

OLD ROPES MADE OVER

**Best Light Grade Wrapping-Paper
Grocers' Paper Bags.**
[Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.]

"Everything which comes from an oil well has a use," was at one time the boast of a mark of a petroleum producer. The mistake he made was that he did not know everything used about an oil well. One of the most useful, when it seems useless, is the manilla rope used in the boring of the well. This is generally a cable three, four or five inches in diameter, and is made of a material which is very strong and does not stretch. It is used to pull the cable down the hole, and it is used to pull the cable up the hole. It is used to pull the cable down the hole, and it is used to pull the cable up the hole.

count. Its strength is great, but the amount of the immense weight of the bars, and jere used, the cable is soon cut and laid aside. It is always water, and by lying long exposed it is a heavy worthless rope. This period a sailing ship in the old rope market is sold. Although the cable is worthless to the drummer, it has a value of from 1 to 2 cents per pound to the junk-dealer. The dealer is either an agent for someone which has its headquarters in Pittsburgh, or one of the oil towns, or is in business himself.

The rope is hauled away, baled, and becomes an article of commerce. It is now to form the basis of the pulp which is made the heavy manilla paper in making four-sacks, or the heavier paper of wrapping paper. For these uses the rope must be made the paper men call which means that the rope must be cut into the form of the letter 'C'.

nesses the kit is always more or less saturated, and when the oil fills the hole the always becomes greasy. After the removal of the baled cable at the paper-mill, the first part of the transforming process is to clean, as much as possible, the oil from the rope. This is done by steaming, though the rope cleaned is never of good quality as that which has never been in the oil. As it has not the strength of the original, the pulp is mixed with wood, and the paper made from it is used for the lower grades of wrapping paper and the bags used by grocers. The method of manufacture is the same as that used in the

up" the straw or wood. The stock is softened by means of steam and lime, then taken to the grinders and from there to the machines. The finished product is an article much sought for, and handles well as an article of export.

Not only is the oil-well drilled with this tool, but the heavy, twisted manilla rope used by rivermen. The quarters of the trade are in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston, from which places the baled goods are sent to the various ports. The dealer was interrogated concerning the size of the business from the factories of two towns in the Philippines. He said that on heavy paper, 100 mill, running full, we use six tons of stock per day. Ordinarily clean rope is quoted at \$100 per 100. Now, however, in sympathy with the war, it is \$125.

The gray rope is worth but about half as much as the clean, as it is impossible to ever make as good paper from a mixed with higher-priced stock. The original supply comes from the great mills of the northwestern Pennsylvania, where the usefulness of the cable is passed, and bought cheap by the dealers, who then ship it in ton."

And thus it is that thousands of yards of dirty, cheap, small size rope and petroleum derricks of upper Pennsylvania, and which have unlooked for, are transformed into the most luxuriant per bag in which sugar, tea, coffee and other goods are shipped to the seaboard. "I carried" about the packages, and they were wrapped from every store in Pittsburgh.

The Child Is Father of the Man
(Barbette in Brooklyn Eagle.)

He was not president of the United States, although he afterward attained that honor. He was a little boy, and inclined to be good, obedient and loyal to his mother and even maintained respect for his father. One evening was about an hour or longer off time from home from school, and the eyes fell upon his shirt and the collar of his dress. The mother, maternal eyes, for she had them, saw the same thing.

"Thomas," said his mother, "why a so late?"

"Let my jogafr, an' had to go to the 'dud' you find it?"

"O, Tommy, you left it at home this morning; it has been here all day."

"Yee'n, that's what I remembered."

with it.
"Tommy!"
"Yes, ma."
"You have been in swimming."
"No, ma'am!" very stoutly.
"Tommy! Mother knows!"
"No, ma. Mother! with the air of a boy
position is unavailable.
"Tommy, you have been swimming
river; I can tell by your shirt."
"Nixie, bo-e!" shouted the boy,
phantly: "You can't prove no turned
out me! You can't prove I
by that shirt."
"Tommy, your shirt tells me every-
"Tell nothin'. I didn't take it off
went-in."

It was many, many years after that
Thomas Jefferson learned why he
on the skate strap of affliction that
the absence of sufficient evidence
to convict him, and where the trust
upon him he wrote the Declaration

Siege Guns Built of Wire
[Chicago Journal.]
Siege guns built of wire are the British description of the machine for the Brit-
ish service. A very tough steel is
used, having a breaking strength of 1
to the square inch, which is wound
steel tube as tape may be wound on
being frequently fastened off to sec-
ure cohesion, and so neatly put togeth-
er that practically like solid metal. An
internal boltzer has been made, and
principles, and passed a satisfactory
the royal arsenal, Woolwich. It has
bar of 10 inches, but weighs only
7,000 pounds.
In its trial this howitzer threw a
300 pounds, with charge of twenty
pounds and attached velocity of 1,000
feet per second, which may be

pared with two guns of a similar which are at present in the service. These is the eight-inch howitzer which a shell of just half the weight—namely, pounds—with a velocity of 950 feet, another is the 100 pound gun of 8.5 which with its light shot of 100 lb manages to reach a velocity of 1,500 second. The trial weapon seems to be impaired by the strain to which it is subjected.

Readers for Work-Rooms.

A cigarette manufacturer at Mr. Conn. contemplates hiring readers, to sit in the center of the work-rooms read aloud from the newest novels employees. He has imported the idea from Havana, where it is said to be used with success, diminishing the loss through the gossip and noisy chatter of girls.

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