

THE forty-third Annual Statement of the Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co., of Philadelphia, appears in this issue of our paper. The exhibit shows that the business of 1890 was the best in the history of this old, enterprising and solid company. In these days of speculative insurance it is a real pleasure to see this great Insurance Company increasing its assets and the business year by year, while steadily adhering to the true principles of mutual insurance.

The phylloxera is making serious inroads in many of the vineyards of Napa County, Cal.

Lee Wa's Chinese Headache Cure. Harmless in effect, quick and positive in action. Sent prepaid on receipt of 50¢ per bottle. Adler & Co., 822 Broadway St., Kansas City, Mo.

Philadelphia erected 12,000 new buildings during the past year at a cost of \$26,000,000.

Provide some useful employment for the children, then make it as agreeable as possible so they will love their work and take an interest in it.

It is proposed to re-establish the whipping post in England for persons who run amuck.

Rupture cure guaranteed by Dr. J. B. Mayer, 381 Arch St., Phila., Pa. Ease at once, no operation or delay from business, attended by thousands of cures after others fail, advice free, send for circular.

The number of packages and letters sent to the Dead Letter Office last year was 1,500,000.

Oklahoma Guide Book and Map sent anywhere a receipt of 50¢. Tyler Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Buffalo Bill has been sent on a mission to the Indians by the Governor of Nebraska.

Quail, grouse and wild turkey are abundant in parts of Virginia.

Do you wish to know how to have no steam, and not half the usual cost on wash-day? Ask your grocer for a bar of **Dobbins' Electric Soap**, and the directions will tell you how. Be sure to get no imitation. There are lots of them.

Stories from China.

The Chinese are queer people in many ways. The North China News says that an English gentleman was recently riding on horseback near Peking, when he saw an excited crowd. Drawing near, he discovered a circle of people quietly watching a man desperately attempting to commit suicide by dashing his head against a wall. He dismounted, restrained the man, harrassed the bystanders, and learned that this was a coolie, who claimed that his payment for a certain porter's job was short by ten cash—less than a penny—and, as the employer refused to pay more, he was proceeding to take revenge by killing himself on the spot, knowing that by so doing he would get the other into considerable trouble.

A Chinese newspaper is responsible for this story, which, indeed, has nothing incredible about it. One day a sow belonging to Mrs. Feng happened to knock down and slightly injure the front door of a Mrs. Wang. The latter at once proceeded to claim damages, which were refused, whereupon a fierce altercation ensued, which terminated in Mrs. Wang's threatening to take her own life. Mrs. Feng, upon hearing of this dreadful threat, resolved at once to take time by the forelock and steal a march upon her enemy by taking her own life, and thus turn the tables upon her. She accordingly threw herself in the canal.

Eiffel Tower Breezes.

An interesting illustration of the perpetual freshness and strength of the wind at the top of the Eiffel tower has been presented during the last week by the gradual destruction of the great flag of the French republic, which has been waving over the gay city during the past six weeks. A few days ago the red band disappeared altogether, leaving the blue and white of another nationality to keep guard over the tower, and this week another band has disappeared, and the tower is now surmounted by a red flag, to which are attached two streamers, the sole remnants of its former upper and lower edges.

Morality in the Land of William Penn.

"I don't want to break the law," he said, as he stood in the presence of Capt Starkweather at police headquarters the other day. "You are very kind," replied the captain. "What is your case?" "My wife has skipped." "Indeed." "Yes, skipped two days ago. As I said, I don't want to break the law. What is the customary rule in such cases?" "Let her skip." "I am not expected to pursue her and shoot somebody?" "No." "Thanks. She has skipped. Let her skip. If she returns I overlook and forgive. If she does not I marry the hired girl. Perfectly satisfactory, sir, all around, and I thank you for your kindness."—Philadelphia Times.

Amusement to children is like rain to a crow.

Diseases Many, Causes Few.

All functional diseases are attended with congestion and torpor of one or more of the great organs of digestion, nutrition and excretion to the liver, kidneys, bowels, lungs and skin is the old time honored pill of our fathers. St. Bernard Vegetable Pills, approved by all schools of medicine. A sample of the St. Bernard Vegetable Pills will be sent free to all applicants. Address St. Bernard Box, 216, New York.

The order recently issued regarding the apprehension of army deserters raises the reward from \$10 to \$50.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY, A. D. 1886. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

The buildings erected in Chicago, Ill., during the year 1890 cover a route of fifty and one-half miles.

