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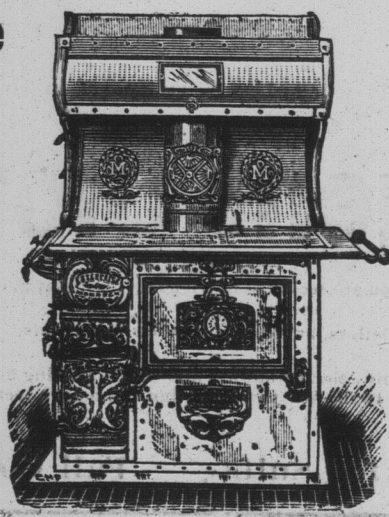
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NEW YORK'S DIVES.

The Lookout Man's Trick When the Police Show Themselves.

Some of the dives about New York that are under the ban of the police have ingenious contrivances for warning occupants and patrons of the approach of a "bull" or any other suspected person. By the way, these places are never referred to in the vernacular as "dives" or "joints," for the vocabulary of the inventors of such changes as quickly as a word comes into general use, so a suspected place is now always referred to as a "dive."

Warning of the approach of a policeman or detective is given by means of an electric buzzer. Formerly the push button connected with the buzzer was concealed under the edge of the bar in front or behind a water pipe. This device, however, was discovered by the police, who thereafter on entering a suspected place kept a close watch on the barkeeper and gave him no chance to press the button.

Then came the prong device. This consisted of two small metal prongs projecting from the edge of the wall. When a man suspected to be a limb of the law entered the door, the barkeeper carefully placed a coin across the two prongs, thus making a circuit and causing the buzzer to sound in the rear.

This device was discovered, too, so now a lookout is stationed outside the door of a dive. He apparently is a lounge, but he acts closely by a quick glance the face of every person who enters. If a man doesn't look all right the lookout presses his foot, which has a copper plate nailed to the surface of the cellar doorway outside. This makes the circuit and causes the buzzer to get busy, so that by the time the "bull" throws open the door the occupants who are wanted by the police have had time to make their escape and those who remain are seated at tables harmlessly drinking beer or engaged in a friendly game of pinochle or whist. Everything is apparently "on the level," and "bulls" are forced to withdraw without having been able to obtain any evidence.—New York Press.

The Ladybug.

"For the farmers Mother Goose has probably done as much as any of the agricultural scientists," was the remarkable statement made recently by Henry Grison Parsons, who, as professor of horticulture, is conducting a course in school gardening at the New York university summer school. "No," he replied, "I am not poking fun at or belittling the biochemic experts and their wonderful discoveries. But do you know the insect played in agriculture by the ladybug? The ladybug lives to eat the aphids, or plant louse, which is a destructive pest. And did you ever see a child kill one of these aphids eating friends of farming? I never did. If a ladybug lights on a child's hand, what does he do? Why, he says, 'Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home,' and gently starts the insect on its way. Mother Goose has taught the child to be kind to the ladybug, and as a result, instead of being killed, these little creatures are cherished and allowed to do their beneficial work."

Slang in Business.

Illustrations of the disadvantage of contrasting local vernacular and slang in one's language are sometimes brought sharply home to business men, as was the case in a letter received the other day by a New York firm from one of their correspondents in the far east, which read in part as follows: "Will you kindly send us a modern dictionary of American language, as we are unable to understand some of the phrases in your letters? Writing on the 31st ultimo, you say, for instance: 'Do not let Messrs. — hand you a lemon in this deal. If they try it on pitch one for fair right over the plate to Mr. —, and if he fumbles cable — for a solar plexus.' The terms used are foreign to us, and we entirely fail to comprehend their significance."—Shipping Illustrated.

Croker's Autobiography.

Richard Croker writes to the Journal of Irish Society, correcting erroneous impressions which he finds current regarding himself. He denies that he was ever a professional pugilist or owned a gin palace, or that he was ever connected in any way with the liquor traffic.

