

## COUNT VISITORS WITH THEIR EYES

Feats of Watchmen at the Library.

### BAROMETER OF CITY TRAVEL

All Strangers Flock to Library, Showing Rise and Fall of Human Tide in the Capital.

So fine a system of counting noses has been developed by door officials of the Library of Congress that an almost absolute record of the number of visitors to the Library is kept each day, and made up in official form.

The tabulated list is prepared in a daily report and is submitted every night to the superintendent of the building, Bernard R. Green. Mr. Green takes great pride in the accuracy of these reports, and he believes that not one person out of a thousand who enters the doors of the Library is missed by the sharp-eyed sleuths whom he has on guard at the entrance.

### Surprising Mathematicians.

These men are carefully instructed in the art of counting noses. No matter how great a rush of people there may be at the door of the blue-coated watchmen pick them out as they come in and mentally make a note of each successive stranger. They rarely ever jot down on paper the figures which they have added up in their heads, and the feats of memory which some of them perform is simply marvelous. They are not only as eagle-eyed as the famous sheriff of Nottingham, but they have a gift for keeping figures in their heads that places them in the front rank of mathematicians.

There is absolutely no way in which the doorkeepers can keep track of the visitors except by making a mental note of them. The men, of course, could not stand at the door, note book in hand, jotting down each visitor who enters as it would keep them busy doing that alone all day. Then, too, in looking at their notes many people would slip by the watchmen unobserved. The main doors to the Library are wide and often a half dozen people can slip in a group. It takes some sharp figuring to keep all these people sorted out and at the same time to answer the dozen or more questions fired at the doorkeepers by the visitors as soon as

## Limits Amount of Tips Officers May Give Away

Secretary Morton, of the Navy Department, Issues an Order That Will Make Car Porters Howl.

Secretary Morton will probably be waited upon by the officers of the American Anti-Tipping Association and the Amalgamated Order of Pullman Car and Hotel Employees when an order has just prepared limiting to 50 cents a day the tips which naval officers are to give when traveling at public expense is generally published.

The formal recognition of the tip by the Government will doubtless cause consternation among reformers, and the low limit fixed by the Navy Department will without question start a great agitation among tip receivers.

### Their Limits.

According to the new order, expenses of officers traveling in this country are not to exceed the following:

Actual cost of transportation, including Pullman fare.  
Meals on train, \$1 each.  
Hotel bills, \$5 per day.  
Single meals not on train, \$1.50 each.  
Tips on train, 50 cents per diem.  
Tips at hotels, 50 cents per diem.  
Transfer of baggage, \$1.

they make their appearance in the fairy-like interior of the Library.

### Barometer of Visitors.

One interesting feature about this daily visitors' list of the Library is the fact that it is the best possible sort of barometer of the so-called transient population of Washington. There is no place in Washington which attracts a larger percentage of the "sightseers" or visiting population in Washington than the Library of Congress.

It is easy of access, absolutely free and is famed all over the world for its beauty and attractiveness. It can safely be said that not one out of a thousand visitors who come to Washington misses seeing the Library.

An investigation of the reports in the hands of the superintendent shows that the daily average of visitors during the year is 2,300 persons. Strange to say, there is very little fluctuation during the year.

### Average Two Thousand.

The list would seem to show that Washington has about an equal number of visitors all the year around, despite the differences in the climate, and the

Excess baggage allowed by the regulations and charged for at regular rates. Carriage hire, when necessary for such expense is clearly shown.

Assistant inspectors, \$3 per diem for hotel bills; other expenses as above set forth.

### When in Europe.

Expenses of officers traveling in Europe are not to be in excess of the following:

Hotel bills, \$5 per diem; necessity for incurring such bills to be clearly shown.  
Single meals, \$1.50.  
Tips at hotels, \$1 per diem.  
Fees on merchant vessels, \$1.50 per diem.  
Steamer chair, \$1.  
Transfer of baggage, \$1.50.  
Actual cost of transportation when not furnished by the Government.  
Mess bills on board Government vessel, if officer is traveling as a passenger.  
Other incidental expenses incurred on account of travel and shown to be reasonable.

