#### NEW YORK LETTER.

The horseless carriage—the kind operated by electric power—is no longer considered a freak in this city. It is now in practical use. A few years from now it is possible that a horse will attract as much attention in this city as did the first electric carriage. Even livery stable keepers admit that the horse must go.

A concern which has begun the manufacture of these vehicles on a large scale has established headquarters in this city. It is as yet only in its infancy, and has only about a dozen vehicles on exhibition at its salesrooms. These arrived from Philadelphia where the factory is situated, about two weeks ago. Since then they have been operated about the streets and have been inspected by members of the Board of Aldermen.

It is the desire of the Board to be thoroughly convinced as to their safety before voting on a resolution which has been introduced in the Board giving the Mayor power to license electric vehicles the same as those drawn by horses, and allowing cabmen who may in future abandon the old style of vehicles for the more modern to charge fares for rides in the latter. This will necessitate the passing of a special or-



AN ELECTRIC SURREY.

There is a motor vehicle which, on September 11, 1896, made a five mile run at the Narragansett Park races, in Providence, R. I., in eleven minutes and twenty-seven seconds. The average time per mile was two minutes seventeen seconds, and it covered the distance at the rate of a little more than twenty-six miles an hour, establishing a record for motor vehicles.

The bansoms and surreys in use are fitted with two one and one-half horse power motors, both attached to the front axle, one to each wheel, and driven independently. The coupe is furnished with two two-horse power motors. After fifteen minutes' practice, say the manufacturers, a man who has never seen one before can operate one. They are fitted with pneumatic tires. The cost of the vehicles will not be much more than the price of a horse and an old style carriage and the charging of the batteries will be inexpensive.

The Greater New York Commission, Maying completed the business for which it was created and sent the charter to Albany, met in the private office of Mayor Strong and formally declared itself out of existence by adjourning without date.

The members of the commission present at the final meeting were Gen. Tracy, chairman; Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Mayors Strong, Wurster and Gleason, and ex-Mayor Thomas F. Gilroy, William C. DeWitt, Silas B. Dutcher and George M. Pinney, Jr.

Some time was spent in making the final audit of the bills for printing, stenography, and typewriting and clerk hire, which aggregated \$21,988 .-94. This is well within the appropriation of \$25,000 allowed by the Legislature last year. The Commissioners

served without pay. New methods in the instruction of theological students seem to be in fawor at the Yale divinity school. The professor of sociology brought a lot of the students to New York last week to observe social conditions in that city so that they might have an object lesson in life. The young men were taken, not to the homes of the rich and the powerful, but into the tenement house regions, where men and women live huddled together so closely that they cannot raise their eyes on the earth, for fear of stumbling and being trampled under foot by the crowd. It is there that many of the social probdems must be solved because it is in those regions that the skein of life is stangled. The men who are to be the religious tenchers of the next generation cannot know too much of life, they cannot see too deeply into its sorrows or into its hardships, for it is only when they realize the nature of the task before them that they can go about it with intelligence. There is too much theoretical preaching and too much elaboration of dogma and too much apology for preaching at all and too little attempt to apply the fundamental teachings of Christianity to everyday life. There is talk about Jonah and the whale, while the widow and the fatheriess are oppressed. There is debate on the possibility of the immaculate conception, while children are homeless and hungry. There is assertion of the credibility and authenticity of the Scriptures, while dishonesty in private and public life goes unrebuked. If the Yale instructors can convince their students that Christianity is a living force by bringing them to New York they will succeed in an undertaking which is worth while.

Pat and the Pills.

CYRUS THORP.

Scene-An Irish cabin. Pat is ill. Doctor has just called. "Well. Pat. have you taken the box of pills I sent you?" "Yes, sir-be jabers, I have! But I don't feel any better. Maybe the Ud hasn't come off yet!"-Tid-Bits.

#### CURRENT COMMENT.

Parting one's name in the middle is not a common American custom, but parting it one sided or in two places is worse. The man who is named R. W. John R. Pope could afford to drop a few of his initials or twist the John in front of the rest of them.

English statesmen hiss English sailors and their own government. Right enough, too. The firing of English shells into a camp of Christians who are struggling to free themselves from a Moslem power that is hated by all Europe was a shameful performance, for which no excuses are possible.

After denouncing the politicians for a season or two the Populists have proved themselves to be the most oppressive politicians their states were ever burdened with. In Kansas it is said that they have multiplied place holders until they can hardly get around the offices, and they are all as keen for a dollar as if they had voted is an exhibition that will decrease the popularity of Populism if there is any popularity left.

One may be a pauper and yet have pride. Since Hi Wang was admitted to the almshouse in Flatbush there have been grumblings. The guests of the institution said that the social tone so badly about it that they went to Wang's fellow countrymen to form a fund for his removal and maintenance, and the almshouse will once again become a select resort.

