WRITERS ALL OVER STATE SEND LETTERS TO CALL SHOWING USE OF PENNY

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Write a letter of 250 words, giving your views on the advantages of the penny. Use only one side of the paper.

Awards will be made as follows:

For the best letter.....$50 in pennies
For the second best letter.....$20 in pennies
For the third best letter.....$15 in pennies
For the fourth best letter.....$10 in pennies
For the fifth best letter.....$5 in pennies

Address your contribution to Penny Contest Editor, The Call.

Well, the penny letters are still coming in.

The arguments favoring the general circulation of the little copper coin are almost unanswerable.

From every section of the state eager contestants, after the big prizes that The Call is offering for the best letter of 250 words, are sending in their manuscripts.

If you haven't written your letter yet don't delay any longer but GET BUSY. You may put off writing until it is too late.

The happiness that a penny brings to the child is one of the strongest arguments in favor of its general circulation, this writer maintains.

Penny Contest Editor: There is a trite saw of philosophy that claims everything has a reason for being. So, in the evolution of the so called penny—when first launched with its little sister, the half cent in 1857—it filled a definite want; for monetary matters and values, like all other incidental conditions, are affected by a nation's history. The civil war and the possibility of getting back change, though ever so small, had made the bronze coins desirable, in the stringent matters of general expenditure.

That first model of the cent depicted the goddess, in profile and floating tresses, as if in hot pursuit of national prosperity on the obverse side, while the reverse was outlined by a chain of 15 links, betokening the number of states.

This coin was followed by the cent of nickel composed and exploiting the head of an Indian chief. This model in turn gave place to our present one and all of them have answered a definite purpose of commerce in owing communities, where all are under the same conditions and seem to require similar accommodations, so one is inconvenienced if the silver quarter is the smallest coin in exchange among themselves.

The conditions of city life, with its cosmopolitan tastes and expenditures, give an important place to the penny.

Who could doubt the mission of the little dazed eyed coin when doling articles priced in stop winnows? Merchants know, too well, the hypnotic spell excited by the sign, "price 49c," to repudiate the deed when it so often relentlessly transfers the average shopper's half dollar to the money drawer.

And last, but not least, the happiness it brings to the expectant child begging its pennies, would seem a sufficient of itself, an unanswerable argument in justification of the penny. By all means let it stay. MRS. ELIZABETH WILD.
885 Eleventh street, Oakland.

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$40,000 FROM PENNIES

What do you think of this case? Here's the story of a man who saved a fortune of $40,000 in forty years, starting with humble pennies.

Penny Contest Editor: The intrinsic value of the penny in itself is very small, yet it is one of the most valuable coins we have.

It is not only necessary in making change by merchants, but it is valuable in many vocations.

If it were not for the pennies such valuable newspapers as The Call would not be in the many homes they are today.

The penny has not only helped to raise the mortgage by those who know its value but thousands of boys in the United States are actually supporting and even schooling themselves by selling penny papers.

To illustrate its value, a boy in Des Moines who could only count pennies as he stood on the corner, with his croaking voice calling penny papers, had when 40 years old saved a fortune of $40,000.

There are thousands of families receiving daily news, thereby furnishing employment, not only for the boys, but also for thousands of persons in the editors' chairs, in the composing rooms, at the press and as reporters, who could not be thus employed were it not for the pennies.

In states such as Iowa, where a law has been passed—as California ought to compelling railroad companies to make change, it is indispensable.

Pennies dropped by children in the Sunday school envelope are not only furnishing supplies for thousands of Sunday schools in the United States, but are actually supporting missionaries in foreign countries.

My best wishes for the success of The Call. J. P. LISTON, Corning, Cal.

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NO PENNY CHANGE; LOSS

Here's a woman who gives facts and figures to show how the penny in circulation means saving to the purchaser of goods for the table and home:

Penny Contest Editor: Do I go in for giving pennies? I certainly do. Let such proof to say I am a New England Yankee, who believes that saving pennies counts for thrift instead of parsimony. A great difference in the two words—thrift and parsimony.

