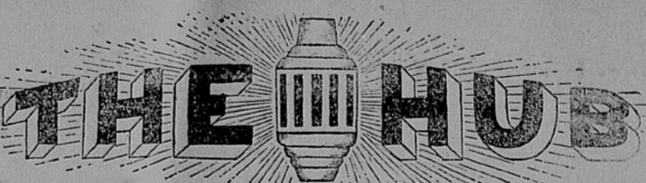




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EVERYBODY GUESSES.

Review-Merchants Contests Attract
Much Attention.

GUESSES VARY WIDELY.

Corn, Beans, Candy, Marbles and Collar
Buttons Used by Different Mer-
chants—Everybody Guess.

The REVIEW-Merchants' Guessing Contests started off briskly Wednesday morning and the interest seems to be growing every hour. People are attracted by the fact that it costs them nothing to guess and that the prizes are all of solid value. Each subscriber will receive 112 coupons or eight for each of the fourteen different prizes. This gives many chances to win and each prize is fully worth the effort. The merchants have vied with each other in arranging neat devices for the contests. Commencing down on Broadway, Geo. Richardson has a 100 cubic centimeter graduate, it looks like a miniature glass standpipe, and is proving a hard thing to guess on. Pease has a candy jar filled with small candies of different sizes. Cassidy is trying to fool the talent with a mammoth lamp chimney filled with beans and corn. Sime Bros. have a plain two-quart fruit jar filled with corn. It looks easy—but is it? Kelly is more modest, his is a plain one quart jar filled with corn and it looks as if he had made a raid on the same corncrib as Sime Bros. Seeman Bros. have a small odd shaped jar filled with small and large beans, while Brown has mixed field corn, popcorn and beans in his. Johnson & Co. have a candy jar filled with small candies and marbles. The Boys take their straight beans—just plain beans—a fish-tank full. One gallon and a half of beans. J. G. Wygant true to his business has a miniature shot tower filled with shot for the shrewd guesser while Knaut has a jar with artistic layers of black corn and white beans. The most unique puzzler is found in the stand of collar buttons put out by Haugh & Kemming. People are not used to measuring collar buttons by the quart. The REVIEW contest is proving the hardest of all, many people think they can guess how many beans there are in a jar, but they cannot guess how many guesses will be guessed. For their benefit we will say that up to Thursday night about 2,000 guesses had been cast, and that if every coupon in the eight issues of the REVIEW were used there would be not less than 228,000. The question is—how many people will take advantage of this chance to win the prizes?

The guesses on the jars are far apart, on the big jar at The Boys' store they are said to be all the way from 5,000 to 121,000.

All the merchants are well satisfied with the way the contests have started out, and most of them realize that their ballot boxes are not going to be large enough. Other merchants are at liberty to go into these contests now or at the beginning of February, for if this contest proves a success there will be another one. It is expected that when the farmers come to town Saturday there will be a big rush for the ballot boxes. Any person wishing to subscribe for the REVIEW during the contest may do so, the rate being twenty-cent for the month of eight issues.

These prizes are well worth winning and we would advise all of our subscribers to deposit their guesses early and often.

SCALE BOOKS.

The REVIEW office has a large supply of blank scale books for sale. These books contain one hundred and twenty-five pages and four tickets on a page, and are sold at the low rate of one dollar. Anyone reading scale books would do well to buy.

DID YOU EVER;

The REVIEW has been exhorted by its contemporary to lead a better life. The REVIEW is accused of having said unkind things about the Bulletin and its editor. The editor of the Bulletin stands like a tower of strength in his manhood and righteousness. Both are invulnerable and fear no attack. The Bulletin has reached a high plane of journalism and is above personalities, so the "insane, callow youth of mediocre ability fresh from the slums" will please be good and quit calling names.

The above is the substance of a lengthy editorial in this week's Bulletin, and it is too rich to be confined to the narrow limits of that paper's circulation. It is touching, it brings tears of repentance to our eyes, we regret that after the above generous, courteous treatment we have ever been betrayed into calling the editor of the Bulletin a "clay pigeon." We regret that we have ever ruffled that calm dignity of repose, under the influence of which the above editorial must have been written.

We suppose that hereafter we are to submit to these pet terms without attempting a reply or a defense. We must allow the Bulletin to slander one after another of our business men, some because of race, another because he does not advertise; we must allow our real estate men to be called "sharks" by this second edition of the Bulletin without saying a word.

