

Highest Award on Cocoa and Chocolate.
The Judges of the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, have awarded three gold medals to Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass., for the superiority of their breakfast Cocoa and all of their cocoa and chocolate preparations, and the excellence of their exhibit. This is the thirty-seventh highest award received by them from the great expositions in Europe and America.

Rarely Experienced.
"So floaters has at last got a job with the corporation, eh?"
"Yes, and a good salary he gets, too."
"For doing nothing, of course?"
"Yes, but you mustn't forget that he brings a lifetime of experience in that line."—Richmond Dispatch.

Her Triumph.
"Have you had any stage experience?" asked the theatrical manager.
"Well," said the fair applicant, blushing modestly, "I do not like to speak of my triumphs, but I was the leading lady in a Sunday school cantata once, and my friends said I acted beautifully."

Care of the complexion.
Many persons with delicate skin suffer greatly in winter from chapping. Frequently the trouble arises from the use of impure soaps and cheap salves. The hands should be washed only in clear, hot water with Ivory Soap. A little nuttun-tallow or almond oil may be used after the bath to soften the skin.
ELIZA R. PARKER.

Some people never attempt to look pleasant except when they are having their pictures taken.

A woman can't throw a stone, but she can heave a sigh.

It takes a pretty sharp fellow to flatter successfully.

Bad Coughs

"I had a bad cough for six weeks and could find no relief until I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Only one-fourth of the bottle cured me."
L. Hawn, Newington, Ont.

Neglected colds always lead to something serious. They run into chronic bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, or consumption.

Don't wait, but take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral just as soon as your cough begins. A few doses will cure you then.

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

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.
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Liver Pills

That's what you need; something to cure your biliousness and give you a good digestion. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation and biliousness. Gently laxative.

25c. All druggists.
Want your complexion to be a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use the BUCKINGHAM'S DYE for the Whiskers.
50 CTS. OF DRUGGISTS, OR R. P. HALL & CO., NASHUA, N. H.

DO YOU WORK IN THE WET?
THE ORIGINAL TOWER'S

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

China Muddle Not Over.

Settlement of the Chinese indemnity question by The Hague Court of Arbitration, in accordance with the suggestion long advocated by the United States, may yet be necessary.

With the signing of the Pekin protocol the powers believed that they had determined the vexatious questions arising out of the Chinese revolt. That protocol provided that China should issue bonds valued at \$336,000,000, which should be distributed among the powers in payment of their respective claims for indemnity. Special Commissioner Rockhill has now reported to the State Department the fact that the aggregate of the claims of all Government is over \$34,000,000. No European nation is likely to scale its claim without similar action by other Governments and the United States may take the initiative by proposing, as it did last spring, to cut its claim in half. Should this action be taken and other nations follow its example then the aggregate would be less than \$336,000,000, the bonds for which China has already taken measures to hand over to the dean of the Diplomatic Corps at Pekin. Apprehension is expressed that certain nations, seeing a possible reduction below the limit accepted, will increase their claims.

In the interest of a prompt and satisfactory settlement the authorities here are becoming impressed with the advisability of again putting forth the proposition that the claims be referred to The Hague Court of Arbitration.

Production of Precious Metals.

Director Roberts, of the mint, has prepared a statement showing the production of the precious metals for the calendar year of 1900. It shows that the production of gold in the world that year was 12,457,287 ounces of the value of \$257,514,750, a loss in value of \$49,070,200 from 1899. The loss was mainly in the Transvaal field, South Africa, and due to the war. The production of South Africa in 1899 was of the value of \$73,277,100, and in 1900 of \$9,671,000. The principal gains were \$8,118,000 in the United States and \$6,606,000 in Canada. The United States again heads the list. In the United States the principal gains were by Alaska, Arizona, Colorado and Utah.

The silver output of the world amounted to 178,796,796 fine ounces, the largest ever known. It exceeds the product of 1899 by 11,572,513 ounces. The United States again leads all other producers, with a slight excess over Mexico. There was an important advance in the price of silver during the year, the price ranging from 59.1 cents per ounce in January to 66.3 cents in the last month of the year.

Needs of Agricultural Department.

