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BURNING MONEY.

None of us are so rich that we are disposed to burn any money. Yes, that's what you will be doing if you do not see our

NEW MAMMOTH FALL STOCK

of Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Mittens, Etc. Stock to select from nearly or quite double any former other season. If you are skeptical, call and be convinced as to stock and prices. N. B.—Butter and Eggs wanted.

J. D. Crosby
CASS CITY'S
SHOE & CLOTHING MAN.



For Goods That are Right

and prices lower than the lowest in.....

Clothing, Underwear, Dry Goods,



Shoes, Cloaks, Carpets, Etc., the right place to go is

2 Macks 2.

A Bicycle FREE

To the person who will buy FOR CASH the greatest number of dollars worth of SHOES from us, from Sept. 24th to Oct. 15th, 1898, inclusive. We will a due bill of FIFTEEN DOLLARS to apply on one of our guaranteed bicycles. Regular price \$30, either ladies or gents.

Or should the amount of shoes bought be \$100 or more we will give FREE one of the above mentioned wheels. This is a chance for the boys and girls to get a wheel FREE and one that we will GUARANTEE to give satisfaction. Several families may combine ON THIS DEAL but the CREDIT of sales can go to only one person, although to every person who will be the means of selling for us \$100 worth of shoes during above specified time, we will give

A WHEEL FREE.

Now, don't think it impossible, for this is the shoe season and we have a LARGE stock to select from and you have nearly a month to work it in. We will maintain the REGULAR LOW prices and someone is SURE to get one-half the price of a wheel while SEVERAL may get a WHEEL ENTIRELY FREE. No record will be kept with anyone unless when the purchase is made you tell us who to credit with same. Should you not fully understand this please call and we will explain it to you.

Yours in the SHOE business,

LAING & JANES.

Call and inspect our fine assortment of Ladies' and Misses' **CORSETS** Just Received our Fall and Winter **CLOAKS** for Ladies, Misses and Children. **Frost & Hebblewhite.**

BIG BOOM In Underwear, Hose and Dress Goods.

Entire New Stock of Underwear and Hose just arrived at W. A. Fairweather's popular dry goods store. Large, new and complete line of Dress Goods, Outings, Linens, Silks, Etc. We have a few plaid Belts left worth 10, 15 and 25 cents and to close them out we offer them at your choice for

5 cents.

W. A. Fairweather,
Busiest man in town.

A. A. MCKENZIE,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR,
Cass City, Mich.

Branches at Gagetown and Argyle.

Gagetown Manager—David Ashmore.
Argyle Center Manager—John McPhail

"A stitch in time saves nine."

This is the time of the year when a little

CONDITION POWDERS

given to your Stock and Poultry will be worth much. I keep

Wilber's Seed Meal for horses and cattle, Wilber's Egg Food, Wilber's White Rock Hoof Packing.

Pratt's Food, Pratt's Egg Producer

Holden's 48 Hour Condition Powder, Holden's Star Poultry Food.

International Stock Food, Carpenter's Specific, Parmelee's Condition Powder, Parmelee's Poultry Powder, Harvold's Condition Powder, Brant's Condition Powder, Cady's Condition Powder.

T. H. FRITZ,
Pharmacist

A new line of Floral and other . . .

TISSUE PAPER

Also a special line of **Box Paper**

which for the price cannot be beaten. Call and see.

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Pharmacy.

REMEMBER!
We are agents for the following first-class

Pianos.
Knabe, Vose, Jewett and Capen.
Call on us before you buy elsewhere. We have an A No. 1

Organ
on hand which must be sold at once. Come in and make your own price. We have new books coming. Watch this space next week.

F. Klump & Co

Throngs
are inspecting and many are purchasing from our

New Fall Stock of

Millinery

We can truthfully say that it is the best and nicest stock that we have had the pleasure of showing during our many years in this business. Call and see for yourself. Very Respectfully,

Mrs. E. K. Wickware.
First door west Lee's furniture store, north end Main St.

