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been discovered that a young man who has been well grounded in the fundamentals of knowledge and has been taught how to think can make good in business much more quickly and satisfactorily than the youth who has to learn everything after he starts.

STUPIDITY OF "BOOZE"

THE answer of "booze" to the 101 indictments returned by a Pittsburgh Grand Jury on the ground of violation of the corrupt practices act emphasizes the remarkable stupidity which has invariably characterized the liquor interests in their efforts to prevent reform in the conduct of their business.

State after State has embraced prohibition because the liquor interests themselves have forced prohibition on the people. Seldom have they made an open fight. They have relied on the corruption of political leaders, even the corruption of the people themselves.

More than that, they rivet a State to prohibition when once it has been embraced. With an effrontery unparalleled, they flood new prohibition territory with liquor mail-order advertisements, seeking by every means in their power to defeat the will of the people and override in practice their solemn edicts.

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Tom Daly's Column

Comes Written by myself Little Polly

HIDING PLACES Its very strange and yet its true That all this time I never knew There is inside our little home

There are these days I'm working hard To find a pretty picture card To give to Mother Christmas Day

And I must hide my things away When I'm not working with them, so I had to find a place you know

Where she would never think to go. I have a place that answers well Though where it is I will not tell

But this is what I wish to say I thought it strange from day to day While through the house I looked around

That everywhere I went I found So many little empty spaces That would have made good hiding places

And Mother must know many more For weapons stop before our door These things 'most every day or so

And men with many bundles go And ring our bell and hand them in But they are never seen again.

And so I say it strange but true That all this time I never knew There is inside our little home

The Quack Contest Dr. V. V. Hostetter was the first to draw from Nancey's Anagram, "Welcoming Paean, So Dear to the World," the correct answer.

PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN. Though some might object to "wards," there is plenty of authority for it.

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What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Text questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

- 1. Why was whaling so much more important to the industry half a century ago than it is now? 2. Who were the Arcadians? 3. Where is the Mammoth Cave? 4. Name the orders of Greek architecture. 5. Who were the Goths, Visigoths and Ostrogoths? 6. Who was John Bartram? 7. What is the "self-infinitive"? 8. What great American said "Europe has a set of arbitrary rules which she has none, or a very remote relation"? 9. What are the two meanings of the word "hazard"? 10. Who was Adam Smith?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

- 1. Charles Carroll, of Maryland, signed the Declaration of Independence. Some one suggested that as there were many Carrolls in the colony, the name should be changed to "Charles Carroll of Philadelphia." He refused to do so. 2. The first granite was quarried in 1867. A granite is an association of igneous rocks, particularly of quartz, feldspar and mica, which are cemented together by a matrix of calcareous material. 3. Moscow was the archaic name for Russia. 4. Early settlers in Philadelphia brought from England the custom of muzzling oxen. This is the accepted origin of the word "muzzled." 5. The Decalogue, or Ten Commandments. 6. Titian (Tiziano Vecelli, 1475-1576) was the most famous painter of the Venetian school. He painted a picture of a woman, "Titian hair," as popularly called. 7. "Museum" is pronounced with the accent on the second syllable. The word "museum" is derived from the Latin "musaeum," which means "the house of the Muses." 8. The crown is the Austrian unit of value—30 cents in normal times. The florin is the unit of value in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. 9. A. A. Milne is an American Indian name. 10. Kersey is a kind of coarse, narrow cloth woven from blue wool, usually ribbed.

Amish Church

M. J. J. H.—The Amish Church originated in 1520 in Switzerland when Jacob Amel led a separation of the Mennonites, his contention being that excommunication of one party dissolved the marriage tie, but that should not be used and that the church should be reformed. The Old Amish Church resulted in this country in 1848 when a strict sect divorced itself from the Mennonite Church because of certain new customs that were regarded as too much in the nature of innovations in addition to their own distinctive beliefs, the people of the Amish faith adhere to the Mennonite doctrines, which are evangelical and include the sacrament twice a year, with footwashing; condemnation of abortion, oath-taking and divorce, except for adultery; and observance of strict Christian discipline.

West Indian Coins

S. H.—The first coins struck for the Danish West Indies of which there is any knowledge were those of the denominations of one, two and twelve shillings, which were issued under the reign of Christian IV, of Denmark, who occupied the throne from 1594 to 1648. The larger denomination was in silver and the other two in copper. All were dated 1719. The second series was issued under Frederick V, 1746-1748. There were several varieties of twelve and twenty-four shilling pieces, all in silver. One variety of the twelve-shilling bore the bust of the King, while the other showed his crowned monogram as the principal device. The twenty-four-shilling showed the bust and a ship. It was dated 1745. Under the reign of Christian IX, 1833-1893, the denominations struck were one, five, ten and twenty cents, and in 1895 was issued a series of the denominations of two and one-half, five, ten and twenty-five cents, struck in nickel, which showed the crowned monogram on the obverse and a trident, sickle and other designs on the reverse. It was of the value of one-fifth of a cent. There were also coins in silver of ten cents or fifty cents, and twenty cents or one franc. Denominations of twenty and fifty francs were issued in gold, the 1891 and 1893, and bearing the bust of Christian IX.

