

## Wonderful Increase in 1912 In Strength, Stability, Safety and Public Usefulness

Assets, over - - - - - 291 Million Dollars  
 Liabilities { Including Policy Reserve, 228 Million Dollars; and amount set aside for Holders of Deferred Dividend Policies, 31½ Million Dollars; of which there is payable in 1913, over 4 Million Dollars } nearly 267 Million Dollars  
 Capital and Surplus, over - - - - - 24 Million Dollars  
 Paid Policyholders in 1912, over - - - - - 31 Million Dollars

**Total Paid Policyholders Since Organization,  
 Plus amount held at interest to their credit, over  
 FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS**

Life Insurance Issued and Paid for in 1912, over - - - - - 480 Million Dollars  
 Increase in Insurance in Force, over - - - - - 192 Million Dollars

**More than 11 Million Policies in Force Insuring over 2 BILLION, 211 MILLION DOLLARS**

Over \$73,000,000 invested in Real Estate Bonds and Mortgages.

**Amount of Voluntary Concessions Paid to Policyholders to date, nearly 17½ Million Dollars**

Premiums were reduced in 1912 on New Ordinary Policies, and on new \$500 and \$750 Intermediate Policies.  
 126,000 Death Claims and Endowments paid in 1912. Lowest Expense Rate in the Company's History.

# The Prudential Insurance Company of America

**FORREST F. DRYDEN, President** INCORPORATED AS A STOCK COMPANY BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY Home Office: NEWARK, N. J.

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### Bees Keep Back a Train

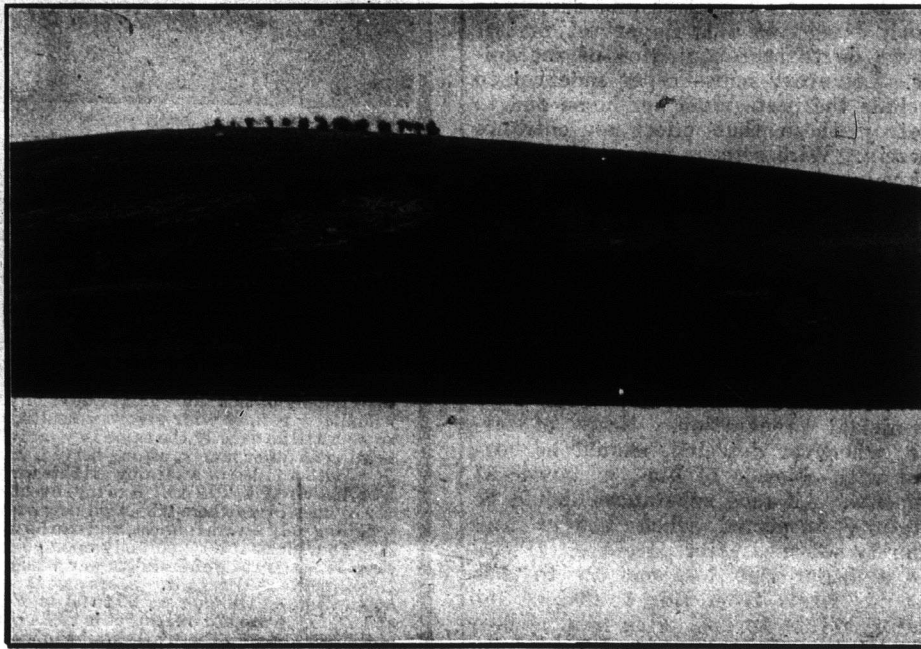
An extraordinary instance of the way in which tiny insects are sometimes more powerful than men occurred in Natal not long ago. A train was nearly due at Empangeni, when a swarm of bees invaded the station and drove off all of the passengers and officials. Messages were sent along the line to prevent the train entering the station, and the train pulled up in a siding 200 yards away, where the passengers alighted and the mails were unloaded. Until the bees thought fit to fly away, no men dared to enter the station. For a time the bees had conquered man.

### The Pope's Brother

An old man of 76, who carries letters for the village of Grazie, five miles from Mantua, in Italy, has just been to Rome to ask for an increase of wages from the Italian Government. His wages are now two shillings a day, to earn which he walks ten miles. The old man's appeal was granted, so that we may hope he is happier for his visit to Rome. We may be sure, also, that he called at the Vatican, for his name is Angelo Sarto, and his brother is the Pope.

### Saving the Children

It is an undoubted fact, according to the findings of investigators for the Fabian Society, that the great majority of babies born to London's poor come into the world normal as regards weight; rosy, fat little creatures, who should flourish and thrive in decent conditions. At the end of a year they show many signs of delicacy, most of which have been created by lack of warmth, lack of air, lack of medical



The Round-up.

care, lack of food. It seems certain that could these children have what is necessary to a healthy child, they are capable of growing up into healthy men and women.

"Baby clinics, school clinics, free public baths, free public washhouses would seem to be but the beginning of a scheme of national care for the nation's children. The argument that conditions of poverty are useful in that they kill off the sickly children and allow the stronger to survive is an argument which is not followed by its supporters to a logical conclusion. The conditions which kill a weak child drain and devitalize strong children. For every one who dies, three or four others live to be in need later on of sanatorium or hospital or even asylum."

"It would surely pay the nation to

turn its attention to the rearing of its children. It is of no use urging that parents are drunken and lazy and vicious; where that is true, all the more do their children need protection and care; in fact, they only have to be drunken and lazy and vicious enough for their children to be boarded out by the local authority, and four shillings paid weekly for their food alone, a sum undreamed of by the ordinary decent mother on a pound a week. If the parents, with all the strength, with all the industry, with all the thrift, with all the anxious care shown by the budgets, secured by the investigators, can lodge their children only as they do and feed them as they do, what is the use of appealing to the parents for what only money can procure, money being the one thing they have not got?

If this rich and powerful nation desires to have strong, healthy children, who are worthy of it, what is to prevent it? There is no reason why the school children should suffer from malnutrition, or why an unusually beautiful summer should kill off babies like butterflies."

### Value of Moving Pictures

At a large and representative gathering of Winnipeg women recently, a distinguished English visitor voiced her sentiments regarding the moving pictures, and declared her firm conviction that they are one of the most powerful educational factors of modern times. In the speaker's home country they are used extensively in the schools to teach history, geography, and natural science, and while as yet only the larger cities can afford this delightful method of imparting knowledge, a movement is being inaugurated having for its object the providing of films for the poorer districts so that all school children may share in the advantages which progressive educationalists find in the lessons taught by the carefully selected moving pictures.

In New York a company has been formed, which has for its aim the accurate and reverent interpretation of the Bible for educational purposes by means of moving pictures. Rev. J. T. Russell will instruct the readers who are to harmonize the spoken word with the pictures on the screen, and this advanced step in religious instruction is sure to be an immense help to Sunday school teachers and superintendents.

Gabe—"What is culture?"

Steve—"Culture is when you speak of the House Beautiful when you mean the beautiful house."—Cincinnati Enquirer.