A BENEFIT TO FARMERS. The benefits that will undoubtedly sult to farmers from the recent incorporation of the International Harvester Company which took over the business of the five leading harvester nanufacturers have probably not been considered by a large portion of the farming community.

The economical necessity of a consolidation of the interests of manufacturers and those of their farmer cus tomers must be apparent to any one who understands the present situa-

The increased and increasing cost of material, manufacturing and selling-the latter in consequence of extreme and bitter competition between manufacturers and their several selling agents—has made the business unprofitable.

The two alternatives left for the manufacturers were either the in creasing of the prices of machines or the reduction of the cost of manufacture and sales. The latter could only be accomplished by concentrating the business in one company.

As can readily be seen, the forming of the new company was not a stock jobbing operation but a centering of mutual interests. There is no watered stock; the capitalization is conservative and represented by actual and tangible assets. There is no stock offered to the public, it having all been subscribed and paid for by the manufacturers and their associates.

The management of the international Harvester Company is in the hands of well known, experienced

The officers are: President, Cyrus H. McCormick; Chairman Executive Committee, Charles Deering; Chairman Finance Committee, George W. Perkins; Vice-Presidents, Harold F. McCormick, James Deering, Wm. H. Jones and John J. Glessner; Secretary and Treasurer, Richard F. Howe. The members of the Board of Directorg are as follows: Cyrus Bentley, William Deering, Charles Deering, James Deering, Eldridge M. Fowler, E. H. Gary, John J. Glessner, Richard F. Howe, Abram M. Hyatt, William H. Jones, Cyrus H. McCormick, Harold F. McCormick, George W. Perkins, Norman B. Ream, Leslie N. Ward, Paul D. Cravath.

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It also owns timber and coal lands, blast furnaces and a steel plant; it has a new factory in the process of construction in Canada.

It is believed that the cost of producing grain, grass and corn harvesting machines will be so reduced that the present low prices can be continued, and that consequently the resuits cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the farmer. To maintain the present prices of these machines means to continue and increase the development of the agriculture of the world, for no one cause has contribute ed or can contribute more to this development than the cheapness of machines for harvesting grains.

She Cornered Him. The query editor was troubled, not

to say angry.

read the letter addressed to his department, "my wife has been asking me this question for the last week, and I refused to be bothered-" He looked at the letter again and jumped out of his chair. "Thunder and guns," he cried, "it's her handwriting, too, Now that she has learned the trick she'll make me settle every social, household, and historical question that comes up, and I'll be right on hand to take the blame if I make a mistake,"

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MILITARY MASS AT SEA. Ceremonials.

By long odds the most impressive of the ceremonies that occur on shipboard is the military mass on Sunday. Nothing less than a full cathedral service for Catholics, yet the attendance is of all sorts, sailors, officers and casuals. The afterhatch on the gun deck is cleared and an altar erected there with various of the fitments pertaining to the service. A large American flag partitions off the space behind it and also conceals the band that is the organ in this function, accompanying the priest in the intonations and playing during the offertory. The priest is in full canonicals, and is a wonderful spot of color as he kneels under the opening where the light falls. Before the hatch, forming three sides of a square, are the marines, standing silently, like trees bending together in the wind. They are in full uniform with fixed bayonets and are at attention.

A sailor in white is altar boy, and the choir, on the front seats in the audience, consists in this instance of newspaper men, the least terrible in a collection of voices that would not be accepted by Mr. Grau. At the elevation of the host the drums give a ruffle and the marines present arms, the flag advanced, while all in front bow. And at the end, after a short and practical sermon by the chaplain, the band plays "America" and all join in the singing of it, says Brooklyn Eagle. It is to be noted that in this service the hymns are not those of the Roman church, bu! are such things as "Abide With Me," "Rock of Ages," "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Coronation," since these are better known to the majority who sing them than are the

HOW HE MADE AN ENEMY.

Old Gentleman Tells of Perfldy of Former Friend.

"Yes," said the old man, "Smith was my bosom friend when we were boys at school, but he became my worst enemy. We sat on the same form, ate together, slept together, and shared each other's joys and sorrows.

"When we grew older our parents sent us to the university together, where our friendship, if possible, grew stronger. We took our degrees together, and, to preserve the friendship of our boyhood days, went into part-

"We were more than brothers and were always together, and it was while attending a social party that we both met and fell in love with the same girl.

