Leading Politicians. Financiers and Litterateurs Who Have Been Offered and Paid Big Prices for

Their Work. There are a number of men who have no reputation as writers who would be able to command at almost any time higher rates for magazine or newspaper articles than almost any of tho litterateurs who have gained fame by reason of their writings. Mr. James R. Keene, who is well known as one of the most successful and picturesque of those men who deal in Wall street in New York city, has been many times asked to write over his own signature upon any topic which he chose and to name his own price, which would cheerfully be paid. As Mr. Keene sometimes has found his fortune appreciate as much as \$100,000 in a single lay it is easy to see that if he charged for such service in proportion to his earning capacity he would receive an almost fabulous sum for an article from 2,000 to 5,000 words in length.

The only occasion since those early days of his poverty, when he made his living as a newspaper writer, that Mr. Keene overcame his disinclination to write was in the summer of 1877, just after he had held at bay an army of Wall street speculators, having sustained the market single handed for an entire day, backed by gold which his California friends sent to him, and thereby unquestionably prevented such a panic as this country has not seen, excepting possibly in 1857 and 1873. The strain upon his nervous system

of thus maintaining the market against the combined assault of frightened investors and speculators was so great that a few days after Mr. Keene was stricken with an illness which threatened to develop into paralysis of the brain. He was removed to Long Branch as soon as it was possible to lift him from his bed, and there, after some difficulty and through the offices of the late Sam Ward, Mr. Keene consented to dictate an interview for pub-At that time Mr. Ward was enter-

taining his nephew, F. Marion Crawford, and had been so highly pleased with a story which Mr. Crawford told him of an experience in India that he palvised the young man to write it out and that he would see that it found a perblisher, and thus it was that the story which made Marion Crawford famous, "Mr. Isaacs," came to be written and printed and Crawford's career

Mr. Keene was greatly interested in Mr. Ward's parration to him of this tale, which had not been printed, and he told Mr. Ward some of the early California experiences of his which seemed quite as marvelous as did the story of Mr. Isnnes, and it was then that Mr. Ward said to him: "Mr. Keene, if you were not a great speculator you might become a great novel-

Mr. Keene finally received the representative of one of the New York newspapers. He lay upon his bed, which was in a quiet room of one of the Long Branch hotels. The room was very simply furnished, and it seemed impos sible to believe that the man who lay there centent apparently with the aland d humble surroundings of this ten welve room was able, if he chose to buy the hotel and a good deal of the adjacent property without materially affecting his pocketbook.

He began slowly to dictate. It evenned as though he weighed every word. He frequently changed a word in order to put in its place another which would more clearly express his meaning. When a sentence or a paragraph had been written down Mr. cene would ask to have it read over. and when this was done he repeated it several times, his patience and care being quite as great as characterized Enskis or Enssell Lowell when they were engaged in prose composit

Thus for five hours this great financier lay there composing and dictating this article. The mental strain was exhaustive both upon Mr. Ward, who was present, and upon the newspaper reporter. Once during the interview a telegram was brought to Mr. Keene from the hotel office. He opened it. read it and tossed it upon the table with no more concern then though it lad appounced a most rivial matter to

This article appeared the following day in print. It was the sensational publication of the month. It was republished either in whole or part in a creat number of newspapers. It commanded attention not only from financiers, to whom every word uttered by Mr. Keene then and since upon financial matters was received with absorbing interest, but it also made a deep impression upon literary men on as count of the singular purity of its English and the Incidity and felicity

The editor of the paper in which the article appeared would gladly have sent Mr. Keene a check for \$2,500 for it, but the great financier did not and would not write for pay. He earned a fortune while he was dictating that article, for the telegram which he recrived announced that a sudden appreciation that day in a line of stocks held by Mr. Keene was so great that if Le chose to sell his profits would be

Ex-Speaker Reed has only recently been tempted to write, and for his writings he has received a price quite as large as the hardsome sum once paid Mr. Gladstone by an American publisher for a magazine article. Gov. McKinley was offered \$1,000 for a 1,000 word article: Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, a sum almost as large, but for a little longer article. Secretary Carlisle, if he could find time to write. could materially increase his income by so doing, and there is not one of the more prominent politicians and finan-ciers who could not more than match the carnings of some of the greatest of the litterateurs, provided only they were willing to necept offers which have been made to them.