Well—we wont. Just because some hired man, who comes to town to vent the spleen of ambitious politicians upon their neighbors, lifts up his hands in hypocrisy, and, while abusing us, asks in the name of all that is good that we should not strike back. We say flatly that we will not spike our guns until the second hired man is laid away with his predecessor, brother Barter, or shows some deeds meet for repentance.

A Polyglot Parliament.

Switzerland differs from other countries in many things, and one of the most remarkable is the way in which its parliamentary debates are conducted. A Swiss member of parliament can express himself in French, German or Italian, and the privilege is freely used. When the president of the federal assembly speaks in German his remarks are translated by a secretary in close proximity to him. All the laws and resolutions, before being voted upon, are drawn up in French, German and Italian, and every official report is published in these three languages.

Cotton and Iron as Cargoes.

Among stevedores cotton is regarded as the hardest to stow and railway iron the easiest.

They Prefer Convict Life.

There are at present several old convicts in Fremantle (Western Australia) jail, who, though their time has long expired, live on there. They give as their reason that all the people they knew in the old country must be long since dead; so they prefer to remain where so much of their life has been spent. The old fellows are allowed to go into town, but must be back in time for lockup.

Heavy Spiders in Ceylon.

The Ceylon yellow silk spider has a body that weighs nine ounces.

Wife Murderer Hanged.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 5.—Silas Anderson (colored), who shot and killed his wife on the 13th of last March, was hanged in the county jail. Death resulted from strangulation. Jealousy was the cause of the crime.

Is a Bankrupt.

New York, Jan. 5.—A petition in involuntary bankruptcy has been filed against M. C. Spencer & Co., dry goods merchants, whose liabilities are said to exceed \$160,000.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Board Lets Two Important Contracts
this Week.

USUAL JANUARY WORK.

Mr. Jepsen Re-Elected Chairman. Mr. Cole Gets Poor Farm Contract. Sigourney Plan to Build Bridges.

The board of supervisors has had a busy session. Mr. Jepsen has been re-elected chairman and the new member Mr. Gigax, of Buck Grove, has taken his seat, making the board solidly democratic. Mr. Hink the retiring member, made an enviable record and the fact that the republican party will for the next year have no representation in our county government is to be greatly regretted.

The REVIEW is disposed to be fair with the board so long as they are fair with the people. We feel that there was no occasion for raising the salary of the county attorney and we hope the board will have the good sense to acknowledge their mistake and place it at the old figure. No false pride, or fear of criticism should prevent them from doing what is clearly in the line of the public good, and the REVIEW for one will be glad to accord them full measure of praise if they do the right thing in this matter. The wise man is he who is willing to rectify his mistakes, and persistence in acknowledged error is but a sign of weakness.

The contract for the poor farm was let with strict impartiality, and was awarded to Mr. Cole, of Denison. He will move onto the farm in the spring. The rate to be paid for the paupers' board, etc., is \$2.25—quite a saving since the old days when the county paid \$3.00 per week. Mr. Eggers has made a good manager; he is a successful man wherever placed, and is not feeling badly because he did not get the contract.

Mr. D. H. Storm, of Sigourney, was the successful bidder for the bridge building. His bid was \$3.25 per lineal foot as against \$3.70 paid last year. The official proceedings for Monday and Tuesday will be found in another column.

Father Farrelly was a Vail visitor this week.

A Rom-nee of Science.

A single fine Russian sable skin is worth from \$100 to \$250. It is a tiny thing, about 14 inches long by eight or nine inches around. A pile of dressed sable skins as it hangs in the furrier's shop resembles a bundle of long suede gloves; they are hung up wrong side out, and are all numbered and price marked in indelible ink. The most perfect skins are tipped with silvery hairs, which greatly increase their beauty. The pelt, when dressed, is soft and fine, while the fur is a lovely dark brown, which shows a bluish tint, like that of a ripe Concord grape, when the hair is blown apart by the breath. The skins are entire, being taken from the animal without cutting except for a tiny incision at the throat and on the inner side of each delicate little foot, thus leaving the head and claws intact.

Where the Shah Sits.

The shah of Persia owns the most valuable arm chair in the world. It is of solid gold, inlaid with precious stones. At one time some of the stones were stolen from one of the legs of the chair, and the indignant shah ordered the arrest of a number of his servants and held the keeper of the furniture responsible for the loss, with the intimation that if the thief were not discovered, the keeper would be beheaded. The culprit, being eventually found, was forthwith beheaded and his head carried on a pole by the imperial bodyguard through the streets of Teheran.

