

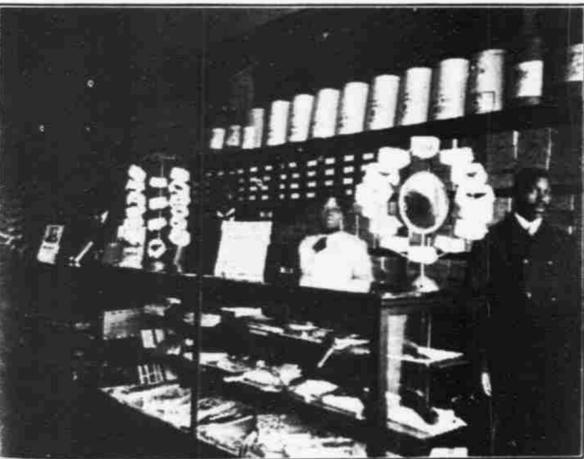
Front View of Sandy W. Trice & Company's Elegant Department Store, 2918 State St., Chicago.



Front South Side View of the Up-to-date Store Conducted by Sandy W. Trice & Company.



Rear North Side View of Sandy W. Trice & Company's Fine Store.



Front North Side View of the New Department Store Run by Sandy W. Trice & Company.



Rear South Side View of the Modern Store Managed by Sandy W. Trice & Company.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Ethel Barrymore is on tour in "Alice Sit-by-the-Fire," the J. M. Barrie comedy.

Margaret Dale, who for some seasons has been leading woman for John Drew, holds the same position in William H. Crane's company this year.

Sydney C. Mather, formerly of Washington, who was prominent in the support of E. H. Sothern and played his parts several times as his understudy, has taken up character work this season.

"Toddles" is the name which Charles Frohman gave to the play "Tripple-patte," in which he presented Cyril Maude under his management as a star in London at the Duke of York's theater.

A real Japanese assumes the part of the Japanese servant in "The Heir to the Hoorah." His name is H. S. Hashida, and he is a graduate of the University of Nippon. He fought as a volunteer in the mikado's forces during the siege of Port Arthur.

Old Daly's theater in New York city is to be a musical comedy house. Frank McKee has announced a fixed policy for this theater during his management of it. It will be musical comedy only, and the new policy was inaugurated with Marie Cahill in "Marrying Mary."

SHORT STORIES.

An average man needs 1,600 pounds weight of food yearly.

Over 4,000,000 bottles of pickles are eaten weekly in the United States.

General Leonard Wood having recommended the change, our troops in the Philippines are now allowed to do duty in their shirt sleeves.

When Hawaii was discovered by Captain Cook in 1778 it had a population of 200,000. There are now only 31,000 natives on the island.

Every working day of the year there is printed at Washington an average of more than \$3,000,000 of new paper money. Every day there is destroyed practically the same amount.

Beer drinking in the United States is on the increase. The total consumption in the past year amounted to 54,651,636 barrels, or thirty-one gallons for each inhabitant. In the previous year 49,459,539 barrels were consumed.

Even when orchid flowers are fully developed they may remain uncut on the plant two or three weeks without apparent deterioration. This gives them manifest advantage over most of the flowers that have to be cut immediately on reaching maturity.

ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

An average of 742 persons visit the reading room of the British museum daily.

In proportion to its size Sheffield consumes about eight times as much coal as London.

Three separate societies in England are agitating for the abolition of the opium trade in India.

It is stated that the incomes of physicians in England have decreased 25 per cent during the last three years.

More than 11,000 people were imprisoned in England last year for debt. Most were victims of the installment plan.

A woman who recently secured a warrant against her husband in a London police court said to the judge, "I have been married twenty-seven years, and I have had ten children and sixteen black eyes."

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

Come to think of it, where are the insurance agents that bothered you so two years ago?—New York Mail.

The opposition of Hetty Green to the trusts is not likely to take the form of large donations to fight them.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

War may be the greater, but next to it at least there is no game in the world like the great game of politics.—New York Evening Sun.

Inspectors have discovered that Pullman employes have been putting formaldehyde in the milk. Let the inspection go on until we find out what they put in the ham sandwiches.—Champaign News.

PICTURE DON'TS.

Don't have a frame more prominent than picture.

Don't attempt to give perspective with a flat frame.

Don't use a frame that will take light or life from subject.

Don't select a frame that does not harmonize with subject.

Don't get a frame that is too large for size of picture or one that is too small.

Don't put an oval frame on a square picture nor a square frame on one that is oval.

Don't use a wide frame with a wide mat nor a narrow frame with a narrow mat.

