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THE HOSTLER'S STORY.

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just followed her instinct, and ran with Johnny in her arms, or dragging him after her, to where her husband was

TIMELY TOPICS.

BY J. T. TROWBRIDGE.

What amused us most at the Lake house last summer was the performance of a bear in the back yard.

He was fastened to a pole by a chain, which gave him a range of a dozen or fifteen feet. It was not very safe for visitors to come within that circle, unless

visitors to come within that circle, unless they were prepared for rough handling. He had a way of suddenly catching you to his bosom, and picking your pockets of peanuts and candy—if you carried any about you—in a manner which thok your breath away. He stood up to this work on his hind legs in a cuite human feabion and used naw and quite human fashion, and used paw and tongue with amazing skill and vivacity. He was friendly, and didn't mean any

harm, but he was a rude playfellow. I shall never forget the ludicrous sd-venture of a dandified New Yorker who came out into the yard to feed bruin on seed-cakes, and did not feed him fast

He had approached a trifle too near, when all at once the bear whipped an arm about him, took him to his embrace, and "went through" his pockets in a hurry. The terrified face of the struggling and screaming fop, and the good-natured, business-like expression of the fumbling and munching beast, offered the funniest sort of contrast.

The one-eyed hostler, who was the bear's especial guardian, lounged leisurely to the spot.

"Keep still, and he won't hurt ye," he said, turning his quid. "That's one of his tricks. Throw out what you've store had played them a trick by taking it away; but by-and-by the Red-Sky-ofthe-Morning set up a shriek. "She had found the board not far off, got, and he'll leave ye." The dandy made haste to help bruin

but no papoose strapped to it, only something that told the story of what to the last of the seed-cakes, and escaped without injury, but in a ridiouhad happened. lous plight-his hat smashed, his necktie and linen rumpled, and his watch dangling; but his fright was the most spot. One of the prints showed only two claws.

laughable part of all. The one-eyed hostler made a motion to the beast, who immediately climbed back to the camp with the news; the other squaw followed with the ing. "When the Water Snake-with-thethe pole, and looked at us from the crosspiece at the top. "A bear," said the one-eyed hostler,

Long -Tail heard that his papoose had been eaten by a bear, he felt, I suppose, very much as any white father would have turning his quid again, "is the best-hearted, knowin'est critter that goes on all-fours. I'm speakin' of our native black bear, you understand. The brown bear aint half so respectable, and the grizzly is one of the ugliest brutes in felt under the circumstances. He vowed vengeance against Old Two Claws, but consoled himself with a drink of the fire-water before starting on the hunt. "The braves with him followed his creation. Come down here, Pomp.'

Pomp slipped down here, Fomp." Pomp slipped down the pole and ad-vanced toward the one-eyed hostler, walking on his hind legs and rattling his chain. example. It wasn't in Indian nature to start until they had emptied the jug, so it happened that Old Two Claws got off again. Tipsy braves can't follow a trail "Pusyful as a kitten !" said the one worth a cent.

"Not very long after that a woman in eyed hostler, fondly. "I'll show ye." He took a wooden bar from a clothesa neighboring settlement heard her children scream one day in the woods horse near by, and made a lunge with it near the house. She rushed out, and at Pomp's breast.

actually saw a bear lugging off her No pugilist or fencing-master could

" There was a roving family of Indians encamped near the settlement; hunting, fishing and making moccasins and bask-ets, which they traded with the whites. chopping. "Well," continued the one-eyed hos tler; "I needn't try to describe what followed. They went back to the house, and Rush took his rifle and started on "One afternoon the Red-Sky-of-the-Morning, wife of the Water-Snake-with-the-Long-Tail, came over to the settlement with some of their truck for the track of the bear, vowing that he would not come back without either the child or the bear's hide. sale. She had a papoose on her back strapped on a board; another squaw traveled with her, carrying an empty " The news went like wildfire through

quiet neighbor was something that hap-

"There were bear tracks around the

"The Red-Sky of-the-Morning went

ened about a year after that.

the settlement. In an hour half-adozen men with their dogs were on the track with Rush. It was so much trou-ble for him to follow the trail that they soon overtook him with the help of the "Almost within sight of Gorman's

grocery, Red-Sky took off her papoose and hung it on a tree. The fellows around the store had made fun of it when she was there once before, so she preferred to leave it in the woods rather "But in spite of them the bear got into the monntains. Two of the dogs came up with him, and one, the only one that could follow a scent, had his than expose it to the coarse jokes of the boys. The little thing was used to such treatment. Whether carried or hung back broken by a stroke of his paw. After that it was almost impossible to track him, and one after another the up, papoosey never cried. "The squaws traded off this truck.

"The squaws traded off this truck, and bought, with other luxuries of civilization, a gallon' of whisky. They drank out of the jug, and then looked at more goods. Then they drank again, and from being shy and silent, as at first, they giggled and chatted like a couple of silly white girls. They spent a good deal more time and money at Gorman's than they would if it hadn't been for the whisky, but finally they started to go back through the woods. "They went chattering and giggling to the tree where the papoose had been left. There was no papoose there! "This discovery sobered them. They thought at first the fellows around the store had played them a trick by taking "At last Rush was left alone; but nothing could induce him to turn back. He shot some small game in the mountains, which he cooked for his supper, tains, which he cooked for his supper, slept on the ground, and started on the trail again in the morning. "Along in the forencon he came in sight of the bear as he was crossing a stream. He had a good shot at him as

he was climbing the bank on the othe

side "The bear kept on, but it was easier tracking him after that by his blood. "That evening a hunter, haggard, his clothes all in tatters, found his way to a backwoodman's hut over in White's valley. It was Rush. He told his story in a few words as he rested on a stool. He had found no traces of his child, but he had killed the bear. It was Old Two Claws. He had left him on the hills, and came to the settlement for help. "The hunt had taken him a round-

about course, and he was then not more than seven miles from home. The next day, gun in hand, with the bear-skin strapped to his back-the carcass had been given to his friend the backwoodsman—he started to return by an easier way through the woods. "It was a sad revenge he had had, but there was a grim sort of satisfaction

in lugging home the hide of the terrible Old Two Claws. "As he came in sight of his log house

out ran his wife to meet him, with—what do you suppose ?—little Johnny drag ging at her skirts, and the lost child in her arms.

"Then, for the first time, the man dropped, but he didn't get down any further than his knees. He clung to his wife and baby, and thanked God for the miracla

"But it wasn't much of a miracle, after all.

The sacred right of petition has been vindicated to the extent of 10,167 peti-tions introduced in the House of Rep-resentatives during the Forty-fifth United States Congress. They relate to all sorts of subjects, and come from private individuals, aliens, corporations, literary, scientific, and labor-reform societies, boards of trade, State and Territorial legislatures; in fact, from almost every branch of trade and in-dustry. Under the rule of the House petitions are not presented in open sespetitions are not presented in open ses-sion, but are placed on file, and as a general thing are never heard of.

Sixty-nine libel suits for one libel! Ambiguity has been the death of one poor paper in Marseilles, France. The Nouvelliste, of Marseilles, stated some months ago that the tax receiver of St. Etienne had embezzled \$10,000. The proprietor must have had more than me "bad quarter of an hour" when he discovered, as he very quickly did, that there are sixty-nine St. Etiennes, towns or communes in France. Every one of the tax receivers of these places brought an action against the paper, which has been ordered to pay \$20 damages to each collector, besides \$40 fine.

A "first exhibition circular" of the Melbourne International exhibition of 1880 has been received. It contains long lists of commissioners and commit tees and the "system of general classi-fication," apparently based to a con-siderable extent upon that of Philadelphia. The president is the Hon. Wm. John Clarke, member of the legislative council at Melbourne. Applications for space should be sent in not later than more. June 30, 1879. The reception of ex-hibits will commence June 1, 1880, and none will be admitted after August 31. The exhibition will remain open for six

The exhibition will remain open for six calendar months, commencing October 1, 1880, and closing March 81, 1881. Full particulars can be obtained from James E. Denison, No. 128 Collins street, West Melbourne, who will act as general agent for American exhibitors.

