John E. W. Keely Humbugged the Public Out of More -Than \$5,000,000.

THE LONG-KEPT SECRET

Without a Doubt He Was Easily the Cleverest Money Getter of His Day.

The Recent Thorough Investigation of His Plant Proves That He Was One of the Most Successful Swindlers of the Age-How He Succeeded in Deceiving Them All.

Death has claimed the arch charlatan, John Ernest Worrell Keely, but what of his treasure chest, stocked again and again in the last quarter of a century? Keely had been an artificer in wood and iron and brass, an Indian fighter, a head waiter, a tirst violin in an orchestra, a circus performer and a professor of legerdemain. He combined the skill of all these trades and professions, invented the Keely motor and wneedled mil lions from his fellow-men

He had operated an engine by means of compressed air forced through thin tubes from a concealed tank He had a wonderful invention, which, at the twang of a violin and in response to the tossing of a gill of water into its mechanism, set up a terrific disturbance, provided the condensed air pipes were tight and no acquisitive individual moved the machine about the floor.

"Keelyism," had its converts everywhere Men of shrewd common sense went to the inventor in his little shop and pressed him to take their money

Mrs Bloomfield Moore, a brilliant woman, famed for her learning and culture, gave the mail from \$250 to \$350 a month to aid his researches. She made a codicil in her will, signed in the dingy little shop in Philadelphia, whereby she directed that a part of her estate go to a fund for perfecting the Keely motor. When he died she survived only a few days. Her soul seemed to be bound up in the success of the invention.

Professors of science studied Keely's machines and listened to his hybrid jargen. Once a savant gravely proposed that keely, who murdered our English speech with every other breath, should have a home among the elect of the University of Pennsylvania.

has gone out from this world it seems one of the most astounding occurances of history that men should wants to get an option on a corner have witnessed in source earnest the lot he is viewed with as much astonscience.

Only a man of the showman in-stincts and the sever failing nerve of Keely could have talked such condensed nonsense with so serenc a face. It took the coolness of a man who could juggle knives to keep the public at bay year after year with the promise that his great invention would scon be complete. Here is a list of some of the invest-

ments to be charged to the account of this charlatan of the nineteenth century:-

AN Advanced by New York capitalists (1874), \$10,000; Expended in perfecting motor. \$60,000; Given by Mrs. Bloomfield Moore, \$100,000; Stock of

the Keely Motor Company, \$5,000,000 Not that this by any means represents all the money which has been swallowed up in the swiftly revolv ing motor. It may be six millious. It may be ten millions, for in the twenty five years in which the new force which was to be evolved was exploited before the public this magician of mechanics found thousands who believed in him and backed their faith by greenbacks. He never lacked for funds with which to carry on his weird experiments. The municipal operations of the Keely motor were involved in as much secrecy as the

mechanism itself. Hundreds have invested in it and have kept the investment secret. The exact amount of money sunk through Keely will never be definitely known.

HOOLEY'S IN HAVANA.

Large Flock of Cheap From oters Doing the Cuban tupual.

Havana is thronged with speculat ors of all classes. They are having various effects on the community One man from New York put up at one of the leading hotels and talked loudly and at all times of the great things he was going to do with the vast amount of capital at his back. He priced tracts of suburban real estate, pine lands and mines. He made arrangements with railroads for special trains to carry capitalists to various properties on inspection tours. At the end of three weeks he had run his course, but before getting to the end he borrowed \$50 of a Spanish ofticer and did not pay it back. The Spanish officer made a vigorous protest and said that all Americans who were coming down were of the same kind.

These cheap and irresponsible adventurers are giving the American in-vestors a bad name. The man who is here trying to buy corner lots and unoccupied tracts is also numerous. Havana uces not do much in the real estate business and values are hard to get. A property remains in a family for 100 years. There is, of cource, more or less realty exchanging and trading, but nothing like what Now that the personality of Keely there would be in a northern town of the same size. When a prospective buyer rushes to a Havana man and hment sathough h

Well Arranged Abodes Where the President's Advisers Find Home Comforts. IMPOSING GROUP.

