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The Merry, Warbling Tom Cats.

(The statement is not true that this tender lyric was written by Edgar Allen Poe and its publication prevented in his time by the Society for the Suppression of Tom Cat Literature.) Hear the warbling of the cats-Merry cats!

Oh, I love to hear the music of their midnight nightly spats! And they waltz around and frisk all, In the icy air of night In a way so weird and brisk all, While their shapely tails they whisk all, With a Cataline delight! Keeping time with their tails, Like a lot of Runic flails, To the concat-catenation, sung in sundry sharps and flats; Of a canticle on rats, Rats, rats, rats, Rats, To a wild carnivorous canticle on rats! Hear the turbulent Tom cats-Daddy Cats! How the catapultic bootjacks interrupt their fiendish chats! In the darkness of the night How their ghoulish outcries smite Ears polite! From their catacoustic throats An intense Cataphonic ditty floats To the proud prize cat who listens, while she gloats, On the fence-A h, the tabby cat who listens, while she gloats, To the surging cataclysm of their wild catarrhal notes! Hear the hoarse grandfather cats-Aged cats! How they make us long to grasp a score of good

Abundant Cause for Congratulation. THE GREAT YEAR OF 1965.

THE PINEHURST OUTLOOK

Story of National Prosperity Told by **Commercial Statistics.**

In the history of the youngest yet most virile of the great nations the year 1905 stands out as the one of most rapid progress and greatest success, says Dun's annual review of trade published Jan. 1 1906. New records in this country occasion little comment, but the last year has been so exceptionally prosperous that attention should be called to its noteworthy accomplishments. These are summed up as follows:

If over a million immigrants were absorbed in a single year without glutting the labor market in any other nation the sociologists would ponder the problem with amazement, but such an unheard of occurrance in the United States arouses little comment. So as to reports of foreign commerce and practically every measure of internal trade, to say nothing of agricultural productions and transportation. The mileage of the railways has steadily increased and the issues of stocks and bonds are beyond precedent, yet the market value of the 60 most active securities has risen far above all previous records, the earnings are much greater than ever before and frequent complaints have been heard because traffic facilities were inadquate.

Manufacturing plants have turned out quantities of products much in excess of any earlier year without causing accumulation; in fact, it was often the case that goods could not be delivered as specified and in the iron and steel industry orders will be carried over into 1906 equal to the entire annual production a few years ago. Prices of commodities, as shown by Dun's Index Number, have risen to the highest position in 22 years, a striking evidence of the consuming capacity of the people, for it is not possible to maintain the quotations of an unsurpassed production of the various necessaries of life unless there is a commensurate broadening of demand.

Failures are fewer in proportion to the number of firms in business, and liabilities are at the minimum ratio to solvent payments through the clearing houses, which have also reached a new high water mark. Faster than the growth of population has been the increase in the amount of money, in circulation, the average now standing at the heretofore unequaled sum of \$31.75 per capita, and the stock of gold in the Federal treasury has eclipsed all previous records of this or any other nation at over \$765,000,000. Nevertheless, commercial and other demands have so drawn upon the available supply of funds that rates for loans rose so high during December as to suggest the possibility of serious stringency. This is another index that tells a story of national prosperity to the student of economies. Speaking of the recent money stringency and the deficits in the surplus reserves of the banks, the review says that in spite of these facts resources of the national banks, and also all such fiduciary institutions, now stand at the top point in the country's history, and the persistent strength of rates can only be attributed to the expanding needs of a steadily growing volume of business.

As the year draws to a close it is easy to find abundant material for self-congratulation. The country has experienced a year of unparalleled business activity, all records being passed both as to volume and profit. Naturally, such an era has begotten many unfortunate excesses. Business methods have become less rigid; overconfidence has taken the place of ordinary caution, and continued abuses may sooner or later threaten the country with a setback leading to an era of depression.

At the same time, however, there is no occasion whatever for taking a discouraging view of the future. On the contrary, there is every reason for hopefulness in the business world. Our farmers, who are still the backbone of the country, are enjoying extraordinary prosperity in both the south and the west. For some time to come they are likely to be large consumers of all the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. Our industrial classes are also well employed and at high rates of wages. They, too, as a class, are enjoying more of the necessities and luxuries of life than usual. Our mineral industries are going through a wonderful stage of development and earning large dividends.