Money invested in choice one hundred dollar building lots in suburbs of Kansas City will pay from five hundred to one thousand per cent. the next few years under our plan. \$25 cash and \$5 per month without interest. Controls a desirable lot. Particulars on application. J. H. Bauerlein & Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Secretary Windom has decided that a Russian rouble should be taken at a value of sixty-sixty-eight cents.

Cann's Kidney Cure for Dropsy, Gravel, Diabetes, Bright's, Heart, Urinary or Liver Diseases, Nervousness, &c. Cure guaranteed. 331 Arch Street, Philadelphia. \$1 a bottle, 6 for \$5, or druggist. 1000 certificates of cures. Try it.

The weather in North Dakota is so mild that farmers have been plowing in the fields all winter.

Sudden Changes of Weather cause Throat Diseases. There is no more effective remedy for Coughs, Colds, etc., than ROW'S BALSAMICAL TROCHES. Sold only in boxes. Price 25 cts.

The present prices for apples, potatoes and beans are about 100 per cent. higher than a year ago.

Frazer axle grease. The Frazer Axle Grease received medals at the Centennial, North Carolina State Fair, Paris Exposition, American Institute, New York, and others.

Thirty Khirgese, while riding across the steppes in Creunburg, Russia, were frozen to death.

Timber, Mineral, Farm Lands and Ranches in Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Arkansas, bought and sold. Tyler & Co., Kansas City, Mo.

During the year just closed the Shenandoah, N. Y. Locomotive Works has turned out 237 locomotives, which is an average of considerable more than one for each working day.

"August Flower"

The Hon. J. W. Fennimore is the Sheriff of Kent Co., Del., and lives at Dover, the County Seat and Capital of the State. The sheriff is a gentleman fifty-nine years of age, and this is what he says: "I have used your August Flower for several years in my family and for my own use, and found it does me more good than any other remedy. I have been troubled with what I call Sick Headache. A pain comes in the back part of my head first, and then soon a general headache until I become sick and vomit. At times, too, I have a fullness after eating, a pressure after eating at the pit of the stomach, and sourness, when food seemed to rise up in my throat and mouth. When I feel this coming on if I take a little August Flower it relieves me, and is the best remedy I have ever taken for it. For this reason I take it and recommend it to others as a great remedy for Dyspepsia, &c."

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Is better than cure, and people who are subject to rheumatism, can prevent attacks by keeping the blood pure and free from the acid which causes the disease. This suggests the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, unquestionably the best blood purifier, and which has been used with great success for this very purpose by many people.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has also cured innumerable cases of rheumatism of the severest sort, by its powerful effect in neutralizing acidity of the blood, and in enabling the kidneys and liver to properly remove the waste of the system.

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Sold by all druggists, 41¢ six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass.
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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE Insurance Co. of Philadelphia.

Net Assets, January 1, 1890	\$4,258,397 14
Receipts during the year:	
For Premiums	\$3,608,190 99
For Interest, etc.	338,675 97
	4,246,866 96
Disbursements:	
For Interest, etc.	\$18,845,364 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Claims by Death	\$3,068,909 07
Matured Endowments	182,570 85
Surplus and Reserve	223,912 22
Refund of premiums	245,972 96
Total paid Policyholders	\$3,201,365 00
Added to Reserve	\$1,045,501 96
Taxes and Legal Expenses	\$107,845 07
Salaries, Officers, Fees, and Office Expenses	138,979 65
Cost of Printing and Stationery	425,518 02
Agency and Other Expenses	131,518 17
Advertising	30,425 88
Printing and Stationery	6,889 59
Office Furniture, etc.	\$2,912,935 38

Net Assets, Jan. 1, 1891, \$15,932,328 72

ASSETS.

City Loans, Railroad & Water Bonds, Bank and other stocks	\$6,084,164 43
Mortgages and Ground Rents	5,33,438 65
Real Estate	507,618 02
Premium Notes	2,696,800 91
Loans	958,851 60
Home Office and Real Estate	201,434 51
Cash in Trust Companies and on hand	1,000,000 00
Net Ledger Assets, as above	\$15,932,328 72
Net Deferred and Unreported	\$407,284 10
Interest Due and Accrued, etc.	130,738 61
Market Value of Stocks and Bonds, over cost	104,469 57
Gross Assets January 1, 1891	\$16,574,861 00

LIABILITIES.