Disposing of His Ashes. An eccentric Washingtonian, who died some time ago, possessed of a deal of this world's goods, has left on file in his will at the registrar's office n pseuliar contribution on the subject of cremation, says the Washington Post. Aiter consigning his soul to his Maker, *: the time-honored custom of making wills prescribes, he starts off with a request that none of his kith or kin shall make any marked changes in their manner of dress. He then commands that his body shall be burned. ns they choose. They may be used to fertilize his daughter's flower-bed, or they may be sprinkled under his favor ite orange tree in his grove in Florida. his breath has left the body to search the belief of the Egyptian people. Each cleansing and healing properties, or find the ashes of Mary Ann. These are snake," commonly known as the harto be cremated with him. Before pro-ceeding to dispose of his property, he The snake is fed with milk and eggs, also requests that his second wife, at | and care is taken not to do it harm. her decease, give her body to be N. Y. Sun. borned, but that she dispose of the as Les according to her own sweet will.

Strength of the Sexes. strength was used, demonstrated that the strongest man was able to produce projectors of similar enterprises in with his right hand a pressure equivalweakest forty, the average being fifty-sit One curious conclusion tied country, where the soil and rock arrived at as a result of the experi- foundation were pretty thoroughly ment was this: The short men were known. The climate of England is faall very nearly as strong as the tall vorable for such work, and there was ones, the average difference between | no trouble about the labor supply. If, groups of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing, the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing, the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing, the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions existing the original control of the two sizes being only under the conditions of the two sizes are the conditions of the conditions of the two sizes are the conditions of the conditions three kilograms. The force of the inal contract price of the canal was be there. to only forty-four kilograms, and that cost, what multiplication of the esti of the weakest to only sixteen, while mates of engineers might be expected

THE WEIGHT OF A TON.

Attorney Thomas, of Washington, Firlightens the District. In the last district appropriation bill there appeared an item allowing 50 cents per ton for the removal of garbage in steel tunks, says the Washington Star. Shortly after the law went into operation a question arose as to what number of pounds constituted a The contractors claimed that pounds was the legal ton and made returns on that basis. The first anditor, however, was not disposed to pass the account until the commissioners explained the definition of the word

Attorney Thomas was called upon to gire his opinion of the matter and returned the papers with the following

"The act does not specify the num-

ber of pounds which shall compose a

ton and hence we must go outside for a definition. Among other definitions of the word 'ton' given by Webster is the following: 'The weight of twenty hundred gross or 2,240 pounds. In the United States the ton is commonly estimuted at 2,000 pounds; this is some times called the short ton.' The law in relation to the collection of duties on imports prescribes that whenever the word 'ton' is used in reference to weighing bulky articles in custom ouses, it shall be construed to mean twenty hundred weight, each hundred eight being 111 pounds avoirdupois. but this section throws no light on the question, since but for the statute 2,000 pounds might have been considered by enstom-house officials as a ton. Nor would there seem to be any practice in the district amounting to usage since by an ordinance of the late corporation of Washington in regard to the sale of coal, 2.240 pounds is fixed as a ton, while section 1,190 of the district revised statutes makes 2,000 pounds of hay or straw a ton. In the absence of a definition of the word ton' in the act of March 3, 1893, no special importance is to be attached to ection 2.951 of the revised statutes, in regard to the collection of duties. taking 2,240 pounds a ton, as showing what congress intended by the use of that word in the act of March S, 1892. For these reasons my opinion is that 2,000 pounds is to be taken as a ton in weighing garbage under the act of

FOND OF WEDDING CAKE.

