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The Marriage of John Smith.

Not a sigh was heard nor a funeral note, As the man to his bridal we hurried : Not a woman discharged a tarewell groan On the spot where the fellow we married.

We married him just about eight at night, Our faces paler turning, By the struggling moonbeam's misty light And the gas lamps steady burning.

No useless watch-chain covered his vest Nor over-dressed we found him ; But he looked like a gentleman wearing

his best, With a few of his friends around him.

Few and short were the things we said, And we spoke not a word of sorrow, But we steadily gazed on the man that was wed, And bitterly thought of the morrow.

We thought as we silently stood about, With spite and anger dying, How the merest stranger had cut us out, How the merest stranger ha With only half our trying.

Lightly w5 speak of the fellow that's gone And oft for the past upbraid him, But little he'll reck if we let him live on, In the house where his wife conveyed him.

But our heavy task at length was done, When the clock struck the hour of re-

tiring, And we heard the spiteful squibs and puns The girls were sullenly firing.

Slowly and sadly we turned to go; We had struggled and we were human, We shed not a tear and we spoke not our

But left him alone with his woman.

Odd, But Even.

It is quite a number of years since this old camel story trotted along the sands of time, but the Detroit Free Press starts the ancient animal on its travels again. This is how it hap-pened :—Abou Ben Ali McGuffin, being full of years, died, leaving to his three sons his seventeen camels for the simple reason that he could not take them along with him. This will duly attested, said the eldest was to the simple reason that he could not take them along with him. This will duly attested, said the eldest was to have one half, the second son one. third, and the youngest one-ninth of the seventeen camels. The boys were a little perplexed at this as it seemed to involve the cutting up of a camel, and camels were worth three dollars a day on the Sahara that season. But the boys, if not first-class mathematicians, had level heads, and did not go to law to prove the oid Class inathematicians, had level heads, and did not go to law to prove the old man insane, but went instead to the good old ('adi Hassan O'Donohue, who had taken a medal at mathematics at

had taken a meda to meda to meda Ann Harbor. "Boys," said the good old Cadi re-proachfully, "you should not bother me with those little matters. Ask me rder one.

a harder one. But seeing they were troubled the benevolent old man asked the hostler to trot out his own dilapidated camel, which had seen its best days travelling with Barnum as the sacred Gnu of ersia

Persia. Placing the aged brute with the seventcen camels the boys had brought along, he said--"There are eighteen camels. I shall now give you half of the eigh-teen, which is nine. How does that strike you ?" "It hits me where I live," said the eldest who was alongy but withel was

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rather than half of seventeen. "The next boy shall have one-third of eighteen, which is six. Are you there, Moriavity?" "The next shall have one-ninth of eighteen, which is two." and so the third youngster collared his two camels. Thus two and six and nine make seventeen, and still was the good 'Cadi's animal left unscathed. The people marvelled, as the Cadi had given each more than the will called for, which is rather unusual in courts of law. And they said one te another, "That's what it is to be good at figures."

Killed By a Meteor.

From Somerset, Pulaski County Ky., comes the news that a man has been killed by a fiery stone out of a clear sky.

clear sky. Julius Robble, a farmer living near Somerset, started for that town on Wednesday morning last. His wife ran to the door to call him back for some forgotten object. He turned his some forgotten object. He turned ma face toward his wife and had hardly taken a step before the woman was blinded by a vivid flash, more piercing and spreading than the wildest light-ning. She covered her face with her hands and thought she had lost her

hands and thought sight forever. Simultaneously with the flash a rushing sound of indescribable power indescribable power indescribable power rushing sound of indescribable power closed the woman's ears. The sound ended in a terrible explosion which shook the earth and rattled out the windows of the cottage. The wife fell on her doorstep in terror, and when the nearest neighbor ran up the road a few minutes later he found her insensible. insensible.