Synonymous with Inertia

"Inertia" said Donis Allen, "is what keeps some of us from doing things that we ought to do. It is a habit of mind that keeps us from doing things that we ought to do."—Washington Post.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

When McNichol Smiles He Is Winning—When He Frowns He Is Beaten

This department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum, and the Editor reserves the right to accept or reject the views of the correspondents. Letters must be signed and the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

WHY McNICHOL IS ANGRY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The latest effort of Penroseism to force a Speaker upon the Legislature is so offensive to the 397 members of the House and Senate that representatives are resorting to it with such a relentless and forcible opposition that it is probable a motion will be made by Mr. Baldwin to name Mr. Cox for Speaker by acclamation in order to escape the official record of a most humiliating defeat for Penroseism and all that it stands for.

I have known State Senator McNichol for many years, and during all that time his face and his actions have been a perfect index of his mind. Whenever he confidently believed he was a winner, his amiability and good nature were such that he would always bring victory to "Sunny Jim," but when defeat for him was prosaged, a clouded brow and a peevish deportment foretold what was to come.

But a change has taken place in "Sunny Jim." He hasn't smiled since Mr. Cox announced his candidacy for Speaker against the candidate of "Sunny Jim," whose days and nights are occupied in publicly scolding and berating Governor Brumbaugh, Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, and the Vaudeville entertainers in order to obtain the most experienced flatterer female in the Nanny-goat market of Kensington, and the louder and longer old-time "Sunny Jim" entertains the public with his scold-fish oratory the feebler becomes the influence of Penroseism in Pennsylvania, and the more inclined the brewers are to discontinue their trade in their own way, instead of through the hands of a general agent. JOHN W. PHAZIER, Philadelphia, December 16.

A WORD FOR WATCHMEN

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Your editorial of the 14th instant entitled "Suppose You Were This Man" is a most timely and thoughtful. Every sensible person will approve your reasonable suggestion.

Our friends need more relaxation, and should be promptly taken to better their condition. Indeed, they are not the only body of men, both publicly and privately employed, whose hours of work are unduly long.

This is especially true of engineers, firemen and watchmen, and particularly that of watchmen, upon whose care and vigilance so much property, and therefore employment, is at stake. Engineers and firemen work twelve hours per day, and very many of them work seven days or nights a week, usually with no day off; while watchmen generally work thirteen hours nightly, with no night off, or about an average of ninety-one hours weekly, and very exacting duties to perform. He must manage steam boilers, heat the mill, clean the office, suit a lot of eccentric women housekeepers, make regular trips hourly throughout the place to watch against possible fire and prevent the mill from running away from itself or its owners. These trips are usually considered very important at night, while in the day time, an on Saturday afternoon, prevent the mill from running away from itself or its owners. These trips are usually considered very important at night, while in the day time, an on Saturday afternoon, prevent the mill from running away from itself or its owners. These trips are usually considered very important at night, while in the day time, an on Saturday afternoon, prevent the mill from running away from itself or its owners.

A few firms realize that better watchmen's services can be had by allowing a night off monthly, and still allow them to allow their men a night off a week, more they and it is good policy; but the mass of nightworkers, both engineers and watchmen, never get a night off until they are unemployed or dead.

Let us have better conditions for the men who serve the community publicly or privately.

FROM A FIREMAN'S DAUGHTER

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Having been a constant reader of your paper for some time, I wish to express my thanks to you for the great interest you are taking in the firemen of Philadelphia, having both father and uncle in the Fire Department. I see my father on Sundays and on his day off only, being at school when he comes home for his meals.

I again thank you, hoping you will continue until the fight is won. IDA M. GRAMBO, Philadelphia, December 15.

PERSHING'S PROMOTION

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—In acknowledgment of his service in Mexico, President Wilson recommends the promotion of Brigadier General John J. Pershing to be a major general.

This promotion for doing nothing suggests that if General Pershing had done what he went there to do our estimable President would recommend that he constitute the entire army of the United States. ANTI-HUMBOLDT, Philadelphia, December 15.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

TONIGHT AT 8:15 WM. ROSENBAUM Announces Opening of Philadelphia Grand Opera Company's Season

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To Be Repeated Thursday Afternoon and Friday Evening (CAST—REINA VICARINO, FOREST LAMONT, GIUSEPPE NORGHI, ROBERTO VIOLONE)

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PALACE 1214 MARKET STREET "WHOM THE GODS DESTROY" (CAST—PAULINE FREEDMAN, "NANNETTE OF THE WILDS")

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REGENT MARKET Below 15th St. ALICE BRADY "A WOMAN ALONE"

FORREST—Last 6 Evgs. MONTGOMERY AND STONE in "CHIN-CHIN"

BROAD Opening Xmas Day MRS. FISKE in ERSTWHILE SUSAN

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI, Conductor Friday Afternoon, Dec. 22, at 3:00 Saturday Evening, Dec. 23, at 8:00

GLOBE Theatre MARKET and VAUGHAN STS. IN MEXICO The Dayton Troupe