Nor was his father a blacksmith. He was Eyre Coote Croker of County Cork, who emigrated to America when a young man and through his knowledge of horses attained a position in the veterinary department of the United States army, which he held for many years.—New York Sun.

An Old Oak Jail.

The Brown county (Ind.) jail was built in 1837. The walls are three feet thick and built of white oak timber. The outside and inside walls are built the same as any log house, the logs being hewed one foot square. The inside timbers are put up and down on end, one foot square, making a total thickness of three feet. No prisoner, no matter how serious the crime, has ever dug through these three foot walls. The building is two stories high. The floors are made of — are twelve inches thick with lumber nailed to timbers.

Hanged Bound to a Chair.

The agitation against capital punishment which was active in South Africa some time ago has been revived by details, published recently, of a scene at the recent execution of a Kaffir at Pretoria. When the executioner went to the condemned man's cell the prisoner made fierce resistance and struggled violently all the way to the scaffold. At the scaffold the executioner and his assistants cleverly forced the man into a chair, where he was bound so that he could not move. The man and the chair were then hanged together.



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LEAN YEAR FOR ONTARIO.

Because of Scarcity and High Price of Feed.

Under the caption, "A Lean Year for Ontario," the Weekly Sun says: Roughly, we have nine million acres devoted to the various field crops grown in Ontario. Of this total, about three million acres are in hay, two and three-quarter millions in oats. Thus well over sixty per cent. of the entire acreage given to field cultivation is in these two crops, and these two main crops are the poorest in many years. Hay will not give over two-thirds of the tonnage per acre this year that has been harvested in recent years—probably not over half. Oats are likely to be nearly 25 per cent. below the average yield, and this is equivalent to cutting off twenty-five million bushels on this one crop alone.

On the other hand, the hay which has been harvested has been exceptionally well saved, and corn, which can be largely substituted for hay, has of late been making splendid progress, while the area in this crop is larger than usual. There is only about one-sixth of the area in corn that we have in hay, but the tonnage per acre is six times as great in one case as in the other. If we have an open fall, thus permitting of the full maturity of the corn, the increased yield in this crop may pretty well offset the shortage in the other coarse fodder.

Peas, which had been steadily declining in acreage up to 1904, have since shown a rapid increase, and the area in this crop in the present season will probably be one-fourth greater than that of three years ago. At present, the promise is for an excellent yield in peas. Barley again, of which we will probably have 800,000 acres this year, seems as if it will go somewhat above the average in yield per acre. If the season had been a normal one for all fall wheat we would probably have had eight hundred thousand acres in this crop, but a great deal of the land intended for the production of fall wheat has been drilled in with barley, and this, while it means a shortage in flour, will add considerably to the available supply of feedstuffs. But after all allowances are made, there will undoubtedly be a material shortage in feed in 1907, as compared with recent years.

So far as grain is concerned Ontario will, as our correspondent "Vim" said recently, have practically none for export this year. Our dependence in products for sale will have to be on butter and cheese, bacon and beef cattle, and the cost of making these will be higher than usual because of the high values which will undoubtedly be placed on feedstuffs.

On the whole, this will be a lean year for Ontario farmers.

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No. 26, Express for Point duChene, Halifax and Pictou, 42:00
No. 136, Suburban for Hampton, 13:15
No. 8, Express for Sussex, 17:15
No. 138, Suburban for Hampton, 18:15
No. 134, Express for Quebec and Montreal, 19:00

No. 156, Suburban for Hampton, 22:40
No. 10, Express for Halifax and the Sydney, 23:25

TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN.

No. 9, Express from Halifax, Pictou and the Sydney, 6:25
No. 153, Suburban Express from Hampton, 7:45
No. 7, Express from Sussex, 9:00
No. 133, Express from Montreal, and Quebec, 12:50
No. 137, Suburban from Hampton, 13:30
No. 5, Mixed from Moncton, 16:10
No. 3, Express from Moncton and Point duChene, 17:30
No. 25, Express from Halifax, Pictou and Campbellton, 18:15
No. 155, Suburban from Hampton, 20:15
No. 1, Express from Moncton and Truro, 21:30
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