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Two Weeks Off.

" Did I love her ?" Jack, my boy ; Yes, with all my heart, sir. Two short weeks of summer joy: Then we had to part. sir.

Silks and jewels blushed and smiled ?-One of the fashion's scholars; Jack, the rainbow round the child Cost a thousand dollars.

Summer spreads us royal feasts; What of winter weather? Butterflies and working beasts Can't be yoked together.

ON THE RIO GRANDE.

The Strip of Country that the Mexicans Rob of Cattle -- An Interesting Description.

Capt. McNally, the commander of the Texas State troops enlisted to prevent depredations from the Mexican frontier, gives the following interesting account of the country:

"A strip of country about twenty miles wide on each side of the river is covered with what is called in Mexico 'chaparral.' It is a thicket of tropical or semitropical shrubs, which, on account of its density and the immense thorns with which is thickly covered, is literally impenetrable except where trails have been cut through it. I hardly know how I can convey to you a definite idea of its character, but you may judge something of the difficulties of campaigning in such a country when I tell you that, al though two trails may extend almost parallel with each other and not more silver platethan fifty yards apart, still it is often necessary to travel as far as seven or eight miles in order to find a point where it is possible to pass from one to another. It is like a thicket of enormous thistles fifteen feet high, with the thorns hard and woody and as large as your finger. It is almost impossible to get one's way through it. The best corps of sappers and miners that I ever saw would hardly advance one hundred yards a day through this chaparral. Along the river banks there has been constructed a road, but the river is so crooked that this trail does not followall of its bends, so that, while at times it touches the brink of the river, at others it will be from half a mile to a mile away. This road itself as it extends through the chaparral is far from being straight, so that it is rarely possible when riding along it to see any object more than a few hundred yards ahead. "Extending at right angles from the general course of the river through the chaparral, are trails ten or twelve miles apart, and sometimes at shorter intervals. These ext-nd out into the open prairie, and are the only means of communication between the grazing lands and the river. The Mexican raiders rarely cross the Rio Grande in force. They meet t some point on the Mexican side and agree to reassemble several days later at some ranche or river on the American side, each one driving in the cattle which in the meantime he may have stolen. Having arranged their plans, they cross the river in squads of two or three, or five in each, at different points, and pass on through the chaparral from 100 to 150 miles into the interior of Texas. Each squad selects from the herds in the section assigned to it the best cattle, and at the appointed time proceeds to the redezvous agreed upon. The cattle are then all placed in one herd, and, everything being ready, they start for the river as rapidly as possible. Generally the raiders reach the river, or are very near to it, before anything is learned of their movements by those in command of troops ; and then, owing to the character of the country which I have described, and the rapidity with which the Mexicans move, it is seldom that they can be overtaken. With my men I have often arrived on the bank of the river after a long chase and seen the Mexicans encamped on the other side with years ago, that young woman lived in the cattle in their possession. They are that same mansion, the beautiful, acvery saucy, and sometimes challenge us complished and idolized daughter of in a very insulting way to come over and get the stock, knowing very well that

good soldiers, but after four years' service in the Confederate army, and most of the time at the front, where I had an opportunity to know what good fighting was. I am prepared to say that these border Mexicans are about as formidable adversarie ; as ever I saw."

The Burial of Washington.

The following story of the funeral services on the occasion of the burial of 1800:

WASHINGTON ENTOMBED.

GEORGE TOWN, Dec. 20. On Wednesday last the mortal part of WASHINGTON the Great—the Father of his country and the Friend of man, was confined to the tomb, with solemn honor and funeral ter is that person. He goes on to say

A multitude of persons assembled from many miles, at Mount Vernon, the choice abode and last resting place of the illustrious chief. t There were the groves—the spacious avenues, the beautiful and sublime scenes, the noble mansion—but alas! the august inhabitant was now no more. That great soul was gone. His mortal part was there, indeed; but ah! how affecting! how awful the spectacle of such worth and greatness, thus to mortal eyes fallen! Yes, fallen! fallen! In the long and lofty portico, where oft the Hero walked in all his glory, now lay the shrouded corpse! The countenance, still composed and serene, seem-ed to express the dignity of the spirit which lately dwelt in that lifeless form. There those who paid the last sad honors to the benefactor of his country took an impressive—a farewell view. There were the groves-the spacious avenues view.

