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AMERICAN WATERS.

They Are Rapidly Displacing Alcoholic Drinks For Table Use.

It is a matter of pride and gratification that American table waters have forged to the front as among the best in the world. In point of fact, they are probably the very best. Fine table waters are to a large and rapidly increasing extent displacing spirituous beverages at mealtime, a gain alike for temperance and for health. So pure and wholesome, so refreshing and so palatable are the table waters of the United States that all imported waters

su by contrast. Yet foreign waters continue to be imported in large quan-tities as the result of habit and prejudice rather than of intelligent discrimination. It is quite within the truth to say that the people of this country could get along very well indeed if not a drop of foreign table water ever came through the custom house. And yet the pending reciprocity trenty with France foolishly provides for a 20 per cent reduction of the tariff on mineral waters! There might be some excuse for this proposition if America was suffering for lack of a native supply of such waters. But the contrary is the case. That fact having been demonstrated by chemical analysis and use, the reason remains for inviting the increased importation of foreign waters. Let us have less rather than more. It would be an excellent thing and a pa-triotic and sensible thing, too, if Americans should insist that native table verters be provided at all banquets and dimers. Why not? Good protectionists make a point of urging the use and consumption of domestic products. That rule should be applied to table waters. America has the best in the world, and Americans should use them.

Cost of living, according to Dun's index number of commodity prices, was \$97.891 on Aug. 1 against \$99.456 a month previous and \$100.177 a year ago. The decline is quite general, ments being lower than at any time since November, 1901. And yet free traders continue to claim that the cost of living is constantly advancing with no cor responding increase in wages. The opposite, however, is the case. It is true that the cost of living is still higher than during the last free trade era, but surpose we carry our comparison further back with a view to finding the changes in prices and wages. What to-day costs \$97.891, in 1860 cost \$115.191; in 1870, \$148.781; in 1880, \$108.655. And yet who will deny that wages are twice what they were in 1860 or much greater than in 1870 or 1880 or 1800? "American wages," says the New York Times in a recent editorial, "have continually risen of late very suppose we carry our comparison fur-"have continually risen of late very rapidly and largely."

Cost of living varies and fluctuates.

but wages under protection rise "continually, rapidly and largely." It is a condition never known under free trade either abroad or at home. It is a condition that follows protection only, and when such a condition exists and its cause is known why interfere with that cause. Let well enough alone.

No Encouragement.

The Dems, have been hoping all along that something would happen to bring about another period of hard times and general calamity, thinking that under such conditions they would stand a better chance of winning in the next election, but up to the present time there have been no indications of an impending panic, and that's what makes the Democratic "leaders" look so weepy and mum hearted these days. -Moravian Falls (N. C.) Yellow Jacket.

Southern Cotton Manufacture.

We wonder what John C. Calhoun would say if he could come back today and learn that one-half the cotton consumed in the United States was now taken by southern mills. And yet such The figures for the crop year fust closed show that the south tton converted into manufactures in this country.

Why Delay? Richard Olney is believed to have carried the Massachusetts Democratic committee for his presidential boom, so there seems to be no reason why he should not go ahead and be inauguratalmost any day.-Brooklyn Stand-

Their Chances Equal. Cleveland's chances of leading the Democracy to a third victory are about as small as those of Bryan to lead it to a third defeat.-Cleveland Trident.

The defacing of farm buildings by huge patent medicine advertisements should be the subject of protestation in every grange, and no granger should allow his premises to be thus disfig-

Maple Grove grange of East Trumbull. O., is rightly named. Its hall is located in a beautiful maple grove.

New York state now has nearly 606

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personal matter.-Rev. Dr. William J. Holtzclaw, Baptist, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. W. Farrer Ecroyd in the London Spectator states the home appreciation of free trade in the following words:

"We say it is wrong to import goods which these people ought to be employed in making, wrong to let American and other protection compel the transfer of industries and capital to their shores which might well have furnished everly needed annulyment here. nished sorely needed employment here. And no increase of income from these foreign Investments can console us for the needless misery and degradation existing here."

Free trade in England has furthered the interests of those who hold foreign investments to the needless misery and degradation of wage earners. Those who have the money, neglecting the reality, romance about the great moral victory of Cobden, but fail to mention the realization of the hopes of his em-ployers—viz, that the rich should grow richer and the poor poorer.

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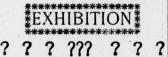
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