I cannot believe that people who have real cannot believe that people who have yed through all the startling changes at we have, who possess pictures of our andmothers and mothers in those gar-



produced derision in the street boy, I refuse to think that women who read d talk of Dress Reform and the increasrecognition of the beauty of the hu n figure, can ever be persuaded even Redfern, Worth and Felix and all eir lesser contemporaries to exchange eir present sheath like draperies (which must be admitted accentuate beauty as as the want of it) for those relent s hoops which deform all alike. If we get it depend upon it it will be

some modified form—after the good iend and patron that woman has been Redfern, Redfern will surely not be so uel to woman as to repay her for her evotion and obedience to his mandates

crinoline, without dissimulation or dis-

ise. It cannot be. Nothing that we resuscitated from the past is served to us quite in its original form. Fashhistory repeats itself, but not uite in the same appearance as that hich it wore in the dim past, whereof e actors are departed. We were promised the Empire gown.

nd now that we have got it, although e are well satisfied with it as it is, can say that it is the Empire gown as it Certainly not. We have the effect the short waist without the reality. igh waist hands, corsetlets and Bolero cket all assist in this Empire effect, but ne hidden waist line, the fully defined ust and long straight skirt falling from nder the arms, we have not that and are modern enough to admit that we

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TRAVELLER BILL NYE.

He Tells About Some Things He Saw on the Road—A New and Wonderful Feature

erable Man in Irons and His Sad Story.

[Copyright, 1892, by Edgar W. Nye.] The managers of the World's Fair tell age that there will be many new and wonderful features aside from the display f art, manufactures and machinery. The arrangements are made by which the New Siamese twins, Radica and Doddica

Radica and Doddica are girls, and are connected by a sort of bony structure at the chest, and below this there is a vis-ceral connection. Medicine administered to one affects the other, so that unpleasant remedies like castor oil need not be given to both, and they may match pen-nies to see who will take it. They are



THE VENERABLE MAN IN ARMS.

When a sentence is begun by one the other frequently completes it. But this is not an anomaly. I have an acquaintance who does that. I begin the story and do the artistic work. Then he finishes the job and gets the applause. I

nate such a man as that.

The twins are girls and sleep together

of nights.

They are very good tempered now, but when young used to quarrel a good deal and evade each other as nearly as possible. They are very intelligent indeed, and have been studying English in India preparatory to their visit to England and merica.

The scientists and medical men will be

greatly interested in these strange twins

and will study them carefully.

They will be dressed in full evening dress, so that the public can get a good idea of their wonderful bond of union. there by rich young towns, and with moderate rates of transportation and markets all about them, and half a dozen in which to put his wife.

with that strange grief that cannot expended the pressits of even weep, making a rough derin yo'r mewl. Moas' all wimin am jest like dat. One day dey'll patch an darn an cut ober and be as humble as

railroad centers where the great trunk lines converge, it is a wonderful state. A cousin of mine, who had traveled over the entire Union and finally wound up in the west with nothing but a good appetite out of a job, said to me: "William, I should have stayed in Ohio. That is the best state in the Union. Probably I should not have accumulated so much there as I have, but I would have been

Yesterday we saw a venerable man in irons on the train. The sheriff had him in charge, but the criminal had a sort of comfortable air of victory on his face, and he did not seem to be engaged in regret-ting any past acts of his own.

I got his story from the conductor.

He had been a soldier from a western

state. He went into the war, leaving a weeping wife at home, who sorrowed and weeping wife at home, who sorrowed and read the papers sadly day by day. A neighbor named Justus, who was well to do and had sent a substitute to the war, used to bring her the papers and war news, and sometimes would remain by the fireside chatting with her over the war and how sad it was. You would have thought to have seen him that he just hated the war, but as a matter of fact the war cloud had its silver lining, and he tried to enjoy it.