On the ornsment at the head of the coffin was inscribed, 'SURGE AD JUDICIUM;' about the middle of the coffin, 'GLORI DEO;' on the

GENERAL.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 14th OF DECEMBER,

1799. Æt. 68.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock the sound of artil-lery from a versel in the river firing minute guns awoke afresh our solemn sorrow—the corpse was moved—a band of music, with mournful melody, mellowed the soul into all the tenderness of work the tenderness of woe. The procession was formed, and marched in the following order: Cavalry, With arms reversed. Infantry, Guard, Music. Clergy. ore, with his saddle, holster The General's

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A New Swindle,

Police Superintendent Walling, of New York, received letters from C. P. Sperry & Co. of Bryant, Ohio, and D.

D. Beebe of Hudson, Ohio. Each in-closed a letter from W. H. Parker, 712 Broadway, giving a list of prices of groceries. The letter is written on a paper bearing the printed head, "W. H. Parker, wholesale dealer in grocer-ies, 163 Market street." In the right hand corner is the word "Philadelphia," George Washington we cut from the with a blank for the date, but a pen-Kingston (N. Y.) Gazette, January 4th, mark is drawn through this and "New

writer says he has an uncle of the name to which the letter is addressed, who ter is that person. He goes on to say that after doing business sixteen years in Philadelphia, he failed for \$96,000. His creditors refused to grant him an extension, and were so mean that he de-

termined to swindle them. This he did by shipping to New York \$9,000 worth of the stock. Although suspected, noth-ing was proved against him, and he deep. wants to turn the goods into cash as speedily as possible, so that he can spend the winter in California for the benefit of his wife's health. The goods are offered at fifteen per cent. below market rates, so that they may be sold rapidly, and one-third allowed to the seller. The cash is asked for every sixty or ninety days. The letter closes with an affec-tionate inquiry whether the person ad-

dressed has an uncle in California. Detective Kealy learned that a room

at 712 Broadway, inscribed "W. H. Parker," was hired and frequented by a man named Matthews. The detective found a young man there address-

police headquarters, with a large quan-tity of letters from all parts of the country, and the envelopes which the young man had been at work upon. The prisoners described themselves as P. R. Matthews, and M. H. Douglas. Their plan was to send worthless packed boxes by express, C. O. D. The letters seized had been received in response to an adpurpose of supplying Matthews with postage stamps, and the addresses of

A WAGGISH CROW.

A Lady's Strange Pet and the Worriment How They were Prepared for their Nefait Delighted in.

A lady in Reading, Pa., was the owner of a pet crow called Jim, whose history she tells as follows: Sitting in the fully foiled, the Teledo (Ohio) Blade trunk of a tree beside the cabin of a says : As the gang were all armed to woodchopper in the Alleghanies, I first the teeth, and provided with every es-saw him. He was too young to fly, and, sential necessary to the successful robonly partially covered with feathers, looked so queer, so helpless, and withal so mischievous, that I bought him, tied York, Jan. 15th, 1876," written under it. After an injunction of secrecy, the how they were made. A description written from the "kit" itself is here-with given. The "billies" with which twenty miles home. It was the amuse-ment of the family to fill up "Jim they proposed to assault or defend Crow," which meant to take pieces of themselves are made of a piece of lead clover heads, bread, and indeed any-thing, drop it into his wide open mouth about the size and shape of a small hen's egg, woven around with twine till his crop, throat and mouth were fill-ed. Then he would sit with his bill similar to that used for trout line; the handles are from eight to thirteen inches wide open, unable to shut it until the in length and about an inch in thickfood slowly digested, then recommence ness, made by braiding the twine round his caw, caw, caw. With the wings either a piece of whalebone, leather or came-what the quiet twinkle in those black eyes foretold-mischief, sly and

