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Must Carry Supplies.

Postoffice Department Issues New Orders to Rural Mail Carriers. The following is a copy of an order directed to rural mail carriers that is contained in a recent issue of the department bulletin received here: It has been brought to the attention of the department that rural carriers, as a rule, do not carry with them upon their routes a sufficient supply of stamps, stamped paper, etc., to accommodate their patrons. Postmasters will bear in mind that rural carriers are required to take with them on their trips, for the accommodation of their patrons, a sufficient supply of stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards and newspaper wrappers to meet the demand. If rural carriers have not, at any time, the money with which to purchase these supplies, postmasters are required to credit them to the extent of at least \$5.00, and should credit them with \$10.00, if the demand is sufficient to require that amount.

A portion of this supply should be in the form of postage stamp books, the use of which should be encouraged as much as possible by rural carriers. The purchase of stamp books by patrons of rural free delivery service will do more than anything else that can be suggested at the present time to avert 'penny trouble,' about which so many carriers complain during cold and inclement weather. It is the best method for preserving postage stamps which are carried in the pocket or pocket-books. Your careful attention and that of rural carriers attached to your office is directed to section No. 303, page 1090, Postal Guide for 1902. For twenty-five cents a patron can secure twelve two-cent stamps, bound in such form that they may be preserved an indefinite length of time.

Rural carriers are hereby directed to keep a strict account of the value of stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards and newspaper wrappers sold by them while serving their routes; this account can be kept in memorandum form by carrier and at the end of each month turned over to the postmaster, who will transmit same to this office in letter form attached to 'Form 3,' giving amount of monthly sales by each rural carrier, to be entered in departmental records. The monthly report giving amount of cancellations of 'Form 3' is to be continued as heretofore.

Plucking the Philippines.

It appears that although the establishment of civil government in the Philippines was celebrated in Manila by Americans on the 4th of July last with great pomp and enthusiasm, the alleged civil governor of the archipelago is still reporting to the secretary of war in Washington. His last report, cable dated Tuesday, conveys the information that no less than three political bodies—the municipal board of Manila, the advisory board and the Philippine commission—have joined in granting an electric light and power franchise in the city of Manila to Charles M. Swift of Detroit, who represents two American electric companies besides himself. One can only conjecture why it should be necessary for three political bodies to unite in granting the franchise. Can it be that the government in the Philippines and Manila is so loosely constructed that it is necessary for a lot of bodies to concur in granting a franchise in order to make sure that it will pass muster in the courts? Governor Taft cables that by the terms of the franchise first-class fares will be 6 cents, second-class 5 cents and six-rail tickets 24 cents. This, too, needs explanation. It is a reasonable conjecture that the 'cent' meant is the hundredth part of the Philippine peso authorized by our late congress, and therefore worth only half as much as our cent, but we cannot be sure of that. The rates would be quite high enough upon the assumption that it is the Philippine cent—two for one of ours. Manila is comparatively small and compact. The runs will be less than half as long as they are in Chicago and the fares ought not to be half as high. We may be sure there is plenty of money in the franchise for the American corporations concerned.

Governor Taft further cables that the Philippine commission is much gratified with the transaction as the beginning of a new epoch in the Philippines in the investment of large American capital and is convinced the franchise will be beneficial to both people and investors. One would hardly expect the governor to cable at public expense what amounts to a confession that a republican administration paid \$20,000,000 for such poor title as Spain could give to the Philippines—paid \$20,000,000 of money contributed by American taxpayers to the national treasury for public purposes—in order that American adventures and trusts might exploit the archipelago for their private profit. It has cost not less than \$300,000,000 to carry out the programme to date. It has taken a good while for the fruit to ripen besides costing enormously for the cultivation, but the harvest has begun.

When the gentlemen of the commission rejoice in 'the beginning of a new epoch' of exploitation they admit what has been apparent to intelligent and cool headed observers all along, that the Philippines were annexed out of benevolence to no one but the classes which have already been loaded with wealth by government favor.—Chicago Chronicle.

CUCUMBER.

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F. E. RICHARDSON.

Real Estate, Loans and Insurance. Office over the Racket Store Manchester, Iowa.

