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The Secret.

Said Damon unto Phyllis: "Let me whisper in

I would fain impart a secret that no other soul

may hear." Said Phyllis unto Damon: "And why whisper?

We're alone! · You had better tell your secret in an ordinary priate.

"But, Phyllis, little birds, they say, are some-

times telltale-tits: One cannot be too cautious in divulging precious bits."

"But, Damon, this is nonsense, for there's not a bird about :

Besides, I can't keep secrets, and am sure to

"Yet, Phyllis, 'tis a secret that but concerns us two: I scarce dare say it to myself, much less speak

loud to you." "Well, Damon, von may whisper, since you decline to speak;

But promise, first, to keep your lips some distance from my cheek."

Then Damon gave his promise, and he whispered soft and low; The secret seemed to please her, but its purport

none can know. "Dear Damon," was the maid's reply-and all that could be heard-

"I won't be very angry if you do not keep your

THE AMBER NECKLACE.

like her fair mother, and she held her warm, smoldering fire that the blood of her Portuguese father had kindled. and the one weakness of her life was an unwavering faith in the dear old legends that her father was so fond of telling. One of the precious heirlooms in the Vasquel family was a long resary of wonderful carvings, in the pale, silvery tints of clouded Turkish amber, or the deep, sunshiny gold or rare Persian specimens. This had descended to the present Vasquel, and he cared for it with almost superstitious reverence; but when he married Margaret Dale, so cold and stately to all the rest of the world, so winsome and loving to him, she had coaxed from his strong box of treasure trove the wonderful amber rosary as an orniment for her fair, white neck. He murmured, and glided away like one in had given it but unwillingly into her a dream. keeping, and she had worn it in triumph

over her pale blue satin dress. She went out one chilly, dreary morning, unbeknown to him, and returned with burning cheeks and shining eyes, when the fierce November storm was at its worst. For several days she was very sick with a sudden attack of inflammation about the lungs that hushed her sweet voice and made her breathing beavy and painful. Then just when they thought the crisis past and that she would soon recover she died. Through Vasquel never thought of the amber erosary, but in the terrible stillness that followed her death and burial he had

time to think of everything, and it was then he missed the precious relic. Little Margaret was two years old then, and late blessing to his wounded heart.

mother's death, and "proud Miss Vas- air is exactly the same. family depended upon her.

"I want my portrait painted," she prescription as before." said, one day, to a friend of hers, Senor

of design, to study the different styles of | not." tributed, more than for any special skill Still Senor Reno approved her choice, said the young artist she had selected picture soon completed.

"It is a superb likeness," said Senor | more as he does now. Reno, admiringly.

"Yes," answered the young lady, with a curious look; "but I did not know I looked so much like porcelain.'

The artist smiled gravely. without enthusiasm, but it has the possi- of a woman, -Reading Eagle, bilities of life and soul, if only I knew what would interest you. Is there no costume you would be pleased to assume, no character you might represent with glad-

which I would delight to be painted. I wonder I did not think of it before.'

by showy, silken cords, and soft, thick | body.

The artist came to her aid, and with his critical gravity undisturbed, though his eyes were alight with admiration for

his beautiful subject.
"You are very right to distrust the effect of dead gold," he said; "but, I

brought out a strange ebony casket, and from its satin and sandal wood interior he drew forth a long string of carved amber beads. Miss Vasquel gave a little cry of delight as she gathered the curious, shining things in her hands, and

She was very haughty and indifferent, be made complete without her presence. She was very haughty and indifferent, be made complete without her presence. Induce the state of the vote and the house. And the counting of the votes house. And the counting of the votes house. And the counting of the votes hall be deemed a shall proceed in conformity therewith, all strangers are jealously excluded, and friends, but deep in her heart lay the she came no more. So he turned the ed President and Vice-President of writing by at least five senators and five ten years ago, and her life since, all acvonder chest."

