieties retailing at 60 cents per yard.

NARROW STRIPES.

remain in favor, and varied cominstrument could hardly be constructed binations of size and color are noticeable in new wool stuffs; also strewn with the tiny contrasting dots receiver, and was filed December 9, above mentioned. Shot materials are 1876, and expired December 9, 1899. also very stylish, purple and green, It did not become a patent until May tan and green, or rose and green, are

COTTON FABRICS

are often limitations of high priced wools, cotton velours being an excellent production of Velours Russe, English sateens show designs similar to those employed in rich silks. Cotton Bedford cord with raised dots between the cord is very attractive, and crape finished, dark hued cottons, strewn with small single flowers, such as daisies or pansies, make more useon such a microphone have expired, ful summer costumes than those having light colored grounds. Silk strippatent has recently been issued to ed ginghams are very stylish, showing Emile Berliner which covers a micro-pale tinted surface, crossed by coned ginghams are very stylish, showing phone broadly—that is, a contact tele-phone depending upon pressure be-tween the electrodes. It also must lord & Taylor, is particularly handsome and well selected,

THE PREVALENCE OF LIGHT COLORS

in hats is even greater than that of last season, nevertheless a certain proportion of black, especially black lace, will always remain in vogue. Misses and children's hats are larger than ever. If desired thay may be loaded down with four or five materials and as many colors. The "Empire" hat is the newest shape for young ladies, the large crown fitting closely at the back and over the ears, with a high, long poke at the front. It comes in plain straw throughout, or edged twith a rough, color or lace straw-braid, cloth of which will be used as edgings on ribbon, loops as well, or forming entire hats, sometimes round shapes also, which when liberally trimmed with ostrich tips, present a very handsome appearance. Crowns are pointed, flat, large and small, brims curved or plain; a genuine novelty, however, is the introduction of face trimmings, usually a becoming Grasses of all descriptins, clusters of moss rose buds, violets, ribbon, the time to take it.
straw-braid, black or white lace, ostrich tips, jet, and iridescent or Rhine stone buckles are stylish trim-

GREEN AND PURPLE

are leading colors, and in compensation for the partial disappearance of gray, many grayish greens of blues have been introduced. Purple ranges from pinkish heliotrope to Eminence Purple, combined with green, rose tints, brownish hues, and various light shades. Tan is still in vogue and largely used with green, yellow or blue. Yellow and black are almost a necessity for elderly persons, and it is also used with fine effect on hats intended for youthful especially the canary shades.

VERONA CLARKE.

The Lehigh Valley Lease.

Among the cases set down for a hearing before the Supreme Court this week is the appeal of Mathias Arnot from the decision rendered by Judge Metzger, of the Lycoming County Court recently, in the case testing the legality of the lease effected by the Reading Company with the Lehigh Valley system. The master in the case first decided that the lines were not "parallelling and competing," and rendered judgment in favor of the Reading Company. The case was then carried to the Lycoming County Court and Judge Metzgar sustained every point made by the master. Mr. Arnot's counsel then gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court. Reading officials say they are not at all apprehensive as to the final results.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Spring Novelties for Ladies.

Novelties innumerable greet the shopper this season at every step of her journeyings from shop to salon, from bazaar to emporium. Never was the variety greater or the materials little that is really novel, except the more beautiful in texture, colorings and device. The woolen textiles of colored wools of both standard and to day-if one confine her attention new shade, plaids and also in ribbons. to them alone—have reached such a These "basket weave" wools make degree of rich beauty that it would be very desirable costumes for early an easy matter to design an entire spring, rivalling the loosely woven outfit, or indeed, a whole trousseau Cheivots, or 'whip-cord' stuffs; are with them. Among other elegant forty-six inches wide and \$1.25 per fabrics are grenadine rayee, and miroir yard. A very small silk and wool ombre, cameleon and nacre velvet to check, called "Shepherd check," is use in combination with handsome very serviceable, and a smooth silk or wool tissues. Bengaline finished Cheviot, powdered with pin oudine is very effective. Eglantine head dots in contrast, is suitable for royale is another handsome textile, afternoon also, thus possessing a great advantage over the ordinary Cheviot. Cheviot challies, very light weight, all wool fabrics, come in dark, pluin ordinary cheviot. Oriental dyes also are noted in many chades in accordance to the control of these fabrics are noted in many chades in accordance to the control of these fabrics are noted in many chades in accordance to the control of these fabrics are noted in many chades in accordance to the control of the control the line of the current." Briefly stated, the situations as to the Bell patent are these.

Letters patent to Prof. Bell grant.

Wood labries, come in dark, prun of these fabriae, the gay mixture catching the eye of the shopper at general wear. Crape finished challies once. Indeed one would lose her way in this labyrinth of novelties unless she possesses a reliable guide. The McDowell Fashion Journals are precisaly a sure companion, for they contain the best and the most practical information. "La Mode de Paris" and "Paris Album of Fashions" are unique in taste and style, and cost \$3.50 a year, or 35 cts a copy. "The French Dressmaker," \$3.00 per annum, or 30 cents a copy, ought to please every practical dressmaker. They contain beside invaluable lessons on dressmaking. "La Mode," which is intended to find its place in every home, is only \$1,50 per annum or 15 cents a copy. If you do not find them at your newsdealer you can be supplied with them by applying directly to Messrs. A. McDowell & Co., 4 West 24th Street, Ney York,

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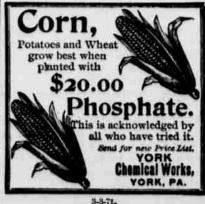
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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning March 10. Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle. Topic.-Temperance. Prov. xxiii, 15-23.

