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Cancelers For Sixty-five Years. Since 1853 all the machines by which postage stamps are canceled and en-velopes marked with the name of the postoffice, the date, etc., have been made by one family. In the year nam-ed the postamaster general entered into a contract with Benjamin Chambers, a clitzen of Washington, to furnish a device by which postage stamps might be canceled so that they could not be used again, and, although there have been a multitude of competitors on sev-eral occasions, that contract has been renewed year after year for G5 years with Mr. Chambers, his son and his grandson, who have a secret process by which the dies are made of mallen-ble iron and carbonized into steel at a cost of from 50 cents to \$2.75 each. It is certainly the only con-tract in the United States that has been renewed so often and continued so long. The department buys about \$25,000 worth of new cancelers every year. Bids are advertised for annually, and every now and then some ambi-tous manufacturer who thinks he has a good thing offers a proposal, but the Chambers family are invincible. They have improved the device until it is now almost perfect. The stamper is a circular cast steel box with a screw thread, one end of which is closed, and is provided on the outside with a square shank to sever it to the hard wood handle. The cover of the box is a disk of steel. A portion of its thickness enters the box by means of a screw thread around its periphery of almost 20 threads to the inch. This permits of a space between the inner face of the die and the bot-tom of the box, while the remaining thickness of the disk forms a flange with the edge, which is coarse milled, so that the disk may be turned with the hand or a wrench. On the outer face of the disk are characeling device, we all half hour. Diametrically op-posite the crinelist is coarse milled, so for enovable type, for months, dates, hour and half hour. Diametrically op-posite device is cut in relief in the ec-phore disk factory to Northumberiand county. Va.,

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tract away from him.-Washington Cor. New York Tribune. Ergs That Will Keep. It is said that a carload of evaporat-ed eggs, valued at \$14,000, was lately shipped from Springfield, Mass., for San Francisco, where it will be placed on a steamer bound for Cape Nome. The eggs were put in one pound screw top cans, 60 cans in a case, and will answer any purpose in the culinary line except bolling. The moisture being taken out of them when they are pre-pared leaves nothing to bol. The largest egg evaporating estab-lishment in the world is located at Springfield. The process of evaporat-ing is done with hot air, and it takes eight hours to thoroughly evaporate an egg. About four dozen are equal to a pound of the preparation. The Spring-field factory employs 75 people, and its capacity for consuming eggs is about 400 cases a day. The goods are shipped to all foreign countries, and in Europe especially there is a big demand, as the English government has placed the preparation on the hospital supply list. The Kloon-dike country is a heavy user of this brand of evaporated eggs, as no matter what the price of the fresh hen fruit may be or how scarce it is the evapo-rated egg retains its old price and is al-ways on hand and ready for business. -New England Grocer.

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So fars a Maine Man Who Finds Them interesting Pets.
Out on Forest areau is a mouse factor whose residence, lest he lose easte with his neighbors, is withheld. In a pen he has half a dozen or so ordinary field mice.
There are the most sociable pets I even had," he remarked, "and any one of them will rise to attention as he hears my step approach the pen. I have had these young ones about six months. They don't live long when coped up, and they will come freely to my hand to eat or drink. Some of them are so tame that they will climb to my shoulder and display not the sliphtest alarm at being touched. They have it acquired so much faith all humanity, however, and have refused to trust any one else so far.
"While mice eat a great deal for an afinal so small when food is about for y how the east for a surprising long time with next to nothing. Any one whose house has been invested with mice and who had passed weary weeks when every thing that possibly could serve as food was carefully under lock and key, finally calling to service an active forret, will appreciate this fact. He is a mighty aggressive in this line I hung a basket of food from the celling boy a rope and after a week's fast placed a mouse at a hole in the celling boy are the basket. He descended some eight feet or more on a sender cord and asfely reached his have, later-celling have the basket. He dosen devend the premises and notice in this line I hung a basket of food from the celling boy arope and after a week's fast placed. Heave the how the bind so a sender ord and asfely reached his have, later-celling have the asset. The dosender some eight feet or more on a sender cord and asfely reached has have, later-celling have the safety reached has been individual select. For a nest paper, eloth or any soft material seems to safify, and the exceeding fineness with which it is chopped suggests some mighty artistic work with their teet."-Drottal Exprest.

