

The Week in Business.

General business continues its even course, with all the leading industries well employed and with confidence expressed on every hand.

Steel mills are actively employed, and there is a distinct improvement in the demand for finished products.

Textile lines have settled in a steady position that promises more lasting prosperity than if prices had been forced higher or sensational activity had followed the altered attitude of buyers.

Grain crops this season are occasioning much uneasiness among speculators owing to the extremely complicated situation.

The money market was easier, and seemed to have lost the panicky tone of recent weeks.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable.

Speaking of catarrhs, it's the man with a big bank account whose signature is most valuable.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, July 15, 1901.

It seems to be difficult, if not impossible, for this administration to perform any official act that does not, directly or indirectly, open the way for a gang of thieves to profit at the expense of honest men.

The only applications for patent that will be delayed by the action of the commissioner of patents in suspending hearing before himself and the Assistant Commissioner during July and August are those in which appeals are taken from the 140 Examiners, whose work has not been and will not be suspended, and C. A. Snow & Co., the successful patent lawyers, say they average scarcely more than one in each hundred of the applications filed.

The popular impression is that the Bank Examiners, whose business it is to keep watch on the doings and condition of the national banks, are chosen because of their expert knowledge of banking methods.

Strong efforts are being made by the big interests behind the publications, fake and otherwise, that are getting the benefit of the \$30,000,000 a year the government loses by carrying at second class rates publications not entitled to be in that class.

That branch of the steel trust which supplies the Navy with machinery forgings is overplaying its greed, and the result may be the biggest sort of a Congressional row, which may show up the responsibility for the clause in the contracts for new ships that makes the government a helpless victim in the clutches of these greedy concerns.

Nothing in the world equals Lydia E. Pinkham's great medicine for regulating woman's peculiar monthly troubles.

This government has to pay \$2.25 a pound, while in England the same grade of crank shafting sells for 43 cents a pound.

Methods in Nature Study.

It is refreshing to note that nature study is becoming more and more a common feature of school and college work, and also that the methods used are somewhat different from those in vogue some years ago.

At least half of the popular books on nature study which have appeared in the last few years have evidently been the work of the out-of-door naturalist.

The nature-lover, therefore, sits for hours in his chosen place, tramps for miles over wood-paths or through untrodden wilderness, not for the sake of bringing home a well-filled bag of game, but in order to store his head with interesting information.

Old woodsmen, it is true, often know a great deal of the habits of wild things, not only from the hunters but the naturalist's point of view; but it is well known that they seldom hunt for mere sport, and never kill more than they need for actual consumption or for sale.

The Duty of Mothers.

What suffering frequently results from a mother's ignorance; or more frequently from a mother's neglect to properly instruct her daughter!



Mrs. August Pfalzgraf, of South Byron, Wis., mother of the young lady whose portrait we here publish, wrote in January, 1900, saying her daughter had suffered for two years with irregular menstruation—had headache all the time, and pain in her side, feet swelled, and was generally miserable.

sees. Powder and shot are too precious, for one thing. Consequently the people in fur and feathers, not desired by him for food or other purposes, soon learn to know him, and he understands them.

Joseph Jefferson at Seventy-Two

The Great Comedian Seems to Have Found the Fountain of Perpetual Youth.

"In Florida, where Ponce de Leon failed to discover the Fountain of Perpetual Youth, Joseph Jefferson seems to have found it," declares James S. Metcalfe, in the Ladies' Home Journal for July.

It is one of the unsolved mysteries how two men can exchange umbrellas and each invariably get the worst of it.

DOCTORS say "Consumption can be cured." Nature alone won't do it. It needs help. Doctors say "Scott's Emulsion" is the best help. But you must continue its use even in hot weather.

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