

We Are Going Up Higher

True economy consists in buying the best article that can be had. The American people evidently appreciate this fact, because the growth of our business proves it. Notwithstanding the business conditions of the past year our shipments show a gain of \$187,233¹²

Actual Shipments to Customers.

Year ending December 10th 1908
Fiscal year 1907

\$10,228,618⁷⁷
10,041,385⁶⁵
187,233¹²

Gain

In Ten years we have created a business exceeding Ten Million Dollars a year without absorbing any other institution and without owning any interest in retail stores.

Our growth has been steady and continuous, never having shown a loss in any year.

We believe that leather is the only good thing out of which to make shoes hence we use no substitute for leather in any shoes we make.

We produce in our own factories 98% of the shoes we sell.

The improvement in our shoes from season to season is evidence of our fixed policy on quality. We will continue in the future as we have in the past to make them better and thus maintain the truthfulness of our slogan.

"Star Brand Shoes are Better"

Eleven Big Factories — No Retail Stores — No Branch Houses

(In the future our Fiscal year will close on)
Dec. 10th instead of May 10th as heretofore.



Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co.

Manufacturers — St. Louis.



World Interest in Andree's Fate

THE recent report of the Associated Press that a ship bearing the name of Andree, the famous north pole explorer, had been found in Labrador, has revived world interest in the great explorer's fate. Those best informed seem to doubt the accuracy of the report that any trace of the balloon had been found in Labrador and further developments will be awaited with anxious interest.

His plan to sail over the frozen seas which attracted attention of scientists everywhere the New York Herald says.

For more than ten years the entire civilized world has awaited with much interest the fate of the explorer. No effort to reach the North pole ever attracted so much attention, and none of the many expeditions has appeared so directly to the interest and sympathy of the people.

His plan to sail over the frozen seas in a huge balloon was novel at the time, but his earnestness in the project and his scientific demonstration of the feasibility of his undertaking brought about the assistance and support of the foremost scientists and capitalists of Europe. Andree left Dan's Island, Spitzbergen, at noon, July 11, 1897. In the balloon with him were Dr. S. T. Strindberg and Dr. Knut Hjalmar Fransson.

Well, men deeply interested in the expedition and in full sympathy with his enterprise. Their balloon was a huge affair, 65 feet in diameter and with a gas capacity of 170,000 cubic feet. The balloon, like the one which Mr. Walter Wellman proposed to use several years later, but had no other means of guidance save an ordinary "guide rope" and small sails which were to be attached if the conditions were favorable for their use.

It was Andree's belief that at a certain altitude he would encounter a steady, strong current of air moving directly toward the pole. He hoped to ascend above the eddying currents nearer the ground, and once in the northern stratum of air sail directly to the pole, reaching there inside of one week. He expected eventually to land on the northern borders of North America.

The king of Sweden and many capitalists had provided him with all the money he needed, these contributions being augmented by a national subscription and a large assemblage of distinguished persons were present to see him start on his interesting journey.

Two days afterward a carrier pigeon returned to the point of starting with a message that the balloon was then in 82.2 degrees latitude and 15.5 degrees longitude, sailing gently in an easterly direction. That was the only authentic message ever received directly from the aeronauts, but scarcely a month has passed since then that rumors and messages, many of them seemingly

reliable, have come from the north telling of the discovery of some evidence of the balloon and its occupants. In September, 1899, sailors found on King Charles Island a pole that for a time was believed to be good evidence that Andree had reached the pole but perished before reaching civilization. This was a buoy marked "Andree Polar Expedition," with an anchor attached.

It was known that Andree had taken such a buoy, which he had planned to drop when he reached the pole, in case he found it impossible to make a landing there. For a time this was regarded as an important discovery, but later it was concluded that the buoy had been lost or thrown out of the balloon to give it greater buoyancy. In 1899 a bottle containing a note numbered 143 was found near Carlsbad, but if this was genuine it had no significance that could be relied upon.

On two occasions reports have been received of the finding of Andree's body, but these stories were never verified. In July, 1902, the whole world was interested in a thrilling report that evidence had been obtained in the Northwest Territory that Andree and his companions were murdered by a party of Esquimaux not far from Port Churchill.

Sailors reported that the balloon descended near this point and that when Andree fired a gun to attract attention the Esquimaux regarded it as a challenge and murdered the three men carrying away most of the contents of the balloon's basket. Repeatedly searching expeditions have been equipped and sent north, following up the reports of the finding of the balloon but in each instance the reports were found to be mere "sailors' tales." The

king of Sweden has repeatedly offered large rewards for definite information concerning the fate of the balloon, and the Swedish government has sent out several expeditions at large expense.

