PENNIES BY THE POUND.

One Branch of the Sub-Treasury's Busias.-Large Sums Handled in Very Small Coins.

An Italian, staggering under a heavy load of coin which he carried on his shoulder tied in one end of a stout grain sack, eat red the sol-treasury building at New York. He was directed to the small coin department, where all the nickels, pennies, three-cent pieces, and fractional currency are issued and ex-chauged. The Italian's load consisted of 160 pounds of Unsted States pennies. The bag and its contents were passed through the attle window over the mar. ble counter, a conditional receipt was given to the swarthy depositor, who placed it carefully in his inside pocket and stalked contentedly out of the build-

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

"The same as we do with all such do-posits," he replied, "we count them over, sort out the counterfeit p.eces and tokens bag the good ones up for reissue and the uncurrent ones we set one side to be returned to Washington for recoin-To-morrow or next day the deposiage. tor returns, presents his receipt and wo give him bills to the amount of his deposit, less the tokens and counterfeits, if there are any."

"Where does the man pick up such a quantity of pennies ?"

"I suppose he gets them from the proceries, saloonkeepers and small trades-people down in the neighborhood of Mulberry street, where they are received in great quantities. He buys them up at a small discount, then brings them here for exchange, receiving their full face value, and the difference between what he receives and what he pays for them remunerates him for his time and trouble "

"Do other people exchange pennics 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. The Dry-dock Rail-road, for instance, brings in on an average \$500 a day in one-cent pieces and nickels, the Broadway road atout \$400 a day , and the elevated railroad from \$500 to \$1,500 in five-rent pieces."

"W hat do you do with all this quantity of small stuff ?"

There is almost always a demand for Almost as many come after as t ero are depositors. Small change is rather scarce than otherwise. Then egain wo ship a great deal to the West and south, where, up to two or three years ago, pennies were unknown, and five-cent pieces were rarely used. Eut latterly they have come into very g neral ess. Five years ago you could not pass a I-cent piece in New Orleans. The people there did not know what they were, and the nickel was the smallest coin in circulation, and even those were not much used, as 5 and 10-cent silver coins were the staple small change. This increased demand keeps the coin moving pretty briskly now, and we seldom have any great amount on hand. Yesterday wo had \$9,500 in 5-cent pieces, and that is a fair average of the amount on hand at this season of the year. Before the present demand in the South and West we often had larger quantities. I have seen the time when we held \$120,000 in 5 and \$19,000 in 1-cent pieces.

"Do many of the old copper pennics come in for exchange or redemption ?" "No, sir, not now. They have been in the hall-struck one, and the rest fol-

A MUSICAL DOG.

Tricksay, Known as a "Whisper" Dog, Finys a Piano and Does Other Liarvellous Things.

Miss Ftillia Claire Smith, one of the fair pupils of Mme. Fursch-Madi, who Thir pupils of Mme. Fursch-Madi, who charmed a Boston audience with her sirging not long ago, has a "whisper" dog named Tricksey, that is highly edu-cated in music. "What is a 'whisper' by? every one will ask. It is one that tanght to listen to what is whispered it to its ear and then pretends to whisper it o its ear and then pretends to whisper answer. Tricksey is a little black and with an attenuated body and a bark all the way from a snarling grunt to a pierc ng yell. He grew up with musical strains floating about his ears lour or hve hours a day, and when his years of canine maturity arrived, he knew what class of music he preferred. He was taught all the tricks that a elever dog is supposed to know. His proliciency was so is arked that he gained the sobriquet of "Tr.cksey." One o. his best leats was to attempt to play the plano, but since he heard young Hoimann he has not been ambitious in that direction.