"May I see the picture?" the girl asked, with an eagerness she tried hard

"Doubtless," was the grave reply; and from a huge pile of what looked like jection shall be made in writing, and from any State shall have been finally rubbish, he drew out a canvas on which shall state clearly and concisely and with- disposed of. the dust of years had settled.

slightly retouched for the occasion."

Soon she came back with the stern,

Ab, well! Senor Vasquel thinks luck came back to him with the amber beads, but the daughter thinks his heart grew strong and warm when he found this a State shall have been received by the Senate, the speaker's chair; for the the brief, bewildering days of her illness | new proof of his young wife's beve and constant thought for him.

The Monkeys' Cage.

Tve been standing before this cage of hopeless wail of agony for the loss of his knows. That white faced monkey there, such returns and papers shall thereupon clerk's desk and upon each side of the wife, and his fretful complaining that with chin whiskers and a conceited exthe Vasquel talisman was lost. Baby pression of countenance, how like Sena-Margaret comforted him with her iu- tor ---, as he sits reading his newspafantile caresses and cooed her inarticu- per of a morning. To be sure, it is only a large piece of brown paper which the Fifteen years had passed since her monkey holds before his nose, but the

quel" walked in regal indifference among There, upon an upper bar, sits a very the score of friends and flatterers who solemn monkey with brown hair, a clung about her, despite a dim financial sharp nose and red eyes. He keeps a justices of the supreme court of the Unirumor that the Vasquel property was store in our neighborhood, and always ted States, to be ascertained as hereinslowly diminishing in value for want of makes mistakes in his own favor as to after provided, shall constitute a comproper attention. Senor Vasquel had change. Just below him is perched the lost heart and courage in the long, lone-family doctor, owl-like and comfortable. ly years in which his only light and com- I fancy I can hear him saying: "Yes, fort was his darling girl. But she was yes-certainly, my dear madam, certainproud and beautiful, and felt that in ly; it is either the measles or the spotsome mysterious way the fate of the ted fever, or-ahem! we shall be able to tell in a day or two; meanwhile, the

Who is that on the lowest bar? Reno, whom she knew was a connoisseur funny, little, thin monkey with black such manner as a majority of them shall in art. "Father has mourned all my side whiskers and white rings around his deem fit, another of the associate juslife that he has no picture of mamma; eyes like the rims of eyeglasses? That tices of said court, which five persons elected or who shall claim to be Presihe does not seem to think how badly he is Count Dandelion, who taught French shall be members of the said commisdent or Vice-President of the United would feel if I should vanish from his in Mrs. Middleton's seminary. One ex- sion, and the person longest in commis- States, if any such right exists. sight forever, and leave no shadowy pects him to speak in the old style: "It sion of said five justices shall be the is necessaire zat you study, young president of said commission. Members Senor Reno took immediate interest ladees. It is not posseeble zat I split in this matter, and soon invited Miss open your head and put into it ze vairb. Vasquel to the exhibition at the academy | I should take pleasair to do it, but I can-

a few fine artists, and choose between And that very restless, sentimental them. She chose one, for the strangely looking young monkey who just now familiar look in a child face he had con- went down into the bottom of the cage to bring up a nut, and sits eveing it susin manipulation that the picture evinced. | piciously-who is that? Oh, it's very ungrateful of me, but he does look so like a bean I had once, especially now was conscientious about his work and that he pauses to stroke his mustache. nonsense about him, probably looks

> There is not a monkey of them all who does not remind me of some one I able to perform the duties required by know. And let who will stand before this act, the fact of such death or physithe cage awhile, she will come away with | cal inability shall be by said commission, the same impression; and not one of the before it shall proceed further, communi-

How to Preven tColds. Popular Science Monthly gives good

THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL.