A Post Office Rat Making Free In Cleveland with Letters and Packages. "Have you ever heard of our post office rat?" queried a handler of Cleveland mail addressing a writer for the Leader. "He is a kleptomaniae, a born thief, I guess," continued the cierk. "He steals letters and we cannot keep him from it. He has a taste for wed ding cake, too, and his conscience never restrains him from indulging it. We have set a trap for him repeatedly but he is too wise for us." The elerk then discoursed concerning the habits of the distinguished rodent. "He hides among the rubbish of the room," he said. "and has several means of ready secess to the outside world. He take harge of affairs when we are out. The ther day he was seen sitting upright n the table sibbling at a package of ckory nut kernels which happened be side-tracked during transi rough the mails. Not long ago a lox of wedding cake got lost. A card was feeling something like that which crept over old Mother Hubbard when e went to the cupboard to get her occcious sweetmeat. We thought for a long time that some inquisitive person was taking certain missives, but our suspicions proved to be unfounded One day we discovered several of the missing letters near a hole made by the rat under a desk. He had taken them as far as he could, and then had bade

hem good-by." The rat makes the correcting clerk's file his principal rendezvous. It is here that stray letters and packages are held for a time to ascertain their orrect address or for additional

A ZONE RAILWAY SYSTEM.

Results in Tripling the Passenger Busi ness in Hungary. A remarkable revolution in railway traveling was brought about in Hungary some years ago by the introduction of cheap fares and the zone system, says the London News. The fares were lowered from about 40 to 80 per cent., and the country divided into zones, having Buda-Pesth as their eenter. The first zone is fifteen miles broad, the second to the twelfth are each nine miles, the twelfth and thir- 2-Strengthens weak Lungs. teenth fifteen miles, and the fourteenth 3-Relieves and cures Asthma. includes all the rest of the country. The fare for each zone is 10d. first- 5-Robs Croup of its terrors. class, 8d. second and 5d third; while

the rates are reduced one-half for parties of workmen. What the new system has accomdished is shown by a report just issued by the Hungarian government, dealing with the working of the state railways for the years 1891 and 1892. From 1,000,000 passengers carried in 1888, the year previous to the introduction of the rone system, the number has risen to over 28,500,000, an increase of 216 per cent. This result is almost entire v due to the new system, the augmentstion being six times greater than on

The receipts have improved to the er medicines. It effects remarkable cures extent of 40 per cent. The third-class arriages were abolished last year on apress trains running beyond the hort distances. The growth of the truffic in the first zone by the ordinary trains has been as much as 627 per cent, mostly in the third-class. It is poleworthy that the first and fourcenth zones, or the shortest and longest distances, give the largest results both in the number of persons carried

and in the receipts. The Sacred Serpent of Egypt. A general belief in the divine character and healing powers of the sacred erpent is to be met with all over Egypt. Even the myths which the old Egyptions associated with the snake are still revalent. Egyptians of all classes till believe that when "a serpent grows old wings grow out of its body. and that there are serpents which kill | tions and never conflicts with them. by durting flames in the victim's face. flow old such beliefs are in this counry need not be repeated to those who have seen the pictures in the tombs of the kings at Thebes. The seref, or it is guaranteed to benefit or cure, or the "flying asrpent," and the snake from whose mouth flames issue are among the commonest of the figures painted on their walls. It is not however, as These remarkable instructions also ap- Kakodaemon, but as Agathodaemon, ply to the dust of his first wife, for he | that the divine serpent of anciens esen those who mourn for him when | Egypt still maintains his chief hold on | essh. Your'e cured by its mild, soothing, the closets upstairs," where they will house still has its harras, or "guardian

most ready for business, and the entire fifty persons of both sexes, in which a \$80,000,000. The contract was originally reachine for compression as a test of let for the lump sum of \$27,500,000. has been built in an old and well-set-Strongest woman of the fifty amounted only about one-third of the ultimate the average was only thirty-three in Central America or any other outof the way part of the world?

How Language is Unmade.

