POST OFFICE SAVING BANKS.

BY PROFESSOR W. H. DOBRETT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31, 1873.

The habit of saving a portion, however small, of their earnings is found to be the best of all discipline for the working classes of men. It gives the invaluable power of self-control, without which improvement is impossible; it creates an honorable feeling of self-respect, dignity and independence; restrains the indulgence of appetite and extravagance, and raises the restless and discontented creature of impulses to the rank of a prudent and reliable citizen. Nothing, therefore, can be more useful to any community than a good and secure bank of deposit, in which small savings can be be lodged in sums as may be convenient, and from which they may be drawn at any time of need by the depositors. But the sad discouragement which the stoppage or insolvency of such banks has recently cast upon the whole class of depositors is too likely to destroy confidence and increase reckless expenditure.

In order, therefore, to give perfect security to depositors, and at the same time to secure the Government against loss, the following plan will be submitted to Congress on its meeting in December next. It is founded on the system adopted in the British Empire, which has been found to work so successfully and is now so popular. The English system of post-office saving banks was established by statute, May 17, 1861, and went into operation September 16 of the same year. The following is a copy of the official return of the amount remaining on deposit in the post-office saving banks of Great Britain and Ireland at the end of the under-named years, showing the great and ever-increasing progress of these excellent institutions in the confidence of the people, viz: December 31, 1864, amount of capital on deposit, $16,884,140 in gold; December 31, 1865, amount of capital on deposit, $23,622,000; December 31, 1866, amount of capital on deposit, $41,605,875; December 31, 1867, amount of capital on deposit, $48,749,645; December 31, 1868, amount of capital on deposit, $55,320,275; December 31, 1869, amount of capital on deposit, $67,021,000; December 31, 1870, amount of capital on deposit, $75,495,550.

The returns for the last two years have not reached us, but they are, no doubt, equally satisfactory, as the most perfect confidence may be reposed in the security of the investment, and the British Government is delighted to repay all deposits on demand, with the interest due thereon. A low rate of interest, with Government security, is always preferred by depositors of small sums. The following is the outline and main features of a bill for the establishing of post office saving banks in the United States, which will be submitted to Congress in December next. It is thought desirable that it should be published for general consideration and discussion by the press:

A Bill to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest, with Government security for due repayment thereof.

Whereas it is expedient to give encouragement to the habits of economy and self-denial among the people, by inducing them to deposit a part of their savings in banks which will be secure and accessible; and whereas many depositors have suffered great inconvenience and loss by the failure of savings banks, as at present instituted and conducted;

Therefore, be it enacted, &c., That the Postmaster General shall have authority to direct such of his officers as he shall think fit to receive deposits for remittance to the principal office, and to repay the same under such regulations as he may prescribe, in accordance with the following general directions:

1. All deposits to be entered in the pass-book of the depositor by the persons authorized to receive the same, and attested by the dated stamp of his office.

2. All moneys so deposited shall be transmitted at once, by the next mail, to the Postmaster General, whose acknowledgment of the same, by himself or by some officer duly appointed for that purpose, shall be sent to the depositor, and shall be conclusive evidence of his claim of principal and interest duly accruing, as hereinafter set forth, against the Government of the United States.

3. The Postmaster General shall make daily lodgment of all the moneys so received by him or his officers with the Treasurer of the United States, who shall keep an account of all moneys so received on account of the said deposits separate and apart from all other accounts in his department, and hold the amount of the same subject to the order of the Postmaster General, to be drawn only as required to pay depositors, and for no other purpose whatever.

4. The Postmaster General, in drawing such sums as may be demanded by depositors, shall state the names of such applicants and the sums required by each, and in no case shall more be drawn from the Treasurer on account than has been applied for by depositors. No part of these deposits shall be retained in the hands of the Postmaster General nor any of his officers, but all deposits shall be placed and remain until called for by the depositors or their legal representatives in the case of the Treasurer of the United States.