I go into a San Francisco market and ask the price of eggs, and am told the price of storage eggs is 50 cents a dozen. I purchase a half dozen, giving the clerk 75 cents. "We don't take pennies," he says, "the eggs are 20 cents." Two cents gone.

I get a half pound of butter at 45 cents a pound. "Twenty-five cents, please," says the clerk. Two more cents gone.

Grandmother is sick and longs for a baked apple. They are two for 5 cents. I have just three pennies, but the clerk won't take pennies, so I can't get the apple.

Coffee is 35 cents a pound. I get a half pound, paying 20 cents. Two more cents gone.

On just these three articles alone I have lost 6 cents, which would buy a loaf of bread for poor Billie Betty, who is home crying for it, but who must eat mush instead. For every cent counts in a poor woman's purse.

You will find few merchants who will advocate giving pennies. Why? Because THEY are IN every time and WE are OUT every time. MRS. JENNIE S.
Sixth and Howard streets.

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HEARTS JOINED BY PENNIES

Whoever thinks of the penny as romantic? Hardly, anyone, you answer. Well, here's a case where the little copper coin twined two hearts together.

Penny Contest Editor: "Oh, for a penny." I gasped inwardly as I fumbled again and again through my bag and then turned the contents out into my lap. Nothing but four pennies and a soiled handkerchief.

The conductor stood frowningly over me awaiting the payment of my fare.

I looked appealingly up and down the car.

A young man arose, tipped his hat and smilingly proffered me a penny.

Ah, the joy of it. To know that after all I was not to be politely escorted to the door among a crowd of snickering people.

Oh, how I blessed that kind young man for saving me from anything so humiliating.

As I alighted at the corner of Twelfth street and Broadway in Oakland the kind young man was before me and assisted me to alight. He then tipped his hat and walked away. We met again at the hotel, where I laughingly thanked him and returned the fateful penny.

Our acquaintance progressed bit by bit until we were as old friends who had been companions for years.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, you will think this is a trimmed up story, but it is true nevertheless, and the penny played no small part in the fate of our lives.

Now, I shall challenge you, who will tell me that a penny is of no consequence?

Harold thinks more of that one small penny that he carries on his watch chain than of all the gold dollars in the world. E. V. WILLIAMS.
Point Richmond, Cal.

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LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets remove cause. There is only One "BROMO QUININE." It has signature of E. W. GROVE on box. 25c.
Advertisement.

Ambition Ruins Pullet Ostrich Egg Undoes Her Wrong Sort of Amusing

Fuller Hoppe is in sorrow. He had a prize black Minorca pullet. He HAD.

The executive committee of the Society for the Suppression and Prevention of Barnyard Hypochondriasis met today to outline new plans for the crusade to keep hens amused and make them lay, thus reducing the cost of living, as advised by the college poultry experts.

"I had a great scheme," Fuller Hoppe told Henry Shelley and Nestor Hatch, his colleagues. "I had—past tense.

"It was a lecture. Maybe a little education will help out the amusement. I said to myself. Something technical, but not too heavy. A sort of lepture souffle.

"So I retained Prof. Bird Hunter, the eminent ornithologist, and had him prepare a lecture on eggs. My hens should be interested in the work of other fowl, I argued.

"It was to be an illustrated lecture—illustrated with eggs. Eggs of all kinds, from the flying ant to the dodo. If elephants laid eggs they'd have been in it too.

"There was a good house. All my jewels attended. Professor Hunter was in excellent form. He spoke interestingly from the first word.

"On a long table in front of him were ranged the specimen eggs, beginning with the flying ant's and the robin's on his right and leading up to the ostrich's at the other end.

"Opposite the ostrich egg, in the first row, was Mimi, the little black Minorca.

"She was attracted by the eggs more than the speaker. Her eyes ranged from egg to egg till they reached the ostrich's. There they stopped. She gazed and gazed."