The Full Text of the Bill Reported by the Joint Committee of Congress.

the United States:

out argument the ground thereof, and Sec. 3. That while the two houses been known to strike that helpless Miss Vasquel gave one glance at the shall be signed by at least one senator shall be in meeting as provided in this woman to the floor, drag her about by two bright pictured faces, then a puzzled and one member of the House of Repre- act no debate shall be allowed and no the hair, and kick her brutally. His sentatives before the same shall be re- question shall be put by the presiding whims and caprices were legion, and the "Yes," he said, answering her eyes, ceived. When all objections so made to may picture that you saw at the exhibition was are all converted any vote or paper from a State shall have the said converted in terror before him. It was never known what the exhibition was are all converted in the said caprices were legion, and the whole household crouched in terror before him. It was never known what the exhibition to withdraw; and he shall have tion was an old copy of this child face, been received and read, the Senate shall power to preserve order.

of the question submitted.

dent and Vice-President in such State, be submitted to the judgment and decisions as to which is the true and lawful electoral vote of such State of a commission constituted as follows, namely: During the session of each house on the clared; and no recess shall be taken un-Tuesday next preceding the first Thursnay in February, 1877, each house shall gard to the counting of any such votes or by viva voce vote appoint five of its otherwise under this act, in which case members, who, with the five associate it shall be competent for either house, mission for the decision of all questions. (Sunday excepted), at the hour of ten upon or in respect of such double re- o'clock in the forenoon. And while any turns named in this section. On the question is being considered by said com-Tuesday next preceding the first Thursday of February, A. D. 1877, or as soon thereafter as may be, the associate justices of the supreme court of the United States now assigned to the first, third, eighth and ninth circuits shall select, in of said commission shall respectively

take and subscribe the following oath: "I, --, do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will impartially examine and consider all questions submitted to the commission of which I am a member, and a true judgment give thereon, agreeably to the Constitution and laws, so help me God." Which oath shall be filed with the secre-

tary of the Senate. same or to withdraw any of its members: but if any such senator or member shall die or become physically un-

