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INSURANCE STATEMENTS. BRITISH AMERICA ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO.

Table with columns: Description, Par Value, Market Value. Lists various bonds and assets with their respective values.

LIABILITIES.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Lists various liabilities and claims.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Lists various receipts and payments.

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Lists various disbursements and expenses.

JULIUS STRAUS & SON, Agents, 922 EAST MAIN STREET, RICHMOND, VA.

QUERIES & ANSWERS.

RECORDS OF SOLDIERS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

WHEN CHOLERA WAS IN RICHMOND.

John Mitchell, the Irish Patriot—His Object in Coming to America—Date of His Death—Culture of Magnolia—Etc.

MAILING OF LETTERS ON POSTAL-CARS.

Is there any law prohibiting persons from mailing letters on the postal car of any mail train at any depot?

SHOOTING BY THE ROADSIDE.

What is the distance from the public road at which a gun can be lawfully fired?

MAPLE TREES.

Will you please state in the Query column of your paper the best time to top maple trees?

PHILADELPHIA STEAMSHIP LINE.

Please let me know through your Query column, whether any steamers from Philadelphia, Pa., passed through the locks at the lower part of this city within the last twenty-four years.

CULTURE OF THE MAGNOLIA.

Please answer in your columns the best way to promote the culture of magnolia from seed or slip.

RECORD OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

Will you please state whether or not there is any authentic record of the names of soldiers bearing arms in the service of the Revolutionary army under General Washington as commander-in-chief?

WHEN CHOLERA WAS IN RICHMOND.

Will you please tell me what year the cholera was here? I think it was called the Asiatic cholera.

TWO QUESTIONS.

Please answer in your next Dispatch the following question: 1. Why is Hon. J. W. Daniel called the Senior Senator?

A CANADIAN CASE.

A man domiciled in Canada dies intestate, leaving a widow and several children.

OPERATIONS OF THE PARKS BILL.

Please enlighten an old subscriber upon the following as to the Parks measure to wit: The law prescribes, as I understand it, that the names of the debtor...

ITCHING.

"For fifteen years my daughter suffered terribly with inherited Eczema. She received the best medical attention, was given many patent medicines, and used various external applications, but they had no effect whatever."

ECZEMA.

She was finally given, and it promptly reached the seat of the disease, so that she is cured sound and well, her skin is perfectly clear and pure, and she has been saved from what threatened to blight her life forever."

ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

is the greatest of modern-time helps to perfect cooking.

THE ANTIQUE.

The constant service of the antique world. When service swears for duty, not for money.

THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

At Richmond, has published the original proceedings of this branch of the society, with a list of its members.

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Canada, which are not obtainable here. The presumption, however, is that the widow would take very much as she would in this State.

The distribution of intestate personal property is governed, not in Virginia only, but in civilized countries generally, by well-nigh universal consent.

MITCHELL, THE IRISH PATRIOT.

I have the following autograph lines, written by John Mitchell, the Irish patriot, when he visited Virginia in 1867:

"Depuis que j'ai vu tout de rois." What was his object in coming to America?

When and where did he die? X.

The first question asked is answered by John Mitchell himself in the distich, presumably from Victor Hugo.

Never physically robust, he died, after a lingering illness, in the year 1855.

Mitchell espoused with ardor, and possibly indiscreetly, the cause of "Young Ireland," under the leadership of the illustrious Smith O'Brien.

He loved the South and the cause of home-rule for which she contended before and during the late war between the States.

RECORD OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

Will you please state whether or not there is any authentic record of the names of soldiers bearing arms in the service of the Revolutionary army under General Washington as commander-in-chief?

In the War Department, Washington, D. C., are records of those who served in the Revolutionary war, and who have received pay or pension from the United States Government.

In the documents issued by Congress are many petitions for pay and pension for service in the Revolution.

There are other documents, also, in the Federal archives. Address Colonel F. C. Almsworth, Chief of the Bureau of Records and Rolls, Washington, D. C.

A number of the States composing the original thirteen have published lists of those from them who served in the Revolution.

The Virginia Society of the Cincinnati, at Richmond, has published the original proceedings of this branch of the society, with a list of its members.

Colonel Asa Bird Gardner, Governor of the State of New York, secretary of the General Society of the Cincinnati, has prepared a history of the society, with a comprehensive list of the original members of the several State societies, with biographical notes.

In Virginia the records of the services of her soldiers in the Revolution are in the State Land Registry Office, and in the State Library, and in the last various legislative documents and printed volumes.

Lossing's "Field Book of the Revolution" and Sparks's and Ford's "Writings of Washington" may also be consulted.

Our quest may apprehend that some quests may prove laborious and protracted. It is not known that the adjutant of the States undertake the knotty solution of questions of service of ancestors for the purposes of membership in the patriotic societies, with which they are flooded.

The information desired is not in the office of the Adjutant-General of Virginia, and the clerical force for such research is not provided him.

The speediest and most effective course for those desiring information, as indicated, is for them to communicate with a professional genealogist.

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How a person can gain a pound a day by taking an ounce of Scott's Emulsion is hard to explain, but it certainly happens.

It seems to start the digestive machinery working properly. You obtain a greater benefit from your food.

The oil being predigested, and combined with the hypophosphites, makes a food tonic of wonderful flesh-forming power.

All physicians know this to be a fact.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY OF VA. ORGANIZED 1871.

Annual Statement for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1897.

Table with columns: ASSETS, LIABILITIES. Lists various assets and liabilities with their values.

ELEVEN YEARS' GROWTH.

Table showing premium income from 1887 to 1897. Values range from \$89,566.00 in 1887 to \$752,214.87 in 1897.

GROSS INCOME, 1897. INSURANCE IN FORCE.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Lists gross income and insurance in force.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DURING 1897.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Lists various operational metrics.

TRAVELER'S LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1897. OF THE TRAVELER'S LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Lists various financial metrics.

The amount of capital stock... The number of policies and the amount No. of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year...

The whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon...

The amount of premiums received during the year... The amount of interest received from all sources...

The amount of losses paid during the year... The amount of expenses for all purposes (except losses)...

The amount of losses unpaid... The amount of assets and amount of cash in hand and in bank...

The amount of all other liabilities... The amount of all other receipts...

Carried out at market value—Total... BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1897.

Number and amount of policies in force December 31st of previous year... Number and amount of policies issued during the year...

Total... Deduct number and amount of policies ceased to be in force during the year...

Total number and amount of policies in force December 31, 1897... Amount of losses and claims on policies issued December 31st of previous year...

Amount of losses and claims on policies incurred during the year... Total...

Amount of losses and claims on policies paid during the year... Amount of assessments, premiums, dues, and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year...

Total... State of Connecticut, City of Hartford—sworn to January 17, 1898.

WALTER W. PRATT, Notary Public.

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Accident Department.

Customer: Say, that perfume snot-machina is a rank fraud. Druggist: Why, what's wrong with it? Customer: I dropped a nickel in it and only got a scent in return—Chicago News.

"Alas" sighed the oyster, as he felt himself being conveyed from the plate on the end of the table-knife. "Alas! This is an end of all my hopes of getting out a good oyster."—Indianapolis Journal.

A New Phrase. (Notes and Queries.)

A very expressive phrase was evolved by a school board inspector at Southwark Police Court, on December 23. A woman, whose child had been remiss in attending school, admitted that on a previous occasion she had told a lie to save her husband, whereupon the inspector remarked that these mothers who keep their children from their classes in order to escape fines "lied like gas-meters."

With the Wits.

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