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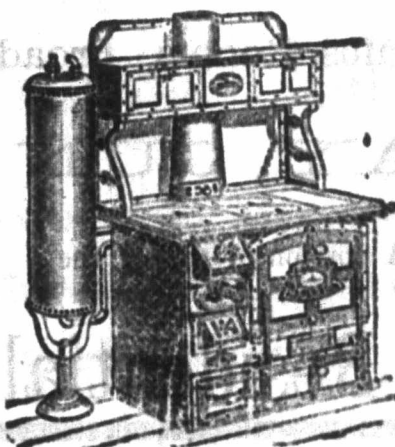
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AFTER a somewhat sensational trial in the city of New York, Mr. Erastus Wiman, of the well known business agency of Dun, Wiman & Co., has been found guilty of forgery in connection with the financial business of the concern with which he was connected and which he claimed to have done so much to build up and establish. We have no intention to discuss the merits of the case. Mr. Wiman has, it is said, appealed from the judgment; but there can be no doubt that on both sides in the conduct of the business there were grave irregularities. Unfortunately for him Mr. Wiman, who is an exceedingly clever man, has had too many irons in the fire, the result having been that he was financially swamped in some of his outside operations.

In reply to a number of inquiries on the subject the Minister of Marine recently issued a circular letter on the sealing question. He sets forth that, although the British pelagic sealers had kept without the prohibited limits during 1892 their catch had been 46,362 skins, against 7,500 by the U. S. Government lessees on the Pribyloff Islands. It is also said that in 1893, when the largest catch was made in the history of the industry, the pelagic sealers had captured 70,332 seals, the lessees of the islands only securing 7,425 skins. The Minister does not think that anything will be allowed on the *modus vivendi* claims, and the comfort he has given to the sealers is of the coolest possible kind. It has been well pointed out, however, that the British Columbia sealers during the pendency of the arbitration did what the *modus vivendi* required, and are therefore entitled to the compensation agreed upon by that convention.

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