He delighted going into the cook's width, fastened on the handles at such room, where careless habits made that an angle as to leave the handle straight place a paradise to him. He would gent-ly put his bill under the lid of her sew-around the wrist. This is a favorite ing box and turn off the cover on the weapon with roughs, thieves, and assasfloor-and then the fun began. The sins. It makes no noise and is readily needles were all carefully stuck over the used with murderous force, if desired, bed, one by one. The cotton was hid in the woodhouse, and the scissors nice-case of a rest. Their revolvers were of ly tucked under the pillows in the room the latest improved "police pattern, quite removed from the scene of his labors. The wax and thimble were an inch in diameter. The gags, with dropped into the aquarium. And, after which they intended to silence the mesall this delicious fun, he one day took a senger or messengers, are made from little pot of hard pomade in his bill and the ends of maple broom handles, some hopped to the edge of the veranda roof, six inches in length. The ends are flatate the pomade with evident relish, and tened, have notches cut near them for ing envelopes. Matthews soon en-tered, and Kealy took them both to police headquarters, with a large quan-police headquarters, with a large quanmolition. He then flew down and care-fully picked up each piece and put it in size, some eighteen inches in length, are attached to the gags. the grass.

During the short illness of one of the family, regularly at six A. M., Jim Crow made from the tops of boot legs. There hopped along the veranda roof, gave a are holes for the eyes and mouth, and quiet tap on the closed window, and, on being admitted, gravely brought with him to the bedside a chicken bone or had been received in response to an adding the postage stamps. This device served the purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of supplying Matthews with would ruffle up his feathers, make him-purpose of self appear like a large round ball of evidently intended for tieing their vicpostage stamps, and the addresses of black feathers, caw, and then open his tims with. A key had been extempor-ized which would fit on a square bolt breakfast. After stirring up things for such as door-knobs are attached to, and

THE EXPRESS ROBBERS.

rious Work.

THE TUBKISH PROVINCES,

Advance of the Turkish Armies-Frightiul Depredations Upon the Christians.

A blue trip slip for an eight-cent fare, The rebellion in the Turkish provinces A buff trip slip for a six-cont fare, Speaking of the recent attempt to A pink trip slip for a three-cent fare ; is still alive and more vigorous than rob an express car, which was so success. ever, and the insurgent chieftains man-

together, and now and then win an advantage in encounters with such small sential necessary to the successful robdetachments of troops as the Ottoman bery of the car, and subsequent operagovernment had in the country when the outbreak began. But the hard struggle is yet to come. The Turkish forces are tions in making their escape, it is a matter of interest to the public generally to know what were the instruments and

advancing from two directions-from the province of Bosnia on the east, and from the seacoast on the west. It was the latter force which encountered a body of insurgents between Ragusa and Trebigne and dispersed them after five hours of hard fighting. The army in Bosnia appears to be making slow progress, and is accused of com-mitting frightful depredations and out-rages upon the Christian population of the region along its line of march, sparing neither women or children in the in-

wood; there are straps of webbing from an inch to an inch and three-quarters in discriminate slaughter. When these two armies form a junction in Herzegowidth, fastened on the handles at such vina, as they shortly must, the insurrection will be reduced to a desultory mountain warfare; but such is the rug-ged and impenetrable, nature of the country that the insurgents can, like the patriots in Cuba, continue the struggle as long as their cours ge holds out. The most interesting feature of the war just now is the attitude of Servia. Kindred in race and religion, the people of that principality sympathize ardently with the Herzegovinians, and are so eager to take part in the contest that their sovereign, Prince Milan, is in danger of

losing his throne because he insists on remaining neutral. Servia, which the map-makers persist in representing as a Turkish province, has enjoyed a perfect autonomy since 1834, and has no obligations to the Porte beyond the payment of a trifling annual tribute. It has an area about equal to that of the State of Maryland, a population of 1,338,000nearly all slaves by origin, and Greek Christians in religion. The standing army is 12,000 strong, and the enroled national guard of the first and second

and Russia, would be the erection of

Herzegovina into an independent princi-

pality under a joint protectorate, or its

annexation to Montenegro or to Servia.

Any settlement which loosens the grasp

of the Turk upon the Christian popula-

Cruelty to Children.

neighbors are annoyed; the child is

civilized world.