The neighbor, Jesse S. William The neighbor, Jesse 5. found a sight of destruction at the end of the lane. The earth was smoking found a sight of destruction at the end of the lane. The earth was smoking and the smell was similar to that of an iron foundry. A big hole was the open grave of a mangled man. Wil-liams knew the object before him must liams knew the object before him must be Robble, but he would never have been able to recognize in that jumbled

mass his old friend from boyhood. Robble had been killed instantly, his head having been crushed in. His clothing was torn and burned and his body was streaked with burning streams of molten iron or detached stones of white heat. His limbs were charred and bent out of all shape. The

charred and bent out of all shape. The meteor must have burst on his head. The meteor burned itself deep in the quivering carth, and sent splinters of itself in all direction. Some of these pieces are as large as a peck measure. When the widow was resuscitated she became almost insane from the shocd to her senses and the awful fate of her husband. Her two children were frightened into hysterics. Mr. Williams was about three hundred yards from Robble's house when he saw the aerolite descend. He

when he saw the aerolite descend. He describes the noise it made as the roaring of a dozen locomotives blowing off steam. So swiftly did it drop that the rushing sound, the explosions and the flack proceeding the source of the flack proceeding the source of the source the flash were almost simultaneous Mr. Williams was almost thrown by the shock: He says that the meteor is buried deep out of sight, but that the

part of Kentucky. It is on the line of the Cincinnati Southern railroad. It is but a small place, and Mr. Rob-ble was well known in the country around.

Nobody in the vicinity of the place knows whether the aerolite is of iron or of stone, but scientists arz greatly aroused by the strange visitor from the skies, and the state geologist, with members of the faculty of the Tennes-see Agricultural College and of the East Tennesce university have al-ready started for Somerset. The fall of the meteor and the kill-ing of a man in its path is the first Nobody in the vicinity of the place

ing of a man in its path is the first authenticated story of its kind in American history. Pulaski county is thorourbly alarmad by the for American history. Pulaski county is thoroughly alarmed by the fiery messenger, and some of the more ignorant are going to leave the country, which is a fertile, undulating strip of land on the south fork of the Cumber-land River.

Many persons are visiting Somerset to see the hole in the ground. Every Every piece of the meteor remaining on the surface of the ground has been picked up and carried away as mementoes, and the body of the monster itself ap and carried away as mementoes, and the body of the monster itself will have to be unearthed by the ave to be unearthed by the scien-The only other case of human tists life being destroyed by a meteor hap-pened in Saxony over a thousand years ago, and the faculty of the local years ago, and the faculty of the local colleges intend to make a thorough in-vestigation of the aerolite now buried in Somerset. Pieces of the meteorite will probably be sent to Eastern colleges

A Boston lady has submitted to Mayor Martin, a scheme which she proposes to undertake. It is to crete a fund, the income of which shall be used annually for the care of the teeth of children in the primary schools. She proposes to contribute \$50,000.

\$50,000. The portrait of Lord Lorne, the late Governor-General of Canada, by Millais, the celebrated English Artist, has been completed. The likeness is an admirable one, and it is painted in the artist's best style. It will shortly be placed in the National Art Gallery of Canada, at Ottawa.

The new bridge at Lachine, of which plans are now before the gov-ernment of Ottawa for approval, will consist of twelve spans, eight of which are 240 ft. two 270, an two of Which are 240 ft. two 270, an two of 408 each, making a total of less than 3,300 ft. The shorter spans are on the Lachine side, extending over more shallow water, of which the depth does not exceed fifteen feet. The deeped water is the sime The deepest water in the river is toward the Caughawaga side, where points in the channel reach a depth of 41 ft. The 408 ft. span extends of 41 ft. The 408 ft. span extends over this portion of the river, and leaves a clear headway for Ontario the bridge consists of deck-trusses, with the exception of the channel spans, which are built with open lattice sides, so that the view throughout is unobstructed. The throughout is unobstructed. The river bottom consists of solid rock throughout, giving the best possible foundation when once the piers are placed in position. The distance from Dalhousie station, via Mile End, will be 114 miles. strike you?" "It hits me where I live," said the eldest, who was slangy, but withal was pleased at getting half of eighteen Pulaska county, in the southeastern with a strike of the southeastern ball of the southeastern with a strike of the southeastern ball of the south



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