

It was inconvenient.
A countrywoman entered a general store in Towanda, this State, and exchanged a pair of roll butter for groceries and household articles, including a large box of matches. The following day she returned, and putting the matches on the counter, complained that they were no good—that she couldn't strike them.
"Queer!" commented the storekeeper. "We use 'em altogether, and have no trouble."
Then he took three or four from the box, scratched them one after another on his trousers, easily produced a light, and then assured her the matches were all right.
"Mebbe they be," she replied; "but I have too much to do to walk three miles here and back whenever I want a light for the sake of striking the matches on your trousers!"

An Annual Occurrence.
There was a wordy row in the next flat, and by force of habit we rubbed up the arway.
"I tell you, John Skinner," yells Mrs. Skinner, "I must have a new fall hat, sir! There is nothing left of my last fall hat but the frame, sir—the frame, just the wires! And no woman can't wear no hat that ain't nothing left of but the wires!"
Enough! Mrs. Skinner appears to have found a skeleton in the closet, and we reverently draw hence.

On the Races.
The paymaster of the Tower of Babel stood on the eighth floor liquidating the week's incumbrances. Inadvertently he let a few coins slip through his fingers and fall to the cellar.
"He's a sport, all right," said the carpenter three floors below, as he rubbed a bruised pate. "He's a sport, just look at the money he dropped on the races."

My Lungs
"An attack of la grippe left me with a bad cough. My friends said I had consumption. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and it cured me promptly."
A. K. Randles, Nokomis, Ill.

You forgot to buy a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral when your cold first came on, so you let it run along. Even now, with all your hard coughing, it will not disappoint you. There's a record of sixty years to fall back on.

Three sizes: 25c, 50c, \$1. All druggists.

Headache?
Appetite poor? Bowels constipated? It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use Buckingham's Dye



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\$3 & \$3.50 SHOES
W. L. Douglas shoes are the standard of the world. W. L. Douglas made and sold more men's good-year wear than any other manufacturer. \$10,000 NEW AID will be paid to anyone who can disprove this statement.
W. L. DOUGLAS \$4 SHOES
CANNOT BE EXCELLED.
1500 sales, \$1,108,820. 1st of month, \$2,140,000
Sole Importer and American Retailer, W. L. Douglas, 111 Broadway, New York City.
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We buy Bonus Land warrants issued to soldiers and their heirs and pay them the full value. Write for particulars.
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500 Young Men Wanted for Atlantic Ocean Service. Address: John A. Pringle, 100 Broadway, New York.

FARM MATTERS.

Killing Young Chickens.

The chicken is suspended by the legs from a long piece of scantling, which extends across one corner of the chicken yard, resting on the top rails of the fence. It is stuck in the upper back part of the mouth and bleeds to death before it is removed. Father kills them, using his pocket knife. I do the picking, but never begin until they are dead. I sit on a low chair, with a chicken on my lap. Never scald a broiler or roaster.

Salt as a Fertilizer.

There are many inquiries about salt as a fertilizer. Salt is rarely of any use as a fertilizer proper. The elements of which it is composed are found in most soils in sufficient amounts for all except for such plants as asparagus, whose natural home is by the seaside. But salt is found in practice to have much more value than would be supposed. Its effect is best on rich land in vegetable matter, which the salt, in the small amounts usually applied, helps to decompose. In larger quantities salt is a preservative from decomposition, but no farmer would think of applying enough to injure his land.

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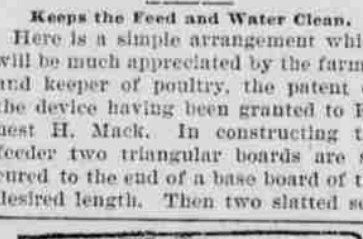
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COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:
Distribution of merchandise shows no diminution, and prospects are bright for continued activity. Dealers in many lines are urgent for prompt shipments calling upon jobbers and manufacturers for goods already overdue. This indication of reduced stocks is a good sign, and tends to sustain quotations. Western reports are especially favorable, and the early marketing of cotton has brought distinct improvement at the South. Voluntary advances in wages have been announced in a number of instances, while the labor situation is more satisfactory, although not entirely free from controversy.

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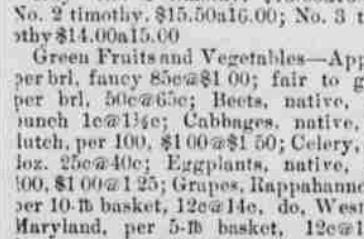
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Musical Features.