A subject of more than ordinary in-A subject of more than ordinary in-terest is now under consideration by a committee of the Medico-Legal society, and it is deemed probable that the re-sult of the research and report of the committee will be the passage of a law providing for the verification of every case of supposed death occurring in New York city. The wisdom and ne-cessity of such a law, the *Herald* re-marks, can hardly be questioned by any one who has given the subject any care-ful thought; and so thoroughly is it acknowledged by Europeans that in every principal country of Europe legal cognizance is taken of the possibility of syncome being mistaken for death. And

ath.

Whoppers It was at a miner's cabin in Tennessee dozen or so of rough, uncouth, unkempt-looking fellows sat over a stove in an atmosphere redolent with cold cof-fee and tobacco.

"Talkin' about your stories," said a grizzly, gray old fellow, removing his pipe from between two shaggy masses of tawny hair, while his companions gave each other significant glances gave each other significant glances— "talkin' about your stories, why, y've all hearn on Bill Hess, him as was killed in "76, a moonshining. Well, Bill an' me wus old cronies. A year afore the war Bill, he swalled of a peach pit. It trubbled of him a kinder, but no one thought much on't; but Bill's appetite it got stronger and stronger, till at last he'd eat and de-your of every think as what he could soon discovered that there was method in his madness. He was catching quail.

vour of every think as what he could lay of his hands on. An the mystery about the affair wus, that the more Bill he would eat, the thinner did he very ingenious devices for their capture. ing. overing themselves with their cloth as I have described, the projecting ends of the two sticks representing the horns, they simulate all the movements

"It wus six years arter thatof a cow or bull. They pretend to paw up the earth, toss their make-believe horns, turn round and pretend to scratch themselves, and, in fact, identify themwus seving years—when one day Bill he wus took with a gripin' an' a groan-in'. Snakes! how he kicked and yelled; seving men couldn't hold of him. No doctor wus in the parts where we wus. Well, he had conwulsions, an' he had 'em right smart, too, I tell yer, and the furst think we knowd, up came a small selves with the animal they are representing; and it is irresistibly comical to watch a solitary performer go through this al fresco comedy. I have laughed often at some cunning old herdsman or

shekarry. When they see you watching them they will redouble their efforts, and each pit ?" some one asked.

try to represent an old bull going through all his pranks and practices, and throw you into convulsions of laughter. Bound two sides of the field they have "Well, so he did, and he disgorged of peach tree about three feet high-did say cherry ?--well, that wus a slip of the tongue—with bloomin' peaches on it. And arter that Bill's health cum back to him, and he wusn't afflicted no

"I've got a story to beat that," ex-claimed a young, sprightly-looking miner, with a merry eye and a clear complexion. "Me an' Bob Jones we wus a travelin' in '58, just about the time that ere accident happened to Bill Hess, and Bob he got a cinder in his eye, which kinder annoyed him. It got wuss and wuss, till the poor feller hadn't no peace or comfort. One day, says Bob to me, says he: 'Pete, somethink is the matter with that ere eye somethink is "I've got a story to beat that," ex the matter with that ere eye, somethink is

that respectable animal is like a coum-ber; but he paws, and tosses, and moves about, pretends to eat, to nibble here, and switch his tail there, and so on the matter. It feels like as what it wus gettin' bigger and leavin' of my head.' "I looked at it, and sure enough there

gettin' bigger and leavin' of my head.' "I looked at it, and sure enough there wus a raisen-like sort of think on it. Still it trubbled of Bob. Day by day, that raisen-like sort of think growed and growed, until it wouldn't let the eyelid shat. Mind ye, all this time Bob could see just as well as ever, if anythink, bet ter than nor before. The raisen like sort of think growed and growed for inches out of Bob's eye. It was just like a bush, with tiny branches and little bits of leaves. Well, to make a long story short, one night Bob turned over on his face in his sleep, and in the lyin' alongside of him, and the pain in

Curious Method of Catching Quail. The following passage, from a work called "Sport and Work on the Nepaul Frontier," describes the manner of capturing quails in the East Indies: Traveling one day along one of the glades I have mentioned as dividing the strips of jungle, I was surprised to see a man before me in a field of long stubble, with a cloth spread over his head and two sticks projecting in front at an obtuse angle to his body, forming horn-like projections, on which the ends of

like projections, on which the ends of his cloth, twisted spirally, were tied. I thought from his curious antics and movements that he must be mad, but I mare.

without a tongue. But, after all, it is only a matter of taste. This was one I was now witness

Young ladies think they Miss it by not, and many a married lady thinks she Mrs. it in being married.

line measures 363 miles in length, and cost about \$7,200,000.

On the Atlantic ocean, during the prevalence of a heavy storm, the ex-treme altitude of waves above the intervening depressions or hollows was found to be forty-three feet.

previously put fine nets, and at the apex they have a large cage with a decoy quail inside, or perhaps a pair. The quail is a running bird, disinclined for flight except at night; in the daytime they prefer running to using their New Mexico has 1,000,000 head of sheep, valued at \$1,500,000; Colorado 950,000 head, valued at \$1,000,000; Wyoming territory 225,000, valued at \$450.-000.

inght except at night; in the daytime they prefer running to using their wings. The idiotic-looking old cow, as we will call the hunter, has all his wits about him. He proceeds very slowly and warily; his keen eye detects the conveys of quail, which way they are The difference between the thermom eter on a July day and a meadow lark is that the latter rises three hundred feet, while the former goes up nearly a hundred degrees, above nothing .- N. Y. going, his ruse generally succeeds won-derfully. He is no more like a cow than News.

She says, "I've seen of late Upon six others' fingers." —Louisville Courier-.

Foolish Every-day Questions-Askin

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

A horse-race-Colts.

"Branch-houses"-The florists. There are fifty substitutes for coffee,

nd 129 for tea. The lighthouses of the world are estinated at 2.814.

One-third of Chicago's population is German, or of German origin.

The man who was lost in slumber probably found his way out on a night-

Many of the provincial cities of China have populations of from 500,000 to 1,000,000 each.

We suppose no one would care to do The quail are often very numerous in the stubble fields, and the natives adopt

The Erie canal was commenced in 1817 and completed in 1825. The main

The Pekin (China) Gazette, the oldest daily newspaper in the world, was first issued about A. D. 1850. It is still in existence, and is an official journal.

A FACT IN ASTRONOMY. A FACT IN ASTRONOMY. If the moon were like some men, Every night she'd be sublime, For instead of quartering then She would be full all the time.

Two lovers at the gate; They linger, linger, linger; He binds the ring of fate— The ring of love and fate— With a kiss upon her finger.

One lover at the grate: She lingers, lingers lingers, "Heighol this ring of fate,"