"Our rivalry was a friendly one, and for some time none could tell which was the favored one. One night my chum came to me in his old friendly way and said:-

"'John, I can see that if I should prove the winner you would suffer deeply, therefore I have decided to turn over my interest in the business to you and leave for some new coun-

"Of course, I endeavored to persuade him not to go, but he persisted and carried out his plan. He went to Australia, and in three months I married the girl."

"But how did Smith become your enemy?" inquired one of the listeners. "By not letting me go to Australia instead," snapped the old man; and they all understood.

RAPID GROWTH OF MOSCOW.

Russian City Will Soon Rank With the Largest in Europe.

The population of Moscow shows a remarkably rapid increase. Within the comparatively short period of 30 years the number of inhabitants has just about doubled. At the time of the French invasion in 1812 the urban Muscovites numbered about 200,000, although the official returns were 252,-900. In 1871 the official census gave the population as 602,000, in 1882 it was 768,000, and according to the reckoning now completed the historic capital contains 1,173,500 inhabitants, thus taking the tenth place among the most populous cities of the world. Moscow covers an area of 101 square kilometers, or only two kilometers less than that of St. Petersburg. Area is not, however, by any means a general criterion, in questions of population, as appears from the fact that whereas London, with the largest population of any city in the world, covers 303 square kilometers, New York, with a population numbering more than a million less than that of the British metropolis, has a total area of 795 square kilometers. The population of Moscow is less dense than those of St. Petersburg, Glasgow, London, Berlin and Paris.

Our Master.

immortal love, for ever full, For ever flowing free, For ever shared, for ever whole, A never-ebbing sea!

No fable old, nor mythic love, Nor dream of bards and seers, No dead fact stranded on the shore Of the oblivious years.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet A present help is He; And faith has still its Olivet, And love its Gaillee.

The healing of His seamless dram Is by our beds of pain; We touch Him in life's throng And we are whole again,

Our Friend, our Brother, and our Lord, What may Thy service be? Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word, But simply following Thee. Thy litanies, sweet offices

Of love and gratitude; Thy sacramental liturgies The joy of doing good, -John G. Whitties. WIT GOT HIM A MEAL.

Brooklyn Hobo Was Renowned

His Display of Native Humor. The genus tramp is not always the sodden-minded wretch he is frequently depicted. Some are bright in wit and quick at repartee. A prominent citizen of Brooklyn, who, though charitably inclined has ideas that charity should not be thoughtlessly dispensed, was walking the other day in a street where repairs to the asphalt pavement were going forward on a rather large scale. He was accosted by a burly specimen of the "ould dart." who said: "Boss, can' you give me the price of a meal?" 'Why don't you go to work?" asked the citizen. "Work, is it?" exclaimed the burly specimen, casting a swift glance over the street, on which not a blade of green grass was to be seen. Then, with a twinkle in his bright eyes, he asked: "Do you want your asphalt mowed?" The citizen's sense of humor was stronger than his theories of charity. He pulled a quarter from his pocket, left it in the palm of the "burly" and went his way chuckling.

A Faithful Friend. Lenox, Mo., Sept. 1st.-Mr. W. H. Brown of this place has reason to be thankful that he has at least one friend by whose good advice he has been spared much pain and trouble.

He says: "I have had backache for over twelve months. Sometimes I could hardly get up when I was down the pain in my back was so great.

"I tried many things but could not get anything to help me or give me relief till a good friend of mine advised me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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"I am very thankful to Dodd's Kidney Pills for what they have done for me and I will never forget my friend for having suggested this remedy."

Headed the Wrong Way.

The fresh-air children have many novel experiences in the country. Here is one: The wife of a prominent citizen of Lacon, Ill., entertained a boy at her home for two weeks recently and one Sunday she dressed him in his best and took him to church. He behaved nicely during a part of the service, but finally got uneasy and set up a howl that proved that he was from Chicago. The lady tried to find out what was the matter but failed and was compelled to take him home. When she got him there she was take en back to find that in dressing him she had put his trousers on hindside before and he was crying because he couldn't get his hands in his pockets.

Mr. Henry A. Salzer, the well known La Crosse, Wia, seedsman, accompanied by his family left for Europe last week and will return in November. During his absence Mr. Salzer will look up some new seed novelties in Russia.

American Lobster In Demand. American canned lobster is wanted everywhere in Germany, but there seems to be no efficient connection between dealers and American pro-

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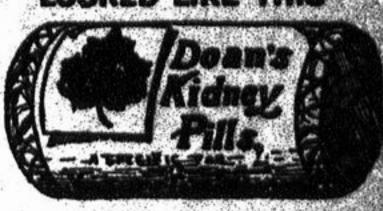
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