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BUSINESS CHANGE.

Up to this time I have been doing a pretty general credit business. The result has been many losses, much vexation from those who are bad pay and an unnecessary expense for a collector and outlay. After May 1st, 1891, I am going to sell on the cash system entirely. By avoiding losses by misplaced credit and by applying the energies of a collector to a solicitor, I hope to do a business more satisfactory as well as more profitable both to myself and to my customers. I trust I will not lose your patronage by this change in method of doing business.

The advantages in favor of a credit system are few when fairly looked at, and the disadvantages in a cash system are still fewer, both for the buyer and the seller.

Buying anything for cash, makes people more economical in the use of the articles and more careful in the buying.

Bills are much easier made than paid by all of us.

I shall sell nothing but the best, employ men who know how to be gentlemen under all circumstances and be accommodating at all times. I trust you will give this a candid and thoughtful reading. We thank you for past favors and earnestly solicit your patronage in the future.

Yours truly,

J. A. GILBERT.
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MR. KEELY'S MOTOR.

The Philadelphia court which thought it could keep Mr. Keely in confinement has seen its error. As the Tribune has already remarked, Mr. Keely is out of jail and has returned to his motor. Some of the earlier of the stockholders are not yet out of the poorhouse—but this is neither here nor there.

The short and simple annals of Mr. Keely's motor are soon told, some twenty years ago, more or less, Mr. Keely built his motor. There are a number of pipes, pulleys, rods, belts, rods, levers, cocks, cams, and cogs visible, besides, it is darkly hinted, a vastly greater number of the same sort of thing under the floor and back of the partition. In the front of the motor is Mr. Keely's office, in which there is a large slot. The stockholders drop their money in the slot, and Mr. Keely looks out and watches them walk away. Naturally Mr. Keely is sometimes pulled upon to explain the work of his motor by some doubting stockholder. On such occasions he has all smiles, and conducting the victim into the presence of the machine, he says:

"You see, my friend, the way we operate the motor is this: Taking hold of this lever we pull it towards us. This causes the small flapper to see there to be withdrawn, allowing the flibber snatcher to fall into its place on the ramrod. As soon as this happens, it acts directly on the hatchway and slam-bang, causing them to make a half-revolution and start the get-up and get motion of the flunker-flopper, which in turn communicates its energy to the button hook and wapperchock. After these things have run for about five minutes they cause the jig-jag valve to turn, and the asthmatic gas flows through the pipe to the cylinder and gives the wiggle motion to the gilder fluke. That's the point we are striving after—the wiggle motion of the gilder fluke. Why, my dear sir, without the wiggle motion of the gilder fluke you wouldn't think of putting your money into the motor. But, with it, sir, we are—eh, another share! All right, come into the office and I'll have it made out for you inside of a minute."

Professor Keely has been much more successful in the mechanical manipulation of the stockholders' money than in the management of his motor. Taking hold of the middle of a bill, of any denomination, with the thumb and fore-finger of each hand, he holds the end of the bill toward his person. By a dexterous movement of the fingers he causes the bill to fold itself across the center. Repeating the process, he has it reduced to the proper compass for wadding into his pocket-book, which is the next movement. This most ingenious gentleman, Don Keely, then places the purse in his right hand trousers pocket and smiles quietly. The mechanical action is perfect, and leaves nothing to be desired.

Mr. Keely's mental endowments seem to run in particular lines. He appears to have no mechanical ingenuity, his strong point being his acuity as a collector. He has one of the largest and best arranged collections of other people's money to be found in the United States. Having a number of years ago, during a fit of temporary insanity, constructed a machine which, if any power on earth could start it, would explode and pierce the startled dome of heaven with flying fragments of cog wheels and cranks, he now sits down calmly and allows this same mechanical nightmare to make his living for him. This is genius. The man who can create a company, stock in which is placed among the holder's liabilities when he fails, and then continues to sell this stock every day, is doing something that ordinary men of talent can not do. He has risen above them. This is Keely. He toils not, neither does he spin; but he has got a hysterical collection of crooked pipes and top-aided wheels tied up in his back room that extract the reluctant dollar from the pocket of avarice without fail.