A sad person who is always inclined to lock upon the gloomy side of things says that an old established form of phrase is threatened by cremation. Formerly it could be said of bold, bad people that they were "enough to make" their honest ancestors "turn over in their graves." but under the rule of cremation something must be devised in future years to express the notion that bad behavior of of their posterity will make the depart- a Paris letter in the Philadelphia Teled's ashes firtter in their urns .- Boston

Two Valuable Friends. 1. A physician cannot be always had.

Pan-Tina, the great remedy for coughs. colds and consumption. Pan Tima sold at G. W. Benford's Drug Store.

Life is a riddle, and the key to a riddle is an other riddle.

It is easier to be a good man than it is

Bucklen's Arnica Save.

to be a good husband.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. N. Sny-

People who blow their own horns seldom furnish good music for other folks. A slow milker will ruin the best cow.

Specimen Cases

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, "Isconsin, was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism. his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cared him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Buck len's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound

When the pastures dry up the cows dry up, too, unless other food is provided. Give a horse a drink before feeding

Now Try This.

It will cost you nothing and will suremailed to the sender to come and cor- ly do you good, if you have a cough, rect the address. She called and when | cold, or any trouble with throat, chest or e looked for the package it was gone. | lungs. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to give relief, or money will be pour dog a bone' gradually guined pos. I paid back. Sufferers from La Grippe sion of us. The rat had made off | found it just the thing and under its use with the cake, and the closest search | had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try revealed only scattered fragments of a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how good a thing it is.

A mixture of wheat and corn is good to finish off the hoge.

Simple Questions Simply Answered.

Why do people very often allow a cold to run on? They think it will wear away. Why does the cough that at first caused no alarm become deep seated and chronic? Because the proper remedy was not used. The way to break up any cough or cold, no matter if other mediines failed to benefit you, is to try Pan-Tina, the great remedy for coughs, colds and consumption, 25 and 50 cents at G. W. Benford's Drug Store.

Horses are often unconsciously ill treated by their owners.

Why it is the Best

Pan-Tina. 1-It cures Coughs and Colds. 4-Insures you against La Grippe. 6-Cures when all else fails.

your own vine.

25 and 50 cents. Bottles of Pan-Tins at G W Benrozo's drug store. No fruit is so sweet as that picked from

Hood's and Only Hood's.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is carefully prepared from Sarsaparilla, Dandelion, Mandrake, Dock, Pipsissewa, Janiper herries and other well-known remedies. by a peculiar combination, proportion he Austrian railways during the same and process, giving to Hood's Sarsanarilla curative powers not possessed by oth-

> when other preparations fail. Hood's Pills cure biliousness. Nursing sheep is doing the work at the

> Mothers, and especially nursing mothers, need the strengthening support and help that comes with Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It lessens the pains and burdens of child-bearing, insures healthy, vigorous offspring, and promotes an abundant secretion of nourishment on the part of the mother. It is an invigorating tonic, made especially for women, perfectly harmless in any condition of the female system, as it regulates and promotes all the natural func-

> The "prescription" builds up, strengthens and cures. In all the chronic weaknesses and disorders that afflict women. money is refunded.

> For every case of Catarrh which they tannot cure, the proprietors of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy agree to pay \$500 in

The best colts may be spoiled in break-

I suffered from acute inflammation in The ship canal which is to make a my nose and head-for a week at a time I scaport of Manchester, England, is al. could not see. I used Ely's Cream Balm This is all, of course, official parlanca and in a few days I was cured. It is The recent French experiment upon cost of the work is now put at about wonderful how quick it helped me. -Mrs. tends throughout social life and in all After the hair has been removed from George S. Judson, Hartford, Conn.

For three weeks I was suffering from a is at an end in Washington. When the ture consisting of one thousand parts severe cold in my head, accompanied by sun goes down and twillight sets in it glycerine, two parts salicylic acid, two these figures. The canal from Man- a pain in the temples. Ely's Cream is "Good evening." It is never after parts pierle acid, and twenty-five parts rot to eighty-five kilograms, the chester to deep water in the Mersey Balm was recommended to me. A fter only six applications of the Balm every trace of my cold was removed.-Henry C. Clark, New York Appraiser's Office.

