

PENNIES BY THE POUND.

One Branch of the Sub-Treasury Business—Large Sums Handled in Very Small Coins.

An Italian, staggering under a heavy load of coin which he carried on his shoulder...

"What are you going to do with all those pennies?" was asked of the officer in charge of the department.

"I suppose he gets them from the groceries, saloon-keepers and small tradespeople down in the neighborhood of Mulberry street, where they are received in great quantities."

"Do other people exchange pennies very often?"

"Yes, some large firms very often send large amounts for exchange. Retail stores where the odd cents are charged and street railroads make exchanges almost every day."

"There is almost always a demand for it. Almost as many come after as there are depositors."

"Do many of the old copper pennies come in for exchange or redemption?"

"No, sir, not now. They have been mostly gathered in and sent back to Washington for recoinage into the smaller penny, the bronze cent."

"Then the bronze cent is made of copper and something else of still greater value to make it worth as much as the old big copper cent, is it not?"

"Well, the bronze cent is an alloy of copper and zinc. Intrinsically, I presume, it is worth less than a quarter of the old copper cent."

"About a cent and a half, I think it is. It is not even pretended that it is worth full five cents."

When asked what a pound of pennies or a pound of nickels would be worth the officer laid the way to a large iron safe and swung open the ponderous doors.

"Each of the bags in this compartment contains \$10 in bronze pennies, and weighs just seven pounds."

"Here is \$100 in fractional paper currency. We get but little of this for redemption now. Not over \$2,000,000 all told came in last year, and yet there is \$15,000,000 of it outstanding."

A MUSICAL DOG.

Tricksey, Known as a "Whisper" Dog, Plays a Piano and Does Other Marvellous Things.

Miss Phillis Claire Smith, one of the fair pupils of Mme. Fursch-Madi, who charmed a Boston audience with her singing not long ago, has a "whisper" dog named Tricksey, that is highly educated in music.

"What is it that is so wonderful about every eye will see and every ear will hear and then pretend to whisper an answer."

When he is asked to perform on the piano he goes up to the stool, turns to the present and raising his right fore foot a little above his head, brings it down slowly at the same time inclining his head.

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"In the morning I discovered that the fifteen clocks were set just five minutes apart."

"What do you keep your clocks all set differently for?" I asked.

"Well, said my uncle, 'when I wake up in the night I like to know what time it is. Now, as I have my clocks arranged, one of them strikes every five minutes, so I don't have to wait long to find out whether it is time to get up.'"

Humors of Retrenchment.

Every now and then some funny things occur in the attempts at reform and retrenchment in the departments.

"What do you mean by that?"

"A personal inspection of the pyramids of Egypt, made by a quarry owner who spent some time recently on the Nile, has led him to the conclusion that the old Egyptians were better builders than those of the present day."

"Skill of Ancient Builders."

"A very absent-minded doctor was dining out and the hostess asked him to carve a leg of mutton. To the astonishment of the lady and her guests, he cut off a huge chunk of meat, then whipped out a lint bandage from his pocket, carefully bound up the mutilated joint, and exclaimed enthusiastically:

SHAVED AGAINST THE GRAIN.

A Red-haired Young Man Has a Set-to with an Unlucky Barber.

A red-haired young man, with an irascible look in his eyes, came into a Broadway hair shop and took a seat. Spreading himself out in the chair, and said:

"Barber, you shaved me once before, three days ago, did you not?"

"I'll teach you how to shave against the grain," roared the red-haired pugilist, rushing after the barber.

"Don't acknowledge a man as an agent unless he can show that he stands in his principal's shoes as to the business in hand."

"Don't transcend your authority as agent, or you will become personally responsible."

"Don't accept a chattel mortgage unless the schedule annexed contains every article to be covered by the lien."

"Don't forget that a chattel mortgage is, in fact, a conditional bill of sale."

"Don't forget that compound interest will render a contract onerous."

"Don't forget that there is an implied guaranty in selling goods by sample."

"Don't sue for one-half of a demand unless you want to lose the other."

"Don't take a title where there is a judgment against a man of the same name as your grantor, without conclusive proof that he is not the judgment debtor."

"Don't think that a promise to marry will be void because no time is fixed. The law will allow a reasonable time."

"Don't forget that a promissory note in the hands of innocent third parties for value stands on all defenses usually made on contracts."

"Never mind under any circumstances try to imitate your husband's mother. Love her, if possible, but don't try to cook like her. Insist on yourself, and presently your husband will be found quoting your cookery."

PRETTY BUT OF NO USE.

Cheap Ornamental Thermometers Made and Sold by the Household.

This is a great year for thermometers. There is a special thermometers made and sold by the household.

"Very little. The cheap thermometers are made by the thousand, and are sold for less than we can buy the glass tubes here."

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"Married in His Hat."

"It was the German's turn to relate his marriage experience, a ceremony which occurred in the Black Forest."

"General Sherman and His Men."

"Sherman could be easily approached by any of his soldiers, but no one could venture to be familiar. His uniform coat, usually wide open at the throat, displayed a not very military black cravat and linen collar, and he generally wore low shoes and one spur."

"Good Motives."

"You meant well enough, Maria," remarked Mr. Wipedunks, "in making me a Christmas present of a box of these cigars, but your judgment was a little at fault in the selection."

"A Little Absent-Minded."

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