

**THE NEW COPYING PAD.**

[Prairie Farmer.]

For a few weeks I have been using a contrivance for copying, which is so simple, and yet so useful, that I send you this receipt for making it, for the benefit of our readers.

I call it the copying pad, and think it essentially the same as being advertised, under a dozen more names, such as Electrophotograph, Copygram, Coratype, Copygram, Manograph, etc., and is being sold in all the principal cities by peddlers at from 2 to \$7 each.

**Directions for Making.**—Take two ounces of glue (white glue or gelatine looks best, but any clear one will do), soak it in cold water until soft, then pour off all the water, add one ounce of brown sugar to the glue, heat until dissolved, then thoroughly mix in two ounces of glycerine and pour the whole into a shallow pan to cool.

**How to Use It.**—Suppose you have lost a horse and wish to send fifty or sixty postal cards to neighboring places to publish the fact. You write your notice upon one card, and when the ink is dry, you place the ink side down upon the copying pad. After a minute or so when you remove it, you will find most of the ink has remained upon the pad. Lay an unwritten card upon the pad; press it gently down with your finger, and then remove it. You have a copy of that written upon the first card, and so on until you have taken fifty or one hundred copies. Then wash off the ink from the pad with a wet sponge, and you can copy another.

Write the original with purple ink, good copying ink will do, if this is reduced one-half in quantity by evaporation. The ink used for rubber stamps is just right, it can be bought at most drug stores. The following is the receipt for making the ink I use: One ounce of purple aniline dissolved in seven ounces of water; add one-half ounce alcohol; also sulphuric ether. This also makes a good common writing and copying ink by doubling the quantity of water. Nursemen will derive great benefit from this method of copying; a sort of advertisement to their regular printing.

Under a late ruling of the Post Office Department, matter duplicated in the above manner passed in the mails at the same rate as printed circulars.

THEO. WILLIAMS.

Maple Creek, Neb., Feb. 7.

Sharper are traveling along the Alabama, Georgia and Florida border, pretending to sell machinery. They get a farmer to sign a blank ordering certain kinds of machinery. The next morning the farmer hears of the machinery is a note presented to him, for say \$150, written on the blank above his signature. This fraud seems to be popular with sharper all over the country.

A good way to get rid of rats is to strew pounded potash in their holes. The potash gets into their coats and irritates their skin, and the rats desert their place. To prevent their coming in their holes and becoming offensive, poison them by mixing half a pound of carbolic acid with a quarter of a pound of lard. It produces great thirst, the rats leave their holes to drink and are unable to return.

It is said that intemperance in Rhode Island and Massachusetts is decreasing fifty per cent every year.

**"Somebody on the Line."**

A young fellow on Main street announced his intention, one day not long since, to make an engagement with a certain young lady to go to the theatre. The announcement was made in the presence of another young fellow, who had privately determined to do the same thing with the same lady, but had deferred it, because he was not certain that he could get away from business in time. He didn't like the idea of No. 1 getting ahead of him, but, not having a messenger at his disposal just then, concluded he would have to submit. No. 1 sent his note, addressed and couched a la mode, and in the course of half an hour was informed that the missive had been left at the lady's residence, but that she was not at home, and would not be there for several hours.

"Where is she?" inquired he of the messenger.

"She had just gone out to call on Miss —," was the response.

"Darn the luck," said No. 1.

"I'll have to wait in suspense now, until she goes home, and may be she won't get my note after all."

No. 2 heard this conversation with grim delight, and he chuckled to himself contentedly. Maria was safe for that night—but, ha! the telephone! Miss —'s papa had one in his house, and he might by its aid, get ahead of No. 1. The experiment was worth trying, at any rate. He rushed to the instrument, called the exchange, and desired to be connected with Major —'s. Done.

"Good evening, Miss —."

"Good evening, sir—who is that?"

"O, I'm Gawdge —"

"Is that you Gawdge? Why, how nice —"

"Is Miss — at your house?"

After a moments hesitation, "Yes, sir."

"I would be pleased to speak to her."

Another pause, then "Here she is."

"Miss —, is that you?"

"Yes, sir."

"I would like to make an engagement with you for Macaulay's to-night."

"The devil you would," was the reply.

Astonished. Gawdge knew not what to say. Again he made his proposition. The answer came back in dulcet tones:

"Oh, cheese that racket; I'm going with a better looking fellow than you."

The telephone dropped from his nerveless grasp, and he fled the spot. It is even now doubtful if he has found out that No. 1, suspecting his design, had "fixed things"—gotten "on the line"—and replied for the young lady from a house on Main street.

The ladies, who had not caught the interpolated answers, were much surprised at Gawdge's sudden silence, and chagrined at the fact that repeated calls failed to get him to answer. But when the cares of business were over, and No. 1 had a chance to get out towards Maria's home, they found out all about it, and laughed until they nearly split their corsets.

Moral—Don't fool with a telephone unless you know who is "on the line."

Kellogg made a defamatory speech about Senator Hill, of Georgia, the other day. Kellogg is in a close place, and he knows it.

**A Monotonous Crime.**

The latest accusation the Republicans bring against the Democrats is that of proposing to "steal Kellogg's seat in the senate." The Republicans have never been at peace since 1876 without some sort of pretext for charging their opponents with an attempt to "steal" something—probably because their own famous exploit in that line haunts their imagination and lends its color to all their phantasms. Everything presented to their vision takes the form of theft or robbery. The Democrats tried to "steal" the state of Maine; they are preparing to "steal" the presidency; to steal Washburn's seat in the house and to "steal" Kellogg's seat in the senate. But does it never occur to our estimable and honest enemies, who suspect all else of being thieves but themselves, that there is a slight inconsistency in yoking the Main case and the Louisiana case under the same name? If the Maine affair was an attempt to steal a state from the hands of its people, then the proposition to unseat Kellogg must be something other than stealing, for it is a proposition to restore a state to its people. Kellogg does not represent the State of Louisiana. He was not chosen by its legislature. It might be said, to borrow a term from the Republican vocabulary, that he stole his present seat with the aid of a Republican senate two years ago, and if he should now be ousted it would only be a restoring of stolen property to its rightful owners.

The Republicans ought to discover some other crime to impute to their opponents. They must not imagine that because they are most familiar with stealing public positions, stealing is the only offence that can be committed.—[St. Louis Republican.]

**THE TARIFF ON PAPER.**

Hon. J. Floyd King, of Louisiana, has attained a very enviable position during the comparatively brief term of his service in the House of Representatives. His management of the inter-oceanic canal question was especially judicious and able.

Mr. King has shown a commendable solicitude for the interests of the reading public by introducing a bill to amend the existing tariff so as to place on the free list "All chemical substances and materials imported exclusively for the manufacture of printing paper and printing inks, and all sized or glued or unsized printing paper used exclusively for books, magazines, pamphlets and newspapers." This change in the tariff is absolutely necessary in order to counteract the large artificial advance in the price of printing paper which has recently been established by a combination of manufacturers. The highest of civilization require that no such tax be placed on knowledge. We hope congress will pass Mr. King's bill without delay.—[N. O. Times.]

Bob Rogers, of Illinois, says he will support Grant for the next President. Bob used to be a Blaine (of Maine) man.

Gen. Grant telegraphs the City Council of Little Rock that he will be in that city about the 12th inst. He will go from there to Hot Springs.

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