when there shall be more than one such certificate or paper as the certificates or papers from such State shall be opened. Ten Venrs of Misery.-An Extorted Bequest (excepting duplicates of the same return), they shall be read by the tellers, and The following is the complete text of thereupon the president of the Senate Herald, a man, nearly eighty years of think, if you are not averse to the an- the bill agreed upon by the joint com- shall call for objections, if any. Every age, died in this city. He left no chiltique, I have something more appro- mittee on counting the electoral vote of objection shall be made in writing, and dren, and, it is alleged, scarcely a friend Slowly unlocking a heavy chest, he A bill to provide for and regulate the without argument, the ground thereof, died at midnight, and alone. No one counting of votes for President and and shall be signed by at least one sen- had thought him dangerously sick, for Vice-President, and the decision of ator and one member of the House of he relired to bed at night as usual, and questions arising thereon, for the Representatives before the same shall be this death was only ascertained at noon term commencing March 4, A. D. Representatives before the same shall be this death was only ascertained at noon of the following day, when his door was made to any certificate, vote or paper broken open and he was found lifeless Be it enacted, etc., That the Senate from a State shall have been received and upon his bed. Breakfast had been preslipped them through her delicate and House of Representatives shall meet fingers. She held them to her burning in the hall of the House of Representatives of Representatives and lipped them to her burning in the hall of the House of Representatives shall meet papers so objected to, and all papers act at temper was so much feared that no cheeks, touched them with her scarlet tatives, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., companying the same, together with such one had ventured to disturb him till it lips, whispered to them under her on the first Thursday in February, A. objections, shall be forthwith submitted grew so late in the day that the housebreath, and then held them up between D. 1877, and the president of the Senate to said commission, which shall proceed hold became seriously alarmed at his her eyes and the one dim window, that shall be their presiding officer. Two to consider the same, with the same non-appearance, An autopsy was held the sunbeams prisoned in them centuries tellers shall be previously appointed on powers, if any, now possessed for that upon the body, and the whole system of ago might meet the light once more. the part of the Senate and two on the purpose by the two houses acting sepa- the deceased was found to be thoroughly The artist, dazed for a moment by her part of the House of Representatives, to rately or together, and by a majority of diseased, though the proximate cause of unexpected enthusiasm, soon recovered whom shall be handed, as they are open- votes decide whether any and what votes his sudden death was considered to be himself and went at work. The sketch ed by the president of the Senate, all from such State are the votes provided grew in bold relief and delicate tint and the certificates and papers purporting to for by the Constitution of the United color, while the girl's eyes questioned be certificates of electoral votes, which States, and how many and what persons which the veil has been partially lifted her and hers. Suddenly she gathered the whole shimmering mass in her hands again, and turning to the artist, asked then read the same in the presence and the sam where he had found these wonderful hearing of the two houses, shall make a and pertinent to such consideration, lived with him till no longer youthful, beads. "It is no secret," he answered. list of the votes as they shall appear which decision shall be made in writing, has borne him children, and has seen "They were given me by my father. from the said certificates, and, the votes stating briefly the ground thereof, and him change from a doting lover to a Years ago, when I was a lad of fifteen, having been ascertained and counted as be signed by the members of said querulous husband, and finelly to a mohe painted an English lady and her in this act provided, the result of the commission agreeing therein. Wherechild. The lady wore a costume some- same shall be delivered to the president upon the two houses shall meet own children and those of his former what like yours, and when the faces were of the Senate, who shall thereupon and such decision shall be read wife are dead. He has no near relatives done, she left the dress and ornaments nounce the state of the vote and the and entered in the journal of each and no familiar circle of acquaintances. Many days my father waited for her, but sufficient declaration of the persons elect- unless upon objection made thereto in that home becomes her prison. This was picture with its face to the wall, and the United States, and together with a members of the House of Represen- counts agree, must have been a weary folded away the dress and ornaments in list of the votes shall be entered on the tatives, the two houses shall separately torture. In fact, the stories recounted journals of the two houses. Upon such concur in ordering otherwise; in which reading of any certificate or paper, when case such concurrent order shall govern. there shall be only one return from the No votes or papers from any other State had received the education of a gentle-State, the president of the Senate shall shall be acted upon until the objections man, but the veriest savage would have call for objections, if any. Every ob- previously made to the votes or papers revolted at the cruelties he is accused of

thereupon withdraw, and such objections | Sec. 4. That when the two houses him. "But my father must see these," she shall be submitted to the Senate for its separate to decide upon an objection that vants would study his humors with a decision, and the speaker of the House may have been made to the counting of painful zeal, and yet fail to satisfy the of Representatives shall in like manner any electoral vote or votes from any submit such objections to the House of State, or upon objection to a report of could and did leave the house, but not continually increasing, and calls for serisilent man, and together they gazed Representatives for its decision, and no said commmission or other question even this resource was open to the suf- one attention. The daily journals of upon this strange reminder of a lost, lost | electoral vote or votes from any State | arising under this act, each senator and life. Oh, beautiful face, so fair and from which but one return has been re- representative may speak to such objecbright, when the heart that vivified it ceived shall be rejected except by the tion or question for ten minutes and not lies cold and still in death. Oh, sunny affirmative vote of the two houses. When oftener than once, but after such deeyed babe, vanished as utterly from the the two houses have voted they shall im- bate shall have lasted two hours it shall earth, but living not less truly another mediately again meet, and the presiding be the duty of each house to put the officer shall then announce the decision main question without further debate.

