

DRUGGISTS' ERRORS. Due in Many Cases to Overworked Condition of Clerks.

Statement Made That 100 Persons Are Fatally Poisoned Every Year in New York City Owing to Mistakes.

New York city has a Druggists' League for Shorter Hours of Labor, and its secretary, Edward Thimme, makes a plea in behalf of legislation which will not only protect druggists' clerks and employes from working over hours, but will guarantee the public against the dangerous consequences of such labor.

PILING COIN BAGS.

There is one expert in Philadelphia who, it is safe to say, stands entirely aloof in his specialty. He is James Doughill, who has charge of the piling of coin bags at the subtreasury.

Where he obtained his exclusive knowledge no one knows. On a trip to Philadelphia he met Doughill and the two became fast friends. As a mark of his esteem, the original expert taught Doughill the art of piling up money securely, and that is as far as the knowledge has been extended.

PASSING OF THE CANAL.

Rapid Extension of Railways Crowding the Artificial Waterways Out of a Fading Existence.

Because of the rapid extension of railways and sharp competition, the canals of the world that are paying investments are few.

The American-Canadian canal, connecting Lake Superior with the lower lakes, continues to show a greater gain than the Suez waterway. In 17 years the annual increase in its tonnage has exceeded 1,000,000 tons.

Women Will Approve of This. An improved telephone instrument has been brought out by a Frenchman, M. Pierre Germain.

SOLUTION OF MOEN MYSTERY.

Former Tramp Turns Out to Be the Son of the Rich Manufacturer.

The Moen-Wilson mystery at Worcester, Mass., has been solved. Levi Wilson Moen said, a few days ago: "I take the name of Moen because I am entitled to it."

A few years ago the case was the most celebrated puzzle of the time. One day a tramp walked into the office of the aristocratic Bay State house of Worcester, Mass. He begged the use of the telephone, and called up the office of the Moen-Washburn Manufacturing company, one of the richest concerns in New England.

"I am Levi Wilson," he said. "Tell Mr. Moen to come over to the Bay State house immediately to see me." Far from resenting the order, the millionaire manufacturer drove up to the hotel in his carriage in less than 15 minutes.

At any rate, young Wilson drove Moen with whip and spur, and secured from him, on Moen's sworn statement, \$600,000 in five years. Moen endeavored to free himself by a lawsuit, but died in the witness chair as he seemed about to divulge the secret.

Wilson has now assumed the name of Moen. He is at the head of several large manufacturing concerns, and appears to have plenty of money. So has Philip W. Moen, the son of the late Philip L. Moen.

CUBA'S POSTAL SERVICE.

The Spanish Scheme is Completely Displaced by the American System.

The United States postal system has been adopted in its entirety on the island of Cuba by a decree promulgated by Director of Posts Rathbone at Havana. The action was authorized by Director Rathbone and authorized by a cable message to Postmaster General Emory Smith after a full consideration by the president and cabinet.

The report from Director Rathbone on which the adoption of the American scheme is based announces that the best available data, largely official, that the postal population of Cuba is about 1,250,000 people, including about 40,000 officers and soldiers of the United States.

OUR BEST CUSTOMER.

Figures of the Treasury Bureau Which Show Our Extensive Dealings with England.

Great Britain continues to be the greatest customer of the United States, despite the fact that our purchases from her continue much below those of former years. The figures of the treasury bureau of statistics covering the calendar year exports and imports show that our sales to the United Kingdom in the year 1898 were \$538,061,787, against \$462,695,024 in 1897, while our imports from Great Britain in 1898 were but \$111,361,617, against \$159,099,256 in 1897.

DISOBEYED AN ANGEL.

Did Not Heed Her Warning Regarding a Business Trip and Hence is Dead.

Edwin L. Crickett, a leather manufacturer of Mount Holly, N. J., is dead, and upon his deathbed he declared that he had obeyed the mandate of an angel that had twice appeared to him in a vision he would not have been stricken with a fatal illness.

In the second vision the angel told Crickett he had been good and obedient. She bade him go to Boston on a business trip, but not before a certain date. Crickett started ahead of time, contracted a cold, which developed into pneumonia, and, while dying, declared that this was his punishment for not obeying the angel.

NEW TORPEDO GUN.

Possibilities of the Eighteen-Inch Destroyer Recently Invented.

