

DREAM ON!

Dear love, I feel your face Close, close to mine, though we are far apart...

A PAIR OF TROUSERS.



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I did as I have always done in such cases. He had made me laugh and I gave him the sovereign. He pawned a few more words of honor and vanished.

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which is extended to people who pay their debts. "Many thanks, nothing else. It will all run smoothly now."

Meanwhile my study of the circumstances connected with my old friend's trousers had had the curious consequence that, quite involuntarily, I began to look at the trousers of every person with whom I came in contact during the day.

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"Here I am as I promised, and here are your twenty shillings," said my old friend, Louis, slapping me on the back and giving me a friendly nudge.

ness that I was rather taken aback at the first moment by the idea that you, a former officer, should trade in trousers.

"Well," he said, slightly annoyed, "I know a great many former officers in America who are earning a living as waiters. I fancy a trouser merchant is worth as much as they."

"Of course I could not wear them all, and as I did not know a soul in the place except your old porter I began to make love to him, and supplied all your bank officials with trousers—that is to say, I made to each of them a present of a pair on the condition that he must wear two pairs of my new ones a day.

"The net result of it all is that, after all expenses are paid, I have made a profit of five shillings on each pair of trousers, or some £20,000 on the lot. Besides this I am taking 200 pairs, the best of their kind, home.

And he unwrapped a truly elegant light gray pair of trousers, made after the most fashionable English manner, put it on the table in front of me, and said: "When you get a seat on the Parish Council you must wear them at the first meeting you attend."

"A thousand thanks, you dear old fellow, I said, pressed his hand, and embraced him in my delight.

One of the most wonderful machines in these days of miraculous mechanism is the chronoscope. It took form under the skillful hands of Wheatstone, the mathematician, who needed an instrument to measure smaller intervals of time than his clock or watch could indicate.

In the year 1794 the habitual users of the English language did not number over 15,000,000; in 1892, 105,000,000. If these figures are correct (and they are from a recognized authority), by the end of the present century not less than 130,000,000 people will use the language in their everyday conversation.

PRIMITIVE DEVICES.

PECULIARITIES OF ANCIENT MACHINERY.

The Water Hoists of Madagascar and the Ganges.—The Dutch Inclined Plane and the German Flying Wheel.—The First Hydraulic Lift.

Used in Hoisting and Lifting. I became acquainted with a man, says a writer in the Globe-Democrat, who told me that he was commissioned by a large manufacturer to hunt out various primitive forms of the application of power. It became



STILL USED IN THE NETHERLANDS.

then his duty to search through all sorts of dusty tomes in half a dozen languages. "And what have you found?" I said. "One of the oddest is that used on the coast of Madagascar by the natives. It consists of a long pole swung something after the fashion of the old oaken bucket. The pot goes down in the well. Now, the weight of the pot is just equal to the weight of the beam, or log, so that when it is filled with water it will not rise steadily. But the ingenious natives have arranged a railing on each side of the log, and, to make the pull come up, deliberately walk backward. Is it not ingenious?"



GERMAN FLYING WHEEL.

building in the curious fashion outlined here. A glance at the picture shows how it was done. The sliding seat holds the man; when the package is to go up the man slides down, and vice versa. It was used in the Netherlands about 100 years ago. In some small towns it may still be seen. The little Dutch boys look on in wonder and, no doubt, think of the time when they, too shall ride.



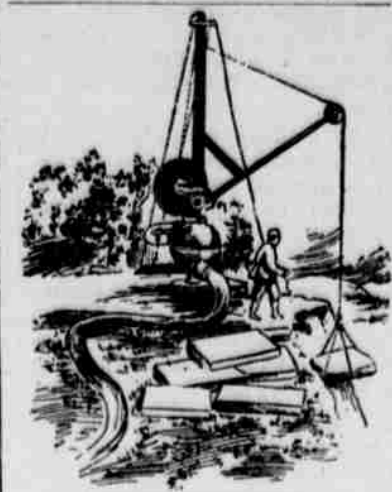
WATER CRANES ON THE GANGES.

method of application of power than that of the flying wheel, as it was called, a device used in Germany and Austria along about 1670-1700. The lads in the wheel had to be nimble fellows, but, the way being long and the day likewise, they must have been very tired at nightfall. Happily this



A CHINESE DEVICE.

tives hoist buckets of water by means of a series of cranes. The method calls for a number of changes from one crane to another, but the labor being shared by half a dozen people,



FIRST HYDRAULIC LIFT.

is not so tiresome to the individual as in the case of the wheel. Still, American engineers would doubtless find it decidedly primitive and irksome.