The proverbs of Solomon are full of instruction and wisdom. It is not without reason that they are so. God gave him wisdom. His position was such as to give him personal experience in all the vanities of life. He was also, as we learn from his writings, a close observer of men. Guided by these three sources of wisdom, in terse, pointed sentences he constantly lifts his voice against the injurious and evil practices of men, and among them intemperance. In the reference of our topic we see what we may call three warnings in reference to in-

temperance:
1. Solomon warms against the charms of evil, verse 17, "Let not thine heart envy sinners." There is something about sin and sinners that fascinates specially the youthful and inexperienced. It was this that caused the downfall of our first parents. A fatal look, a fatal desire, a fatal action, and humanity was ruined. Intemperance particularly, as seen in its best light, presents these fascinations. The brilliant saloon, the quiet wine party, with their associations of apparent freedom, of good cheer and joviality, have their attractions. But we must not envy sin and sinners. The look of desire may lead to false action, and in the end ruin. To see sin in its true light we must look beyond its glitter and glare. In its hideous forms of disease and death it is not enviable. That these may not come to us let us envy it not even in its most desirable forms.

2. Solomon warns against the association of evil, verse 20, "Be not among wine bibbers." Great danger lies in evil associations. "Evil communications corrupt good manners." No one can come in contact with evil without being contaminated to some extent. To look upon evil, to touch it, is contaminating. The only safe course is to "avoid the very ap-pearance of evil," to shun evil compan-ions, to studiously avoid all places and associations of evil. That which in itself may not be evil, but which is associated with evil or which leads to it, must also be avoided. The true course of temperance calls upon us to shun the association of the intemperate, all places of in-temperance, all things associated with it and all things whose tendency is to lead to it.

3. Solomon warms against the results of evil, verse 21, "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty."

Who has not see the terrible results of all sins, and especially the sin of drink?
The pathway of life is strewn with
wrecked bodies, minds, homes, hopes—
all caused by the accursed influence of drink. Let the young, therefore, be warned against it. Look upon it in its last results rather than its first appearances. "In the end it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." In total abstinence alone lies true safety

from the awful results of intemperance. Bible References-Deut. xxi, 20, 21; Prov. vi, 27; xx, 1; xxiii, 29, 30; Isa. xxviii, 8; Dan. i, 8; Joel i, 5, 6; Amos vi, 6, 7; Math. xxiv, 49-51; Luke i, 15; xxi, 8, 4; Rom. xiii, 13; xiv, 21; I Cor. v, 11;

vi, 10; Eph. v, 18; Gal. v, 21.

Junior Endeavorers. Mr. Sizer, state secretary of Washington, tells of a junior society that is raising money to erect a drinking fountain in front of its church. This will be a living and permanent temperance sermon. Why should not every church preach in this way, and why may not every junior society take up such a beautiful task?

The Young People's Standard suggests that one of the following verses be re-peated in concert by the children while the missionary offering is being collected:

I am but a penny in a little hand.
Can I bear the glad tidings over all the land?
Yes, if love goes with me, then shall I be blessed, For God's love is promised unto all the rest,

Dropping, dropping, dropping! Hear us fall?
Crowding in the mite chests offerings great
and small.
Surely God will bless as we gently fall;
Many prayers rise upward, for His help they

call,
Till we form together such a mighty band
As to bear salvation over all the land.

The Endeavor Army Marching to Victory. The work of redemption is purifying and perfecting, and when at last the work is done it is the world of Christyour world, my world-human society redeemed, transformed, the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. It is because young men and young women all over this country have seen this vision of a Christ in themselves, of a Christ in their fellows, and of a Christ in society, because clearly or not clearly, consciously or un-consciously, they do know that they are the sons of God and their fellow men are the sons of God, and because they desire to work out in themselves and others likeness to Christ, it is for this they have risen up with a great enthusiasm, and are marching forth, I believe, to a great victory.—Lyman Abbott, D. D.

From Over the Ocean.

Of the 139 missionary societies represented at the general conference of Protestant foreign missions in London in 1888, while only 18 represented all other races, 121 represented the Anglo-Saxon

Rev. Andrew Mearns, so widely known as a worker in "Outcast London," re-cently stated that there were in that metropolis nearly 6,000,000 of people, and that there is need today of 160 more places of worship with an aggregate

seating capacity of 1,600,000. At the last annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible society one of the speakers, referring to the 4,600,000 copies, in whole or in part, of the word of God issued by the society in one year, said: "Suppose these could be printed in Chinese and distributed on Chinese soil. Before the task could be accomplished of placing one copy in the hands of eacl of China's \$80,000,000 95 years would have rolled by and three generations of mortal men would have passed away."