The letter of a friend sort of opened the eyes of the soldier, and he came home on a brief furlough. He found that the truth was really too sad to think about. He even found Mr. Justus own private But when the wailing cry of his child the even found Mr. Justus own private branch flash in the cold, damp night of his wretched to keep his shaving apparatus. He did not shoot Justus or his wife, and then have to haul them out on his farm to help the corn crop, but after he had gone back to his post there was a wild scream one night, and a pale woman came running into a neighbor's house with streaming hair and dry blue lips which could not contain the cold, damp night of his wretched in the cold, damp night of his wretched to should in the cold osome figgerin. I should figger on taters an bacon as soon as Mr. Green saw honey and vinegar in case of croup? No.

He could not scratch a match, even if he had gone back to his post there was a wild scream one had an even in the cold in the cold him of ever namp (150 library in the cold of s

He made a new home for his children and succeeded in business, for every one sympathized with him and sorrowed over his disgrace.

But the avenger was on his track. It

was a difficult matter to connect him with the murder, but a detective who got out of the World's Fair—Meeting a Ven-erable Man in Irons and His strychnine at an Ohio drug store, but not under the soldier's name. He clung to the clew, and in a few more months found a physician who had prescribed for a man with the same assumed name and resem-bling the druggist's description. Finally the old soldier was discovered, and the druggist swore to his identity, but the

doctor was not so sure. •
At the trial the doctor said: "A m resembling this one on the day and date named came to me suffering slightly from new Siamese twins, Radica and Doddica pleurisy. I prescribed for him. I could will appear there. These twins are in not from the evidence thus far adduced fact more astonishing than Chang and Eng, who lived for some years in North Carolina and were seen by the entire civilized world.

These twins are in not from the evidence thus lar adduced to the fact more astonishing than Chang and swear positively to his identity, but if he be the man who came to me that evening you will find just below the left shoulder blade a porous plaster which I put on there Oct. 5, 1862.

The man was stripped to the waist, and there in the presence of the court they found the porous plaster, a little raveled around the edges, but still adhering to the trembling wretch with damning tena-

ity. Sweeping through Ohio at this swift Sweeping through Ohio at this swift rate even, one sees that prosperity has been almost uninterrupted for many years. There may have been times when some one grumbled, but there has been no suffering or lasting hard times even. As I rode over the state rough shod in a luxurious car filled with everything that could exalt or embellish life I could but compare the lot of these Ohio farmers—with vast barns and overflowing cornwith vast barns and overflowing corn cribs, cheery white cottages with porches and bay windows, and driving spirited horses on the well made turnpike or mac-adamised road—with some of the mountain people of east Tennessee, West Virginia and western North Carolina.

I know a man in the mountains of east Tennessee, and he is not so different from others there except in the matter of simplicity in architecture. When he married he was fired with ambition to have a me. He found a big elm that had broken off twenty feet from the ground and fallen nearly down, but still clinging to the stump at one end and with its top resting on another. He went to work and split out chestnut slabs long enough to make a leanto, and there he has lived

kept them alive.

Now the sad faced man—not especially more so than ever, for these mountain folk are born with the saddest, gravest, Recently we have been traveling folk are born with the saddest, gravest, most immovable faces on earth—started a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, but the saddest, gravest, most immovable faces on earth—started a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar between the west, thickly said the proprietor to me, 'he bought bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have and with that strange grief that cannot extend the saddest, gravest, most immovable faces on earth—started and the saddest, gravest, most immovable faces on earth—started and the saddest, gravest, most immovable faces on earth—started ter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar bowl. When yo' reach eut fur him he have a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de suga



SUFFERING FROM ADVERSITY.

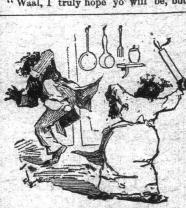
This almost reminds one of the sad, This almost reminds one of the sad, simple life of prehistoric man. We picture to ourselves prehistoric man as a big, strong specimen of health, with mighty muscles of malleable iron, clothed in the mighty of a chimpunk or some other wild. muscles of malleadle fron, clothed in the pelt of a chipmunk or some other wild beast and absolutely destitute of fear.

But when the wailing cry of his child in the cold, damp night of his wretched in the cold, damp night of his wretched. I am now clus on to sixty y'ars old. I

M. QUAD'S HUMOR.

Brother Gardner's Essay on Woman -The Friend of Romance-Them Cabbage and Turnips.