A poor but intelligent . an named Tompkins, now tending bar in Montana. levies numbers 150,000. Most of the claims the poem "Beautiful Snow." Let him take it and be happy. It's no refugees who have left the insurrectionary provinces as the Turkish army adaffair of ours.

vanced have gone to Servia. They num-One of the brightest signs of the ter many thousands. Should the Sertimes, and which proves that the tenvian government decide to aid the indencies of things, to-day, are, in the surgents their affairs would wear a very lifferent look, and the war would be- main, healthy, is that the people are

Punch in the presence of the passenjare ! age to keep a considerable armed force Punch, brothers! punch with care! Punch in the presence of the passenjare!" Mark Twain makes the above lines the subject of a lengthy article in the

Atlantic Monthly for February; bat what it is all about seems to puzzle everybody. Items of Interest.

To confide too much is to put your emons into another man's squeezer.

Punching.

CHORUS.

"Conductor, when you receive a fare.

Punch in the presence of the passenjare !

The main building at the Centennial will be decorated with ten thousand silk flags.

Of the 38,000 persons employed in watch making in Switzerland one-third are women.

When a man dies nowadays worth \$1,000,000, the first question everybody asks is: "How many wives does he leave ?"

The recent death of a Canadian judge makes it necessary for forty cases which he had taken into consideration to be tried over agein.

An act has been introduced in the Pennsylvannia Legislature to protect minors, learning useful trades, against the tyranny of unions.

Some spectators got to blackening each other's eyes at a Staten Island dog fight the other day. The other dog very sensibly stopped fighting to look on.

At Fort Wayne, Bernard Martin, "after eating his supper sat down to read his paper and dropped dead." The paper is believed to have been the —.... Some people will be over polite. "Don't trouble yourself, I can find the way myself." "Oh, nonsense, my dear; I'm very pleased, indeed, to show you out."

we cannot do it.' "You remarked that these cattle thieves penetrate from 100 to 150 m les into Texas," said a reporter; "is it not out the water pipes, saw and loved the daugerous for them to venture so far away from the river?"

"There is very little danger," he replied. "These depredations have been going on so long that nearly all the cattle in Texas which formerly grazed fortune. The haughty and infatuated on a belt of country from fifty to one hundred miles wide, and bounded by the river, have been stolen and the ranches | sat up housekeeping in the costly mandestroyed. That belt of country, three sion on Ashland avenue. Wonderful are hundred or four hundred miles long, is the alterations of fortune. almost destitute of population. The settlers have almost no means of communication with each other, and even if it was known that a band of Mexicans pelled, through going short on No. 2 was about to make a raid, it would genecally be impossible to get together a sufficient force of Texans to make any determined resistance. Besides this, the Texan rancheros do not dare to make any resistance, or even to give informa-

