that the narrator has seen a rather large albatross, which by the light or the condition of the air was made to appear of enormous size and strange color. A few years ago a ship brought to this port a curious monster bird which had been found floating dead in the sea. It was promounced a condor—a bird found only among the loftiest peaks of the Andes. It had probably been minered high up in the air in a fight with one of its own kind and had fallen into the sea. The birds the sailors tell about are such as might come from a cross of the albatross and the condor, if such a cross were possible, except for the size, which is greater than that of either.

A strange story told by Capt. Putt of the British ship Talisman, which came around Cape Horn from Laverpool, makes it appear possible that the stories of the sailors may not be all exaggerations or inventions. "The ship," said Capt. Putt, "had a hard time from possible that the stories of the sailors may not be all exaggerations or inventions. The ship, said Capt. Put, "had a hard time from the start. We had to do a lot of repairing at the Falkland Islands, after going through a gale that almost sent her to the bottom. From the Horn up to the Chilian coast we floundered in a changing gale for two weeks. One day the mato's son, a lad of about 15, was thrown by a lunge of the ship from his seat on a crosstree into the water. The boy was wrapped in a big soulwester. A sailor named Banning saw that the boy could not awim wrapped up as h, was, and leaped into the water after hime The sea water in this neighborhood is so cold that a man cannot live longer than 25 or 30 minutes in it.

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"The attention of every man on board was given to the two mou in the water, but when one sailor raised his eyes and saw an enormous bird making direct for the boy he emitted a cry of terror, which was joined in by every one as soon as they saw it. It did not resemble a cloud, nor did it carry a rock in its talona, but it was an enormous creature that no two men would care to battle with under any circumstances. When Banning raised his eyes and naw the bird, his first thought was to turn around and make for the ship. Fear took possession of him, and his strokes grew less powerful.

shouts of the sailors who sought to frighten it away.

"It was some time before a best could be lowered, and by the time it was let into the water and manned the boy had gone down once. His sudden disappearance maprised the bird, which was about to turn its attention to Banning, when the boy came to the surface again. I ran to my cabin and returned with a rifle to shoot the bird should it grow ugly. When I got on deel the first thing I saw was the strange creature rising in the air with the boy, and its mate, which suddenly appeared, almost as large, was attacking Banning. He was on his tiack, dodging the beak of his adversary and swimning toward the vessel with all his might. I was never more excited in my life. I hardly knew what to do. The boy was being carried away, and was up 30 or 40 feet

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"Shoot the bird, 'pelled the mate, running about the deek like a crasy man, and shouting at the top of his veoles orders that were not obeyed. In shooting I of course ran the riad of inlines; the boy instead of the bird, if, indeed, he was not killed by the fall; but there was not much tune to think of this, the bird was still rising, and after a hasty aun I fired. "It was an excellent shot. A wing fell helpless, as if I had broken it, and the bird tunbled into the water. The second bird, when it saw the boat approach, left Banning and made a fierce attack on one of the boatmen, striking him with its foot a blow that felled him to the bottom of the boat and one of the sird with all his might, when it few away. "Banning, Gray and the boy were picked up. The latter was unconscious, but after a good rubbing he was brought to. Banning was bleeding about the face and more or less injured about the body. The wounded bird fought viciously when an attempt was made to capture it. It was finally isseed and taken aboated. Three weeks afterward it died, and and it is now at Valparaiso being stuffed. The boy said that before he went down he felt himself losing congciousness and state at the enormous bird that was hovering over him. He essuph its feet and held on with the grip of a drowning man. He partially regained his senses in the sir, but thought he was higher up than he really was and did not after the principle of the common was always and the decident of the common bring and the common bring and the common bring the thing as large as this. The street of the common bring the two many winned thing as large as this. The street of the common bring the train of the Captain, "but never any winned thing as large as this. The bead and leads the enormous bird that was hovering over him, and he common the common bring the train of the common the common that the common the common that the c

An Old English Coin. From The Sacramento Bee. Clinton L. White, the attorney, wears upon his watch chain as a charm, an English guinea coined in 1768. It is a well-preserved coin, having never been in circulation, and has quite a history. It is one of 15 guineas paid to a young man in Maryland by a British officer during the Revolutionary war in payment for a horse. After the sale the parents of the young man chided him for having furnished a "Britisher" with a horse to ride while fighting Americans. The young man took the matter greatly to heart, it appears, and after his death, which occurred many years subsequently, the 15 guineas were found, rolled in anote explaining where they came from and why they had never been used. The coins were distributed to relatives as mementos. Several years ago an old lady of this city, 80 years of age, presented the coin to Mr. White. She said abe had no relatives in this section, realized she could not long survive, and knew nobody to whom she would rather leave the piece than Mr. White. his watch chain as a charm, an English guinea

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But the spider, perhaps, was of a social nature, and maybe he pitted the poor prisoner who pined within the leathsome dungers, and so came to cheer him.

For no crime had the Freuchman suffered for Dis Jonval was a Frank, born and bred. He had simply talked of liberts and bred. He had simply talked of liberty and equal rights to man, within the dominion of the potent stadtholder of Holland. Then they called him a frebrand, and, after a scant trial, had shut him up within Utretcht's dark walls.

had shut him up within Utretcht's dark stalls.

