

carried on the work of housing, feeding, and clothing from thirty thousand to forty thousand people since the 9th of October, divided by the contributions of donations and goods which have also been made. But for much of this work, money, and money only, is indispensable.—Lauds, stoves, furniture, crockery, flour, beef, pork, sugar, codfish, tea, blankets, mattresses, coal and various other articles absolutely necessary to the comforts and health of this army of destitute people, have had to be purchased with money. Take, for example, the one article of stoves, without which the people would

perish. Two or three hundred were given, which would warm and cook for less than \$100 of the 30¢ per 100¢ of rice. There was nothing to do but to buy, and buy with ready money, and of the kinds and size of stoves wanted there are not many to be had from the seaboards to the Mississippi. They have been bought up by the committee, and given away at cost to the fund of more than \$100,000.

Matresses, the committee, foreseeing the coming necessity of order, came from everywhere in the United States and in Canada, where they could learn that such articles were manufactured. Orders

diagnosis, Cincinnati, Detroit, Buffalo, and Montreal, and they were gathered by thousands from all these points. In addition to all this, the committee has set to work to buy every odd mattress and cot and from three to four hundred are turned out daily. And yet the demand for mattresses and stoves cannot be met. But, of course, all the business has to be done with cash in hand.

So, too, of houses. Between three and four thousand have been given away—given away absolutely to the recipient unless he elects to pay for it—and full of furniture and other things.

racks have been put up which shelter a thousand families, or at least five thousand persons. In every house and every family room in the barracks is put a stove, a bedstead and cooking utensils. The houses and barracks are built with the ready money, and with the most rigid economy—aided by the fact that the committee bought a great part of the materials at a low price. The cost of the work, so far as the hands on—the cost of this indispensable shelter cannot be provided for at less than a million dollars.

This comes first, of which the staple articles notwithstanding the generous

grants have to be purchased, and for which the daily outlay is thousands of dollars. An immense number has still to be fed, though the decrease in demand has enabled us to get to work for ourselves and the dishonest are cut off, as the system for their detection and the judicious distribution of food becomes daily more perfect and accurate. As the outlay is reduced, it is possible to give some waste in the distribution of both food and clothing, for all applicants were relieved that none might go hungry and naked; and there was nothing to be done but to force the food and clothing upon to every case. But whatever waste there

was, be it observed, was on the side of mercy; and yet, now that this inevitable waste is stopped, and the means which are, not on the side of distribution but on the side of reappropriation of bounty—which we think an important distinction—the daily outlay of money for food, for some sorts of clothing, such as blankets, boots and shoes, and for handling this enormous business, is very great.

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Askes for Peach Trees.

We have seen several used around peach trees with remarkable good effect. We intend to run them up in our own

planting, next spring. We are led to this by our observation of its good effects, as well as our experience. Unleashed ashes are good, but they are a poorer quality. Ashes probably furnish as good and cheap a fertilizer as we can buy. Trees which have had an application of ashes hold their leaves longer in the fall, and are less likely to be killed. It also shows more perfect health. This demonstrates strong vitality in the tree, and the more vitality a tree has, the more it can bear without damage. Save your ashes for next spring. Now is the time to begin.

FIRE PROOF DRESSES.—A chemist of Vienna, it is reported, has succeeded in discovering a composition which will make even the slight material of ballet dancers' dresses fire proof. The Prince of Lichtenstein has given this composition a first trial on the stage in his own palace in the presence of a numerous company. The rise of the curtain disclosed two life-size dolls, dressed as ballet girls, to both of which a light was applied. One of the dolls was rapidly reduced to ashes while the other, saturated with the protective composition, escaped with a

small hole burned in the dress. This experiment was so satisfactory that the Prince of Liechtenstein bought a wooden box so that he could store his dress for the purpose of making another trial of the fire proof composition, with which the boards are to be saturated. If the building resists fire, the process will be greeted as final, and the element the discoverer has an order so make the scenery of the Vienna City Theater unflam-
mable.

when at Washington last fall, under somewhat peculiar circumstances, was introduced to a young lady, who, in the course of the evening, made some ordinary remarks upon commonplace topics, the lady said: 'Our city is very full of your army gentlemen at present; may I ask if you are here on leave?' 'I am not,' answered D. 'Do you think it would be better to have a personal interview with you upon important business, and prevailed upon the Adjutant-General to order me here for that purpose.' As Captain D. was about to remark, 'Exactly.' The General said to poor D. too, and he entered upon civil

Spurgeon delights in the story of the genuine conversation of a servant girl. When she was asked on joining the church, "Are you converted?" she replied, "Yes, sir." "What means that?" the Inspector Officer, "What small-arms, Mr. D. do you consider best adapted to the colored soldiers?" " *Razors*," promptly answered D.

there used to be." "What is the change?" "I don't know," I answered. "I have seen all things but there is one thing. I always sweep under the mats, now. It has been so since the beginning of time."

How to ruin a son.—4. Let him have his own way. 2. Allow him free use of money. 3. Suffer him to roam where he pleases on the Sabbath. 4. Give him full access to wicked companions. 5. Call him to no account of his evenings. 6. Furnish him with no stated employment.

I have observed that in comedies the best actor plays the droll, while some

scrub rogue is made the inné gentleman
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