tion when they have been robbed. New York Legislature is one entitled gray faille scarfs, trimmed with blue with a dry goods merchant, and was fre-"From my description of the charac- hands of her discarded plumber lover, cheat me out of a cent. The emperor 'An act to protect the right of trial by and remained in the room some time, quently in his friend's store, and often pipings, crossing each other and fastened had his rights, and they were protected, ter of the country you will see how diffinow its owner and a millionaire. jury," which contains the following prokeeping up the conversation. When together by knots; on the sides are bows assisted him. Not long ago he bought and I had mine, and they were defendvisions: In no action, civil or criminal, cult it is to intercept a band of Mexithey left, all moving things were found and ends of blue ribbon. The Lamballe forty-nine cents' worth of goods, leaned ed. Here in America, I can abuse the hereafter tried with a jury, shall the overturned, and the room left in the cans, even when information of one of over the counter, dropped a two-dollar fichu is trimmed with lace. The blue The Maine Liquor Law. President with impunity, call him a judge who presides at the trial, by intithese incursions has been obtained. On sleeves are trimmed like the front of state Jim always left it in. The pleasbill into the money drawer, and took out scoundrel or a cheat, and no one arrests The new liquor bill before the Maine one occasion I informed the commanmation or expression, submit to the jury ures of that place had no doubt been the change. Some customers saw him, the dress, and finished at the wrist by a me, but I can't get any protection Legislature prohibits the manufacture his own opinion upon the weight of the dant of the United States troops that a described by Jim to his friends, and he shirring corresponding with those upon guessed he was stealing, and circulated against scoundrels who invade my perevidence which has been produced beraid in force was to be made at or about of intoxicating liquors under penalty of had brought them along for a frolic the back of the skirt. The hair is the story in the village. And from this speedily grew the tale that the young sonal rights. If the sum total of the adfore them, of as to what should be their a certain date, and that the cattle would \$500 fine or six months' hard labor, and dressed high on the top of the head. His visits from home became more and vantage of democratic institutions is be driven across the river at a given for the second violation both the fine verdict upon such evidence, except in more extended, but whenever he came pastor was a veteran till tapper, and had and low over the forehead; the top and the privilege of abusing the President, point. He stationed two companies of and imprisonment, or a year of hard such cases where by lawhe is authorized he scolded as much as ever and seemingback puffs are surrounded by beads. raided on nearly every money drawer in but don't afford me protection against cavalry in the chaparral at a short dis- labor. The exception is that anybody ly tried to talk. He would sit be-On one side there are four small loops of to direct a verdict. town. But the church and the pastor blue ribbon, two lying downward and fore the house and deliver long two upward. At the back are curls, harangues on subjects and in lauguage swindlers, I don't like them." "And Another bill of general interest retance apart, deployed men on either may manufacture cider from apples went straightway to work and traced the side, in order to intercept the party as grown in the State, and sell it in quanlates to the law of libel, and is as folneither do I," added the speaker. scandal back to its starting place, the lows: In all actions for libel or slander it passed. But the Mexicans passed be- tities of a gallon and upward. The with blue ribbon loops and ends falling too abstruse for us to comprehend. One storekeeper and his two clerks explained in which issue shall hereafter be joined, tween the two companies without bc- bill is severe on people who have liquor rainy September day he sat for hours on A Frank Advertiser. the circumstances, a vote of confidence over the curls. the plaintiff shall have the right after ing discovered until they had nearly for any purpose. Liquor may be seized the apple tree delivering, it must have was unanimously passed, and the little A blacksmith and farrier in Charles having served notice of trial, and upon reached the river. Then the soldiers at any time, in any place, and destroyed been, a farewell address, for when night country, Md., begins the centennial year A Misunderstanding. village is quiet once more. two days' notice to the defendant or his followed them, and arrived just in time at once. The burden of proof that the came he flew away and never came home counsel, to move before any judge hold- with the following unique announcement At the breakfast table the other mornto see them drive the cattle out on the article is not intended for sale rests again. ing the chambers in the court in which in his county paper: Has just made a other side. A few shots were exchanged, with the owners or claimants. No mat- ing a Detroit landlady gave Mr. Jones a A Good Voice. "Madam, do you know that you pos- any such action is brought, to have large stock of winter shoes, of all sorts THE SPRING ELECTIONS .- The State look and said and the M xicans were obliged to aban- ter how the case is decided, no with the three New England States, sess one of the best voices in the world?" such action set down for trial for some and sizes, of the best quality of iron. "Mr. Jones, I understand you have elections of the Presidential year begin with the three New England States, ny house." "How, madam?" "I understand you said you had used etter butter than I have hers to grease "I did say so, madam, but not to in-ure your house. I have used better "I did say so, madam, but not to in-ure your house. I have used better "I not dealer asked a lad, who came "I did say so, madam, but not to in-ure your house. I have used better "I not dealer asked a lad, who came "I did say so, madam, but not to in-"I did say so madam, but not to in-"I did say so m don a few of the cattle that were mired will be permitted to recover liquors in the mud, but escaped with most of seized and destroyed. City marshals been circulating injurious reports about may enter all dwellings, and, if he finds my house." them. liquor, may then and there pour it into "Are these Mexicans good fighters ?" the gutter. A marshal can awaken pas-I asked. "Yes, sir," was the reply, "they will sengers in a sleeping car to search their better butter than I have here to grease April. stand hilling as well as any people I carpet-bags and smash their flasks. The wagons with." rascal, "for if you hadn't, it would have duty of the clerk of the court upon white or colored, for I have no Sally to ever saw. If any one expects to gain penalty for selling is not less than for "I did say so, madam, but not to in-much glory in fighting superior numbers making. A second conviction carries jure your house. I have used better with a basket and wanted three cents' with a basket and wanted three cents' worth of coal, why he didn't make it been worn out long ago." For the first time in that woman's life she hadn't a word to say. Unit of the day calendar of the day in-dicated in such order. of these Mexican raiders, he will be very imprisonment with it, and clerks and butter, madam, to grease wagons, but I worth of coal, why he didn't make it been worn out long ago. much mistaken. It is a fact that the assistants of persons who sell liquer are wouldn't do it again, I'd sell it to you !" five, the boy replied : "Dad never was any hand for speculation," she hadn't a word to say. She accepted the apology. Mexicans of the interior are not very to be treated as principals.

