

We hope to see at the next meeting of the Association a more representative display by the many good photographers of the country. There are many photographers capable of turning out beautiful and really artistic work who have the idea that because they are not located in the large cities their work will not be appreciated or given a fair show beside the work of those whose names are better known, by means of greater volume of work turned out. This is a mistaken idea, and the sooner the good men of our smaller towns realize the fact that they will receive *just* as much favour at the hands of the Association, if their work deserves it, as the one who simply does business on a larger scale, the better it will be for all concerned. For the Association will be profited by an increased interest taken in its doings by the *majority* and what we may be pardoned for terming the country photographer will have a stronger motive to turn out better work. All who are in earnest should uphold the Association, and thus upheld and supported, it cannot fail of being the means of great benefit to the profession.

Answers to Correspondents.

This department is open to all, and has at its head a practical man who will be glad to advise on any troublesome points. We invite your free use of its columns.

H. C., PETERBORO.—To keep unmounted albumen prints flat, soak them in equal parts of alcohol, glycerine and water.

BANKER, BERLIN.—If you will write any of the stock houses in our advertising columns they will willingly give you cost of outfit such as you describe.

TORONTO.—Breathing on stubborn spots of shadow in negative most always brings the development up surprisingly.

Detected by the Camera.

Science is pressed into the detective service more and more. At one time it is chemical analysis, again it is the phonograph, and anon it is photography. A striking illustration of the latter application has occurred in Paris.

Two Parisian dressmakers on entering their rooms the other night found that their door had been broken open and that \$2,000 in bank notes and a box containing \$4,000 in notes and jewelry were missing. The arrest of the thieves—three men and two women—and the recovery of the greater part of the property to have been due to a "detective camera."

An amateur photographer lives opposite the dressmakers. He, looking out of the window one afternoon, observed two young women on the balcony over the way. With his camera he took an instantaneous photograph of the two strangers and closed the window. Some days later, on hearing of the robbery, he sent a print of his photograph to the police, who recognized the portrait as that of two women who frequently loitered in front of the Central Market. They were arrested and gave the names of their accomplices. Whether the motive of the young man who took the photograph was one of curiosity or whether he had a suspicion that the young ladies were thieves is not stated, but in any case the result was one to be thankful for.—*Baltimore Sun*.

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Photographing a "Grip" Germ.

Doctor Watkins, of New York, claims to have photographed a grip germ under the power of strong magnifying lenses. It is described as white, with sides and fibrous surface covered with hair so fine it could hardly be observed in the original micro-photograph. The germ body seemed to be undergoing constant changes, and in the meantime to be scurrying around among the healthy blood corpuscles in its neighborhood. Dr. Watkins thinks that the examination of the germ under the microscope proves that the germ attacks the blood rather than the mucous membrane, and that the pain experienced at various stages of the disease is owing to the wonderful activity or hilarious condition of the germ. While Dr. Watkins attaches great importance to his discoveries under the microscope, other physicians think they do not count for much. They can hardly believe that, after all the study and research of such men as Doctors Koch, Pasteur and Von Leyden in this direction, a New York physician could solve the problem so easily. But in spite of the discussion of these learned doctors, the grip germ marches steadily on its triumphant way, and doctors and laymen alike go down before it.

Mr. A. F. Webster, the well known steamship and ticket agent, will remove on February 1st to his finely fitted new offices, 64 Yonge Street, in the Globe building. We would recommend any one going abroad or south to write him for rates.