Voting Restrictions in Wyoming-Adventures of a Bucking Broncho -A Bluffer.



I MAY HEV TO DODGE DE ROLLIN PIN.

dar am a few things I want to say to yo'. resting on another. He went to work and split out chestnut slabs long enough to make a leanto, and there he has lived, he and his wife, and nine children have been born there.

Consider that, you gestlemen who swear, if the water is a degree too cold to shave with in the morning, or if the children knock a "dent" in your English the sheat with a toy flatiron.

Recently the tired wife sickened and read the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and the sleet by day besting for upon her and the sleet by day besting in upon her and Woman am a cur'us critter, Brudder ratic means, I reckon?"
"No, sah."

"No, sah."
"Waal, it's sorter buzzin around, like a fly—bitin de baby, dippin into de butter, huntin fur de 'lasses, nippin de ole man's bald head an divin into de sugar frow yo'r ole clothes outer de winder and pull ha'r 'cause yo' hain't worf a millyon dollars. Arter I had libed wid Mrs. Gardner twenty y are I thought I had her down fine an could tell jest whar to dis-kiver her, but I went home one night to find she had sold all de furnichure an filed a bill fur divorce on de grounds of cruelty One day she am ready to smooth my wrinkled brow wid tender hand, but widin twenty-four hours I may hev to dodge de rollin pin as I come in by de side doah. Do yo' foller me, Brudder

"Yes, sah." "Moas' of us marry fur luv. Yo' am doubtless gwine to marry fur de same reason. Dat luv am a cur'us thing. It's like de watermillyon season—mighty good while it lasts, but bound to give way to cabbage an turnips arter a few months. It's a warm wave follered by a cold wave. De gal who 'peared to be an angel who had escaped from heaven turns out to be nuffin but a human bein, wid all a human bein's faults. De man who 'peared to be a great hero, fit to sit on a throne, turns

the corn crop, one stree me mad gone pack to his post there was a wild scream on might, and a pale woman came running into a neighbor's house with streaming the dock of the must be does not not be some order of the words.

It was been and grumble when I stop at the garment of the same of the same order of the must be does some order of the must be does not not suppose. She said Mr. Justus had do cot relia me I am suffering from an attempt of the sign I store that the house just after he had taken a little brandy, and the kind neight of the corner of the same of the same and the presented of the must be does not not suppose. She was a reseted, but the jury disagreed. She was very unhappy, at the suppose of the must be does confidence in her, and she is in the asylum now.

Years went by. The veteran returned.

He has Rallied Somewhat, But is Pitifully be down and a having belonged to him, and at once felt a great relief of mind. He is satisfied in the fall ed in the field a great relief of mind. He is satisfied in the same as having belonged to him, and at once felt a great relief of mind. He is satisfied in the fall ed in the field a great relief of mind. He is satisfied in the field a great relief of mind. He is satisfied in the field a great relief of mind. He is satisfied to the most of them in the presented was the body of the mind and turned pales.

But I two will be do same, no matter he had taken a little brandy, and the kind neight the conditions from the premises.

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Yours went by. The veteran returned.

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can't be suah of nuffin. By a combinashun of authority coaxin, arguin an furginin, yo' kin keep a wife on her side of defence moas' of de time, but when she gits a spell on yo' must look out fur splinters. We all congratulate yo' on de asspishus event an hope fur de very best. As a club we nebber gin presents, but when yo' leave yere to-night yo' kin take along one o' dem cocoanuts from de shelf in de antercom as a parlor ornament an a memento of de esteem in which we hold yo'."

want to go to Shy Ann (Cheyenne) mighty bad."

"Well, the train will be along directly,"

"I guess she will, but I hain't got no rhino to travel on. What sort of a feller is the ticket agent in that?"

"He's a small man with a voice like a woman, and doesn't seem to be in good health."

"Small man and looks pale, eh?"

"But my father hasn't"—

"But my father hasn't "—

"But, Fitz"—

"But he had gone. She had been shook" again for herself alone."

