

A POSTAL IMPROVEMENT!

The United States to Establish Post Offices on Wheels.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—An improvement more extensive and interesting than any ever contemplated by the Post Office Department in years is expected to result from a novel experiment to be commenced by the government authorities on New Year's Day. If it proves successful we will before long see every important country road within our vast domain traversed by moving post offices—actual post offices on wheels, with a postmaster in each. Those who have hit upon this purely novel scheme see in it the solution of the gnawing rural free delivery problem as well as the application of the rapid transit mail car idea to the interior country road. Days of delay lost in the present slow rural system will be saved by commerce between large cities and country towns. Farmers will go simply to the nearby highway instead of to the post office, perhaps miles away, to transact any business which they now carry on by aid of the mails. A complete collection, delivery, register, money order, and stamp, envelope and postal card selling equipment will pass through their neighborhood on schedule time each week day during the year.

First, as to the travelling rural post office proper: The Post Office Department will issue plans and specifications for a vehicle of the unique class within a few days. The exterior will somewhat resemble the modern country stage coach, with three windows on a side, and will be labeled "U. S. Mail" in conspicuous letters. The body will be eight feet long, four feet across, and just high enough for a man six feet tall to stand erect inside. It will be a very light running coach, weighing about 600 lbs., and adapted to all kinds of weather—rain, hail, snow or blizzards or red hot summer. The personnel will consist of but two—the travelling postmaster and his driver. The latter will be mounted upon an ample seat in front, sheltered overhead and protected in wet weather by a waterproof covering. Entrance to the interior of the vehicle will be by a door on either side, which when shut will serve as the centre of the three glass windows. These windows and another in front will make the office as light as may be desired by day, while a blazing lamp will do the same by night. The postmaster will be seated in the centre of his office with a revolving chair made stationary with the floor. Both before and behind him will be a working table and a complete set of post office pigeon-holes. Under ordinary circumstances he will ride with his back toward the driver, there being more room at his rear table than at the front. Just above the rear table will be a closet with double doors. Inside will be shelves, a cash drawer, and drawers for storing stamps, postal cards, envelopes, cancellors and other necessities, including a trusty gun for protection against the bold highwayman, without whom literature on mail coaches is ever dry and uninteresting.

Grouped about this closet will be the smaller pigeon holes, among which mail matter for the rural inhabitants having houses or collection delivery boxes along the route between postoffices will be distributed alphabetically. Thus when the new postoffice on wheels approaches the farm of Joseph Cornstossel, that gentleman's letters can be readily found in pigeon hole "C," and when it comes to the box of Hezekiah Hayseed, who may live several miles up the crossroad,

his letters and papers will be taken from compartment "H," and deposited in the slot of the box bearing his name. Beneath this rear working table will be larger pigeon-holes, each bearing the name of a regularly established postoffice on the circuit. Upon arriving at each office the travelling postmaster will take all matter out of its box, and present it to his host, the stationary postmaster.

The pioneer postoffice on wheels will be so equipped that it may, if needs be, traverse the country under control of only one man with composite duties of carrier, collector, postmaster, and driver. This arrangement may be adopted where or when work is exceptionally light. When acting as driver the postmaster will work at the table built in the front of the vehicle, and the reins controlling the horses will be drawn inside over the seat vacated by the driver, the fore window being open in summer and supplied with driving slots in winter. The fore pigeon-holes will be arranged about this window much as the rear group will be about the central closet behind. The postmaster, while driving, will turn his revolving seat around and raise it until he is in a half standing, half sitting posture, best calculated to balance him while jolting up hill, down dale, and over treacherous, rough places.

Being in all respects a postoffice, this compactly equipped vehicle will contain also a safe for securing funds for money orders, registered letters, sale of stamps, etc., and for storing valuables. This receptacle will be placed conveniently beneath the front working table, so as to be protected by the driver as well as the postmaster, should the latter be outside attending to his duties. It will be a steel strong box, 20 inches square and one-eighth of an inch thick, with secure lock and fastenings.

As every country postmaster knows, suburban mail, especially that received in towns not on railroad lines, is burdened with a greater proportion of bulky and cumbersome matter than mail ordinarily posted for city distribution. The new postoffice on wheels will therefore be provided with ample space for all parcels and bundles. A large compartment behind the rear tier of pigeon-holes, will be provided for the matter.