Will Fire High Power Explosive Shells Which Will Be Able to Sink the Most Powerful Battleships.

Louis Gathmann, of Chicago, has returned from Washington with a new department contract for his new 18-inch torpedo gun, with which he has been experimenting at the government proving grounds at Sandy Hook. The gun and the shells were patented two years ago. During the experiments great precautions have been taken to keep the working of the new gun a profound secret, none but the chiefs of the ordnance department being present at the tests.

Mr. Gathmann said the destructive force of the projectile is equal to that of all the 12-inch guns in the United States at a range shorter than 3,000 yards, and if the range is beyond 5,000 yards the destructive force of one of those guns would be equivalent to that of the entire number of 12-inch, 13-inch and 10-inch guns in the country. The Gathmann gun is the first 18-inch gun on record. The nearest to it is the Zepinski dynamite gun of 15-inch bore. The Gathmann gun is fired with powder and the other with compressed air. The new destroyer has a range of about ten miles and is the first gun in the world to fire high explosives with powder. One shot does the work. Even armored battleships are not expected to be proof against a single projectile. The gun is 45 feet in length and weighs about 100,000 pounds. The shells, or torpedoes, weigh 2,000 pounds. First-class battleships such as the Iowa, Texas, Massachusetts and Indiana could carry four of these guns. The gun is practically for coast defense as well as for use on board ship.

HOBO CLUB BANQUET.

Knights of the Tomato Can Hold a Brilliant Function at New York City.

The first fortnightly banquet of the Hobo club was held at New York the other night in the banqueting rooms of P. C. Volta & Son, 25 Mulberry street. Thirty hobos of the vicinity were there and did justice to a menu of baked macaroni, roast beef with mashed potatoes, pie and beer. The beer was served in schooners holding a quart, and the supply was unlimited.

When the president, Capt. "Dutch" Baker, took his seat at the head of the table he had 30 distinguished persons before him. The secretary, "Crooked-Faced" Higgins, sat on his left. To his right was "Strong-arm" Murphy, sergeant-at-arms. Arranged along were the members, including "Stale Bread," "Red Nose," "Dutch Mike," "Brooklyn Joe," Evans, "Blind Mahoney," "Husker," "Warm Gravy," "Jimmy-de-Bum," "Graftor," "Black-and-Tan Aleck," and "Waltz-to-de-Bar."

After the dinner "Brooklyn Joe," who had combed his hair in honor of the occasion, was introduced. He called attention to the two American flags draped over the table and the tomato can suspended beneath them. He said the can was the insignia of the order.

"Dog Dodger Dan" started to recite "The Raven." He got as far as the second stanza, when some one shouted "You're drunk."

"So was the man who wrote it," he retorted. "He was as dippy as me or you."

NEWSPAPER WRITERS UNITE.

Organization in Process of Formation in New York City—Its Objects.

It may be before long that young men or old men who desire to write for New York papers will have to have a card from the union. This condition of things may be brought about by the Newspaper Writers' union, which is now in process of formation. It will be organized under the charter of the Typographical union. A preliminary meeting has already been held, and it is said over 100 working newspaper men signified a willingness to join. Another meeting will be held, at which a permanent organization is to be effected. The promoters of the union are not "journalists." They are the ones who get news, read copy and write headlines. The organization of newspaper writers has been previously tried in only a few places, Boston being one of them.

To Cut Asphalt Pavement. Asphalt pavements can be cut for excavating purposes by a new device, having a steel knife attached to the frame of a steam roller, the blade dragging on the pavement and cutting a narrow path as the roller is driven along, thus doing away with the use of axes to chop the pavement open.

Temperature of Limitless Space. Space has a temperature of 200 degrees below zero.

Bulletin Financier.

Vendredi, 10 mars 1899.

Table with financial data including gold prices, exchange rates, and various market indicators.

Bulletin Commercial.

Vendredi, 10 mars 1899.

Table with commercial data including market prices, exchange rates, and various market indicators.

Marché de la Nouvelle-Orléans.

Table with market prices for various goods in New Orleans.

Marché de New-York.

Table with market prices for various goods in New York.

Marché de Liverpool.

Table with market prices for various goods in Liverpool.

Marché de Havre.

Table with market prices for various goods in Havre.

Marché de Londres.

Table with market prices for various goods in London.

Marché de Paris.

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