Five Members of the Circle Are Housekeeping And the Others

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Home of the Secretary of State One of the Finest in Washington-All Are Well Adapted for Solid Comfort and Entertainment-House of the Secretary of War is Commodions.

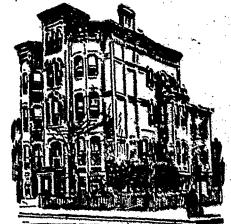
The cabinet homes are quite an imosing group at present, and President McKinley's official family is well oused. Five members of the cabinet circle are housekeeping, and the others who are not, the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Interior, have the comforts of home without their responsibilities.

The home of the Secretary of State is one of the finest in Washington. and its interior beauties are already well known to nearly every one proinent in society. The house was built

not many years ago by Mr. Hay, and has every modern convenience and luxury. Its adornment in wood and marble is of a character which improves with age. It is spacions and well adapted to purposes of official, hospitality. Perhaps what would strike the average visitor most, how-ever, w the fact that it has few dark corners, and the drawing rooms are especially sunshiny and cheerful. The driveway approaches the front steps, and the entrance is broad and spacious, in ceping with the wide hall and stairway. The hall divides the house, and is quite the feature of it, being as spacious as the rooms. The dining room, which has a fine marole fire-place and wide hearth, is on the north. A reception room and the drawing rooms are on the south



lave lessed the former residence Mrs. Lindsley. It is a modern mansion, and is well arranged and well fumished. The drawing rooms and dining room are on the fast fluor, and the substantial-looking oak stalrway is also an ornamental feature. The house is well furnished, and spiendid-iy arranged for entertaining. The Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Wilson have a cosy residence, which is bright and cheerful in every part. The house was just finished when they leased it and Its decora-tion was after Miss Wilson's direc-tion. It has an oddly shaped hall, on sion, and is well arranged and well



SECRETARY ALGER'S HOME.

which the parlor, music room and during room, which are on opposite sides, open. The cozy corner and Turkish corner in the hall are exceedingly tasteful. All the furniture came from the western home of the Secretary, and has the familiar look which recalls their old fireside. Secretary Wilson's household consists of his two sons and daughter, Miss Wilson, who presides for him.

MILLIONS IN HIS MIND

Has a Scheme to Take Unlimited Quantitis of Gold From the Earth.

In the jail of Fulton county, Georgia, near the Queen City of the Southland, Atlanta, there is confined for the non-payment of a bill of \$15. a man who claims to have at his command the secret for acquiring mill. ions plus millions of dollars. His name is David J. Telfair, and his

scheme, as it affects latter day science, must take rank with such marvels of romance as the story of Aladdin and his wonderful lamp, Colonel Mulberry Sellers and his for-tune producing plans and the vapor-ous vision of the gentleman who claims to have discovered a practic-al means of hatching ten-dollar gold pieces from hard bolled eggs. Mr. Telfair's scheme in a nutshell is this. He will be the matrix in the

is this:-He will place two poles in the auriferous ground, distant from each other ten miles, turn on a powerful current and then ait with a big mouthed pouch or a tank at the negative end and wait for the good yel-

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The pimele on ye There is need of hole arguments and al there is need of not arguments and all other kinds of hos things during shost days of North pole temperature. The sorres-pendent measure this remark because he has had some arguments lately and wishes to convey the impression that they are not al-together distantical to him-in winter. Miss Sarah Lanson, who has been visiting riends in town, returned to ber home Bath, Saturday,

Miss Agnes Coalos was in Buffalo during the week visiting friends. Charles Ely, of Pittaburg, is claiting his slater, Mrs. J. B. McGarthy, of West Pirit treet.

Michael, themine year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jevemiab Fleming, died on Friday last of membraneous croup. His had calr baen ill two days, and was a bight and lovable little boy. The sufficient parents have the sympathy of their many friends. The fun-neral was held an Saturday and the body and get Flood placed in the vault at Hope cemetery for a few days prior to its interment in St. Marya cometery.

