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Special Insurance of Electrical Plant. For insurance, those engaged therein may reasonably claim that it keeps pace with all the changing circumstances of the period. Late London journals mention the foundation of a plan for insuring electrical plant, combined with boiler insurance. One English company undertakes during each year of insurance, for the mutual benefit of the assured and the society, to make three working or external examinations and one thorough or internal examination of each boiler, and will supply to the assured a copy of the report of each examination; and, as regards the new electrical department, a periodical inspection of electrical plant is provided for, and the insurance will include protection against legal liability for personal injuries or damage to property up to an agreed amount.

"The Enterprising Burglar" and Insurance. This is the season of rest and recreation when the tired man of affairs closes his desk and decides to join the children for a romp in the country, where he can lie idly in the sun, listening to the drowsy splash of the waves, gazing at the lovely unflecked blue of the sky, thinking of nothing and having nothing to think about—until his prudent, thoughtful wife breaks in upon his loafing with a query regarding the safety of the home they have "shut up" for a few weeks.

This closing of town houses informs the enterprising burglar that his season has also commenced, and when his occupation of the deserted residence comes to a close, he usually takes the best of its contents to some receiver of stolen goods.

However, the cost of burglary insurance is moderate, and the policies are very comprehensive, and if the sojourner at the seaside wants peace and comfort he cannot do better than cover all his household goods with a policy of insurance against the visits of Bill Sykes.

The Nugget a Brick. In calling attention in our last week's issue to the so-called nugget of gold valued at \$135,000, we expressed a wish to know how, when and where any miner unearthed a lump or mass of the precious metal of such weight and size. We are favoured by a Toronto broker with the explanation printed in our "Correspondence" column, from which it appears that the gold in question was not in the form of a nugget, but represented the very creditable first clean-up of a British Columbia mine.

Another Annexation Dream. There is something so startling in the annexation ambition of Congressman Chump Clark, of Missouri, that nothing save the recollection of former failures to capture this country, and the knowledge of an approaching Presidential election, enables us to keep cool. Talking to his countrymen at Boulder, Colorado, this extravagantly bombastic gentleman, in the course of a spread-eagle speech, announced himself as opposed to the Asiatic propoganda which he described as "the most preposterous scheme ever hatched in the brain of man, and the rankest sort of midsummer madness."

But although he has no stomach for expansion in the East, he casts a covetous eye on Canada. This is how Mr. Chump Clark expresses a desire to enter into and possess his neighbour's vineyard:

"I am this day in favour of annexing every foot of North American British possessions clear to the frozen ocean. It is contiguous territory, inhabited by much the same sort of people that we are, and who would become good citizens."

We yield to no man in liking and respect for the citizens of the Great Republic of which Missouri forms a part, and we feel sorry that they cannot make all their public men realize that to obtain possession of Canada is beyond their resources and strength. Mr. Clark is suffering from what he is pleased to call "the rankest sort of midsummer madness," and we are almost ashamed to attract attention to his condition.