After years and years of miserable slavery
"Jacques" had burst his bond, and, dog-like,
had rended the hand that lashed him.

France was mad with liberty, and, naturally,
the timid ruler of "the country of frogs and
flowers" became greatly alarined when a son
of the tricolor prated of "liberty, equality and
fraternity" within his dominions.

The rise of the "Goddess of Reason" he
feared, and so straightway he shut Monsieur
Dis Jones up in an entremely uncomfostable
dungeon. Dis Joneal up in an extremely unconstonable dungeon.

At first the Frenchman rejoiced that the martyr's fate was list, and when he discovered the spides in the corner of the dungeon he talked to him of liberty and brotherhood. But even the spider fled from the sanguing Republican. And as weeks grew into months Dis Joyval grew weary of his confinement and pined for the tree als of Tengen. The stadisholder was iron; tears and nayers moved him mot a jot. Thus, too, the "tricolle" mestaded Holland, and the French general, Pichagun, with a large force, was hovering on the frontier, like some huge bird of prey preparing for a swoop upon his quarry.

The applier, too, was a constant source of consolation; and from long cheer ratios of the

The apider, too was constant source of consolation; and from long observation of the habits of his black Triend, the Frenchman became quite wise. The spider never appeared during bad weather, and Dis Jonval was able to predict frost at least a week previous to its coming, simply by watching the spider's merements and noting his own feelings for he had observed that, when the spider were generally housed, he, the Frenchman, was usually troubled with a had headacht.

And while Dis Jonval was smusing himself with a had headacht. with these interesting observations, troublous times came to Holland.

Pichegm, with an overwhelming force, advanced suddenly across the border. The stadtholder did not attempt to dispute the march of the French army was well in the centre of the land, he adopted against the invaders the old time tactics that years before had baffied Spanish 'Alva, and had cost a French king's brother, the Duke of Anjou, a splendid army. The word was given, and the dikes were cut, a flat country, the greatest part of it below the level of the sea, Pichegm found in the Holland, seas a far tracter foe that was all a swamp; the Frenchman could not advance—could hardly retreat; the fateoid Apiou and his gallant samy seemed in store for him. He had waited until winter set in before he had given the command for the forward movement, for the will Guil had anticipated the tactics of the Holland commander. But the weather had suddenly shifted around, and an almost summer midned and and acree fermed over the land. And affairs were thus on the arounds when the presence of Urrech lay at full length upon his pallet and watched for his friend, the spider.

The jailer brought the prisoner his breakfast, a sorry repast enough, foasthe prudent Dutchmen knew that there was nothing like simple food to reduce hot blood and curb impetious wills.

"You do not est, mynbeer," said the jailer, when

simple food to reduce hot blood and curb impeauous with the same of the parameter of the pa

places, you become the jaller and I the prisoner."

"How so ?! asked the Frenchman in astonishment.

The jailer then related to Dis Jonval what had scansaired during the pays wask. He told of Pichegm's advance, how the French general had threatened the capture of Utrecht, and had only been prevented from taking the town by the cutting of the dikes and the flooding of the cutting of the dikes and the flooding of the country with water, clusion, "your countrymen depended upon hard weather. If a frost had come he surely

hard weather. It's foot had come he surely would have taken the city, but as it is he must soon retreat to Belgium."

"Harkye, Bertolf," said Dis Jonval, "if I could get a fatte to Fichegu, he would be sure to procure my release by intercession with the stadtholder, possibly by exchanging a prisoner for me. Now, will you do me a good turn; give me pen, ink and paper, and afterward give me pen, ink and paper, and afterward amugale the note through the lines to the French general?"

"I could do that easily enough," the jailer used, thoughtfully. "My brother is turning a pretty penny now by supplying Pichegu with fresh provisions, but..." and he heartest. tated.
"Do not fear; what possible information ean I a poss," helpless prisoner, convey to Fichografi.
"That is true," the inderend. "It is a bargain."
Great was the astonishment of the French general to receive a note dated from the prison of Utreehs. And what did that note contain?
A simple explanation about the spider, who had not appeared for three days, and the writer's headache. Within a week he predicted a bard frost and implored Pichegm not a fall hack.

to fall back.

The general knew Dis Jonval; he resolved as wait a week, and then, true prophet O spider! there came the hardest true that Hot land had known for a hundred years. The waters were bound with an icy chain. The French advanced, I treeht fell and Dis Jonval was released. To the spider's warning the Prisoner of Utrecht owed his release.

Editorial Augusta (Ga.) Caronicia.
The editor of The Smithville News is an The editor of The Smithville News is an unhappy man. He resterates in his last issue that "on the birthday of one of our little ones we had to hustle like thunder to get the money to meet it: Tuesday, the 6th, was the birthday of our youngest account with Atlanta Newspaper Union—a pretty little affair of \$8, Wedneaday, the 7th, a tramp printer relieved us of two brass galleys, a pair of scissors, a pipe, a pocket knife and the good will of the paper, and on Thunday, the 2th, we entertained three strong chills, a slow fever and five of our poor relistions at diamer."

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"Yes, love, but Rilen was always more difficult to please than I."

What would you say, B. bby," remarked the munister who was diving with the family. "if I-should ask your manma to let you have another piege of piece of pie?" I would say, Amen, " replied Bobby de-