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FROM STRIBLING SPRINGS. The continued firmness of wheat and the influence of the advance on the general trade situation has served to promote the rate of confidence and a better feeling in commercial and financial circles. This cereal has had a steady advance for more than a month, but the continuous increase has occurred since September 8, as from that date to October 1 the gain has been 25 cents a bushel, or an average of about one cent a day. The chief cause of strength is found in the continued foreign demand. Already the foreigners have bought largely and ocean freights for transporting these purchases have been engaged as far ahead as February. The outlook for this carrying trade has caused a sharp advance in freight rates, which are now quoted at other ports than have ruled for a long time. The vessels are being pushed into the Atlantic ports and loaded as rapidly as possible and all available bottoms are being sent into this service whenever found. For a time it was thought speculators had caused a rapid rise in prices, as domestic prices had been pushed considerably above those ruling abroad, but evidently the speculators under-stand and have been down to us by the time the vessels arrived and their offerings freely. A recent report gives the stock of wheat at Liverpool as only 1,800,000 bushels, and that at 100,000 bushels since September 1, and said to be only sufficient for about ten days consumption. This is compared with a stock of 2,000,000 bushels at the same time last year. Added to this are reports of a short crop in India and the announcement that engagements of wheat have been made at San Francisco for shipment to Calcutta. With short supplies in Russia and Argentina and a possible decrease of 40,000,000 bushels in the crop here, it is not difficult to understand why the price has advanced so sharply.—Balt. Sun.

FT. DEFIANCE NEWS. FORT DEFIANCE, Oct. 3d.—Miss Clara McCormick who has been visiting Miss Virginia at Staunton, Va., returned to her home in Fairfield. Her brother, Mr. Herbert McCormick, is a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Mrs. Nash of Richmond, who has been the guest of Mrs. C. E. Crawford, has returned to her home.

Housekeeping. If a woman is in good health there is no more healthful employment than housework. Generally speaking, there is no happier woman in the world. But how different when her breath is in pain, every step a torture! In nine cases out of ten comes from derangements of the delicate, feminine organs of the body. The family doctor inquires first concerning these. He most usually insists upon an "examination." From this the modest woman naturally shrinks. She is right. Except in very unusual cases are unnecessary. Dr. Pierce's "Female Weakness" examination is unnecessary. Dr. Pierce's "Female Weakness" examination is unnecessary. Dr. Pierce's "Female Weakness" examination is unnecessary.

A Bold Highwayman. LYNCHBURG, Va., Sept. 24.—A bold highway robbery occurred in America county just across the river from this city, about 1:30 o'clock this morning, and was followed shortly afterward by another outrageous robbery of a different character. Mr. W. S. Taylor, an Amherst farmer, accompanied by his wife, was on his way to Lynchburg with a lot of produce for sale. They were delayed on the road and decided to camp for the night. While the couple were sleeping an unknown white man, who was masked, struck Mr. Taylor on the head and when he attempted to rise struck him down again. The desperado then tied Mr. Taylor's hands behind his back and robbed him of all the money he had. After securing the money, the robber ordered the couple to walk along the road in front of him, warning them that if they made any outcry or attempted to run he would shoot them. They stopped in front of Mrs. Taylor's home. The frightened couple were forced to knock on the door, and when it was opened by Mrs. Taylor the robber knocked it further open, and his victims in and closed the door. He then pointed the revolver at Mrs. Taylor and made her get down on her knees and tell him where her money was concealed. She had \$25 saved up toward going to pay for her house and this the robber secured. She had commenced to scream from the time the robber entered and kept it up until the neighborhood was alarmed. Some colored neighbors were the first to arrive, but they were too late, the desperado having made his escape.

Why is It, if catarrh is a constitutional affection, as those claim who have a blood tonic to sell, and physicians, in extreme cases, frequently advise change of climate and to those suffering from it? Catarrh is a climate affection, and nothing but a local remedy or a change of climate will cure it. Ely's Cream Balm, in all cases of catarrh, is so effective as to do away with the necessity of leaving home and friends, causing instant relief and a perfect cure after short continuance.

