The Pittsburgh Gazette.

How Pins are Made.

The pin machine is one of the closest approaches that mechanics have made to the dexterity of the human hand. A small machine, about the height and size of a lady's sewing machine, only much stronger, stands before you. On the back side a light belt descends from the long shaft at the ceiling that drives all the machines, ranged in rows on the floor. On the left side of our machine hangs, on a peg, a small reel of wire, that has been straighted by running through a compound system of small rollers. The wire descends and the end of it enters the machine. This is the food consumed by this snappish, voracious little dwarf. He pulls it in and bites it off by inches incessantly, one hundred and forty bites to the minute. Just as he seizes each bite, a saucy little hammer, with a concave face, hits the end of the wire three taps and "upsets" it to a head, while he gripes it in a counter-sunk hole between his teeth. With an outward thrust of his tongue he then lays the pin sidewise in a little groove across the rim of a small wheel that slowly revolves just under his nose. By the external pressure of a stationary hoop these pins rolls in their places, as they are carried under two series of small files, three in each. These files grow finer toward the end of the series. They lie at a slight inclination on the pins, and by a series of cams, levers and springs, are made to play like lightning. Thus the pins are dropped in a little shower into a box. Twenty-eight pounds are a day's work for one of these little automatons. Forty machines on this floor make five hundred and sixty pounds of pins daily. These are then polished. Two very intelligent machines reject every crooked pin, even the slightest irregularity of form being detected. Another automaton assort half a dozen lengths in as many boxes, all at once, and unerringly, when a careless operator has mixed the contents of boxes from various machines. Lastly, a perfect genius of a machine hangs the pins by the head in an inclined platform through as many slots as there are pins in a row on the papers. These slots converge into the exact space spanning the length of a row. Under them runs the strip of pin paper. A barb-like part of the machine catches one pin from each of the slots as it falls, and by one movement sticks them all through the corrugated ridges in the paper, from which they are to be picked by taper fingers in boudoirs and all sorts of human circumstances.

Quick Fermentation Whisky.

In computing the capacity of a distillery to produce whisky the law allows the distillers seventy-two hours for fermentation of their "mashes."

A recent German invention, which the distillers are using, produces fermentation in twenty-four hours. By means of this quick fermentation a distillery which uses the common process can turn out thrice the amount of liquor the Government gives it credit for. Distillers are supposed to put their "mash" through a slow and even fementation of half a week, and upon the supposed yield are taxed eighty per cent., and as much more as the vigilance and integrity of a rotten, bribed Revenue Inspector or Gauger reports. But by cramming into their vats enormous amounts of yeast they produce a fermentation in a single day, and thus make three times the quantity of liquor which the stupid statute supposes they produce. Thus, suppose a "mash" produces three hundred gallons once in three days, or six hundred gallons per week, the Government charges sixty-three cents on eighty per cent. of this quantity, and receives $302 on four hundred and eighty gallons; whereas, the real production of the establishment is one thousand eight hundred gallons, and the Government is swindled out of its tax on one thousand three hundred and twenty gallons per week. By this means the distiller keeps his books "straight," settles with the Revenue Inspector, who doesn't "see" anything but slow fermentation going on, and pockets the proceeds of the sale of the untaxed whisky—less what he divides with the inspector.

Edge Tools.

All cutting and piercing edge tools operate on the principle of the wedge. A brad awl furnishes an example which all can readily understand. The cutting edge of the awl severs the fibres of wood as the instrument enters, and the particles are compressed into a smaller compass, in the same manner as when a piece of wood is separated by a wedge. A chisel is a wedge in one sense; and an axe, drawing knife, or jack-knife is also a wedge. When a keen-edged razor is made to clip a hair or to remove a man's beard, it operates on the principle of a wedge.

Every intelligent mechanic understands that when a wedge is dressed out smoothly, it may be driven in with much less force than if its surface was left jagged and rough. The same idea holds good with respect to edge-tools. If the cutting edge be ground and whet to as fine an edge as may be practicable with a fine-gritted whet stone, and if the surface back of the cutting edge be ground smooth and true, and polished neatly, so that one can discernthe color of his eyes by means of the polished surface, the tool will enter whatever is to be cut by the application of much less force than if the surfaces were left as rough as they usually are when the tools leave the grindstone. All edged tools, such as axes, chisels and planes, that are operated with a crushing instead of a drawing stroke, should be polished neatly clear to the cutting edge, to facilitate their entrance into the substance to be cut.—*Manufacturer and Builder.*

Medicinal Properties of Celery.

