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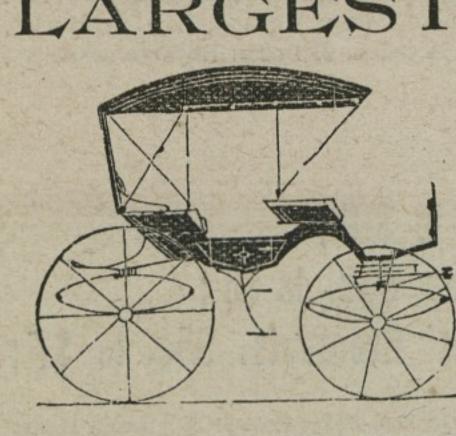
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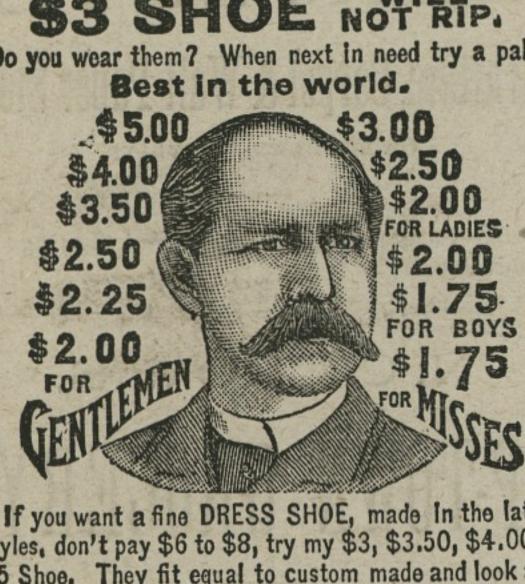
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of good homes, which they desert to follow their cherished calling. A company of Keystone talent leaves Philadelphia to play the state of New Jersey. Their stock in trade consists of a \$25 bank roll and several bunalles-not trunks-of wardrobe. Of course they are in possession of their ability, which is not appreciated by New Jersey natives, and after making several stands, pursued by angry hotel keepers, they go ashore on the rocks, and with one accord all noses point toward the Quaker City. The ladies have little trouble in securing transportation, as they are experienced in the art of telling the conductors a story calculated to soften a heart of steel. They ride, and before

pay their ferry fare. Not so with the men, as they care not for varnish covered cars, but prefer riding in what is known to the professionals as a side door sleeper, but which the railroad calls a box car. The comedian has secured possession of his valise, which he has expressed to his destination. On reaching home he redeems it from the some theatrical hotel, where he secures room and board for a week, at the end of which time he is unable to pay and ing to sign with Manager So-and-so and

ing this song for four weeks the landlord

ever offered to the people of Kent and Queen Anne's takes charge of his grip and advises him Counties, such as Happy thought! His friend, Tom Blower, has arrived in the city, and as LOW-DOWN DEARBORNS, &c., Tom is dressed—in their language—out of sight, our comedian hunts him up, and after a short confab with him Tom the hotel lately occupied by Comedy. Reaching there, he calls at the desk for our comedian and is informed by the proprietor that he is not in, whereupon You can find us at the old stand formerly oc- Tom becomes agitated, and in a confidential tone tells the hotel man that he desires to engage Comedy to work the only man in the city acquainted with the day side and a night side. S the country." Comedy now strolls in,

and Toms falls upon his chest with joy and engages him, in tones to be overheard by the landlord, to complete the Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Sick Headache, week with him at a salary of \$50. The landlord is happy and already hears the jingle of the simoleons due him. Tom here informs our friend that he must report for dress rehearsal at once, whereupon the landlord is told that his depart arm in arm. But they never

maining with headquarters at the hotel in which he was stopping, expecting, as order from his wife. At the end of three weeks no money order had made its appearance, and the Thespian's trunk was taken into the storeroom as security by the hotel man. The day following this move a young lady alighted from the train and registered at the hotel, and in a very short time became acquainted with the leading man. She wanted to buy a trunk. He would sell her one and stated to the innkeeper that he had a chance to sell his trunk and gave him

the impression that the proceeds of the sale should apply on his board bill. The trunk was removed to the actor's room, where the contents were taken out | HARD TIMES, HIGH PRICES of it and wrapped in a paper, after which the lady was called in to examine the "keister." She was in love with the style and make of it and paid the actor \$10 in cash for the same. The bundles were lowered out of the window by the actor and expressed to Philadelphia. The lady paid her bill at the hotel, amounting to \$1, and that afternoon left for this city in company with the leading man, who was none other than her husband, and in whose pocket quietly reposed the baggage check for his trunk, which the day before had been the property of the confiding hotel keeper, and who, to this day, had never received a cent from the proceeds of that sale.

