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Increase in 17 years..... 3.	22,232,714	49,781,985	52,423,293	2,683,620	3,320,118
Paid policy-holders in 17 yrs { 4.	52,746,900	74,475,861	79,617,758	10,327,121	18,688,910
Total of 3 and 4..... 5.	74,979,614	124,257,846	132,025,051	13,010,741	21,909,028
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Policy-hld'rs gain over prems 7.	11,590,656	8,894,573	2,614,296	—232,379	—73,378
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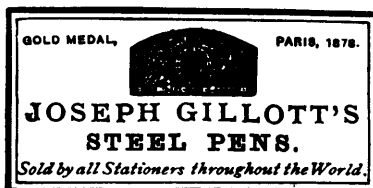
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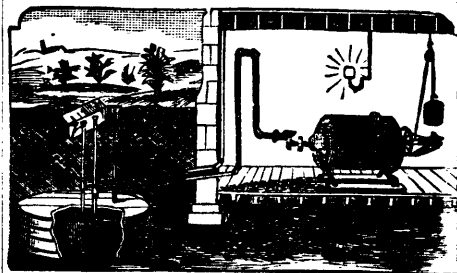
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