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Lives in a Lonely Cottage and Has for His Friends Spiders and Creeping Things-He is as Happy as Cau Be in His Louely Home.

Once a year old John Vanderbilt of Hexankopf, Cal., comes barefooted down the mountains to Lower Sancon and buys a mess of coarse cornmeal. This he packs up the steep slope to his hut, to form his main food supply for a twelvemonth. Cooked with water in hoe-cakes flavored with sassafras root, it forms strange enough fare for a wealthy member of the richest family in America.

Hexankopf, or Witch's Head mountain, many years ago and bought a



JOHN VANDERBILT.

tumbledown brick dwelling of considerable size, which, because of its condition, was sold to him with severar acres of almost worthless mountain land for \$450. It stands on the top of the mountain, screened by dense, foliage from observation though no observer ever passes that way save out of curiosity, and the nearest neighbor, Mr. William Raudabach, lives a mile away. Mr. John Vanderbilt bears well his more than 60 years. He is erect and vigorous, nearly six feet high, and bears a striking resemblance to the old Commodore Vanderbilt. whom he is a relative. He is not recluse; he goes often to the postoffices of Iron Hill, Wassergras and Lower Sancon, receiving mail at the former office and sending it from the latter. He buys supplies and pays cash. He has mortgages on houses in South Bethlehem and receives rentals from property in New Brunswick and Bound Brook, N. J. The former town of the conditions surrounding the La is the source of the powerful Vanderbilt family, the carly home of the old commodore.

In his way John Vanderbilt is kindly man. A great spider has spun its web across his doorway; he stoops on entering that its home may not be destroyed. A few children are his only friends, chief among these being Elmer Kunsman, son of a farmer living on the only road that approaches the place. Elmer keeps a careful look out down the road, and when strangers approach the boy scampers through the woods to warn Mr. Van-

#### Efficient Postal Service.

The annual report of the third as sistant postmaster general contains strong testimony in favor of the honesty and efficiency of the postal service. writes William E. Curtis in the Chicago Record. During the past fiscal year the postmasters of the United States and their assistants handled \$196,653,544, of which \$95,021,384 was receipts from the sale of stamps, boxes money orders, etc., and the balance was disbursed for various expenses. Of this enormous sum the entire loss to the government by burglary, fire, bad debts, embezzlement and all other forms of carelessness and dishonesty was only \$19,358. I doubt if any private firm, bank or corporation, or any institution in the world that receives and disburses money, can show so good a record, and yet we keep talking about the inefficiency and cor ruption of the public service and other evils of partisan appointments. It may be said, too, that the customs collections and the business of the internal revenue office will show similar evidence of honesty and efficiency in our public service.

Dietates the Price of Wheat.

Samuel Greeley, a commission merchant of Chicago, testified before the National Industrial Commission in session in that city, that a combination of five wealthy grain men, of which Philip D. Armour is the direct ing genius, control the price of farmers' products. It is Armour who has concocted the foremost competition destroying combination in the West. He can dictate his rate of freight on any railroad in or out of Chicago. This combination between railroads and elevator operators has practically killed competition in the grain market in the West, and has left its promoters with a monopoly of the market. By hoarding immense quantities of grain in the market center it has given rise to the professional bear speculator, whose business it is to hammer down the market, and has brought into existence and made safe the bucket shop. Thus the railroads, who own many of the elevators indirectly, get in league

with a class of operators who ought

A GENEROUS OFFER. In this age of aggressive competition the fact is often overlooked that in every business transaction, large or small, reputation is at stake and that only such measures as are based upon honor and integrity will, in the long run, lead to the narrow road of success. Of late papers have been full of "free sample" advertisements, and as a rule enough only was sent to represent one or two doses, hardly sufficient to get a taste of the remedy. M. R. Zagel & Company, established in Sheboygan, Wis., since 1882, believing that the public is sick of this kind of treatment, offer to send to any of our readers enough roots and herbs, with full directions for two weeks' home treatment, free of ail expense; all they require is that parties writing to them for a free sample enclose in their letter one two-cent stamp to pay the postage on the sample. If any of our Old John Vanderbilt went to the readers are afflicted with rheumatism, headache, stomach, bowel, liver or kidney complaints, they should send for a free sample at once, addressing their letter to M. R. Zaegel & Co., P. O. Box 831, Sheboygan, Wis., and like others, once again enjoy the blessings of good health.

Russians Want Typewriters.

The latest Russian information received indicates that a considerable modification of the Imperial Russian law affecting the use of typewriters in that country is about to take place. Hitherto the use of this machine has been restricted to such individuals as could obtain special permission, as it was feared that the general use of this apparatus would greatly facilitate the machinations of the Nihilistic element. Foreign business houses were almost the only ones making a liberal use of the typewriter. Of late years, however, Russian industry and commerce have extended at such rapid rate and the educated element available for the purpose of correspondence is relatively so small, that the Russian government has at last admitted the necessity of acceding to the wishes of Russian merchants. Of course, this means a considerable extension of American trade.