When he is asked to perform on the riano he goes up to the stool, turns to those present and raising his right fore foot a little above his head, brings it down slowly, at the same time inclining his head. If he receives applause he bows again and then with a bark of de light leaps on the stool and then e to the ivory keya. The piece he plays is a dis onted praquinade produced by run-ning rapidly to and fro over the keys. He doesn't bark while treading the ivory and seems to be in earnest. He always wishes to conclude the performance by imitating a musical director. A piece of music is placed on the piano rack and up to Trick ey's fore feet against it, his hind feet resting on the keys. Slowly. raising his right fore eg. he points it ground, directing the invisible band. He is fond of Chop:n's and Waldteufel music and expresses delight by turning somersaults and barking. Wagner is too much for him and he simulates death until the music cesses. While his young mistress is singing he walks slowly aroun i the parlor and if any one moves he makes a threatening dash at the interrupter. The other day he heard a baritone sin ; with Miss Smith, and in order to express approval he jumped in the baritons's lap and made the sign that he wished to whisper in the stranger's ear.

A Clock Crank.

"I have a funny old uncle down in New Hampshire-a crank on clocks," said a gentleman. "I spent a night in his house not long ago, and don't intend to spend another there soon. I am a light sleeper, and when I am awakened I have a hard time to get back to sleep. Well at 12 o'clock that night I was awakened by the loud, lazy stroke of an old-iashioned tail clock in the hall. It struck twelve times and I thought it would never quit and let me go io s eep. I had just swooned of in the direction of sleep when a nasty little Yankee clock, with a busy, whanging knocker, pelt d of twelve more. In a lew minutes the soothing chime of a pretty French clock peeped up through my bedroom floor from the parlor. I might have gone to sleep under this in uence, but in a few moments mor : the loud, janging voice of another clock in some other part of the house drove all sleep from my eyes. In sheer desperation I lay and counted clock after clock until fitteen of them had each struck 12, and then, just as I had conciuded that was the end of the procession of noises, big father clock of all-the one

SHAVED AGAINST THE GRAIN.

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

A red-haired young man, with an irascible look in his eyes, came i. to a Broad-way baroer 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?" "Yes, sir," replied the artist, remember-

ing that he received no tip. "We I, I gave you certain instructions about shaving me that I will now rep at.

My skin is t nder and I caution you have to shave against the grain." The barber began to lather his custom-er's face and indulge in meditations for-

eign to the instructions he had just received. With deft strokes of h s razor he entered upon the task or removing a very stiff beard. His strokes for several minutes were downward, when, seeming to forget what had been told him, he shave.l against the grain. With a great oath the red haired man sprang from the chair. Without waiting for any explanation, he struck the barber and was about to follow up in true Sullivan style, when the victim retreated.

"I'll teach you how to shave agrinst the grain," roared the red-haired pugil.st,

rashing after the baroer. The latter redoubled his efforts to es-cape, and finally fell into the ceilar, knocking a coal scuttle filled with coal a ter him. Bareheaded, a towel about his throat and the lather on his cheeks, on came the aggrieved customer, shouting: "I'il teach you how to shave against the grain!" The pursued fortided him-self and defied the customer to come down and fight it out in the dark cellar. The customer answered by closing the cellar door and leaving the shop, after emphatically expressing his belief that the barber shaved against the grain be-cause he had received no t'p.

Legal Don'ts.

Fon'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 fesponsible.

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

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

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

Lon't forget that there is an implied guaranty in selling goo s by sample. Don't sue for one-half of a demand un-

less you want to lose the other. Don't refuse the call of a sheriff to aid

him in making an arrest. Don't rely on a witness who can't co

into detail. Don't testify to your own conclusions

unless you are an expert.

Don't hold a paper or an account an unreasonable time, or you will be pre-sumed to admit its correctness.

Don't erect a building upon foundations sunken into the ground or it will become part of the realty.

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 thir | parties for value shuts out all delenses usually made on contracts. 1

PRETTY BUT OF NO USE.

Chaap Ornamentel Thermometers Made and Soid by the . housand.

This is a great year for thermometer. mak -s. There is a t shiona le era e to use therm meeters mounted in every conceivable way for house decora on. The large dry-cools stores are s presel to have at riel the fachion. Is till they fitted u , sp wial ther nometer consters, and halthous adso these instruments ing mons ways. One of the most striging designs was an car of corn with a t termonicter let into one side. An ther design was a gift harpoon with a ther nometer atrach ad to the ovory handle. Then panels, plaques, banners, palletes or snything that would add to the decorative effect was utilized.

