

not equal to the task of disposing of the goods offered. If, according to this mixed reasoning the apparent revival of trade is due to the exhaustion of supplies and it cannot last, and if the past dulness has been due to overproduction and an excess of goods, what can we expect will happen to restore trade? The argument clashes and the grumblers must get to the rear. Those who are at the front now will stay there and reap the fruit of their energy and intelligence. They who fail to take advantage of the opportunity and who neglect to advertise themselves and their goods are the laggards who will get left—badly. People are not going to overstock if they can help it, but will keep up a steady round of purchases. The consuming element will not be wanting, and it will sustain commerce. Don't buy in excess and don't try to make people buy more than they want or that for which they will fail to pay. Keep your name before the public, give value for value received, and you will prosper.—*American Stationer.*

Means of Promoting Honesty.

The theory that higher salaries for bank employees would secure more honest service did not find much support with the practical men who discussed, at the Bankers' Convention in this city, the best means of promoting honesty of those who served them. There is no pernicious or fallacious doctrine than honesty is a purchasable commodity, and only procurable at a high price, and the preaching of it is, no doubt, responsible for no small portion of the wrong doing that has come to light, for it has frequently justified petty thieving to the consciences of weak men, and eventually led to more serious deflections. Of all those who during the past year betrayed their trusts and robbed their employers, not one was in receipt of what could be called a small salary, or whose peculations would have been prevented had their salaries been doubled. If any bank, or company, or corporation has a clerk whose fidelity depends on the amount of his salary, it would be better to let him go at once, without making the effort to satisfy him. Such men value their services at very high figures, and their running expenses are apt to be large. Probably one of the most sensible things the Convention did in the way of preventing losses by employees was the action it took to secure a revision of our extradition treaty with Canada.—*The Chicago Journal of Commerce.*

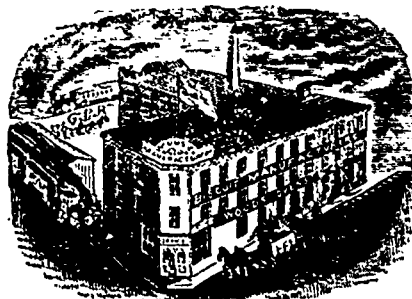
Human Electrotypes.

M. Kergovate, a chemist of Bresl, has proposed a new method of disposing of the human body after death, which he considers preferable in every way to either burial or cremation. His system is an antiseptic one, much simpler and less expensive than the old process of embalming, and is nothing more than a new galvanoplastic application. The body is coated with a conducting substance, such as plumbago, or is bathed with a solution of nitrate of silver, the after decomposition of which, under the influence of sunlight, leaves a finely divided deposit of metallic silver. It is then placed in a bath of copper sulphate, and connected for

electrolysis with several coils of a gravity or other battery of constant current. The result is that the body is incased in a skin of copper, which prevents further change or chemical action. If desired, this may again be plated with gold or silver, according to the taste or wealth of the friend of the dead. M. Kergovats has employed the process eleven times on human subjects, and on many animals, and states that in all cases it was perfectly satisfactory. In spite, however, of his warm recommendation, the idea is repulsive. It seems a mockery to give permanence to the temple, when all that once made it valuable is gone.—*Chicago Journal of Commerce.*

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