Hendrick,
Cass City Jeweler

Keeps everything kept in a first-class

JEWELRY STORE

Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches, Rings, Brooches, Etc.
Gold Framed Spectacles and Eye Glasses.
The Eyes Properly Fitted.
Solid Silver Spoons, Roger's Knives and Forks.

Cut Glass and China.
Repairing a Specialty.

J. F. HENDRICK,
Jeweler and Optician.



JAMES S. McARTHUR,
Candidate for State Senator.

began life for himself at the age of 20 years, in Yale, St. Clair county. He taught school for one year and then entered the employ of the firm of McGregory, Holden & Co., as clerk in a general store. Here it was soon shown that he had marked ability along business lines and fourteen years ago he located in Cass City, his present home. He organized that famous firm known as the "Two Macks," which has become a household word throughout the "Thumb." He has held the office of treasurer of Elkland and is at present justice of the peace. Mr. McArthur comes from sturdy Scotch stock and has the qualities of honor, sense and courage combined.

No man is better known throughout the county than James McArthur. He has always stood squarely for reform and although he has spent his time and money in the interests of such reforms as would benefit the people, he has never been a politician. Those who know James McArthur are fully aware that no "ring" or clique could swerve him from the course he thought to be right. His ability to serve this district in the State Senate no one will question. No matter what tactics are resorted to that man does not live who can truthfully find a flaw in the record of Mr. McArthur. As a citizen of the county and business man of Cass City, in his home and the business world, he is admired and respected and his opponents in a political way will frankly admit that his name means sterling integrity, and that if elected to the office of State Senator, that he can be depended upon as working ceaselessly in the interest of the people of the district. In his speech of acceptance Mr. McArthur spoke of his position on reform legislation to come before the next legislature, and without twisting or bickering said that he was for the reform measures advanced by the farmer clubs of the State.

A Remarkable Growth.

Two years ago Wm. L. Wilson was selected as supreme secretary of the U. H. P. F. which was at that time two years and four months of age, having 17 subordinate branches, and on Sept. 30th, 1896, had \$19,269 in mortgages and \$28.25 cash on hand. Total resources Sept. 30th, 1896, \$19,297.25. On the 30th of September, 1898, the records of the order show that the face value of mortgages were \$70,109.10; cash on hand \$583.90. Total resources Sept. 30th, 1898, \$70,693, which show a net increase in resources in the past two years of \$51,295.75. They also have, at the present time, 42 active working subordinate branches, which shows a net increase in the two years of 25. This is considered a remarkable growth, taking into consideration the hard times that existed two years ago, and the opposition that an association of this kind will have.

The order is built on a solid foundation, and is worth consideration. Mr. Wilson is working to bring the total resources by Nov. 30th, 1898, to \$89,555.98, which will be doubling the resources during the past year. In order to reach this figure, it will be necessary for every subordinate branch and member to do their share of the work. We hope to see Mr. Wilson accomplish his undertaking.—Pt. Huron Ex.

The sugar factory at Bay City began running Saturday morning. Out of more than a thousand tons of beets already delivered at the factory only two lots ran below the standard of 12 per cent sugar, and these exceptions showed 11 8-10 per cent. Many of the samples ran as high as 16, 17 and 18 per cent, and it is certain that the average will be enough over the standard to give the farmer \$4.50 a ton for his beets instead of \$4. Some farmers already figure that they will clear from \$40 to \$50 an acre from their crop of beets.

Wanted.
Tea girls to pick beans.
FRUTCHER, McGEORGE & Co.

Prize Winners.

The following is a list of the prize winners and the prizes secured by them at the Ninth Annual Fair of the Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac District Fair held at Cass City Oct. 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1898. The figure 1 indicates first prize and the figure 2 second prize.

James M. Allen—Span of draught horses 4-yr-old, 1; five lbs roll butter, 1; fifteen lbs butter, 2.

