There are numerous clubs
And pleasure resorts
That provide entertainment,
Refreshments and sports;
There are liouses of worship,
With music and prayer,
But when a man's tired
He seeks refuge from care
At home.

When a man's tired
In body and mind,
Home's the only place
That he's anxious to find.
It may be a palace,
A cottage or hut,
It makes little difference
When he's tired, but
It's home. At home he is greeted
By affection's caress;
He doffs all pretensions
Of manners or of dress;
He tosses the baby
And torments the dog,
He goes to bed early,
And sleeps like a log—
At home.

The home is the heart
Of our comfort and cheer,
Made so by the presence
Of those we hold dear;
By the thought that we're saut in
From all that annoys,
And nothing can enter
To disturb our joys—
At home.
—Christian Advece

-Christian Advocate

"Mother!"-hesitatingly.

"I can't sleep."

ticking.

of impatience.

could spare?'

but-

wish--

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"Yes, father," she answered drows-

"What's the matter? Are you

"No, I'm warm. But I can't forget

"Well, Franklin, I don't see as we

Fifteen minutes past 10. Again

'Haven't you any bedding you

"Yes, there's plenty of bedding,

"Well, I wish you'd get up and

"Oh, father, in this storm! I

But mother knew it was no use to

make up a bundle, and I'll carry it

Just Like Father

a True Story.

****** All the afternoon the wind had | Frost King. Father came in and been marshaling the storm clouds. wound the clock, while mother looked With the falling of night it had in- after some last things for the night, creased to a gale, and whirling snow | Then they, too, lay down, but father

filled the air. But indoors, where did not sleep. He heard the clock mother was preparing supper, were ticking off the minutes as they passed light and warmth and cheer. A loud |-five, ten, fifteen, half an hour. It stamping of feet at the back door struck 10. Then father spoke, announced the return of father and the boys from finishing the chores. A moment later, with a shout as of fly. the joy of battle, they were inside shaking the loose snow from caps and coats, and through the open door | cold?" has swept the keen northwest wind, searching every nook and cranny of Mother Berry. Jane, I'm afraid the the large, comfortable one-room Berrys are cold." hewed log house.

It's going to be a cold night, can do anything about it. You'd betmother. "Yes, father, but we shan't suffer,'

answered mother, as she placed on the table a great pile of slices of fragrant, toothsome "rye and Injun" bread.

"No," said Rier, the older of the boys, "neither will the stock. I tellwe gave 'em a good feed and lots of bedding, and they're as cozy and comfortable as you please. That log barn, where the horses are, is 'most as warm as this house."

shouted the noisy Marsh. "And didn't it seem good to get into the cows' nice shed, out of the wind? I think it'd be fun to curl over to Uncle Billy's. up there under a pile of straw and stay all night."

"Well, I think," remarked sister Emma, as she placed the steaming bowls of hot milk beside the plates. "I think, silly, that before 8 o'clock you'd be glad to come in and curl up between warm blankets under a pile of mamma's comfortables! Sister Emma was fourteen-and "Come, now, if you've got wise. washed and combed, come to the table or I shan't get the dishes done to-night.

The family were settling down for a long, pleasant evening. Mother was rocking little Anna to sleep and crooning a lullaby that to her bables was the sweetest music in all the world, though she never could sing a tune in her life. Father had taken needle and thread and was sewing on a pair of pants for one of the boys. for father had been a tailor in his younger days. Emma, her dishes done and put away, had sat down with her knitting work—a woolen stocking for herself. Rier was stuffing the stove with hickory wood. A heavier blast than any before beat against the house so furiously that the eyes of the small boy of the group bulged out, as he neke

"Will it blow the house down pana?" Just then there came a knock at the door, and an awkward, bashful young fellow was admitted-a neighbor's son. He was welcomed to the circle and given a chair near the fire. Turning his back to the stove, he Turning his back to the stove, he sat down astride the chair seat, with his arms resting on its back. Father, always intent on hospitality, tried to engage him in conversation, but succeeded in getting only monosyllables,

till suddenly the boy burst out: "It's a mighty fine night! A fellow could have a mighty fine ride, if he mighty fine beast." The boys snickered, and Emma dropped a stitch, but their guest rushed on: "Our best

Oh, I don't believe Mother Berry did it," said father soothingly. Father always had a good word for the absent. "You haven't told us how your mother is."