Or Friday last ocsured the funeral of Dorothy, the infant daughter of Mrs. Those, Burke, who died of phousing is a Thursday, Miss Kate Gorgin in able to be out, after an illaces of two weeks, and her many friends rejolce at her recovery . Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray bald a visit

o the Metropolis during the past week Reverand J. M. Bustla, pastor of St. Mury's church, announced that a same of sermons will be given during last on the Sacraments and the Sacrifice of the Mass. These instructive lestares will no doubt at tract large crowds on the svenings of which tract large crowns on the evenings of water they are given. Faiher Bustin's ability as a convincing and eloquent speaker is well known and the Lenten lestures last peny tested the seating capacity of Sr. Mary's shurch and compalled the attention and in-terest of people of all sects and grouds.

terest of people of all sects and ereeds. There was a large attendance at the most-ing of the Holy Name Society which tools place last Sunday avening. The society has representatives not only in this sky proper but, its membership extends to Hornby, Painted Post, and other outlying villages, Despite the cold, which was dreadful, there was almost, if not Quite, a full attendance, which fact speaks well for the interest fait in the Society and also for the interest fait in the Society and also for the character of its membership. Catholic memberships its membership Catholie men-laking each word in its fallest and best meaning Catholic men are wanted in this Society-and that this is begining to be knows, is shown by the fast that new mames are pos-stantly being proposed.

The Holy Name cheir, under the droutlo of Doctor Campbell, vise-president of the Society, rendered the "Veul Creator" at the last meeting, very beautifully. We under-stand that the air se, which the brans was

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- 110 "played horses," as the college boys would put it, with scientific nomenclature. He put up strange gods in his Philadelphia laboratory which mankind worshipped after the weird gone into the hands of an agent. The ritual composed by the high priest of price had gone up to \$18,000. Perfraud. Wealth made sacrifices of mil- haps it had a value before. If so no



JOHNE, W. KEELY.

lions, too, at those shrines, and menthought that they were on the road to fortune on a way made straight by the Keely motor.

They believed that if it once started there could be no stopping the would follow in its train.

Ordnance experts have sat in the Keely laboratory in Philadelphia and watched experiments with a wonderful cannon, which was in reality nothing but a big popgun.

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Experts dissected the building in which the charlatan carried on his experiments. They laid bare the pipes which conveyed the compressed air from a buried steel tank. They found that the strange force which came at the twanging of a fiddle bow or the dropping of a little water was after all only atmosphere condensed. There was nothing new. They found that the machines were operated on principles discovered centuries ago.

Keely's success lay in his faculty for simulating earnestness. He acted as one who believed that he had made a great discovery. There was a stormy scene in his laboratory once when a man accused him of using copper pipe from the transmitter and defied Keely to cut it. Mrs. Bloomfield Moore offered the inventor \$1,000 if he would cut the supposed wire and thus fling back the aspersion of the critic. Keely would not listen to such a thing. The spectators were hurried from the room, and a few minutes later Keely summoned two witnesses and cut the supposed copper pipe. It proved to be wire. Now. the puzzle is to find when the change took place, for there is no doubt in the world that the wire was copper pipe not five minutes before. Yet through all this storm scene Keely boiled with righteous indignation and scorn.

It almost seems incredible that one should listen without laughing at some of the Munchausenlike statements made by Keely. It was the grave face, the earnest eyes, the enthusiastic manner of the man which carried conviction.

"Within six months," he said years ago, "a train of cars may be run between here and Philadelphia at the rate of a mile a minute by taking the power out of so much water as will rest in the palm of my hand. Why, there is sufficient power in a bucket of water to run a steamer so fast that she will split in two."

buy the man's children. A gentleman who came here to establish a business looked at eleven acres of land near the bay. It had

one had thought of it. Other land is going up at the same rate. Americans are not in close touch with these owners and do not know the processes of fixing values. It is probable that the prices will all be fixed before they learn the game. From the inquiries being made it seems certain that Havana is in for a lively speculative period.

This speculative curiosity has caused the officers of some of the larger enterprises in Havana to refuse to answer any questions. One of the large financial houses in New York notified its Havana correspondentone who had remained here during the blockaue-to make some inquiries as to the Havana street railway properties. The Havana correspondent had anintimate acquaintance with the railroad men, but he found it absolutely impossible to get the desired information. He could not find the amount invested or anything about the financial history of the

property.