Wm. Allen, North Burns—General purpose mare or gelding 1-yr-old 1.

Mrs Wm. Allen—Knitted bed spread, 1; patched work quilt, 2.

Andrew Armstrong—Lunch cloth in drawn work, 2.

Theo. Ahr—Wood carving, 1.

Geo. Ackerman, Elkton—Draught mare or gelding 3-yr-old, 1; draught mare or gelding 2-yr-old, 1; draught mare or gelding 1-yr-old, 1; draught sucking colt, 1; Cotswold ram 2-yr-old, 1; large field peas, 1.

W. E. Allen, Bad Axe—Standard bred stallion 3-yr-old or over, 1.

I. B. Auten—Jersey cow 3-yr-old or over, 2.

Mrs A. E. Bolton—Specimen canned tomatoes, 1.

Arthur Bolton—Pair Bronze turkeys, 1.

A. E. Bolton—Reg Berkshire sow 1-yr-old, 1; reg Berkshire boar 2-yr-old or over, 2; specimen pears, 2; wine apples, 2.

Wm. Bennett, Wickware—Puritan potatoes, 1; Northern Spy apples, 2.

Jos. Bond, Wickware—Shorthorn grade heifer calf, 1; Ben Davis apples, 1.

J. D. Brooker—Matched team carriage horses, 1.

Mrs J. D. Brooker—Cotton or linen pillow emb in silk, 2; emb lunch cloth, 2; emb centerpiece on bolting cloth, 2; hemstitched tablecloth, 2; lunch cloth in drawn work, 1; sideboard cover in drawn work, 1; carriage afghan, 2; pants, 2; nasturtiums, 2.

Eli Baxter—Cabbage, 2.

A. G. Berney—Grade Jersey heifer calf, 2; reg. Berkshire boar 1-yr-old, 2.

Mrs Levi Bardwell—Wax work, 1; hair work, 2; emb lambrequin, 1.

Levi Bardwell—Greening apples, 1; Tallman Sweets, 2; Snow apples, 1.

Samuel F. Bodey—Assortment of grapes, 1; display Concord grapes, 1; variety black grapes, 2; red grapes, 2; white grapes, 1.

S. F. Bigelow—Grade Jersey heifer calf, 2; Light Brahma cock and hen, 1; cockerel and pullet, 1 and 2; etched pillow shams, 1; crochet lace, 2; verbenas, 1; nasturtiums, 1; flowers in water color, 2.

J. W. Bingham—Cauliflower, 1; Roxbury russet apples, 2; Bellflower apples, 1; Rhode Island Greenings, 1.

Duncan Crawford—Cucumber pickles, 1.

Archie Black—Span draught horses, 2.

Ed. Beebehyser—Spring wheat, 2.

Wm. W. Balch, Deford—General purpose mare or gelding 2-yr-old, 1; roaster stallion 1-yr-old, 1; Shorthorn grade heifer calf, 2; reg. Chester White boar, 1-yr-old, 1 and 2; sow 1-yr-old, 1; boar six months old, 1 and 2; sow six months old, 1 and 2; White Plymouth Rock cock and hen, 1 and 2; Silver Wyandotte cock and hen, 1 and 2; cockerel and pullet, 1 and 2; S. C. Brown Leghorn cock and hen, 1 and 2; cockerel and pullet, 1 and 2; Black Minorca cock and hen, 2; cockerel and pullet, 1.

Bert Bullock—Golden russet apples, 2; Seek-no-further apples, 2.

Hugh Cooper—Shorthorn grade heifer 1-yr-old, 2.

Jno F. Copeland—Pearl Guinea fowls, 1; any other variety late potatoes, 2.

Mrs Thos J. Clement—Display of pies, 2.

Jno A. Campbell—Snow apples, 2; Canada Red apples, 1.

Paul Cooper—White Bantam cockerel and pullet, 1.

