

THE DENTISTS OF THREE STATES

Will Meet in Richmond During the Coming Month.

PROMINENT MEN TO BE HERE

The Convention to be Held at the University College of Medicine—Three Days in Session—Address of Welcome by Dr. J. A. Hodges.



DR. J. ALLISON HODGES.

The President of the Virginia State Dental Association, in response to an address of welcome, stated that in regular rotation the next convention should be held in Virginia. He was taken at his suggestion, and a few months later Dr. D. N. Rust, chairman of the Executive Committee, announced the next convention for Richmond. The object of the Association is to promote the interest of the profession, from a practical point especially, and to that end special attention is paid to clinics and to the exhibitions of various Dental Manufacturing Companies.

The buildings of the University College of Medicine have been placed at the disposal of the local arrangement committee, and will be used as the meeting place. The meeting will be opened by prayer, offered by Rev. Isaac M. Mercer, pastor of West-Vest Baptist church. The address of welcome will be delivered by Dr. J. Allison Hodges, which will be responded to by the Presidents of the different State Societies.

THREE DAYS' SESSION. During the three days' session clinics and addresses are expected by the following famous dentists: Dr. B. Holly Smith, Dean of Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, the oldest institution of the kind in the world; Dr. C. D. Greives, of the University College of Maryland; and many other prominent dentists. The Committee on Entertainment is Dr. Charles L. Mercer and Dr. P. Bridgforth, Committee on Clinics: Dr. Charles L. Steel and Dr. F. W. Stiff.

These committees will be busily engaged during the next week making all things ready for their distinguished visitors.



DR. CHARLES L. STEEL.

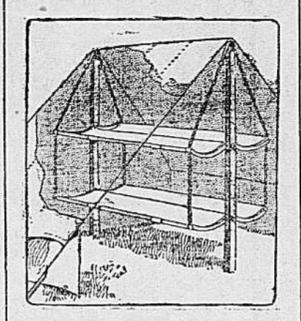
Among the many conventions and associations to meet in Richmond during the month of May will be the Tri-State Dental Association, to hold their third annual meeting on May 10th, 11th and 12th. This gathering will bring to Richmond more than a thousand of the most prominent dentists in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

This convention first met three years ago at Old Point, the next year in Baltimore.

RICHMOND CHOSEN. Last year the meeting was held in Washington. At the Washington session

ing a continuation of it, in order that the balls returning by gravity from the opposite end of the alley may lift the gate and pass through. The raised end of the track reverses the motion of the ball and causes it to roll back, falling on the closed gate and passing the rack. By this device the balls are prevented from coming in contact with each other while in rapid motion, which would tend to roughen the surface of the balls. In a modified form of rack the balls are spread sufficiently to allow the smaller balls to roll through and fall on a second rack located parallel with the first.

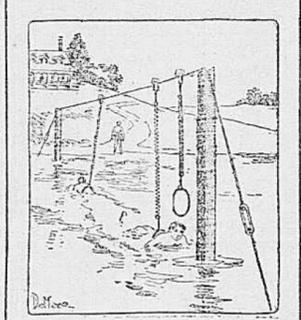
Tent Frame and Bed. Soldiers and camping parties who have occasion to sleep in tents will appreciate the comfort of the combined tent frame and bed here shown. This invention has the advantage of not taking up much room when not in use, being easily reared from the tent poles and folded up into small compact. It comprises a central bar resting on brackets attached to either pole, with ropes suspended from the upper ends of the poles to support the outer ends of the horizontal arms to which the tent is secured. The invention has been patented by Chas. W. Enright and James A. Nicholson, of Baltimore.



COMBINED TENT FRAME AND BED.

More, Md. It will be seen that the bed will easily accommodate four persons, and the height of the two frames can be adjusted as desired, while the ease and rapidity with which the device can be removed from the tent and the small space it occupies when folded add greatly to its value and makes it a very desirable addition to any camper's or soldier's outfit.