The only thing in sight to hinder a continuance of our industrial activity is our financial excesses, and it would be far better to recognize this fact at once and put on the breaks than to allow indiscretions and abuses to progress until a serious collapse is invited. I wish it to be distinctly understood that I am optimistic regarding business prospects but Wall street, as is frequently the case, is inclined to overdiscount the future, and the overdiscounting is likely to become much greater than usual. The remedy-which is contraction-may be unpleasant, but it may soon be necessary. Many stocks have gone from strong into weak hands, Fred and this process will be continued unless the note of caution is sounded wide and H. W strong-Henry Clews.



Old Fashioned Dance at The Inn.

The series of informal dances which are always a pleasant feature of the season at the The Holly Inn, were begun Saturday evening an "old fashioned" dance, so named because a number of square dances were introduced. Many of the villagers joined with the guests of the hotel and a pleasant evening was the result.

Putting at The Berkshire.

An evening putting contest arranged

WHISTLES' FOURTH TIN

Treasurer A. G. Warren Wins Club Cup in Weekly Tournament.

Vice-President Knight Second-Belden, Becker and Bailey Tie for Third.



HE FOURTH event in 'Tin Whistles' tournament program, an eighteen hole medal play handicap and ball sweepthis stakes, for a club cup

offered for the best net score, two-thirds of the balls for the second and one-third for the third, resulted in a bunch of close scores and the second victory of the season for Treasurer Aldice G. Warren, of Rochester, N. Y., who played with a handicap of thirty-three, and scored seventy-eight net.

Vice-President G. Lee Knight, of Philadelphia, whose handicap was five, was second, five strokes away, with eightythree, and F. E. Belden, of Hartford, (18), C. L. Becker, of Boston, (0), and Fred J. Bailey, of Chicago, (8), tied for third at eighty-four. Close after them were W. A. Johnston, of Latrobe, Pa., and H. W. Ormsbee, of Brooklyn, whose handicaps were eleven, and who scored 85 each.

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G. Lee Knight	43	45	88	5	83
C. L. Becker	42	42	84	0	84
F. E. Belden	53	49	102	18	84
Fred J. Bailey	45	47	\$2	8	84
W. A. Johnston	49	47	96	11	85
H. W. Ormsbee	44	52	96	11	85
F. W. Kenyon	62	63	125	38	87
P. L. Lightbourn	56	62	118	28	90
H. W. Priest	53	49	102	10	92
T. B. Cotter		- 3	d		
A. I. Creamer					
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QUALL HUNTERS BUSY.

Conditions Excellent and Good Bags the Rule.

Excellent hunting conditions exist and the sportsmen are bagging many quail, the high line string of week falling to Mr. John Teagle of Cleveland and Mr. W. C. Teagle of New York, who bagged thirty birds in two trips, kills of 19 and 11. James Todd of Pittsburg, is much in the field, Mrs. Todd often accompanying him. He has his own dogs here, Rock and Billie, and they are good ones. Mr. Todd is an ethusiastic sportsman who has hunted many parts of the country and an excellent shot.

(See it? Caught a bad cat R); You may hear them from afar Roll it like a British R out of tune, In a clamorous appealing to the aged tabby cat, In a futile mad appealing to the deaf old tabby cat! Shrieking higher, higher, higher, Like a demon in a fire-While the little kitten cats, Infant cats, Sing an emulous sweet ditty of their love for juicy rats! That's But a rudimental spasm of the capers of the cats. -William Tipton Talbot in the Washington Post.

brickbats! They have caught a bad catarrh

> by Mrs. Montgomery A. Crockett, was one of the pleasant features of the week at The Berkshire, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lee Knight, Philadelphia, winning the prizes offered.

Hearts Party at The Inn.

The old time popularity of hearts was demonstrated at The Inn at the weekly card party, Wednesday evening, nearly forty participating. The prize winners were Mrs. A. D. Henderson and Mrs. C. F. Tibbals both of New York, and Mr. C. L. Becker of Boston.

J. R. Such of South Amboy, N. J. who has been an annual visitor for several years, is on hand with two good dogs and ready for sport.

Flight woodcock shooting is furnishing variety from time to time, several being secured during the week.