> Miss Sweetser-Will you come up to Jack Reddy-With pleasure. Am I

expected to bring anything? Miss Sweetser-No; but you might fetch a spray of mistletoe. - Puck.

A WORLD'S FAIR IN 1900.

It Will Be Held in the Gay French Capital. Preparations Are Atready Under Way for the Great Event-Some of the Big

Attractions Which Will He Seen. Already the air is filled with rumorr especting the exposition of 1900, says raph. Already are the means of the Parisians rending the air beforehand, for it is a Parisian peculiarity to detest

world's fairs in general, and those held In their own city in particular. Quoth a miscrable native in heartrending accents: "Whenever there is a great ex-Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Bruises and hibition all our taxes go up-tempo-Burns occur often and sometimes when rarily we are told, but never by an aceast expected. Keep handy the friend | cident do they go down. I paid three of many households and the destroyer hundred and eighty francs in '77, of all pain, the famous Red Flag Oil, 25 and for the same premises my taxes are overrun by tourists; we are crowd-2. Many a piecious life could be saved ed out of all the theaters; the cabmen that is being racked to death with that all go on strike; the cafes all put up terrible cough. Secure a good night's their prices. For several years before rest by investing 25 cents for a bottle of all the streets one wants to go through are closed to the public because the exhibition is being prepared, and for at least a year after the same streets are closed because the exhibition is being demolished. All your country cousins come to town and expect to stay with you in an apartment you have always found too cramped for the requirements of your own family; and if I am not lucky enough to be dead I shall certainly move away before this large misfortune falls upon this unhappy

> Happily all Paris is not so pessi nistic as my friend, and the architects are busy with their plans. All the ground comprised in the exhibition of 89 is to be included, as well as the portion of Cour la Reine that will inclose the Palais l'Industrie and its surround ing gardens. We are to have an addi tional bridge across the Seine which will open a vista from the Place de la oncorde straight through to the palace of electricity, which is to be the central feature. Our rulers are greatly ored about the Eiffel tower; but as the concession was granted for twenty years it has got to stand; but the architects say consolingly that they will try and hide it as much as possible.

> The sight of it vexes poetic souls and Francois Coppee, the author, who is, by way of being esthetic, wrote a formal protest to the government at the time of its erection to request that the plan should not be carried out on the ground that the Eiffel tower, being ugly and ungainly, and furthermore eing visible from his windows, interered with his flow of inspiration. lowever, the tower was built never heless, and, although we are deadly ired of seeing it about, Coppee con inues to write, so evidently his flow of inspiration was only impeded and not permanently plugged up. Furthernore, we are to have a branch exhibit at Versailles, which will rouse that alcepy little town from its chief occupation of listening to the grass grow ing in the streets. In the splendid park of Versailles, on either side of he grand canal, is to be the retropective history of gardens throughout The Hanging Gardens of Babylon,

that were counted among the wonders

of the world, are to be reproduced in miniature; Japanese gardens, Persian renaissance and French and English gardens of different epochs. brand canal itself is to be used for the exhibition of one of the floating gar ens cultivated by the Aztees in Mexco before the Spanish conquest of the country. The center of the canal is to se occupied by a large Island built on piles, with bridges connecting it with the two shores, which is to have aquaria, grottoes and enseades, with ages for aquatic birds, and the great shoet of water is to be additionally or namented by an exact reproduction of the little fleet of elegant boats that Louis XIV. launched on its surface when Versuilles was first built. All this sounds most imposing; but we are levently thankful that the time for it ins not yet come. It is like the story of the philosopher who was to teach the king's donkey to speak in a year's ime, on pain of death, and never othered about the penalty on the ground that the king might die, donkey might die, or he himself might die, and whatever hap-

