

A NOVEL DUEL.

Among the reminiscences of the Franco-Prussian war is the account of a curious duel between two subordinate

"You intend to fight a duel, eh?" asked the commandant.

"Yes, colonel. Words have passed which can only be wiped out by blood. We don't want to pass for cowards."

"Very well, you shall fight; but it must be in this way: Take your arms, place yourselves on a line facing each other, where the enemy is. You

"In this way," concluded the commandant, "the blood which you both demand will be spilled with profit and honor, and to who can you look for aid?"

...and he who comes back with so
without regret, without the remorse of
having killed or wounded with his own
and a Frenchman; at a time when
France needs all her defenders and all
her children. If you both fall, who
shall say that you are cowards? I may
so add that I thus give you an excel-
lent opportunity of putting a couple of
Germans out of the way, a service that
I will procure for you a good recommenda-
tion for reward and promotion."

The matter was arranged as the commandant had dictated. At twenty paces from the walls of Malmaison, one of the volunteers was wounded, staggered and fell. The other ran to him, raised him up and carried him off on his shoulders amid a perfect hailstorm of balls—both encephalic, entitled to the greatest honour and respect from the whole regiment.

of considerable personal attractions rushed to the bridge at Cortlandt street ferry New York, and deliberately jumped into the water. Officer Thomas jumped after her, and, at the risk of his own life caught her as she was sinking, and took her into the ferry house, where she recovered consciousness, and was subsequently conveyed to the hospital. The young lady gives her name as Elizabeth J. Simpson, and says she was a school teacher at Westchester.

A leading horticulturist mentions a fact which has come within his observation and experience, which, if generally

is of some importance to grape growers. "The fruit buds from the use of the past year's cane throws out a larger and better developed grapes than either the first or second. In accordance with this hint we have adopted the habit of cutting the cane at such length to leave the third bud, generally, and sometimes the fourth, when a good strong cane, and then rubbing off the first and second buds, and leaving the third and fourth for fruit. The number of fruit

The following notice may be seen on blacksmith's shop in Essex: "No horses shod on Sunday except sickness and death."

the Chicago woman who married a man in jail, brags that she is "the only girl in town who knows where her fellow boys of nights."

Mr. Miller, of Indianapolis, went on a shooting excursion, the other night, and wounded a school-marm who was studying astronomy.

There is an immense petrified palm tree in Colorado, the trunk of which has turned to stone, hard and flinty as glass.

The Detroit Post says that the Lake Superior iron trade the present year far exceeds any former season in amount, and is gradually increasing.

Josephine Mansfield has sold the house Fisk gave her in New York, for \$100,000, preparatory to removing to San Francisco where she recently purchased a new residence.

The following notice is posted on—

... gentleman was introduced to a young lady recently and addressed her as follows: "Where do you live when at home?" To which she promptly replied: "When I'm at home I live at home."

eggs. Before reaching home happened them. In answer to his mother, asked "Did you break any?" he replied: "No I didn't break any, but the shell came off from some of them."

There are two things in this world are not safe to trifle with—a woman's opinion and the business end of a wasp.

An Evansville reporter wears socks because he wrote "another factory" lived to see in print "a mother

Jacksonville Alderman was asked to apportion the damage a cow had done in a field. He did so liberally. He was then introduced to his own cow as the author of the mischief. Tableau, interspersed with profanity.

Charles was of a long-lived race, but his habits of incontinent labor had undermined his health, and doubtless brought on the disease which put an end to his life.

and active life. He had previous-
ly had two attacks of apoplexy, each of
which was nearly fatal.

A student of a College had a barrel
deposited in his room, and to the
republican replied that it was for his
use, and that he was so much strong-
er when the barrel was first taken
from his room he could scarcely lift it.—
He could carry it about,