Li tle. Payne. Mourner-. Masonia Brethren. Citizens. When the procession had arrived on the

bottom of the elevated lawn on the Potomac, where the family vault is placed, the cavalry halted, the infantry marched toward the Mount and formed their lines. The Clergy, the Ma sould Brothers, and the citizens extended to the Vault, and the funeral service of the Church thoroughly prepared for planting and was performed. The firing was repeated from the vessel in the river, and the sounds were cheed from the woods and hills around.

Three general discharges by the infantry, the cavalry and the fourteen pieces of artillery which lined the banks of the Potomac back of the Vault, paid the last tribute to the eminent Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States, and to the departed Hero.

The sun was now setting. Alas! the son of GLORY way set for ever! No-the name of WASHINGTON-the American President and General, will triumph over DEATH! The unclouded brightness of history will illuminate the future ages !

A Romance of Chicago.

One evening a pale, thin woman, meanly clad, was seen shivering on the doorstep of a fashionable mansion on Ashland avenue. Her whole appearance betokened poverty and misery. The master of the house, a comparatively young man, clad in a costly fur overcoat, ran up the steps at the same mo-

ment and gave the poor creature a quarter, which she took with profuse manifestations of gratitude. It seems romantic, but it is a fact that, eleven wealthy parents.

Two suitors sought her hand-one was fashionable young man, the other the plumber's apprentice, who, while visiting her father's lordly mansion to thaw beautiful apparition. He proffered his suit in a blunt, manly style, told her that his time would soon be out, and showed her how the bills were made out to meet her objection as to his lack of girl rejected his suit and married the handsome young man with whom she

The plumber rose steadily, became wealthy, and purchased the family mansion, when the young husband was comspring at an inopportune moment, to sell out his property. The young hus- ring of blue faille; these bands raise the band took to drink, and finally was skirt and form puffs. On the lower buried in a pauper's grave, and a few part of the train are four gathered evenings afterward his starving widow flounces bound with blue. The front asked and received alms on the doorstep of a house formerly her own from the

Agriculture in China. Chinese agriculture is of the most

primitive kind. A one handled plow, making a small furrow and penetrating but a few inches below the surface, is drawn by a cow to which it is harnessed. But the most work is done with the tined hoe of large size, and the earth is sowing. Every foot of available ground is worked like a garden. The side plain of the Yangtse, embracing an area of

about three hundred by six hundred miles, and with an estimated population of twenty-five to thirty millions of souls, is one of the most fertile sections on the globe; it has been worked thousands of years, and by means of thorough irrigation and fertilization the strength of the soil is fully maintained, yielding two crops a year, almost invariably in abund-

ance. Rice and cotton are the principal products, but some wheat and other cereals are also grown, a variety of vegetables and the various fruits of semitropical regions. The Chinese get all that is possible from mother earth. The tea sections are mostly upon higher

lands, but the culture is carried on extensively upon the uplands which appear in different localities in the midst of this great plain. Silk culture is also a great industry in some sections. There is no labor saving machinery; everything is done by the most toilsome hard work, and the rudest implements are employed for that purpose in all the processes of agricultural and manufacturing industry. The ownership of all lands is vested in the government;

they are leased to tenants for a long period at stipulated rates, their rental averaging, perhaps, three to five dollars an acre per annum. Few horses are seen excepting those owned by foreigners. The Chinese buffalo is employed largely for the transportation of the products of the soil and articles of merchandise. They are larger than ordinary bullocks, their large flat horns running backward from the head, reaching nearly to the neck. They are harnessed

to great carts, and draw very heavy loads; often they are packed like camels and led by coolies.

