Smith's Weekly.

courses.

Barcfooted Walting Maids in Japan,

Smith's Weekly.

Unless there are ladies among the guests, the wife and daughters of the host do not appear at dinner in Japan. Before the meal begins/it is customary for them to bring in small cups of tea and dainty confectionery, when they take their survey of the party.

If gentlemen only are present, the Japanese hosters disappears after the greeting is over, and does not return until the guests are taking their departure.

At a signal from the host, barefooted waiting maids, dressed in graceful and prettily tinted kimonos bring in

lacquer trays bearing they covered bowls. Before setting the trays on the tables the maids sink gracefully to their knoes and bend forward tilf their foreheads touch the floor. Then they serve dinner, which is of several courses.

STATEMENT OF

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

OF THE UNITED STATES.

SHORT DEAL FOR SOUTH CUTTING DOWN RURAL ROUTES

Those Routes Which Do Not De-liver Three Thousand Pieces of Mail a Month—Capital Statesmen Worried Over President's Latest Utterance—Friends of Mr. Roosevelt Say He is Resolved on Tariff Revision at the Next Session. ndence of The Observer.

Washington, April 20.—It looks to certain that the South will again be the loser in the establishment of rural free delivery. A study of the figures on file at the Postoffice Deriment shows that she is now away partment shows that she is the country, and a greater percentage of retections. There are fewer routes in operation per capita, too. There are also fewer petitions delayed in conderation in the other sections of the country than there are in the South. On the whole the South has gotten the beggar's portion in the distribu-tion of free delivery. But that is not the end of her hard luck in that connection, but the beginning.

It was bad enough to permit the other sections to gobble up the lion's share in the first instance, but to come now with a rule that will make something like one-half of the routes in some of the Southern States tri-weekly instead of daily routes will add to the infamy of the transaction. It has long been the professed aim of the Postoffice Department to give every citizen a daily mail. Most of them had gotten it under the old Then it was postoffice system. brought even closer in the shape of rural free delivery. The advent of this in many cases resulted in the discontinuance of postoffices, making the people dependent upon the rural routes entirely, and placing them oftentimes as much as ten miles from their posoffice.

TRI-WEEKLY SERVICE.

Some smark Aleck in the Postoffice Department has now brought up the plea that it is too expensive to give a daily mail service on those rural routes which do not deliver three thousand pieces of mail a month, and that a tri-weekly service should be substituted in its stead. It is safe to say that there is no community in the entire country that would prefer a tri-weekly rural service to the go-to-the-office-after-your-mail system. And yet after they have surrendered their old facilities for something they thought was better they are to be deprived of just one-half of their mail service, without the opportunity of getting back the old service. And it is principally the South that will feel the effects of the rule. A large number of the routes in Southern States do not distribute an average of 3.000 pieces of mail a month. The circulation of trashy papers and worthless literature is less In the South than in any other section, while the percentage of actual, bons fide mail is larger in the Southern States than in any other section of the county. Hence, while the average number of pieces of real, actual, valuable mail is as great on the average Southern route as it is in other sections of the country, their service is to be cut down while that of routes in other sections will remain. According to the figures of the Department there will be ten routes whose service will be cut down in the South where there will be one in the

If the people living along routes in the South which distributed less than three thousand pieces of mail month are willing to go to a little trouble they can save their daily service. This may seem a strange suggestion but the end justifies the means, and it will only swell the 14 mails with the same sort of litera-ture they are filled with elsewhere.

WHY DID HE DO IT. A week has passed and still the statesmen around the capital are wondering what moved the President to advocate a graduated inheritance tax in his speech last Saturday, Republicans especially are concerned about it and are trying to fathom the depths of his motives in so do-They declare that the idea is a distinctly Populistic one, and that the advancement of the proposition at this time when Socialistic tendencles are so strong as to be menacing is unfortunate, and that it must be accounted for in some way. they have scratched their heads more than once in their endeavor to account for it, and will scratch them again. Can it be that it is a bid for the Presidency? They ask themselves this question and then point pronouncement made by him the night of the last election against a third term. They concede that it is just a little more than possible that down in his heart he has repented of that declaration, and that while he will not openly seek a third term he may be trying to bring about a condition that will make the tender of the crown the third time so pressing that he cannot refuse it confessed that the idea would have great strength in some quarters, and that the man who fathers it be he of the Roosevelt type, could se-cure a large following on the strength

Or is it simply that overwhelming desire of his to continue in the spot light, with a possible view to comthe Senate from New York after his retirement from the Presidency, there to play the "friend of the people" role on the Republican side as it is now played by Tillman on the Discourance side. The an-nouncement of the Honorable Thomas Collier Platt that he is tired of being the "easy boss" and that he will not be a candidate for re-election when his term as Senator expires in 1909 would give Mr. Roose welt the opportunity to don the Senatorial toga the day he doffs his Presidential duds. That would be a unique performance in the history of the coun try, but then he himself is the unique man of our history. It is conceded that the tremendous power he has as President could bring all the pres-sure needed on the New York Legislature to elect him Senator. But, granting that he would not be a candidate for Platt's sent because he would have to be elected while yet serving as President, it could just as well be that he is figuring to succeed

Depew in 1911.