A RELIGIOUS AUTHOR'S STATEMENT.

For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick white sediment and I passed some frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy. F. J. Hill Drug Co., ("The Never Substitutes.")

YOU NEEDN'T.

You needn't keep on feeling distressed after eating, nor belching, nor experiencing nausea between meals. In other words, you needn't keep on being dyspeptic, and you certainly shouldn't.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia. It strengthens and tones the stomach, perfects digestion, creates a normal appetite, and builds up the whole system.

WHY USE YOUR

Letterheads for scratch paper when we can sell you scratch paper so cheap?

THE ELBERFELD SYSTEM OF HELPING THE POOR

An interesting account of the Elberfeld system is given in Miss Suter's "Britain's Next Campaign."

The city of Elberfeld, with its 146,000 inhabitants, for poor relief, is divided into districts, each district in either city comprising not more than about a dozen Armenpfeffer-⁴, e. "helpers." Each helper's division of his district is called his ward. At Elberfeld the helper's ward is locally circumscribed, his poor people being found either in the same house or, at any rate, in the same part of a street. The 12 or 14 helpers are provided over by a captain—district-warden—let us call them captains; and all the captains again, at any rate at Elberfeld, form a central board, headed by the civic arm-chair-vervaine, which simply means the city's administration of the city poor. This vervaine at Elberfeld consists of a chairman (the present chairman being in English parlance an alderman), four city delegates and four ordinary citizens (two of them, as at present constituted, happen to be board captains), one of the former and one of the latter retiring every year (two of each every third year), but open to re-election.

Every helper, besides his visits to his charges, is "at home" at the certain hour twice or three times during the week (some of these business men from 7 to 8 in the morning) to attend to any "case" coming to him with a

tale of distress—just like the doctor "at home" for patients. And relief-seeking persons, wherever they be, know exactly where to go to claim help, either for themselves or for a neighbor, the first move having of course, to be made by the people themselves. It does happen occasionally that the "first move" is made by a kindly neighbor when the person in distress is "too proud" to come. Besides, the helper is thoroughly acquainted with his ward, and at the bedside the knowledge of the various wards gradually gets interchanged, so that the administration really has a wonderfully minute knowledge of the whole stratum of likely distress.

There are strict rules. The city says "none of our people shall starve or perish with the cold," so they have set themselves to find out what a man, woman and family require to keep them in absolute necessities, and this is what they have arrived at as a minimum for food, clothing and shelter:

A man living with him 2s. 6d.
A child of 14 and over, if wage earning 1s. 6d.
A child of 14 and over, not wage earning 1s. 6d.
A child of 14 and over, not wage earning 1s. 6d.
A child aged 10 to 14 1s. 6d.
A child aged 5 to 10 1s. 6d.
A child aged 1 to 5 1s. 6d.
A baby in arms 1s. 6d.

In all for a family, if consisting of the above eight members 12s. 6d.

Or a corresponding sum according to number and ages: while 2s. 6d. is the allowance for any single adult.

In brief then, the Elberfeld system organizes a body of unpaid helpers—

amateurs, if you like, in the real and best sense of the word—to administer private charity and municipal relief. Already the practical and hard-headed Germans have copied the idea from the town of its birth in Berlin. Hamburg, Dresden, Munich, Stuttgart, Crefeld, Dusseldorf, Cologne and many more—Westminster Gazette.

You would not delay taking Foley's Kidney Remedy at the first sign of kidney or bladder trouble if you realized that neglected might result in Bright's disease or diabetes. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities and cures all kidney and bladder disorders. F. J. Hill Drug Co., ("The Never Substitutes.")

LADY RANDOLPH'S REPARTEE.

Lady Randolph has a sense of humor, or perhaps I should say wit, as exemplified in a short passage of conversation with Mr. Bernard Shaw. She wrote a polite note to that gentleman asking him if he would come to a luncheon party, to which he cordially replied: "Oh, I don't know what more I owe to you, you send an attack upon me and will know better."

To which she answered: "Know nothing of your habits, hope they are not as bad as your manners."—Pittsburg Mass mine.

Many little lives have been saved by Foley's Kidney and Bladder Remedy. It is the only safe remedy for infants and children as it contains no opiates or other narcotic drugs, and children like Foley's Kidney and Bladder Remedy. Careful mothers keep a bottle in the house. Use substitutes: F. J. Hill Drug Co., ("The Never Substitutes.")