Fuller Hoppe wiped a tear from his eye.

"A light came into her eyes that told of tenderness and of desire. She was rapt. All else was forgotten save the ostrich egg.

"For half an hour she sat in silence, concentrating on that one big egg.

"My attention was called to another part of the house, and I forgot her. Then there was an explosion.

"It was Mimi."

Fuller Hoppe choked back a sob, then continued:

"The little dear! I'll never have another like her. You see, all the time she was trying to produce an egg as big as that ostrich's. She almost did. Ah, Mimi!"

State Civil Service Test Days Announced

The California state civil service commissio nannounces an examination for state hospital attendants, including nurses, at Napa, Agnews and Stockton on January 5, 7 and 8. The salaries range from $40 to $50 a month and room, board and laundry.

The commission also announces the followin gexaminations in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles:

Civil engineers, January 9 and 10.

Engineering assistants (rodmen and chainmen), January 10.

Engineering draftsmen, January 16 and 17.

Electrical engineering draftsmen and mechanical engineering draftsmen, January 23 and 24.

Architectural draftsmen, January 30 and 31.

The entrance salaries for engineering assistants are from $600 to $1,200 per annum. For civil engineers and draftsmen entrance salaries are from $1,200 to $1,800 per annum.

Cable May Clear Up Shipwreck Mystery

Marine exchanges anticipate cable advices today that will clear up the mystery of the wreck of the British sailing ship Dalgomar, following the word received yesterday that 25 members of the crew had been saved.

Captain J. Ibester and three of his sailors perished.

The survivors of the square rigger that sailed out of Callao, September 25, were taken aboard the French ship Loire, headed for Dover.

MOTHER RELENTS; WEDDING OCCURS

Arrives to Prevent Marriage, but Is Won Over and Blesses Young People

Hurrying to Berkeley to prevent the marriage of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Menefree Duprey, a junior at the University of California, to Barron C. Parker, son of C. F. Parker, a master mariner of San Francisco, Mrs. A. I. Duprey of Eureka listened to the pleas of the young couple and was present at the wedding.

Miss Duprey wrote home that she was to be married. Her father, a manufacurer of Eureka, and his wife, objeced.

Mrs. Barron has been boarding at 1410 Spruce street, Berkeley. Her husband has been studying navigation in the university. Both bride and groom have left college for a honeymoon, foregoing their examinations.

Waiting Confirmation, Misses 3 Ships, but Likes San Francisco

Secretary for Philippines, "Held Up" by Lack of Senate Action, Will Now Indulge in Trip North

"Truly, San Francisco is a great place in which to be held up," said Winfred T. Denison, secretary of the interior for the Philippines, when he failed again to sail on the Mongolia today through tardiness of the senate to confirm his nomination.

Three trans-Pacific steamers have sailed since Denison arrived at the Fairmont hotel nearly a month ago. In each case he has had his trunk packed and his hat on ready for his confirmation message, which was held up because of press of work in the senate and the investigation of charges made against him.

BENEFIT FOR WIDOW

For the benefit of Mrs. C. O. Mattson, a widow, a dance will be given by the benevolent society, Star of Finland, Saturday evening, at Mission Turn Verein hall. Mattson was a member of Carpenters' union No. 22.

ESPERANTO CLUB MEETS

The 4915 Esperanto club of San Francisco at its meeting to be held this evening at 568 Golden Gate avenue, will elect officers. The program includes the reading of an original short story in Esperanto.

Offerings of all kinds in The Call-Post Want Ads.

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"Star Bargains" In the Jewelry Section

Mantel Clocks, $4.95—Worth up to $12.00. Eight day mantel clocks with guaranteed movement. A few to close out at this price.

Odds and Ends in Silverware, 65¢—Worth up to $2.75. Horse radish jars, nut bowls, salt and pepper casters, crumb trays, etc.

Jewelry Half Price—Lockets, chams, bracelets, fobs, brooches, etc.; just half the marked price.

