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The PEDLAR People [85].

Driving a Good Bargain.

ed the scanty fringe of hair from that point of vantage. He could contain himself no longer and burst out incredulously: "Father, do —you—get a quarter for cutting that?"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Side-Walls

been discovered.

Numismatists have long associated the coin with California, which was not a difficult deduction from the letters "CAL" and the date 1848, and yet they have not been sure. Some collectors included it among the pioneer or private gold coins of California and even among the pattern or experimental issues of the United States Mint at Philadel-mbts.

sues of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

As a matter of fact the first theory is correct, but besides being associated with the first California gold used at the mint with which to strike United States coins this quarter eagle is of interest as a reminder of the fact that prominent Government officials were sceptical as to the yellow metal being gold. This sceptism is shown by certain letters recently found among Government documents.

In a letter to Brig.-Gen. R. Jones, Adjutant-General of the United States Army, with headquarters at Washington, dated September 19, 1848, Col. R. B. Mason, commanding the military department at Monterey, Cal., stated that he was sending samples of gold results.

minitary department at Monterey, Cal., Statistical department of the was sending samples of gold received from a dozen or so persons, among whom was Capt. Sutter, in the care of Lieut. L. Loeser, who on August 30, with the original of the letter, had salled on the schooner Lambaycana for Paytu, Peru, on his way argund Cape Horn and thence to Washington.

son.

In addition to these specimens of gold, the letter went on, the Lieutenant carried a tea caddy containing 230 ounces 15 pennyweights 9 grains of gold. This was purchased at San Francisco by Col. Mason's orders, "and sent to you as a fair sample of the gold obtained from the mines of Sacramento. It

is a mixture coming from the various parts of the gold district.

Gen. Jones upon receipt of the tea caddy evidently turned it over to the Secretary of War. William L. Marcy, who sent it to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia in care of Lieut-Col. Coboper, who bore a letter to the Director dated December 8, 1548. In this letter the Secretary stated that the tea caddy was supposed to contain 230 ounces 15 pennyweights 9 grains "of what is presumed to be gold."

This metal, he wrote, had just been forwarded from different localities in California, and doubt was expressed by several persons as to its actually being the precious metal. In the event that the metal proved to be gold, Secretary Marcy requested that "the two medals ordered by Congress" what these were is not at present known, but they probably had to do with the Mexican war-be struck in it, that a pound of the nure metal be returned by Co. Cooper, and that the remainder, with the exception of one or two small bars, be coined and sent with the bars to the department.

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one or two small bars, be colned and sent with the bars to the department.

He said that as many persons might desire to procure a specimen of coin made from California gold by exchanging other coin for it he would suggest that the metal be made into quarter eagles, with a distinguishing mark on each, if any variation from the ordinary issues of the mint would be proper and could be conveniently made.

James Ross Snowden, Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, on December 12, 1848, wrote Co Mr. Marcy acknowledging the receipt of Vehe gold, which he said had been deposited to the name or the War Department. He urther said that a portion would be reserved for the medals and the rest coined, subject to his order. The gold in the caddy after refining amounted to 211 ounces 46 penny-fleghts of gold, of a fineness of .894%, and was valued at \$3,910.10.

It is easy to infer that the distinguishing mark placed upon the coins, in accordance with the suggestion of the Secretary of War, was the letters "CAL." A change in the design of a United States coin cannot be accomplished quickly, and therefore it is reasonable to suppose that the Director resorted to the simple expedient of punchmarking the three letters on the quarter agales struck from this first lot of California gold.

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If the Director followed out the plan outlined by him in his letter it is probable that the number of quarter eagles bearing this mark was between 1,000 and 1,200.

