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From Official Reports is made the following Losses of other Companies compared with the Piedmont and Arlington:

Company	1868	1869	1870
1848 Mutual Life	69872.306	154	
1848 New York Life	28940.190	142	
1847 Connecticut Mutual	50991.424	131	
1850 Manhattan	10235.112	129	
1850 Charter Oak	14228.139	129	
1851 Massachusetts Mutual	10396.72	144	
1851 Phoenix	17741.107	146	
1858 North-west	27887.172	157	
1859 Equitable	27666.185	150	
1860 Washington	8885.43	207	
1860 Home of the Widows	10111.95	159	
1862 North America	11328.78	145	
1862 John Hancock	5018.26	193	
1862 Security	2931.01	193	
1864 Widows and Orphans	3452.21	164	
1864 National N. Y.	2938.18	161	
1865 Hahnemann	2422.11	223	
1866 Great Western	1472.6	294	
1866 Atlantic Mutual	2675.15	178	
1866 World	1429.9	168	
1866 New Jersey Mutual	2091.19	142	
1866 Travelers	3508.17	210	
1866 Hartford Life	3508.17	210	
1866 American Popular	2094.16	163	
1867 Piedmont & Arlington	3122.10	312	

Average of all companies organized since 1850, one in 188.

Average of all companies organized prior to 1850, one in 145.

Average of all companies, one in 163.

Following Companies have no exhibit as to number of losses, but show amounts lost:

1868, "St. Louis Mutual," policies in force 1st of January, 1868, \$565,828.46.
Losses by Death, Policies and Reversionary Additions, \$456,828.46.
Losses admitted and not yet due, \$5,000.00.

Total Losses in 1868, \$541,438.46.
Piedmont and Arlington had 3,122 policies in force 1st January, 1868. Losses in 1868, \$42,000, and for present year, (1869) losses of Piedmont and Arlington is far under experience of general average of Companies above stated, all which show this company has lost less than any other.

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Authorized Capital, \$250,000.00
Accumulations, \$125,000.00

Number of Policies issued, 2,383
Amount of Property insured, \$3,477,006.67
Amount of Premium Notes deposited with the Company, 155,861.89
Amount of cash premiums and fees received, 76,136.36
Amount paid for Losses, 2,625,000.00
Losses adjusted not due, 2,000.00

Persons in town or country having property to insure will find it to their interest to call on me before insuring elsewhere, and learn the terms of this Home Company.

H. H. PECK, AGENT.
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Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

On and after WEDNESDAY, 2nd of February, 1870, the PASSENGER TRAINS will run as follows, viz:

MALL TRAIN will run daily between Richmond and Staunton (except Sunday, between Gordonsville and Staunton); leave Richmond at 8:30 A. M., and arrive at Staunton at 4:20 P. M.; leave Staunton at 9:30 A. M., and arrive at Richmond at 4:40 P. M., making close connections at Gordonsville with the Orange & Alexandria, and at Staunton with the Orange & Alexandria, and at Washington with the Washington & Annapolis, and at Baltimore with the Baltimore & Annapolis, and at New Orleans, Montgomery, Mobile, &c.

MALL TRAIN will run tri-weekly between Staunton and White Sulphur Springs on TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY. Leave Staunton at 4:40 P. M., and arrive at White Sulphur Springs at 10:30 P. M.; leave White Sulphur Springs at 3:30 A. M., and arrive at Staunton at 9:40 A. M. and going West will connect with stages as follows, viz: At Goschen with stages for Lexington, Natural Bridge and Rockbridge Baths. At Millboro' with stages for Back Alum and Warm Springs, and at White Sulphur with stages for Lewisburg, Charleston, etc.

STAGES will also leave Staunton on TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY mornings for Lexington and Natural Bridge.

SIGHT PASSENGER TRAIN will run between Richmond and Washington nightly, without change of cars, leaving Richmond at 8:30 P. M., and arrive at Washington at 5:30 P. M.; and at Richmond at 3:30 A. M., making all through connections at Richmond and Washington. SLEEPING CARS will be attached to this train, and will be run through between Richmond and Baltimore without change.