La Porte, Texas. The progress of the construction work at La Porte, Texas, the future great deep-water shipping point at the head of navigation on Galveston Bay on the Gulf of Mexico, is progressing favorably. The wharves and switching tracks are nearing completion and the work on the strects and on the sewerage and water systems is now under way. Mr. I. R. Holmes, the general manager of the La Porte Improvement Company and the La Porte Wharf and Channel Company, is personally superintending the improvements, Mr. Holmes makes his headquarters at the Sylvan Hotel and visitors to La Porte during the next six weeks and before the time of the first general La Porte sale, which will be held in February, 1900, should introduce themselves to Mr. Holmes and allow him to extend to them facilities for getting a thorough understanding Porte enterprises.

McClure's Magazine

Which, almost from its start, has set the pace for competitors in the same field and has come to be almost synonymous with enterprise in magazine work, is now about to forge another link in that chain of notable features which began some years since with its life of Napoleon, and has been added to year by year with something striking and original. Beginning with the December number, and to be continued during the several issues of the new year, is an article by the Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren) on "The Life of the Master." This promises to be one of the most interesting and noteworthy serial articles that have so far appeared in McClure's. The color illustrations, from pictures specially made in Palestine by Corwin Knapp Linson, are a great though by no means the only chief feature of this new life of Christ.

First Class in Arithmetic.

"These examples what's in the 'rithmetics aren't any good," writes a boy 'What I want to know is, if I trade my knife for a top and six marbles, and then trade the top for a mouth organ and the marbles for an apple and s jewsharp and then eat the apple, how much do I make. - Stray Stories.

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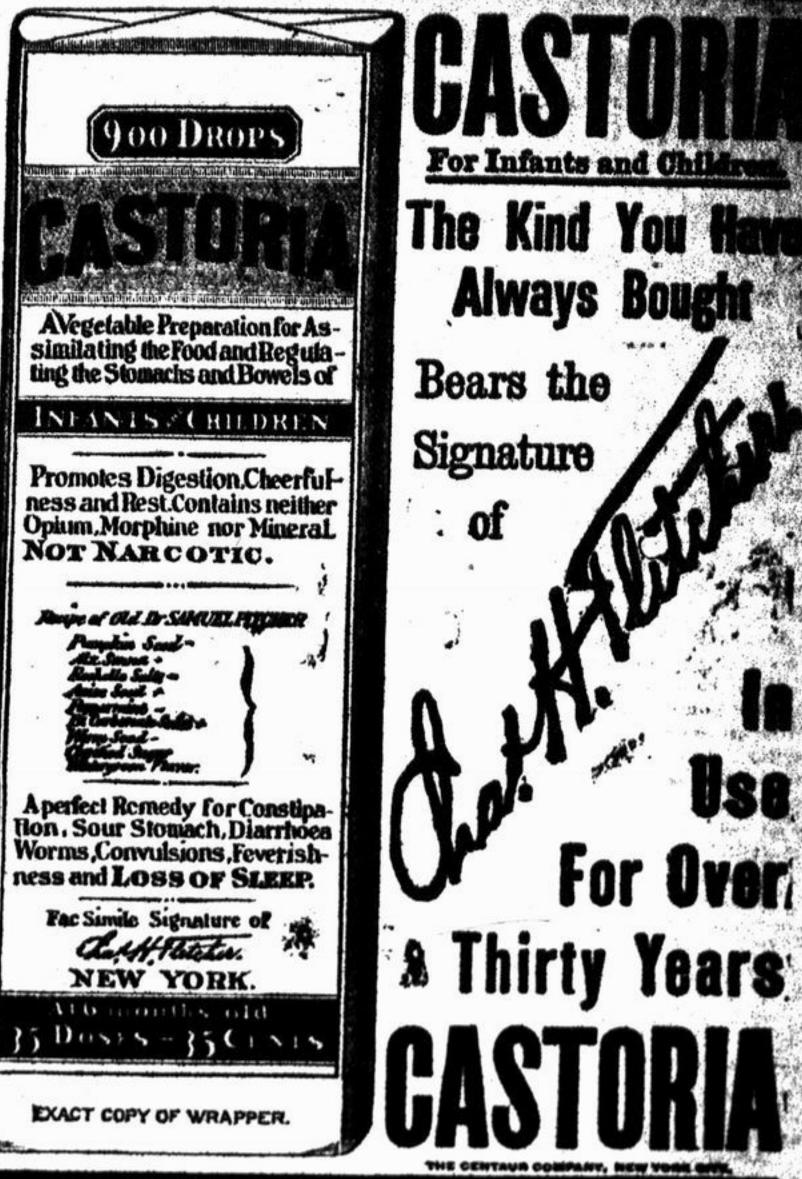
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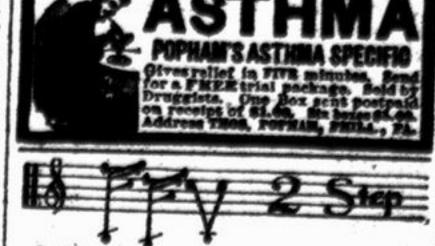
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