

THE WORLD OF LABOR.

There are paper coffins. Paper matches gain favor. There's a hominy combine. America has 38,000,000 sheep. Switzerland has 7600 hotels. A fireworks trust is announced. The States contain 9533 sailors. India has 1900 miles of railway. Vienna has a pavement of cork. Georgia is shipping watermelons. Fresno boasts a 447-pound potato. Indiana has six tinplate factories. United States are worth \$64,120,000,000. At Transvaal gold fields beer is \$1 a bottle. Queen Victoria has \$2,000,000 in rare china. Tasmania apples are six pence per pound. An Indiana orchard has 550 varieties of apples. Typewriting machines have lessened the demand for steel pens. The charge for residence telephones at Newton, Kan., is \$15 a year. A French railway company has ordered clocks to be placed on the outside of every locomotive. A new industry in the distillation of sweet potatoes for alcohol and whisky has been opened up in the South. Above Lyons the Rhone is to be dammed so as to obtain the water power needed to provide Lyons with electricity. In 1830 the whole tonnage of the British Empire reached 2,600,000. To-day the tonnage register is over 6,000,000 of steam and nearly 5,000,000 of sailing. The scarcity of ivory has set inventive wits at work, and now in Sweden hollow balls of cast steel are found to be a satisfactory substitute for ivory billiard balls. Spain is very rich in all kinds of metals used in manufactures, especially iron, copper, tin, quicksilver and lead, and in 1895 she exported them to the amount of \$13,000,000. The Chicago drainage canal will be a free ship canal for boats drawing up to 22 feet. The cost when completed will be about \$27,303,216. It extends from the lakes to the Mississippi River. During the recent troubles in Johannesburg, one of the first acts of the officials was to close every saloon, compensate the owners for their stock, and then destroy the liquor by pouring it on the ground. The Philadelphia Textile School has been brought to such a state of perfection that the pupils are now making goods, such as cassimeres, beavers, meltons and tricots, from the raw material to the finished fabric.—Wade's Fibre and Fabric. Martin Quinn, driver for a steam laundry of Portland, through a split in the Republican party, which could not but mean ruin and defeat, leaps from the obscurity of an \$11 a week job, handling soiled linen, to the proud eminence of representing the State of Oregon at the capital of the nation. The Japanese workman's tools are most primitive affairs. The saw, for instance, is simply a sheet of steel about eight inches square roughly notched with teeth. This is set into a handle measuring as a rule, about two feet in length. With this clumsy instrument, however, he is able to accomplish an immense amount of work. "Men are now living," says the Baltimore Sun, "who heard the eminent scientist, Professor Silliman, declare in a lecture at Yale College, after a careful mathematical calculation, that no boat could contain a sufficient amount of coal to propel it across the Atlantic Ocean. It is not likely that he ever dreamed that ships would be constructed which could contain and consume nearly 2000 tons on a single voyage." The inaccessibility of the rookeries frequently involve seal hunters in danger, says a writer in the New York Press. "The seals are shot from a promontory. Then the hunter is lowered on a rope by his comrades 100 or 200 feet to the slippery wave-washed rocks below, where the dead seal lies. He quickly skins the animal. A small boat from the ship rides outside the surf line ready to carry the hides away." The Parisian bookbinders tell strange stories of the orders they receive to insert fragments of human skin in the book covers. The skin of notorious criminals is generally used for tobacco pouches and pocket-books. The bodies are sent after execution to the Ecole de Medicine. But there are ways and means of getting a morsel of the head or body, and a police reporter of a Paris paper still shows a cigarette case made of Pranzini's skin. A Minneapolis correspondent writes. One of the largest clocks in the world has just been completed and put in motion in the tower of the new Hennepin County Court House in Minneapolis. This tower itself rises 365 feet above the ground, and the clock is located in its top, surmounted only

ST. VITUS' DANCE

A Nervous Disease Characterized by Involuntary and Purposeless Spasms.

It Occurs Most often in Girls; is Often Hereditary, but Articular Rheumatism and Scarlet Fever Predispose to it.

From the Chronicle, Chicago, Ill.

Notwithstanding the poor are always with us, Thanksgiving is none the less a day of rejoicing. Many charities have been dispensed and through numerous instrumentalities the necessities and sufferings of many a worthy person have been relieved. Absent members of households reunite at the old homestead and gathered around the festal board recount the incidents that have taken place and the various blessings that have been vouchsafed them, since they assembled at the last annual meeting by the same fire. It is a time for memory and for joy. Among the countless families of Chicago there is perhaps, not one to-day that feels a deeper sense of gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts than Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Collier, of 4904 Armour Avenue.