Mr. Boleu's Equine Friends. John C. Bolen of South Zanesville, O., was in Wilmington, Del. a few revolutions in catthly affairs which days ago to attend the fuderal of a brother-in-law. Just as he was about to enter a carriage to return from the cemetery he thought he saw an old friend in one of the horses attached to the carriage. Going up to the horse he patted him on the side and said:

"Wellington, how are you?" The horse picked up his ears, turned its head and gave a look or recog nition, showing that he had heard a familiar name. The driver was surprised and asked:

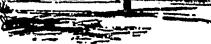
"Do you know that horse?" "Indeed I do," said Bolen. "for l raised him. Where did you get him?" "We bought him from a dealer out West," was the driver's reply. Then Bolen asked: "Have you got his mate?"

"Yes," said the driver. "Is there nything peculiar about him?" Mr. Bolen smiled, and replied: "Yes he has a Roman nose, and he is the only horse of the kind I ever saw." The driver, who was getting more and more surprised, said: "Well, that other horse uas a queer nose, sure enough.

The identity of Wellington was complete, and then Mr. Bolen told his story further. He had owned Wellington and his mate with a Roman nose, and over five years ago sold the pair to a dealer, and he in turn sold them to a liveryman in Wilmington. But he knew Wellington as soon as he saw him, and there does not appear to be any doubt that Wellington knew his old owner.

Microbes in Rum.

Milk drinkers having been scared sufficiently, the bacteriologists have in it generally, turned upon the rum drinkers. Rham often has a disease known to the something of the effect of a double trade as "faultiness." This is due to bouse, the hall having a window. a microbe that, according to the The hall and the staircase make a gelatinous envelope, through the at the top of the first landing. The walls of which it can obtain its neces- drawing room is annule and is richly sary supplies of food in the form of furnished. light tints prevailing. The sugar while keeping out its enemy. dining room is at the rear of the alcohol." the rum micrococcus has parlor suite. which, in size and been named provisionally "Coleothrix elegance, affords splendid facilities methystes." It has been injected into for the comfortable moving about of a guinea pig, with no apparent harm a large gathering. to the guinea pig.



HOME OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. side of the house. The library, where family portraits hang above the welllined shelves, is one of the finest rooms in the house.

Secretary Gages home, while a single house, affords plenty of room. The entrance hall has one side of the wall nearly covered by a large mirror. The drawing room has light woodwork, embellished with gilt Napoleonic garlands, and the carpets and hangngs are in Nile green. The square hall about in the mildle of the nonse is furnished almost like a room. It has a wide fireplace and an elaborately carved stone mantel. The staircase is broad, and at about half the height of the story there is a landing, from which more steps lead on either side to the chambers on the second floor.

The home of the Secretary of War, is commodious and its arrangements accomodating large companies. The basement make convenient waiting and office rooms. The strirway, which is comfortably provided with useful landings, leads to the drawing



SECRETARY GAGE'S RESIDENCE. room floor. The hall window, al-

ways filled with plants, makes a pretty effect. The drawing room is deep and broad and is handsomely furnished. Many of the paintings belong to Secretary Alger's private collection and are examples of the best modern artists. The music room at the rear of the drawing room has yellow hangings and yellow tints prevail

Attorney General Griggs' house has "Lance," "strictly speaking, does not very orvamental feature and are fourish in alcohol, but in its own lighted by a fine stained glass window

Postmaster General and Mrs. Smith

metal to make its annearance from the positive pole and drop conveniently into his receptacle. Such a paitry detail as the too, too

solid rock, which ordinarily requires a persistent and heroic drilling to im-288. ... press, will not figure at all, as the

current will catch up the nuggets in its tenacious grasp and hurry them garner his creasure. Mr. Telfair is a man to remember. When he talks his eyes grow round

and wondrous, his tones take on a caressingly convincing cadence, and there is the tinkle of astral bells and the busy yet subdued sound of unseen wheels revolving through the air suspiciously near the Telfair apex. Mr. Telfair, familiarly of Barney Barnato and their experiences in south Africa. There was a mammoth

fortune in store for both, and Barnato's suicide would have been needhave already well stood the test in less had he followed Telfair's advice. But Barnato grew jealous. This was rooms on the front of the English after Telfair had put in four eplice. after Telfair had put in four epilep. The young people of St. Bridges's parish held seros in South African soll and was getting out gold very rapidly on plates. These plates he sent to Lon-don, and the "clean up" showed the very great-limited particularly to choose live

fused to pay a bill for \$15 worth of shoes a second time after he had once reimbursed the dealer. It isn't the amount of the bill that

Telfair objects to; it's the principle of the thing, he says.

