

How to Avoid Library Fines.
 Idea—Do you read many new novels these days?
 May—No, indeed, dear. You see, when I get a new novel I can't refrain from glancing over the last pages, and after I see how the story ends, what is the use of my going through the rest of the pages?—Chicago News.

Passing of the Horse.
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Rest for the Bowels.
 No matter what ails you, headache or a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. ASCARETS help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. ASCARETS Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

The Onion's Humor.
 "Your odor is so extremely strong," said the onion to the Limburger heese, "that it quite takes away my own perfume. At the same time it makes you my debtor."
 "And may I ask what I owe you?" inquired the Limburger, in a supercilious tone.
 "You owe me an old-fashioned scent," replied the onion.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars—1861-1865.
 Adjutant General Lambert of Minnesota explains how copies of the above history may be obtained. He states that, under the law, each surviving soldier of any organization of Minnesota troops from the Civil War, or upon his death, if he has not received it, the surviving widow, father, mother, or sister of the deceased, in order named, is entitled to a copy of the volume upon proper identification to the satisfaction of the adjutant general. Since the appropriation for the distribution of the volume placed in the disposal of the adjutant general by the legislature is wholly inadequate to send the book by mail or express, he has decided to accumulate applications from each county until a sufficient number are on hand to warrant shipment by freight to the county auditor, notice of the shipment being sent to each applicant. For shipments by mail or express and for all shipments outside the limits of the state, 9 cents must accompany the application. The necessary blanks for application may be obtained by addressing Brigadier General George C. Lambert, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

Bin Thar.
 Little Black Joe—Hullo, Jerry; whar 'gwine?
 Little Black Jerry—I ain' a-gwine no-ah; I done bin whar I'm a-gwine.—Chicago Herald.

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 "The trouble with the American people," said the philosopher, "is that they are never learned the art of doing nothing and doing it well."
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BRITISH COLONIES

THEIR TRADE WITH PARENT COUNTRY MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

Billions of Dollars Worth of Exports and Imports Are Purchased in Direct Trade Relationship.

The United Kingdom, in 1897, exported to her colonies goods valued at \$423,212,102, out of a total exportation of \$1,431,598,345; thus, 30 per cent of the total exports were sent to the colonies. The total imports of her colonies in the year were \$1,216,284,637, and the amount which they took from Great Britain was 34.8 per cent of their imports. To the non-British world she was able to supply 12 per cent of their imports. Even to the United States, from which her purchases were enormous, whose people speak the same language and have extremely close business relations with her, she only supplied, in 1899, 17 per cent of her total imports; while supplying 34.9 per cent of the imports of her colonies.

Had Great Britain supplied to her colonies only the proportion—13 per cent—of the imports she was able to supply to the non-British world, it would have amounted to but \$158,106,000, instead of the \$433,212,102 which she actually did send to them.

Thus, in the year in question, upon this estimate, she made a market in her colonies for \$265,000,000 worth of goods in excess of what she would have sold them had they held the same relation to her that does the non-British world generally. Even had she been able to supply them as large a proportion of their imports as she supplies of the imports of the United States, her sales to them, under such extremely favorable circumstances, would have fallen \$218,000,000 below those actually made.

In the case of the other countries, this study is equally interesting. France supplied to her colonies 22.5 per cent of their total imports; while the non-French world took from France but 9.3 per cent of its imports. The Netherlands supplied to its colonies 31.7 per cent of their imports, while the non-Netherlands world took from that country less than 6 per cent of its imports. Spain supplied to her colonies 84.6 per cent of their total imports, while the non-Spanish world took from that country less than 2 per cent of its imports.

It is apparent that the British sales to her colonies were more than twice as large as they would have been had the colonies not held this relation to her. Now, let us apply this general fact to Great Britain's commerce with her colonies during a term of years. Exports of the United Kingdom to her colonies from 1863 to 1898, a term of thirty years, amounted to \$11,580,000,000. Applying to this vast sum the estimate already made, that she sells to her colonies more than double the amount which they would buy did not the colonial relationship exist, it would be apparent that she has, by her colonial enterprise, made for her manufacturers and producers a market during the last thirty years for more than \$6,000,000,000 in clear excess of that which they would have had with this same territory had not the colonial relation existed.

Now, to take the other side of the case: All manufacturing countries and countries of the temperate zone now find it necessary to import large quantities of tropical products, partially for manufacturing and partially for consumption of their people—coffee, sugar, cocoa, spices, hemp, jute, rubber, etc. By making these purchases in the colonies the mother country benefits those of her own citizens, whose capital is invested in great producing enterprises in the colonies, and at the same time obtains a permanent and regular supply of the articles which she must have for her factories and breakfast tables. Of the total imports of the United Kingdom in the last thirty years, more than \$12,000,000,000 worth, or 23 per cent were taken from her colonies; while of her exports, in the decade 1869 to 1878, 25 per cent went to the colonies, and in the following decade, 29 per cent, while in 1898 more than 30 per cent went to the colonies.