In certain of the metropolitan churches whistlers have been added to the choirs. It is said that their rendition of the music is not only pleasing, but very artistic. In the near future we may expect some such announcements as the following:
Mr. Puffin Blow, the eminent whistler, will render "The Four Winds of the World" and "Sweet Evening Breezes" at the N. P. Church this evening.
Mr. Rattlan Clack, the reformed minstrel, will give "These Bones Shall Rise Again" on the former implements of his profession at the Vaudeville Tabernacle during the evening services tomorrow.
Prof. Pounden Hard, the bass drum virtuoso, has been added to the choir of the Little Church Around the Bend. At the next service he will play a solo, entitled "Marching Along."
"Though I Become a Sounding Brass" will be the number rendered by Miss Clashy Clang, the cymbalite, at the revival services in the big tent tonight.

Genealogical.

After a long, dusty walk to a country town, and a morning spent in poring over ancient records, an enthusiastic genealogist returned with these memoranda concerning his ancestors:
"Calvin Forbester, his grandpa, is a cross on the left ear and a half-panny under the same ear and a split on the top of the right ear."
"John Starkweather—His earmark is a square cross on the left ear and a split on the hind side of the right ear, split downward."
"Oh! what does this mean?" cried his wife. "How terrible! John, I wish you'd let genealogy alone. What crimes do you suppose they had committed?"
"What's the matter, my dear?"
"Why, this is the record of the way the criminals were branded. Is it?"
"What!" shouted the proud genealogist. "My ancestors branded. These are the marks of their crime—among the first on record!"
"I am relieved," said his wife.

Results of a Temperance Lecture.

Two maiden sisters of mature years had been to a temperance lecture. To demonstrate the disastrous effect of alcohol upon life, the lecturer had poured a portion of whisky into a glass, which contained water and a mass of lively animalcules of different sizes, shapes and sizes. The result of the mixture was that the shoals of ugly looking fishes were soon bereft of life and were seen floating helplessly in the water.
On the way home, when nearing a sagoon, one of the sisters remarked to the other:
"Mary, will you go in and get some whisky?"
"Some whisky!" astonishingly remarked the other.
"Yes, dear, for I really can never again drink water with all those horrible things floating about. I would rather drink them dead than alive."

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Aching Bones, Shifting Pains, Itching Skin, Pimples, Eczema, Etc.
If you have Pimples or Offensive Eruptions, Spots, or Copper-Colored Eruptions, or rash on the skin, or Swelling of Glands, Swollen, Ulcers on any part of the body, old Sores, Boils, Carbuncles, Pains and Aches in Joints or Corns, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, persistent Sore Mouth, Gums, or Throat, then you have Blood Poison. Take Botanic Blood Balm (B.B.B.). Soon all Sores, Pimples and Eruptions will heal perfectly. Aches and Pains cease, Swellings subside, and a perfect, never to return cure made. B.B.B. cures cancers of All Kinds, Suppurating Swellings, Eating Sores, Ugly Ulcers, after all else fails, healing the sores perfectly. If you have a persistent pimple, wart, swollen glands, shooting, stinging pains, take Blood Balm, and they will disappear before they develop into Cancer. (Write for special circular on Cancer.) Druggists \$1 per large bottle, including complete directions for home cure. Sample free by writing BLOOD BALM CO., 16 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble, and free medical advice sent in sealed letter.

The people who never have anything interesting to say generally manage to say it.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is a liquid and is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Write for testimonials, free. Manufactured by E. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
After a man is dead it's funny what a lot of unsuspected good traits we discover he had.
FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Small bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
It may seem funny, but the fellow who pays cash is a man of no account.
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.
The man who throws care to the wind may find the wind blowing it back to him.
Jam sure Piles' Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thomas Rowan, Maple St., Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1901.
One good turn deserves another, but it seldom gets it.
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It is wiser in the long run not to barrow more than you need.

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Rheumatism
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SUFFERED SEVEN YEARS With Catarrh Derangements of the Pelvic Organs.



Miss Kate Brown, Recording Secretary of the L. C. B. Association, of Kansas, in a letter from 605 N. Seventh St., Kansas City, Kan., says:
"For seven years I have not known what it was to spend a well day. I caught a severe cold, which I neglected. It was at the time of menstruation, and inflammation set in and prostrated me. Catarrh of the kidneys and bladder followed, my digestive organs gave way; in fact, the cold disarranged my whole system."
"I spent hundreds of dollars with doctors and medicines, but derived but little benefit until I began treatment with Peruna. I kept taking it for nearly nine months before I was completely cured, but I kept growing better gradually so that I felt encouraged to continue taking Peruna until my health was restored. I send my thanks to the doctor who cured me."
Address: Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O., and blessings to you for Peruna."—Miss Kate Brown.

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W. A. Palmer, who lived here at the time (1901), was down with a severe attack of rheumatism, and for six weeks had to be turned in bed on a sheet. After the use of several bottles of RHEUMACIDE, he was pronounced cured by the attending physician, who is a great believer in the efficacy of your medicine. Yours truly,
J. L. O. THOMPSON, Editor Pictorial Sentinel, Pickens, S. C.

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