Foolish Every-day Questions—Askin the orange peddler, "Are they sweet?" Inquiring of your friend Smith as to what the weather is going to be in the future time, certain or indefinite. De-manding "What's the news?" with the expectation of getting any answer other than "O-o-h, nothing." Hailing Tom, Dick and Harry with "How d'ye do?" "How are ye?" as though you cared a rush how they did or how they were .-Boston Transcript. The American Agriculturist, in an ineresting article on the Texas cattle drive, says: "The cattle go to the river 'old cow." One bolder than the others, for water at noon, with the exception of a few, which remain behind to take care of the calves. One cow may often be seen watching twelve or fifteen calves, while their mothers have gone with the remainder of the herd to drink. After the return of the herd the 'watchers take their turn. This interesting fact is vouched for by several old ranchmen. David Crockett once visited a me-nagerie at Washington, and, pausing a moment before a particularly hideous monkey, exclaimed: "What a resem-blance to the Hon. Mr. X. !" The words were scarcely spoken, when he turned, and, to his great astonishment, saw standing at his side the very man whom he had complimented. "I beg your pardon," said the gallant colonel; "I would not have made the remark had I known you were near me, and I am ready to make the most humble apology for my unpardonable rudeness; but"-looking first at the insulted member of Congress, whose face was anything but lovely, and then at the animal compared to him-"hang it, if I can tell whether I ought to apologize to you or to the monkey !" The Custom of "Treating." "Treating" constitutes one of the chief perils attaching to the custom of imbibing spirituous liquors, and there are now few persons who could not, if free from its shackles, restrict the indulgence of their thirst to a determination to accompany a fellow-student to the latter's home in the West to spend the holidays. The head of the college protested with emphasis; but when the time arrived the young rebel went on her proposed trip and returned in due time and resumed her studies. party to number seven. Seven drinks In due time and resumed her studies. In the meantime she was corresponding with and meeting in Poughkeepsie every Saturday, when the young ladies are permitted to leave the college to do their shopping, the young son of her father's partner in New York. Thus matters stood up to a recent Frider, when the young mean mean the source may be a little chat, and then some one says: "Ah, let's have another drink !" "* Friday, when the young woman was missing. Inquiry discovered that, with the assistance of two of her chums, she had quietly packed her wardrobe and stolen away. The young man had a carriage in waiting for her, and on her arrival they went to the residence of Dr. Elimendeet entry and the seven throats. More talk pant. Some one who has done his fated duty tries to beg off ; has business to transact ; ought not to drink any more. His objection is vetoed by the asking party, who is already slightly stimulated perhaps. "No shirking ole feller, come on !" Repetition of the gulping act by seven performers. Every one feels the mellowing influence by this time. "Charley," says No. Six affec-tionately to the genius of the bar, "giv's 'nother! All hands round!" Encore the feat of seven men swallowing seven drinks. No. Seven's turn has arrived. The happy relief is near. He happens to be the least experienced of the party. He is already full of bliss. His words are few but expressive, "Set His words are rew but expressive. "Set 'em up again, hic !" Up they go, and then down they go—seven more drinks. Let us see. Seven times seven are forty-nine. And all because one man felt like taking a little "sherry and bitters." Perhaps he goes home to his dinner afterward. Perhaps he don't. Perhaps he fails to see his wife and mother-in-law until the next day. Such is life in a country where "treating" the custom.—New York Herald.

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parried a blow more neatly. y "She was a sickly, feeble sort of wo Then the one-eyed hostler began to thrust and strike with the bar as if in

man, but such a sight was enough to give her the strength and courage of a man. She ran and caught up an axe. downright earnest. "Rather savage play," I remarked. And a friend by my side, who never misses a chance to make a pun, added : "Yes, a decided act of bar-bear-ity." Luckily she had a big dog. The two went at the bear. "The old fellow had no notion of los-

ing his dinner just for a woman and a mongrel cur. But she struck him a "Oh, he likes it !" said the one-eyed ostler. "Ye can't hit him." hostler.

And indeed it was so. No matter how or where the blow was aimed, a movetremendous blow on the back; at the same time the pup got him by the leg. He dropped the young one to defend himself. She caught it up and ran, leaving the two beasts to have it out ment of Pomp's paw, quick as a flash of lightning, knocked it aside, and he stood good-humoredly waiting for more. "Once in awhile," said the one-eyed together.

"The bear made short work with the hostler, resting from the exercise and cur; but instead of following the woman and child, he skulked off into the woods. leaning on the bar, while Pomp retired leaving on the bar, while Pomp retired to his pole, "there's a bear of this spe-cies that's vicious and blood-thirsty. Generally, you let them alone and they'll let you alone. They won't run from you maybe, but they won't go out of their way to pick a quar-"The settlers got together for a grand hunt; but Old Two Claws-for tracks showed that he was the scoundrel -escaped into the mountains, and lived go out of rel. They to make more trouble another day. "The child? Oh, the child was scarcely hurt. It had got squeezed and rel. They don't swagger round with a chip on their shoulder lookin' for some fool to knock it off." scratched a little in the final tussle; that

" ' ' A bear !' he gasped out at last. " ' Where is your little brother ?'

"' Oh, Johnny, tell me true ! Think !

"'In the woods,' he said, 'Bear

Will they eat you ?" some one inwas all. quired; for there was ring of spectators around the performers by this time. "As to the bear, he was next heard of

in our settlement." The bostler hesitated, winked his one "As likely as not, if they are sharp-set, and you lay yourself out to be eaten, but it aint their habit to go for human eye with an odd expression, put a fresh quid into his cheek, and finally resumed: Roots, nuts, berries, bugs and "A brother-in-law of my uncle, a man any small game they can pick up, satis-fies their humble appetite as a general of the name of Rush, was one day chop-ping in the woods about half a mile from his house, when his wife went out to carry him his luncheon. "She left two children at home, a boy thing.

The one-eyed hostler leaned against the pole, stroked Pomp's fur affection. ately, and continued somewhat in this about five years old, and a baby just big enough to toddle around. "The boy had often been told that if style

"Bears are partic'larly fond of fat. he strayed into the woods with his juicy pigs; and once give 'em a taste of human flesh-why, I shouldn't want my brother a bear might carry them off,

human fiesh—why, I shouldn't want my children to be playin' in the woods with-in a good many miles of their den ! "Which reminds me of Old Two Claws, as they used to call him, a bear that plagued the folks over in Ridge-town, where I was brought up—wall, as

town, where I was brought up-wall, as much as forty year ago. "He got his name from the peculiar shape of his foot, and he got that from trifling with a gun-trap. You know what that is a loaded gun set in such a construction of the words of the woods on way that a bear or any game that's curithe other side. He was alone. He was ous about it must come up to it the way it p'ints; a bait is hung before the muzwhite as a sheet, and so frightened at first that he couldn't speak. "'Johnny,' says she, catching hold of him, 'what is the matter ?' zle, and a string runs from that to the

trigger. "He was a cunning fellow, and he put out an investigatin' paw at the piece of pork before trying his jaws on it; so instead of gettin' a bullet in the head, he merely had a bit of his paw the fightened to know anything just then. "' Where did you leave him?' says on that foot, as his bloody tracks show- she.

"He got off; but this experience wits together seemed to have soured his disposition. him!' said he. He owed a spite to the settlement.

"One night a great row was heard in my uncle's pigpen. He and the boys r ushe out with pitchforks, a gun and a lantern. They knew what the trouble was, or soon found out. "'Oh, Johnn Where was it?" " 'In the wo

come along.-I run.' give up his prey, even when attacked. He looked sullen and ugly; but a few jabs from a pitchfork, and a shot in the shoul der, convinced him that he was

shoul der, convinced him that he was making a mistake. "He dropped the pig and got away before my uncle could load up for another shot. The next morning they examined his tracks. It was Old Two Olaws. "But what sp'ilt him for being a

"Little Johnny had been playing around the door, and lost sight of the baby, and maybe forgotten all about him when he strayed into the woods and saw the bear. Then he remembered all in nearly all, if not all of the principal cities on the continent there is an officer of the law whose duty it is to decide in that he had heard of the danger of being every case of apparent death whether it is or is not real. In England and Amercarried off and eaten, and of course he had a terrible fright. When asked about ica, however, no protection is afford-ed by the statutes against the possibility of a live person being buried. his little brother he didn't know anything about him, and I suppose really imagined that the bear had got him. "But the baby had crawled into a

An original character, well known in snug place under the side of the rainthe Latin quarter, has just died in Paris at an advanced age. Pere Royer, as he was called, fancied he was an unappre-ciated genius, and amused himself in trough, and there he was fast asleep all the while. Then he woke up two or three hours after, and the mother heard him cry; her husband was far away on inventing new systems which were to the hunt. 'True-this story I've told you ?'

renovate society. He set up a new re-ligion, one article of which-and the added the one-syed hestler, as some one questioned him. "Every word of it !" "But your name is Rush, isn't it ?" I one that | rocured the most adherentswas to make every other day a day of rest. He habituated himself to eating The one eye twinkled humorously. only argue that by sleeping twenty-four con-secutive hours and then working for a

"My name is Rush. My uncle's brother-in-law was my own father." "And you?" exclaimed a bystander. "I," said the one-eyed hostler, "am like period, the same sum of labor would be produced with a saving of food and the time lost at meals. During the late war Pere Royer invented a number of means for annihilating the Prussians, the very man who warn't eaten by the

bear when I was a baby !" - Youth's Companion. The Cause of a Mine Explosion.