Thus, in the past thirty years, the United Kingdom has, through her colonial enterprises, made a market for fully six thousand million dollars worth of goods in excess of what she would have sold to the same territory had not the colonial relationship existed, while she has expended among the

people of those countries \$12,000,000,000 in the purchase of articles required for her population for food or manufacturing, and thus benefited to a great extent both the people of her colonies and her own people who had business relations in the colonies.

Senator Stewart for Expansion.
 Not long ago, Senator Stewart of Nevada took part in the debate on the Philippine question, and in the course of his remarks said:

"The legislation increasing the regular army to 65,000 and authorizing a volunteer force of 35,000 men, and three regiments to be organized in the Philippines, was for the express purpose of prosecuting the war and of suppressing the insurrection in those islands. The war, under the authority of congress, has been carried on for about eleven months, until it is too late to inquire how the United States became involved in it. If the inquiry had been made in February last it might have been pertinent; but now, after my country is engaged in war under the authority of the legislative and executive departments of this government, and after thousands of precious lives have been sacrificed and millions expended under the authority of the war-making power, it is my country's war, not now to be questioned. The lives sacrificed and the money expended in a war authorized by congress should preclude any effort on the part of patriotic citizens to prove that the war was wicked in its origin."

If Bryan Were Elected.
 The men who supported McKinley in 1896 on the money question, and, from the highest of all motives, sacrificed party for the good of the country, ought not now to relax their vigilance. It is true that the gold standard has been established by law, but four years of Bryanism might undo all that has yet been accomplished. The election of Bryan would shake popular confidence in the permanence of the reform, and unsettle every business enterprise in the land. Capital would become alarmed, foreign interests would withdraw their investments, and we would see precisely the same condition of affairs as we witnessed a few years ago. This is no idle surmise or flight of imagination. The very fact that the administration was hostile to the standard would in itself be a powerful blow to it, while all the arts of the Silverites would be concentrated in an attempt to minimize and discredit it.

Lesson From Farm Products.
 What we got for all our meat and hog and dairy products last year was not have yielded as much in cash as our people expended in paying foreign ships for doing all but a fraction of our foreign carrying. Our exportations of meat and hog and dairy products, we all know, are enormous, yet few of us realize that the returns therefrom fail to offset the sum annually taken out of the country because foreign, rather than American ships, do our foreign carrying. Happily for the country, and for American labor, too, congress will remedy this state of things next winter by passing the ship-subsidy bill, which has been twice favorably reported to congress by the senate commerce and house merchant marine and fisheries committees and which now hangs upon the calendar in each branch of congress.

Markets for Our Products.
 The enormous value to our farmers and manufacturers of the results of the war with Spain, and annexing Hawaii are just beginning to be understood. Exports to Porto Rico during May more than doubled as compared with the corresponding month last year, from \$305,564 to \$596,479. This increase is the more notable because it has been understood that the people of Porto Rico had little to sell and little with which to buy since the hurricane of last August had impoverished them. The following tables show our exports to each of the islands in May, 1900, compared with May, 1899:

Exports to	May, 1899.	May, 1900.
Cuba	\$2,124,679	\$2,155,882
Porto Rico	305,564	696,479
Hawaii	1,236,700	1,423,140
Philippines	63,905	258,214
Samoa, Tonga, etc.	2,159	26,108

Iowa Knows What's "What."
 The Iowa Republican state convention adopted a platform that calls the present time "the proudest era of the republic." Iowa Republicans know what they are talking about.

The tall talker of the Platte will discover before the snow flies that there is a big difference between carrying a convention and carrying the country.

Prairie Oats.
 Prairie Oats (*Bouteloua racemosa*) is often called Tall gama and also mesquite grass in Texas and westward. A report by the Kansas State Board of Agriculture says: It is an important constituent of prairie sod in eastern Kansas, but westward is found chiefly on the declivities of draws or hills. It is nutritious, but is generally considered to be less so than some other species. It is easily distinguished by the flower-stalks, which rise to the height of one to three feet. All along the main stem, except the lower part, are the small spikes of flowers, arranged quite close together. These spikes are half an inch or less in length and turned back upon the main stem, as shown in the illustration. One great advantage possessed by this plant, and an advantage that is likely to have great influence in its intro-



duction as a cultivated grass, is the ease with which the seed may be gathered. In small quantities it can be easily stripped off with the hands. If cultivated the seed can be harvested with as little difficulty as timothy.