Death Claims Reported	\$144,320 00
Reserve at 4 per cent.	14,228,413 00
Surplus	14,228,413 00
Unreported Policies	569,675 97
Surplus, 4 per cent. basis	1,634,423 03
	\$16,574,861 00
Surplus at 4 1/2 per cent. Pennsylvania Standard	\$3,508,120 03
New Business of the Year	\$70,568,534 00
7,539 policies for	\$70,568,534 00
Insurance Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1890	\$90,378,701 00
EDWARD M. NEEDLES, President.	
ROBERT S. STEPHENSON, Vice-President.	
HENRY C. BROWN, Secretary and Treasurer.	
JESSE J. BARKER, Actuary.	

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HUMOROUS.

A RIDICULOUS QUESTION.—Giles—"Are those blood stains on the blades?" Merritt—"Of course not. These are old French duelling rapiers."

A FOOTSTEP IN THE NIGHT.—The You (hearing a step)—"Is that your father coming home?" The Maiden—"I think not. I fancy it must be your mother coming after you."

BAD FOR THEM.—Spizer—"I understand that Glanders has left town." Stagers—"For good?" "Well, his creditors don't regard it in that light."

DIFFERENT STYLES OF PAINTING.—Daub—"I was paid for my last painting to-day." M. dame—"Ah, indeed! What is going to be your next subject?" Daub—"The town."

A SLIGHT IMPEDIMENT.—Clerk of the Court—"Why don't that fourth man answer to his name?" Foreman of Jury—"He's deaf and dumb." Clerk of Court—"Why don't he say so?"

PROFESSIONAL AMENITIES.—Dr. Kilsome—"A man must be tired of life when he calls you in." Dr. Cureno—"Well, as soon as an insurance company finds out that you are treating one of their clients they send an agent to cancel the policy."

EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.—Tramp (to lady of the house)—"Can you tell me what time it is?" Lady of the house—"Ten o'clock." Tramp (regretfully)—"Ah! I didn't know it was dinner time; but, no matter, madam, could you give me a ten o'clock collation?"

BEGINNING EARLY.—"How old is your boy?" "Two years old. I think he'll be a railroad magnate some day."

"He called on a little friend of his the other day and stole two automatic engines, a baggage car and a yard of tin track."

HE WAS HONEST.—Wife (reading paper)—"I always held that Col. Hooker was an honest man. I see that a man filled him full of buckshot last night." Husband—"Where does the honest part come in?" "Why, this article says the Colonel returned the shot."

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During the past year there were 15,564 marriages in New Jersey, against 15,720 during 1889, and 16,025 in 1888.

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Father Paquette, the noted monk, died at the Casertine Monastery, Naples, Italy, a few days ago, aged 110 years.

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WILLING TO COMMUTE IT.—"We'll give you just twenty-four hours to leave town," said chairman of the vigilance committee. "Do you believe that time is money?" "Yes, certainly." "Then how much cash will you give me to leave at once?"

A CHEMICAL PARADOX.—Professor—"Now, oxide is a compound for oxygen and a base destitute of acid. Can you mention an example?" Student—"Shoe leather." Professor—"You are wrong. But why do you think shoe leather is an oxide?" Student—"Isn't shoe leather oxidized?"

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS. I took my boy off for a sail on a sound steamer a short time ago. Here is what he asked me in the course of the day:

"Do they call this a sound steamer because it makes a noise?" "Is that water down there any wetter than the water in the Atlantic Ocean?" "What makes the water wet anyhow?"

"How many men could be drowned in water as deep as that?" "If a mamma fish couldn't get any worms in the water for the little fish would she go ashore and dig for them?" "Suppose a whale came along and sat for three days on an oyster so that he couldn't open his shell would it suffocate the oyster?"

"Does the dampness ever give claims malaria?" "Does it hurt to get drowned?" "Is that big man with the gold buttons on his coat the papa of all those men who do whatever he tells them to?" "Who are those men up there in the little house on the roof playing with the bicycle?"

"Where do all those soap-suds behind the boat come from?" "Could a locomotive go as fast on the water as this boat?"

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In reading over the literary items of the week, I found not much to interest me, until my eye caught sight of an article headed "Jenks' Dream." Imagine my surprise to find it ended up with a recommendation to use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Nevertheless, being a great sufferer from sick headache, I determined to try them, and to my great joy, I found prompt relief, and by their protracted use, a complete immunity from such attacks. Pierce's Pellets often cure sick headache in an hour. They are gently laxative or actively cathartic, according to size of dose. As a pleasant laxative, take one each night on retiring. For adults, four act as an active, yet painless, cathartic. Cause no griping or sickness. Best Liver Pill ever made. Smallest, Cheapest, Easiest to take. For Constipation, Indigestion and Bilious Attacks, they have no equal.



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