A Natural Sun Dial.

The largest sun dial in the world is Hayou Horoo, a large promontory extending 3,000 feet above the Aegean sea. As the sun swings round the shadow of this mountain it touches, one by one, a circle of islands, which act as hour marks.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT.

Herr Edward Mueller, a Radical, is Elected Head of the Confederation.

The federal assembly has elected Eduard Mueller president of the Swiss confederation for the year 1899. Walter Hauser was elected vice-president. The newly-elected president is a radical in politics and a lawyer by profession. He was born in Dresden in 1848, and was brought to Switzerland by his parents in infancy. He has been active in city, cantonal and national politics since 1872, in which year he became chief magistrate of the civil court of



HERR EDUARD MUELLER.
(Just Elected Head of the Swiss Confederation.)

Berne. In 1874 he returned to the practice of law, in which he continued for 14 years. In 1882 he was elected to the Berne cantonal council, of which he remained a member for 13 years, besides holding other important political offices. Shortly after his election to the cantonal council Mr. Mueller was called upon by the electors of his district to represent them in the national council, of which body he was president in 1889 and 1890.

During the anarchistic intrigues in 1885 Mr. Mueller acted as attorney-general for the confederation during the investigations, and from 1888 to 1895 was stad president, or mayor, of the city of Berne. In the latter year he was elected one of the seven members of the bundesrath, or federal council, the highest assembly of the confederation, a position he has filled ever since.

As head of the federal departments of justice and police and of military positions equivalent, respectively, to the attorney-generalship and secretaryship of war in the United States—at different times since his election to the bundesrath, Mr. Mueller has shown keen judgment and a fine sense of equity. Last year he was made vice-president of the confederation, and his election this year to the chief magistracy was a foregone conclusion. He is well liked by the Swiss people, both because of his personality and by reason of the extreme liberality of his views.

QUEER LOVING CUP.

Made for the Lotos Club, of New York, from Part of a Six-Inch Spanish Shell.

In ancient times kings made drinking cups from the skulls of their enemies. The modern uses his enemies' bomb-shell. The New York World describes a loving cup presented to the Lotos club by Henry N. Cary. It was made of a six-inch shell taken from the Spanish flag-ship, the Infanta Maria Teresa. The shell was one such as was fired at the American fleet off Santiago de Cuba on July 3, 1898, in the action that resulted in the destruction of Cervera's vessels.



LOTOS CLUB LOVING CUP.
(Made from a Six-Inch Spanish Shell Taken from the Maria Teresa.)

A few days after the battle, while the Teresa was still on fire, Mr. Cary went on board and secured the shell and several pieces of Spanish coin. The cup is about six inches in height. It has three

silver handles. Medallions on the side are made of pesos—Spanish money. Appropriate inscriptions are engraved on the cup, together with the monogram of the Lotos club.

The Most Expensive Fur.

The mongoose was introduced into Jamaica to kill rats which ate the cane plantations. Having done this, and multiplied very rapidly, it proceeded to kill all the snakes and lizards as well. It next attacked the birds (learning to climb trees in the process), until the poultry and wild birds disappeared. Then arose the "ticks," or chigoes, which the birds used to keep down, and the island groaned under a fresh plague. The "ticks," however, finally attacked the mongoose, which began to decline, the birds began to reappear, and attacked the "ticks," snakes and lizards were seen once more, and in the end the cane plantations were devastated as much as ever by rats.

Telegraphing from Trains.

When a traveler in the grand duchy of Baden wants to send a telegram while he is on the train he writes the message on a postcard, with the request that it be wired, puts on a stamp and drops it into the train letter box. At the next station the box is cleared and the message sent.

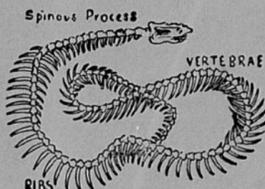
To Make Berlin a Port.

It is announced that the German government expects to be able to introduce a bill in the next session of the Prussian diet for the construction of a canal suitable for large steamships between Berlin and Stettin, practically making Berlin a seaport town.

WITHOUT HIS SKIN.

Even in Death the Rattlesnake is Not a Very Pleasant Object to Look Upon.