Now it is the thing for a young woman to buy the thermon et r, the rite on and the ear of corn, or whatever may be used for mounting, and put them tog mer herself. When a downtown thermomy + rmaker was asked what e ect the crane had on his trace, he replied : "Very little. The che-p thermometers

are made by the thousand, and are sold for less than we can buy the glass tubes here. Of course, they are not accurate. mercury that it contains, and they are all mounted on a graduated scale, which is stamped out by machinery at the rate of a hundred every two minutes. Ac-curate ther nometers cannot be made for less than a dollar each, and many cost from \$10 to \$2; each. The glass tube must be prepared at least three years in advance of use, or it will contract; an absolute vacuum must be projuced before the mercury is inserted; and tho testing and graduating are hand work, requiring great care and valuable time. The most expensive thermometers are those made for brew rs, chemical ma utacturers, incubator makers and physicians. Mercury is principally used for all temperatures between forty degrees below zero and 550 degrees above. It freezes at the lower temperature, an i though its boiling point is 6 0 degrees. . t will Loil in vacuum at nearly a hun red degre s less. Alcohol does not freeze at any known temperature, and is, therefore, used exclusively in thermometers in the Arct c regions, and in many parts of analis and o .r Northwest ra Stat.s.

What a B.I.zard .s.

' Cf all the people familiar with the word "blizzard," probably not one in a thousand ever saw anything remote resembling the thing which that word was co.ned to describe. In this ap ence of lexi-ographic authority, the de nition of the term is best supplied by personal egp-rience. A blizzard means so netting as near y as possible like the samt storm, of the desert, with perverized ice in place of sand, and a temperature as many i egrees below freezing as the other mar.s above. Its accompaniments are percently well defined. They are a very low temp-rature, never in the g notice blick zard r sing above the zero point ; a tram n lous wind velocity, equal to that of the most violent gales of the stores; son at sea, and the alling of the air with needle-points of ice, which blind the even an lout and sting like miniatore arrows wherever they strike. This is the storm which benumis, sew lifers in 1 centroys lie in its path. It has been felt in r ra-ins ances by the setters on into treeless

plairs of the Forth. It seems, rather sugularly, to occur less frequ noir as popul tion and cultivation in reaso. Ther, are comparatively few propile in Mina sot , who have ever had person i requaintance with it. Indeed, to day it



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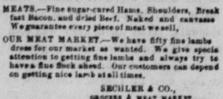
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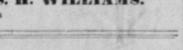
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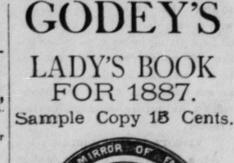
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"Well, the bronze cent is an alloy of copper and zinc. Intrinsically, I pre-sume, it is worth less than a quarter of the old copper cent."

"Then, what is a nickel worth intrinsically "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 led the way to a large iron safe and swung open the ponderous doors. Within were piled a great num-ber of canvas bags of coins. Lifting one of these, the officer said : · **

"Each of the bags in this compartment contains \$10 in bronze (pennies, and weighs just seven pounds. That would make a pound of them worth about \$1.42." Pointing to the other compartment, he continued : "Here are the fivecent pieces, and these we put in bags of \$50 each, eleven pounds to the bag; so a bag of nickels would be worth \$4.55}.

"Here is \$100 in fractional paper cur-ency. We get but little of this for rerency. demption now. Not over \$3,000,000 all told came in last year, and yet there is \$15,000,000, of it outstanding. It is esti-mated that \$8,000,000 of this fractional currency has been lost and destroyed in circulating and will never be presented circulating and will never be presented for redemption. I think, however, it is more likely that \$12,000,000 has been destroyed, All that does come in is in a dilapidated state, worn, ragged, and greasy and unit for use. Eut strange as it may seem, people will not bring it for redemption until it is beyond using. They seem to hold on to it because it is multiplated to carry and so handy to use in so light to carry and so handy to use in sending small sums by mail."