Whatever this new pronouncement of our strenuous President may mean the fact remains that it is disturbed.

Losses and claims paid during the year, number 22, amount.

Losses and claims paid during the year, number 22, amount.

Losses and claims paid during the year, number 22, amount. ing the old line Republican leaders

TARIFF REVISION COMING. I am told by some who have talked with the President on the subject that he is resolved that if the rate bill passes at this session he intends ess tariff revision next session the House goes Republican again.

seels, it is said, that the Republean party cannot go before the country in another Presidential camountry in another Presidential cam-aign without having done something a revise the confessed inequalities of he tariff. If their programme is car-fed out and the rate bill passed loosevelt will have done more to ive effect to Democratic politics has any Republican President ever id. It is true that it is stealing bemocratic thunder, but the Repub-icans have ever been noted for strict idherance to the commandment

"Thou shalt not steal." The Massachusetts Republicans and some of the Western Republicans declare that they are determined to press their demand for tariff revision in the hope, not of getting it this session, but to rivet the attention of the county to it, so that public sentiment will force a revision next year.

W. J. S.

#### OBSERVATIONS.

Written for The Observer.

Even a jack at all trades has his uses about the house. The early spring poem often meets with a frosty reception.

Time files swiftly to the man who has note ripening at the bank. Many a man has lived over a gold mine all his life without knowing it. Most air castle are entirely too airy to ever support the weight of the build-

The price of airships will probably be an all absorbing topic in the near Love doesn't object to taking up its

residence at any place where two are willing. Advice given by the man who has

ignored. The father of the girl may depend

on her taking a fancy to a different kind of man. We always accuse the other fellow of having all the trumps whenever w lose at anything,

A man never knows how well off he is until he stops to figure out how bad off he might be. There is nothing like being endowed with good horse sense to win a man the reputation of being wise.

It looks like electricity and automobile are going to supplement steam and the horse after all. To the unobserving among us it really looks as if both fortune and the wolf were respecters of men's doors. It's getting most too late to mend when a man begins to sneak around

the corner and take them all alone. When a man has money to burn, if he will advertise the date there will be plenty of people on hand to catch the ashes. Young men should not smoke cigar

t lays them liable to be classed as rap shooters. It's a hobby with some men to always be in sympathy with the weak

ttes if for no other reason than that

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STATEMENT OF	
PROVIDENT SAVINGS LIFE ANCE SOCIETY OF NEW	ASSUR- YORK.
Condition December 31st, 1905, by Statement Filed.	
Capital stock paid in cash\$	100,000.00
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Inchargements to redicy builds	4,295,125,37
ers. \$1,718,661.72; miscellan-, eous. \$1,775.172.84; total Life business in force. Number	3,493,834.56
of policies 43,898; amount Life written during year— Number of policies 11,135;	96,768,367.00
ASSETS.	21,143,508.00
Value of real estate	549,917,33
lateral	700.00
company's policies assigned as collateral. Premium notes on policies in force tof which B.24 % is for	2,591,313.95
first frar's premiums:	297,870.92
S. State, etc.) Cash in home office and de- posited in banks and trust	1,036,257.76
companies	374,299.89
erued	92,276.88 430,549.00
crued. Premiums unpaid Bills receivable \$80.81, agents'	907, 349, 00
bulances \$394,386.41. All other assets, detailed in	205,190.23
statement	71,876.57

Less assets, not admitted ... Total admitted assets. LIABILITIES. Not reserve, as computed .... \$ 8,021,944.00 Other reserve and special funds Net policy claims. Premiums paid in advance..... Other amounts due policy-All other liabilities as detailed in statement .. .. .. .. .. Total liabilities as to policy

Policies in force December 31st

69,182.00

Total amount premiums collected and secured during the to the second on the second President, Timothy L. Woodruff; secre-tary, John W. Vrooman. Home office, 26 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
General agent for service, Peacock &
Gold, Greensboro, N. C.

4,000.00

Gold, Greensboro, N. C.
Business manager for North Carolina,
Gold & Gold Co., Greensboro, N. C.
State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, N. C., April 10, 1906.
L. James R. Yougg, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Provident Life Savings
Life Assurance Boclety of New York, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said company on the list day of December, 1906.
Witness my hand and official scal the day and date above written.

JAMES B. YOUNG,
Insurance Commissioner,

side without any regard to the principle involved. It's a pity that the girl at the cooking range can't even up things with her sister at the piano by entertaining in the kitchen.