Mr. Collier, who is the electrician at the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad shops in this city came here from Hamilton, Canada, a little more than nine years ago accompanied by his wife and little daughter, the only child. She, then aged four, little Etta was a bright and beautiful girl, but not a very robust one. For the last few years she had been somewhat ailing, but her condition was not such as to create any uneasiness in the minds of her parents, who almost idolized her. In the school she was regarded as one of the brightest scholars of her class and was the envy of her classmates. Although but a little over twelve years of age, her intellect was phenomenal. She was possessed, however, of a very nervous temperament which is frequently the case with children of her advanced intelligence. Early in the month of June last, owing to a sudden fright, she was thrown into violent spasms, to recover only to be afflicted with St. Vitus' dance in the worst form. The constriction of her parents may well be imagined. Of course the best physicians were summoned at once but their efforts to restore her to her normal condition were devoid of result. She continued to grow worse, her appetite wholly failed and commencing with her right arm her whole right side and lower limb became limp, numb, and useless and what little nourishment she was able to take had to be administered by others. To add to the seriousness of the case she was unable to obtain any sleep whatever. It was while in this deplorable condition hovering between life and death with all the prospects of a premature grave before her, that one day on returning home from his duties Mr. Collier found awaiting him a newspaper, which an old acquaintance in Hamilton, his former place of residence, had sent to him by mail. In the local columns he read of the case of a certain person he had known years before having been permanently cured of the complaint of which his own daughter was now suffering, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. He had often heard and read before marvellous accounts of the efficacy of this remedy, but as no names with which he was personally familiar appeared, he not only doubted but positively disbelieved the statements. But here before his eyes was apparent evidence from one he knew. He therefore lost no time in making inquiries doubly sure and as soon as he learned that the story was absolutely true, he lost no time in procuring the Pink Pills for his suffering daughter. This was on the 15th of September. Prior to this date and after consulting doctors of different schools of medicine, he had taken her to the Homeopathic Dispensary where her case was discussed by all the members of the faculty who unanimously declared in the presence

of the class that there was no longer any hope to be held out as it was a malady which in this instance at least was incurable. It was therefore with a feeling of utter despair that Mrs. Collier first began to administer the Pink Pills. She says a perceptible change came over the little one before even the second box had been emptied and how after having used six boxes her health is entirely restored. In the early part of her illness her intellect was very much clouded. She had become extremely dull of comprehension hardly realizing the meaning of words when addressed. Seen to-day in the cheerful home of the Colliers on Armour Avenue, she is the personification of health. Her nervousness has entirely disappeared. Her intellect is bright, keen and active, her strength has returned and the roses in her cheeks attest to the complete recovery of her bodily health. She is now ready to resume her music lessons and as soon as the schools open after the holidays she will again take up her studies which she so suddenly left off on the eventful June day. The sister-in-law of Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Lewis, who was present at the interview emphatically confirmed all that Mrs. Collier has said regarding the past and present condition of little Etta, adding that a famous physician in Hamilton invariably recommends Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in such cases as this and many others. Mrs. Collier herself has for a number of years been a constant sufferer from a female complaint which she has baffled the skill of the doctors, and during a period of less than six months her husband has expended over two hundred dollars in fees for medicines. She has now begun the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and while it is as yet too early to announce a cure in her case she feels so much improved as to express the belief that her physical troubles will shortly be of the past. These are some of the reasons why the Collier family return thanks on this our national day of praise and festivity.

The above is a correct statement of facts concerning my little daughter and myself. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December, 1895.

DAN GREENE, Notary Public. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have an enormous sale. An analysis of their properties shows that they contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effect of a grippé, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexion, that tired feeling resulting from nervous prostration; all diseases resulting from vitiated humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppurations, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. There are no ill effects following the use of this wonderful medicine, and it can be given to children with perfect safety. These pills are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark and wrapper, 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and are never sold in bulk. They may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company. The price at which these pills are sold makes a course of treatment inexpensive as compared with other remedies.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