The estimates for the Department of Agriculture for the next fiscal year aggregate \$4,789,540. This is against \$3,862,420 for the current fiscal year, showing an increase of almost \$1,000,000 for next year.

Included in this is \$10,000 for silk investigation, which is to be entered upon for the first time. It is to enable the department to experiment, collect and disseminate information relative to silk culture in this country.

The total for the Weather Bureau, as submitted by Chief Moore and included in Secretary Wilson's estimates, is \$1,218,090, an increase of \$169,700. There is an increase of \$113,950 in salaries and \$58,000 for vegetable pathological work. The total estimates for forestry work are \$260,100, an increase of \$113,900, and for soil investigation \$173,000, an increase of \$82,000.

A Woman Chief.

Miss Lilian A. Norton has been given the temporary appointment as Chief of the Postal Finance Division of the Post-office Department upon the recommendation of Edwin C. Madden, the Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

The vacancy was created little more than a week ago through the death of Mr. A. W. Bingham, and carried a salary of \$2250 a year. It is understood the permanent successor of Mr. Bingham has been selected, but cannot be named for some time.

PENNSYLVANIA

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Carnegie Library Trustees Get a Collection of Shells at West Chester.

PATENTS AND PENSIONS GRANTED.

Fund for Soldiers' Club at Manila.—Underground Flood Swept Miners Almost to Death Philadelphia Delegates to Mothers' Congress Commends Juvenile Court.—Pottstown Construction Co. Receives Government Contract.

Pensions just granted—Israel V. Hoag, Allegheny, \$10; James Anderson, Rochester, \$6; Samuel Anderson, Talley Cavey, \$8; Albert B. Cook, Turtle Point, \$8; Thomas Armor, Pittsburgh, \$8; William C. Andrews, Phillipsburg, \$8; George W. Thomas, Altoona, \$6; Willis Emery, New Castle, \$12; Hugh McGahan, Taylorstown, \$10; Michael B. Cribbs, \$12; David A. Gildea, Holdaysburg, \$10; Patrick Donahue, Erie, \$8; Calvin C. Moses, Eldred, \$24; Judson N. Carrier, Transfer, \$8; Samuel C. Lidy, Pittsburgh, \$12; Samuel Bell, Millintown, \$17; Randall Lincoln, Ennisville, \$8; Leah Mentzer, Waynesburg, \$8; Mahala Porter, Canton, \$12; Kate Levers, Hilltown, \$6; Mary Swartzwalder, Elk Lick, \$8.

Latest patents issued to Pennsylvanians are—John W. Anderson, Allegheny, ingot molds; Daniel Bernhart, Pittsburgh, cash register; Horace Christian, Pittsburgh, fluid meter; Joseph Darling, Chicago, vehicle spindle; Edward Dithridge, Elwood City, manufacture of enamel; Joseph Goldberg, McKeesport, folding box; William S. Halsey, Pittsburgh, gas engine; John G. Hehr, Pittsburgh, bottle washing machine, also cash rinser; Reinhold Herman, Crafton, adjustable head for signals; William G. Hughes, Pittsburgh, incandescent lamp and heating apparatus; George G. Kennedy, New Castle, compound for polishing and cleaning tin plates; Arvid M. Levin, Wilkensburg, ore gate; Henry S. Lydick, Pittsburgh, plotting or projecting apparatus; William G. H. Ripper, New Brighton, animal trap; Joseph S. Seaman, Jr., Pittsburgh, mold for the manufacture of rolls; Arnold Stucki, Allegheny, bolster for railway cars; Levi E. Umsted and J. G. Dickie, Allegheny, book holder; William J. Wood, Pittsburgh, washing machine.

Farmer August Sanger, who lives several miles south of Erie, was disturbed by hunters on his place. He warned them off and to enforce his orders fired a gun in the air. The three hunters, two of them half-grown boys, fired a volley at him with their shotguns, riddling his head. Sanger is in a hospital in a precarious condition, one shot having penetrated the skull. George Kern, William and Henry Wurst are under arrest.

As the result of a practical joke, William Reese had the index finger of his right hand torn from its socket at the Structural Tubing Works, Bloomsburg. A number of employees had a tarred rope about the machine operated by Reese that impeded its operation. As the result Reese's hand was caught in the machine.