With the "Muck Rake" the "Big Stick" and the "Pitchfork" all going at once it books as if some one is go-ing to get hurt. There are some people who oppose any form of amusement, however in-nocent, in which they are unfitted to

take a leading part. If a "cold plunge" on first getting out of bed in the morning is a blessing to one's health it certainly must be one of the disguised kind.

Sent 7-Ton Pump to Patent Office. Scientific American.
Sometimes the rigors of Patent Office procedure are not without their humorous side. A New York attorney

filed an application for improvements in a centrifugal pump.

The Patent Office declared the invention inoperative and demanded a working model. The Patent Office was requested to send an examiner to Trenton to inspect the machine in actual operation. This the Patent Office

The attorney, therefore, politely sent a seven-top pump to the Patent Office—sent it, moreover, from Trenton to satisfy a sceptical examiner. Twentyone men were required to get it into

STATEMENT OF D STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY, UNITED OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Condition December 31, 1905, as shown by Statement Filed. amount of capital paid up in Amount of ledger assets Dec. 31st of previous year. 2,992,396.3 Income—From policy-holders, \$2,230,881.15; miscellaneous, \$156.120.94; total. 2,387,002.00 Fidelity and surety, \$1,902,808.10 burglary and theft, \$328,073.05. Disbursements—To policy-holders, \$383,427.81; miscellaneous, \$1,226,722.54; total. 2,270,150.35 Fidelity and surety, \$857,399.43; burglary and theft, \$125,653.38. PREMIUMS WRITTEN OR RENEWED DURING THE YEAR.
Fidelity and surety, \$2,253,847.20; 2,387,002.09 DURING THE YEAR.
Fidelity and surety, \$2.253,847,20;
burglary and theft, \$470,770.08—\$2,724,617.28
PREMIUMS IN FORCE AT END OF YEAR.
Fidelity and surety, \$1.885,648.18;
burglary and theft, \$462,005.03—\$2,288,653.21
ASSETS.
Book value of real estate..... \$486,332.98
Mortagage loans on real estate. 15,150.00
Loans secured by pledge of bonds, stocks or other collaterals. 57,292.50

accrued .. remiums unpaid \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* il other assets, detailed in statement.... 94,873.19 ..\$3,571,892.62 ... 73,708.96 Less assets, not admitted...

Total admitted assets.....\$3,498,183.66 LIABILITIES. npaid policy claims.... 1,153,669.63 in statement .. .. .. .. Total liabilities as to policy-......\$1,560,526.01

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Fresident, John R. Bland; secretary, Geo. R. Callis.

Home office, German, Calvert and Mercer street, Baltimore, Md.
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Business manager for North Carolina, managed from home office.

State of North Carolina,
Insurance Department,
Raleigh, N. C., April 10, 1806.
I. James It. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct abstract of the statement of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, Md. filed with this Department, showing the condition of said company on the 3ist day of December, 1806.

Wilness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner.

President, Paul Morton; secretary, Wm. Alexander.

Home office, 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

General agent for service, S. W. Smallwood, Newbern, N. C.
Business manager for North Carolina, W. A. Danner, Richmond, Va.

State of North Carolina, Insurance Department, Raleigh, N. C., April 10, 1906.

I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct abstract of the statement of the Equitable Life Assurance Condition of said company on the 3ist day of December, 1906.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner.

14,659,394.15 Premiums unpaid
Agents' balances
All other assets, detailed in
statement 3,820,422.8 6,377,735.0 7,156,888.7 251,875.22

Total admitted assets......\$413,060,154.70 ...\$345,180,965.00

Total liabilities as to policy-100,000.00 

.\$10, 152, 499.0

Losses and claims incurred amount lected and secured during

President, Paul Morton; secretary, Wm.

## Some Recent Shipments and Orders

2 yarn bundling machines for Pawtucket, R. I. (This is a machine to make 5 and 10-pound bundles for the retail trade.)

waste cleaning systems (the system comprises a waste cleaning machine for motes, sweeps and other waste w thout removing any fibre. There is another machine to extract buckles, pieces of ties, stone, pieces of leather, broken bobbins, ring travelers and other foreign matter. It extracts uncut threads also. Then comes a suction fan and collector. We build the machines and install the system.)
Sand and boll screen for cotton seed oil mill in Peru, lard presses and confidence and first and and f lard presses and one filter press to Brazil.

6 lard presses to Philadelphia. 262,883.82 Lot of shafting, pulleys and hangers to Waterbury, Coan.

(This shipment was to a large company which has for a long time been using Fairmont Machine Works' stuff, of Philadelphia, and as we bought the entire Fairmont outfit, we now get the business.)
5 spoolers for mills in Gaston county.
12 reels to mills in Cabarrus county.

4 reels to a mill in Georgia. 2 reels to Lincoln county.

2.270.76 Pulleys, hangers and shafting galore to lots of mills.

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