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# DO-NOTHING CUSTOM HOUSES.

New York Tribune: Nathaniel Hawthorne once pictured-in the preface to "The Scarlet Letter"the joys of life in a neglected, cobwebbed custom house: No retreat can be more tranquil than the collector's office at some decaying. most-grown entry port. No labor can be less exacting, no sinecure more comforting, than that which falls to the federal employe who stands guard over some unvisited harbor, burdening his ledgers with only one or two stray invoices each year. What a haven of rest! What a castle of indolence!

Hawthorne's playful description could have excited only a smile of indulgence when it was written. years ago. We are fiercer reformers now. Treasury economists shake their heads to-day at a port of entry whose wharves remain untenanted. They look askance at a collectorship which does not and can not pay its own way. We are not surprised, therefore, to find an Argus-eyed Auditor of the Treasury thundering at the folly of maintaining do-nothing custom houses and demanding the abolition of sinecures even more inviting than those which Salem had to offer in Hawthorne's day. It is indeed a grotesque showing which the Auditor for the Treasury Department is able to make. He has on his list a dozen custom houses whose cost of maintenance is fabu lously disproportionate to the revenues they bring in. At Yaquina, Ore., for instance, it costs \$1,034 a year to pay officials whose collections for the last five years have averaged just 40 cents a year. At Cherrystone, Va., \$971 is spent each year to insure collections also averaging 40 cents. Receipts at Annapolis, Md., are \$6 a year, while expenses are \$1,155; and at Teche, La., \$3,047 has been expended annually, while only \$40 has been taken in. Mr. Andrews, the Auditor, reports that there are at least thirty. two different methods of computing the pay of the revenue officers stationed at ports of entry, and he suggests that some fixed and uniform rate be established by Congress. In his opinion it might also be well to close some of the minor custom houses whose business could be done at neighboring ports of entry. Congress may or may not show much zeal to abolish the sineoures Mr. Andrews complains of. The amount saved to the Treasury by closing a half dozen moss-grown custom houses would be almost infinitesimal. State pride has had much to do with creating these smaller and little used ports of entry, and it has been the government's settled policy to establish a collectorship-especially in the interior States-wherever a fair claim could ing .- Omaha Bee. be made to entry privileges. Congress will be slow, therefore, to close ports thus created, however unprofitable they may prove for the time being as collection agencies. Perhaps the best means of ridding the customs service of these fantastic sinecures would be to classify the minor collectorships on some such basis as the smaller Presidential postoffices are now classified-making the salaries proportionate, above a certain point, to the business transacted. It may be that no great waste is entailed under the present system. But certainly, in the name of good administration, some of its more absurd incorgruities should be rectified.

acquainted only with agricultural methods in their own country, where the farm laborers live in communities and go out each morning to labor for a pittance on the surrounding farms, returning late in the evening after a day of the severest drudgery. Of the satisfaction of living on a farm, either hired or owned, they know nothing. And one way proposed to dissipate this ignorance is for farmers needing help to take an Italian family on his farm, where their industrious, intensive, painstaking methods would soon add largely to the farm's producing nower.

Some plan like this would work a permanent solution of the problem. The growing difficulty of getting good farm hands is a constant embarrassment to the agriculturist. The immigration from Germany and Ireland once supplied this want. But that has largely ceased, the immigrants from those two countries last year numbering less

than 60,000. If the Italian, Russian and Austrian immigration can be turned into this vacant channel the cities will be relieved of a pressure of unskilled labor and farmers will be supplied with the help they need. A systematic effort should be made to see if this cannot be accomplished.

The Atlantic Monthly for August is on our table. As usual, it is an interesting number of that ever popular magazine. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., publishers, Boston, Mass.



---- The general public will not concur with the judge. It will not admit that the manufacturer, even when he has a monopoly, should be allowed to dictate the price of goods after they have passed out of his possession and thus to prevent wholesome competition between the retailers, and to refuse to sell to a retailer who prefers to manage his business in his own way and cut prices when it seems to his advantage to do so. - Chicago Tribune. -But public losses in this great fall are small. It is a "rich

men's panic," if the word panic is applicable to current conditions, which we doubt. The banks are fever within the corporate limits of determined to prevent another pinch | Lincolnton any time this year. like that of last Autumn, and as the speculation in stocks is killed | Durham a union depot one day, and effectually for the present, general the next disagreed on some minor business will be taken care of in its matters which will throw the whole monetary needs. Meanwhile the thing in the courts for settlement. men who reared the structure of in-- In the recent slump in the marfistion in values on insufficient ket North Carolina speculators got foundations are paying the cost .-got caught and lost heavily. Greens-Boston Transcript.



fine as well as in Bladen. - The Rutherfordton Sun says there have been five persons brought to that town and adjudged insane

- Professor Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, reports \$10,000 raised of the \$30,000 needed for the alumni memorial building. - W. C. Brown, a Charlotte ex-

cursionist, was robbed of his watch in Asheville in broad open daylight at the point of a pistol, by a negro foot-pad.