A Freak of Lightning.

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A funny thing occurred one evening, when we had quite severe lightning. One of our surveyors was out in the woods surveying, and on the approich of the storm took shelter under a large tree, leaving his compass on the jackstaff, some two or th ee hundred yards away. During the storm a tree very near the compass was struck by lightning, and, to relate, the effect upon the compass was to reverse it so as to make the north po nt of the needle change position and poin south. The gentleman not knowng that fact, when he want back to the compress took a course and started, as he supposed for home. After walking eight or ten miles, going north, as the compass indicated, he, away in the night, came to the house of an old settler, who, upon inquiry, told him where he was and how far from Orlando and the proper direc-tion, which, of course, was directly op-posite to that indicated by his compare. After becoming satisfied something was wrong with the compass and that the settler was right, he retraced his steps and arrived at home, tired, wet and mad. This is the second instance we have known of the needle of a compass being after ted by lightning so as to become re-versed. - Orlando Becord.

lowed its example. "In the morning I discovered that the

fifteen clocks were set just five minutes spart

"'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.

"He knew the voice of every clock in the house, and knew what time it was whenever any one of them struck,"

Humors of Retrenchment.

Every now and then some funny things occur in the attempts at reform and retrenchment in the departments A notice appeared in a paper that hencefor h clerks in the war department were either to have their own towels washed at their own expense or go with dirty hands. The washing had been paid for out of a fund for necessities, and a clerk who had ch rge of the accounts decided that clean towels did not come under that head, and therefore there was no appropriation to pay for the washing of towels. A match to this occured some time sco when there was found an ong the accounts of an officer which were forwarded for audit \$40 for postige stemps. This last item was distlowed, for, said the Dogberry who wrote to the other, "the law requires that an offer for tids should be made for all supplies and the contract given to the lowest b.d.d.r." In r.ply the following was sent: "An counterfeiters are the only comp titors with the government for furnishing postage stamps, I thought it best not to open bids with them." Another case: Gen. Foe is stationed at Detroit. In a violent gale he saw a government vessel wreck-ed with all aboard. He quickly charter-ed a tug and sent it to rescue the men. When he sent the bill to Washington to pay for the services of the tug, the account was returned as disallowed, owing to the fact "that no bids had been open-ed for the furnishing of a tug to rescue the drowning seamen.".

Ckill of Ancient Builders.

WA 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. He states that there are blocks of stone in the pyramids which weigh three or four times as much as the obelisk on the embankment. He saw a stone whose estimated weight was 880 tons. But then the builders of the pyramiks counted human labor lightly. They had great masses of subjects upon whom to draw, and most of their work was done by sheer manual labor and force. There are stones in the pyramids 30 feet in length which fit so cosely together that a penknife may be run over the surface without discovering the break between them. They are not laid with mortar, either. There is no machinery so perfect that it will make two surfaces thirty feet in length which will meet together in unison as these ment. He saw a stone whose estimated will meet together in unison as these stones in the pyramids meet. It is sup-posed that they were rubbed backward and forward upon each other until the surface was assimilated.

Advice to Brides.

Three kindly-hearted women of housekeeping experience have been moved to

send some advice to brides. Don't fix things any more than you can help

Don't use coal fire in the summer. when oil is cheaper, cleaner and cooler. Always have everything on the table or on a small table close at your hand when you sit down to a meal.

Let your common sense interpret your cook book. Remember that variety is the best

sance for appetite. Always have a clean cloth on your

table, even if you have burned your bread or boiled your coder.

Do not cut more bread than you need for a meal.

Never serve cold sliced meat for breakfast

Always have your warmed-over dishes served as nicely as if they were original at the time.

Put vegetables into hot water to cook. Don't forget to sait the water in which potatoes are put to boil.

Wear a big white apron when at your baking-table.

