

TALES OF THE INSURANCE MEN.

"Shop talk," which it is the fashion to deprecate, is responsible for some of the best anecdotes which get into print. Here are two which were interchanged by a brace of insurance men not above swapping stories of their calling:

Into the office of a fire insurance agent came an ancient spinster who owned a little house just on the outskirts of the town.

"I want to insure my house," said she.

"Where is the house, madam, and how large a policy do you want to take out?"

"Well, now, I want to know some things first. If I insure it for \$800, and pay my premium, and it burns down, do you pay me \$800?"

"Why, most assuredly."

"Well, do you make a lot of trouble trying to find out if it was set afire?"

Naturally the agent admitted that if it looked like a case of arson the company would investigate.

"There!" said the property owner, indignantly, "I told John there was some sort of catch about this insurance business!" and therewith departed uninsured.

It was in New York city that the heroine of the other story found that fire insurance was not all she hoped for. The policy on her house—a big one, for it was a fine edifice in the best part of the city—was brought to her by her agent.

"You had better give me a check for the premium now," said he.

"Why how much is it?"

"A little over \$100. Wait a moment, I will get the exact amount."

"Oh, how tiresome," cried the property owner. "I'm in such a hurry, and besides my bank account is a little low. Tell the company to let it stand, and deduct it from what they owe me when the house burns down." The Pilgrim for September.

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ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF NITROGEN.

It is hardly to be wondered at that Lord Kelvin, when in this country last April, should say, after witnessing the operation of this initial plant at Niagara Falls: "I saw something there that I have never seen before; in fact, I regard it as the most interesting sight I have witnessed in America on my present trip." It was Emerson's advice to hitch our farm wagons to a star, but here are men who use the atmosphere as their milch cow. The tremendous effects possible in agriculture have been suggested above. By way of confirmation, let it be noted that on their experimental field at Rothamstead, in England, Sir John Lawes and Sir Henry Gilbert, with the aid of nitrate of soda, raised the yield of wheat from less than twelve bushels per acre to over thirty-six. On the experimental Briarcliff Farm in New York State last year similar experiments, conducted under Professor George T. Powell, showed that with an investment of \$2.02 in nitrate of soda the hay crop per acre, worth \$15.30, was raised to \$28.80. As an offset to lean pasturage and slovenly tillage, nitrate of soda has obvious merits.

Not is this all. While in agriculture salt peter deserves all hail

as blessed, in warfare it is known as "villainous," and without a plentiful supply of it modern warfare would certainly soon come to an end. The bow and spear would again reign supreme, as in the ancient world. Your modern battleship and your siege artillery, wasting the fee simple of a fine farm at every murderous whiff, would lie inert, like obsolete mastodons, without the nitric food that electro, chemical art must now furnish to them. Nitro-glycerine, gun cotton, dynamite, a whole vocabulary of smokeless powders and direful explosives, depend on the same raw material for their ability to convert granite into a fourth dimension. But nitric acid is equally important to the celluloid industry, and photography owes much to nitrate of silver.—From "Fixing Nitrogen from the Atmosphere," by Thomas C. Martin, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews.

BEWARE OF THE KNIFE.

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ASSIGNEES' SALE Of Valuable Real Estate

By virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Fulton County, Pennsylvania, the undersigned Assignees of H. G. Smith & Co., of McConnellsburg, will sell at Public sale at the Court House in McConnellsburg, Pa., at 1 o'clock P. M., on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1902,

the following valuable Real Estate to wit:

- No. 1, situate in the Township of Ayr, county aforesaid, fronting on the Chambersburg and Bedford Turnpike, 200 feet, on the North, on the East by lot of Chas. McQuade, on the South and West by lot of M. R. Shaffer, being 230 feet deep and containing about one-fourth of an acre, having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling.
No. 2, situate in Locking Creek township, county and state aforesaid, adjoining lands of Mrs. Mahalia Deshonor, John Daniels' heirs, et al., being a part of a larger tract conveyed by Obadiah Hostenen and wife by deed dated, to John F. Deshonor and by John F. Deshonor to H. G. Smith, containing about eleven acres and having thereon erected a story and a half frame dwelling.
No. 3, being an undivided one-seventh interest in and to the following tract or parcel of land situate in Ayr township, county aforesaid, being a part of two larger tracts conveyed by John Neuroth and wife by deed dated October 14, 1898, to H. G. Smith et al., adjoining lands of the said H. G. Smith et al., formerly Mrs. Jared Pittman, Gress, John Neuroth, Peter Magsam et al., containing about fifteen acres.
No. 4, being an undivided one-seventh interest in and to the following tract of land situate in Township and county aforesaid, being a part of a larger tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Jared Pittman by deed dated November 14, 1893 to H. G. Smith et al., Mrs. Jared Pittman, John Neuroth, containing four acres.
No. 5, being an undivided one-seventh interest in and to the following tract or parcel of land situate in Township and County aforesaid being a part of a larger tract of land conveyed by George Gress, and Casper Gress and wife by deed dated November 6, 1893 to H. G. Smith et al., adjoining lands of the said H. G. Smith et al., formerly owned by John Neuroth, containing about eighteen acres.
No. 6, being an undivided one-seventh interest in and to that portion which lies in the county of Fulton of the following described tract of land situate in Township of Peters, Franklin county, and in the Townships of Ayr and Tod, in the county of Fulton, adjoining lands of Daniel Sheets, Ahl's, James Melbowed et al.
That portion which lies in Fulton county being about thirteen acres.
Terms 10 per cent. on day of sale, one-third including the 10 per cent. when sale is completed by the Court and the balance in two equal annual payments with interest from completion and to be secured by judgment.

Orphans' Court Sale OF Valuable Real Estate. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1902. By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Fulton county, the undersigned trustee will offer at public sale, on the premises on above named date, the following described real estate: A tract of farm land situate in Brush Creek township, Fulton county, Penna., adjoining lands of George Lynch, Joshua Barton's heirs, Elizabeth McKibbin, Amos Hixon and others, containing

ONE HUNDRED ACRES More or less, about 80 acres cleared and cultivated; bal. in good OAK and PINE timber. The improvements are a good two story log and frame dwelling, bank barn and other buildings. Good water very convenient. School house on one end of tract. Church and post-office within one-quarter of a mile. An excellent grass farm, splendid chance for a good home. TERMS: Ten per cent. on day of sale, one-half including the ten per cent. at confirmation; balance in one year, with interest. SALE AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M. J. C. HERRICK Trustee.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to section ten of article one of the Constitution, so that a discharge of a jury for failure to agree, or other necessary cause shall not work an acquittal.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, that the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, that is to say, that section ten of article one, which reads as follows:

"No person shall, for any indictable offense prosecuted against him criminally by information, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger, or by leave of the court for oppression or misdemeanor in office, be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; but a discharge of a jury for failure to agree, or other necessary cause, shall not work an acquittal. Nor shall private property be taken or applied to public use, without authority of law and without just compensation being first made or secured."

A true copy of the Joint Resolution. W. W. GHEEST, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, that the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

Amendment. Add at the end of section seven, article three the following words: "Unless before it shall be introduced in the General Assembly, such proposed special or local law shall have been first submitted to a popular vote, at a general or special election in the locality or localities to be affected by its operation, under an order of the court of common pleas of the respective county after hearing and report thereon, and shall have been approved by a majority of the voters at such election. Provided, that no such election shall be held until the decree of court authorizing the same shall have been advertised for at least thirty days in the locality or localities affected, in such manner as the court may direct."

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The Medical Society of Paris has expressed the opinion that it is necessary to adopt some measures against the alarming spread of petroleum drinking. At first it was thought that this habit had sprung up from the increased taxation on alcohol imposed by the French government, but an investigation showed that this was not the case; the habit had been prevalent some time previously in certain districts and had spread with great rapidity. The victim of the petroleum habit does not become brutal, only morose. Opinions differ among physicians as regards the effects of petroleum drinking on the human system, but all agree on the harmfulness of this new vice.

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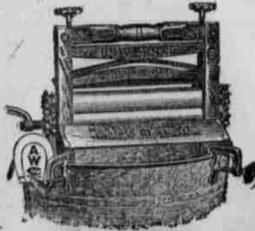
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