- The Winston Journal learns that the Cooleemee Cotton Mill has curtailed its output one-fourth on account of the condition of the cotton market. - A little dog belonging to a man

near Charlotte, while his master's house was on fire found his way in the building through a lattice door, and awoke the inmates.

- Lincolnton Journal: So far as we have been able to ascertain, there has not been a single case of



to thank father and mother. The ruled weak, the September products at 485.90@485.95 for demand and 483.60 closing from 20 to 30c. lower. care taken during their childhood @483.75 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 484½ and 487½. Commer-cial bills 483½. Bar silver 54½. Mexican dollars 42½. U.S. refunding 3's, registered, 106½; U.S. refunding CHICAGO, July 27.—Oash prices: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 80@81c; brought them past the danger point and made them healthy men and No. 3 spring 76@80c; No. 3 red 77 1 @ 77% c. Corn-No.2 52% c; No. 2 yellow 53% c. Oats-No. 2 39% 040c; No. 2 white 89% 040% c; No. 8 white 35 3's. coupon, 106%; U.S. 3's, registered, 107%; do. coupon, 108%; U. S. 4's, new registered, 184%; do. coupon, 185%; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 2 51c. Mess pork. per barrel, \$13 30@13 35. Lard, per 100 lbs, \$7 33% @7 35. Short rib sides, loose, \$7 50@7 75. Dry salted rib 111; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 111; U.S. 5's, registered, 1013; do. coupon, shoulders, boxed, \$7 50@7 60. Short clear sides, boxed, \$8 00@8 25. Whiskey-Basis of high wines, \$1 30. 103; Southern Railway, 5's, 112%. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 86; Chesapeake & Ohio 32%; Manhat The leading futures ranged as for tan L 132%; New York Central lows-opening, highest, lowest an closing: Wheat-No. 2 July, old, 77%, 120%; Reading 49%; do. 1st preferred 81; do. 2nd preferred 66; St. Paul 141 %; do. pref'd, 170; Southern Bail-way 21; do. pref'd 85; Amalga-77%, 77%, 77%c; July, new 77%, 77%. 77%c; September, old, 77%, 783 78%c; September, new, 77%, 78% mated Copper 4014; People's Gas 94; Tennessee Coal and Iron 39; U. S. Leather 714; U. S. Leather, preferred, 79; Western Union 83; U. S. Steel 2374; do. pref'd 7114; Vir-77 % @77%, 78%c. Corn-No.2 July 52, %, 51%, 52%c; September 52%, 53, 52 1, 52 16 052 1 c; December 52 1, 53 1 @53%, 52%, 52% @52%c. Oats-No.2 July 41%, 41%, 38%, 39%c; Beptemginia Carolina Chemical Co., 35 % ;sales 34, 34 14, 33 14, 33 % @ \$4c; Decem-- shares; do. preferred, closed 100; ber ber 34%, 35, 34% @34%, 84%; May 36%, ales - shares. Standard Oil 575. 8714, 3614, 3614c. Mess pork, per bbl-Beptember \$13 65, 13 6714, 13 45, 13 50. NEW YORK, July 27.-Seaboard Air Line, common, 19% @20%; do. preferred, 34@34%; do. bonds, fours, -. Lard, per 100 lbs-September \$7 60, 7 70, 7 55, 7 55; October \$7 42%, 7 52%, 7 40, Atlantic Coast Line, common and 7 42%. Short ribs, per 100 lbs-September \$7 9214, 7 9714, 7 75, 7 7714; October \$7 80, 7 82%, 7 67%, 7 67%. NAVAL STORES MARKETS come.

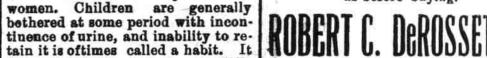
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within the past month.

#### WHAT TO DO WITH THE IMMI-GRANTS.

Philadelphia Press: The trouble some question as to what to do with the immigrants whoare flocking to the United States is sgitating the public. The immigration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, was the largest ever known in twelve months, and it promises to be as large on larger during the present fiscal year. Stricter laws may winnow it some, but it is doubtful if they can materially lessen it while the present era of prosperity continues. It may help to solve the problem if is made to dispose of the immigrants

Of the 857,046 immigrants who came to the United States last year 572,726 were from Austria-Hungary, Italy and Russia. They are nearly

boro and Winston-Salem people seem to have suffered worse than - Under the new Indiana diany others. In the former place vorce law, which has just gone into some are reported to have lost as effect, a decrer of divorce in Indiana will not be quite as attractive for high as \$40,000 on the slump. - Concord special to Charlotte matrimonial misfits as a decree in Observer: A difficulty occurred this South Dakota. An Indiana divorce evening just outside the corporation hereafter will simply mean a legal separation for a limited time, during line on the west between Lon Smith which the parties must live apart and Joe Edwards, in which the latter and cannot reunite in marriage. was severely though not very seri-The Indiana experiment in limited ously cut about the head. The divorces will be watched with a knife entered near the eye and ran great deal of interest by inharmo some distance around the scalp. nious households. The new de-Smith beat a hasty retreat to parts parture in restricted uncoupling unknown. was acopted through the influence of several societies of women who

- Newton Enterprise: Mrs. Sarah Hoyle is in the eighties somewhere. have reform proclivities and emo-Coley Propst, who is about 88, is in tional tendencies, and it may be hoped the practical workings of the feeble condition. There are living in Jacob's Fork four aged women, reform will not prove disappointwhose combined sges are about 342. Mrs. Susan Deal died almost suddenly at the home of her son-in-law,

Mr. Daniel Isenbower. She was the **WINKLINGS** mother of eleven children, sixtyeight grandchildren and seventy great-grandchildren.