The August number of Harper's will contain the first part of a new serial story by Mark Twain, entitled "Tom Sawyer, Detective"; a paper on "The White Mr. Longfellow," by W. D. Howells; "Stuart's Lansdowne Portrait of Washington," by Charles Henry Hart; "Peeps into Barbary," by J. E. Budgett Meakin, formerly editor of the Times of Morocco; "The Strange Days that Came to Jimmy Friday," by Frederic Remington; "Doorstep Neighbors," by William Hamilton Gibson; the second part of Langdon Elwyn Mitchell's "Two Mormons from Muddlety"; "Postes et Telegraphes," by Quesnay de Beaupaire; "Her Prerogative," by E. A. Alexander; "Miss Maria's Revival," by Sarah Barnwell Elliott; "The Mayor's Lamps," by John Kendrick Bangs; "The Wreck of the Columbia," by Professor Simon Newcomb; "The Silent Voice," a poem by Lawrence Alma-Tadema; short poems by Archibald Lampan and Arthur Sherburne Hardy, and the regular editorial departments.

"For five weeks I lived on cold water, so to speak," writes a man who suffered terribly from indigestion. He could hardly keep anything on his stomach. What stayed, wasn't properly digested and gave him terrible pangs. This is not an uncommon case. Dyspeptics don't get enough nourishment. They are generally thin and weak. They may eat enough, but they don't digest enough. Much of what they eat turns into poison. If this keeps on there's no telling what disease they may get next. That's why it is best to take Shaker Digestive Cordial, as soon as symptoms of indigestion appear. It cures all the evils of indigestion, and prevents the evils which indigestion causes. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

HARPER'S WEEKLY.

The instalments of Mr. Howell's serial story, "The Landlord at Lion's Head," will be a feature of distinction in Harper's Weekly during the present month. The Democratic Convention at Chicago will be fully discussed, and important articles on the War in Cuba may be expected.

HINTS FOR SPRING COOKERY.

Suggestions for Modifying the Family Menu to Suit a Change of Season. Lacking spring appetites are most easily tempted by a dainty salad. No menu is complete without the introduction of a light salad of lettuce, cress, dandelions or some other of the many green stuffs that are making the markets so attractive. For a salad of this sort the plain dressing is preferable, and is prepared in the following simple way: Mix one saltspoonful of salt and one-fourth this quantity of freshly ground pepper. Add three tablespoonfuls of oil and carefully stir in one tablespoonful of vinegar. No other ingredients are necessary. For a vegetable or meat salad mayonnaise dressing is required. Here is the most approved recipe: Beat to a smooth consistency in an absolutely cold bowl the yolks of two raw eggs. Add two saltspoonfuls of salt, one of white pepper, one of mustard, and a tablespoonful of oil. Beat up thoroughly, and by degrees add half a pint of oil. Two tablespoonfuls of vinegar are to be used, and should be added at intervals, a few drops at a time. When properly mixed and beaten the finished mayonnaise is stiff and velvety. For meat and heavier foods it is often desirable to substitute fish. Broiled fish is a particularly palatable dish that is often, however, ruined by incompetent cooking. Much depends upon the length of time that the fish is exposed to the fire. Shad an inch thick should be cooked twelve minutes with a good fire, while a fish two inches thick should be cooked twenty minutes. Season the fish with salt and pepper before cooking, and for a sauce use a mixture of sweet butter, salt, pepper, a little lemon juice and chopped parsley. The fish should be served very hot. Strawberry shortcake is not slow to suggest itself after the berries have once become well established in the market. Notwithstanding its popularity, however, there are a great many cooks who have altogether wrong ideas in regard to the preparation of this dish. To make a good shortcake sift together half a pound of flour, a coffee-spoonful each of salt and of sugar and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Knead into this a quarter of a pound of cold washed butter, and after adding two gills of cold boiled milk, mix quickly with a knife. Flour the mixture, toss with a knife, roll to half an inch thickness and bake. When done place strawberries between the two layers of the shortcake, dredge with fine sugar and put another layer of strawberries on top. Cream, plain or whipped, may be added.—New York World.

The Bloomer Conquered. New York sets the fashion in bicycle costumes, and the New York woman has decided that the bloomer will not do. The divided skirt, as illustrated herewith, is now coming into general use. The bloomer is disappearing. The divided skirt is both modest and sensible.



A Model Bicycle Costume. ble, and it has the advantage of adding to rather than detracting from the gracefulness of a pretty woman. It seems to combine more points of a rational costume than any other yet hit upon.