FACTS FROM FRANCE.

The majority of the pawnbrokers in the French government pawnshops are women.

The use of snuff has again become popular in Paris. The excuse is made that a few pinches a day will prevent influenza.

The new French cabinet is a rather remarkable instance of what journalism may lead to. Of the dozen ministers who compose it no fewer than eight have been regular writers for the Paris press. M. Clemenceau, the premier, has been perhaps the most extensive contributor.

NEW SHORT STORIES

Unanimous Action.

Davies Herkimer, the noted political economist, said of modern politics in an address on reform that he recently delivered in Cincinnati:

"Modern politics are entirely too tricky. The average candidate when he enters the political struggle lets plain dealing go by the board. What, then, is the result? The result is something altogether worthless, something that reminds me of a western clergyman."

"This clergyman was very fond of cider. His congregation, meeting secretly last autumn, decided that it would surprise him with a hoghead of



THE MAID RETURNED WITH THE PITCHER.

the beverage he loved and arranged to hold a surprise party at the manse, each guest to bring a demijohn of cider and to empty it into a huge hoghead in the garden. The party duly came off. The guests brought their demijohns, emptied them into the hoghead and feasted afterward in the manse on apples, nuts and gingerbread.

"At the height of the feasting the clergyman host was told of the full hoghead that stood without the door, and, overjoyed, the good man said to his servant:

"Jane, take a pitcher, fill it at the hoghead and bring it in that we may sample it."

"The maid withdrew into the darkness and soon returned with a pitcher brimming with—clear water!"

"Each tricky guest had filled his demijohn at the pump, thinking that amid so much cider his aqueous contribution would escape unnoticed. But this trickery, like the trickery of modern politics, had been a little too unanimous."

Helping Out a Young Lawyer.

Attorney A. S. Trude of Chicago tells the following anecdote of the late Judge Gary's early days on the bench:

"Away back when I was a cottonseed lawyer, a boy just coming of age," he said, "I had to conduct a suit for some \$300 in Judge Gary's court. There was a good deal of responsibility on me, and I needed to win the suit."

"On the day it was called the lawyer on the other side got up and made a long argument for a demurrer. I had been working nights on the case and had a pile of law books as big as a house in front of me."

"When the other man got through I got up."

"I don't want to hear you," young man," said Judge Gary.

"I thought that because of my youthful appearance the court failed to see that I had a right to a hearing and insisted."

"I've brought all these books into court, judge, and I've worked night and day on this case," I said. "I want to be heard."

"Young man," he said, looking at me sternly, "if you want to read all those books to me come up in front of my house and I'll get up on the balcony. I'll be there sure, and we'll have a little Romeo and Juliet service, barring my sex. But I don't want to hear you here. I quash the demurrer." And we proceeded with the case.—Chicago Tribune.

Never Give Reasons.

When the late William C. Whitney was corporation counsel of New York city he was introduced to a young man who had assumed an office semijudicial in its character.

"Will you let me give you a word of advice?" asked Mr. Whitney.

"I shall be glad to receive it," was the answer, "unless it is a suggestion that I resign."

"It is this," said Mr. Whitney. "In making your decisions use the fewest possible words for making your meaning clear, but never give your reasons for the same."

"I knew a judge on Long Island who had more shrewd common sense than knowledge of the law. Case after case that he had passed upon was called to the higher courts, but in not one of them was he reversed."

"This made him so vain that he decided to give his reasons in his decisions for making the same, and in every case in which he did so the higher courts sent it back for a second trial. The more learned judges could find no flaws in his cold and bare decisions, but when he set forth the reasons that led to them every one of them fell upon him tooth and nail."

By Miss Maren Gordon, Early, Chicago.

ROSE.

A PLANTATION LOVE SONG.

Form by RUTH MCHENRY STEWART.

Music by N. CLARK SMITH



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MISSIONARY REPORT

To the African Methodist Episcopal Church Conference September A. D. 1906.

By Elizabeth McDonald.

To the Right Reverend Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference: In bringing my report to this Conference of Church workers, I desire to express my earnest conviction, that the hard work of our brothers and sisters, together with the influence of their self-sacrificing endeavor for the benefit of needy, dependent, and delinquent humanity, has been crowned with most encouraging success. At times we have been disappointed at immediate results, but we find that patient waiting together with confidence in the All Wise Father, will reap its deserved reward.

The detail of my work, as far as it relates to our church may be stated in a few brief words. I have visited 250 homes, some of the visits of my own will, others at the request of unfortunate men and women, who wanted Christian advice and help. It was always a labor of love and I trust the results are greater than the figures indicate.