I have known as many men and women, too, who, from various causes had become so much affected with nervousness that when they stretched out their hands they shook like aspen leaves on windy days—and by a daily moderate use of the blanched foot stalks of celery leaves as a salad they became as strong and steady in limbs as other people.

I have known others so very nervous that the least annoyance put them in a state of agitation, and they were almost in constant perplexity and fear, who were also effectually cured by a daily moderate use of blanched celery as a salad at meal times. I have known others cured by using celery for palpitation of the heart. Every body engaged in labor weakening to the nerves should use celery daily in season, and onions in its stead when not in season.—*Cor. Prac. Farmer.*

Sauces and Condiments.

The following is from Baron Leibig's article in *Every Saturday*:

Soup, bread, vegetables, puddings, ham, cheese, &c., are componant parts of our meals; and all these different articals lose something of their nutritive value because of the absence of the nutritive salts. Bread, for example, will on that account not be thoroughly digested; it produces the most excrement; and thus all the above named sorts of food leave a residue, which burdens the intestines and produces a sickly state, just as if to the perfectly digestible elements of any sort of food, a portion of something indigestible or useless is cooked up with it. The experienced cook endeavors to amend this defective quality by his sauces and condiments; and he employs for the purpose, besides kitchen herbs, an extract he has in store prepared from broken bones, odds and ends of meat, &c.; but as these latter contain generally but very little muscular flesh, this stock made by the cook is always poor in the nutritive salts, but all the richer in glue, which contributes nothing to nourishment or the improvement of food.

A perfect compensation is only to be obtained by using a concentrated meat broth, which of all similar preparations abounds most in nutritive salts. The delicate, full flavor which the food acquires by it shows the cook that in this way he most easily obtains what was wanted; and he who tastes the dish experiences by his digestion if the cookery were good or not. A dish well prepared is distinguished from one badly cooked by being more easily digestible, and this depends on its mixture, the time occupied in digestion, and on its solubility and divisibility in the stomach. The latter—which is important, but is not the chief thing—is in what the inexperienced cook most cares for; he deceives our taste by unfitting spices, and so spoils the best materials. Simple dishes, well prepared, are what the epicure values most.

The fungi used by the cook in his sauces—truffles, mushrooms, &c.—contain, wonderful to say, the same nutritive salts, and also in nearly the same proportion, as meat; and in taste, fungous broth greatly resembles meat broth. A closer examination of these might lead to interesting results. In Siberia, even toadstools, in spite of their poison, are not duspised.

THE *Atlantic Monthly* article for April on traveling to the far West by the Pacific Railroad, thus celebrates the now old West:

"Humboldt, in one of his solemn sentences prescribes three requisites for travel in new regions: 1. Serenity of mind; 2. Passionate love for some class of scientific labor; 3. A pure feeling for the enjoyment which nature, in her freedom, is ready to impart. These are all very desirable—at least one is indispensable—but my companions may swap off the other two for a well-filled purse and a good set of flannels. We may be as serene and scientific and sentimental as the old German traveler himself; but without these other possessions we cannot go far or be very comfortable.

Then we must be liberal as to time, too; the average American can see Europe in thirty days, I know; but this is a bigger job. True, with that limit he can be carried from Boston to San Francisco in ten days—allowing for a night or two in bed, and one or two failures to connect at that—and back in the same time, and have a third ten days to look about him in the mountains, in Utah and "Friscoe;" and this is better than nothing, of course; but still, comparing what he really does, before and after such a trip, he will be immensely more ignorant when he returns than he was at starting. I cannot tolerate the idea of less than sixty days; and we shall find three months devoted to the journey, the busiest and best spent in our lives. That is as little time as any one proposing really to see our interior and Pacific States should allow himself to take for the purpose. So make a ninety-day note for your expenses—well, say $500 a month—the average *Atlantic* reader will hardly get off with less—and leave a good indorser for any little contingency of delay, such as a pressing invitation to visit a "friendly" Indian village, or a long call from those persuasive gentlemen of the interior basin, "the road agents." We may as well count railroad travel at five cents a mile, and stage at twenty cents, and board and lodging, whether with Pullman or at the hotels, at five dollars a day. Extras and contingencies will need all these allowances have to spare—if they have any.