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RECTURE GREENER ON NOMAN.

"HE Prudder Dayball Johnson am in the half of provider in the superior of the last meeting of the Limited lab half been concluded."

"Would you say that the sight of a would akeer at toles to Shy Ann outer woman, arx Judge Burke, whe went to Wyoming just before election, will proble the president's deak.

"Brudder Johnson," continued the odd may decide to remain there permanently."

"They might Yes, I believe he would amy decide to remain there permanently that he half, a light meet four days, but he approached the president's deak.

"Brudder Johnson," continued the odd may decide to get married to young gal."

"Yes, sah."

"Yes, sah."

"Yes, sah."

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"Yes, sah."

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a Tombstone man came over here the other day with a bucking broncho. It was a champion broncho that had been bucking for ten years and had the profession down fine. His owner wanted to bet fifty dollars that there wasn't a critter bet fifty dollars that there wasn't a critter in our town, white or red, who could stay by that broncho five minutes. All the boys looked the beast over and decided that he was bad medicine. Even our horse editor tendered his resignation rather than mount him. The Tombstone man had bluffed the town and was going away to brag of it when we stepped forward and dropped our three ply dignity.

We couldn't help it. I made our heart

FULLY IDENTIFIED. -Mr. G. F. Green.



Our readers will recollect the stranger found hanging to a tree on the Lone Jack road last spring, with a note pinned to his coat to the effect that the horse he "I am

Then he returned to his office and be gan writing, and after standing at the window for half a mitute with a very oolish look on his face the bluffer put up his guns and walked out of the door.
"He is small and pale and soft spoke and white handed, but he can't be bluffed," I said as he reached me.

"And what tears my palpitatin heart "And what tears my palpitatin heart out by the quivering roots and roasts it on a blazing fire is the fact that he also lisps!" hoarsely whispered the man. "It's bad enough to be stood off by a chap who wouldn't make half a dinner fur a kyote, but when you put a lisp on top o' that what in blazes is this hyar western kentry a comin to? Durn Shy western kentry a-comin to? Durn Sh Ann! Durn the railroad! Durn civiliz ation! Welcum a glorious death by runnin agin a grizzly b'ar jest when he's dy-

ANOTHER FAILURE.

They were not actually but tacitly en-(100) evidences of his state of feeling toward her. On a dozen (12) different occasions while riding out in a dogcart he
had been on the point of asking her if she
would be his'n, but the horse had
switched his tail over the line, or a (1)
policeman had yelled at him to keep to
the right, or something else had occurred
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ago two of three sealers came over to Vicgaged. He had exhibited a hundred (100) evidences of his state of feeling to-He had exhibited a hundred policeman had yelled at him to keep to the right, or something else had occurred just at the critical moment. She was an heiress—that is, she was an only (1) child, while her father was a man of weather (\$520,340.14). She of course wanted to be loved for herself alone. She had been loved numerous (about 25) times before, but a little investigation had always satisfied her that the chaps were sordid wretches at heart, who were after capital to start in the condensed coffee (warranted at strictly pure) business.

With Fitzjames it seemed to be different. She had speroached the subject of cold cash on several (5) occasions, but he had seemed totally indifferent. Only on (1) occasion had he expressed the slight est interest, and then it was to say that if he married it would be for the romance of living on six dollars (\$60 a week. Still she felt it was her duty to test him as she had tested the others. If he avoyed.

of living on six dollars (\$6) a week. Still she felt it was her duty to test him as she had tested the others. If he proved to be dross, then she would tear his photograph (cabinet size) from her heart. If he came out of the fire pure gold, then she would say "yes" quicker than scat. They were riding on the boulevard. Everything was calm and quiet. He was driving one handed (1), and was about to slide his free arm around her THAT MEEK AND HUMBLE LOOKING CHAMPION.

The came out of the fire pure gold, then she would say "yes" quicker than scat. They were riding on the boulevard. Everything was calm and quiet. He was driving one handed (1), and was about to slide his free arm around her side to look over our museum of rolls. office to look over our museum of relics.