Ohampion Horseback Rider.

The champion long-distance horseback rider of the world resides near Allensville, Ky. He is a prominent. farmer living three and one-half miles from that place, and owns another farm one mile and three-quarters from where he resides. Every morning bright and early he rides to the back of the farm where he residen; a distance of one mile, and returns, making two miles. Then he goes to his other farm, a distance of one mile and three-quarters, and returns, making three and one-half miles. . Then he comes to Allensville, a dis-

tance of three and one-half miles, and returns, making seven miles. That. makes twelve and one-half miles he rides every morning. In the afternoon he makes the same trips, After, sopper he goes to Allensville and returns home, making in all thirty miles a day. He does this every day in the year, making 11,680 miles a year. He travels at least 720 miles a year fish ing and hunting, making a grand total of 12,400 miles a year. He has done this steadily for twenty years making in all 248,000 miles. He

travels' every two years a distance equal to the circumference of the earth, so if he had kept a straight course for the past twenty years he would have been around the world ten times. He is likely to keep this up for twenty years longer.

A Marvelous Excape. Sandow slipped during the performance of his feat of holding up a plano. with the planist at a Liverpool theatre, the result being the smashing of the plane, a week in bud for the planist, but no harm to Samdow Dim-

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the fact showed that he is you musical ability. The readilion of the hyper by men's volces, strongly and melodiously, had a very mus effect, accomplised as it was by the folling, mighty maste of the co-

Blame comes more easily than praise to mestof as and while we are slow to expres its tenacious grasp and hurry them metod is and while we are now to express along for miles through their adaman-tine bed, the golden current being augmented every minute until it be-comes a raging, seething forrent when it emerges from the earth at the point where the watchful Telfair sits to and he has been made to feel their traits dering the source of his short newspaper eases? Letters come from his readers opensionally and they never fail to "roast him" so that he opens his mail with fear and trembling and peruses sores in strong hand writing with much apprehension. Perhaps this is well, in consideration of the fact that otherwise he might get a "awelled need." As it is, mere is no danger of that, and, in any event, he is always glad to ager from his public, even though they-Always sit on him when they are ned.

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don, and the "clean up" showed the wery great---limited particularly is those liv-tidy accumulation of \$800,000 in gold. "Ing in or near the village. All who took Mr. Telfair is a Georgian and the promoter of a mining company with the modest capitalization of \$100,000,-the all joined in the dance and marking. 000. He calls his process an elabora. The prize winners among the ladies were tion of the electrolysis idea. He is at present a resuent of the county fulle Murray second. Among the galies jall because, as .e explains it, he re-fused to may a hill for \$10 worth of second. scaond. Last (Tuesday afternoon occurred the death of Edward Hilliard, aged 6 years, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Milliard Desti resulted from perisonitie. Leaten devotion will be held in the

church here every Friday evening during the holy season, Lime.

Peter Cluncy, one of the eldest members of St. Rose's parish, died recently. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Wm: Phales. and a nephew Rev. M. J. Cloosey of Honeyce Palling Wednesday last at the parish, house Man E. Niles of Springwater, and Miss. Mignle Connolly were unlied in marriage by Rev. . FitzSimons. Thomas Ryan of New York city a visit log relatives here.

The annual Ocumpaugh price context was been an College stall Reb. 52. Wm. Corcoran of Chicage is visiting friends and relatives here.

. Sodus Polat. The last dance of the season was be Monday evening as Guild hall and was ve largely attended The Inneral of Mrs. Frank Walsh wa Rochester and Mrs. B. Palver of Sodias Mr. William Allen bas returned to El. mira, after a visit with his perents. Country roads are now impassed at alter the recent storm. [Continued on 8th page.]

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