Some kinds of men may be more willing than heretofore to serve on a jury. Down in Kentucky a juryman learned so much about counterfeiting helped to try, that he became a counterfeiter himself and might have made if the inevitable had not happened to him. And now his neighbors will sit upon him. The new journalism does not make it necessary to go to court in these parts to study modes of crime.

The X rays burn, though you do not feel them at the time. One victim of the exhibition of the cathode ray apparatus in Baltimore has almost lost the use of his hand for a while. The skin has reddened and peeled, the arm is swollen and hot, the bones have become painful and are thickened at the joints, the nails are falling out and movement is difficult. It is to be known, however, that he let the light through his flesh for four hours a day for three weeks, and his case is no inducement to stop the use of the rays for medical and surgical purposes,

The Court of Appeals of New York has made a decision in a breach of promise case which seems to extend considerably the legal limitations of while the back of the basque is made flirtation. Formerly, the opinion of the Court says, the rule was that an engagement could be inferred from circumstances. Under this rule mere "keeping company," if continued long enough and assiduously enough, might imply a betrothal and afford a basis for a suit for breach of promise, But it appears that this is changed by the statutory permission to the parties to testify, and that now a specific contract must be "expressed or disclosed."

It has passed into a proverb that the pursuit of the almighty dollar is the chief occupation of the American citizen. Then, why is he so keen in the pursuit of unremunerative public office? All the wires that converge at Canton are throbbing with appeals for place. Petitions for appointment to Consulships and Postmasterships and Collectorships are going round, and possessors of actual or supposed influence with the next Administration are every day importuned for "indorsements." Literally hundreds of thousands of capable Americans are hoping and praying and begging for offices that will not in four years yield them as large a money return as an energetic business or professional man with fair opportunities ought to earn in one. The proverb about the almighty dollar must be at fault.

Cycling is not good for everybedy and if abused is good for nobody. Within the last two years people of all ages have rushed into cycling in the most haphazard way. They have regarded neither age nor previous habits nor their physical condition. Small wonder then that many have found evil rather than good come from an exercise which inevitably demands a heavy expenditure both of nervous and muscular force. Probably just the same outery would have arisen if the same class had suddenly taken to running or rowing or mountain climbing without any previous preparation. It is easy to preach moderation, but it must be remembered that moderation is a term varying with the individual, and every one finds for himself how much he can do. There is no need to make a bicycle a very wheel of Ixion, especially with a "safety," for it is easy to get off and equally easy to remount; therefore the cry "You must go on or you will fall" seems to us to ignore

#### WASHINGTON NOTES.

Every one remembers the horrible weather on the days of the last two inaugurations, but with pleasure the beautiful day on which President Cleveland first took the oath of office. It must be confessed that the record of March 4 in Washington is not a good one, for as far back as Lincoln's time the day was wet and disagreeable. Gen. Grant was inaugurated for the first time on a gloomy day, when the rain fell heavily, although it did not inter-

fere with the parade.
On March 4, 1873, when Gen. Grant took oath of office the second time, the thermometer stood near zero, and it was the coldest inaugural day in the history of the country. In the morning it was only four degrees above zero, and in midday it had risen only to 16. Hundreds of those who participated in the same was e nearly frozen, and many design resulted. The inaugural ball a that day was held in a temporary solding, which was not heated, and the ladies and gentlemen attending wore their wraps and hats. Those who for honest money instead of silver. It attended will remember how the supper was frozen solid, and how coffee was served in blocks of ice, and also how the assemblage had to leave the ball long before midnight on account of the cold.

President Hayes was inaugurated on a rainy day, although it cleared up before the President took the oath of office. The crowds that assembled to witness the induction into office of of the place was lowered by having a James A. Garfield were obliged to wade Chinaman in it, and some of them felt through snow and slush, although the day was mild, a circumstance, however, board elsewhere. So it is kind of which only helped to make the walking more disagreeable. The day for the first inauguration of President Cleveland stands out as a model one in the long record, for it was clear and warm and beautiful, in direct contrast with the terrible weather which greeted Benjamin Harrison when he was inaugurated. The rain on that day fell in torrents and every one was drenched who braved the storm. At the last infrom the testimony in a case that he augural on March 4, 1893, the day was almost as bad, although it was snow instead of rain which greeted the inmoney in the usual sense of that term, augural ceremonies. The ground was covered with several inches of snow and slush, and the fiercest kind of a snowstorm raged until the very moment when the President appeared on the east portico of the Capitol to take the oath of office,

With this record it can be understood how dependent on the weather are the glories and beauty of the inaugural day ceremonies.

One of the most interesting and quaint figures at the inaugural ceremony was Mr. McKinley's aged mother, now completing her 87th year.

Mrs. McKinley wore in the evening a costume of black satin and a white point lace cap. She was a very pleasing and picturesque figure.