Portraits and "Pictorial." If one can give the portrait and make a picture at the same time, so much the better, but if the portrait be given with frankness and sincerity, if the model be rendered with knowledge and truth, the result will be a picture—a work of art—whether the painter so designs or not. Holbein and Velasquez, by their exact truth about their sitters, and their simpler portraits are today their better pictures, Lawrence and his followers in devoting themselves to "stunning" effects not only compromised the likeness, but made the picture a mere display of color and fancy. The tale has been more than twice told in the history of art. A simple truth is always better than an ornate falsehood.—Scribner's.

When Pearly Takes the Air. A little while back it was along the sea wall, and at the sight the young and old begin to laugh and talk. And every one who passes there and every one who sees them "See there! 'Tis a fine sight to see!" And all because Sweet Polly takes the air.

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It is the Amperage that Does the Deadly Damage. Newspaper reporters, copy readers and head writers are in need of a primary education in electricity. Every day the newspapers record the death of somebody from the effect of a given number of volts, or tell of another's wonderful survival after receiving the shock of many thousand volts. Strange enough, in the newspaper accounts nobody is ever killed, nor has a remarkable escape from amperes of electricity been chronicled, nor is the damage often done by a current, nor has anybody ever seen "watts" figure in the matter. The number of volts in a circuit of electricity is its speed or pressure. The number of amperes is its volume. Volts without amperes would be speed without substance.

Splitting Legal Hairs. This is an after dinner story told by a well known lawyer the other evening. Illustrative of legal difficulties that may arise in a contract of the most amicable character. There were once four brothers, who had inherited a storage warehouse from their father and who equally divided the property among them. Among the appearances there was a cat, and the animal, excellent for mousing, and this, too, was divided, the elder brother owning the right front quarter, the second brother the left front quarter and the younger brothers the two hind quarters. Now, unfortunately, one of the mice of nocturnal prowls injured the right front paw, and the elder brother attended to that portion of his property by binding the injured member with a green rag. The cat, thankful for its relief, at its suffering, went to sleep contentedly before the fire, but in the midst of its slumbers a falling coal ignited the rag, and the animal, howling with agony, dashed through the warehouse, and in contact with some combustibles, set the building on fire. When the loss came to be figured out, the three younger brothers wished to throw it all upon the elder, upon the ground that he had not tied up his part of the cat with a red rag, but that the building would not have been destroyed. He, on the contrary, contended that had the cat only been possessed of the front right paw—his property—it would have stood still and burned death. It was the third order paw that did the damage. The brothers argued the case until they died, but could never reach an agreement.—Philadelphia Record.

False Report. Rose—Do you see that man who has just come, Louis? They say he's cashier of the Tenth National Bank. Louis—What! He? I've met him already and he's only his president!

How They Got Wheels. "It seems a trifle queer to see everybody on wheels nowadays," said a member of the Central Wheeling Club. "I don't know what it is, but I think it is a sign of the times. I don't know what it is, but I think it is a sign of the times."

Port Washington.—The disbanding of the naval fleet, at present concentrated at Port Angeles for manoeuvring, will occur at an early date. All but two of the vessels will return to Mare Island.

Yokohama, Sept. 27.—Li Hung Chang has arrived here on board the steamship Empress of China from Vancouver. There was no formal reception accorded him, and he immediately embarked for New-York.

A River of Uncertain Mind. If there is a river that does not know its own mind, the Wabash is that same river. It winds about in an erratic and capricious way, sometimes shallow; sometimes broad and again so narrow that we could set our paddles against the bank and pole along. It seems to us to try steadily to follow its destiny. But the spirit of vagaries seems to possess it, so that it bends about to the north and tries to find the chain of lakes. It strikes out boldly for the west as if nothing less than the great Mississippi would satisfy its longing, and then it swings away to the left and glides over trailing meadows, wooing the odors of the southland.

Sometimes it runs through woodlands, where a fallen tree across its course would stop it dead, and it would then again the waters spread out into a dimpling lake, and we cross with two divergent lines running from the prow—the canoe at the point of a prostrate grammar.—Lucy Armstrong in New