Some peculiar features of mining

and never pardoned the war depart-ment for the indifference it manifested toward his Greek fire, which he called the "prussovore." He was the author of some songs, which were sung in their casualties were developed at a coroner's inquest on the bodies of William Crone time by the students, and of a poem and Thomas Tiernay. who died from incalled "Le droit de boire," which, un juries received by an explosion of fire-damp, at the Lower Bausch Creek colfortunately for him, he never found a publisher to bring out. Like many other philanthropists, he died in a state of utter destitution.

A New Astronomical Wonder.

on alternate days, and used to

damp, at the Lower Rausch Creek col-liery, near Pottsville, Pa. These men were working with safety-lamps on the bottom level of the mine, 1,900 feet below the surface. The vein in which they worked made no gas, but another beneath it, with about nine feet of slate At the last total eclipse of the sun, between, gave forth gas in quantities so great as to force up the solid slate-cov-ering in the centre of the breast, the pressure of the strata above, of course, helping. The movement caused a many astronomers busied themselves chiefly with observing the corona which had excited so much interest and speculation at previous eclipses. This is the name given to the bright light seen outside of the moon's disk when the body of the sun is completely hidden by it. Opinions were divided as to its cause; rumbling and cracking, which the men thought came from the roof, and they, together with the fire-boss, James O'Neill, and a miner named Jacob Imschweller, were watching that part, when the noise became so violent that they ran into the heading, fearing that some observers thinking it proceeded from the sun's atmosphere, or from lu-minous gases which shot far above its surface; while others imagined it sepa-rated from the sun altogether, and due to other causes in the depths of space. the roof would fall. The roof, however, remained undisturbed. The men had scarcely left the breast when the floor From the observations made, and

scarcely left the breast when the floor heaved up, opened, and a volume of gas poured forth, which at once filled the whole place. O'Neill and Imsch-weller, fortunately for them, darted into the passage leading inward from the breast; but Grone and Tiernay enfrom photographs taken, it is now be-lieved to be simply the reflected light of the sun. This reflection is supposed to be due to immense numbers of meteorites, or possibly, systems of meteorites, like the rings of Saturn, revolving about tered the "intake" passage. Crone, the sun. The existence of such meteor-""Where did you leave him? says she. "Then he seemed to have gotten his wits together a little. 'A bear took him!' said he. "You can guess what sort of an agony the mother was in. ""Where did you leave him? says she. "Structure of the "intake" passage. Orone, howing that a strong current of air would force the flame through the gas, shielded his lamp and set fire to the gas, shielded his lamp as he ran, but the mother was in. explosion followed. Orone and Tiernay were so badly burned that they died in

Relief From & Corn.

Soak the foot in warm water for a quarter of an hour every night; after with the finger, a half dozen drops of sweet oil; wear around the toe during the day two thicknesses of buckskin, with a hole in it to receive the corn, and continue this treatment until the cubic feet of air per minute was then passing through that portion of it. The jury returned a verdict that (it). passing through that portion of it. The jury returned a verdict that "the de ceased came to their deaths from the forther the de out, beside making them take deeper effects of an explosion caused by run- root, as does a weed cut off near the ning through the gas with their safety lamps against, instead of with, the air-current."

lyin' alongside of him, and the pain in down his thigh with one hand, produchis eye and the bush was gone. That, there," pointing to a sapling just out of ing a peculiar crepitation, a crackling sound, not sufficient to startle the birds into flight, but alarming them enough to make them get out of the way of the the door, "is the tree which growed of the cinder what Bob Jones caught in his

A Suicide's Letter.

eye.'

sanity.

possibly the most timid of the covey, irritated by the queer cracking sound, now enters the basket, the others fol lowing like a flock of sheep; and once in, The dead body of an unfortunate man, Hood Alston by name, was found on the 3d of March under a tree at Bay the puzzling shape of the entrance pre-St. Louis, Miss. It was discovered that he had destroyed himself by mor-phine, and that he left behind him a vents their exit. Not infrequently the hunter bags twenty or even thirty brace of quail in one field by this ridiculous

bitiful and deeply interesting letter. looking but ingenious method. He was evidently a man of culture, and the letter said he had once been a jour-nalist. On the 2d of July, 1863, he was How Vassar Lost a Pupil. A letter from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to the World, says: At the beginning of the nalist. On the 2d of July, 1863, he was struck on the head by a piece of shell at the battle of Gettysburg. He recovered to all appearances and was thought to be quite well. In his letter, however, Alston declares that he has since been conscious that he has always been term one year ago a young lady from New York entered the freshman class of 1878 at Vassar college. She was then sixteen, of slight figure, brown-haired, pretty, and a young person of buoyant spirits, who speedily became something hovering on the dangerous edge of in-He has felt on particular and of a character among her fellow-students, frequent occasions an almost irresistible impulse to kill people, and always pre-ferentially those who were most dear to It is said, however, that the faculty found her intractable and subjected her to a course of mild discipline which she him. To avoid this he has fled often did not like. She had entered the colfrom the presence of a wife and chil-dren, living in California, whom he lege under peculiar circumstances. Her father had endowed a scholarship tenderly loved; but has never had the there at a cost of \$8,000, and she was moral strength to confess his fears and the first to receive its benefits. Finally, cause himself to be placed under re-

much of what was considered infelicitou straint. At last the accumulated agonies of his apprehension, and the horror of his secret was too much for him and he slew himself. The case is in the girl's ways was overlooked by the faculty, and under the new order of things matters moved along more smoothly. Just before the last holiday week she singular and suggestive. How far Al-

ston's madness was, as represented by himself to himself, real and how far was again, however, in open rebellion against the authorities. She expressed feigned we shall probably never know. Perhaps, as some writers would have us think of Hamlet, he was sometimes sane and sometimes otherwise. But were his fears lest he should take the life of others incident to his lucid intervals, or

the king of Burmah, at which over arrival they went to the residence of Dr. Elmendorf, of the Second Reformed eighty of his relatives lost their lives, frightful as it appears, is merely one church, in Poughkeepsie, and were mar-ried. Then they were driven to the Nelson house, where they remained until Saturday afternoon, going then to New York. Dr. Elmendorf, it is said, more example of a custom so universal in the East that it may almost claim rank as a recognized institution. The natural commencement of every Oriental reign is the slaughter or disablement of was induced to perform the ceremony only by the presence of a gentleman of high standing in this city, who accom-panied the couple to the house and vonched for their character and the reguall possible pretenders to the throne; and the annals, not merely of Burmah, but of Persia, Turkey, Afghanistan and Bomara teem of instances too frightful for quotation. As recently as the close of the last century, a Western traveler found one of the royal princes of Persia going about with a bandage over his larity of the proceeding. The father of the bride and groom are in business together, the former being a wealthy manufacturer of a proprietary " bitters." The two girls who assisted his daugh eyes, and on questioning him was told, in a matter-of-course air which made the

ter in making her escape from the col-lege have been expelled and sent home.

A confidence operator was caught in the act of cheating a man at cards, and boldly insisted that by so doing he was only obeying the scriptural injunction. When asked how he made that out, he said: "He was a stranger, and I took him in."