A rattlesnake preserves something of his deadly look even when only his bones show. Perhaps of our poisonous snakes the best known are the rattlers, says the Scientific American. The northern rattlesnake (crotalus horridus) has the widest geographical range, being found in nearly every state of the union from the Gulf of Mexico to northern New England and west to the Rocky mountains. Its appearance is not very pleasing, it having a large flat head, brilliant eyes and between the eyes and the nostril a deep pit. The horny appendage to the tail, which is termed the rattle and gives to the snake its distinctive name, consists of a number of hollow dry rings ending in a rounded button, which rattle together when the tail is vibrated, which vibrating or rat-



Spinous Process
VERTEBRAE
RIBS

A REVOLTING SIGHT.

(Articulated Skeleton of a Northern Rattlesnake.)

ding is done whenever the snake is alarmed. The exact use of this rattle is not known, but it is supposed that the animal is provided with this appendage because it lacks the power of hissing. The idea that a rattle is added every year is not borne out by facts. A specimen owned by one observer, Dr. Holbrook, developed two rattles within a year. Mr. Peale, the naturalist, kept a rattler for 14 years. When he obtained it it had 11 rattles and during the 14 years it lost several, but new ones took their places, so that at the end of this time the snake still possessed 11 rattles. In disposition the rattlesnake is mild and peaceful when not provoked and will submit to a great amount of teasing before showing any signs of retaliation.

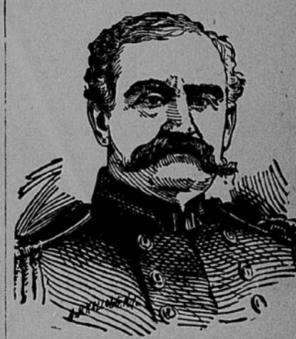
Town Goes Out of Business.

A town in Michigan has gone out of existence in the last few days. It is Sights, in Grand Traverse county. The mill and charcoal kilns, the main support of the place, have been closed, together with the company's store. All the men employed there have been scattered and most of the houses have been sold for lumber and are being torn down.

REAR ADMIRAL BUNCE.

Famous Naval Officer Retires from Service on Account of Having Reached the Age Limit.

Rear Admiral Francis M. Bunce, who has just been retired from active service on account of his having reached the age limit, is one of the veteran naval officers of the civil war. In his 46 years of naval life he saw service of almost all descriptions, and won fame for himself both in time of battle and in executive employment on land and on sea. Since May 1 he had been in command of



REAR ADMIRAL BUNCE.
(Just Retired from Active Service Under the Age Limit.)

the important naval yard at Brooklyn. Admiral Bunce is a native of Connecticut. His first appointment as midshipman was made in 1852, and by the time of the beginning of the civil war he had received his commission as lieutenant. In 1862, as executive officer of the Penobscot, he took part in an engagement with the batteries at Yorktown, Va. For a time he served with the army and then went back to the Penobscot, which was then engaged in blockading duty. After leading a successful boat expedition up Little river, he saw service of almost all kinds. In 1863 he was commissioned lieutenant commander. One of his notable deeds was the taking of the monitor Monadnock from Philadelphia to San Francisco, the first sea voyage ever made by a monitor. He was wounded while his vessel was in action in November, 1863, and received honorable mention for bravery several times. At the close of the war the secretary of the navy recommended him to the president for reward. After the war he was steadily raised in rank, becoming commodore in 1895 and admiral early in 1898. He was in command of the North Atlantic station when ordered to take charge of the Brooklyn navy yard.

Faure Inquires After William.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Acting upon the instructions from President Faure, the French ambassador here, Marquis de Noailles, has paid a special visit to Potsdam in order to make inquiries regarding the health of Emperor William of Germany. The ambassador was received by his majesty, who informed him that he was progressing favorably.

Will Form a New Cabinet.

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Gen. Polavieja, the former governor-general of Cuba and of the Philippine islands, and Senor Silvela, the conservative leader, have agreed upon the formation of a new cabinet and have been summoned by the queen regent. The early advent of the conservatives to power is regarded as certain.

Buys the Kaiser's Horses.

Emperor William, always eager to lead the way, likes a good piece of horseflesh. His horses are usually of English breed, although on rare occasions he buys them in Germany. The training of all the horses belonging to the emperor and his suite is entrusted to the master of the horse, and it is this high official who himself rides all those which are ultimately intended for his majesty's personal use. The post of master of the horse must be an extremely responsible one.

Sue a Judge.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—Several months ago Judge Tarvin, of Covington Ky., sent several councilmen to jail for contempt of court in disobeying an order of court to furnish supplies. Now the five councilmen imprisoned have sued Judge Tarvin collectively for \$10,000 for false imprisonment.

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