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J. F. DOWNING'S GENERAL INSURANCE AGENCY!

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Office in Rosenwieg's Block, opposite Brown's Hotel.

This Old Established Agency represents the leading, most popular and most successful Insurance Companies in the Country, embracing Life, Fire, Marine, Inland and Accident Insurance. Combined Capital represented \$28,000,000, affording facilities for first class insurance to any amount desired, and on as reasonable terms as sound and well managed Companies can afford. Orders for Insurance attended to with Promptness and Fidelity, in town or country. Special attention given to the insurance of Dealings and Farm Property, for periods of three or five years, or perpetually, by deposit of premium. Rates very low.

The thoughtful and prudent man insures his Property against loss or damage by Fire, and his Life for the protection of wife, children and kindred dependent upon him. All who have not yet attended to this duty, should call at once and get their policies in one or more of the following Companies:

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NINETY-THIRD STATEMENT

OF THE

NIAGARA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

CAPITAL \$1,288,729 60

Cash Capital and Surplus \$1,288,729 60

Assets

United States Securities 469,648 00

Loans on Bond Mortgage 352,000 00

Stocks in Bank and Bonds of Agents 55,518 37

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Real Estate, Interest, &c. 111,168 18

Wisconsin & California Bonds 8,000 00

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Unpaid Dividends 1,426 50

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For Rates, First-Class Security, Prompt Payment of Losses.

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STRENSFELD

INSURANCE COMPANY,

OF STRENSFELD, MASS.

Cash Capital and Surplus, \$600,000

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CRABE, R. LANE, Secy. J. F. DOWNING, Agent.

T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

THAMES INSURANCE COMPANY.

NORWICH, CONN.

Cash Capital and Surplus, \$300,000

The "Thames" is a conservative and well managed company, established to the full confidence of the insurance public.

CRABE, R. LANE, Secy. J. F. DOWNING, Agent.

T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

CONNECTICUT MUTUAL

LIFE

INSURANCE COMPANY,

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Assets over \$10,000,000

Number of Policy Holders over 100,000

New Policies Issued during the year over 4,000

Dividend paid during the present fiscal year, 40 per cent.

Total Dividends paid, 4,000,000

Why the Connecticut Mutual should be preferred:

1. It has the largest number of members.

2. It has the largest assets.

3. It has the largest surplus.

4. It has the largest income.

5. It has had through its whole history the most successful management.

6. It has the largest amount of interest on its investments.

7. It has the largest amount of business.

8. It has the largest amount of capital.

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Bachelor's Hall.

Bachelor's Hall! what a queer-looking place it is! Kape me from such all the days of my life! Never by a chance, but a burning desire it is, to get into it to get a wife.

See the old bachelor, plump and stout, and smiling his teeth over the fire.

Soon it tips over—Stout Patrick's head and neck (it is now pressed) to the wall with the chair.

Now like a boy in a mortar and pestle, he is grinding his teeth on his wife's head.

There it is! the head of the wife is grinding the teeth on the mortar.

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