5. When any depositor wishes to withdraw any part or the whole amount of his deposits, with the accrued interest, he will apply to any post office and be furnished with a printed form, in which he will enter his name and the post office saving bank where his deposit was made, also the amount required and the place where he desires it to be paid. The application will be forwarded by the next mail to the Postmaster General, who will at once send by return mail a warrant authorizing payment to be made by the local postmaster or the duly authorized agent. This order must be paid in ten days at the farthest after it has been presented to the postmaster of the office where it is payable.

6. All amounts paid or drawn as above shall be kept secret by the postmaster, and the state of the account of each depositor shall not be revealed to any third party.

7. No sums will be received on account of any depositor less than twenty-five cents or more than fifty dollars at a time. Nor shall the account in favor of any depositor become more than five hundred dollars, exclusive of interest.

8. The rate of interest allowed shall be two and one half per centum per annum, and no interest shall be paid for the fractions of months, but the interest shall begin to be reckoned from the first day of the month after the deposit is made to the last day of the month preceding that in which application for withdrawal is made, and no interest will be paid for sums less than five dollars.

9d. A full and particular report of all the post office saving banks will be laid before Congress every year immediately after its meeting in December by the Postmaster General, and by the Treasurer of the United States.

3d. All necessary additional regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, will be made by the Postmaster General, and immediately afterward submitted to Congress, and every facility for the speedy and general establishment of these banks will be given.

4th. All moneys deposited as above shall be immediately invested in bonds of the public national debt of the United States, and in no other security whatever, by the Treasurer of the United States, and the interest accruing from such bonds shall be applied to the credit of the said saving-bank fund, and used exclusively for the payment of said interest, and for the liquidation of all necessary expenses incurred in the establishment and working of the said system.

5th. All the moneys so deposited, both principal and interest, shall be held as a sacred trust for the depositors, and shall be always payable on demand, as hereinbefore ordered.

Hindoo Belles.

"The Hindoo women," says a writer in "Fraser's Magazine," "attracted me most by their graceful carriage, their picturesque drapery, consisting of a full skirt and a sort of burnous, which passes over the head, almost completely veiling the face. These vary in color, being sometimes bright blue and pink and yellow, the skirt often bordered with a hem of some other color, often very gaudy, but the dark skin harmonizes it all. The most artistic, to my mind, is the deep indigo blue, but it is more rare in the northwest than in southern India, where almost all the lower classes of women wear it. It is pleasant to watch the easy grace with which they walk, bearing round, red earthenware or bright copper water-jars on their heads, steadying their burden with one well-shaped, small-wristed, dusky arm stretched up to its full length, and covered almost to the elbow, and sometimes above it with numbers of bracelets. These are sometimes silver, and oftener plated metal or red and green lace. I once heard of a school, the pupils of which were trained to walk about with tumblers of cold water on their heads; and when I saw the firm-footed, easy grace of these burden-bearing women, I regretted that the practice was not universal. The pale-faced race may perhaps pride itself on its superiority in the use of the contents of its head, but these dusky daughters of the sun certainly outdo their more favored sisters in the use they make of the outside of theirs. They carry everything on their heads, jars of water, pieces of cloth, baskets of vegetables, huge bundles of sugar-cane, fuel, anything and everything, leaving their hands free for any additional burdens. They do not even carry their little black babies in their arms, but either balance them astride on their shoulders with their little hands on their mother's head, or else astride on one hip, encircled with a strong arm. I have seen a woman with four water-jars towering on her head and her little baby on her hip, walking along with springy grace, jingling her silvery anklets and toe-bells as she went."

A Norway Scene.

A scene witnessed by some travelers in the north of Norway, from a cliff one thousand feet above the sea, is thus described: "The ocean stretched away in silent vastness at our feet; the sound of waves scarcely reached our airy lookout; away in the north the huge old sun swung low along the horizon, like the slow beat of the pendulum in the tall clock of our grandfather's parlor corner. We all stood silent, looking at our watches. When both hands came together at 12, midnight, the huge round orb hung triumphantly above the waves, a bridge of gold running due north spanning the waves between us and him. There he shone in silent majesty which knew no setting. We involuntarily took off our hats; no word was said. Combine, if you can, the most brilliant sunrise and sunset you ever saw, and the beauties will pale before the gorgeous coloring which now lit up ocean, heaven and mountain. In half an hour the sun had swung up perceptibly on his beat, the colors changed to those of morning, a fresh breeze rippled over the floor, one songster after another piped up in the grove behind us—we had slid into another day."