It may seem odd, in view of subsequent events and of the fact that for a long time after the date of the letter of the Secretary of War California was the greatest gold producing region in the world, to think that persons high in authority should regard with suspicion the first gold from California, and yet many of the samples spoken of by Col. Mason did prove to be utterly innocent of the presence of the precious metal. The mint assayers, Eckfeldt and Dubios, in whose hands all the first samp as of California gold were placed for assay and valuation, stated in one of their reports that "the first sample of ore was sent to us by an officer in the army during the Mexican war, and in advance of the wonderful rumors, but so perfectly exempt was this considerable invoice of stones from anything like precious metal that we might be forgiven for having joined in the general incredulity by which so many have been degiven for having joined in the general in-credulity by which so many have been de-ceived and some belated. Other specimens have since been forwarded for examination by the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, most of which were equally unproductive, disprov-ing at least the common impression the everything in the gold region is gangue for gold."

gold."

While it is possible that a thousand and
While it is possible that a thousand and more of the quarter eagles in question were originally coined, still it is lkely that few are now in existence. Collectors do not con-sider their series complete unless their cabinets contain a specimen of this variety, a as much as \$36 was this year paid for specimen in uncirculated condition.

TIPS NECESSARY IN MEXICO.

A Nuisance That Even the Government Cannot Suppress.

There is no city in the world where what may be called "tip mania" has become so deeply rooted as among the people of the city of Mexico.

The tipping habit is becoming a law, which, of course, is better observed by

tause who are to receive the tips. If you fall to tip any one who has rendered you a service, even if you have already paid a high price for it, you are liable to be insulted and abused.

Summon a cargador, arrange with him Summon a cargador, arrange with him for the transportation of a bundle, and if after the work is done and the price agreed upon is paid you do not give him his "aguital" you will be insulted, and that cargador, nor any of his friends, will ever do any work for you.

Restaurant waiters, barbers, coachmen, bootblacks, porteros, mozos—everybody wants a tip, and they all have special names to call those who do not give tips. For instance, at a restaurant, they are called "jamones" (bams) or heef-

are called "jamones" (bams) or beef-steaks; at a barber shop "musicos"

musicos (musicians). by coachinen something that would not look well in print; by bootblacks "chivos" (bucks) and by porteros "sinverguenzas."

Such warning is enough. No one in the group will render services, giving as an excuse that he is very busy (mi jefective serve muy connede ahorita).

an excuse that he is very busy (mi jefecito, estoy muy ocupado ahorita).

Howeyer, all these people have found of a funeral, a vastly more happy occur-

an easy way to compel pepole who have not fallen into the habit of giving tips to exploit them, and "volis nolis" they have to open their purse.

After 10 o'clock at night cabs charge double fare, Any one who takes a cab at, say, ten minutes to ten, and discharges It fifteen minutes after ten, is compelled to pay half an hour at regular rates and another half an hour at night rates. If a cargador is sent on an errand he sometimes will spend half of the day at m

a pulque joint, and will return saying that either he could not find the house or the person whom he was to see. Then he exacts additional payment for "time lost"

Restaurant waiters double the price of articles consumed, especially if they are not included in the bill of fare, which happens very often.

Bootblacks seldom have change, and if sent to get it one often never sees them

As to porteros, their most efficacious means to compel people living in their houses to give them a tip to refuse to

open the door.

In barber shops "musicos" are compelled to wait for a long time, and when ir the chair they are either tortured by dull razors or barbers take more time than would be required to shave the entire body of a bull.

Besides these tips there are the gifts which have to be made on different days

which have to be made on different days of the year to servants or poeple who in any capacity render their services. New year, the "ann nuevo"; January 6th, the "santos reyes"; February 2nd, the "candelarita"; March 19th, the "San Josesito"; Holy Saturday, the "Judas"; June 24th, the "San Juanito"; feast of Corpus Christi, the "mulita"; August 15th, the "Ascension"; September 15th, the "Independencia"; November 1st, the "Calavera"; December 12th, the "Guadalupe"; and Dec. 25th, the "Aguinaldo."

On all these days servants, newsboys

On all these days servants, newsboys who deliver the paper at home, letter carriers, butchers, tailors, shoemakers,

carriers, butchers, tailors, snoemakers, evedybody expects to receive a gift of some kind, preferably in cash.