Marm's powerful doncey to-day. "And your father, isn't he any bet-

"No, pap says he feels all-through-other." Having thus delivered himself, he seemed to have nothing more to say, and soon "reckoned better be goin'.'

"Poor old Mother Berry!" said a temper of her own, but I don't be-

"How good home seems such a night as this, with the fire roaring blind Uncle Billy, her husband, and I inside and the wind roaring outside, remarked the elder son, who already, at eleven years of age, had gained in

"Marsh, let's have some nuts." evening visitor. Then Rier picked up a book—he always had one at a blind trail! hand—and Marsh climbed the ladder to anuggle down in the warm nest mother waited. Father must face to snuggle down in the warm nest that awaited him in the roomy attic. the storm coming home, the icy At 9 o'clock the book was laid aside, northwest blast—if he came at all! and Rier followed up the ladder. Emma was soon asleep beside little other half hour. He should be here Anna in one of the two beds which by this time. Again she went to the occupied two corners of the great window. The clouds were breaking. By and by their mother climbed the ladder and put an extra through here and there. Even as she comfort over the boys, and tucked looked the wind swept the sky clear, the edges carefully under the feather and the full-orbed moon looked down bed, with a breathed thought of on a white, white world. And there thankfulness that they were so warm

and snug, and safe at home. Father went to the door and looked picking her way down the unseer

in the window by the light behind her. And with the boyish abandor so characteristic of this friend of God. he flings his arms high and gives s shout that goes ringing far on the frosty air, and sends old Judy to her stall at breakneck speed. Mother looked up at him a little severely as she met him at the door. Perhaps his jubilant spirits had jarred on her over-tense nerves. Her greeting was the one word-"Well," with the rising inflection.

"Oh, mother," he laughs, "take the broom and sweep me first." Beside the red-hot stove, sipping another bowl of hot milk, he told the

"I found Mother Berry and blind Billy hugging the stove to keep it They had piled everything they had in the house on the bed where three of the children were sleeping, and, mother, the baby was in the oven!

What did they say to you?" "Now, mother, never mind what That isn't what matters. they said. They needed it. That's enough for ns I'm warm as toast now. Let's go to bed. What time is it, can you see?" he asked, as his head touched the pillow.

"Just five minutes of 1." Mother heard the clock strike, but father was fast asleep,-Practical

........................ Woman's Position.

*************** tributes to the North American Review the first of a series of three articles on the important and timely question of "Woman's Position." ter go to sleep," And mother dozed this article, which exhibits no little off once more, and the clock went on learning as well as thoughtful reflection upon her subject, the Duchess makes an historical retrospect, decame the call. "Mother!" There was scribing the relations of women to a note of decision in the voice this the community at periods which rep-Father had made up his mind. resent different stages of social de-"Well, father!" And it would not velopment. Beginning with the conbe strange if the voice showed a trace ditions existing in the times and places when nomadic life prevailed, she considers the circumstances in which the weaker sex found itself among the Hebrews and the Greeks, giving an entertaining account of the status and influence of certain women among both these peoples who took a prominent part in their history. As to woman's earliest relation to

society, the Duchess says: "Professor Thomas, in his interest-

Soul Culture.

WHAT the soul is no one can tell; but that there can be evolved out of the course of time and events such a power to be independent of them, such a sense as cannot be atributed to them, is a revelation of something incipient at the start, and supreme in manifestation, which no one can deny. Here is an intensive direction of life which works magic. The fairy tales of the touch that opened mountain walls, disclosing vales of paradise or in poverty brought priceless jewels, are truer than any ped-agogy that would consign them to the limbo of supersti-tion, for they picture what actually takes place when the spirit realizes its power and enters the gates through the barriers of circumstances to drink of the streams that flow by the throne of God. And the by the throne of God. And it is no far step from such re-deeming of the time to knowledge and possession of the life beyond all time—the eternal life. Of what is beyond the future, of what happens when this life ends, prophets and sages, poets and seers know nothing more than any of us. But of the meaning in things now, the inner quality which gives a hold on immortality here, they do tell us much that in the crowding of material things we easily miss. From expecting length of years as the reward of righteous living they lead us to see a more lasting endurance than a long life exhibits. They show us how immortality is not so much in quantity as in quality of life. It is therefore no tingent possibility, a hope or faith merely, but within the reach of every life; and he who does justly, loves mercy and walks humbly with his God, will find the clouds of doubt lifting and see his daily path lighted with the light that never was on sea or land—the light of the Eternal, in whom we live and move and have our being forever .-

