

EQUAL TO THE EMERGENCY.

THE well known publisher, Herbert S. Stone, described at a dinner in Washington the amusing and ingenious methods of a newspaper writer, who used to furnish articles at a special rate per column, says the New York Tribune.

He was once commissioned to do a serial story for a Chicago paper. The story, as it proceeded from week to week, was interesting, but it contained many passages like the following:

- "Did you hear him?"
- "I did."
- "Truly?"
- "Truly."
- "Where?"
- "By the well."
- "When?"
- "To-day."
- "Then he lives?"
- "He does."
- "Ah!"

The editor, sending for the man, said:

"Hereafter we will pay you by the letters in your serial. We will pay you so much a thousand letters."

The young man, looking crestfallen, went away, but in the very next instalment of his story he introduced a character who stuttered, and all through the chapter were scattered passages like this:

"B-b-b-believe, me, s-s-s-sir. I am n-n-not g-g-g-guilty. M-m-m-my m-m-m-mother e-e-committed this e-e-crime."

SOME NEW MAPS.

Five paper-mache maps of Rocky Mountain regions have been completed by Mr. Bell-Smith, the Canadian artist, and have been sent to the Canadian Pacific hotels in the Rockies. They show the principal mountains, passes, rivers, etc., and will be for the use of guests in mapping out trips.

A SOUVENIR.

An interesting old catalogue has just been acquired by Mr. C. H. Gould, librarian of the Redpath Library, McGill University. It is the catalogue of the old Montreal library and bears the date March 7, 1796, and gives an idea of what Montrealers were accomplishing 108 years ago in the way of libraries, and it would seem that the city more than a century ago possessed what Andrew Carnegie offered to give it recently. The old book at McGill is printed both in French and English and the type is of the old style. The title page reads as follows: Catalogue of English and French books in the Montreal Library, with rules for the same made and agreed in the general meetings of the proprietors. Montreal. Printed by E. Edwards, No. 135 St. Paul street. 1796.

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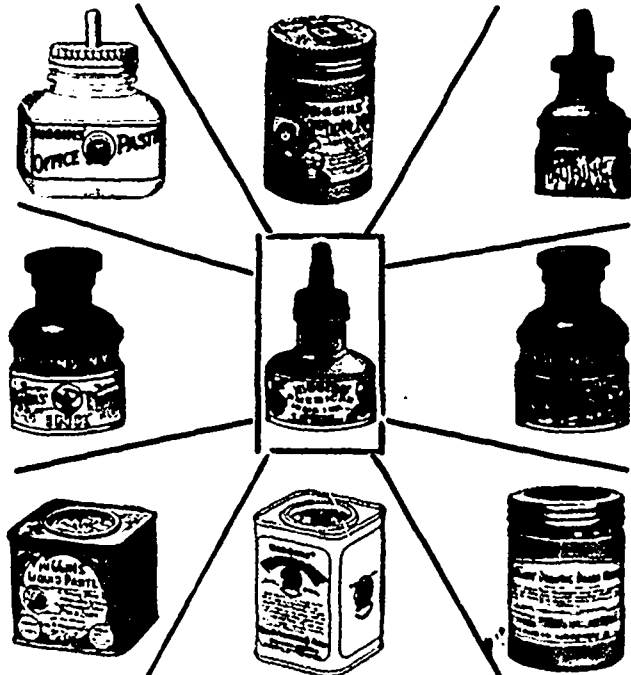
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