While excavations were being made for a sewer in Cornelius Hunsicker's yard in Athens two Indian skeletons were dug up. Arrowheads and beads were also found.

Patrick Tighe was instantly killed by a train at the Market Street crossing of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad in Scranton. His little daughter, who was leading him, escaped injury.

An effort to find petroleum near Cambria is again to be made. Several hundred

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "With mills, shops, factories and furnaces assured of full operation until the end of the year as a rule and many contracts already running far into 1902, there is no occasion for anxiety regarding the industrial situation."

"Retail distribution of heavy-weight wearing apparel and other seasonable goods is checked by the tardiness of low temperatures, which is extremely fortunate in many cases where makers have been unable to fill orders according to specifications."

"Each week the situation as to iron and steel becomes more encouraging, orders now running to the middle of 1902 in many finished products."

"More satisfactory prices are received by domestic wheat growers, last year's figures being surpassed, notwithstanding the large increase yield just harvested. Foreign buying is also heavy, exports for the week, including flour, amounting to 4,894,988 bushels, against 3,954,260 last year and 3,188,492 in 1896. There is also a tendency to hold back for still higher quotations, as indicated by Western receipts of only 6,182,393 bushels, against 7,411,057 a year ago. Corn was supported by estimates of a reduced yield in Roumania and a splendid increase in Atlantic exports to 1,194,009 bushels, against 501,155 in the preceding week, but the current outgo is trifling compared with 2,716,582 bushels last year and 3,554,313 two years ago."

"Failures for the week numbered in the United States 240, against 205 last year, and 29 in Canada against 28 last year."

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour—Best Patent, \$4.45; High Grade Extra, \$3.95; Minnesota bakers, \$2.90a3.10.

Wheat—New York No. 2 red, 80½¢; Philadelphia No. 2 red, 74½a75¢; Baltimore, 70¾¢.

Corn—New York No. 2, 62¼¢; Philadelphia No. 2, 61¾a62¼¢; Baltimore No. 2, 58a60¢.

Oats—New York No. 2, 41a41¼¢; Philadelphia No. 2 white, 43¢; Baltimore No. 2 white, 40¢.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$16.00a16.50; No. 2 timothy, \$15.00a15.50; No. 3 timothy, \$12.50a14.00.

Fruit and Vegetables—Apples—Maryland and Virginia, per brl, fancy, \$2.00a2.25; do Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, packed, per brl, \$2.25a2.75; do New York assorted, per brl, \$2.50a4.00.

Cabbage—New York State, per ton, \$11a12.00. Carrots—Native, per box, 30a35¢. Cauliflower—Long Island, per crate or barrel, \$2.00a2.25. Celery—New York State, per dozen stalks, 15a35¢. Cranberries—Cape Cod, per brl, \$5.00a5.50; do Jerseys, per brl, \$5.00a5.50.

Eggplants—Florida, per crate, \$3.00a4.00. Kale—Native, per bushel box 10a12½¢. Lettuce—Native per bushel box 20a30¢. Lima beans—Native, per bushel box 65a75¢. Onions—Maryland and Pennsylvania, yellow per bu, 85a90¢. Oysterplants—Native, per bunch, 2½a3¢. Pears—Eastern Shore, Kieffer, per basket 15a30¢; do New York Bartlett's, per brl, No. 1, —a\$3.50. Quinces—New York, per brl, No. 1, \$3.75a4.00.

Spinach—Native, per bushel box 12½a15¢. String beans—Native, per bu., green, 40a50¢. Tomatoes—Eastern Shore, Maryland, per basket, sound, 30a35¢; market stock, 45a55¢; do native per measured bushel.

Potatoes—White—Maryland and Pennsylvania, per bu, No. 1, 65a70¢; do, seconds, 40a50¢; New York, per bu, best stock, 63a68¢; do, common, 50a55¢.

Any tramp will tell you the manger is worth two.

I am sure Piso's Cure will cure you in three weeks.

Just What he Told Him to Say.

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FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. \$2 trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 381 Arch St., Phila. Pa.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic.

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