A Dinner Dress.

A useful dinner dress, says a fashion journal, may be of gray and blue faille. The skirt is of gray faille; across the back breadths are two bands of fine shirbreadths are blue, and arranged in imitation of quilting by means of small

half an hour or more, opening the clock, picking at the hands, stopping the pendulum, dropping the soap in the water pitcher, and taking all the pins out of the pincushion, he would take his leave.

The fish in the course of time disappeared from the aquarium, and although all the haps and mishaps of the house were attributed to demure little Jim Crow, no one suspected that he was the cause of the fish mystery. One morning he was discovered taking a bath in it and afterward a fish breakfast. The mystery was solved, and when the aquarium was emptied there came to light two thim-

bles, a pair of scissors, a perknife and a spoon.

. To carry away small chickens, drop them into holes, and cover them with dirt, was his intense delight, and when we saw a distracted hen rushing madly about the barnyard, some one looked up Jim Crow and went to the rescue.

After a day's fishing, we were cleaning the fish on the race bank. One little fish was thrown into the water. A duck quickly seized it by the head, and Jim took the tail, and then they pulled and pulled for a few seconds. The scene was exceedingly amusing, for Jim planted his little black feet firmly on the edge of the bank, and was slowly drawn into the she perceived that he was covered with water, holding on to the fish. As soon as he found he was getting in too deep, he let go his hold and flew to a tree to take his usual revenge in scolding, and with his head on one side he scolded till all the fish were cleaned. Jim's scolding consisted of a succession of low, guttural sounds, said over and over with a very solemn face and very mournful mien, and has moved many people to

hearty laughter because it was so intensely droll. While he was quite young he was tyrannized over, and all the fowls, large and small, had a pick at in his bill and chased the geese, who flew before him, and Jim reigned supreme from that day, and often repeated the scare, we thought, for his own amusement

Jim's strong point was butter, and on churning days he stayed at home and behaved himself. He could eat about dian, with four cats, whom he was diaway with it, and from that time he was banished.

As the summer faded into autumn Jim stayed away more and more from home, and occasionally would return with friends, evidently showing them around. One Sunday afternoon the attention of the family was drawn to vigorous cawing on the veranda roof. There was Jim with three friends, all cawing. They solemnly walked in the cook's window

probably was fitted up for such purposes. The auger with which the holes were bored is an ordinary three-quarterinch pod, with shank fastened upon the handle with a nut, and is such as carpenters use for boring holes for mortising. There was the panel saw used on the door, and another one of similar make, only a little smaller, that could be used for almost any purpose from enlarging a gimlet hole to cutting off an ordinary prison bar. There were no tools for blowing safes or wedging them open found with any of the gang.

The Little Tiger-King. The attempts made by adventurers to

amuse and interest the public are often more ingenious than agreeable, and it would be well if all those depending upon cruelty and oppression for success failed as signally as the intended performance in Paris of the miniature Tiger-King. A respectable working pression of cruelty to animals: woman was returning home one after noon, says a French journal, when a very little child, apparently a prey to the wildest terror, clutched her gown, crying: "Take me away, take me away ! Looking at the little fellow more closely, deep scratches. "How did you get these ?" she inquired. "From the cats," he exclaimed, "the four cats !" An ill-looking man now advanced and claimed the child; but at the same moment a locksmith came forward and. She is never contented She goes from rudely addressing him, said: "You have got a fine piece of work out of me, but you shall make use of it no longer;" and an altercation ensued, during which a little knot of interested persons, guided by the locksmith, made their way to the house whence the little boy had escaped.