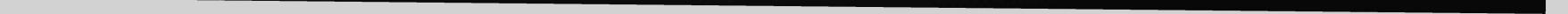
A case is sometimes gained through perjury and sometimes per jury.

a few hours, while the others, being behind the explosion, which always "A huge black bear had broken down the side of the pen; he had seized a fat po rker, and was actually lugging him off in his arms! The pig was kicking and squealing, but the bear had him fast. He did not seem at all inclined to give up his preveyeen where attalked him. The mine was then being in-spected for the third time that day (the explosion occurred at noon), and 16,576

tatement doubly horrible, that "as his eldest brother would certainly put out his eyes on mounting the throne, he was teaching himself to dispense with the use of them." The Turkish sultan, Mahmoud, famous for his destruction of the Janissaries in 1826, owed his elevation to the fact of his being the only member of the royal family left unslaughtered; and the multiplied butcher-

ies of Mehemet Ali are still fresh in every one's recollection.

did they only present themselves when his mind was off its balance and so con stitute the characteristic and proof of his insanity? The question is a puz-Hamlet's lunaxy and the inquiry whether it is genuine or simulated, may invite endless discussion while leaving the issue forever in the sequel to be "smothered by surmise."-New York Evening Post. A Custom of the Country. The massacre recently perpetrated by



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" Privilege,"

ed to than in New Brunswick.

position in the body politic

through some unaccountable means,

for which they were not destined.

that every little badinage is a

an old lady who thought that

everything the minister said in

church was intended for her. She

died, sad to say, in our Insane

The members of our Assembly

are, if we understand it right,

simply the servants of the people

their wants and their wishes. The

people have therefore a right to

know what they say and what they

do. Whatever a member expec-

torates, be it wise or unwise, be-

comes public property and conse-

If those Hon. gentlemen are

gods living on ambrosia and not on

our hard earnings, if their persons

and sayings are sacred, and not

"subject to human i spection and

criticism, we better know it. A

good.

Asylum, a few years ago.

itself in motion on the track of found in the STAR, on this matter fact. In enunciating this very is as follows :doubtful theory he pleases the ear Would it be a fair position of this

legislature before the country for the When rumors are afloat, and in every Government to break faith with the company? It was the common fate of ones mouth, touching a public matter, then the time is, when the machinery railroad enterprises to have to meet of the legislature should be put in mo- hardships and involve large expenses; tion, and move beyond the realm of but were these reasons why the Profancy to the region of fact. vince should break faith with these Supposing some knave were to companies? This was not how national

get hold of Mr. Blur s me day and progress was ever attained. This ground is broad and strong say : " Look you here, the Government are in league with the tribes rather than "weak," as the Globe of the Sahara to flood our country puts it. But the Globe is not to with camels:" of course it would be be blamed: It gets its informa-Mr. Blair's duty, as an honest poli- tion from the wishy-washy reports

What in the name of common tician, to get the wheels in motion published in the St. John papers sense does this privilege mean? and move at once from the realm but it should be cantious in laying The word itself is rather an equivo- of fancy to the region of fact. And before its "forty thousand readers" cal term. Does it imply the right if another, knowing Mr. Blair's statements that are not wilfully but to talk nonsense, without the privi- weakness for moving from one re- stupidly untrue.

lege of anyone daring to gainsay gion to the other, were to say : Mr. it? In no legislative body in the Blair, do you know what Mr. world of which we have any know. Adams is going to do with the ledge, has this question of privi: Crown Lands Grant next year ?

lege been more frequently appea!- He is going to import a thousand tion through the House. It passed tons of Dead Sea fruit and an army without a nay. 'It is to be hoped Small minds arrive betimes at a of negroes to plant them all over this will prove a sugar teat for Mr.

our Crown Lands; " it would Blair and keep him from whining be of course Mr. Blair's duty to and fretting for a while. move swiftly from the realm of either by fatural or acquired quali- lancy to the region of fact. It fications. They are always fidgetty is the duty of every intelligent and nervous, and foolishly imagine politician to enquire of every Tom.

> how unreasonable it might be,even though said street arab told order. Nothwithstanding the very him that with the \$450 granted to excellent review of the question by repair Macknaquack Bridge, said Mr. Elder it is our belief that the

severally conspired, contrary to before passage. To allow such a Gods will and the wish of their motion to slide through is to open neighbours to build a tower which a road by which the business of might reach heaven or upon which private concerns may be invaded. -they are delegated to represent they might climb in time of freshet The discussion was, therefore, in -we say it would be the duty of order, and good must have come such politician to get the legislative from it. It was not; however, fair wheels in motion and move prompt to compare the Grand Southern ly from the realms of fancy to the with the Chatham Branch quesregion of fact. And then accord- tion. In the latter case some of ing to the wisdom of Mr Blair, it the company had been openly quently promulgated for the public would be the Government's duty charged with corruption, and the

to subpoena every cow boy and Government itself had stock investmilk maid the country round to ed. In the case before the House know if deacon Godspeed h d Tuesday Mr. Blair denied having told Isayre Crimps that those ere so much as by inuen lo charged the Dead Sea fruit were to be planted, company with wrong doing, and or that the second edition of the Government had no stock in-Babel's tower was to be reared. vested. We were pleased to see cat can, it is said, look at a king, No less than a week should be the promptitude with which Mr. spent en transi from the realm of Secretary brought down the papers one of those august personages fancy to the region of fact.

Hurrah for Blair !

Mr. Blair, yesterday, got the fagend of his Grand Southern resolu-

We do much think the action of the Speaker and the Government was misunderstood on the matter. The Government had nothing to Dick and Harry he meets on the tear from the investigation, and is personal insult. We once heard of street, What news? and no matter is only reasonable to infer that the objection was purely on a point of Macknaquackers had jointly and motion was very justly challenged

on the matter; we were amused to



and live. All their speeches are, it must be, copyrighted and intended for future publication, as an addition to the literature of New Brunswick. The liberty of the press is the palladium of the has ever been the resource of ty- parliament buildings, and the loafers rants and fools. Had the press Charles, there would be no nece-. sity for a Star chamber, and had there been no Star chamber there consequently the blood of a king would not have deluged the throne. We had better go back to the days of Nero He had a snuff box of time to find out the merit of Mr. which he invited all to partake. For Blair's theory. those who partook of it, it was certain death, being composed of the most de dly poison. Those who

circie, interlopers, appear, they all Blair.

pounce upon him like so many

Patience gentlemen, patience.

years ago, that the only wish

must necessarily die.

bolus.

ous of all enemies.

A New Theory.

There is a certain old lady in see the sang froid with which he CHEMIST town, well known in all the law did it. The Government have reaoffices, who is ever asking about a son to be thankful that the papers "claim" against the Government. are brought down. Ere long Mr. This claim is, of course, chimerical. Blair will have the pleasure of dispeoples' rights. To gag the press She has of late been down about covering a whopping mare's nest. say she is going to get her claim been free in the days of the first from the Government. Mr. Blair respectable paper a "hack"? Thus should not lose a moment in draw. he designates the Local Govern. ing up a resolution of enquiry to ment organs, which by the way

> fancy to the region of fact. It will take the country some.

Misreported.

It is hardly fair for a newspaper and taunts. It is bad enough to did not appreciate snuff (and espe- to take advantage of a misreported desert one's colors when the party

Some of the legislative savans leader of a party. The Globe, a want you, that despises you, and remind us much of a certain pro- newspaper which if it has revoluti- tells you so, is something incredible fession of which, it is said, that the onary tendencies is at any rate but that the jumping-jack of the members thereof will abuse each candid and outspoken while giving News has done it openly. other through all the moods and an independant support to the Loca.

tenses, fight and quarrel to their Government quotes a portion of a hearts content; as soon, however, speech said to have been delivered legislate for the city and county as any one outside their charmed by Mr. Fraser in reply to Mr. of St. John than for all the rest of

" Mr. Blair had said that the Govern- have not a house of representatives hyaenas, and devour him holus ment should inquire into the company's of their own. ability to complete the contract. It was

not the Government's business 'to be prying into the company's affairs all You told the people, not a thousand the time."

This fragmentary utterance, the of your heart was to die for them Globe takes to be 'the attorney the birth day of Princess Alice. and your country. A little probing general's justification for granting

of the spleen will do you good and the subsidy to the company. But prepare you for the great sacrifice- it was in answer to a number of and bloodshed in Belfast, the 17th, Let us hear no more question of frivolous accusations by Mr. Blair growing out of a procession by the privilege. It is the retuge of a against the Government the ans- Nationalists. fool and a hypocrite. The man of wer was given: that it was not

parliament buildings.

mind and grandeur of soul; who while the company was performand weight, will never descend to business to pry into the comso mean a subterfuge to protect pany's affairs. But before the him from himself-the most danger- subsidy was granted, the Govern-

ment did make searching enquiry, and such information was laid before the house, and consid-

In the midst of one of Mr. Blair's ered satisfactory by those who are most stern and savage denuncia- now the most blatant opposionists. tions he will of a sudden fling out a And Mr. Fraser replying, held that line or two of polished rhetoric. every company finds difficulty in On Tuesday he was trying to make fulfilling its contracts, but he the House believe that it was the asks, because of this, should the duty of the legislature on hearing Government break faith. The rumors affecting the country to put correct report of his speech, as and prices, as a rule, are unchanged.