Remember that punctuality is as necessary for the housekeeper as for the business man.

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

Good Motives. 4

"You meant well enough, Maria," remarked Mr. Wipedonks, 'in making me a Christmas present of a box of these cigar-, but your judgment was a little at fault in the selection. One of these per day, " he continued, blowing a cloud of day," he continued, blowing a clotte of smoke from his mouth, and getting out of the way of it, "would make a malig-nant scoundrel of the prophet Llijah

Your motives were all right, Mr. Wipedunks," was his wife's reply, "in presenting me that set of furs, but if the lealer made you think that dyed rabbit skin was mink, and fixed the price accordingly, he took a mean advantage of

an unsuspecting nature." The portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Wipe-dunks, on either side of the framed mono, "God B.ess Our Home," looked mono, "God Bless Our Home," looked with pensive interest at the word Japanese monsters on the mantel, and amid a rhetorical pause that lasted thirty-fivo minutes the head of the Wipedunks family stole softly out into the gloaming and fervently kicked himself.

A Little Absent-Minded.

A very absent-minded doctor was din-A very absent-minded doctor was din-ing out and the hostess asked him to carve a leg or mutton. To the astonish-ment of the lady and her guests, he cut off a huge chunk of meat, then whipped ont a lint bandage from his pocket, care-fully bound up the mutilated joint, and exclaimed enthusiasically: "Beautiful! With care and repose the national will now assuredly do well."

is mu h rarer than a cyclone, as it is in ily 1 s. to be dreaded; since ther. is some warning of its approach and it harmless to those who have found shelter. There will pro ably be blizzards in the Northwest in the future, as th re will be carthquakes in New York; the one just about as frequent, and with the in-crease of settlement, about as dan wro as the other. Not only, however, is it an abuse of the language to use the wor even the sever mow storm, but it is a

in the which is neither intemp rate nor unhealthful. The correspondents and reporters should give the cyclone and Ulizzard a rest. -St. Paul Pioner Press,

Married in His Hat.

It was the German's turn to relate his marriage experiences, a ceremony which occurred in the Black Forest. "I was ready," he began, "my bride looked rosy and beautiful in her wedding garments, and I had do led the green foresters jacket for a splendid black coat e ; roadcloth and my soft felt hat for a hi'h silk We drove in a closed carriage to one. church, and on the road I was getting up from my seat to open the window, io.-getting that I am over six feet high. My tal hat came with a tremendous crish against the roof of the carriage and in a second all was dark-the hat had gone down over my face, and my whole head stuck tightly in it. I pulled and shout-ed, and screamed and groaned. The bride, weeping and terriled, assisted with all her power. We got out and got the driver to as-ist. It was all in vain : the hat stuck fast. At the church door our fr.ends had each a pull; but the clergy-man arrived, and the hat still heid me in bondage. 'I can not marry you without seeing your face,' he shouted through the hat into my ear, and after one long desperate struggle I decided to make an end of it. 'Take a sharp knife,' I shouted to my friend, 'and cut a hole around my face into the hat, but see that you do it tace into the hat, but see that you do it well, for I can not allow this expensive hat to be spoiled.' The hole was cut, the clergyman saw that I was the right man, and I was married with the hat over my face. Afterwards when I got cooler, I managed to get out of it. My wife sewed the piece in again; and I have worn it tor many a year." have worn it for many a year.'

Ceneral Sherman and Ilis 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 I nen coliar, and he generally wore low shoes and one spur. On the march he role with each column in tura. In passing on the march he acknow elast our salutations as if he knew us all, but hadn't time to stop. On "the march to the sea" a soldier called out to Sherman: "Uncle Billy, I guess Grant's waiting for us at Kichmon-L."

Sherman's acquidintance among his officers was remarkable and of great ad-vaninge, for he learned the character of vaninge, for he learned the character of every command, even of regiments, and could assign officers to special duties with knowledge of those who were to fill the vacancies so made. The army ap-preciated these personal relations, and every man felt in a certain sense that Sherman had his eye on him.

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