I Am. I know not whence I came. I know not whether I go. But the fact is plain that I am here. In this world of pleasure and woe. And out of the world of pain. Another man's sinners plan. It may power each day and hour. To add to his joy or his pain.

After a few years we notice that the bounding steps of the young wife become slow and the cheek shows pallor. It then becomes us to revert to the cause. We feel of time that the cause is over-work. Now, to you former husbands my object in this speaking of the requirements of the wife is simply to ask you to look about your homes and see if everything is as convenient as even your limited means will allow. You may say, 'I am renting a farm.' This is true of many. Even if this be the case it is easier to spend money for conveniences than for doctor bills. For we recollect from the reports of the insane hospitals a large majority of the female patients were farm wives, the cause of which was probably over-work. My object is to call your attention to these lesser facts as some of the most essential requirements, and hope that some of them may be of benefit to you. There are a thousand ways in which the husband's thoughtfulness might save the wife and not be detrimental to himself.

For instance, if the water is quite a distance from the house, perhaps for his convenience, he might be thoughtful and carry the wife a pail of water when going to the house. Also if the pump is out of repair, don't say 'I haven't time to mend it.' I know of some men who have five or six pitchforks in the barn, this of course is economy in time, saving steps. But it would be as well to see that your wife has a number of brooms to use in the different parts of the house, especially upstairs, thus saving her many steps.

I mention these simple things used in every day life, hoping that I may argue in some of the less thoughtful husbands a desire to look more closely to the requirements of his wife, and see where, in with little expenditure, he can make her labor more easy. A BOTTLE MORGUE. Odd Department That is Maintained in Some Drugstores. The woman left the prescription and said she would call for the medicine in half an hour. 'I'll bet \$5 she won't,' said the clerk. 'She just looks like the kind that gets medicine put up for the fun of the thing.' 'I didn't know there was anybody foolish enough to take his fun that way,' remarked the next customer. 'No, no, there are such people—lots of them,' said the clerk. 'Seldom a week passes that we do not put up a prescription that is never called for. Why in the world the people who thus neglect their remedies after ordering them compounded will go to the trouble and expense of consulting a doctor is more than I can figure out. If they don't want to take the stuff prescribed, they certainly don't have to, but they might at least have the grace to come and take it home after we have gone to the trouble to prepare it and not throw it back, a dead loss on our hands. Why, I've got a regular morgue back there for the repose of uncalled for bottles of medicine. I keep the stuff indefinitely, hoping that in case the customer has not been carried off by sudden death she will show up again some time and ask for the bottle. If I happen to know the delinquent's address, I send it around C. O. D., but people who mix a practice of ordering medicine that they never intend to take are not apt to leave their card with the druggist.

'Most of these nuisances in the drug business are women, and many of their prescriptions have been written by one of town doctors several months or, in some cases, years ago. In such cases the customer probably has no intention of coming back for the medicine, but merely wishes it compounded through some trashy fancy. In order to guard against loss through such crazy whims we ought by right to demand a deposit on all prescriptions to be called for later on, but such an innovation would undoubtedly bring out a mighty howl, and we have never had the courage to suggest it.'—New York Press.

WEAK IN THE ALPHABET. Some Letters That Men Can Never Learn to Make. 'Why is it that with some men some letters of the alphabet are harder to make than others and, in fact, that there are some letters that some men never learned how to make?' asked a young man who takes considerable interest in the matter of handwriting in the New Orleans Times-Democrat. 'It is a rather singular fact that nearly every man outside of the experts is weak on one or more of the letters in the English alphabet. Sometimes the letter involved is a capital letter; sometimes it is of the smaller kind; sometimes it is one letter and sometimes another. In any event, you will find few men who are exempt from the failing referred to. 'I know of one man who in spite of the fact that he does a great deal of writing has never learned how to make a capital P. He simply makes a stagger at it, and, as a rule, the result of his efforts will look more like a small p than like the capital P. I know another man who can't make a small f to save his life. He can never get the lower part of the letter below the line. He makes it look like a clubfooted f instead of an f. There are others who make a few inquiries among your friends and acquaintances whom you find that but few of them are exempt from this fault. 'It is very much like the habit of spelling certain words incorrectly. Many men who are rated as first class spellers pass through life without ever in a single instance spelling certain

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