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DEVOTED TO THE PROTECTION OF HOME AND THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY.



## THEY READ THE GAZETTE

OLD SANTA (taken by surprise) "Ha, ha, ha! And you've caught me in the very act! It's hard to get ahead of the wide-a-wake little folks in these homes among very intimate friends and reinwhere THE GAZETTE goes."



Our buyer is just back from the northern markets where he purchased a large and complete liue of goods for the holiday trade. We have just what you want. Don't do your Christmas a h o p p i n g till you have been through our store-you'll find just what you want right here. Our Grocery Department is also excellently prepared to furnish everything for the Christmas dinner. I Every department full and complete. You'll find a welcome at the People's Store



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The People's Store

THE SUN THAT DIDN'T SET.

An Observation of the Altitude of Uacle Marcus Alonzo Hanna.

Of one thing we may be sure. Mr. Hanna is enjoying himself. He is not worrying. It is another who walks the floor while Mr. Hanna sleeps. He likes the present situation much better than certain situations that could be imagined; and in all this Mr. Hanna is human. His feeling of placidity is in no respect inconsistent with loyalty to the President or to the party.

Compare the present position of Mr. Hanna with that of a year ago, or even of six months. His sun seemed to be setting. When President McKinley passed from the scene many asumed that Mr. Hanna would shrink in power and importance; and as time passed, with the rapidly expanding popularity of Mr. Roosevelt, their forecast apparently was being vindicated. Mr. Roosevelt seemed to be without possible competition as the real head of the Republican party, as well as its nominal leader by virtue of his high office. Then came the Ohio election, with its tremendous victory and the incontestable signs that the dominant Repub-

lican in the whole Ohio valley was no other than Mr. Hanna. Prestol the whole scene was changed. If the story should be changed. If the story should be named, the title might well read. "The Sun that Didn't Set." Uncle Mark remains a resplendent orb high up in the political sky. He does not come down because he cannot. The wires refuse to work. The situation may be embarrassing situation may be embarrassing to the other great luminary of the heavens, but Mr. Hanna is not at fault. Besides, he is warm and comfortable. He knows he has not set. He is getting his share of sun worship, while his shining powers are making the other orb higher up afraid of his own shadow.

In order to appreciate the full extent of Mr. Hanna's personal achievement, we need only remember that seven years ago the Ohio Senator was unknown to American politics, except as interested would, no doubt a business man of Cleveland preciate an expert opinion.

who had lately begun drumming for delegates in favor of the nomination of his friend Mc-Kinley to the Presidency. Seven years ago people were asking "Who is this man Hanna?" No one asks that question now.

With no great amount of moral capital nor any training in pub-Senator from Ohio," who can fight the President's nomination of a dear and intimate friend without incurring the President's displeasure; he is the actual favorite and first choice of that powerful business class which has been the backbone of the Republican party; and on the stump, he even basks in the pop-ularity of "Uncle Mark" among

the people of the Ohio valley. What other eminently practical politician, in our time or any previous time, has so outwitted the cartoonist and gone so far in so few years as Mr. Hanna?

#### RELIGIOUS RENOVATIONS.

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt Recommends Trust Methods to the Churches.

New York World. Mr. William K. Vanderbilt is reported to have said to two ministers who came in search of contributions: "You are over burdened with churches. I advise you to reduce the number and cut down the salaries of ministers and learn to be self-

supporting."
Mr. Vanderbilt's remarks are pregnant. It is true that religion is about the only one of our in-institutions which has remained untouched by the spirit of the age—the spirit of consolidation. Mr. Vanderbilt evidently thinks that these antiquated theological conditions should be brought up to date. A few specific suggestions from him would be very interesting. Would be favor re-organized religious or incorporated creeds; sectarian syndicates

or denominational mergerse Would he squeeze the water out of Dowie bonds, float Christian Science common or manipulate a conversion scheme in Mormon second preferred?

These are highly interesting problems on which those most interested would, no doubt, ap-

A RIOT IN TITLES.

State in our section of State
The Lands clarification of rank is a very calcorned at a stall up of of-fices, others, birth and if on, which f. Brocheer in retained this in Youn and Country. There are time classes, which are direct into as sinny as a dozen subsections, each of which imaging in comprise a score or two of different titles and offices, yet there was a complaint in one of the Iranka pagers. the other day that it was anything but

Holders of titles have to pay an annual tax ranging from \$45.00 in the first class to a misorly \$3.23 in the sinth. There are thout a score of different titles, severa of which are again divided into "real" and "others," the "real" being severas shudes beer than

the "othern."

These titles are always used in conversation, as, for example. "Will not the chamberiain have a cigar?" or "Mr. Chamberiain, will you not have a cigar?" And it requires a fairly clear head and a good memory to give everybody his due in a large party, sepecially as some of them are decomposity long, on for instance, set alma. nety long, on, for his aferentismed.

Then there are ladies, who generally have "inde" (the English "ess") added to their husbands' title or office. A berlain to the ming kamme and so forth.

and so forth.

But the subtlicties of the additional tituler address in writing even excel the rethal form. That persons of the first rank are "excellencies" is only natural, but gratheness of the second class have on decements addressed to them a "high well born" prefixed to their title and came, and those of the third class a "high and well born." I much regret that I remot explain why the addition of this "and" should somewhat detract from the value of the same words.

Gentlemen of # e ninth class are ad-firence as "well honorable and well bred," which is, I thing, almost more than they could expect for their \$3.22.

MEXICAN ETIQUETTE,

Ladies de not a tend fuarrale.

When friends pass each other on the

Cards are sent to friends upon the anniversary of their saints' day and upon New Year's day.

Even the youngest children of the family are dressed in mourning upon the death of a relative.

Never allow a caller to enery a package of any size from your bosse; always send it to his bonse. Mexicans

do not carry parents.

If you change your residence you must notify your Maxican friends by eard; otherwise they will not feel at liberty to enter your new home.—Modern Mexica.

"The reason why I quit shaving," said Rivers, "was that I figured up one day the amount of time that it too ad a Little over fifth ntes every day of my life shaving my-nelf. I found that this used up ten or twoive working days every year, and I

"Well," respended Brooks, "you spe at least half an hoar three times a day eating your meals. That makes ten and a half hours a week. There are and a half hours it week. There are fifty-two weeks in a year. Ten and a half times fifty-two—let me see—is fide. Allowing eight hours to a working day you spend sixty-sight days, or ever two months, every year at your meals. Why don't you quix eating?—Kamess City Independent.

"A university," said John Henry Newman, "is in its essence a place for the communication and circulation of

That was some years ago. That was some years ago,
Now a university is in its ensures a
group of buildings costing \$15,000,000
containing apparatus costing \$15,000,000
do and is the ecastory of a family
whose salaries foot up \$5,000,000, where
young persons, regardless of religious
beliefs, provided only they have the
dolla p, may learn to use tobacce and
slang.—Life.

#### THE OLD RELIABLE



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## JAS. F. YEAGER.

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#### THE PROBLEM

I One of the most perplexing questions of the year is what to buy as a Christmas gift. What is more useful for a Christmas present than something in Clothing or Men's Furnishings? If you want something that will please your husband, your son, or your sweetheast nothing will m fully meet this requirement than a nice t : t : t

### Silk Muffler.

Neck Tie, a pair of Silk Suspenders, Gloves, Handker chiefs, and a thousand other things to be had at the

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