W. J. Campbell—Baldwin apples, 2.

E. N. Copeman—Carriage horse 3-yr-old, 2.

W. A. Calbeck, Caro—Standard bred mare 3-yr-old, 1; centerpiece in jewel work, 2; towel in drawn work, 1.

Miss Jessie Crosby—Cotton or linen pillow etched in silk, 1; emb centerpiece, 1; emb set napkins, 1.

G. R. Compton, Elmwood—General purpose mare or gelding 3-yr-old, 1; agricultural mare or gelding 3-yr-old, 1.

Robert Day—Largest pumpkin, 2; Greasy Pippin apples, 1; Rambo apples, 2.

J. M. Dodge—Agricultural mare or gelding 3-yr-old, 2; reg. Berkshire sow 6 mos old, 1; Twenty ounce Pippin apples, 1, reg. Berkshire sow 2 yr old, 1.

John Dew—Lead pencil sketch, 2.

Martin Dew—Flour, 1 and 2.

Miss Ellis—Cotton or linen pillow etched in silk, 2; emb centre piece, 2; tray cloth in drawn work, 2; sideboard cover in drawn work, 2; dresser cover in drawn work, 1; laundry bag, 1; begonias, 2.

J. W. Eno—Grade ewe 2-yr-old or over, 2.

J. J. England & Co., Caro—Lincoln ram 1-yr-old or over, 1; ram 1-yr-old, 2; ram lamb, 1; pair ewes 2-yr-old or over, 1; pair ewes 1-yr-old, 1; pair ewe lambs, 1.

Mrs E. G. Fancher—Pear pickles, 1; peach pickles, 1; log cabin quilt, 2; whisk holder, 1; head rest, 1; lady's woolen mittens, 1; woolen stockings, 2; collection of plants, 2; four varieties asters, 1; chrysanthemums, 1; marigolds, 1; fuchsias, 2; geraniums in bloom, 2; display foliage plants, 1; bouquet cut flowers, 2; bouquet sweet peas, 2.

Mrs. W. I. Frost—Animal painting in oil, 1; landscape painting in oil, 1; game painting in oil, 1; fancy pin cushion, 2; photo holder, 2; display cut flowers, 2.

Ed. Flint—Greening apples, 2; Maiden Blush apples, 1.

D. A. Freeman—Roadster gelding or mare 3-yr-old, 2.

Mrs T. H. Fritz—Pinks, 2; bouquet cut flowers, 1.

Miss Guyett—Painted fowl in oil, 2 painted game in oil, 2.

Mrs Harry Guppy—Field beets, 1; hairwork, 1.

Mrs A. D. Gillies—Canned peaches, 2; painted fowl in oil, 1; emb towel 1; child's hood, 2; R. C. White Leghorn cockerel and pullet, 2.

Violet Gillies—Knit lace, 2.

J. J. Gallagher—Canned currants, 2; Fallwater apples, 2.

Mrs John R. Hamilton—Woven rug 1.

Mrs J. F. Hendrick—Red peppers, 1; doyley in jeweled work, 1; hanging basket, 1; hydrangia, 1.

Mrs L. H. Huffman—W. F. Black Spanish cock and hen, 2; canned strawberry berries, 1 and 2; cucumber pickles, 2; mixed pickles 1; canned crab apples, 1; musk melon, 1; cauliflower, 3; parsley, 1; assortment pears, 2; photo holder, 1.

Mrs J. B. Hartsell—Parsnips, 2; woolen socks, 2; Northern Spy apples, 1; tatting, 1.

A. N. Hatch—Hybrid No. 6 winter wheat, 1; strawberry dent corn, 1; Spitznburg apples, 2.

C. E. Hartsell—Winter radishes, 2.

N. Hile—Roadster gelding or mare 3-yr-old, 2.

J. L. Hitchcock—Table turnips, 1.

Mrs H. L. Hunt—Doyley in jeweled work, 2; etched table spread, 2; oleander, 1.