Guessing Flowers. A pleasant variation in an evening of games is the drawing of flowers with colored crayons, and then having your guests guess the names of the flowers. A list of flowers should be made out, each one with a number. On separate slips of paper write the name of one of the flowers with its corresponding number, until you have used each one on the list. Give each guest one of the slips, or have a draw for them, and provide them with crayons and sheets of paper. Give fifteen minutes for the making of the flowers, then collect the drawings and pin them up about the room. As the names of the flowers are read from the list guesses are given as to which flower among the drawings represents it. Another pleasant game is called matching quotations. Well-known lines are written on slips of paper and then divided into bits, each part having three or four words. These fragments are pinned about the room on furniture, curtains and hangings, and each person takes one and starts out to find the other parts that will make the quotation complete. Sometimes the quotations may consist of an entire line, with the second line forming the other half to be looked for.—Philadelphia Times.

Nature's Sweet Restorer. Lady Londonderry attributes her youthful freshness to the practice of spending one out of every ten days in bed. She sleeps until she wakes naturally, takes a warm bath and goes back again, where she partakes of a light breakfast, remaining in bed resting while her maid reads a light novel, until 6 o'clock. She then puts on a light robe and has her dinner served in her room, and reclines on the sofa until 10 o'clock. She will not allow anything to interfere with this programme. A prominent business woman in Chicago, famed for her good looks and an authority on the care of the complexion, stated to a friend that from Saturday night until Monday morning she remained in bed, resting quietly, advising it as the only treatment to keep one's brain, nerves and strength in good working order.



STOP! You have run up against a Good Thing.

BattleAx PLUG

The best reason in the world why some things sell so well is because they are good. That is one reason for the great sales of "BATTLE AX." But good quality is only half the story. The other half is the size of a 5 cent piece. It is as big almost as a 10 cent piece of other and poorer kinds. Facts are facts. You can buy and see for yourself. Five cents isn't much to invest.

Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association.

Edward B. Harper, Founder. Frederick A. Burnham, President. FIFTEEN YEARS COMPLETED.—ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORT. The Largest and Strongest Natural Premium Life Insurance Companies in the World. \$69,000,000 of New Business in 1895. \$308,660,000 of Business in Force. \$4,084,075 of Death Claims paid in 1895. \$25,000,000 of Death Claims paid since Business begun. 1895 SHOWS—AN INCREASE IN GROSS ASSETS, AN INCREASE IN NET SURPLUS, AN INCREASE IN INCOME, AN INCREASE IN BUSINESS IN FORCE, OVER 105,800 MEMBERS INTERESTED.

The Annual Meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association was held in the Association's Building, corner Broadway & Duane St., New York City, on Wednesday, January 22nd, and was attended by a large and representative gathering of policy holders who listened with keen interest to the masterly Annual Report of President Burnham. Many policy holders evidently regarded this as a favorable opportunity to meet face to face the new chief executive officer of the Association, President Frederick A. Burnham, the man whose grasp of life insurance, whose keen executive ability and strong individuality have enabled him to take up the work laid down in death by the founder of the institution, the late Edward B. Harper, and make of the administration of his office of President, not an echo or copy of that of his predecessor, but a piece of finished work, characteristic of a man of independent views, and worthy to follow the work which had carried the Association to a position never attained in the same length of time by any life insurance organization in the world. It is rare, indeed, that a great institution like this passes, without check to its prosperity, through a change in the executive chief, for it is rare indeed that a chief like the late Mr. Harper finds so able a successor as President Burnham.

The record of the year 1895 speaks for itself, and shows the following gratifying results: The GROSS ASSETS have increased during the year from \$5,536,115.99 to \$5,661,707.82. The NET SURPLUS over liabilities shows a NET GAIN for the year of \$306,329.43, and now amounts to \$3,582,509.32. The INCOME from all sources shows a gain for the year of \$631,541.97, and amounts to \$5,575,281.56. DEATH CLAIMS to the amount of \$4,084,074.92 were paid during the year, an increase over the previous year of \$1,013,560.91. The BUSINESS IN FORCE shows a gain for the year of \$15,293,265, and now amounts to \$308,659,371. Counting three hundred working days in the year the daily average income for 1895 is \$18,584.27; the daily average payments for death claims, \$13,652.25, and the daily average gain in business in force within a fraction of \$51,000.

Persons desiring insurance, an agency, or any other information concerning the MUTUAL RESERVE FUND LIFE ASSOCIATION may apply to E. D. LUDWIG, Supt., 53 Downing Block, ERIE, PA.

The Pot Called the Kettle Black Because the Housewife Didn't Use SAPOLIO