A common practice followed by these catch-as-catch-can managers is to give the country hotel keeper an order for the amount of his bill, payable at the Dry Goods, Groceries, box office in the town to be next played, to which place they agree to pay his railroad fare. They reach the town in the traveling hotel man is put to bed with the company's manager, who lies awake until he is assured that his companion and creditor is sound asleep, when he arises and in a few moments is in possession of the order he has given on the box office, having extracted it from the clothes of the unsuspecting sleeper, who, when he discovers his loss, has nothing left to do but to return home a much

Cherokee Strip Indian Names. In civilizing the Indian into a plug hat and English terminology we all too quickly forget to perpetuate him in the geographical nomenclature of the land he once so graphically christened. Of the seven new counties in the Cherokee strip, but one bears an Indian name. The others have names which are wholly commonplace, which are not associated with any incident to give them meaning, and which partake not in the slightest degree of the local tone and color of a region which has a rude but picturesque history and abounds in romantic traditions which ought to be preserved in the names of its towns and counties.

-Kansas City Star. Women at the Polls. "Do unmarried women possess the ballot in this country?" asked the Eng-"Not to any great extent," replied the native. "In Wyoming women are al-

lowed to vote, and in a few other states they vote on school questions." "Don't they vote in Pennsylvania at "That's odd. I certainly heard some one speak of the maiden vote the other

day."-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. Velvet Shoes. While enjoying the comfortable prettiness of a tea gown the social dame or demoiselle now incases her feet in velvet shoes. They are to be had in all art shades, and fancy may choose from rare olives, rich sapphires, bronzes, old blues, porcelain pinks, sunbeam tints and leaf tones.—New York Press.

IS VENUS INHABITED? in in These Days.

Youth's Companion. It will be remembered that about two years ago the famous Italian astronomer. Sehiaparelli, announced that he had discovered that Venus, which is a world very slightly smaller than ours, makes only one turn on its axis in going once around the sun. It would follow from this that on

Venus there is no succession of days and nights as upon the earth, but that perpetual day reigns on one side of the planet, and perpetual night on the other. In other words, if Schiapareili is right, Venus always presents the same face to the sun, just as she moon forever turns the same hemisphere towards the earth. The inhabitants of the sunward side of

Venus, then—if there be any—never see the sun set, while the inhabitants of the other side never see the sun at all, unless they visit the opposite hemisphere of their

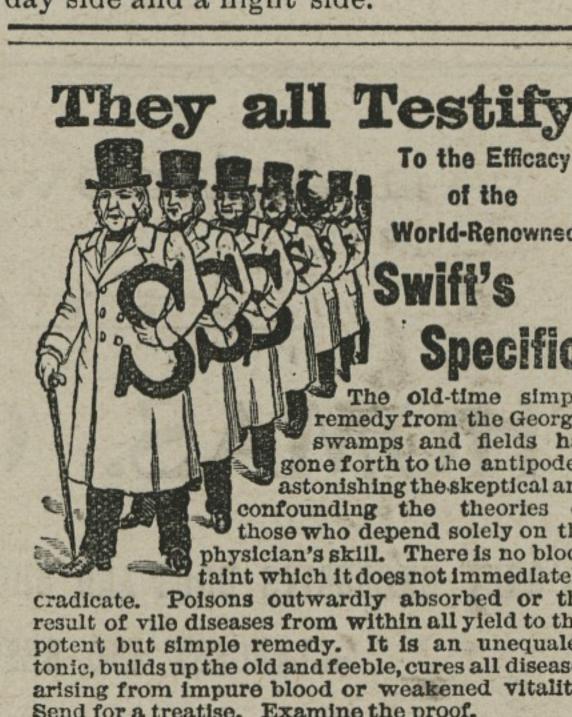
Of course, no one knows whether there are inhabitants upon Venus or not, but, we do know that Venus has an atmosphere, and that in its atmosphere watery vapor exists and clouds float, and that upon the sur- | GEORGIA FLOORING, face of the planet the force of gravitation is not very different from that which it manifests on the surface of the earth. Accordingly, there are some reasons to be urged in behalf of the opinion that Venus may be an inhabited world.