SEC. 5. That at such joint meeting of Sec. 2. That if more than one return the two houses seats shall be provided or paper purporting to be a return from as follows: For the president of the president of the Senate, purporting to speaker, immediately upon his left; for the letter. So his wife suffered on, with a man in chains, he asked who he be the certificates of electoral votes given the senators, in the body of the hall, at the last preceding election for Presi- upon the right of the presiding officer; ten years of such a life must have been ed the prisoner, "I am a brigand, but for the representatives, in the body of unless they shall be duplicates of the the hall not provided for the senators; can tell, and the climax to her wrongs when your majesty ascended yonder same return, all such returns and papers for the tellers, secretary of the Senate was only to be reached at the end. He mountain and I stood hidden behind a shall be opened by him, in the presence and clerk of the House of Representa- had given her many years ago a deed of rock, I could have killed you. I thought monkeys for an nour, and I admit the shall be opened by the fact that monkeys are very like men. of the two houses, when met as afore: tives, at the clerk's desk; for the other the house and lot where they were living, of doing so, but your dignified appear- it was. It bothered him, especially as wondrously beautiful. Into her uncon- fact that monkeys are very like men. of the two houses, in front of the scious baby ears the father poured his Like individual men, too-persons one said, and read by the tellers, and all officers of the two houses, in front of the and this was her main resource for sup- ance prevented me. But if yesterday I

Such joint meeting shall not be dissolved until the count of electoral votes shall be completed and the result deless a question shall have arisen in reacting separately in the manner hereinbefore provided, to direct a recess of such house, not beyond the next day mission either house may proceed with

its legislative or other business. Sec. 6. That nothing in this act shall be held to impair or affect any right now existing under the Constitution and laws to question by proceeding in the judicial courts of the United States the right or title of the person who shall be declared

Sec. 7. That said commission shall make its own rules, keep a record of its proceedings, and shall have power to employ such persons as may be necessary for the transaction of its business and the execution of its powers.

Prince Albert's Room.

Olive Logan thus describes the apart ments at Windsor Castle that were al ways occupied by Prince Albert, and have never been used since his death : When the commission shall have been The faithful servitor who points them skillful in its execution. The sittings As my beau used to look, I mean; the thus organized it shall not be in the out says that nothing has been touched were commenced the next day, and the portly monkey of forty years, with no power of either house to dissolve the in them since the fatal fourteenth of December, 1861, when the "blameless prince" quitted these scenes of earthly glory to find, let us hope, even more delightful ones among celestial spheres. The prince's hat and cane stand where he last placed them; the book he was reading is open at the page where he left off: "It is true," he said, "the face is tribe will ever for a moment remind her cated to the Senate or House of Representatives, as the case may be, which he died stands exactly as it did when he body shall immediatel and without de- breathed his last; an inscription at its bate proceed by viva voce vote to fill the foot records the date of his birth and of that have acted as poisons on their sysplace so vacated, and the person ap- his death. To come daily into these de- tems from the commencement of their poirted shall take and subscribe the serted rooms and see for herself that the being." Especially so it is when both advice in regard to the prevention of eath hereinbefore prescribed, and be- thoughtless hand of some servant has parents are drunkards. "There is a costume," she said, "in colds. The mistake is often made of come a member of said commission, not disturbed any of their pious arrangetaking great care to put on extra wraps And, in like manner, if any of said jus- ments; to gaze her fill on the vacant a manufactured article; and although we and coats when preparing for outdoor tices of the supreme court shall die or couch, the unfinished book; even (it is are not always able to tell how it is Without further explanation she went exercise. This is not at all necessary in become physically incapable of perform- said) to herself brush away any trace of manufactured, still its important causes away. In a few days there came to the robust persons. Sufficient heat to pre- ing the duties required by the act, the dust which may have fallen within the are known, and are within control. studio an elegant costume, suitable for a vent all risk of chill is generated in the other of said justices, members of the hour upon the cherished relics of her Many cases are distinctly traceable to Portuguese lady of high rank. Soon body by exercise. The care should be said commission, shall immediately apdead husband, is a duty scrupulously parental intemperance and excess. thereafter came Miss Vasquel, and ar- taken to retain sufficient clothing after point another justice of said court a performed by this exalted woman and Out of three hundred idiots, Dr. Howe rayed herself in the quaint dress. A high, pointed comb held a long black veil, which drooped mantilla-like over a pale blue satin corsage, shading her rose come a member of said commission to fill the vacancy so occasioned.