MARRIED.

WALSH—BLAIR.—On the 13th instant, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Blair, in St. Mary's county, Md., by the Rev. Father De Wolf, J. FRANCIS WALSH, of Washington, and Miss ARIANNA BLAIR, of St. Mary's.

DIED.

COBB.—On Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Mrs. CAROLINE A. COBB, wife of Rev. N. Cobb, in the forty-ninth year of her age.

Funeral at the residence, 1413 Sixth street, on Monday, at 3 o'clock.

GRAHAME.—On the 14th instant, at 8 o'clock p. m., of diphtheritic croup, BEULAH A., daughter of John M. and M. Fannie Grahame, aged four years and one month.

SCHAEFER.—On Friday, October 31, (at sea,) PHILIPPINE SCHAEFER, beloved wife of Peter Schaefer, in the twenty-seventh year of her age.

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And now, November 19, 1873, on the petitions of the Loan Square Building and Loan Association and several subsequent petitioning of intervening creditors to adjudge said parties bankrupt, it is appointed for WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 o'clock a. m., and it is ordered that service of the several orders to show cause why the said Jay Cooke & Company should not be adjudged bankrupts be made, so far as it cannot be otherwise effected, by publishing a copy of this order in the newspapers called the *Public Ledger*, in the city of Philadelphia; the REPUBLICAN, in the city of Washington, and the *Commercial Advertiser*, in the city of New York, twice a week in each paper, the last insertion not to be later than the 23d instant.

The order will not be understood as excusing the want of any personal or other service that may be proper, or as precluding applications by any party interested at any time.

JOHN CADWALADER,
Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania. nov18-3w2t

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., October 15, 1873.

On the petition of ALBERT F. JOHNSON, of Parkville, New York, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 26th day of January, 1858, for an improvement in stitches;

It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 23d day of December next; that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 2d day of January next, and that said petition be heard on the 9th day of January next.

Any person may oppose the extension.

M. D. LEGGETT, Commissioner.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., November 5, 1873.

On the petition of ANSON BURNHAM, of Rochester, N. Y., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 16th day of February, 1858, for an improvement in Soldering Irons;

It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 18th day of January next; that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 2d day of January next, and that said petition be heard on the 30th day of January next.

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NEW YORK HARBOR, NOVEMBER 15, 1873.
Sealed proposals in duplicate will be received at this office until 12 m., December 22, 1873, for furnishing fresh beef required by the Subsistence Department at this station for six months, commencing January 1, 1874.
Information as to conditions, quality of beef, &c., can be obtained by application to
H. M. POTTER,
Captain and A. C. S., Fort Wood.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH BEEF.
OFFICE ACTING COMMISSARY SUBSISTENCE,
FORT WADSWORTH, NEW YORK HARBOR,
November 15, 1873.
Sealed proposals (in duplicate) will be received at this office until 12 o'clock m., December 14, 1873, for furnishing the fresh beef required for the Subsistence Department, United States Army, at this station during six months, commencing January 1, 1874.
Separate proposals for choice Fresh Beef for commissioned officers will also be received.
Information as to conditions, quality of beef, payments, &c., can be obtained on application to
LEWIS SMITH,
First Lieutenant Third Artillery, A. C. S.