R. J. Hutchinson—Roadster gelding or mare 1-yr-old, 1 and 2.

O. K. James—Matched team carriage horses, 2.

Wm. Justin—Fallwater apples, 1.

Mrs O. K. James—Canned peaches, 1; canned plums, 2; figure painting in oil, 2; animal painting in water color, 2; col of china painting, 2; infant's dress, 1; fancy pin cushion, 1; child's emb jacket, 2; hanging basket, 2.

John Jackson—Agricultural sucking colt, 1; Shoshire ram 2-yr-old, 1.

Hugh Kinniard—Agricultural span mares or geldings, 4-yr-old or over, 1; table beets, 2; cabbage, 1; tomatoes, 1; maple syrup, 2.

R. Kennedy, Deford—red onions, 2; yellow onions, 2.

Hiram Keiser—Spring wheat 1; timothy seed, 2.

Mrs H. Keiser—Plants of asters in bloom, 2.

P. A. Kefgen—General purpose mare or gelding 3-yr-old, 2; Agricultural span mares or gelding 3-yr-old, 1.

E. Knight—General purpose sucking colt, 1; roadster sucking colt, 1; 1; reg. Shorthorn bull 2 yr old, 2; Lincoln ram 1-yr-old, 1; ram lamb, 1; pair ewes 1-yr-old, 2; pair ewe lambs, 2; pair grade ewes 2-yr-old, 1; pair ewes 1-yr-old, 2; pair ewe lambs, 1 and 2; reg. Poland China sow 2-yr-old, 1; boar 6 mos old, 1 and 2; sow 6 mos old, 1 and 2; any other variety white winter wheat, 2; red Clawson wheat, 1; Rural New Yorker No 2 potatoes, 1; sunflowers, 1.

L. E. Karr—Knit lace 1; wooler stockings 1; woolen socks, 1.

George Kirton, Kingston—General purpose stallion 2-yr-old, 1.

W. J. Little—Agricultural span mares or geldings, 4 yr old or over, 2; grade Holstein cow 3-yr-old or over, 1; table turnips, 2.

David Law—Sweet corn, 1; white flint corn red blazed, 2; smut nose corn 1.

Mrs D. J. Landon—Etched sideboard cover, 2; scrap or work basket, 1; stocking bag, 1; fuchsias, 1; hydrangia, 1.

O. C. Lenzner—Wood carving, 2; scroll work, 1.

F. Lenzner—Scroll work, 2.

A. A. Livingston—Garden carrots, 1; Dougald Livingston—Home made coverlet, 1; men's mittens, 2.

Clyde Lutz—Grade Jersey heifer 2-yr-old, 2.

May Landon—Landscape painting in oil, 2.

HAPPY MOTHERS AND HEALTHY CHILDREN.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Goes Straight to the Cause of All Female Troubles and Assures a Healthy Maternity.

Mrs. M. SINGER, 104 Hudson Ave., Rochester, N. Y., writes to Mrs. Pinkham as follows:

"When I applied to you for advice I had been suffering some years from debility, nervousness, etc. I had had several miscarriages and was pregnant when I wrote to you.

"I am grateful to say that after taking three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was considerably better, and after using three more it brought me where I am today. I am well, and the mother of a three-months' old baby.

"Doctors had failed to help me. I have no one to thank but Mrs. Pinkham and her wonderful remedy."



Mrs. ELLA DUNGAN, Reeder's Mills, Iowa, writes:

"DEAR Mrs. PINKHAM—I thank you for what your medicine and advice have done for me.

"I have a baby two months old. When he was born I was sick only fifteen minutes, whereas with my other children I was sick for two or three days, and also suffered with my left leg, and could get nothing to relieve the pain but morphine. My leg did not trouble me at all this time. I had no after pains and was not as weak as I had been before.

"I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound too highly. May God bless you in your noble work."