All the certificates and papers purportable a

THE SKELETON IN THE CLOSET.

and a Cruel Codicil. A few weeks ago, says the New York shall state clearly and concisely, and to pay the last rites to his ashes. He disease of the heart. Such painful scenes as those from

by those in a position to know the truth seem to go beyond belief. The man new vagary would take possession of so succinctly and soberly given. Both his trembling wife and ser-

capricious tyrant. Servants, however, fering wife.

it is averred, to shoot the man who place or drag her back to her old life of in the family of his captive. torment. Nor was this any empty brava- At times it has been the dominant do, intended to frighten a weak woman, power in the kingdom of Naples, and for it is firmly believed by those who knew the man best that he meant it to one day on the open plain some soldiers out relief, waiting for the end. What was. "Your majesty," quickly respondno one but the uncomplaining sufferer worthy of pardon, because yesterday,

port in case of his death. extort this deed from her. As she knelt free and happy, and lived henestly in plainer. before him he placed a pistol to her that neighborhood from that day. The head and threatened to kill her instantly generals of Murat, to eradicate brigandunless she would give him back her age in the kingdom of Naples, employed property. It is asserted that witnesses the most severe measures. Good citizens stand ready to attest this fact in court, if were enjoined to imprison or kill the necessary, and to aver that being in dead- brigands, and all men able to fight were ly fear for her life she made the required armed. All correspondence with them surrender. No sooner had she made was punished with death. Husband and this last concession than he hastened to wife, mother and son, brother and brothdraw up a codicil to his will, by which er were divided by this scourge! In the his wife was shut out from all claim up- year 1860 the government, which was on his estate except what she derived molested in Calabria by the brigands from the bare dower which the law under the protection of the Pope, again

makes the portion of a widow. might naturally have desired to bequeath in charge of that expedition of his terhis estate or some portion of it, the solu- rible work there. He caught the outlaws tion of the mystery might not be far to by fifties and sixties, and ranging them seek. But it is reported that the property has been willed away to distant like wild animals, regardless of the prayrelatives and business acquaintances for ers of wives and children. But as this whom he could have had no special at- was a means of public safety and not tachment. This statement must be re- mere cruelty, he afterward gathered the ceived with caution, for, apart from the children into asylums where they were exclusion of the widow, nothing is defin- well cared for. itely known of the provisions except to certain gentlemen acting as counsel or executors. It is stated, however, on the authority of one of these gentlemen. that the body of the will is very loosely and badly drawn, but that it is not proposed to contest any portion except the codicil referred to. The amount of the estate cannot be accurately determined at present, but the real estate bequeathed is valued roughly at \$30,000.

A Sad Inheritance.

A writer in the Psychological Journal, a British periodical, gives the result of his observations in these strong words: "The most startling problem connected with intemperance is, that not only does it affect the health, morals and intelligence of the offspring of its votary, but they also inherit the fatal tendency, and feel a craving for the very beverages

Maudsley says: "Idiocy is, indeed,

pale blue satin corsage, shading her rose throwing off extra clothing after exer- sought by the original appointments to not degrade a woman if she were a queen chronic alcoholism in the parent may di-A satin cloak, edged lightly with eider

A satin cloak, edged lightly with eider down, hung from one shoulder, fastened by the president patience of the judge was exhausted, and be-

The Real Sca Serpent.