As protection for the matter in the pigeon-holes, front and rear, a double row of wire covering will be stretched over each. This will prevent matter from falling out during the jolts which country vehicles are bound to encounter. In these door of wire slots will be made opposite each pigeon-hole and large enough to admit a letter or newspaper. The postmaster will distribute matter while this screening is closed, but each slot will have the characteristics of the rat trap door, and nothing which goes in it will come out the same way. To remove it, it will be necessary to unlock the whole wire door. This will be done while the wagon is at a standstill or when it is slowed down. Thus the mail matter deposited in the pigeon-holes will not be able to take automatic leave of any compartment to which it may be assigned, nor will it be an easy matter for even a light-fingered robber to "touch" the traveling postoffice en route.

Then, as to how the whole system will work in its entirety: The scheme is that the states will be divided into circuits. The postoffice plying upon each will be quartered over night at a railroad town, preferably one situated on some main line connecting with the city or cities upon which the rural res-

HEARTBURN.

"In the Spring of 1897, I was attacked with Dyspepsia and Heartburn. So severe was the pain that I could not sleep or eat, and I was troubled with headache most all the time. I remained in that state for three months, and tried everything I could think of. At last one day I read in the paper about Burdock Blood Bitters, and thought I would try it. Great was my surprise on finishing the first bottle to find I could eat better, the headache left me, and before I had used the second bottle, I was completely cured. I cannot advise too strongly all sufferers from stomach troubles to try B.B.B." MRS. WM. GRATTAN, Indian town, N.B.

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BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS.

idents of the circuit mostly depend, and which received mail from the different star routes from the neighboring country. It will wait here for the incoming early morning mail, and promptly receive all matter for its circuit. It will then set out immediately to traverse its route, mapped out as nearly as possible in a circle covering a distance which will admit of a return to the starting point in time to catch the outbound evening mails. A stop will be made along the entire circuit at each postoffice, large or small, where mail will be quickly thrown off and taken on. The postmaster in each town will have a schedule showing the time of arrival and departure at each point each day. Immediately upon its receipt the travelling postmaster will commence to sort the mail received.

All along the route will be distributed letter-boxes of a novel design each bearing the name of its owner, who may fasten it outside the gate leading up to his lane or at the point where the road leading to his farm joins the route of the postoffice.

Montague, of Dunnville, Cured of Ulcerated Itching Piles.

Mr. Robert Montague, of Dunnville, Ont., writes: "I was troubled with Itching Piles for five years and was so badly ulcerated, they were very painful, so much so, that I could not sleep. I tried almost every medicine known, when I was recommended to use Dr. Chase's Ointment. I purchased a box and from the first application got relief. Have used two boxes and am now completely cured."

The Cost of The Stuff.

Estimating the number of miners now in Yukon at 20,000, and the cost of their supplies for a year at \$800 a head, we get a total admittedly larger than the gold output, to say nothing of the labor bill, which must be set down as a big balance on the wrong side. Apparently more money goes into the Yukon than comes out of it. But the Yukon does not differ in this point from other great gold fields in the early stage of their development. The gross yield of California in 1853 was \$65,000,000, and it cost \$335,000,000 in wages to get it. Wages were then \$7 a day; by 1858 the rate had fallen to \$4 a day, but it still cost \$330,000,000 to get \$55,000,000 worth of gold. In Australia in 1853 Professor Stanley Jevons was informed that the average production of gold per miner was worth \$28, while the average wages were \$65. Even when the industry is well established, its returns are by no means as lucrative as is generally supposed. In 1894 there were 6,400 miners engaged in alluvial mining in the colony of Victoria; their average yearly production was \$170; in the quartz mines where capital and machinery are required, 5,556 men were working, and producing \$440 per head in a year. The heavy yields of gold are exceptional, and befall a few lucky people. Every prospector hopes to be one of those few exceptions, and of course the vast majority are disappointed. They put their labor and capital into a very risky business, and get nothing or very little out.

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For Piles, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Pin Worms and all skin diseases Dr. Chase's Ointment is a positive cure. It is recommended by Dr. C. M. Harlan of the American Journal of Health. Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure with blower included will cure insipient catarrh in a few hours; Chronic Catarrh in one month's treatment. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are the only combined Kidney-Liver Pills made and will positively cure all Kidney-Liver troubles.

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If a man is devoted to everybody he is devoted to nobody.
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If haste makes waste, the messenger boy is anything but wasteful.
If the world owes every man a living tramps must be the collectors.
If you borrow trouble you must put up your peace of mind as collateral.
If a man is cowardly he always quotes. Discretion is the better part of valor.
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Notice Of Sale.