Double Pragers Cash Stamps
Until 12 O'Clock Friday
Store Open Evenings Until Christmas

Lambskin Gloves 79c
Full Size Assortment
Genuine Lambskin gloves, soft, pliable skins, overseam sewn. Fresh, new stock; all sizes in tan, brown, white and black.

48c Cashmere Gloves . . . 29c
Two clasp style with suede lining. Full size assortment in black, gray and navy. Our regular 48c line reduced for one day only.

$1.50 Kestner Dolls 22 INCHES HIGH 95c
Yes, they are the genuine Kestner and they sell universally at **$1.50.** We find ourselves overstocked—hence this Star Bargain price. They are full jointed, have movable eyes and fine wig. You should appreciate this acceptable opportunity.

$2.00 Doll Go-Carts $1.45
They have a heavy steel frame, rubber tire wheels, leatherette hood and reclining back. A full collapsible model. Star Bargain Special, **$1.45.**

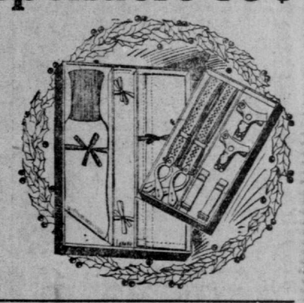
35c Kitchen Ranges, 25¢—Made of Cast Iron, complete in every detail.

50c "President" Suspenders 39c
The genuine President suspenders, known the world over as a 50c article. We offer a splendid assortment, each one packed in a holiday box.

Six Initial Handkerchiefs for Men, 39c
A regular 50c box, full size and choice of all initials.

Regular 50c Combination Sets, 39c
A pair of hose and a tie to match. Choice of navy, red, tan, gray and helio.

Men's 50c Neckwear, 39c
Each one packed in a holiday box. Silk knit and silk open end four-in-hands in a great variety.



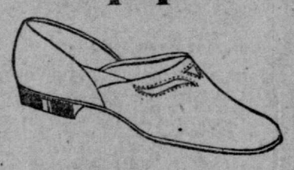
'Star Bargain' Plume Sale $1.55
Your unrestricted choice of our regular $1.95 line of French Ostrich plumes. They measure 15 inches long and are wide and full. The color assortment is broad, including two tone effects, French and royal blue, royal purple, golden brown, copper, green, cerise, gray, red, black and white.
Millinery Department, Second Floor.

"Star Bargain" Liquor Sale
A timely cut price event. The liquors you need for holiday purposes are featured.
50c Bottle—Six bottles assorted in a basket at **$2.75.** Choice of Martini or Manhattan Cocktails; Apple, Peach, Blackberry or Sherry Cordial; Vermuth, Creme de Menthe, Gin or Bourbon Whiskey.
Full quart wine, 22¢—Six bottles assorted in a basket, **$1.25.** Choice of Port, Sherry, Muscatel or Angelica.

25c GIFT NOVELTIES 19c

Clever Art Novelties—Shaving pads, hat pin holders, telephone note, match holders; tie, pipe and ribbon racks; glove and handkerchief boxes, etc. Our complete 25c line, **19¢.**
Laundry Bags, 25¢—Large size, made of fancy Cretonne.
Catch-all Bags, 19¢—A good assortment in fancy Cretonne, many color combinations.
Scarfs, Squares and Centers, 39¢—Our 48c line with scalloped and lace edges. Two sizes—18x50 and 30x70.
Tinted Hand Bags, 29¢—Made of Linen, cord and fringe included. This is our regular 35c line reduced for one day only.

Slippers for Men and Women



For Men—High grade Kid Romeos or opera styles (like the picture). Choice of black or tan in a full range of sizes.
This is a less than regular price. Buy those slippers for him on Friday.

$1.15

For Women—Felt slippers in two styles—both shown in picture on the right. Choice of fur or ribbon trimming, full size assortment in brown, gray, black and wine. This is a less than regular price. Make the most of it.

