

TRAPS FOR UNWARY

ADVERTISING TRICKS OF MAIL-ORDER HOUSES.

GOODS PRICED BELOW COST

Articles of Standard Value Frequently Sold at Cost to Create False Impression of Cheapness—Un-thinking People Victims.

The theory upon which a great number of mail order concerns proceed is to select a certain number of articles, those of standard values and well-known, and mark them down to wholesale prices or lower.

People like to buy goods at the lowest possible cost. They get impressions of low prices from comparison of goods of which they know the selling price.

Low prices are generally quoted upon goods which the average people understand, and are acquainted with, and the loss is made up on the classes of goods which allow the practice of deception.

If the people who patronize mail-order houses would only buy such goods as they know are priced below cost to the concern, the mail-order houses could not continue in business a year.

Economy in Home Trade.

In an address made some years ago before congress the late Thomas B. Reed said: "Which is it better for the farmer to do—send his supplies a thousand miles to the seacoast, 2,000 miles across the water and sell it to the mechanic who gets less wages, or sell it right here at home to the mechanic who gets more wages?"

Demand Home-Made Goods.

One western state that is giving a wholesome example to other states in the matter of patronage of home industries is Colorado.

WHOLE IDEA IS A FALLACY.

Systems of Co-Operation Weak Theoretically and in Practice.

One of the spirits of the age is organization and co-operation of those who are engaged in the same lines of trade, industry or profession.

It must be remembered that there are fundamentals in all systems that cannot be ignored. There are principles which must be observed, or failure will be sure to result.

In the world of commerce there are three important factors—production, distribution and consumption. Were there no consumption there would be no need of production or distribution.

The common co-operative plans deal with cutting out the distributors, the elimination of that cost in products which represents the compensation of merchants whether they be wholesalers or retailers.

When a co-operative store is established with a few hundred stockholders as its patrons it is generally found that it cannot be operated at lower expense than if conducted by an individual, and it soon ceases to exist.

Editor Realizes Situation.

It has come to a time when the business man must take note of the mail order concerns. They are continually growing larger and taking more trade out of the smaller towns.

Lincoln's Wise Saying.

Home-traders should always bear in mind the saying of President Lincoln: "If we buy a dress in London, we have the dress, the Londoners have our money; if we buy a dress here, we have both the dress and the money."

BOMB THROWERS WRECKED WINDOW

OF A BANK WHERE \$40,000 IN CASH WAS DISPLAYED.

GLITTERING STACK OF COIN

Was Quickly Placed in Bank's Vault—and No Loss Resulted—An Event in New York City's Italian Colony.

New York City.—An exploding bomb last night wrecked the front of an Italian bank building on Elizabeth street, briefly exposing \$40,000 in silver and gold which the bankers, Pasquale A. Pati & Son, had piled in the windows as ocular proof of their ability to pay depositors on demand.

The junior partner, Salvatore Pati, who was on guard inside, was cut by the glass that crashed in upon him, but stuck by his charge and soon had the money stored away in the vaults.

The bomb throwers, who were not seen by the banker, were quickly lost in the crowd of several thousand excited Italians who gathered about the wreck and their motive is a mystery.

A CONSPIRACY THAT FAILED.

Portuguese Who Planned to Establish a Republic Landed in Jail.

Lisbon, Portugal.—An abortive attempt to overthrow the monarchy and proclaim Portugal a republic was nipped in the bud Wednesday night by the prompt action of the government.

The conspirators intended to take advantage of various festivities to carry out the coup d'etat. The royal family were at Villa Vicosa entertaining the Duke of Abruzzi.

Several of them, however, were captured, including the leader, Joao Chagas, a republican journalist who was prominent in the republican revolt of 1891; Franca Berger, editor of a newspaper, and a merchant named Grendella.

A general alarm was immediately sent out and while the prisoners were being taken to jail troops began to appear from all directions.

BURIED UNDER FALLING WALLS.

Four Firemen Killed and Many Others Injured at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md.—Fire broke out a short time after midnight in the upper part of the building occupied by J. Regester & Sons, southeast corner of Holliday and Saratoga streets.

Fifteen firemen are known to have been injured.

While the damage cannot be estimated, it is believed to be the heaviest fire since the great fire of 1904.

Congress.

Washington.—During consideration of the urgent deficiency bill in the house on the 23d Mr. Tanney, chairman of the appropriations committee, declared that there would be a treasury deficit of \$100,000,000 unless the appropriations for the next fiscal year were cut down.

A Deathbed Confession of Murderer. South Bethlehem, Pa.—Believing that his illness would result fatally, John Fetter, aged 73 years, on Thursday confessed that he murdered his daughter, Ella Fetter, aged 39 years, in November, 1894.

Skaters Drowned.

Amesbury, Mass.—Lewis Woodman, aged 22, and Miss Blanche Adkins, aged 15, were drowned in Lake Gardiner while skating.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN A CAFE.

WOMAN KILLED AN ADVERTISING SOLICITOR AND HERSELF.

Friends of the Woman Claim that She Assisted the Man in His Adversity and When Better Days Came He Scorned Her.

New York City.—Sweeping through the crowded restaurant which takes up the eighth floor of Macy's department store and into the gentlemen's cafe Wednesday, a tall, stylishly dressed woman bent for a moment over the shoulder of a diner, whispered something in his ear and then, drawing a revolver from her muff, emptied the contents of the five chambers into his body.

A note found in the woman's purse proved her to be Mrs. Mary Roberts Clark, a manicurist, the widow of a police officer and stepmother of a 6-year-old son, Raymond.

The police had little difficulty in tracing the tragic story back from effect to cause. The suicide, who was about 30 years old, was Mary McLean when she married John Roberts.

While she was in prosperous circumstances and before the death of her husband, Brady had lodgings at her home and she declared that she helped him to the success which he subsequently attained.

AMERICAN FLEET LEAVES RIO.

Our Battleships Enter Upon the Third Stage of Their Voyage to the Pacific.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil.—To the booming of guns and the cheers of thousands of the accompanying pleasure craft, the American warships sailed from Rio Janeiro Wednesday, bound for Punta Arenas, on the Magellan strait.

Not an untoward incident marked the visit of the Americans here. They were feasted and feted, both officers and men, during their sojourn in Rio, and half the population turned out to give them a fitting farewell.

The president of Brazil, Dr. Penna, came to Rio Janeiro from Petropolis about 11 o'clock and proceeded on the yacht Slightly down to where the warships were lying.

While the president was aboard the Minnesota and during his trip among the vessels salutes were exchanged, and on his departure from the flagship 21 guns were fired.

Washington.—In the senate on the 23d Mr. Hansbrough, of North Dakota, made a speech in which he declared that the harvest trust is attempting to control the selection of delegates to the national republican convention.

Congress.

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Killed by a Highwayman. Connellsville, Pa.—One man is dead and another is seriously injured as the result of a holdup at Dunbar, Pa., Wednesday. Both men are foreigners.

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