Regulating the Width of Tires.
 Prof. F. H. King, Physicist of the Wisconsin Agricultural Station in the bulletin prepared by him on the construction and maintenance of country roads, says concerning wide tires:

"When we come to have a system of good roads and the means for maintaining them it will be necessary to have ordinances regulating the width of tire and diameter of wheel which may be used on the roads when carrying specified loads. In Europe, where better roads are found and a better system for maintenance exists, there are ordinances which fix the width of tire to be used with given loads. In Bavaria the regulations are as follows:

- 2 wheel carts with two horses 4.13 inch tires.
- 2 wheel carts with four horses 6.180 inch tires.
- 4 wheel carts with two horses 2.591 inch tires.
- 4 wheel carts with four horses 4.133 inch tires.
- 4 wheel carts with five to eight horses 6.180 inch tires.

Carts with more than four and wagons with more than eight horses are not allowed to use the roads without a special permit from the authorities. Other countries of the Old World have found similar ordinances necessary and it is clearly rational and just that such matters should be regulated for otherwise one man may easily put in jeopardy the interests of a whole community."

Artistic Doll Houses.
 There is something new under the sun, and it can be seen at the Fine Arts building any of these days. Miss Elizabeth Gordon, a well-known Evanston girl of large private means, is responsible for this novelty, which has taken the form of an exhibition of modern aesthetic and artistic doll houses and doll furniture. For a long time Miss Gordon's sense of the eternal fitness of things has been disturbed by the doll houses owned and played with by the little children of her acquaintance. She found the structures inconvenient and clumsy, their fittings ugly and the whole neither conducive to good taste in the child nor pleasure.

So setting to work with an able carpenter among several other dwellings Miss Gordon has built the Craigie house out of Boston owned by the Longfellow. The exterior is three feet high, five in length and complete from gable windows, shingles and porch pillars to the brass knocker on the front door. The bedrooms are walled in flowered dimities, have Swiss dressing tables, curtains, portieres, chintz covered chairs and divans and tiled communicating baths. The dining-room is in Flemish oak, the library in rich red, with tall lamps, candelabra, colonial furniture and velvet carpets. The drawing-room is a French affair of rose and gold, with a baby grand piano in it. The furniture and the hangings are made by young women to whom Miss Gordon gives employment, and the whole exhibition, which has been very largely attended, has almost driven the little girls crazy who have gone there with their mamma. Dolls in character are also a feature of the show and special pieces of doll furniture in artistic antique shapes can be ordered by small housekeepers. Miss Gordon calls her settlement of modern doll houses the Crawford houses, and she considers her "shooting box" and its furnishings the smartest of her collection.

PATENTS.
 List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.
 Richards S. Cuddihy, St. Paul, Minn., cylinder-proof cap or cover; James E. Davidson, Butte, Mont., electric arc lamp; Herman Grams, Dexter, Minn., traction engine; Stephen A. Huntley, Elk Point, S. D., firearm; John J. Ober, Kibbey, Mont., gate hinge; Michael J. Sasgen, St. Matthias, Minn., wagon box and hay rack lifter.
 Marwin, Lothrop & Johnson, Patent Attorneys, 911 and 912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul.

2 to 2 to 2-02.
 "How long does the train stop here?" the old lady asked the brakeman.
 "Stop here?" answered that functionary. "Four minutes. From 2 to 2 to 2-02."
 "I wonder," mused the old lady, "if that man thinks he's a whistle?"—Indianapolis Press.

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 Miss Plainface (earnestly)—But if I had not all this money, do you think you could still be happy with me?
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Is there any state more to be pitied than kittenish, giggling old age?

In 1894 the plague destroyed 80,000 of the 1,000,000 inhabitants of Canton.

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Mrs. Gates Writes to Mrs. Pinkham. Follows Her Advice and is Made Well.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For nearly two and one-half years I have been in feeble health. After my little child came it seemed I could not get my strength again. I have chills and the severest pains in my limbs and top of head and am almost insensible at times. I also have a pain just to the right of breast bone. It is so severe at times that I cannot lie on my right side. Please write me what you think of my case."—MRS. CLARA GATES, Johns P. O., Miss., April 25, 1898.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as advised and now send you a letter for publication. For several years I was in such wretched health that life was almost a burden. I could hardly walk across the floor, was so feeble. Several of our best physicians attended me, but failed to help. I concluded to write to you for advice. In a few days I received such a kind, motherly letter. I followed your instructions and am my 'old self' again. Was greatly benefited before I had used one bottle. May God bless you for what you are doing for suffering women."—MRS. CLARA GATES, Johns P. O., Miss., Oct. 6, 1899.

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