Prayer meetings have been held to the member of 198 and the results have been 89 converts. Of this number 58 embraced religion during my work in Keokuk, Iowa, at Bethel Church. Under the successful pastorate of the earnest Christian leader, Elder Lewis. The next largest gathering of souls was at Pontiac, Ill., where Elder Webb is doing such good work. There we gathered 21 into the fold.

I have held services in my own home with the results of seven converts. In Cook County Jail we had three conversions, two of these were convicted of murder.

The prison work has been prosecuted in Police Stations, in the Jail, House of Correction, and penal institutions. Nine persons have parole from the prison and I now have on my parole list four men and three women, all of whom are doing well. My prison visitations for the year number 226 of which 6 were to the House of Correction, 21 to the Penitentiary, 60 to Police Stations, and 136 to Jails.

In the line of Christian and charitable work I have distributed 770 pieces of Christian literature including 10 bibles, 2 testaments, 8 hymn books, and 750 tracts. I have also collected and distributed 775 pieces of clothing including 15 pairs of shoes, 50 pairs of stockings, 10 hats. Working among the sick, I have supplied six families with doctors and nurses and placed nine children in hospitals.

During the next year, I hope to be able to do work on a still different plan, in connection with the work I am now doing. Efforts are now being made to organize Juvenile Protective Leagues for the purpose of preventing delinquency by bettering environments of our children. We want to drive saloons away from our

church doors and prevent wicked men and women from planting their vile houses in the midst of our children.

Not long ago a girl ran away from a good home in Michigan, came to Chicago, drifted into one of our bad districts started upon a downward course, was overtaken by sorrow over her acts and tried to kill herself. She was rescued, saved, and sent home to her people. Two bright children were half starved, half clothed and brutally beaten by a step grandmother. They were rescued, taken to the hospital, cured, and are now happy in good homes. They attend our Institutional Church.

I have had hearty co-operation and support of Rev. Jesse Woods, of St. John's A. M. E. Church, our Presiding Elder, my pastor Elder Stewart of the Institutional Church, also other pastors, and Mr. F. L. Barnett, Assistant State's Attorney, Bishop Schafer, Mr. Thurston of the Juvenile court. In closing this report, I desire to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have assisted me in my work and beg for the prayers of all that the good work may prosper. I submit also for your consideration, a full statement of all the financial aid I have received and the expenses which I have met with the money thus received.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Collection from A. M. E. Church, Pontiac, Elder Webb, pastor \$19.50; Collection from A. M. E. Church, Keokuk, Ia., Elder Lewis, pastor \$35.00.—Contributions: Floyd Turner \$6.00; Ella Jones \$4.00; A lady friend who wishes to remain unknown \$5.00; Julius F. Taylor \$6.00; Mr. Thompson \$10.00; M. M. Lynch, Supt. Bridewell \$1.50; Mrs. Maggie Johnson \$5.00; M. W. B. Keene \$2.00; Clara Brown \$6.00; Nathan Cook \$1.00; Mr. Fred Henzie \$25.00. Total collections \$141.00.

Expenses.

For care fare \$50.00; Charity \$39.10; Correspondence \$14.00; Home Mission work, \$4.00; work \$19.00; Foreign Mission work, \$25.00. Total expenses, \$122.75.

Recapitulation.

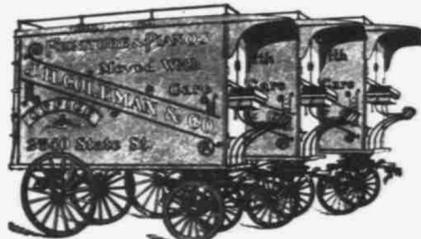
Total Receipts \$170.00
Total Expenses 151.75

Balance on hand \$18.25
Respectively submitted,
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T. Brazelton, Shoe Shining Parlor and News Dealer, 5506 Jefferson Ave. Also Cigar Store. Phone 7635 Hyde Park.

B. H. Johnson, 4915 State St., has done a rushing furniture moving business the past season, and he is ready to figure with those who contemplate moving this coming spring.

The Smith Cadet Band will give a Ladies' Carnation Party, concert and hop, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Monday evening, December 31st. The proceeds are to be used to make the last payment on the new uniforms purchased by the cadets. Admission, 35 cents.



J. H. Coleman and Company, 2540 State street, are amply prepared at all times, to transfer your trunks to all depots, and to move your fine furniture in padded vans to all parts of the city, and to pack it for shipping to all parts of the country.