A VERY PARTICULAR BIRD.

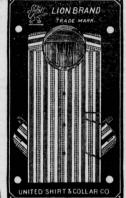
A VERY PARTICULAR BIRD. If the Bathing Dish Didn't Suit Him, Birds have as much character as human beings," said a specialist on birds. "Some are the most arrant little aristocrats, while others are regular lit-tic piebeinas. I had a little fellow some time ago who, despite all my ef-forts, would not bathe. Each morning when, with his white porcelain tub in my hand, I approached his cage, he would resolve himself into the sulkiest, dreariest little ball of feathers you can possibly imagine. I coaxed and plead-ed; I even bribed. Bathe he would not. So consistent was he in his determina-tion not to bathe that I named him Tramp. One morning I broke the tub, and in its place I took a shallow blue my hand (rom the cage. Tramp eyed me for a moment with all his old hostility, and then as he caught sight of the pretty dish he flew down from his perch with chirps of joy and darted into the watre before I could take my hand from the cage. "To found the way to his heart, md his morning bath now became a hy source of joy to bolf of us. Bu the dish. In an apologetic manner I brought to Tramp once more the regu-little beak, a perfect tempest of surind cheeps and twitterings and then usy sulter of wings. a threaten-ing little beek, a perfect tempest of suring benee on the topmost perch. "So it went on till sceured another buse and white dish and morning baths and my divention the sub con-sult be and white dish and then peace and white dish and morning baths and morning la sceured another buse and white dish and morning baths spin fait another by this time and then prosale appearance of his tub. Not so. An angry flutter of wings. a threaten-buse and white dish and morning baths and morning bath and worning baths and the antown and morning baths and white dish and morning

again."--New York Commercial Adver-tise. **Railroad Man's Prayer.** An old railroad man, having been converted, was asked to lead in prayer. The following was the response: "O Lord, now that I have flagged thee, ifft µm y feet from the rough road of life and plant them safely on the deck of the train of salvation. Let me use the safety lamp known as prudence, make all the couplings in the train with the strong link of thy love and let my hand lamp be the Bible, and, heavenly Father, keep all switches closed that lead off the sidings, especially those with a blind end. O Lord, if it be thy plang the line show the white line old hope that I may make the run of life without stopping. And, Lord, give us the Ten Commandments for a sched-ule, and when I have finished the run on schedule time and puiled into the great dark station of death may thou, the Superintendent of the emiverse, ary. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; come and sign the pay roll and receive your check for eternal happing ness."-Railroad Gazette.

Turkey Droves In Athens. The turkey merchant is the most wonderful of street venders. He ar-rives with 200 or 300 birds, which he drives about town for a week or two, selling them one by one. He is armed with a long pole, with which he touch-es up lazy or quarrelsome birds. They gobble continuously, and he shouts above the din, "Gallous, gallapoula, gallopules!" ("Turkey cocks, little tur-keys, little hen turkeys!") When one drove meets auother face to face or at right angles, they pass through with-out confusion, and no bird changes masters.—Scribner's Magazine.

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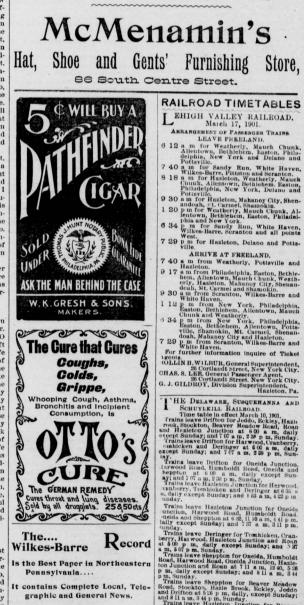
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