Mrs. J. W. PRUETT, Medford, Oregon, says:

"My health, also the baby's, we owe to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

Mrs. JOHN W. LONG, Wyoming, Iowa, writes:

"I had shooting pains all over my body, was very weak and nervous. I could not straighten up. I wished to become a mother but was afraid I never could. Seventeen months ago I got some of your Vegetable Compound, and after taking half a bottle was much relieved. I took four bottles and was cured. Now I have a big baby boy which I feel I owe to your Compound. Many thanks for your kind advice."

A Million Women Have Been Benefited by Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Medicine

IN THE ODD CORNER.

QUEER AND CURIOUS THINGS AND EVENTS.

Very Odd Wagers—Strange Bets Made by Men with Sportive Prowlities—A Sixteen Year Old Veteran—The Fighting Mascot of the 71st New York

Helen Gould.

There are marks of credit for you up above.

Helen Gould;

You have garnered many an anxious mother's love.

Helen Gould;

When the Lord selected you as His almoner a new Heroine came into view.

Helen Gould;

You've a seat within the temple reared to fame.

Helen Gould;

You have spread a gloss of honor on your name.

Helen Gould;

You have proved that true hearts beat Where proud mansions line the street—Here's a flower at your feet.

Helen Gould;

—Cleveland Leader.

Mistaken Identity.

The appearance of Miss Grace Marian Perkins, the supposed victim of the Bridgeport, Conn., murder, alive and happy as a bride at her home in Middleborough, Mass., is not so surprising an incident as it seems to be at first glance. Nothing is more fallible than the casual morgue identification, unless it be the "absolutely sure" identification. The fact that Miss Perkins (or Mrs. Bourne) is not a mutilated corpse is only astonishing when one forgets the long chapter of previous "positive" identifications of murdered men and women as husbands, brothers, wives and daughters made by any number of sane and sorrowing individuals. Recall any of the great murder mysteries, such as that that centered about Rahway, for instance, and you can not but fail to remember that conflicting identifications were features of the case and made confusion worse confounded.

Naturally, individuals differ, and special training adds acuteness to observation. And yet Bertillon, the French criminal expert, was led to the development of his scientific system of criminal registration and identification by reason of the failure not only of the eye of the police, but of the camera as well. Just as the eye and the mind play their tricks, so the camera; after the positive identifier, nothing is so uncertain as the testimony of the photograph, which is a "speaking image" of the original. Under these conditions it is not surprising that the Bridgeport torso was identified by Mr. Perkins, the surprising feature of the case being that there have been so few identifications. The whole Perkins episode is, however, a striking commentary on the danger of jumping at conclusions in murder mysteries. Murder will out, but the "positive identifier" often hinders instead of advancing the solution of the mystery.

16-Year-Old Veteran.

A veteran in knee trousers is hard to find, but in Andrew Lewis there is one. Anxious to see the front, the lad, who is only 16 years old, ran away from home and went to Cuba as mascot of the Seventy-first regiment.

Andrew hails from Lakeland, Fla. While the Seventy-first was stationed at Lakeland Andrew often visited the camp. Col. Downs and his officers took such a liking to the youth that they made him a regimental mascot. An old uniform was provided for him.

The night the Seventy-first received orders to move to Tampa Andrew stole from home and reached the Seventy-first camp just as the regiment had begun to move. When the command was boarding the transport Vigilance the regular army officers stopped the boy from going aboard. He awaited his chance and stole on the ship.

He followed his regiment up San Juan hill while men were falling all around him. While the fight was raging Andrew was up at the firing line, rolling cigarettes. The officers tried to drive him back, but it was of no use. He slept in the Santiago trenches and endured all the hardships of the campaign. He also helped the hospital corps in taking care of the wounded and dying. Andrew came north with the regiment and paraded up Broadway to its armory. He is now stopping at Maj. Whittle's home at Mount Vernon.—New York World.

Oddest Wagers.