The Chinese of the last century used an odd device to haul up their wine. It was a rope running around a shaft, which, in turn, connected with a great wheel, upon which was a device something like the escapement of a modern watch. By working a lever up and down the ratchets of the wheel, and slowly the barrels of wine came from the cellar.



METHOD USED BY BUILDERS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

used by the builders of the Middle Ages to carry the stones upward in raising the high walls that surrounded the cities. It was painfully slow in its action, but at the



EARLIEST FORM OF THE WINDLASS.

time was regarded as a wonderful thing. The monks of the Middle Ages had a clever scheme, simple and effective, for hoisting casks. It was the earliest form of the windlass, and for simplicity and general utility affords the best example of the early method of the intelligent use of hoisting power. Four men, or more, would man the capstan and, like sailors in a ship, heave away until the plunder came into the castle.

Some wag with plenty of time on his hands has conceived the idea of hunting through the works of all the prominent English and American authors for the purpose of gathering all the adjectives with which they qualify the word kiss. The result of his labor is that kisses can be as follows: Cold, warm, icy, burning, chilly, cool, loving, indifferent, balsamic, fragrant, blissful, passionate, aromatic, with tears bedewed, long, soft, tasty, intoxicating, dissembling, delicious, plous, tender, beguiling, hearty, distracted, frantic, fresh as the morning, breathing fire, divine, satanic, glad, sad, superficial, quiet, loud, fond, tricky, criminal, heavenly, execrable, devouring, ominous, fervent, parching, nervous, soulless, stupefying, slight, careless, anxious, painful, sweet, refreshing, embarrassed, shy, mute, ravishing, holy, sacred, firm, trembling, electrifying, ecstatic, hurried, faithless, narcotic, feverish, immoderate, lascivious, libidinous, sly, brotherly, and paradoxical. The task seemed interminable and he gave up at this stage.

"FRED only puts on the smoking-jacket I bought him when he is sick." "I didn't know he was ever sick." "He isn't except when he tries to smoke."—Life's Calendar.

BETTER SHOWING IN TRADE.

Decrease in the Number of Important Failures.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade says: The improvement in business has continued since the President's veto, which has been sustained in the house. But the best news of the week is the great decrease in number and importance of failures. The number was 2,090 in January, 1,202 in February and 1,095 in March. The commercial liabilities were \$31,320,687 in January, \$17,300,419 in February and \$14,730,893 in March. Nearly half of the commercial liabilities were of firms failing during the first month, much more than half of the trading liabilities 54 per cent, as the full statement shows, 42 per cent of the manufacturing liabilities and 49 per cent of the other commercial liabilities.

Moreover, nearly two-thirds of the banking liabilities were of failures in the first month and over half of the railroad liabilities. Though the number of commercial failures, 4,297 in the United States, was never equalled in any quarter until the third of last year, the average of liabilities is only \$14,900, which is lower than has appeared in the records of 35 years at any time closely preceding any serious reverse. The degree of commercial soundness and health thereby indicated gives ground for hope that the liquidations consequent upon the disasters of 1903 have been in large measure accomplished.

Women Win At The Polls. At Monticello Kan., the independent city ticket nominated in favor of woman suffrage was elected by a large majority. Two thirds of the women voters voted.

Saw the Army and Had a Fit. H. A. Webber, of East Liverpool, O., came to Beaver Falls, Pa., Sunday to see Coxey's army. Monday morning he viewed the parade of the gang through town and then went to the Hotel Allen and was taken suddenly ill with an epileptic fit. It is feared that the young man may not recover.

MARKETS.

THE WHOLESALE PRICES ARE GIVEN BELOW.

Table with columns for GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED, and various commodity prices like WHEAT, CORN, OATS, FLOUR, etc.

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Table with columns for APPLES, BEANS, POTATOES, and various vegetable prices.

Table with columns for FEATHERS, EGGS, and various poultry prices.

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Table with columns for SHEEP, including prices for different types of sheep.

Table with columns for HOGS, including prices for different types of hogs.