The tip question has become such a nuisance in Mexico city that some months ago the government of the Federal district announced that cabmen, eral district announced that cabmen, cargadors, mecapaleros, etc., who accepted tips would be discharged. Unfortunately the public prefers to tip all these people rather than to hear themselves called by the form people rather than to hear themselves called by the far from sweet names that such people apply to non-tipping persons. —Mexican Herald.

with you a gun, and you cannot know

how he knows. Once satisfied that you

If you pass on with indifference, which

is the usual way, he will sit himself

a little farther and sit down again. If by any means you manage to offend him deeply at this juncture the chances are that he and his comrades may retire still farther, and then bark ceaselessly until

they have hooted you out of the neigh-borhood. That night he and some of his

straps from your saddle, the meat from

the frying pan—and politely clean the pan—and even the boots from beside

your lowly bed.—From "The Figurehead of the Frontier," by James W. Steele in

The Hyslop Murder.

(Windsor Record.)
The collapse of the notorious Idaho case, in which three men, Haywood, Moyer, Petidone, were indicted for the murder of exGovernor Stuenenburg, on the testimony of Orchard, who said he was the hired assassin of these men, recalls the Ancaster township case tried in Hamilton, Ontario, about fifteen years ago.

Wedding in Place of Funeral.

For years, says the Iron and Coal Trades Review, the steel industry has confidently expected to see a fulfilment of the prediction made long ago that the open-hearth process will go to the funeral of the Bessemer." Recent de-

rence. The duplex process is rapidly gaining favor, and the details are being worked out in different ways by differ-

ent metallurgists. It is more a matter of appliances and manipulation than processes, as the metallurgical work is

CORRECT POSITION.

Tom-What'd de matter? Dick-Nothin'; we's playin' auto

laid out very clearly.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

the Outing Magazine for July.

DON'T The Cunning and Patient Coyote. This is the coyote: Co-yo-tay, with all the syllables, to the Mexican who named **Keep Hens** "Kiote" merely to the American Make Them wanderer who has come and gone so often that he at last regards himself a resident stockman and farmer. It is this

Keep You! little beat's triangular visage, his sharp nose fitted for the easy investigation of other people's affairs, his oblique green eyes with their squint of cowardice and Get twice the eggs at ½ the cost with feed at 10c a bushel, as used and en-dorsed by best breeders. Unequalied for layers and growing chicks. No man too noor to feed it and no man rich enough to buy better. No time to lose. "Do it now" and win out. Send stamp to-day for particulars to Brant Poultry Yards. perpetual hunger, that should have a place in the adornment of escutcheons. It is notorious that the vicissitudes of his belly never bring him the fate upon whose verge he always lives, and that

Odd Rules of life.

that, will bring an end to his forlorn career. As his grey back moves slowly along above the reeds and coarse grass, and he turns his head to look at you, he knows at once whether or not you have with you a gun, and you cannot know Galipaux, the actor, laughs at the old precept of "early to bed and early to rise," says the London T. P. O. How can a man do these things if he is an actor? And as to the advice to avoid disagree able emotions, you might as well tell a man who has dyspepsia that the best are unarmed, he will remain near in spite of any vocal remonstrances, and way is to take no notice of it—or, worse still, in acordance with the teachings of Christian Science, tell him he has not

spite of any vocal remonstrances, and by and by may proceed to interview you in a way that for unobtrusiveness might be taken as a model of the art. Lie down on the thick brown carpet of the wilderness and be still for twenty min-utes, and watching him from the corner of your eye you will see that he has been joired by others of his brethren hitherto unseen. He seems to be curious to know, first. if you are dead, and, second, if got dyspepsia after all.
Such is Galipaux's opinion; neverthe less, he believes in a certain regularity of life. He has his table set for dinner at seven o'clock. Even if he is not in the house the dinner is served as usual He often finds the knowledge that the first, if you are dead, and, second, if by any chance—and he lives upon meal will be served at that hour with out fail is an inducement to him to hurry home, when otherwise he would not trouble himself to do so. chances—there is anything else in your neighborhood that he might find eat-

General Gallifet, who even as far back as the early sixties received fearful wounds from which it seemed honeiess to suppose that he would recover, has down upon his tail on the nearest knoll, and loll his red tongue, and leer at you as one with whom he is half-inclined to still the same elegant figure and the same dashing style as in youth. His rules are "absolute sobriety, never read the papers, laugh at death, but have a terror of fools." claim acquaintance. He looks and acts then so much like a grey dog that one is inclined o whistle to him. Make any hostile demonstration and he will move

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Smokestack Arsenic.