It then appeared that the child had been Jim. But one day he took a large straw trained to act the part of a dwarf in a miniature circus, in which he was to imitate Bidel, the lion-tamer, on a very small scale, by exercising has sway over a number of cats, stained to resemble tigers. To this end the unhappy little fellow was daily shut into a cage, supplied by the locksmith to his cruel guarhalf a pound; but one day he ran his bill through a pound, and tried to fly who, after the manner of their kind when who, after the manner of their kind when unable to escape, nearly tore him to pieces between them. While all this was explained to the spectators the inventor of the miniature circus managed to disappear.

This is the way scandal grows and spreads : A young Pennsylvania pastor boarded in the same house and roomed

growing to love facts. come so serious an affair that the selfish

In a country churchyard there is the following epitaph : "Here lies the body of James Robinson, and Ruth, his wife;" and tardy diplomacy of the great powers would be spurred into some decision regarding it. The most probable and perand underneath is this text : "Their haps the most desirable issue of the conwarfar : is accomplished." test, in case of interference by Austria

A justice of the peace at Green Bay, Wis., charges \$10 for marrying a couple and \$2.50 for divorcing them. He writes "misrepresentation" across the face of the license, and the thing is done.

tions in the northern portion of his mis-Chinamen stand by each other in this governed empire and crowds him down country. Those employed in shoemaktowards the Bosphorus will be welcomed ing in North Adams have contributed by the public sentiment of the whole out of their scanty earnings \$347 to defend one who is entangled in law in Nevada.

The creditors of a Boston bankrupt hesitate about accepting twenty-five The New York Observer gives a just cents on the dollar on the flimsy pretext rebuke to over indulgent parents, in a that the bankrupt went to the meeting of creditors behind a stylish pair of few timely words, to one of the class who belongs to the society for the suphorses and a driver in livery.

The report of the Rhode Island State He is the father of one little girl now auditor shows that in a population of about four years old. He doubtless about 250,000 there are 101,635 deposiloves her dearly. He thinks that loving her is shown by letting the child have tors in savings banks. The assetvin the saving banks are \$53,272,731, and were her own way. She has it. She is never restrained, never governed, never crossincreased about three millions in 1874. "For One Only." This, gleaming ed, always petted, indulged, and obeyfrom the back of each parlor chair, is ed. The child rules the house. Father, mother, servants are all her slaves. what met the astonished gaze of Mary and Charles upon their return from What comes of it? Is the child happy meeting Sunday evening. It is said to have been the work of an economical because she lords it over the whole family. So far from it, she cries with passion or pain a large part of the time. mother.

A Sacramento detective dressed himself in rags, and fell in a disreputable one thing to another in a constant series of searches for something to do that she street, as though helplessly drunk, as a ought not to do. And when she wants device to catch a gung of thieves who, he thought, would attempt to rob him. what it is impracticable to get-as the What he did catch was a sound whipping boy who cried for the moon-then she goes into tantrums and screams loud from a real bummer who tripped upon enough to split the ears of the neighhis body. bors. Thus the family are annoyed; the

Just the Difference.

wretched, peevish, fretful, impatient, passionate, dissatisfied with everything, A short while ago, says a writer, I and generally miserable. And she is met with a German of imposing personal very disagreeable. It was an ill-natured appearance, who was pursuing his humremark of Jerrold to a mother who apolble calling of a barber in a humbler ogized for her child crying in the par-lor: "Oh," said he, "I like to have basement. The man's face struck me with admiration; it seemed to have been made up of the best points of Humboldt and Thorswalden. I finally expressed my surprise that with such natural ability he should be following the tonsorial art. "My friend," said the German, "I had some money once, and was most comfortably situated, but in an evil hour I met with sharpers who literally stole my property. I went to law, but could get no justice. When I lived in Prussia if I called the emperor

a thief or a knave, I would be put in prison, but no one in Prussia could

children cry in company, for they are taken right out of the room." And whenever I visit my friend, and his child sets up a roar, I think of Jerrold, and wish that his observation were in accord with my experience, which it is not, and to impress upon a child the duty of obedience is the first of all lessons. Jury Cases and Libel Suits. Among the bills introduced into the

How Scandal Grows.