How dare Mr. Willis call any know if this be true: he should get include every respectable paper in would have been no rebellion, and the legislation wheels in motion and the Province. Hack ay! the unmove quickly from the realm of principled News that blackguarded Sir John when McKenzie was in power, that now steps in and tells the people that the tariff is an excellent one. That after being, so to speak, kicked out of the Government porch with its tail under its legs wormed in, in spite of blows cially his) were his enemies, and speech of an Hon. gentleman, es- to whom you go invite you; butpecially if said gentleman be the to go over to a party that does not

It seems to be more difficult to the province. It is a pity they

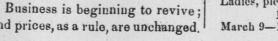
Bunting flew from the public

There was as usual some rioting OUR Fredericton people have re feels and knows his own magnitude ing its contract, the Government's ceived the National Policy with much grace.

> If Mr. Nannary could bring a part of his company here next week he would likely do pretty well. Several members are begining to

take interest in the erection of

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Chandler's health is improving. and sold cheaper than any where in the city.



Cabinet, France, is expected.

be at Pr. Gregory's to-morrow.

Messrs Close and Myles, have pur-

It is said a number of student teach-

have raised flour, &c.

nipeg, suffering with it.

third class Students to day, for second

John, it says her excellent alt , voice

It is currently reported at Montreal. that Mr. C. J. Brydges has been appointed governor of the Hudson Bay Company, vice Mr. D. Smith dismissed. at a salary of \$10,000 and travelling expenses. His head office will be in

MR. NANNARY has written Messrs. Wood and Mackey, that he can bring a company of 20 here, which are now playing in Halifax. Their expense would be \$150 a day. Messrs W. and

first day! The Opposition leader pro-

also was out of order.

Chatham Branch.

LEGISLATURE

Lewis moved that said papers be re-Davidson moved the House into

Barbarie in the chair.

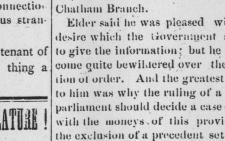
"Hear, hear," from Covert.

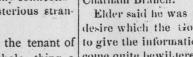
He received the matter at length and from

per-ous, &c.

would support the bill.









FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Opportunity. How brightly on the morn it lies !-Parple monarch in disguise-Hail him, crown him ; if you wait. 'Twill forever be too late.

Youth, by May's enchantment led. Dreams of rosier days ahead ; Bu: only he who fronts the hour Carves the spiral path to power.

Maiden with the pretty face! All the world admires your grace, Form, and sweetness. Bright blue-eyes Put no trust in "by-and-bys,"

When the silver summons calls, Stoutly speak -tis' fate befalls : One moment turns each golden door, And then it shuts forevermore ! -Joel Benton, in Scrübner.

Spring Fashions.

The soft chip bonnet is the style par excellence of the season, a very different thing from the straw of former times, and it is crowned with masses of flowers, small field blossoms and garden flowers, nothing larger than the fashionable small roses or the brilliant little peerings that look like drops of red blood on the green terraced sides of the road as one travels toward Rouen, in Normandy. Smaller blossoms and more delicate ones, however, have the preference, daisies, buttercups, branch-es of pale heather, blue bells, the starry clematis and wood violet. The form which the floral ornaments take is that of wreaths, not full or stiff, but imperfect, and arranged with a mass on the top which fills the front of the bonnet like an Alsacian bow, and terminates at the sides in drooping sprays, which may be carried to the back or disposed in conjunction with shells of plaited Breton lace. Breton lace finely plaited and used in proportion is a charming accessory of the spring bonnets, and lends it-self most happily to the soft blending of color in the silk trimming fabrics and the natural hues of flowers and foliage.

Shapes, without being very much altered, are improved. There is, per-haps, less diversity than last year, the square crown and open brim having ob-tained a decided ascendancy. But for this reason they seem to possess more character, and when tastefully trimmed are found to be very becoming. Every-thing that is stiff or starchy in fabric or design is avoided. The silks are soft and crapey, and blend the most delicate colors in little flowerets or in Chene patterns. The ribbons are striped and very rich. with solid center, in a light or mastic tint, and clustered or brocaded border. There are also moire ribbons border. There are also more motions in all the mastic shades, but the most elegant styles, and those which lend themselves to the greatest variety of or-namentation, are the narrow brocaded ribbons inwrought with gold or silver

Ribbons are quite a feature of modern fashions, so largely are they used for trimming dresses, lingerie and other articles for house decoration as well as bonnets.

A great many black dresses of short walking length have been prepared for the intermediate season, and for these cashmere or fine camel's-hair is this year preferred to silk. The most fashionable are trimmed with hand embroidery, executed in small floral designs, such as forget me-nots, daisies and the like. There is nothing striking or pronounced, however, in the effect which is thus produced. The shades of blue are so biended with shades of olive, with tints

of white, so lost in tones of brown, that it is difficult to tell where one ends and the other begins; besides the embroid ery is not carried as a border around the overskirt or polonaise as formerly, but forms a plastron around the front of the basque, ouffs upon the sleeves. and perhaps a piece which is used as a and perhaps a piece which is used as a strap in some irregular fashion upon the drapery of the skirt. A little fichu or mantalet, or a acket, upon the pockets, collar and cuffs of which the embroidery is repeated, accompanies these dresses. which are always made with trimmed skirt and deep, close-fitting basque, and the costume is completed by a bonnet of black straw or chip with flower trimming matching the flowers in the em-

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS. A Curious Pet-

A little more than half way across the dreary Tartar steppes, that extend un-broken for eight hundred miles, from

ing of sun-dried clay, surrounded by a thick wall of the same material. The whole affair has such a primitive look that it might easily pass for a huge cattle-pen, but for the tw. guns which peer watchfully over its irregular sides, and the glittering bayonet of a white-frocked Cossack, who is standing Russia's Central-Asian outposts-a spot Russia's Central-Asian outposts—a spot so remote and desolate that one might well suppose its garrison to have been sent hither as a punishment for some unheard-of crime.

about four o'clock one glorious June tions, and is enabled to draw itself for-morning. I hammer lustily at the door ward on the ground. The legs are of a little mud-plastered log hut, which short, with knee-joints, and the claws of has nothing but the black and white the toes help the thumbs in the matter

My Tartar servant, meanwhile, assisted my efforts by yelling at the top of his voice, "Ot !" (horses).

At length. just as we are beginning to lose patience altogether-for in the Asiatic deserts every minute of the cool morning hours is worth its weight in gold-a long yawn from within, followed by a drowsy "sei-tchass" (directly), announces that the master of the house is beginning to bestir himself.

Just at this moment, my attention is attracted to a "swinging cradle" of genuine Eastern fashion, suspended from the projecting eaves, in which lie a brace of sturdy little children, brown as hazel-nuts, and round as plums. Both are fast asleep, in those extra-ordinary positions which none but children can contrive to assume. I am still admiring the picturesqueness of the group, when I suddenly perceive that I have overlooked one of its most import-

ant features. Snugly curled up between the two sleeping children, in the warmest place of all, lies a round yellowish mass, topped with a pair of pointed ears.