protest when father had made up his | ing work, 'Sex and Society,' tells us mind. Besides, she, too, had learned that 'the maternal system of descent in her pioneer experience not only is found in all parts of the world how to give material comforts, but, where social advance stands at a what is of far more value and costs certain level, and the evidence warhad a mighty fine sleigh, and a fort and to give of her life. The more, how to give up her own com- rants the assumption that every bundle was made up, and the blessed father went out into the night and beast got cut. We reckoned ole the stove to wait, and to feed the fire, Mother Berry done it, but we hain't and to listen. Now she heard the barn door slam shut. Now he would be springing on old Judy's back; the and in parts of India it is still in full hoofbeats came to her ears, muffled by the snow; then they ceased. He must be crossing the creek by this time, now climbing the bluff opposite. She went to the window and strained her eyes to look out into the night, if perchance she might see his dark form against the white ground. But the air was filled with blinding snow; her horizon was bounded by the window pane. The wind smote the house with great blows. No other sound father, when he was gone. "She has fire and her vigil, but her heart was reached her. She went back to the of their own clan. out on that bleak stretch of prairie lieve she meddled with Bolan's that father must cross before going down to the poor little house under the hill, where lived Mother Berry, the four little Berrys.

It was half past 11. He ought to be there by this time. But two miles home the sobriquet of "the parson." is a long way on such a night. Would he find the Berrys snug and So the two boys cracked jokes and in bed, and sound asleep, and his band is traveling toward the Tanana nuts for a while, and rehearsed for night ride a fool's errand? Or—a River. The news was brought to future use the droll speeches of their sudden fear chilled her heart—would Dawson by Chris Williams, who says he find the house at all? It was such

The clock struck 12, and still Mother was inclined to worry. A gleam of light was struggling across the creek on the hillside in plain view was old Judy carefully out into the whiteness of the night, white above, white below, and white through all the air. The wind still raged, the cold had increased, the great logs of the house popped with a sharp report under the grip of the

group which advances to a culture

state passes through this stage.' "In Australia and Africa, with few exceptions, descent was formerly reckoned in the female line; on the continent of America, in China and Japan traces of this system are found. force. Among the American Indian tribes and the aborigines of Australia, missionaries and ethnologists are able to bear witness that 'the women were the great power among the clans as everywhere else."

"As a natural consequence, laws of rank and property follow the strictest maternal line, and women had in some cases the right to dismiss their husbands, keeping the children to succeed themselves and be members

"And, after the establishment of the male system, the women still held property-a survival from maternal times. A form of divorce pronounced by a husband was: 'Begone! For will no longer drive thy flocks to the pasture."

Big Caribon Herd. A herd of 500,000 caribou is beyond Sixty Mile River and the vast that last year and during the summer

the herd trampled down the forests

and went to the White River slope. Later it turned back and passed across upper Sixty Mile and then seemed to turn westward toward the head of the Tanana slopes. They are traveling in a procession twenty miles wide. All that are left in the vicinity of Dawson are some straggling and are bringing some of the meat to Dawson, but on the whole the herd is getting too far away to get car casses back to Dawson with any profit. Dawson Correspondence Nome

While the British send on an averago two telegrams a head each tistics, the Americans send only one and one- senth and the Germans nine-

THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

What is a Saloon?

[From a man in the penitentiary, who was sentenced there for a crime which he committed while drunk.]

amitted while drunk.]

A bar to heaven, a door to hell—
Whoever named it, named it well!
A bar to manliness and wealth.
A door to want and broken health.
A door to want and broken health.
A bar to honor, pride and fame,
A door to sin and grief and shame;
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer,
A door to darkness and despair.
A bar to honored, useful life,
A door to brawling, senseless strife;
A bar to all that's true and brave,
A door to every drunkard's grave.
A har to joy that home imparts,
A door to tears and aching hearts;
A bar to heaven, a door to hell—
Whoever named it, named it well!