To Charles H. Melville, of Peel, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and all others whom it may in anywise concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Twenty-Seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book S, No. Three, on pages 669 and 670, and made between the said Charles H. Melville of the one part, and John Fisher of Woodstock, in the County and Province aforesaid, and William Fisher of the same place, executors of the last will and testament of John Fisher, late of said Woodstock, deceased, of the other part, there will, for the purpose of satisfying the money secured thereby, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Auction in front of the office of Hartley & Carvell, in the Town of Woodstock, in the said County of Carleton, and Province of New Brunswick, on Monday, the Nineteenth day of December next, at the hour of eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage, as follows:

"All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying in the Parish of Peel, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a post standing on the western bank or shore of Cold Stream at the north east angle of Lot number nine granted to John Foster, thence running by the magnet west sixty-six chains, thence north thirty six degrees east, with a rectangular distance of thirteen chains, thence east ninety-one chains or to the western bank or shore of Cold Stream aforesaid, and thence along the same following the various courses thereof in a south westerly direction to the place of beginning, containing ninety-two acres more or less and distinguished as lot Letter B, western side of Cold Stream, and granted by the Crown to one Thomas Burlock on the third day of December, A. D. 1889, and numbered 21885, and by said Thomas Burlock conveyed to the said Charles H. Melville by Indenture dated the thirteenth day of this present month of June." Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated this Fifth Day of November, A. D. 1898. J. JOHN FISHER, W. FISHER, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of John Fisher late of Woodstock, deceased, Mortgagees, HARTLEY & CARVELL, Solicitors for Mortgagees.

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Notice of Sale.

To Alonzo Cronkhite of the parish of Wicklow, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and Mary J., his wife, and all others whom it may in anywise concern.

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two, and recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book Z, Number 2, on pages 132, 133 and 134, and made between the said Alonzo Cronkhite and Mary J., his wife, of the one part, and George Leonard Cronkhite, of the same place, of the other part; there will, for the purpose of satisfying the money secured thereby, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction in front of the Law Office of Hartley & Carvell in the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, on Monday, the twenty-third day of January next, at the hour of eleven of the clock in the forenoon, the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows:— "All that farm of land situate and being in the above said Parish of Wicklow, and bounded as follows, to wit:—Beginning at the North Easterly angle of Lot Number Sixteen in the fifth tier, granted to Samuel H. Cronkhite, thence running by the magnet of the year 1832 West, sixty-seven chains along the Northern line of said grant to the North westerly angle thereof; thence North fifteen chains; thence East sixty-seven chains, and thence South fifteen chains to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less, distinguished as the Southern two-thirds of lot number fifteen in the fifth tier; and being the same land granted by the Crown to the aforesaid George Leonard Cronkhite, Esq., by grant dated the 3rd day of April A. D. 1886, and registered in Fredericton the fourth day of said month under number 9538, and by the said Geo. L. Cronkhite and wife, conveyed to the first said Alonzo Cronkhite at the date of these presents."

Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining. Dated this twelfth day of October A. D. 1898. HARTLEY & CARVELL, G. L. CRONKHITE, Solicitors for Mortgagees. Mortgagee.

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panion until past middle life, and Dr. Agnew's Ointment has cured speedily and permanently. It is a boon to mothers because it is a boon to babyland—scald head and its irritations, which are accompaniments to the teething period, are quickly driven off and restlessness passes away—and where torture reigned with baby this balm brought rest and a cure—it affords instant relief from the itching distress. . . . Do you suffer from piles—itching, blind, bleeding or ulcerated?—No remedy has brought so quick relief, spared painful surgical operations as Dr. Agnew's Ointment—it has proved itself an absolute cure for piles in all forms and at all stages—standing, has baffled its curative qualities. In cases of chronic eczema it has proved its great worth, and cases are on record where this dread affection has been the birthright of its patient and constant com-

A lady living in a northern County town writes that for seventeen years she was troubled with salt rheum. She took doctors' treatments and used many lotions without any permanent relief. Reading of the cures made by Dr. Agnew's Ointment, she decided to try it. The first application allayed the irritation and she continued using it—the disease rapidly disappeared and now for two years there has been no sign of a return of it.

The baby of another lady living on Pacific Ave. in Toronto, was terribly afflicted with scald-head and eczema—she tried washes prescribed by her physician, and soaps advertised for such purposes, but the disease remained—Dr. Agnew's Ointment was her good friend; half a box cured the baby and cured herself of troublesome piles which had been the bane of her life since baby's birth.

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