repeatedly seen, and so repeatedly de- The membership aggregates about clared to be mythical, appears at last to 10,000. have been carefully observed by competent witnesses. The creature was seen by the passengers and crew of the ship Nestor, on her voyage to Shanghai, ing purposes. and on her arrival at Shanghai the master of the ship (Mr. John Keiller Webster) and the surgeon (Mr. James Anderson) made a statutory declaration of what they had seen before a magistrate, as a mode, we suppore, of formally attesting that they spoke in good faith. The creature (which resembled a huge salamander, only that instead of being about six or eight inches long, these dimensions must be multiplied by at least being from forty-five to fifty feet in wait for his victim to grow. length, the head twelve feet, and the tail, it is said, no less than 150 feet) was of September, fifteen miles northwest American of the North Sand lighthouse, in the pany straits of Malacca. The weather was fine, the sea smooth and the air perfectly clear. The Chinese on deck were terribly alarmed and set up a howl. The whole watch and three saloon passengers saw the creature clearly, and observed its movements. It traveled for a long time about as fast as the steamer, appearing to paddle itself by the help of "an undulatory motion of its tail in a vertical plane." The body and tail were marked as those of the salamander are marked-with alternate bands, black and pale yellow in color. "The head was immediately connected with the body, without any indication of a neck." Both witnesses state positively that the only resemblance was to some creature of the frog or newt kind, while one of them (the surgeon) says that the longer he observed it the more he was struck with its | not far from \$3,000,000. resemblance to a gigantic salamander. Its back was oval in form. No eyes or fins were seen, and it did not blow or spout in the manner of a whale. The practicing toward his wife. Without the slightest provocation, it is said, he had greater part of its head was never seen, being beneath the surface. Probably the creature is of a race which survives from that very different world in which creatures of gigantic size seem to have

The Sicilian Brigand.

The evil of brigandage in Sicily is now Palermo, reluctant as they are to confess Knowing that even a woman's endur- the true state of things, say now that the ance has its limits, he threatened openly, cup is full. Society is so corrupted by the it is averred, to shoot the man who evil that Rose asserts that Leone, the should dare to give her refuge, and noted chief, knew all the watchwords of either kill his wife as well in her hiding | the troops, and all that was said and done

Colletta relates of Murat that meeting had killed the king, to-day I should not A week or two before he died, perhaps have been a prisoner and near death." adopted serious measures. I have often Had he any near relative to whom he listened to the description by the colonel

A Loose Lord. Why did not some rich American girl

buy up Viscount Maidstone, who sold himself to the queen for a shilling? asks a London correspondent. This young man is the eldest son of an earl, undoubted heir to the estates and title, handsome, graceful, well educated and young. At the conclusion, it is supposed, of a family row, he presented himself at the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, and, receiving the queen's shilling, 'listed as a common soldier. When it came to stating who he was, you can imagine the flutter the incident created. In the course of the day his father got wind of it, and came down to barracks, paid "smart" money—a pound or two and got his young lordship off. The young man's plea was that he was allowed but' £10 a week income, and a lord could not live on that. The very next day he enlisted again, but again he was turned from his purpose by the commanding officer exercising the prerogative vested in him of refusing any recruit he does not deem suitable. The report is that the viscount has now enlisted in a cavalry regiment, where, in addition to other hardships, he will be obliged to perform a stableman's duties.

"I nate these ornaments," said Miss Vasquel touching the heavy gold chain and dead gold hand bracelets. "They look like manacles. But dismonds never look like manacles. But dismonds never paint well, and I have no pearl recklace."

All the certificates and papers purportation as filled to be placed at all meals, talks to signatures of prominent citizens in the disconstance of his was not always ing to be certificates of the electoral him as if he were present, and other their children as do temperate have nearly 4,000 him as if he were present, and other their children as do temperate parents."

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Items of Interest.

The London Spectutor says: In the There are 728 granges in Pennsylvania, straits of Malacca, the sea monster so an increase of ninety during the year.

> A grocer had a pound of sugar returned with a note stating: "Too much sand for table use, and not enough for build-

> The opinion that Weddings day follows appropriately after Choose day is put forth with due diffidence by the Philadelphia Bulletin.

> A Boston man committed snicide because Tilden was elected. A Sedalia (Mo.) man has committed suicide because Tilden was defeated.