At first sight, its size and color might make one take it for a large cat; but a cat it certainly is not. Nor, as I look again, does it seem like a dog. The outstretched fore paws on which it rests, indeed, are sufficiently canine,

and when I begin to caress it, it re-sponds by licking my hand in genuine dog fashion; but that narrow head, that sharp muzzle, that slanting greenishyellow eye, surely never belonged to any dog since the world began. It is this peculiarity of the eyes

which, recalling my winter experiences in European Russia, at length lets me into the secret. The bedfellow of the oostmaster's children is a young wolf. Just as I have made this discovery,

the door of the hut opens, and out comes a big frowzy, shock-headed fellow, with a huge red beard, who laughs loudly at my look of amazement. "Aha, barin !" (master) "you haven"

seen many children like that, I fancy !' "Where on earth did you pick it up ?' ask I, looking wonderingly at the two children, who are awake at last, and beginning to pull their four-footed play-mate in the most unceremonious fash-

ion. "Well, you see, last winter, a wolf him a taste of my hatchet. give when I'd settled him, I bethought mysel' that the she wolf might'nt be far off, and I followed the trail through the snow till it brought me to the hole, and there was the old lady, sure enough, and an-other tap of the axe quieted her, too. "But when I saw this poor little brat whimpering over the body, I felt sorry for it, somehow, and I concluded not to kill it but to take it home for the children to play with, and now it gets a share of their bread and milk in the morning and of their blanket at night, inst like one of themselves."

About Bats.

There are perhaps a dozen species of bats respectively designed to act their part in different parts of the world, but they are all winged quadrupeds, varibroken for eight hundred miles, from the Russian frontier town of Orsk to the ties they have to perform and to the cligreat inland lake marked on Asiatio maps as the sea of Aral, the endless level is broken by a deep rocky gully several hundred yards in length, on the brink of which stands a long low build-ing of sun driad day surrounded by a legs, but two of them resemble arms, and it has a tail extended from the vertebræ. Each arm consists of two long bones with an elbow-joint. At the outer

extremity of the arm, as with a human hand, there are four fingers and a thumb. The fingers are long thin bones attached lengthwise to a membranous sentry on an angle of the wall. This little nest is "Fort Karabutak," one of der whalebones of an umbrella-a most wing, which they expand like the slenbeautiful and effective arrangement.

unheard-of crime. At this delectable place do I halt from branches of trees or other projection ward on the ground. The legs are stripes on its door-posts to show that it is a post-house. Arms, legs, and tail are all united with the membrane of the

wings, and materially aid in propulsion through the air. Everything in the general structure of the animal is subsidiary to the function of flying. The wings, however, are inferior to the wings of birds, such as those of the swallow. But they perfectly fulfill their purpose. Consisting of a membrane which wraps the body like a cloak, these bat wings are powerful in darting swiftly in a

series of jerks and zigzags in pursuit of moths and other insects. Besides relying on its eyesight, the bat possesses to the advantage of an extremely delicate susceptibility in its thin membranous wings which reveals the presence of any insect it happens to touch in its flight. Had the wings been of feathers like those of birds, this important quality of detecting insects by the slightest touch would have been lost.

tained regarding bats. They are said to be able to see in the dark, and that they are bloody and vengeful in their nature. As concerns seeing in the dark, that is quite erroneous. Their power of avoid-ing obstacles when flying in darkened places is not due to their eyes, but to

that keen sensibility in their wings that has been just alluded to. The thin leathery wings of bats are their antennæ. or feelers. Darting about in all direc-

tions in utter darkness, they are never by any chance impeded or injured by obstacles that happen to be in their way. Experiments have been made by stretching strings across darkened places in which a number of them are confined and no string is ever disturbed in their flight. The exquisitely-radiated system of nerves in a bat's wing offers one of the finest studies in animal physiology, or, we might say, in natural theology. Shall a creature so ingeniously formed be spoken of with sentiments of hostility or derision? On the contrary, it should

excite our warmest admiration. Artists from time immemorial have been in the habit of depicting malevolent demons ture. The bat is no more fiendish than the swallow or any other bird which has been appointed to rid the atmosphere of

superfluous and destructive insects.

That Checker-Board.

Up to three evenings ago such a thing as a checker-board was never known in Mr. Grattan's house. He and his aged partner have managed to pass the long evenings very pleasantly, and he supposed they were happy enough until a friend from the East paid them a flying visit and asserted over and over again that the game of checkers was not only all the rage there, but that it served to quicken the perceptive faculties, enlarge the mind and render the brain more active. After giving the subject due thought, Mr. Grattan walked down town and purchased a checker-board, and when evening came he surprised his good wife by bringing it in from the

woodshed and saying: "Well, Martha, we'll have a game or two before we go over to the social. I expect to beat you all to flinders, but you won't care."

"Of course not; and if I beat you, why, you won't care," she replied. They sat down, and he claimed the first move. She at once objected; but when he began to grow red in the face she yielded, and he led off. At the Wheat fourth move she took a man, chuckling as she raked him in. "I don't see anything to grin at," be

sneered, as he moved a man backward. "Here! you can't move that way!" she cried out.

"I can't, ch? Perhaps I never played checkers before you were born." She saw a chance to jump two more men, and gave in the point; but as she moved he cried out:

"Put them men right back there I've concluded not to move backward, even if Hoyle does permit it!" She gave in again; but when he jumped a man her face grew red, and

she cried out: "I didn't mean to move there; I was thinking of the social !"

"Can't help the social, Martha-we must go by Hoyle." In about two minutes she jumped two men, and went into the king row, shout-

ing: "Crown him ! crown him ! I've got a

king !" "One would think by your childish actions that you never played a game before !" he growled out.

"I know enough to beat you !" "You do, eh? Some folks are awful smart."

"And some folks ain't !" she snapped as her king captured another man. "What in thunder are you jumping

that way for ?" "A king can jump any way."

"No, he can't !" "Yes, he can."

"Don't talk back to me, Martha Grattan! I was playing checkers when you were in your cradle!"

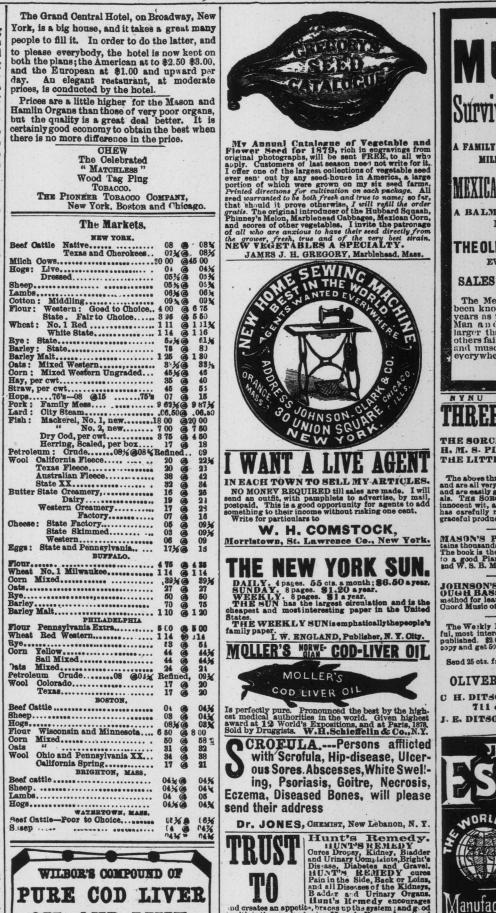
"I don't care! I can jump two men whichever way you move !" He looked down on the board, saw

that such was the case, and roared out: "You've moved twice to my once !" "I haven't !"

"I'll take my oath you have ! I can't play against any such blackleg prac-tices !"

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not needed. The "soft" or foulard-finished cam-

brics have been a feature of the summer styles for several years past; very highly appreciated by ladies of refined But these are now quite cast into the shade by the new sateens, which have not only the lovely finish of tinted satin in the ground work, but reproduce the effect of the richest fabrics in the delicate, long-stemmed floweret and leaf patterns, which seem to be thrown upon the surface. The designs are very small, and the fibrous stems, more like fila ments than stalks, and the shades of color are such delicate mixtures of olive-green and china-blues, of old-fashioned pink and woody-brown, that they can be worn by persons of the most refined and delicate taste. Doubtless they can and will be vulgarized by association with solid masses of striking color, but if these pretty fabrics are used in their purity and trimmed with lace or white embroidery, and perhaps ribbon bows in two or three of the shades of the design, they will be charming—the pretiest toilets in the world for garden parties and morning wear at our fashionable watering-places.—Jennie June, in New York Graphic.