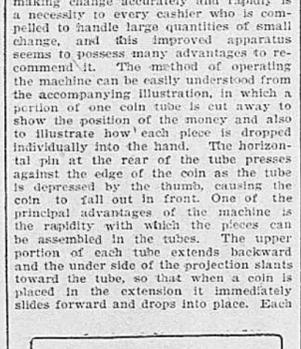
Swimming Easily Learned. That the swimming device illustrated in the accompanying picture will be enjoyed by children goes without saying, and it might also be useful in teaching grown people the art of swimming, which art is somewhat difficult of accomplishment unless an instructor is at hand to support the beginner. By this arrangement the swimmer is allowed first to propel himself through the water at will, without danger of sinking, and there is nothing to



TROLLEY SWIMMING APPARATUS.

interfere with the free use of the arms and legs. Menzo Gates, of Copemish, Mich., is the inventor, and his idea is to stretch a cable on two vertical posts set at any desired distance apart, with turnbuckles to tighten the rope. One or more trolley wheels are placed on the wire to support a coiled spring, to the lower end of which a belt is attached to aid in holding the beginner at the surface of the water, even though he makes no effort to sustain himself. Parents whose boys have a desire to learn to swim can by the aid of this apparatus allow them full liberty to play in the water to their hearts' content without fear of drowning.

New Machine for Making Change. A simple and convenient machine for making change accurately and rapidly is a necessity to every cashier who is compelled to handle large quantities of small change, and this improved apparatus seems to possess many advantages to recommend it. The method of operating the machine can be easily understood from the accompanying illustration, in which a portion of one coin tube is cut away to show the position of the money and to illustrate how each piece is dropped individually into the hand. The horizontal pin at the rear of the tube presses against the edge of the coin as the tube is depressed by the thumb, causing the coin to fall out in front. One of the principal advantages of the machine is the rapidity with which the pieces can be assembled in the tubes. The upper portion of each tube extends backward and the under side of the projection slants toward the tubes, so that when a coin is placed in the extension it immediately slides forward and drops into place. Each



IMPROVED CHANGE MACHINE.

tube is pivoted independently and the front portion is hinged to the rear, in order that the tube may be easily opened, should the coins fail to assume their proper position. Charles H. Row, of New York city, is the inventor.

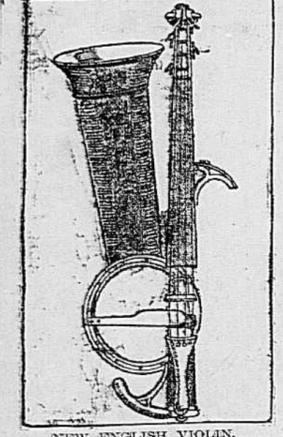
Passing of Barbara Fritchie. Editor of The Times: Sir,—It affords me pleasure to notice that Col. H. Kyd Douglass, during the delivery of a recent lecture on "Snowball Jackson," in the great hall of Cooper Union, New York city, very thoughtfully alluded to the purely mythical story of "Barbara Fritchie." Guiltless Yankeeedom has been mightily enjoying this "old" story for nearly two-score years. Of course, William Lloyd, who was a matter that only existed in the imagination of Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth; all of us boys who read the New York Ledger in the early '50's, and just before the Civil War, will remember how we

USEFUL DEVICES WITH PATENTS.

Some New Inventions Which are Worth Knowing About.

New Departure in Violins.

In spite of the fact that practically the same model of violin has been in use for centuries, J. M. A. Stroh, of London, has come to the conclusion that there is



NEW ENGLISH VIOLIN.

room for improvement, and to this end has designed the novel form of instrument here illustrated. The old-time sounding board or body portion of the violin is entirely done away with, and in its place is a circular drum, across which is stretched the diaphragm on which the bridge is supported, the latter being mounted on knife edges to improve the vibratory sound, by transmitting it to the diaphragm. At the center of this tightly-tensioned head is an opening, against which is attached an aluminum or wooden resonator of tubular shape, to augment the sound emitted by the diaphragm. In other words, to produce and distribute the waves caused by the vibration of the strings. The resonator has preferably the shape of a trumpet. The small end of the horn is curved at right angles to the body, and the large end extends nearly parallel to the finger board, but does not hang low enough to interfere with the free movement of the arm and hand in producing the notes. The inventor intends also to apply this novel method of construction to mandolins and other string instruments.

Handy Newspaper Support.

Did you ever try to read a newspaper and eat a meal at the same time? If so, you can readily appreciate the comfort and satisfaction with which the gentleman in the cut is devouring the latest war news and his food simultaneously. He is not compelled to lean the paper up against the catsup bottle or sugar bowl, or run the risk of spilling salt and pepper over the table-cloth by upsetting the saucers. Nor is it necessary to hold the paper in one hand and eat with the other. The spring clip at the lower end of the device is gripped over the edge of the plate, retaining the holder in a nearly vertical position di-



DEVICE FOR HOLDING A PAPER.