Increased throng that a session of Congress would seem to bring. This curious fact is accounted for this year by the St. Louis Exposition, which has caused a large traveling population and has increased the number of summer visitors here, foreigners particularly being in evidence.

During the past month of August the daily average has been 2,120 persons. This is a little below the number for the spring months, but this fall it is expected there will be an increase beyond all previous records.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON DREW WILL DELIVER AN ADDRESS

George Washington Drew, a well-known member of the Washington bar, will deliver an address on Thursday night next at the Columbia Theatre on the subject, "Our Vote; Citizens' Individual and Collective Responsibility to His Country." He will close his discourse with a brief sketch of Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Drew's argument will be an endeavor to impress upon the voters of this country their responsibility in the use of their franchise.

## SLAVE WEDDINGS TAKEN TO COURT

Legality of Ceremonies Will Now Be Tested.

### ACTION TAKEN ON A WILL

Fight for Absalom Lindsey's Property Brings Matter Up—Born a Slave.

It is probable that the question of the legality of "slave marriages" will come up for consideration in connection with the settlement of the estate of Absalom Lindsey, who died recently in Washington. By his will, dated January 23, 1886, he left his estate, with the exception of small gifts in money to other persons, to his wife, Lucinda Lindsey.

### Born a Slave.

Lucinda Lindsey, the widow of Absalom, in her petition for the probate of her husband's will, says he was born a slave in Orange county, Virginia, in 1822, and lived there until 1865, when he came to Washington. She further says while Absalom Lindsey was a slave he had several children by a slave woman, all of whom are dead except the contestants named. It is also explained that the contestants were born before the close of the civil war.

Mrs. Lindsey says she was married to Absalom Lindsey in Washington January 17, 1890, by the Rev. William James Howard, who at that time was pastor of Zion Baptist Church. After coming to Washington Lindsey, by his industry, accumulated considerable money and purchased premises 1113 Third Street southwest. The deed is dated July 23, 1874.

### Her Contentions.

Absalom left no children by his wife, Lucinda.

By act of Congress the children of slaves who were living together as man and wife January 1, 1866, were legitimized.

Mrs. Lindsey, in her answer to the caveat filed by Matilda Ellis and Charlotte Tucker to her husband's testament, contends that under the law and circumstances the contestants have no claim against the estate of Absalom Lindsey.

The matter will come up for hearing before Justice Anderson, sitting for probate business, on Tuesday next. Mrs. Lindsey is represented by J. Altheus Johnson and the contestants by Laskey & Thompson and S. D. Truitt.

## PARSON, IN BASEBALL, EARNS CHURCH MONEY

Backeye Preacher Has His Way in Reference to New House of Worship—Sharp as Steel Trap.

SALINEVILLE, Ohio, Sept. 3.—The Rev. John McKinstry had a problem on his hands. It was how to raise \$1,000 to complete a new church when all financial resources seemed to be closed.

Mr. McKinstry came to Salineville three years ago bubbling over with enthusiasm. At the first meeting he said to his congregation that he thought they needed a new church, worth about \$15,000, site and building.

"You can never raise that amount," said Elder Belcher, a prominent member. "The town's too poor and the church building we have now is good enough."

### Pastor Not Convinced.

The elder meant that to settle the matter, but the assertion did not satisfy the parson. He found that he could buy a fine lot adjoining a leading saloon for a pittance. He bought the lot and had the title made out in his own name before the fact of his purchase reached the public. Then the people wanted to know what he intended to do with the lot.

"Build a church," said he.

"Not on that lot!"

"Why not?" he asked.

That aroused the saloon keeper. He did not want a church there, and, moreover, he had money to buy what he wanted. He suddenly realized that he wanted to buy that lot himself. He sent a middleman to see the parson. The parson reflected and then said he would sell out for \$5,000. The middleman whisked, but it took \$5,000 to get the lot and the end the saloon keeper bought it. One of the conditions was that nothing was to be said about the sale for ten days.