The Most Dangerous Tempters. A man who has mingled much with the business and social world was discussing the drink habit, in an interview with a representative of the San Antonio Express:

"It is all nonsense," he said. "for young men to say that they cannot resist the temptations of the saloon As far as my experience goes, the salconkeepers of San Antonio and the men of San Antonio seldom urge a young man to drink. They say, 'No, I never drink,' or 'I would like to be excused this time,' that is the end of it. It is all a mistake about a young man being forced to drink if he mingles much with the men of the He can refuse very easily if town. he wants to; and when it is once known that a man never drinks, he is seldom asked to do it. real hard people to get away from are the women. You can go into a recep-tion where the punch is strong enough to knock you down, and the first woman you meet will say, 'Do

come and have some punch."
"No, thank you, not now."
"Oh, yes; just one glass with me." "If by a certain amount of rudeness you are able to escape this woman, the next one you meet will say: 'This is the most delicious punch. Let me

What! Don't drink much? What kind of a man are you? I assure you this is quite harmless." "A matronly woman comes along and says: 'You must taste this punch; it is made from my special recipe and I am proud of it.' 'Don't drink? Well, just this time to please me. I've raised my children on this punch."
"And so on through the evening.

A young man who is strong enough to resist the temptations of society has nothing to fear from the sa-

This is the testimony of not one young man, but several, and it is no uncommon thing to hear men and boys say: "Why will women urge a fellow to drink the way they do?

There is something peculiar about wine or liquors of any kind—you are always urged to take it. You can refuse bread and butter, meat and po-tatoes, and even coffee without a word of remonstrance, but never

The Uses of Adversity.

"Grogan," said the head of the department store, eying him sharply, "you've quit drinking, haven't you?"
"Yes, sor," answered the red-headed Hibernian who worked in the packing department. "I haven't taken a dhrink av annything sthronger th'n iced tay f'r three months.

"I am glad to hear it, Grogan. I'll make it an object to you to stay quit. But how did you break yourself of the habit? Be hittin' me thumb-nail wid a hammer whin I was packin' a box o'

you."
"Well, Misther Barker, it was this niver have done it, but I wasn't. Whin I whacked me thumb instead av the nail I was thryin' to dhrive, it made a black spot at the root av thumb-nail. I says to mestif. gan, I'll punish ye f'r that. Ye sha'n't have a dhrink av ayther beer whusky until that black spot has

Well, sor, it was two months hefure it had growed out to the end o' me thumb an' I cud cut it off, an' be that time I'd lost all me appetite f'r

beer an' whusky. "Thin I says to mesilf, 'Grogan, I'll reward ye f'r that. Ye're a sober man now, an' ye'll stay sober.' That's the whole story, sor."-Youth's Com-

" The Saloon a Parasite.

Business men are coming to realize that there are two wealth producers on earth-one is the hand and the other the head. All wealth is created by work. For a city or State to be prosperous two things it must have-men and women with steady hand and cloudless brain who are at work These are our money-makers. loons make no money. They gather in a lot of it from those who do make but wealth is produced only by those who toll with the hand or head. The saloon is the greatest curse to business producing interests that is known to civilized men, and the husiness men are coming to realize it. They know that it unnerves the and paralyzes everyone under its influence.

The Best Way.

The most successful way to pro-ote abstinence from liquor, says Forward, is to invite men and women to give their hearts to Christ. The fight against habits is vain without His belp, but when He holds the hand of the tempted man the victory

The Real Source.

The temperance movement is not due to local or ephemeral causes, writes Dr. Samuel J. Barrows, in the Outlook; it springs from a public con-viction which the United States Supreme Court has well rendered, namely, that "the public health, the public morals and the public safety are endaugered by the general use of intoxicating liquors;" and that "the idleness, disorder, pauperism and crime existing in this country are largely traccable to this evil."

Oklahoma Done With It. Oklahoma voted, at the recent election, to abolish the dispensary system, and Governor Haskell has declared it at an end. It is said that the action leaves the citizens of the State without any lawful way of purchasing liquor for even medicinal purposes, which makes it impossible to work off on the draggist the old

Laughing Schools. What will drunkards' wives do when all the saloons are wiped out?

