

"THE National Burglary" insurance company of England issues a policy by which a cyclist may insure his machine against burglary, theft and fire, and himself against accident while riding.

In Portage la Prairie, Wm. Burton, general store keeper, has got into difficulty and assigned. In March, 1894, he removed thither from Carberry, but the move was not a good one. Mr. B. was disposed to do too much business.

LESS than six months ago Osborne & Flower started as ladies' tailors in Toronto. The former became dissatisfied and retired after one month's experience. Strong competition and a lack of capital has already brought the assignment of the latter.

NEARLY a year ago, Christie & Crabtree leased the Napanee paper mills at Napanee at a nominal rental. The former retired from the firm six months ago and the business was continued under the old style. Lack of capital, with machinery slightly antiquated, for the competition of the present day, has resulted in an assignment of Mr. Crabtree, with liabilities of \$4,000 or \$5,000. About eighteen months ago, Charles O'Brien succeeded O'Brien Bros. as cigar makers in Barrie, but he has not made sufficient progress and now assigns. A chattel mortgage given by W. J. Devlin, harness-maker, Peterboro, about five years ago, has been foreclosed and the stock sold. A chattel mortgage was given by Yerex Bros., photographers, Belleville, in order to obtain capital with which to start business. Thus handicapped, they could not compete, and have now assigned.

In July, 1893, J. W. McAlpine removed from Mitchell to Glencoe, where he opened a tailor's and men's furnishing stock. His statement at that time was that he had a surplus of \$1,330. But it is doubtful if he ever prospered. Some time ago he was sued and now we hear that he has been obliged to assign. Samuel Magill, of Hamilton, dealer in fuel, finds his stock seized at the instance of his landlord. A bailiff in the same city advertises for sale the

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millinery stock of Helen Stewart. Another Hamilton failure is that of F. J. Dodman, who has been a grocer there for ten years. At one time he did a nice trade, but latterly has, unfortunately, neglected it. This caused him to be slow in making payments, and the result is that he has been twice sued and now assigns. The grocery business carried on under the style of Munn & Co., Paris, has been seized under power of a chattel mortgage. The owner is P. W. S. Havill, whose expenses were out of proportion to the amount of business done.

A WELCOME novelty has been introduced by the Pennsylvania railway lines in the establishment of a uniformed parcel porter service at the Jersey City passenger station. The duties of these porters are to look after the comfort of all arriving and departing passengers, and to accompany them (if desired) between Cortlandt street ferry, New York city, and the American Line Pier, Sixth Avenue Elevated Railroad, etc. This will assist to make the railway service of the American railways resemble in one particular the old country roads, though it will take a long while to get the "independent" (and rude) American servant to render the courteous attention of the "foreign" one. These Jersey City porters are not permitted to charge for this service, nor to intimate that a fee will be expected. Any recognition of their assistance must be in the nature of a positive gratuity, entirely optional with the person served. Ten to one the rich American travellers will spoil them by too lavish tips.

THE SUPPLY OF SUGAR.

Mr. Neville Lubbock, of one of the chief English colonial sugar firms, says the world's supply of sugar from July, 1894, to July, 1895, was about 800,000 tons in excess of consumption. The supply from July, 1895, to July, 1896, was estimated at 1,300,000 tons under the preceding year. The 800,000 excess did not suffice to carry over that year, and for the following year it is difficult to see how anything like an adequate supply could be forthcoming. Prices, therefore, must rise.

The only way to meet the inadequate supply, Mr. Lubbock believes, is by a reduction in consumption, which can be best brought about by higher prices. Stocks are now running low, and will continue to do so rapidly. The visible supply of the world, now about 1,900,000 tons, he estimates will be reduced to about 800,000 tons by October. The shortage is entirely due

to the troubles in Cuba. New York is not receiving its usual supply from Cuba, and must come to Europe for it. New York has already drawn as much sugar from Java and Egypt as American houses could get. These supplies from the East must finish within a month's time. American refiners hold small stocks, and they are expected to come on the London market shortly for supplies.

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