### Church People Aroused.

The church people also were aroused. They did not want a church next to the saloon. A committee of the congregation waited on the parson and suggested an appropriate site on one of the fashionable streets. It would cost \$5,000, but Mr. McKinstry would forego his desire to build next to the saloon.

The committee on behalf of the congregation would undertake to pay for it.

"Bring on your deed in the name of the church," said the parson, looking over blue prints of church plans on his desk.

The fashionable site was bought, the deal was completed with the saloon keeper, and Mr. McKinstry had \$10,000 of the \$15,000 for the new church. By a

few more swift turns he had \$4,000 more, leaving a deficit of \$1,000.

One day he had an inspiration. "People are determined to be amused," said he, "and why not amuse them in a harmless sort of a way for the benefit of the church?"

He organized a double team of baseball players from among the oldest business and professional men in town. None were under sixty years of age and had quit playing ball with the decadence of "town ball." He had some trouble when it came to getting them into uniforms, but he succeeded. When he had his two teams in hand he set about getting up a rivalry between them.

The town papers were used for that purpose. One captain was made to say just enough about the opposing club to bring out the best there was in them.

### On the Local Field.

The local ball ground was procured for the day of the game. The parson had seen to it that refreshment stands were erected for the sale of ice-cream and lemonade. The women took charge of that department. There were plenty of other things on the ground for sale, but nothing to give away. Even score cards went at 10 cents each. The local photographer was on the ground with his camera to make pictures of the game.

People flocked in from miles around to see the game, to find the parson at the gate charging 50 cents for adults and 25 cents each for children and vehicles.

This was a stiff price for the location, but they paid it. It was for the new church, they said, and that made a difference. The old fellows played nine innings with long rests between each and it took a long time to complete the game. The parson encouraged them to take their time until he saw that the refreshments were almost gone. The score was high, but that made no difference.

When the parson counted up his money he found he had the needed \$1,000 and enough more to buy a new bell.

### DEPORTATION THE PENALTY IMPOSED ON BOY THIEF

PITTSBURG, Sept. 3.—"If you will take your boy to Philadelphia and promise never to bring him to Allegheny county again I will release him. Otherwise, he will be sent to Morgantown," said Judge Rodgers to Mrs. Mary Howard in juvenile court.

She brought her son, Edward, here last April from Philadelphia. He organized a gang of boys and robbed freight cars.

## AROUND THE WORLD IN SMALL CANOE

Daring Voyage of Two Vancouver Mariners.

Tiny Craft Now Sighted Off the Coast of England—Bound for London.

DOVER, England, Sept. 3.—The unparalleled voyage of the little two and a half ton sailing canoe Thilikum, from Vancouver, British Columbia, May, 1901, for London, is almost at an end.

The frail craft, with its three slight masts, was sighted today off Beachy Head, bound east, the direction of her port of final destination. She was sailing easily, and as no signals were made it is presumed the two daring mariners aboard are well. If good luck attends them the Thilikum should make London within the next two days.

### Record Trip.

No voyage in all the world's history can compare with that which this little canoe is successfully completing. The vessel is an ordinary dugout, carved out of the trunk of a tree, by an Alaskan Indian, in 1883. In May, 1902, Capt. J. C. Yoss, who owned the canoe sailed from Vancouver, accompanied by a single companion, a sailor named Harrison. He announced his intention to make Europe in the vessel, voyaging by way of the Pacific Islands, Cape Horn and the Azores. His friends endeavored to induce him to abandon the foolhardy trip, but he was determined.

### Reported From Azores.

From time to time reports were received showing that he and his companion were faring well, and that the little canoe was steadily holding to her course. She was last reported from Ponta Delgada, in the Azores, on August 12, having that day sailed for London.

At that time she had covered over 4,000 miles of her long journey. The distance from the Azores to Beachy Head is 2,000 miles, so that to date the Thilikum has sailed more than 6,000 miles—a record-breaking trip for a craft of her size, and without a parallel when her character is considered.