—Start laughing schools.

excuse of "a misery in the hones."

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RESCUES AGED COUPLE.

Ten-Year-Old Boy Drags Grandparents From Bed Of Fire.

Selinsgrove,-Possessed of abnormal strength for his years, 10-year-Hoch from the ashes of a smouldering wood fire.

Mr. Hoch was making soap on his farm just beyond the borough limits of Selinsgrove. As the aged man was anxious to discontinue his work he drew from under the kettle the large pieces of wood. Then as he was leaning over the wind shield, he lost his balance and fell into the

Realizing his plight Hoeh called frantically for help, and his screams were answered by his aged wife. She trudged across the lawn, and reaching over the fender to grab her husband, lost her balance. Caught in this heated death-trap, they remain-ed for an hour, as a stirring breeze drove upon them the heat of the fire Appalled by the sight he beheld. the youth threw down his school books, and pulling desperately at "Grandma's" waist extricated her, and then lifted up his grandfather,

JUMPS FROM EXPRESS.

Woman Turns Somersault But Lands Feet Down Twice.

Chester. - "Sure, Mister Conductor, I must get off here and if you don't stop, I'll jump off." declared Mary Harris, a domestic, who is employed in a Prospect Park family, when she learned that the train upon which she was riding from Chester that borough did not stop at Moore Station.

The conductor smiled and told the girl she would have to go on to Philadelphia; that she was on an express, and he could not stop for her. I'll pass you back," he said.

"Pass me nothing," exclaimed Mary, as she made a break for the rear platform, and before the con-ductor or brakeman could stop her the girl jumped from the train upon the station platform. She lighted upon her feet, turned a complete somershult, but was on her feet again in an instant. The train was stopped and backed to the station. the conductor thinking the girl had been injured.

You might just have well have stopped for me in the first place," angrily cried Mary when one of the trainmen inquired if she was hurt.

REPEAL 61-YEAR-OLD LAW. Lebanon Will Have Real Old-fashion Fourth Of July.

Lebanon .- City Councils paved the way for a return of the old-time Fourth of July celebration by passing an ordinance repealing the old borough ordinance of 1848, which prohibits the sale and discharge of fireerackers within the city limits. It was under this law Mayor Marquart last year compelled a "safe and sane" celebration and aroused the fre of merchants by prohibiting them from selling explosives. The Mayor said that if the people did not want their laws enforced they should repeal them. The merchants have been agitating the repealer ever I don't see how that could cure since and it has now passed Councils.

> ENTOMBED MINERS ESCAPE. But Two Dead And Fourteen Seri-

ously Burned In Colliery. Wilkes-Barre. - A terrific exploof the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Port Blanchard, near here, caused death of two men, severely burning fourteen others and shut in fifts believed had little chance for escap-That they finally made their ing. way out through a maze of old work ings heavy with smoke and the deadly fire damp, is considered almost miraculous, and their escape caused rejoicing among the anxious hundreds gathered at the mouth of the shaft and who expected each moment to be informed that all were dead.

ADMITS KILLING HIS FATHER. Man Makes Startling Confession,

Escapes, And Is Caught. Clearfield. - After admitting his name was Alexander Rosenbloom, and having stated that he had killed his father at Windber in 1907, and taking the body to New Jersey, where he buried it, a man who auswers the description of the fugitive, made his escape from George Ellin-

ger, a farmer.

The man later was captured by police after a desperate struggle. He is being held to await the arrival of the Windber authorities.

Ice Famine Feared.

Stroudsburg.-The mild and wet weather has brought the ice business in Monroe County to an end and an famine is feared. are but little more than half filled. As the season is growing late, the chances are that no more ice can be

Give Bridegroom Wild Ride. Chester,-Harry Clendenning, who

was quietly married several evenings ago to Miss Mac E. Marshall, in Wilmington, was taken in hand by friends, placed in a wild animal cags belonging to the Hargreaves Circus, and beaded by a number of his fel-low employees of the American Steel Foundry, was hauled through the city. He took the treatment good naturedly and did not get angry un-til he returned home and found his wife in tears.