The bodice of her costume was made after the style of Louis XVI., being round cut and filled in with white chiffon, drawn diagonally across the front. A black satin ruching filled n with point lace finishes the neck and borders the soft, white chiffon front. Black folds of the satin extend from waist to end of the basque in front, slightly full.

The gown which the President's wife wore was of a rich duchess dead white satin of the most costly texture, with real laces, which are most apropos. In addition to the lace garnitures, her gown is further enhanced with pearl embroidery, the yoke and sleeves be-

ing entirely of point lace. As Mrs. McKinley never wears decolete costumes, the bodice of the silver brocade dress has a Medici collar of pleated mousseline de soie, fully twelve inches wide and edged with a narrow point lace about half an inch in width. This ruching stands up very high, and in the back reaches almost to the top of the hair, curving with considerable flare, and extends to above the ears narrowing down in the front part of the neck. A stock collar holds it in place. A magnificent pattern of duchess point lace extends from neck to bottom of basque in front and ends below the waist line in artistic tabs about six

inches in length. A unique girdle, studded with tiny pearls, forming a butterfly effect in front, extends around the waist and half way up the back. The lace is finished with a narrow garniture of pearl embroidery down each side of the front. The long sleeves, slightly puffed, have falls of pleating of the mousseline de soie (two rows), and are finished with a narrow lace edge, Each pleating of the mousseline de soie is twelve inches in width, and falls gracefully over the shoulders, giving a smart effect. The skirt is made very full about the feet, with stylish flare, and is finished at the bottom with a narrow pleating of the mousseline de soie, edged with the lace. The entire gown is lined with pink taffeta.

Mrs. McKinley's opera cloak is of brocaded satin, showing a white flower design on a groundwork of pale, delicate heliotrope, and is lined with heavy white velour with a satin figure. It is made with a long cape reaching nearly to the bottom of the dress, and a short overcape covering only the shoulders, both capes being finished at the edge with white Alaska fox, headed with heavy gold lace four inches in width.

To be entirely frank with your readers I have to admit that the description of the gown worn by Mrs. McKinley is the one given out by the modiste who made it, and no credit in that line is due SENATOR.

The following toast was pronounced at a firemen's dinner, and was received with great applause: "The ladies-their eyes kindle the only flame the fact that we are reasonable animals. | against which there is no insurance!"

# Prostration

# ON THE VERGE OF A TOTAL COLLAPSE.

The Wear and Tear incident to the Life of a Travelling Salesman Very Often Results Seriously.

From the Press, Cleveland, Ohto.

J. H. Whann, who lives in suite No. 20 in the Body block, corner of Payne and Wilson Avenues, Cleveland, Ohio, had suffered for months from nervous prostration and extreme nervousness. His nervous system had become undermined by irregular habits, and he was reduced to the verge of total prostration. Mr. Whann is no longer a travelling salesman, that occupation was fraught with too much danger to his health, and he abandoned it. At present he is connected with the Mahoning Coal Company, and has charge of a mine three miles distant from Alliance, Ohio, and there he spends mest of his time.

"Travelling salesmen have to put up with a great many inconveniences when they are on the road," said Mr. Whann, "Meals, sleep and rest, are often irregular, and these causes unsettle one's nerves, I was rapidly approaching a point where I would become a nervous wreek unless I employed extreme measures. I found it almost impossible to read or write for a period longer than a few minutes. I would pick up a newspaper with the intention of glancing over the news of the day. In five or ten minutes I would have to lay the paper aside and get up and walk around to quiet my nerves. It was the same when I did any writing. I could write for a few minutes and then have to give it up, as my hands would become shaky and my help bedy and mind in a quiver.

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#### Questions for Young Men.

yourself well, to succeed in life in all see this sort of thing, we acquire a ways as well as in the financial way, contempt for the men of that race. which is commonly understood when They do not begin to equal the vigor, "success" is mentioned, you must be- the manliness, the civilization of our come aware of the fact that you can- American men. And yet we must not live any kind of life you may like not behold the mote in our brother's for years and still have the highest eye unless we consider the beam in character. It is the little incidents our own. We must not criticise from day to day which make a man's others unless we can at least say that character, and perhaps the strongest our own men have a clear idea of of all these little incidents are those their proper course is such a matter. which concern the treatment of women and girls by men and boys. The habit of being constantly with women sometimes cultivates the habit of paying little attention to them, of not If you do not bear in mind the courrecollecting that they are to be treated tesies of all kinds which are woman's with never-failing courtesy. This is due, you cannot retain for any length but a step in the direction leading to of time a pride in yourself, a satisfacsuch incidents as one sees in Europe, tion with your behavior, which is comwhere young brothers sit about the monly called self-respect; and without

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Futhermore, when you are dealing with the other sex it is wise to bear in mind that as you treat them, so are you building up character in yourself. house in their uniforms paid tor by self-respect you will have a hard time their sister's sewing or teaching, and of it in the world.

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