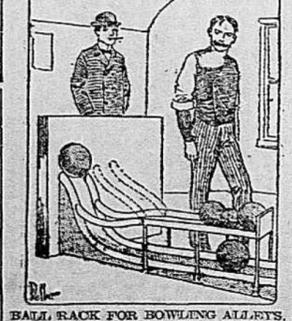


CYCLE CAB FOR PLEASURE OR BUSINESS.

rectly opposite the reader, while the upper portion of the stem is spread apart to form the support in which the newspaper is securely held. When it is desired to read an article the paper is folded up to bring that portion of the page uppermost, and inserted between the two parts of the frame, which brings the paper at the proper height to be perused without turning the head into an uncomfortable position. This novel invention of Reginald G. Blower, of Los Angeles, California.

Improved Cycle Cab.

All the bicycles hitherto in use are adapted to carry only one person, or are so arranged that when two or more are carried each rider must in the proportion of the machine. James C. Amerson, of Highland Park, Illinois, has turned his attention to the designing of a vehicle which is adapted to carry two persons through the physical exertions of only one. The inventor states that the machine will be found useful in cities and towns for the purpose of conveying a passenger comfortably and economically to any locality expeditiously. The person who propels the machine also has full control of the steering, which is accomplished by turning the front wheel exactly as though it were the forward wheel of an ordinary bicycle, and the driver is also expected to maintain the cab in an upright position when at rest. In order that the passenger may seat himself or alight in perfect safety, the



GATE FOR BOWLING ALLEYS.

Gate for Bowling Alleys.

Jacob N. McIntire, of New York city, has designed an improvement in return ways for bowling alleys, by which the balls are automatically placed in a convenient position on the rack for reuse. As illustrated in the cut a gate is placed at the rear end of the gutters, being hinged to the end of the rack and form-

were captured by the "yarns" of that very charming story-teller. Her imagination was equally as vivid in September 1862, when she supplied the poet with her patriotic facts about Barbara and the flag.

These supposed facts, however, furnished the "Quaker poet" material for a very beautiful and patriotic poem, that has become a classic in all the northern schools. The writer has known the facts of the story to be a sheer fabrication for nearly thirty-eight (38) years. Known this from his personal knowledge, having been on the alleged premises at the avowed time of the occurrence. It is an old story that cold, hard facts often destroy the most beautiful fiction. The poet's charming verses will remain, but the subject is a myth all the same. Some of us may feel sorry for the general and eloquent junior Senator from New York, who only a week ago satisfied himself through the aid of a half-dozen credible witnesses, that the "Barbara Fritchie" story was true, so that "Barbara Fritchie" again became dearer than ever to his youthful heart, his fervid imagination; and now, alas, even at the eleventh hour, Colonel Douglass appears in the role of a witness, a hypocrite, and a Senator Dewey will be very unhappy if he had to cease ringing the changes on poor "Barbara Fritchie" and the flag. Glorious types of true loyalty and pure patriotism.

And so, in these closing days of the nineteenth century we all witness

the passing of "Barbara Fritchie," but the grand old flag still lives.

C. A. R. Richmond, Va., April 1900.

Dangerous New Disease.

"What did the oculist say about Tom-mey?" "He says he has baseball eye." "Baseball eye?" "Yes; it seems he has strained one eye looking through knotholes in the fence."—Chicago Record.

Only Three.

Mrs. Seadsteln (severely)—Laura, I heard Mr. Gayson kiss you three times last night when we were saying good-by. Laura—My, ma, how quickly you must have dropped off to sleep again!—Chicago Times-Herald.

Terrible Examples.

Chewer—Some of the most famous poets assert that they can write only when under the influence of liquor. It is merely another instance of the terrible work wrought by intoxicants.—Baltimore American.

Sleds can be rapidly propelled by a new apparatus, which has a bar pivoted on either side of the seat, with rods attached to either end of the bars, to catch on the ground as the bars are tilted, to drive the sled over the road.

CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1899, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—F. C. MOORE. Secretary—EDWARD LANNING. Principal Office—100 WALL STREET, NEW YORK. Organized—OCTOBER, 1852; Commenced Business—JANUARY, 1853.