- "Is Teddy popular among the stal service?" "Not a bit. They postal service?" - A Winston dispatch says: Miss say he has given them an awfu Payne."-Harvard Lampoon. Evie Pitts was fatally burned this evening while building a fire in the - "The fools are not all kitchen stove preparatory to cook-ing supper. She is a young white girl, 20 years of age, living with a widow lady, Mrs. L. T. Bruce, who yet," said the angry husband. "I'm glad of it, dear," calmly replied the other half of the combination. "I never did look well in black."-Th runs a boarding house. The girl poured oil over the wood and lighted - Little Hiram-Grandpa, it. The flames ignited a can of kerodie on see the two-tailed comet sene nearby. The explosion was Farmer Bampercrop-No; b'jings, I been so busy harvestin' I didn't even heard a block away. The girl's

clothes caught and enveloped her git ter see the circus, let alone the in flames. She ran to Mrs. Bruce in another room in wild distraction. sideshow.-Kansas City Journal. Neighbors rushed in and with bed - Tommy-Talking of riddles clothes extinguished the flames, but uncle, do you know the difference

Uncle (benignly)-No, my lad, I don't. Tommy-You'd be a smart chap to send out to buy apples, wouldn't you?-Punch.

-Little Boy-Please Mrs. Grum. py, mother wants to know if you will lend her your washtub? Mrs.

"No, no. You'd

family play ze music "Why, I don't know the first thing

about music." "But I hear eet all around zat you play second fiddle to your wife!"

She Tipped Him Off.

The Second Fiddle.

cian. I hear, sar, zat you an' your

Mrs. Meekins-What a frightful brute that Mr. Blood must be! His wife tells me that her mother is afraid to her mouth in his presence. Mr. Meekins-Is it possible? Why, he must be a regular terror. (Musingly) I wonder how the fellow manages it .-Kansas City Journal.

#### Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for per sistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equalled. Joe Golo-bick, of Coluss, Cal., writes: "For fifteen years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing preferred; no sales. relieved me, though I tried every thing known. I came across Electric

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List of Vessels in the Port of Wiiming.

ton, N. C., July 28.

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Undaunted, (Br) 2,026 tons, Elliot

Tantalton, (Br) 1,984 tons, Berry

SCHOONERS,

Emma Knowlton, 309 tons, Hudson

Lillie, (Br) 311 tons, Davis, to mas

Arthur V S Woodruff, 155 tons, Dev

Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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ter.

NEW YORK, July 27.-The cotton narket opened firm at unchanged prices to an advance of six points with firm cables, but after a brief interval of hesitation rather than strength turned easier and during the balance of the session while irregular displayed a generally declining ten-dency. In addition to the cables the early firmness was assisted by the rather unfavorable showing of early map, which reflected no rains of consequence in Texas and the trade were also rendered somewhat anxious by the report that about 9,000

# FOREIGN MARKE

By Cable to the Morning Star

LIVERPOOL, July 27.-Ootton: Spot. in fair demand; prices unchanged. American middling 6.64d. The sales centine steady at 49%c; sales - casks Rosin steady; sales - barrels; A, B, C, \$1 60; D, \$1 60, E \$1 65; F, \$1 70; G, of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,500 bales Amer-\$1 80; H, \$2 20; I, \$2 65; K, \$2 80 ican. Receipts 1,000 bales, including M, \$2 90; N, \$3 00; W G. \$3 15; W W 200 bales American.

Futures opened quiet and closed easy; American middling (g o c): July 6.28@6.29d; July and August 6.28d; August and September 6.24d; September and October 5.81@5.82d; October and November 5.89d; November and December 5.28@5.29d; December and January 5.23@5.24d; January and February 5.22d; Febru-ary and March 5.21@5.22d; March and April 5.21d.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Highlander, Robeson, Fay-

British schooner Lillie, 311 tons.

Schr Emma Knowlton, 309 tons,

OLEARED.

Steamer Highlander, Robinson, Fay

Schooner Islesboro, Trimm, New

## COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

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tteville, T D Love. Davis, Clenfuegos, to master. Hudson, New York, to master. stteville, T D Love. York, C D Maffitt.

tain it is oftimes called a habit. It. is not the children's fault--the difficulty lies with the kidneys, and can be readily righted if taken in the proper way. A Wilmington parent shows you how. J. T. Ebert, of 515 South 6th

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