The history of the foolish and eccentric bets contains no story of more reckless folly than that of a gambler of a generation ago who made the fall of a bowl accomplish his ruin. After a long night's gambling in which evil fortune had pursued him, he made a hasty calculation of all that was left to him of a princely fortune. He then seized a bowl from a table and, poisoning it aloft, said: "Odd or even pieces for \$15,000?" "Odd," coolly said one of the men who had won his money. The bowl fell and was dashed to pieces. The fragments were collected and counted, only to find that the number was odd, and that the gambler's last sovereign was lost. The presidential elections in the United States are the occasion of some of the most eccentric wagers which ingenuity can devise: A man who lost his bet at the last election found himself in the undignified position of having to act as the winner's dog for a full day. He had to follow at his heels through the chief thoroughfares of New York, lie down when bidden, in the most unpleasant places, bark at strangers, and lick his master's hand. When he complained of hunger he was supplied with an allowance of dog's meat and a drink of water; and had to lie under the table while his master feasted sumptuously at a fashionable restaurant. For some hours the loser pursued this undignified routine, to the amusement of thousands; but the savory odors of his master's dishes, which assailed him in his hungry solitude under the table, were too much for his resolution, and he bought his freedom by paying a heavy forfeit.

A Prize Hog.

A prize hog, weighing 1,524 pounds, has been raised by T. W. Williams, of Meigs county, Tenn. Here are its dimensions: Height, 4 feet 6 inches; diameter, 7 feet; length, 10 feet 2 inches. It is considered the largest hog in the world.

Then He Felt Cheap.

He—"So you have decided that they are not married? Why?"

She—"He put down his satchel in order to assist her while she stepped from the car."

Is Alum Poisonous?

Alum is used by many bakers to whiten their bread, enabling them to use an inferior flour, and it is also employed as a cheap substitute for cream of tartar in the manufacture of baking powder. Its use in bread and baking powder is very detrimental to health, producing dyspepsia and obstinate constipation, and under certain conditions of the human system results in poisoning. What these conditions are so far as each individual is concerned can only be surmised: some peculiarity of the system producing a morbid change in the secretions of the stomach with which the alum combines and forms an active poison; or, the secretions may be healthy but in abnormal proportions, and these lesser or greater proportions in combination with the alum constitute a poison just as two parts of mercury and two parts of chlorine form calomel, which is not poisonous, while one part of mercury and two parts of chlorine yield a corrosive sublimate, which is a most deadly poison.

It takes a pretty good carpenter to floor a pugilist.

France Leads in Good Roads.

There are, it is estimated, 300,000 miles of highway roads in the United States, about 20 per cent of the roads of all the world. Great Britain has 120,000 miles of highways and these are some of the best in the world. Germany has 275,000 miles of roads, and some of them are as poor as the roadways of a great country can be. France, which has taken an enlightened view of the good roads question for many years, and has spent by governmental or local authority over \$1,000,000,000 on highways, has a road mileage of 330,000, more than any other country. Russia, with an enormous area, has only 70,000 miles of roads, while Italy, a smaller country, has 55,000. On fine stone roads one horse can haul as much as three horses can haul over an average dirt road of this country. It is estimated that it would be necessary to build about 1,000,000 miles of macadamized roads in the United States in order to be as good a system of public highways as is found in several European states. At \$4,000 a mile this would involve an outlay of \$4,000,000,000.

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Depopulation in France.

The returns of the census for France which was taken in March, 1897, have now been published and compared with the statistics of the previous census, which was taken six years before. A year ago the number of people in France was 38,228,969, and at the 1891 census it was 38,095,150, so that in the six years the population of France had only increased 133,819 persons. And even this trifling increase is more apparent than real, for it has taken place entirely in the large towns, and is due to the influx of foreigners, such as Belgians and Italians, who are to be found in increasing numbers among the urban populations of France. In only 24 departments is there any increase; in 63 departments there is a positive falling off, and this is more especially marked in the rural communities.

Baseball players as a rule are not superstitious, but most of them believe that a home run in time saves the nine.

Hawaii and the Philippines.

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