### CALLED BISHOP NAMES.

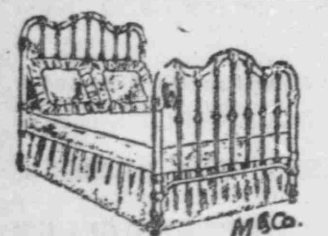
BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 3.—The Rev. C. R. Buck, pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church at Holly, a fashionable suburb, has caused an uproar by an interview upon Bishop Potter's connection with the Subway Saloon, in which he said that the D. D. after the bishop's name stood for "doubtful dignity" and L. L. D. for "Devil's Loyal Legion."

### Monday Only



This Bamboo Ottoman Seat, 15 inches high; strong, durable, and upholstered in fine Japanese matting. Worth \$1.25. Special

69c

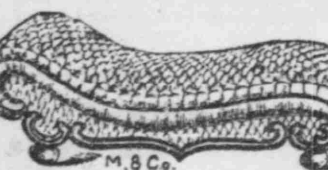


Handsome continuous post iron bed, one and one-eighth inch posts, heavy spindles, and extended footboard. Worth \$11. Special

\$8.19

Pretty iron bed, brass rods and knobs, heavy posts and spindles, footboard extended to floor. Worth \$6. Special

\$3.99



This handsome couch, upholstered in velvet; selected oak frame, seven rows tufts, high-roll head, full spring edge and head. Worth \$18. Special

\$12.95

Solid oak frame couch, five tufts, full set springs, upholstered in good velvet and well made. Worth \$9.50. Special

\$6.95



100-piece dinner set, good china, pink or blue decorations, all colors burnt in. Worth \$12. Special

\$8.39

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### Ingrain Carpets

55c Ingrain Carpet; choice of 5 patterns. Sale price..... 35c  
75c heavy Ingrain Carpet; choice of 7 patterns. Sale price..... 53c  
80c heavy wool Ingrain Carpet; choice of 10 patterns. Sale price..... 58c  
90c extra heavy wool Ingrain Carpet; choice of 10 patterns. Sale price..... 72c

### Brussels Carpet

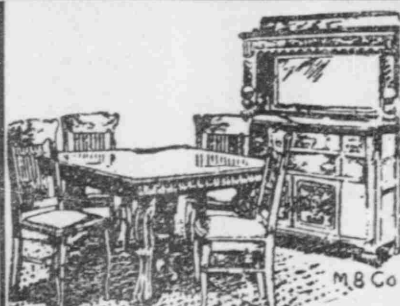
85c wool Brussels Carpet; choice 5 patterns. Sale price..... 65c  
\$1.00 all-wool Brussels Carpet; choice 6 patterns. Sale price..... 82c  
\$1.25 extra heavy all-wool Brussels Carpet; choice 6 patterns. Sale price..... 99c

### Velvet Carpet

\$1.25 all-wool Velvet Carpet; choice 5 patterns. Sale price..... 99c  
\$1.75 Wilton Velvet Carpet; choice 5 patterns. Sale price..... \$1.35

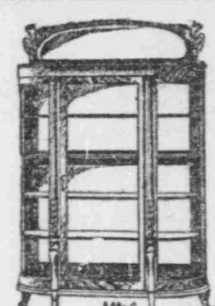
### Axminster Carpet

\$1.75 extra fine Axminster Carpet; choice 5 patterns. Sale price..... \$1.39  
All Carpets made, laid, and lined without charge.



A pretty solid oak Dining-room Suite, consisting of a large Sideboard, Extension Table six feet long with five legs, and four high-back cane seat Chairs. Worth \$29.00. Special,

\$19.49



This handsome full quartered oak China Closet, mirror top, highly polished and fine construction. Regularly \$32. Special,

\$21.75

## We Have Too Many Sideboards Great Reductions This Week



Solid oak Sideboard, neatly carved, large mirror, well made and finished. Regularly \$16.00. Special,

\$8.99

Large selected oak Sideboard, nicely carved, large bevel plate mirror, swell drawers and large cupboard. Regularly \$19.00. Special,