PROPOSALS FOR MAIL LOCKS AND KEYS.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 17, 1873.
SEPARATE SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 12 o'clock noon, the FIFTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1873, for furnishing, under separate contracts, two different kinds of padlocks and keys: one for the sole and exclusive use of *registered through mails*, and the other for the sole and exclusive use of *street letter boxes*.
Every proposal must be accompanied with duplicate samples of the locks and keys thereby offered to be furnished; one of each kind of sample lock to be pivoted up and finished, and another to be open or unpivoted, so that its internal structure and arrangement may readily be examined. Each sample should be plainly marked with the bidder's name, and if the same, or any part thereof, be covered by a patent, the name of the patentee must be attached thereto. It must also be such as shall be warranted to not infringe on any patented invention of which the bidder is not the patentee or assignee.
The internal plan or arrangement of the locks offered, and the particular form of the keys requisite to open them, must not be like any now or theretofore in public or private use, and must not have been exhibited, described or exposed, in any manner tending to impair their security and usefulness for the mails; and it will be an important consideration in favor of any lock and key submitted that its mechanism and structure it shall have been invented specially for the purpose for which it is offered.
Locks suitable for the registered mails, or for the street letter boxes, should not exceed eight ounces each in weight, and should possess a high degree of security, strength and durability. Every such lock, while it must be secure from being opened by any other means than by its peculiar key (unless designedly broken by extreme and obvious violence), must be devoid of any intricacy in opening with the proper key, and be free from liability to be securely shut without the use of the key. The size or size of the locks *for registered mails* should be such as to make them distinguishable at a glance from the locks of the *street letter-boxes*, and they should, by their external shape, be instantly distinguishable from the street letter-box locks.
The Registered Mail Locks should be made of hard and tough brass, excepting the shackle and rivets, which must be from iron, the latter well shouldered, countersunk, and headed at both ends. The shell or case of such locks must not have sharp angles, and must be free from flutes, projections, or other appendages likely to be compressed battered, or knocked out of order by the peculiarly hard usage to which the mail locks is to be subject. Each side upon its face, in letters sufficiently large and distinct, "U. S. *Registered Mail*," and also such number, (in figures, such, not less than 5-16 of an inch in long,) as may be ordered; a different number, not exceeding four pieces of figures in any case, being required on each lock. Similar letters and figures are to be sunk by stamping, if the shell be made of wrought or cast brass, or to be raised if the shell be made of cast metal. All the locks for registered mails are to be uniformly alike, excepting the numbers marked on them, and all their keys, which should be case-hardened iron and nickel-plated, are to be alike, so that any one of all the keys which may be furnished for them shall easily fit and readily open any one and all of the locks. The keys should have a shank nearly two inches long to reach from the bottom of the bow, and the bow should be solid, with a small hole through it, and hand stamped on one side the words, "*U. S. Registered Key*," and upon the opposite side such number (in figures not less than one sixteenth of an inch long) as may be ordered; every key to have a different number, of which none will exceed four places of figures.
The locks for the Street Letter Boxes are to be made of hard and tough brass, and the key-hole of each lock should be in the lowest part of the wall or the shell or case, when the lock is hanging by its shackle, and should be shuttered by a sufficient jutting out of the upper and lower rim around that part of the wall. The interior mechanism of the lock should be in a position somewhat remote from the key-hole, and be operated easily by its key, which should be flat, made of steel, and be of convenient length and sufficient strength and stiffness. The bow of the key should be solid, with a small hole through it, and is to have "*U. S. Letter Box*" stamped on one side, and such figures and letters stamped on the opposite side as may be ordered. The face of each lock is to have upon it "*U. S. Street Letter Box*" in either raised or sunk letters, and any other letters besides, not exceeding three, that may be ordered. All the locks and keys of the same letter of letters are to be alike to each other, and no lock is to be opened by any key not marked with the same letter or letters.
The locks of each kind contracted for must be delivered according to order, at the Post Office Department, at the expense of the contractor, put up in pasteboard boxes of five locks each, and packed in strong wooden boxes containing not more than two hundred locks each. The keys to such locks are to be strung, by the natural series of numbers, on wire rods, each containing one hundred keys, and are to be delivered to an agent of the Department specially authorized to receive them and convey the same from the manufactory to this Department, where both the locks and keys are to be inspected and approved as conformable to the adopted sample before they shall be paid for.
From the sample locks and keys submitted under this advertisement, the Postmaster General will make a selection for contract, unless he should deem it proper for the interests of the service, to decline accepting any of the proposals and samples presented. Therefore the right to reject any and all the proposals and samples is hereby reserved to him.
A decision on the several proposals and various samples submitted will be made on or before the second day of February, 1874, and within thirty days thereafter the bidder or bidders whose proposals may have been accepted must enter into contract with bond and security as hereinafter specified.
The contracts which may be made will be for the term of four years from and after the first day of January, 1874.
The contractor for Registered Mail Locks and Keys will be required by contract to furnish said locks and keys in such quantities, and at such times, as may be ordered by the Postmaster General, and should locks, within three months after the receipt of such order, and to furnish thereafter any further quantities of such locks and keys as the same may be ordered. In entering into the contract the contractor must execute a bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars, with two sufficient sureties, (certified by the postmaster of the place where they reside, conditioned for the full and faithful performance of such contract.
Such contracts will contain a provision binding the contractor to guard, with due privacy, integrity and care, the manufacture and custody of the locks and keys, in the finished and unfinished state. They will also contain the provision that, in case of any default on the part of the contractor, causing the Postmaster General to annul the contract, all locks and keys, finished or unfinished, and all such patterns, drawings, glasses and dies, in the possession of the contractor, as may enable others to make or successfully forge or counterfeit such locks and keys, shall, by the mere fact of the contract, become the property of the United States, for the use of the Post Office Department; and, thereupon, the Postmaster General shall have the right, besides a resort to the remedy of the bond, to demand and receive the same from the contractor, who shall promptly surrender the same, on the order, in writing, of the Postmaster General, without compensation, or any claim to compensation whatever, for the same, and the use of the Postmaster General shall, in that case, have the full and absolute right to employ any other person or persons to make and furnish similar locks and keys, without any charge or claim whatever for the use, thereby involved, of any patent of the defaulting contractor.
Every proposal must specify, unconditionally, the price of each Lock and Key offered to be furnished, and must be accompanied with a bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars, executed by the bidder and two sufficient sureties, (certified by the postmaster of the place where they reside,) conditioned for the bidder's entering into contract, with bond and security, as hereinbefore specified, in case the proposal shall be accepted by the Postmaster General.
Blank forms of proposals and accompanying bond and certificate will be furnished on applying to the Second Assistant Postmaster General, and all bidders are requested to conform thereto in submitting their proposals under this advertisement.
Every proposal should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed, "PROPOSALS FOR MAIL LOCKS AND KEYS," and be addressed to the SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, Washington, D. C. *If sent by mail the postage must be duly prepaid.*
JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster General.