$1.00 CREPE CANTON AND CREPE ROYAL 49c Yard
A sensational price on a remarkable collection of 36 inch silk Crepe—the best ever brought to San Francisco to sell at such a price. It is the most popular fabric for waists, evening dresses, etc., and is ideal for lingerie purposes. The color list includes cream, pink, light blue, lavender, corn, tan, Copenhagen, gray, cerise and navy.

Black and White Waffle Check Suiting 44c
Save 6c a yard on 36 inch waffle suiting—a good firm quality; a great favorite this season.

$1.75 Hemstitched Table Cloths . . $1.35
Ten patterns in mercerized hemstitched table cloths that are 72 inches square.

4 POPULAR SONGS FOR 45c
A Star Bargain combination. "My Rose," ballad beautiful, and choice of any three popular 15c songs of the day—all for **45¢.**

$1.00 Box of Handkerchiefs 79c
Taken from our regular $1.00 lines. Four or six fine quality corner embroidered handkerchiefs packed in a handsome red gift box with raised floral effect decorations. Remember, this price for Friday only.

25c Box Children's Handkerchiefs 19c
Novelty boxes, trunks, suit cases, telephones, etc. Three in a box; our regular 25c line for **19¢.** Friday only.

Sale Boys' Caps 43c
A big cut price special. Made from overcoat cloth in medium and heavy weights. They are either lined or have taped seams. Good assortment of plain colors and mixtures.

$2.50 Blanket Robes $2.15
100 to sell at this low price. Scores of patterns and popular colors to select from. This price includes waist cord and frogs. Limit 2 to a customer.

Regular $6.98 Coats $5.00
A Star Bargain Special

A positive opportunity to save $1.98. Full length coats in novelty mixtures and mannish Tweeds—several popular styles to select from. There is a complete range of sizes for women, misses and juveniles.

Women's and Misses' Suits $8.75
A great Star Bargain offer on $12.50 and $15.00 suits—late styles in all-wool mixtures, novelty Tweeds and Whipcords. The size assortment includes a great showing for women, small women and misses.

$1.25 Eiderdown Dressing Sacques 98c
Made of high grade Eiderdown in red only, trimmed with black. A full range of sizes up to 48.

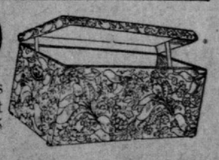
Flannelette Gowns Regular 75c Grade 63c
Women's flannelette gowns in blue, tan and pink stripes, double yoke, choice of high or low necks.

Coffee Percolators $1.85
Aluminum Percolators, 2 quart size. Perfect percolation and 20 year guarantee.
Brass Smoking Sets, 89¢—Full height stand sets, all complete.

Electric Irons $2.35
A Star Bargain gift special. 6 lb. irons, none better; fully guaranteed for 10 years. Remember, this is a Star Bargain Special and act accordingly.

Marabou Capes and Stoles $2.98
The capes are 5 strands wide and the stoles are 5 strands wide and 2 yards long. In both you have choice of black, natural, black with white, natural with white and Ostrich combined with Marabou. A great Star Bargain at $2.98

$1.35 Shirt Waist Boxes $1.10
A Friday special in Cretonne covered shirt waist boxes with castors. Many patterns to choose from, choice of light or dark colors. Regulation size boxes, our regular $1.35 grade. Friday price, **$1.10.**



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Dainty Novelties of all descriptions, especially designed for gifts.....15c to $10

Fancy Bags for Sewing, Street or Opera.....85c to $12

Creton and Tapestry Boxes.....30¢ to $5.00
Air Cushions.....50¢ to 75¢

Stationery for Gifts

Artistic Cabinets.....$1.25, $1.50 to $3.00
Die Stamped Initial Paper, Christmas box.....90¢
Fancy Box Stationery.....$1.50 to $7.50
Correspondence Cards, Holiday boxes.....75¢ to $1.75

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Fancy Boxes in all sizes and designs..5¢, 10¢, 15¢ to 40¢
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