A CURIOUS STORY is told of the wreck of the British ship "Lutine," which foundered off the sand-banks on the coast of Holland in 1799, with an immense amount of specie on board. She had £1,500,000 of subsidiary money for the English troops then serving under the Prince of Holland. She had also on board assignments of specie for merchants and bankers at Hamburg, and the Crown jewels of Holland, which had been reset in England. The "Lutine" encountered a fearful storm, and foundered, with the loss of all hands. One man was picked up, but survived only a few hours. The Dutch Government offered £8,000 for the recovery of the jewels, and a company was formed in England to search for the treasure, which had been hidden by the shifting sand. They soon recovered about £160,000, of which the Dutch Government claimed £80,000 as royalty. Subsequently the sand buried the wreck and stopped operation. Since then other companies have been formed, but have successively failed, though £60,000 more was recovered at intervals. The bulk of the treasure still remains in the keel of the ship, which lies embedded in sand. It is proposed to endeavor to regain it, and Lloyds, it is said, intend to apply to Parliament for the necessary powers. The Dutch Government have resigned all claim to the wreck, and it is thought the best plan will be to construct large iron caissons.

IN HIS CHARGE to the Grand Jury of Philadelphia, the other day, Judge Brewster employed some very plain language. Said he: "It has come to pass, gentlemen, that men are shot down or stoned to death upon our highways, and that the law seems as powerless for their vindication as it was for their protection. Grand Juries hesitate to find true bills, and Petit Juries of late refuse to convict except of inferior grades, frequently coupling those verdicts with recommendations to mercy, and even in an occasional case of great atrocity, when conviction is followed by a sentence of death, the Executive is besieged for a pardon. It is owing to these efforts to thwart justice that it has come to pass in Philadelphia, that it is more dangerous for a man to pick a pocket than to take a life. The thief is much more certain of being punished than the murderer. This will continue until public opinion undergoes a change."

POLITICAL.

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I respectfully announce myself a candidate for SHERIFF, subject to the usages of the Republican party; and if successful pledge myself to devote all my energy to an honorable and faithful discharge of the duties of the office.
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TO THE CITIZENS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY: I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the office of CLERK OF COURTS, subject to the decision of the Union Republican County Convention. I would state that I ask the office but for ONE TERM, at the termination of which I would cheerfully retire, believing that there are others equally entitled to the honor and emoluments of the office, and as competent as myself. I will be under obligations to the citizens of the county for their support. Very respectfully,
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Will be sold on the premises, the property on the northwest corner of Ohio avenue and Bidwell street. The lot is 24 by 130 feet. The House is a two story brick of 5 rooms, in good condition. The location is very desirable, being on the corner of two main thoroughfares, traversed by the street cars. Could be easily converted into a good business stand. Terms at sale. Possession given on acceptance of the deed. For key to inspect premises apply to

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PROPOSALS.

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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at THIS OFFICE until 3 o'clock P. M. on WEDNESDAY, 21st inst., for the sale of

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of the denominations respectively of $500 and $1.000, said Bonds bearing 6 per cent. interest, paying semi-annually on the first days of July and January, and maturing in twenty years from date of issue.

Bids will be received for all or any portion of the above loans. Bids will also be received for converting the City Bonds maturing in 1870 into the above.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

R. B. FRANCIS,
ap13:h31 CITY CONTROLLER.

NOTICE TO FOUNDERS AND TINNERS.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at THIS OFFICE until 3 o'clock P. M., until WEDNESDAY, April 21st,

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FLAG STONES.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
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SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at THIS OFFICE until 3 o'clock P. M., on TUESDAY, April 20th, for furnishing the City with

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, April 13th, 1869.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 3 o'clock P. M., on WEDNESDAY, 21st inst., for GRADING and PAVING the following Avenues, Streets and Alleys, viz.:

WESTERN AVENUE, from its intersection with Rebecca street, eastwardly.

SAWMILL ALLEY, eastwardly of Coke Ovens in 8th ward.

SOUTH ALLEY, in the 6th ward.

FOR GRADING ONLY:

KILBUCK STREET, from Corry street to School street.

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Profiles, Estimates, &c., can be seen in the office of CHARLES DAVIS, Esq., City Engineer. Blanks for bidders will be furnished at this office.

R. B. FRANCIS,
ap14:h44 City Controller.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR,
PITTSBURGH, April 6, 1869.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED PROPOSALS for rebuilding THE STREET SEWER, north of the Connellsville Railroad track, and for grading, Paving and Curbing the following streets, viz.:

WEBSTER AVENUE, from Roberts to Kirkpatrick street.

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ONE on Pearland Cedar streets, from Main to Laurel street, 16th ward, and

ONE on Broad street, from Highland avenue to the Frankstown Road, 19th ward.

Will be received at THIS OFFICE until 4 o'clock P. M., on

THURSDAY, April 15th, 1869.

All bids to be acted on by the Committee must be left at THIS OFFICE before the time above mentioned.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

H. J. MOORE,
ap8:g62 CITY ENGINEER.

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