do not yet as a rule wail about future The Sult of the Sea. According to a computation of the Berg und Huettenmaennische Zeitung the amount of salt in the sea waters of the globe, if extracted, would be greater in mass than the land, so far as it appears above the surface. The seas, it says, cover 73 per cent of the earth's surface, estimated at 9,260,000 (German) square miles. The percentage of chlornatrium in the sen is the same at all depths. Assuming that the average depth of the sea is a half (Gernau) mile there are then 3,400,600 cm bic miles of sea water. A cubic mile of sea water contains, on the average about 25 kilograms of salt. The 3,400. 900 cubic miles of sea water would, therefore, contain \$5,000 cubic miles of distilled pure salt. There is, therefore, little danger of a salt famine-is the rather logical deduction of the

A House with a History. Old Round Top is a historic stone couse near Canajoharie, N. Y., built about 1750. Its first owners were Jersmiah Van Rensselger and Archi bald Kane, the latter an ancestor of Dr. Kane, the arctic explorer. Here the Kanes carried on a great mercantile business, and it was in the rear of Round Top that one of the merchant family fought a duel with the father of Gen. J. S. Wadsworth. Much of the old house has been destroyed by fire, as it was long the resort of tramps and Italian laborers, who recklessly built fires within its walls.

NO AFTERNOON. Morning and Evening Salutations in the National Capital. Strangers to Washington often remark upon the custom of addressing one at all times of the day by the uniform salutation: "Good morning." It sound odd to a westerner to hear one address bim with "Good morning" at five o'clock in the afternoon. This custom, says the Indianapolis wine and brandy. The decree e in bournal, is as old as the congress of bank clearings probably serves as the This custom, says the Indianapolis the United States and the hours of executive business in the various depart- on this coast. This decrease amounts ments. It is said to be directly due to to \$100,000,000. Real estate transacthe morning hour in congress. The tions in this city also fell from \$31,000,standing rules of the two houses of 000 to \$13,700,000. The grain shipments congress provide for a "morning hour," | were heavy, but the low price made the

which extends from twelve to two total returns smaller. The railroad o'clock, and that provision has made it freight movement surpassed the reccommon to refer to "morning busi- ords of all previous years, the increase ness" in congress, which occurs before over the previous year being 47,000,000 the "regular order." Frequently the pounds, which would fill 21,794 cars regular order is not resumed, and the The salmon and cod fishing industries morning hour is extended until four or five o'clock, especially in the latter days of congress and when there is a great Jam of business. In the executive departments reference is made to the "morning work" during the entire day. | tracted some attention, may be acsorts of private business, until it is the hide, the latter, tightly stretched morning until all government business upon a frame, is rubbed with a mixnoon in the national capital.

The Boutswam's Whistle. Nothing on board a United States man-of-war strikes the visiting landsman more foreibly than the seemingly almost constant sound of the boat- plied to its surface an alcoholic soluends its thin and wandering strain of nusie up and down the deck every few minutes from sunrise to sunset. This means that somebody is busy all day long in one or another sort of netive claimed to be fairly adapted to the duty requiring summons by signal.

REAL NEW JERSEY APPLEJACK. Not Much of It in the Market, But Adul-

One doesn't hear so much as former ly about "Jersey lightning." This, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, lsn't be-

local in its manufacture and use. The farmers of Sussex and Warren counties were the sole producers and the sole consumers. They knew the mellow effect of that distillation. They knew how, with a lump or two of sugar and a touch of water, to make it palatable. The instant effects upon the brain and then upon the tongue were discovered half a century ago. The permeating effects and the mellowing tendencies in reased with age. Consequently every ospitable farmer in these parts kept his demijohn of ten or fifteen-year-old "apple," as the case might be. Farmers' sons emigrated to Newark and other parts of the state. Others started n business in New England or out west. They all sent home for apple jack and sounded its praise. Friends sampled the golden-hued liquor and relished it. Gradually the stimulant that humorists styled Jersey lightning ceased its local features and became more universal. To-day you can get New Jersey app.ejack, or somethin labeled that way, in the prominen afes in any of the larger cities. Plen y of so-called applejack is for sale out much of it is made up of all sorts of ingredients. It is fiery enough to unset the brain and will intoxicate all oo rapidly, but the delicate flavor of the real article is missing, and the man familiar with the taste will not take a

RICHEST FAMILIES IN AMERICA. The Astors and the Vanderbilts Control Between Them Hundreds of Millions.