Thousands of tons of arsenic are wasted annually in the fumes that pour from the stacks of the great smelters of the United

atacks of the great smelters of the United States, says the United States Geological Survey, yet notwithstanding this waste, or perhaps because of it, 8,000,000 pounds of amenic or arsenic compounds, costing about \$375,000 were imported by us in 1905. In that year our domestic production of arsenic was only one-sixth of the quantity imported, of the value of only \$63,400.

France, England, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Canada and the United States are the principal arsenic producing countries.

In the United States, as also in England, the great bulk of the arsenic produced is from smelter fumes. English smelters are not allowed to pour arsenical fumes into the air, forcing them to make money out of the white arsenic saved. In the United States only two smelters have plants for saving it, one at Anaconda, Mon., and the other at Everett, Wash. in of these men, recalls the Ancaster township case tried in Hamilton, Ontario, about fifteen years ago.

Treasurer Hyslop, of Ancaster, was murdered in his home at midnight by two men, ovidently bent on robbery. The crown endeavored to secure the conviction of one man on the testimony of another who eadd he was the partner in crime of the man in the dock. The court refused to convict on the testimony of a self-confessed assassin, whose motive seemed to be the carning of the large reward, and the case was added to the long list of murder mysteries that has accumulated since the Biddulph township affair, thirty years ago, when several members of the notorious Donnelly family were snuffed out by vigilants. The Ancaster and Idaho cases are alike as illustrating the fact that the testimony of a criminal must always be heavily discounted in any kind of trial, mere especially when the witness is a confessed accomplice of the accused.

The query now is what will be done with orchard? He was doubtless assured of immunity on the conviction of the men indicted. The story of his complicity in a system of wholesale murder and destruction of property was doubtless substantially true. If he was not the tool of organized labor, whose hireling was he? Will an endeavor be made to discover his employers?

A contemporary calculates that the son and heir of the Duke of Westmin-ster will possibly have an income of something like a sovereign a minute. The duke's income is stated to be £250,000 per annum, but when the leases of his property in Belgravia fall in, this income will probably be at least doubled.



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SOUNDPROOF ROOMS.

Subterranean Refuge From Thund er in a Westchester House.

If Mrs. Isaac L. Rice is opposed to noises, so also is Mr. Rice, at least when he is playing chess. In the house on Riverside Drive, which he has just sold there one noiseproof room.

It is hewn out of solid rock, under the house, and its roof and entrances are so arranged that no noise can reach the occupants. The room was built to gratify Mr. Rice's chess habits. Every week for some time the leading players of New Nork west there

York met there.

There is another subterranean room in a Westchester mansion. The idea was to create a room light and abund proof to be used as a place of seclusion when lightning flashed and thunder roared and the elements made things generally and the selements made things generally and he elements made things generally un-leasant for people who had nerves.

It is said that hardly a sound of the heaviest thunder reaches the ears of any occupant. Candles light it.—N. Y. Sun. Driving a Good Bargain.

The barber's small son was in the habit of playing around his father's shop and he was always keenly interested in the patrons. Many a stray penny found its way into the little chubby hand, and sticks of gum were dropped in quite as though by accident. Judge Williams drifted into the shop the other aftermoon for a hairbut. The lad recognized the fact that the Judge was a new patron, and so was more than ordinarily interested in him. He hung at the foot of the chair and looked musingly at the Judge's bald head. Then he walked slowly to the back of the chair and surveyed the scanty fringe of hair from that

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A big firm in town, which manufac-tures delicate instruments, received an order a short time ago for a quantity of their instruments to be sent, to South American and packed in a certain man-ner. The packers of the firm thought they knew best how to pack the con-signment of goods and accordingly ig-nored the instructions cent on with the order. A while later the firm received letter from South America asking why a letter from South America asking why
the goods had not been packed as ordered. The letter went on to say that a
pack mule which had been loaded with
the valuable burden had fallen over the
edge of a precipice and had rolled down
the side of the mountain and the instru-

nents were demolished.