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Men who wish to put their money in business blocks will find the West Side a place of profitable investment. Although the rents for the present will be quite low, yet there are good chances for raises, as many kinds of business would be drawn over here on account of the cheap rent. The more business done the higher the rent and in only a few years the building would be bringing in good returns.

The West Side can point with pleasure to the number of new buildings erected in the past few years. The box block, now being erected on Third Street between Williams and Baxter, is the latest, and is a fine two-story brick block with three good store rooms. Another story, however, would have added much to its appearance.

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

The West Side Improvement Association held a called meeting last Tuesday evening. Although quite prominent notice was given but few were present. The meeting, nevertheless, was one of the most interesting the association has ever held. The first thing that came up was the election of officers for the ensuing year, who are the same as those of last, with the exception of Chas. Patterson, secretary, who succeeds John Collins. Mr. Collins declined re-election. A number of committee members were also appointed who should look after the various interests of the West Side. After the election the meeting was engaged in discussing various public subjects. The Western Union Telegraph Company and the Euclid avenue park, however, took a greater part of the evening.

Severe criticism was passed on the Western Union for the unreasonable prices it charges for the delivery of messages to the West Side. While they charge nothing for carrying messages to Dayton Union, in many parts of Miami City twenty cents a demanded.

The Euclid Avenue Park was taken up and discussed. The association was strongly in favor of pressing the execution of the ordinance passed several years ago, that a strip twenty-four feet through the center of the street be converted into a park. The ordinance has never been heeded, and they propose that something be done.

Another meeting will be held the third Tuesday in May.

FAMILY OF FREAKS.

Albert Ross, who lives near Adrian, Mich., is the father of seven children, all bright and comely, but queer enough to start a dime museum of freaks. The eldest boy has thirteen fingers and thirteen toes. The next youngest cannot speak unless he jerks his arms and legs about after the manner of a windmill. The third boy is deaf and dumb, but apparently boneless, and can twist himself in any shape. The eldest girl has hundreds of lumps, but a great talker, while the next youngest daughter has a birthmark around the neck and wrists just two inches wide, and of a bright scarlet color. The youngest are twins, and are queerly marked. They are three months old, and the boy, who is very fat, weighing forty pounds, has hair like a Circassian in a side-show, but his twin sister is entirely bald. The queer feature of the twins is that they do not laugh or cry at the same time, one always crying while the other laughs. The girl can hardly be heard, while the boy has a tremendous bass voice that nearly drives his parents distracted. The Ross family is fairly well-to-do.

BUY A MAN CAN, OF COURSE.

"Now, you must not let this go any further," said Watts to Potts, after retailing a choice bit of scandal.

"Oh, certainly not," said Potts. "How did you happen to hear it?"

"My wife told me. She's just like any woman—can't keep a secret of course."

PICCLE BOTTLES IN A PICCEL.

Victor isn't always his own reward. The English pickle manufacturers have been making their pint bottles hold a little more than a pint, to be on the safe side of an English law on the subject. But when they send these pint bottles to Canada they run against a tariff law which provides that any package measuring more than a pint must pay duty on a quart.

TWO CARDS.

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LADIES' LINGERIE

LADIES' UNDERWEAR

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GENTLEMEN:

Of the most severe earthquakes on record have taken place in February. At Lisbon, on the 26th day of February, 1755, 1,500 houses were destroyed by an earthquake and 30,000 persons buried in the ruins. On the 2nd of February, 1763, 5,000 lives were lost by an earthquake at Aquila, in Italy. On the 4th of February, 1783 a terrible earthquake took place in Italy or Sicily, destroying thousands of lives and overthrowing Messina and other towns. On the 4th of February, 1797, an earthquake destroyed the whole country between Santa Fe and Panama, including Casco and Quito; and it is estimated that on this occasion, 40,000 people were buried in one second. On the 30th of February, 1855, an earthquake in Chili, besides effecting an immense amount of damage, almost destroyed the city of Concepcion, knocking down the cathedral and most of the public buildings.

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Remember I belong to the West Side and am here to stay, therefore it is to my interest to give you the very best goods to be had for the money, which I have at all times tried to do. To those who have not traded with me let me say, that you can not only save your time and street car fare but money besides by buying shoes of me. This I have proven to hundreds of West Side people and a trial of my goods will prove it to you.

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