A careful estimate of the wealth of he Astors puts it at \$200,000,000, and his makes the family the richest in the United States. What is more, the vealth of the Astors is in such shape that it cannot but increase, for the reason that it is gilt-sized New York city real estate, some of which, according to the Washington Star, has withthe past ten years increased in value 700 per cent, and is still appre lating. The policy of the Astors ha lways been to buy real estate on th ines along which New York is now extending and hold it for a rise, rare y selling, however, but building an enting instead. The result is that the Astor properties are in valuable lands, in brick, iron, stone and mortar nstend of in fluctuating stocks and onds, the fixed value of which is always uncertain. As a family the Vanderbilts stand next to the Astors in the matter of wealth, and their riches most be considered in the aggregate and in common, since their individual fortunes are pooled, so to speak. You will often see Cornelius Vanderbilt the present head of the house, quoter as being worth \$30,000,000. Of course he is not worth any such amount. Corellus has most of the Vanderbilt milons, but those who know say that he s personally not worth above \$50,000,-

00, if as much. It must be remembered that the Inte William II. Vanderbilt had a large amily to divide his millions among, and so the shares in the end were not o large as some people thought them. Besides there is a disposition on the part of the calculators who love big igures to give the Vanderbilts credit for owning outright their great railroad system, when, as a matter of fact. thousands of stockholders share in the ownership.

Confederate Camp Rorlties. At a recent auction in New York of he collection of foreign stamps of Paul Strochlin, of Geneva, Switzerland, the various issues of the confederate state brought very high prices. The general issues and department stamps found quick buyers. A set of agricul tural department stamps sold for \$10.80, executive \$21.65, justice \$25. A \$5 stamp, after some spirited bidding, was knocked down at \$67.50. The lopened he had a year to the good. So, zal stamps of the confederacy, to which as relies of the war a certain as we have seven years before us, we historic value attaches, brought the tollowing prices: Athens, Ga., 855; Danville, Va., \$140; Fredericksburg 10cent stamp, \$56; two Knoxviiles stamped envelopes, 882 and 872 respectively; Lenoir, N. C., 891; Lynchburg, Va., \$75, and another on a letter. 8125; Marion, Va., a very fine specimen on a letter, \$501. A great many of the stamps sold were bought by English

An Aversion for Water, An interesting locident of wild beas life was witnessed by a hunter is Asotin county, Washington, recently A deer came bounding down the steer side of a bare, rocky hill on the edge of the Snake river, just above the mouth of the Grande Ronde, closely followed by a big mountain lion. The buck plunged headlong into the river and swam for dear life toward the further shore. The big cat stopped short at the water's edge, put its paw nagrily but gingerly into the water, and then drew back and watched the deer guir the opposite bank in safety and disappear in the woods. With a disappointed snarl the lion bounded away

CALIFORNIA IN 1893. it Had Both Depression and Cause for

Says a San Francisco letter to the New York Tribune: The retrospect of the year in California does not show the asual gains in business and the customary progress in the material development of the state. About the only increase in crops is found in hops, of which 48,000 bales were shipped this year, a gain of 9,000 bales over last year. There has also been a substantial increase in the gold yield, the output for this year being \$13,000,600, a gain of about \$2,000,000. From all inlications gold mining will have a big boom the coming year, as hundreds of sines that have not been worked for ten years will be reopened and new properties developed. The wine men have had a good year, as there has recently been an unexpected demand for best index to the financial depression were both prosperous. Transporent Leather.

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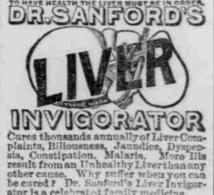
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