A New Orleans thief lately sent back the stolen clothes of an under sized citseventy-five or one hundred, the body izen with a note saying that he would

A Londoner, seeing an advertisement headed "American Steam Safe Comfirst seen at half-past ten on the eleventh pany," remarked that he was glad the Americans had made steam safe com-

> A man can't throw water on his front stoop in freezing weather without giving rise to the suspicion that he expects a visit from his mother-in-law or a poor re-

> Judge Hoar once said of a law He has reached the superlative of life. At first he sought to get on, and then he sought to get honor, and now he is trying

> A young woman in Rochester, N. Y., has sued for damages a man who kissed her. A man who can't kiss a woman without damaging her ought to pay for his awkwardness.

> Dion Boucicault recently told a friend of his that the whole number of dramatic pieces which he had put upon the stage is 367, and that they have yielded him The London Telegraph, which claims

to be the daily paper having the largest circulation in the world, publishes a certificate that during the five months end-ing December 1 it printed the vast number of 26,441,875 copies, being a daily average of over 200,000. In Scotland it has for a long time been

usual to blazon on a man's tombstone the symbols of his trade. A sugar cone indicates the grave of a grocer; an ax and saw, with hammer and nails, occurs on the grave of a carpenter; an awl and hammer on that of a shoemaker.

About this time farmers are sitting in the evenings by their comforting firesides, with a pitcher of cider, plate of apples and pan of nuts before them. In the interim between their eating a drinking they look solemnly upward and exclaim: "What awful hard times!"

Of the 60,000 Chinese in San Francisco, about 750 attend the evening mission schools. Three hundred have joined churches. Seven hundred are members of Christian societies and are studying Christian doctrines. Nearly 1,000 regularly attend Sunday-school.

Yes, fun is fun," the old man said, as he brushed away a tear, And wildly clutched his pantaloons—the portion

in the rear;
But putting crooked pins and sich in a person's easy chair rather more, I swow to gosh, than mortal man can bear!

"Ransalvation," the little boy thought as he heard it sung very often. And so he asked his Sunday-school teacher. The mystic word turned out to be part of the being conscious of the precarious state of his health, he determined, it is said, to kissing the knees of his horse, went away the lad said he wished they would sing it

> "Ullo, Fwed! What on earth are you walking about with that beastly sausage under your arm for?" Fwed: Well-aw-the fact is, the othaw day I saw in the papaws that a fella'd been sent to the workhouse-aw-because he'd got no visible means of subsistence. Put me in a regular blue funk, you know! So I got this sawsage to protect

An old German farmer in Iowa had his barn, which was destroyed by fire, insured for \$500. The company said he could accept \$200 or they would build him a new barn. When the life insurance agent came around the German facetiously informed him that he would not have the life of his wife insured, as the company, in the event of her death, might want him to take some withered old Dutch woman.

Apples being so abundant this season, the sheep may be treated to a feed once a week. There are none-of our domestic animals who feel the change from green food to dry so sensibly as the sheep, and they need a feed of turnips, apples, cab-bage or something of that kind quite often. This prevents costiveness of stretches, an ailment common to sheep in this country but unknown in Great Britain, where turnips are fed daily. Salting sheep is quite as important in the winter season as in any other. Indeed, all animals should have access to salt

A church in Hanover, Ill., played a pleasant little joke on its pastor. They told him he had better take a holiday for two or three weeks, and, like a sensible man, he took it, and journeyed into a far country. When he came back he found the old pulpit gone, and a delightfully fashioned new one in its place. His elders greeted him with a roll of "soft money," more than sufficient to cover all the expense of his jaunt. This way of treating a minister is better than the donation party nuisance, which generally brings the suffering pastor a lot of miscellaneous rubbish which he can neither use, sell nor give away.

One More About General Nye.

The Utica Observer tells this story.
It is related that he was trying a case in the Southern tier, the presiding judge