PROPOSALS FOR SWEEPING THE STREETS IN THE CITIES OF WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN.
Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Public Works of the District of Columbia until 12 m., November 25, for sweeping the streets and avenues of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, paved with wood, macadam, concrete or stone, for the period of one year from December 1, 1873. Pennsylvania avenue, from First to Seventeenth street west; Seventh street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to Ninth street west; Ninth street west, from Potomac river to F street north, and Bridge street, Georgetown, from Rock creek to Market street. To be swept twice in each week, and all other streets at least once a week. The sweeping of Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street to be done between the hours of 10 p. m. and 5 a. m. All the streets to be swept to the complete satisfaction of the board, and the sweepings, which must be deposited at some point to be designated by the board, to be the property of the parties doing the work.
Bidders will include in their estimates the cost of sprinkling and of all materials and labor.
The successful bidder will be asked to furnish satisfactory to the board for the faithful performance of his contract.
The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids made.
Proposals to be indorsed "Proposals for Sweeping Streets," and addressed to the Vice President of the board.
R. A. WILLARD,
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PROPOSALS FOR FRESH BEEF.
OFFICE A. C. S.,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Nov. 15, 1873.
Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office until 11 a. m., the 10th day of DECEMBER, 1873, for furnishing the Fresh Beef required by the Subsistence Department, United States Army, at this station, during six (6) months, commencing January 1, 1874.
Information as to conditions, quality of beef, payments, &c., can be obtained by application to
J. A. P. MCINTYRE,
Second Lieutenant 3d Infantry, A. C. S.

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