But if one-half of Venus be buried in endless night while the other half lies glaring beneath a never setting sun, it is evident that the inhabitants of the planet must have experiences that would be most TURNED POPLAR COLUMNS, strange and trying to us. So the question reaching the Delaware river have whether Venus really does rotate on its SASH, BLINDS, "touched" the accommodating ticket axis only once in 225 days, the period of puncher for 3 cents each with which to its revolution around the sun, derives an added interest from the consideration that the planet possibly has inhabitants.

The older observations indicated that Venus rotated in between twenty-four hours, giving it days and nights about equal to those of the earth. In order to settle the question it has recently been proposed to apply the spectroscope. It is known that in the spectrum of a celestial body which is rapidly approaching the earth the spectroscopic lines are shifted toward the blue, while in the spectrum of a STAM'S HALL-CORNER STORE fast retreating body the lines are shifted toward the red. This principle has been used in measur-

ing the rate of the sun's rotation. The lines are shifted toward the blue on the eastern and toward the red on the western edge of the sun, and by measuring the amount of shifting, the rate of rotation is found. It is easy to see that the same method may be applied to find out how fast Venus revolves on its axis. Every one who watches the glorious

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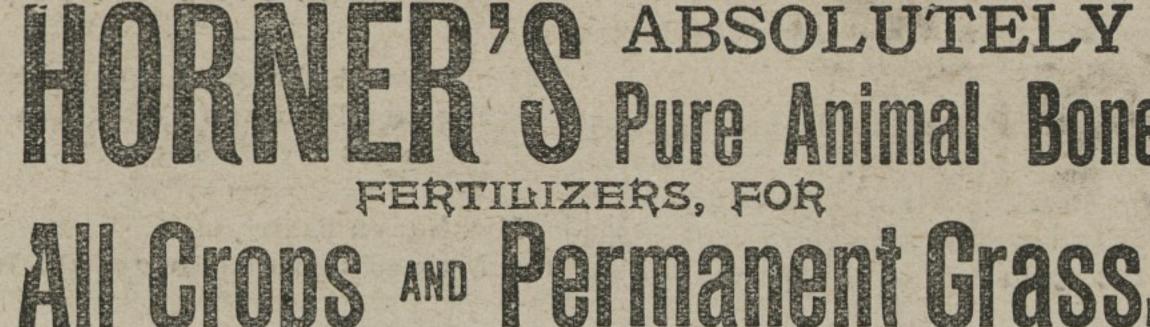


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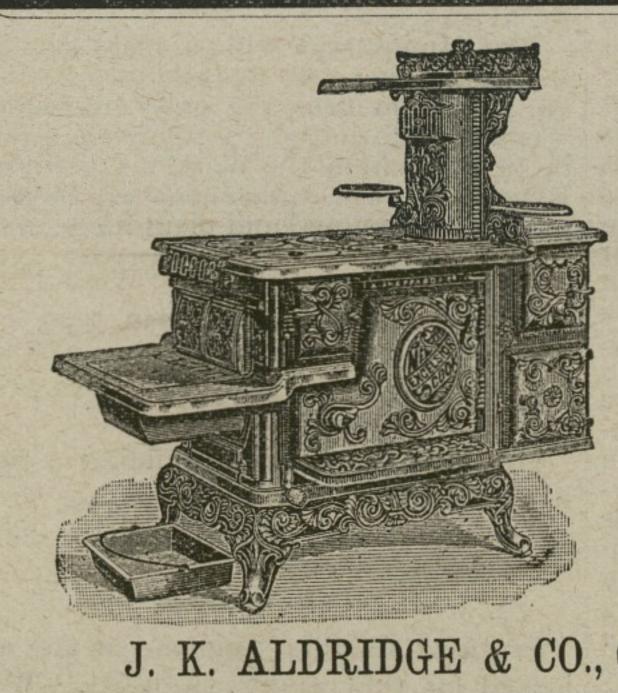
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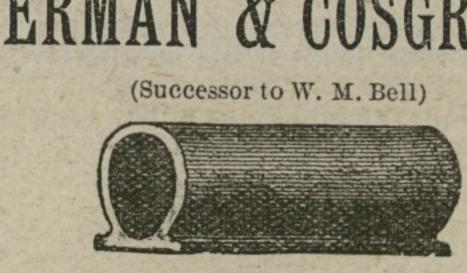
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