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JAMES F. NETHERLAND, General Ticket Agent.

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Mark Twain on "Smells."

In a recent issue of the Independent, the Rev. DeWitt Talnage, of Brooklyn, has the following utterance on the subject of "Smell": "I have a good Christian friend who, if he sat in the front pew in the church, and a workman should enter the door at the other end, would smell him instantly. My friend is not to blame for the sensitiveness of his nose, any more than you are for a pointer for being keener on the scent than a stupid watch-dog. The fact is, if you had all the churches free, by reason of the mixing up of the common people with the uncommon, you would keep one-half of Christendom sick at their stomachs. If you are going to kill the church with bad smells, I will have nothing to do with this work of evangelization."

Poetry.

Drifting with the Tide.
PEARL RIVERS.

One dreary summer evening,
With Nellie by my side,
On boat down the river,
Was drifting with the tide.

The waters parted softly
From the languid moving prow,
And rippled into warbles,
Bright as arcs on Nellie's bow.

The sky was bright and truthful
In its promise to the morn,
This great expanse of pastures green,
From the slowly setting sun.

The air was soft and balmy,
And the fairy-fingered breeze
Dropt' a zephyr cool upon our brows
From out the willow trees.

The swans were floating softly
On the river's quivering breast,
Like white-winged specks of ocean
That let their sails to rest.

The lilies mid the rushes
Were playing hide and seek,
But they bent their heads in homage
To the rose on Nellie's cheek.

And the murmur of the water
As it ran, put a sweet sound
Made a gentle, dreamy rhythm,
To the love-song in my soul.

Oh! I loved this fair young maiden!
And she whorlped from afar—
Since that day, I have not seen her,
She had been my guiding star.

Was it the hour so dreary,
The beauty of the scene,
Or the water's silver sheen,
That gave me word and measure
For the song I longed to sing—
A little song, but so sweet,
All about a wedding ring?

I know not, and I care not;
This, and only this, I know;
As I return, for my melody,
Nor the song he sang to me.

Oh! 'twas sweet to watch the roses
To the lilies giving chase,
Till they bloomed with love's own triumph
And let their petals to the breeze.

And 'twas sweet to watch the maiden,
Seeking vainly there to hide
Her bosom's tender heavings,
And still more cruel, by the net-work try.

And 'twas sweet to see fair Nellie
Feigning anger, feigning pride,
As her hand by mine was captured,
While we drifted with the tide.

In vain, with maiden coyness,
Did she seek to put a side
A kiss by me stolen.
While thus drifting with the tide.

And now, with love and joyousness,
In their own way, they come to turn
The key of doors, and they know that
Our boat adown Life's River
Is drifting with the tide.

To the Musquito.

"Symphonist in ear! scarce-embodied spirit!
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For the Spectator.

Distressing Accident.
A gentleman from Williamsburg yesterday, relates the following sad accident which occurred here at Williamsburg, last county, Va. Near the close of the day, the Doctor was returning from a visit to his boarding-house. Some of the family were sitting on the porch, when a whipperwill lit near the house to warble its evening song. A young sportsman, wishing to procure the bird for the ladies, left the house with his shot gun, and carelessly discharged it; but when going to pick up his victim, he saw the Doctor—and this time unnoted, approaching him, reeling in his saddle, with a contumacious pale death.

"My dear sir," exclaimed he "you have shot me!" "Oh, horrid! I did not see you—you are much like me!" "Yes, really, shut the bowels! Take me off!" The young man trembling with fear and remorse, helped him from his saddle and assisted him to his room, while the sportsman, standing in a speechless agony. A hasty though careful examination was made, which disclosed the fact that the contents of the shot gun had passed harmlessly through the air, missing both whipperwill and Doctor. In the meantime the ill-fated sportsman, wishing to procure the bird for the ladies, left the house with his shot gun, and carelessly discharged it; but when going to pick up his victim, he saw the Doctor—and this time unnoted, approaching him, reeling in his saddle, with a contumacious pale death.

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