CAPITAL. Whole amount of stock actually paid up in cash..... \$1,000,000 00

ASSETS. Value of real estate owned by the company..... \$1,106,500 00

Loans on bonds and mortgage (duly recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple) upon which not more than one year's interest is due..... 78,710 00

Interest accrued on all said bonds and mortgage loans..... 1,344 61

Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and perquisites..... \$85,650 00

Value of buildings mortgaged (insured for \$80,000 as collateral)..... 90,500 00

Total value of said mortgaged premises..... \$136,150 00

BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY: Par Value. Inventory Value.

United States Registered Bonds..... \$200,000 00 200,000 00

New York City Registered Bonds..... 200,000 00 200,000 00

Augusta Southern R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 50,000 00 50,000 00

Ch. & St. P. R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 40,000 00 40,000 00

Chicago and Northwestern R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 42,000 00 42,000 00

Chi. St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha Ry. First Mortgage Bonds..... 100,000 00 100,000 00

Columbia and Great R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 50,000 00 50,000 00

Elmira, Cortland and Northern R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 50,000 00 50,000 00

Erie Railway Company First Mortgage Bonds..... 100,000 00 125,000 00

Indiana, Bloomington and Western R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 135,000 00 135,000 00

Kentucky Central Railway Company First Mortgage Bonds..... 50,000 00 42,500 00

Louisville and Nashville R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 50,000 00 50,000 00

Metropolitan Street Ry. First Mortgage Bonds..... 150,000 00 105,000 00

Midland R. R. Co. of New Jersey First Mortgage Bonds..... 50,000 00 50,000 00

Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western Ry. First Mortgage Bonds..... 100,000 00 120,000 00

Morris and Essex R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 50,000 00 60,000 00

New Mexico Gas & Elec. L. H. & P. Co. Bonds..... 10,000 00 10,000 00

New York Gas & Elec. L. H. & P. Co. Bonds..... 100,000 00 90,000 00

New York, Lackawanna and Western Ry. First Mortgage Bonds..... 50,000 00 60,000 00

New York, New Haven and Hartford R. R. First Mortgage Bonds..... 20,000 00 26,000 00

Panama R. R. Co. Bonds..... 95,000 00 95,000 00

Portland (Oregon) Bonds..... 32,500 00 32,500 00

Richmond and Danville R. R. Co. Bonds..... 40,000 00 50,000 00

Richmond (Va.) Bonds..... 50,000 00 50,000 00

Western Union Telegraph Co. Bonds..... 150,000 00 157,500 00

Chicago and Alton Turbine Money Sincere, Subscription Bonds..... 38,800 00 38,800 00

20 shares American Exchange National Bank Stock..... 25,000 00 41,250 00

50 shares Bank of America Stock..... 5,000 00 15,500 00

1,200 shares Mechanics' National Bank Stock..... 20,000 00 32,500 00

25 shares Merchants' National Bank Stock..... 25,000 00 40,000 00

350 shares Merchants' National Bank Stock..... 17,500 00 22,750 00

100 shares Nassau Bank Stock..... 5,000 00 7,250 00

20 shares Central Trust Co. Stock..... 20,000 00 200,000 00

10 shares Albany and Saratoga R. R. Co. Guaranteed Stock..... 10,000 00 17,500 00

1,000 shares Atlanta and Charlotte Air-Line R. R. Co. Guaranteed Stock..... 100,000 00 110,000 00

1,500 shares Broadway City R. R. Co. Stock..... 150,000 00 330,000 00

1,000 shares Chicago and Eastern Ill. R. R. Co. Preferred Stock..... 100,000 00 110,000 00

2,000 shares Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Ry. Preferred Stock..... 200,000 00 230,000 00

2,000 shares Chicago and Northwestern Ry. Co. Preferred Stock..... 200,000 00 240,000 00

1,000 shares Chi. St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha Ry. Preferred Stock..... 100,000 00 100,000 00

1,000 shares Del. & Hudson Canal Co. Stock..... 100,000 00 100,000 00

20 shares Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. Stock..... 20,000 00 20,000 00

1,500 shares Great Northern Ry. Co. Preferred Stock..... 150,000 00 225,000 00

1,500 shares Lake Shore and Mich. So. Ry. Co. Stock..... 150,000 00 270,000 00

50 shares N. Y. Chl. & St. Louis R. R. Co. First Preferred Stock..... 50,000 00 62,500 00