The firm had to make good the loss-Boston Record.



Black Watch

The Big Black Plug.

No Pay for Old Sermons.

"In the last analysis there is nothing new that any of us can say," said Booker T. Washington in Cambridge. "The doctrines of love, of punishment, of reward and of the future life are as old as the world. "This reminds me of an old negro

"This reminds me of an old negrowhom I met in the hills down south at a church where I was beseeching the audience to stand by their pastor and pay him a salary. I spoke as eloquently as I could. I watched my audience and saw that I had every one with me but this old fellow in the rear, who kept mumbling to himself whenever I finished an argument. Finally I called out to him, and asked why he opposed paying a and asked why he opposed paying a "No, suh; no, suh; we shan't pay him

no more salary this year. He's giving the same sermons he gave last year," he said.—Boston Herald.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

The Friend That Never Was, on Sea or Land.

I met a gentleman who seemed
As nice as he could be;
While I could do him any good
He was a friend to me,
But when I wouldn't boost his game
He rose and took his hat,
And made himself exceeding scarce
We've all had friends like that.

He stuck to me like liquid glue,
As long as I would buy,
Laughed at the ancient jokes I told
And boomed me to the sky.
When my resources vanished and
My money ceaseu to talk,
He folded up his tents and things
And straightway took a walk.

That is the way too oft, alas!
With some fair weather friends;
They hang around us like a cloak
When we can serve their ends,
But when no longer we produce
As once we used to do,
They straightway rise and shake themse
And flit to pastures new.

Give me the friend who doesn't make
Too much of a parade,
But who is there when you're in need,
A very present aid,
Who comes when you are in the dumps
And no relief can see,
And gently says: "Cheer up, old man,
And kindly draw on me."

—From Boston Transcript.

Any Dude Will Do.

At a Canadian watering place this At a Canadian watering place this summer was a single lady, whom some of the younger girls thought was tired of single blessedness; and who determinged—in a spirit of reckless joility—to spring a joke on her. So one of them asked, "What is the difference between a younger and an old waid?" a Yunkee, a rooster and an old maid?" She did not offer a guess, and seemed rather afraid they were engineering some "plot." So the one who propounded the riddle answered: "The Yankee says, Yankee doodle-do; the rooster says, Cock-adoodle do: and the old lady says, Any dude'll do!" There was a great explo-sion of laughter, in which the single lady hesitated to join; but in a minute she burst out as heartily as any of them, and exclaimed: "Send him on quick, for

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New Drink in Georgia. The first of the prohibition drinks nade its debut in Atlanta Wednesday morning and it is understood that several others are to follow. The new drink, which looks like lager beer, smells like it and foams like it, is called "Jack

Soda founts which had 'Jack Frost" on Soda founts which had 'Jack Frost" on draught Wednesday soon sold out their supplies, for there were many who were curious to sample the legal beer. The drink is non-alcohelic, according to the manufacturers, and is made, like other soda fountain beverages, from the syrup, with carbonated water added.

Even the old red nosed topers, who found their favorite haunts closed New Year's morning, were casting about for

Year's morning, were casting about for a substitute for the amber fluid with which they were wont to regale them-selves, and they eagerfy sampled the new prohibition drink.—Atlanta Journal.

Minard's Liniment Co., Limited: Gentlemen,-Last winter I received great benefit from the use of MIN-ARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack of La Grippe, and I have frequently proved it to be very effective in cases of

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"Even a diamond a carat or a carat and a half in size looks like a mighty small affair to pay so much money for, and if a man comes in expecting to pay \$75 for a diamond he may get disgusted and not buy at all if the salesman showshim something a little larger for \$200. The salesman, if he knows his business, will find to a certainty just how much a will find to a certainty just how much a customer is willing to pay before he shows him anything. "Then it's better not to show a color-

ed stone, such as a ruby or an emerald or a bluish diamond in connection with other diamonds. If you show some customers a colored stone and then put it away and show him a good white dia mond he will declare that the diamond is off color. It does not seem to be a whim so much as the effect on the eyes of the colors in the stones.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Electricity from Windmills.