Caffre Dances.

The usual signs of festivity in a Caffre kraal is the slaughter of several sheep, which, when the members of the tribe and their friends are collected together, are cooked in their large iron pot, and eaten with great relish and appetite. The women sit apart from the men and elder boys, and cook separately, and all await, silent and dignified, the commencement of the first course, when for a couple of hours it is a continuous eating and cooking. Having consumed a few

pounds each, a party of men advance on a small slightly-raised circle of the ground. Holding the assegai in the right hand, blanket or sheepskin carosse ground. thrown over the left, they commence going round in a circle, chanting and marking time, the emphasis on the right foot. They strain all the muscles of the body in so doing, and contort the features of the face as they shake their assegais. At times one will leap into the center of the circle, shooting and going through warlike motions; then, retiring to his former place, the whole

party resumes the monotonous circular motion. When they are tired, a fresh lot takes their places, and so on. The with painted floor-cloth, which entirely women have their dance apart, and the prevents the access of atmospheric air,

"But you surely don't mean to keep 1. 9"

"No, I'm afraid that won't do," said the giant, with a regretful shrug of his huge shoulders. "When it gets bigger, huge shoulders. "When it gets bigger, and begins to find its teeth, then"— a significant flourish of the great brown hand completes the unfinished phrase. When I return from Samarcand, three When I return from Samarcand, three months later, I find the sentence already executed.-David Ker.

Step by Step.

No matter whether the steps be "one hundred and eighty," or less, or more, the safe rule for a boy to attain emin-ence in the world is always the same. Said a father to his young son, who was complaining that he had nothing to begin with, and shrinking from the "low position of errand-boy in a store :

"Were you with me last summer, when we visited Baltimore and went up to the top of Washington's monument? "Yes, father; you recollect we all went up, and little Fred was so tired he

could hardly gain the top." "Do you recollect how we ascended? Were we lifted from the street by an

elevator ?" "No, father. Don't you remember that a man let us in by the door, and we went up by the winding steps? We had no light only that of a smoky lan-tern, and it was a long time before we

reached the top." "And we got up at last," said his father, "after patiently stepping one hundred and eighty times, one after the other; and were we not repaid at the top with the magnificent view which we

enjoyed?" "It was perfectly grand!" said Thomas. "Now, Thomas, as you ascended that monument, so you must rise in busi-

ness. You are now standing on the lower steps—you are on the steps—and there is nothing to hinder you, if your health is good, from standing on the top.'

A Suggestion for the Sick Room.

A sick room should be kept as quiet as possible, says an exchange. In cases of severe illness there is nothing more annoying to the patient than the noise made by pouring coal into a stove to re-plenish the fire. It is a nuisance in more ways than one; but it can be avoided. A lady requests us to men-tion the very simple plan of filling a paper bag or tunnel with coal, and hav-ing it in readiness to gently place upon the fire. This is a succession worth the fire. This is a suggestion worth heeding, and should be received with thankfulness and acted upon whenever there may happen to be any person sick.

Nothing is more injurious to the floors of a building than covering them girls also, spart from the married whence the dampness of the boards the cupboard that has got all the com-women, at the same time,

The Trade in Birds. A busy but quiet industry in this city is that of the bird fanciers. A dealer in canary birds says that last year he imported 100,000 birds, which were readi-

ly disposed of at fair prices. They are generally brought from the Hartz mountain region of Germany. From the large dealers a fine male canary with a good voice can be bought for \$3. Choice specimens with extraordinary vocal powers bring, sometimes, \$10. Female birds for breeding purposes sell for \$1. Unscrupulous dealers, particularly street vendors, palm off on the unwary the fe-males for good songsters, and only after patient waiting do the correct material patient waiting do the owners, who have been sold as well as the birds, find

it out. An amateur slight-of-hand performer gives this as his method for renroll him in your hands until he is familiar with your touch, and put him in his cage to come to himself. He can be handled afterward at any time without

being at all frightened. Then the first thing is to teach him to climb up your fingers as a ladder, and to hop on your thumb. Soon he can be taught to do anything.'

Next to the canary the mocking bird is most in demand. Those whose vocal powers are well-developed are sold for \$25 and upward. The birds come from Virginia and other Southern States, and also from Mexico. The bullfinch is highly regarded when well-trained. It can be taught to whistle tunes. There is one in Chatham street which whistles

"Pretty Polly Perkins." Its price is \$25. One which can whistle ten tunes is valued at \$40. The goldfinch, chaffinch, nightingale, lark and the linnets and thrushes are also prized as songsters, Of other birds not songsters, thirty different species, kept as pets for their beauty or acquirements, may be found in market. Of these the parrot is most in demand. A well-trained bird of either the gray African variety, or the grayn American is worth \$50 or even green American, is worth \$50, or even \$100. The most brilliantly colored birds are the Australian paroquets and strawberry finches. - New York Tribune.

The American Flag.

The flag of the United States was originally adopted by act of Congress June 14, 1777. It was then composed of thirteen stripes and ornamented with thirteen stars, because there were thir teen separate States represented in the Union. In 1794 Senator Bradley, of Vermont, moved that the flag consist of

fifteen stripes and fifteen stars, Ken-tucky and Vermont having been added to the number of States, and this was adopted. In 1818 Congress went back to the thirteen stripes, with a new star for each new State, and this is the present regulation for the regular flag. In 1799, when the revenue flag was adopt-ed, Tennessee had been admitted, and there were then sixteen States, so the flag had sixteen stripes. This has never been changed. Thus the revenue flag has sixeeen perpendicular stripes, the union being white with the national arms in dark blue and the regular flag has thirteen horizontal stripes, the union being blue, with a white star for

every State. "Mother is all the time telling menor to bolt my food," said the small boy, "and now she has gone and bolted up

barn. I shall sleep on the hay to-night and see if it won't cure this cold in my head !"-Free Press.

A Fortune at One Swallow.

It is gravely related in a work called It is gravely related in a work called Lawson's "History of Banking," that the Spanish embassador to the English court, having extolled the great riches of his king, the master of the Indies, and of the grandees of Spain, before Queen Elizabeth, Sir Thomas Gresham, who was present, told him that the queen had subjects who, at one meal, expended not only as much as the daily revenues of the king, but also of all the revenues of the king, but also of all the grandees, and added, "This I will prove any day and lay a heavy wager on it." So Gresham outbragged the Spaniard in his own line. The embassador, biding

his time, came unawares to the mansion of Sir Thomas in Bishopsgate, and dined with him, when, finding only an ordi-nary meal, he said: "Well, sir, you have lost your stake?" "Not atall," answered Sir Thomas; "and this you sh ll presently see." He then pulled a box from his pocket, and taking out one of the largest Eastern pearls, showed it to the embassador. After which he ground it down and drank the dust in a glass of

wine, to the health of the queen, his mistress. "My lord embassador," said Sir Thomas, "you know I have often refused £15,000 for that pearl. Have I lost or won?" "I yield the wager as lost," said he embassador; "and I do not think there are four subjects in the world that would do as much for the sovereign."-London Society.

Not Symptoms, but the Disease. It would seem to be a truth appreciable by all, and especially by professors of the healing art, that to remove the disease, not to alleviate its symptoms, should be the chief aim of medica-tion. Yet in how many instances do we see this truth admitted in theory, ignored in prac-tice. The reason that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is successful in so many cases with which remedies previously tried were inade-quate to cope, is attributable to the fact that it is a medicine which reaches and removes the causes of the various maladies to which it is adapted. Indigestion, fever and ague, liver complaint, gout, rheumatism, disorders of the bowls, urinary affections and other maladies are not palliated merely, but rooted out by it. It goes to the fountain head. It is really, not nominally, a radical remedy; and it endows the system with an amount of vigor which is its best protection against disease. Somebody's child

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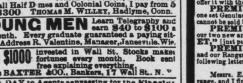


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