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INSURANCE NOTES.

It appears, from the most recent blue book upon building societies, that there are 1,687 of these societies in England and Wales, and that their assets amount to more than £47,000,000. In 1,223 societies there is a balance of unappropriated profit amounting to £1,567,942, and in 266 societies there is a balance deficit of £57,353.

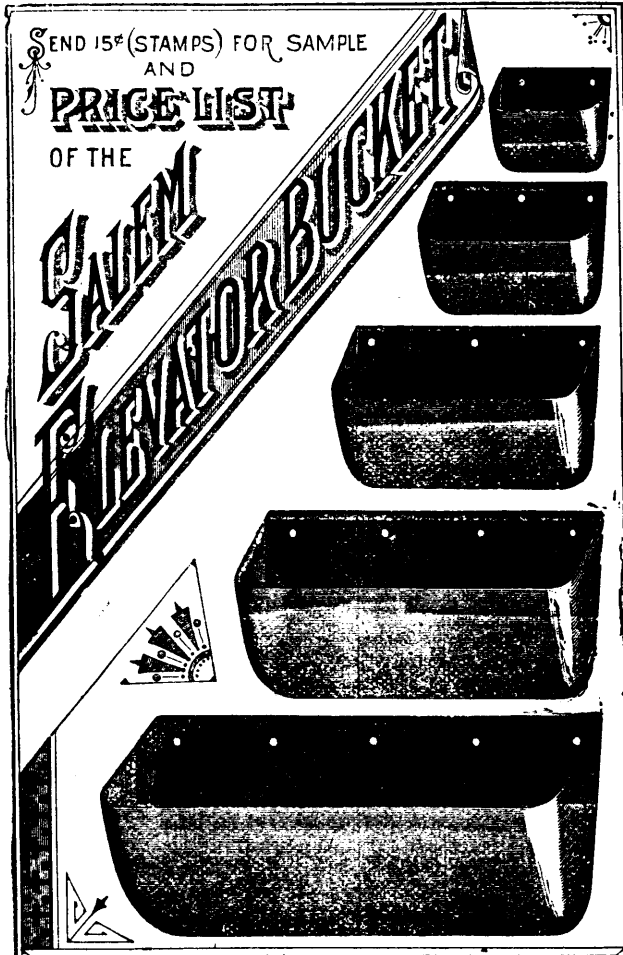
It is worthy of note, as indicating how futile has been the attempt of the Massachusetts Insurance Department to inaugurate a scare respecting the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, that, up to Thursday, only two (of the thousands of the company's policy holders) have taken the trouble to ask what all the Butler-Tarbox-Plympton hubbub is about. President De Witt and his company need not borrow any trouble as to the final result of the game attempted to be played on them.

The Ohio assessment life companies are dying off fast. The Ohio Mutual Union of Canton collapsed last week. Since the appearance of the Ohio insurance report of this year, the following co-operatives have failed: The Crawford Mutual Relief Association of Bucyrus, Northern Ohio Mutual Relief Association of Londonville, Eureka Life Association of Alliance, Ohio Valley Mutual Protection Association of Greenville, Mutual Aid and Life Association of Greenville, and Empire Mutual Relief Association of Greenville. The Ohio insurance report has a list of twenty four co-operatives which went to the dogs last year in that state.

The appealed case of the Globe Mutual Life Insurance Company, came up for trial in the Court of Queen's Bench in Montreal last week. The question was whether the Canadian policy-holders of the Globe Mutual Insurance Company, a foreign corporation which is being wound up, is entitled to be paid the full valuation of its policies out of the deposit with the Dominion Government, before the United States policy-holders can draw on the deposit. The chief Justice said the Court was unanimously of opinion that the Company was not doing business on the mutual principle, and the section of the Insurance Act cited by appellant did not apply. The judgment of the Court below was therefore confirmed.

A case of much importance to all members of beneficial and mutual relief associations has been on trial in the circuit of the Supreme Court at Corning, N. Y. Judge Charles C. Dwight of Hornellsville, N. Y., now deceased, was a member of the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association of Chicago. He failed to pay certain assessments, for death claims, and was accordingly (by the laws of the Association) no longer a member. But after the alleged forfeiture of membership the company continued to assess him the same as before, and stated that he would be restored to membership on payment of all arrears and the passing of another medical examination. He paid the arrears, but refused to try another medical examination. After his death the association refused to pay his insurance on the ground that he was not a member. Plaintiff's claim was that the company's continuing to assess him substantially made him a member, and that he was entitled to all benefits, the same as the other members. The case was contested quite warmly. The sum which the heirs of deceased claim is \$4,000.—*The Commercial Bulletin.*

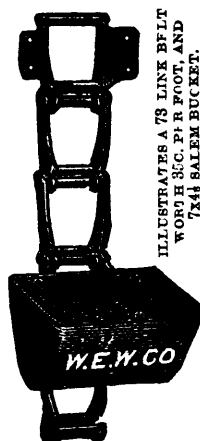
MASSACHUSETTS'S PROSPERITY.—The wealth of Massachusetts, as assessed for tax purposes, is \$1,781,297,061, an increase of 47,000,000 on the valuation of 1882, but \$109,000,000 below the inflated estimates of 1875. The growth of the Commonwealth is indicated far less by the valuation for tax purposes than by the increase in the number of polls, and the net gain of 5,618 houses. On the whole, the state has grown very fairly, money at interest and stocks have increased and the purchasing value of the money has advanced so much as to outweigh the apparent decline in the amount of money reported on hand. It would be strange if the ready money actually in Massachusetts, or under Massachusetts's control, were much less than \$150,000,000, as the money in the entire country is in excess of \$1,500,000,000. At any rate Massachusetts is richer in population and wealth than it was a year ago.—*Boston Advertiser.*

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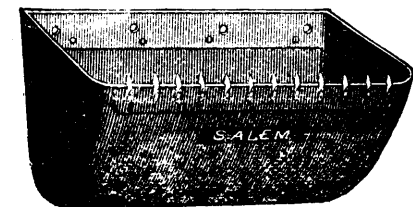
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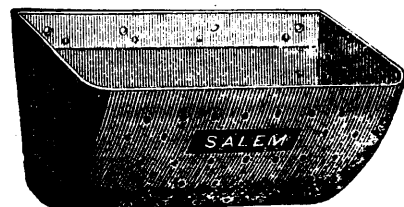
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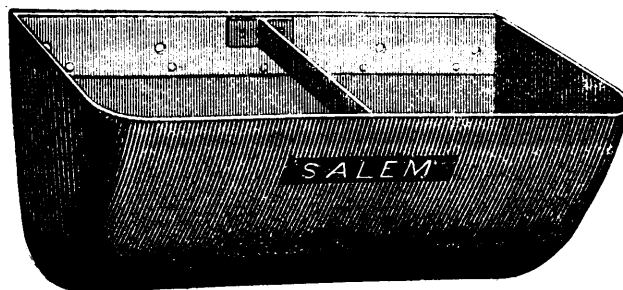
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