Find Rewarded Hero

York .- 1. H. Brindle, of this city, who was asked to locate E. S. Myers, heir to \$25,000, which was bequeathed to him by a Carlisle woman at her death, has been found at 1413 Vernon Street, Harrisburg.

Locked In Cold Storage Box. Chester.-James Tickle, a grocer clerk in an Upland store, accidental-His muffled cries were heard and he to more than \$10,000 have been im-was later taken out nearly frozen.

MINISTER'S SON A SUICIDE. Despondent Over III Health Wilmer

Beyer Shoots Himself. Norristown. - Wilmer Beyer, 23 years old, a son of the Rev. George old Joseph Hoch, seeing his aged John Beyer, the well-known evangegrandparents slowly roasting to list, committed suicide here by death, dragged Mr. and Mrs. Joseph shoot ing himself in the head with a 32-caliber revolver at his father's

residence on Barbadoes Street. The young man had been despondent over his poor health. His mother heard the report of the revolver and when she reached the bedroom. found her son a corpse. He had placed the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

HUGGER GUILTY OF ASSAULT.

Youth Embraced Young Girl Who Had Been "Skirt Dancing."

Media.-Michael Curry was found guilty of assault for having placed his arm around the waist of Rebecca Schutt, the 13-year-old daughter of Frank Schutt, of Leiperville. Judge Johnson sentenced Curry to pay a fine and did not inflict a jail sentence. The defendant and Mrs. Beebe, in whose house the assault occurred, both testified that the young girl had taunted Curry by a "skirt dance." Curry admitted that he had hugged the girl after she had gone through the performance, but he denied intent to commit a crime.

KILLED IN FOLDING BED. Pittsburger Loses His Life And Wife Is Seriously Injured.

Pittsburg. - Charles Murray, 39 years old, was killed and his wife was seriously injured, when they were caught in a folding bed that accidently closed while they were

The couple moved and went to sleep in a folding bed that is said to have been set up hurriedly. A daughter entering the room found mother and father enclosed in their folding bed.

Increase Wages Of Silk Weavers.

York.-When the weavers of the York Silk Mill threatened to strike unless their wages were increased, the company conceded in part to their demands and the young men and women returned to work. When he financial depression was at its eight the weavers were cut 121/2 er cent. A strike was averted when Superintendent John Guyer promised that an additional 41/2 per cent, had been taken off the cut in wages.

"Salome" Outdone In Saloon, Allentown.- in License Court here Philadelphia detectives, who were employed by the State Anti-Saloon

League to gather evidence against nine local hotel and saloonkeepers against whom remonstrances filed, testified that in one of the places that they visited a young woman did the "Salome" dance that heat Oscar Hammerstein's star's dance a frazzle." Other orgies equally as shocking were testified to.

Crushed Robbing Coal Pillars.

Pottsville .- Engaged in the dangerous occupation of robbing pillars, which consist in removing coal from the solid anthracite columns left to support the roof of a mine chamber, Michael Bisintain, aged 34 years, of Minersville, was caught by a heavy fail of coal at Pine Hill colliery and his life instantly crushed out

sion followed by a fire in the colliery Blow For Scranton Saloon Keepers. Scranton.-In the Tripp Park section of the Twenty-first Ward it has been discovered that a reservation in the deed forbids the sale of liquor on the premises. As there are seven the premises. As there are seven saloons or hotels located there and ten others desiring to enter, gloom settled upon the countenances of the applicants in License Court.

STATE ITEMS.

Trying to board a Philadelphia & Reading train near Pottaville, Harry Mortz, aged 13, fell beneath

wheels and was crushed to death. Captain James Boyd Robison, former Columbia County Solicitor, and a war veteran, was found dead in bed at his home at Espy, of paraly-sis of the heart. He was 71 years old and is survived by a wife and

seven children. Thomas Corcoran, the oldest man Chester County, died at his home in Elk Township, near Oxford. He was 103 years old and had lived sixty years in this locality.

THIS AND THAT

Cuba's population is 60.7 per cent

London's newest fireboat pump 900 tons of water an hour. Gascline can be used as a soldering flux for very neat work on tin.

A German life preserver consists of a hollow rubber belt, to which is attached a small metallic cylinder filled with carbon dioxid liquified. This may be turned by a tap into the it where it volatilizes, inflating the belt.