The Danish Government has given The Danish Government has given some attention to the matter of securing electrical energy from windmills in that country. Nearly thirty thousand dollars have been appropriated and an experimental station established at Askoc. A great deal of valuable information has been accumulated. Amono othtion has been accumulated. Among oth er things it has been determined that an arrangement of four wings is the most effective. A smaller number does not fully utilize the wind power and a greater number makes a confusion of wind currents between the wings and serves to retard their movement.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Effects of the Flurry. "Of course you've heard about this fin-ancial flurry, Mr. Snobleigh?"
"Yes. Miss Kockies."
"Isn't it awful the way everyone is affect-

"Why what difference can it make to you."

What difference? Why, its dreadful. Father says I can only run the automobile twenty-five miles a day, that I mustn't give more than two lunch parties a week, that I can only go to one matinee, that—that—that—oh, you havn't any idea what this all means to me"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Clessin comes in pieces so break it

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METEORITES.

Strange Adventures of Wonderers
Through Celestial Space.

According to a prominent official engaged in astronomical work for the Government at Washington, some of the meteorites that fall upon the earth possess a peculiar structure, indicating that they have been more than once in a molten condition. He concludes, as a result of his studies of this class of meteorites, that they came originally from a volcano situated in some distant part of space, but that before reaching the earth they were subjected to great heat which metamorphosed their structure. To explain thise he suggests that in the course of their celestal journey they may have passed through the atmosphere of a sun, or may have been fused through the sudden birth of a new and neighboring star. The heat developed during their fall through our atmosphere is not sufficient to explain the changes they have undergons.

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Eggs That England Eats. Each Londoner eats less than an egg

and a half a cay.
English egg importations from France-have dropped in value from £1,500,000 to £600,000:

London consumes 800,000,000 eggs. weigh 60,000 tons and cost the eaters £4,000,000.

Fifty per cent. of the eggs are laid in England, 15 per cent. are French eggs and 35 per cent. come from other coun-

English fresh laid eggs now bring 2s. £1. to 2s. 6d. per dozen. The next best egg, the Calais variety, brings is. 9d. 2s. These are winter prices. These are winter prices:
The price of eggs in England has advanced greatly in late years. The value of last years home product was £2,500,000 greater than that of twelve-

years ago.

Last year England imported 2,255,000,000 eggs from Russia, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, France, Canada and other countries, the total value of which was 27,980,137.

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Signing Pledge Illegal. The clergyman recorded complac

the twenty-seventh New Year pledge taking. "Excellent work, A glorious day," he said. "And yet do you know that there-

was once a time when all this sort of thing was criminal?" "No!"

"Yes. It was in India, at the beginning of the English occupation. Medical men believed in those days that a white man could not live in India without drinking. They thought he needed half a drinking. They thought he needed half and pint of whiskey, or its equivalent, everyday. And they insisted on his taking its. "Temperance societies, total abottonence and the signing of the pledge were things forbidden in: India. Such thingswere thought injurious to the white-man's health out there. Hence to see the

man's health out there. Hence to go in for them was to be arrested, fin prisoned, banished.

"But to-day in India total abstinence is encouraged, for it has been found that the abstainer stands the heat far better than does the man who drinks."2-From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Special Classification in Germany. The word "Eisenbahnbetriebstelegraph-

eninspektions-assistenten" would suggest German humor were it not recognized in the census of all the professions, trades and occupations which were pursued in the German Empire in June last. The calling in question is that of assistant inspector in the railway telegraph survice, and is one of 15,016; different occupations specialized by the census taken in that month. While some of the call-ings have naturally tens of thousands of followers there are many cases in which there are only a few, and in some only one person in the whole kingdom is earning his livelihood in some manner Gossip comes in pieces, so break it which necessitates e special classification.

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