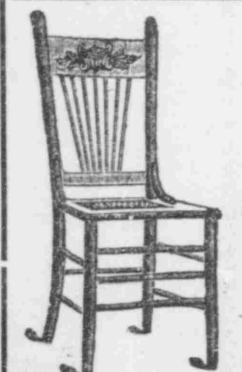
\$13.49

Handsome large solid oak Sideboard, extra large bevel plate glass, finely carved, swell top drawers, good construction and finish. Regularly \$26.00. Special,

\$19.75

Very handsome highly polished quartered oak Sideboard, swell front, large French plate glass, handsomely carved and fine construction. Regularly \$40.00. Special,

\$26.99



This solid oak Chair, high back, brace arms, cane seat, nicely finished and made. Special value,

69c



This fine two-piece Felt Mattress, guaranteed not to get lumpy or out of shape. The equal of any \$15 Mattress. In full size. Special,

\$8.69

A good cotton-top Mattress, straw filling, good tick, and full size. Special,

\$1.69

## Special Sale Odd Bureaus

Solid oak Bureau, French plate mirror, brass trimmings, well made and finished. A \$10 value. Special,

\$6.99

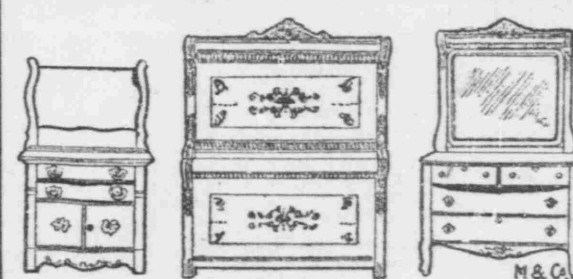
Pretty solid oak Bureau, oval-shape French plate mirror, swell top drawers, well made and nicely polished. Regularly \$16. Special,

\$11.79

Large full swell-front Bureau, nicely carved, extra large French plate glass, highly polished and good construction. Worth \$22. Special,

\$15.99

## Bedroom Suite Values



This handsome, massive Bedroom Suite, full roll, prettily carved, large French plate glass, highly polished and well made. Regularly \$40. Special,

\$31.75

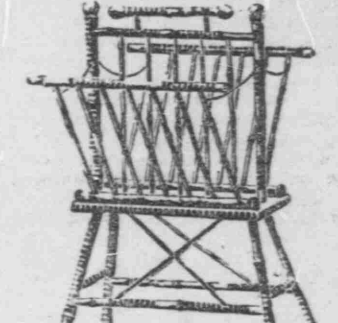
Pretty solid oak Bedroom Suite, nicely carved, large bevel plate mirror, good construction and nicely finished. Worth \$30. Special,

\$19.98

Full size solid oak Bedroom Suite, good size mirror, neatly carved, nicely finished and constructed. Special value,

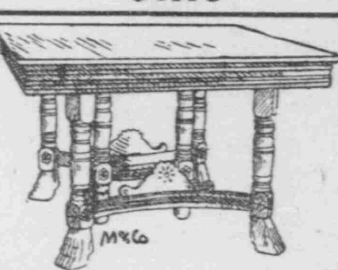
\$14.25

### Monday Only



This large, pretty Bamboo Music or Newspaper Rack; serviceable and well made. Worth \$2. Special

\$1.19

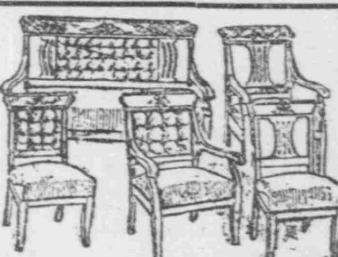


This heavy selected oak Dining-room Table, large twisted legs with claw feet, 6 feet long; highly polished and well made. Regularly \$11. Special

\$7.89

Solid oak five-foot Dining-room Table, six feet in length, strong and well made. Worth \$5. Special

\$3.49



Pretty five-piece Parlor Suite, upholstered in handsome green verona velvet, neatly carved frame, nicely finished. Worth \$30. Special

\$21.75

Heavy-frame five-piece Parlor Suite, nicely carved, upholstered in silk damask, puffed fronts, spring edge, and well constructed. Regularly \$45. Special

\$33.75



This adjustable side, sanitary iron Couch, complete with Mattress and Bolster Special

\$6.78