Lace dressing, the process between weaving and finishing, long was considered an unhealthful occupation because carried on in a hot, humid atmosphere, until the British government investigated and found that the workers enjoyed better health than those employed in other branches of

the lace industry.

The Mexican Herald announces that a movement is on foot for the erection of a grain elevator at Mexico City. At present the only one in that republic is the small elevator on the Coatzacoalcos River, near Santa Lucretia, in Vera Cruz.

The book having the largest cir-culation is the telephone directory of the city of New York. An edition of 1,000,000 copies is printed twice every year to meet the demands of subscribers to 450,000 telephones which are in use in that city and its

suburbs.
Police Constable H. Coles, station. ed at Ealing, London, holds the rec-ord among humane officers, having recently brought his nine-hundredth case of cruelty to horses before the ly tocked himself in a refrigerator. Breatford beach. Pines amounting

COMMERCIAL COLUMN

Weekly Review of Trade and Lates? Market Reports

Bradstreet's says:

While there has been some expansion in house jobbing trade in dry goods, millinery and kindred lines goods, millinery and kindred lines and business in agricultural implements, seeds and fertilizers has been large, the unsettlement caused by price reductions in the iron, steel and other metal markets, the weak-ness in securities and the nearer approach of tariff revision have all made for a degree of uncertainty not so plainly visible for a long time past. Weather conditions, too, have played a part in arresting re-tall trade, country roads are in bad shape farmers deliveries are affected despite attractive prices for grain, and there has been, in fact, an apparent slowing down in the current of trade, which, however, temporary it may be, has tended to make comparisons with a year ago at this time, largely favorable as they still are, less satisfactory than was expected some time ago

Business milures in the United States for the week ended February 25 are 244, against 282 last week, 311 in the like week of 1908, 194 1907, 180 in 1906 and 206 in

Wholesnin unrkets,

New York,-Wheat-No. 2 red. New York.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 123%c., elevator; No. 2 red, 125%. f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 124%, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 122%, f. o. b. afloat.

Corn—No. 2, 74c., elevator and 72½, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 white nominal and No. 2 yellow, 76½, f. o. b. afloat. Options without trans-actions, closing &c. higher. May closed 73 &c.; July closed, 72 %; September closed, 72 %.

Oats—Mixed, 26@32 lbs., 56% @ 57%; natural white, 26@56 lbs., 56@60; clipped white, 34@42 lbs., Butter—Barely steady. Receipts, 5,487. Creamery specials (official, 31); creamery held, common to special, 22@29c.

Eggs — Firm. Receipts, 19,820. State. Pennsylvania and nearby brown and mixed fancy, 24@25c.; do., fair to choice. 24@24½; Westdo., fair to choice, 24 @ 24 %; West-ern, first, 23 %; seconds, 23 @ 23 %;. Poultry — Alive, firm; Western chickens, 12c.; fowls, 20; turkeys, 12 @ 18; dressed, firm, Western chickns, 12@16; fowls, 14%@16; tur-

keys, 16 57 23. Philadelphia.-Wheat-4c, highcontract grade February, 122@

Corn - 14 c. higher; February, 70 14 @ 70 15.
Outs—Scarce, firm; No. 2 white, natural, 59 15 @ 60c.
Butter—Steady. Extra Western creamery, 30c.; do., nearby prints,

Eggs-Steady Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, f. c., 24c. at mark; do., current receipts in reurnable cases, 23 at mark; Western firsts, f. c., 24 at mark; do., current receipts, f. c., 22@23.

Cheese—Firm. New York, full creams, choice, 14% @15c.; do., fair to good, 14@14%.

Live Poultry—Firm; fowls, 16% @17.

@17 %c.; old roosters, 10 % @11; spring chickens, 17 @18; ducks, 15 @ 16: geese, 12@14.

Baltimore.-Wheat - The market for Western opened steady; spot, 123 ½c.; March, 1.22. No life in the market as both sides are in a waiting attitude. Prices became firmer and advanced as the day progressed, closing at the best. At the mid-day call spot was quoted at 124c Corn-Southern steady on prime Graded lots of corn of both colors.

