

THE SAFETY OF SECURITIES
AVOIDING FORGED CERTIFICATES

How Occasional Frauds Like the Section Imitations Are Perpetrated—The Mechanical Difficulties in the Way of Producing Bogus Engravings—All Reputable Certificates, However, Are Made by the Latest and Every Sheet of Paper Accounted For.

Correspondence of The Observer.
New York, Feb. 17.—The recent daring imitation of \$4,300,000 worth of Norfolk & Western Railway stock certificates has caused a great sensation among bankers, brokerage houses and all others interested in transactions carried on by means of bonds, stock and other kinds of negotiable paper.

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BELLES AND BEAUX OF THE FUTURE



The Picture at the Top is That of Little Miss Myrtle Odessa Gray, Age Six Years, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Gray, of Gastonia. The Lower Cut Shows Master Francis H. Cotton, Jr., Age Three and a Half Years, Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cotton, of Fayetteville.

SOME OLD INNS
Connecticut Hostilities of a Century Ago

Age Qualifications in Our Government
Our Constitution specifies that a man to be President must have reached the age of 35 years.

WHEN THE SKELETON GRINS
Leslie's Weekly

GOOD LUCK
Do you want good luck? Do you desire to know how you may be fortunate in life, successfully in business and prosperous financially?

NATURAL HISTORY
New York Sun

WOMAN WRITES THEM \$1.00 UP

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