Within ten minutes his search was ended.

Querried: querried:

uerried:
"Did you hear about papa?"
"No!" he replied as he gave a start of

"I am so glad!" she continued as she

JOHNSON

"Big hurry—haven't time—write it on a postal card!"
"But, Fitz"—
But he had gone. She had been "shook" again for herself alone.

white men for grazing purposes only.

THE FASTEST AFLOAT.

A Fleet of Atlantic Liners to be Established by the Allans and the Canadian Pacific.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mr. George Hannay, who has been with the Inman Steamship line for twenty-five years, has been appointed general manager of the passenger business of the Allan line. He will go to Montreal January 1. It is reported here that the Canadian Pacific Railroad company and the Allan Steamship company contemplate establishing a line of swift passenger and mail steamers between Halifax and Queenstown. New steamers are to be built capable of beating the fastest ships in the Atlantic service.

WERE IS THE AURORA?

A Sealing Schooner About Which An Interesting Story is Going the Rounds.

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which may or may not be true, but in the meantime, until further particulars can be obtained, it is especially interesting to sealing men who have been on the look-out for

more light." Some few months ago the schooner Aurora pleared for the South Pacific-at least that was the destination announced, and it was then said she was going on an expedition

of port.

Further particulars are now awaited with

interest. Some sealing men incline to the opinion that the schooner referred to is up the West Coast waiting for a favorable opportunity to run down to Uncle Sam's domain with her cargo. Others think she did go to the South Pacific, but all are anxious to know the latest news, which will not be forthcoming for a little while

JAMES G. BLAINE.

He Has Rallied Somewhat, But is Pitifully

CHRISTMAS COOKING.

STREET

The Old Man Tells How He and Bill

Made a Plum Pudding.

Winning the Medal for a Decorated Dumpling That "Knocked 'Em All."

"Say! you talk about Christmas fun,"

the lid of the kettle every once in a while, and after sniffing, would say, 'Jim, she are going to be a hummer'.

"In the afternoon we held a meeting, and elected three judges to go around and taste the puddings and name the winner. Long Jim and the Judge were to do the tasting, and Capt. Tom, him as went down on the Maria Jane, was to act as referee.

"The judges started out, the gang following to see fair play, and of all the fun you ever saw that was ahead of the whole billing.

"Hi Smith, who was always bragging on his cooking, fished his pudding bag out of the boiler and opened it. A soft sticky mess of gummy dough was slid out. A howl west up from the crowd, and the judges threatened to resign if they had to

judges threatened to resign if they had to taste the mess.
"The flat failure of the self-styled cham-

"There it stood in in its yellow, red and green giory of spots and stripes, looking like a ragged end of a Fourth of July, its fat sides nearly busting with a grin.
"'What you galoots howling over?' said Bill. 'We done that a purpose to make it look like a real Christmas pudding."
"This was treated with more howls from the mob, and seeing it was no go Bill handed out the jug, and by the time it was emptied not a man in the crowd could tell a pudding from a powder can. We came out ahead, though, for the judges give us the medal, of real sole leather. 'For the best display of Christmas pudding for decorative purposes only,' as the judges put it."

A Land of Plenty.

"Great country. Very hospitable people."
"Yes, indeed. Butter flows like water there in the summer."—Puck.

How She Fixed It. "He is not a beau of yours, is he?"

"Yes."
"He calls on me oftener than on you."
"Yes; I told him the days you were not at home."—Life's Calendar.

Love vs. Duty. He—I am utterly unworthy of your love. She—That's true—but, George, we owe a certain duty to society, and our set hasn't had anything to talk about for an awfully long time.—New York Herald.

PROVED BEYOND DISPUTE.

No one now doubts that Burdock Blood Bitters will cure dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, headache or bad blood. The proof is so thorough and overwhelming that the doubters
have been slenced and B.B., is secured in its
place as the best purifying tonic and regulator
extant,

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purposes only, as the judges put it."
J. F. BLEDSOR. "Been South, I understand?"
"Yes. I was down there nearly all sum-