No. 2 white corn affoat are quotable at 73@74c. per bush., and yellow or mixed corn affoat at 70 to 79 % per bush. Track yellow corn for domestic delivery is worth 71 % @ 72c, per busa, for car lots on spot.

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Oats—We grete: White—No. 2,
58 \$\partial 58 \frac{1}{2} \text{c}: No. 3, 56 \frac{1}{2} \$\partial 57 \frac{1}{2} \text{:} No. 4, 54 \$\partial 55\$. Mixed—No. 2, 55 \$\partial 55 \frac{1}{2} \text{c}: No. 3, 54 \$\partial 54 \frac{1}{2} \text{.}

Hay—We quote, per ton: Timothy—No. 1, large bales, \$14.50 \$\partial 50\$. othy—No. 1, large bales, \$14.50 % 15; do., small blocks, \$14.50 % 15; No. 2, as to location, \$13 @ 13.50; No. 3, \$10.50 @ 11.50. Clover mixed—Choice, \$12 @ 12.50; No. 1, \$11.50 12; No. 2, \$10@11, Clover—No. \$12@12.50; No. 2, \$10@11.50. No grade hay, as to kind, quality and condition, \$6@9.

Butter—Creamery fancy, 31@ 31½; creamery choice, 29@30; creamery good, 23@26; creamery creamery good, imitation, 20 @ 24. Eggs. The market is steady and unchanged on hen eggs, but duck eggs are lower. We quote, per doz .: Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby

firsts, 22c.; Western firsts, 22; West Virginia firsts, 22, Live Poultry-Market firm, with demand for attractive stock. We quote, epr lb.: Chickens-Old hens 15c.; do., small to medium old roosters, each, 25 @30: young, choice, 17@18; do., rough and staggy, 14. Ducks, 15c.; White

Live Stock

Pekins, 16.

Chicago,-Cattle - Market strong to 10c, higher. Steers, \$5.00 @ 7.00; cows, \$3.60 @ 5.50; heifers, \$3.25 @ 5.00; bulls, \$3.40 @ 5.25; calves, \$2.50 @ 8.50; stockers and feeders. \$3.25 @ 5.50.

Hogs-Maket 10 to 15c. higher. Choice heavy, \$6.70@6.75; butchers, \$6.60@6.75; light mixed, \$6.40 @ 6.55; choice light, \$6.55@6.65; packing, \$6.50@6.65; plgs, \$5.25@ packing, \$6.50@6.65; pigs, \$5.25@ 6.10; bulk of sales, \$6.50@6.65. Sheep—Market strong to 10c higher. Sheep, \$4.25 @ 5.75; lambs. \$6.50 @ 7.80; yearlings, \$5.00 @

Kansas City, Mo .- Cattle -- Choice Kansas City. Mo.—Cattle—Choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.90 \$6.75; fair to good, \$4.75\$\overline{P}5.85; Western steers, \$4.50\$\overline{O}6.35; atockers and feeders, \$3.50\$\overline{O}5.25; Southern steers, \$4.75\$\overline{O}6\$; Southern cows, \$2.75\$\overline{O}4.75; native cows, \$2\$\overline{O}5.60; native helfers, \$3.50\$\overline{O}5.50; bulls.

\$3.30 @ 4.75; calves, \$4 @ 7.25. Hogs—Market 10 @ 15c. higher. Top. \$6.50; bulk of sales, \$6.20 @ 6.45; heavy, \$6.40 @ 6.50.

Sheep—Market for sheep 10c. higher; lambs 10@15c. lower Lambs, \$6.90 @ 7.55; yearlings, \$5.75@6.85; wethers, \$5@5.75; ewes, \$4.50@5.35; stockers and

feeders, \$3 @ 4.75.

Pittsburg, Pa. — Cattle — Choice, \$6.20 @ 6.35; prime, \$5.90 @ 6.15.

Sheep—Prime wethers, \$5.50 @ 6; culls and common, \$2.25 @ 3.50; lambs, \$5.50 @ 8; voni calves.

\$969.50.
Hogs — Prime heavies \$6.90 % 6.95; madiums, \$6.85 % 6.90; heavy Yorkers, \$6.75 % 6.85; light Yorkers, \$6.50 % 6.60; pigs, \$6.95.10; roughl, \$5.50 % 6.15.