

New U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

(Illustration on page 74.)

This magnificent building, now nearing completion, is without doubt the most perfect model of its kind in existence. Its construction and equipment were decided upon only after exhaustive study of mints both at home and abroad.

The building stands on Spring Garden street, with a frontage of over four hundred feet and a depth of two hundred feet; it is constructed principally of granite, brick and marble.

Ascending a wide flight of solid granite steps, the entrance to the main lobby of white marble, with its vaulted ceiling of Venetian gold, and glass mosaic, profoundly impresses the visitor, and from here the massive white marble staircase ascends to the second story.

From the main landing is the entrance to the handsome large museum, where the public will have ample room and light to view the rare and valuable collection of coins owned by the Government. This elaborate room is about forty feet square, finished in dark brown marble from floor to mosaic dome.

The main building surrounds two spacious courts, over fifty feet square, and is to be used principally by the administrative department of the mint.

The working department is in the building immediately in the rear. It is arranged in three large rooms, containing the great operating force of the important section of the mint; these rooms are surrounded by spacious galleries, from which the public can obtain a capital view of the operations below.

In the basement are the immense vaults, where millions will be stored; they cover an area of three hundred by fifty feet.

When ready for occupancy, next July, the New Philadelphia Mint will have cost the Government about two and a half million dollars, including the ground

and machinery. In comparison with the old mint, the capacity of the new one will be nearly two and one half times greater.

This very important addition to the splendid edifices of the city, is entitled to much greater space than we can possibly give it in a brief notice like the present.



Better Begin Now.

Many years ago Quintilian said: "Whilst we are considering when we are to begin, it is often too late to act." You have been putting off the matter of life assurance from year to year. Did you ever have a fear that when you might decide to begin the medical examiner, after giving you an extra look over, would shake his head and say: "Too late, my man, your heart is just a little off its beat," or tell you of some other thing of which you were entirely ignorant, and then he would be forced to place you upon the list of rejected applicants. This very thing is happening daily. Come now; how do you know but this may happen to you? You had better think over the matter.



Michigan's Annual.

The Indicator of Detroit gives an excellent report of the fifth annual gathering of the Michigan staff of the Sun Life of Canada, held at Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, recently. The representation was large, and from the toast list the proceedings must have been instructive as well as enjoyable. A pleasant feature was the presentation of a handsome gold band ring by the members of the Michigan staff to Manager John A. Tory.

Mr. T. B. Macaulay, secretary and actuary, was also presented with a traveling case companion.