4,000 shares N. Y. Chl. & St. Louis R. R. Co. Guaranteed Stock..... 220,000 00 371,400 00

1,000 shares New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co. Stock..... 100,000 00 200,000 00

2,000 shares Northern Pacific Ry. Co. Preferred Stock..... 200,000 00 340,000 00

4,500 shares Pennsylvania R. R. Co. Stock..... 225,000 00 373,000 00

5,000 shares R. R. Co. Guaranteed Stock..... 250,000 00 300,000 00

500 shares Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R. Co. Guaranteed Stock..... 50,000 00 60,000 00

50 shares Second-Avenue R. R. Co. Guaranteed Stock..... 50,000 00 50,000 00

2,000 shares United R. R. & Chesapeake Bay Co. Guaranteed Stock..... 200,000 00 200,000 00

Total par and inventory value carried out as inventory value..... \$5,222,200 00 \$7,400,750 00

Cash in the company's office..... \$ 4,371 68

Cash belonging to the company deposited in bank..... 493,837 31

Interest due and accrued on stocks and bonds not included in market value..... 60,537 66

Interest due and accrued on bonds and mortgages, not more than three months due..... 791 53

Bills receivable, not matured, taken for fire, tornado, marine and inland risks, running one year or less from date of policy, including interest premiums on perpetual risks, 2%..... 556,939 92

Gross premiums in course of collection, not more than three months due..... 108,803 63

All other property belonging to the company, viz: Rents due and accrued..... 1,264 42

Aggregate amount of all assets of the company, stated at their actual value..... \$9,869,669 53

LIABILITIES. Gross losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all reported and supposed losses, including interest, costs and other expenses thereon..... \$315,457 65

Losses resisted, including interest, costs and other expenses thereon..... 24,172 00

Total gross amount of claims for losses..... \$339,629 65

Deduct reinsurance thereon..... 26,243 78

Net amount of unpaid losses..... \$313,385 87

Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire and tornado risks, running one year or less from date of policy, including interest premiums on perpetual risks, 2%..... \$1,172,345 76

Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire and tornado risks running more than one year from date of policy, \$3,283,670 71; unearned premiums (pro rata), 2,735,957 94

Total unearned premiums as computed above..... 2,968,536 70

Principal amount of securities deposited with the company, or ordered to be redeemed..... 23,601 00

Interest due and declared remaining unpaid or uncalled for..... 6,009 24

Due and accrued for salaries, rent, advertising, and for agency and miscellaneous expenses..... 15,000 00

Reserve for contingencies..... 300,000 00

All other demands against the company, admitted and contingent, due and to become due, admitted and contested, including commissions and brokerage and reinsurance..... 132,334 91

Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus..... \$4,774,655 72

Joint-stock capital actually paid up in cash..... 1,000,000 00

Surplus..... 4,034,955 11

Aggregate amount of all liabilities, including paid-up capital stock, and net surplus..... \$9,869,669 53

INCOME DURING THE YEAR. Fire and Tornado.

Gross premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year..... \$ 82,919 63

Deduct amount of same not collected..... 582,919 63

Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year..... 4,499,179 37

Total..... 4,582,099 00

Deduct gross premiums and bills in course of collection at this date..... 655,743 56

Entire premiums collected during the year..... \$4,416,355 44

Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement and return premiums..... 640,276 55

Net cash actually received for premiums..... 3,876,078 89

Received for interest on bonds and mortgages..... 4,481 56

Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bonds, collateral loans, and from all other sources..... 384,993 89

Income received from all other sources, viz: Rents..... 15,531 63

Aggregate amount of income actually received during the year in cash..... \$4,281,186 75

EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR. Fire and Tornado.

Gross amount actually paid for losses (including \$53,116.25 losses occurring in previous years)..... \$2,367,927 17

Deduct all amounts actually received for salvage (whether on losses of the last or of previous years), \$7,123.83, and all amounts actually received for reinsurance in other companies, \$8,643.88. Total deduction..... 23,767 49

Net amount paid during the year for losses..... 2,344,159 68

Cash dividends actually paid stockholders during the year..... 229,150 00

Script or certificate of profit redeemed in cash, and interest paid to scrip-holders..... 5 44

Paid for commission or brokerage..... 806,603 69

Paid for salaries, fees, and all other charges of officers, clerks, agents, and all other employees..... 329,381 56

Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States..... 247,471 26

All other payments and expenditures..... 150,467 01