THE SONGS OF LONG AGO.

Miss Ashbell

MONSTERNATION was de- ; tance the day before (how men can

reading the letter I had ly disheartened little camp:

picted on the faces of the have the heart to give a man's burden

to-morrow.

lady in our humble home?

What could aunt be thinking about?

poor we were, for we'd been too proud

L. The weary of the songs of strifts, The chant of woe, the dirge of death; Come, let's go back to lowy and life, The sweetnain of the reseve breath! Let him whose greet enabyres him bear His heavy troubles as he may And, shrinking from assassing, fare Along his own mistaken way. But some one wafts a song to me From where the sweet, soft breezes blo Of happy tollars in the tree Who sing sweet songs of long ago.

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just received from aunt.

The group consisted of myself-

and hearth-brown, dark-eyed, tall and

eighteen; Helen, not quite as brown,

hasel-eyed, almost as tall, and sixteen;

us all, blus-eyed, fair-haired, gold-

lived in far-away Illinois, and was too you.

We children had always heard twice accompany her.

much occupied with grains and herds

a year from aunt-once collectively at

Christmas, and once respectively on

ly note which exhorted us to "be good,

a check, larger or smaller, according to

aunt's gains on the preceding year.

lady's welfare and thanks for her kind-

ness and hopes for a speedy meeting;

in short, in a manner belitting the

only nieces and nephews of the Car-

mody family when replying to the

friendly epistles of their only aunt,

to say nothing of that aunt being the

wealthiest and most influential mem-

he called us together, and said:

best and dearest friend."

A few days before our father died

"My children, it isn't at all likely to

occur, but if your aunt should ask a

favor of you, grant it, no matter at

what inconvenience. She has been my

often helped him out of pecuniary dif-

fculties. He was an unpractical,

dreamy sort of man, fond of birds and

poetry and flowers, and didn't succeed

very well in life. But, in spite of his

mustached and twenty-one.

was the visitor.

ber of that family.

II. The yearsy of the hate and spate, The jealous carping and the threatsy Come, let us look across the height To where the sun in splendor sets, Remembering that it will rise Again to-morrow to display New glories unto hopeful eyes, To light the faithful on their way? Let's cause a while the songs of war, The dirge of death, the chant of woe, And thank the Lord's glad songstors for Their happy songs of long ago. —8. E. Kisen,

or three cut-giass goblets, and a lovely chine cup and saucer, and, when all was done, waited with anxious hearty for our unwelcome visitor. Mother had shut herself up in her room early in the morning of the day we expected her, and had remained there; and the rest of us were all as uncomfortable as poor, proud, shy, sen-altive people could be at the thought of a perfect stranger's ingress into the very heart of their home, and wishing andibly and inaudibly that Miss Ashbell's father had never brought her from England, when, as the sun sank in the west, and a cool, summer ************ breeze, fragrant with the breath of the roses. lifted the curtains of our cosy ▲ 國際運動運動運動運動 建金属的管理管理 ●

bay-window, a carriage stopped at the "She's come, and I'm gone," said Will, flinging down his book and then rushing out into the garden. Carrol rose from his chair, ran his

憲★★ fingers through his golden hair, and glanced in the mirror at his new blue silk necktie. Helen sank on the lounge with a sort of groan; and I opened the parlor door as Betty went muttering through the entry in answer to the ******* bell.

"Is it Mrs. Carmody's?" asked a pleasant voice, with-yes, it was a slight brogue. "Yes," answered Betty, shortly. And

family group assembled to to a child I can't see), when aunt's lethear it, when I finished ter fell like a bomb-shell into our nearin another moment a round-cheeked. unmistakably red-haired, good-natured "Dear Folks: A friend of mine-an looking young girl in a plain traveling Inglishman" (aunt's language was cor- dress stood before me. Mary, eldest daughter of the house rect enough, but at times her spelling "Good gracious! Is this the beauty?"

was somewhat peculiar) "who came thought I; and Carrol fell back a step here purposing to start in business, or two. took the fever, lingered a few months "Are you Miss Carmody?" she asked,

Will, browner, dark-eyed, a head short- and died, leaving, Heaven knows why. "I am," I replied, holding out my er, and ten; and Carrol towering above his only child, a daughter who will hand; "and let me welcome you;" when, turning from me, she gently pulled forward into the room the loveliest little child I had ever beheld in my life, with large, soul-lit brown eyes

maid; "and I am to stay or go back,

long, under-the-breath whistle. Helen buried her face in the sofa pensive journeys. So what little visit- dumb brute pleasure-will. I am sure, cushions and laughed hysterically. ing there had been, had been on aunt's be kind to her. Carrol will love her The child came forward, and holding side, with one exception, and then 1 for her beauty, if for nothing else, and out her little hands, said, with a pretty

she is most lovable. Her maid will drawl: "I am to love you, and you are to "At present ber affairs are in a tan- love me. Aunt said so."

gle, but I hope to unravel them in the I went on my knees on one side of our birthdays-and each time the kind. course of a few months, and then you her, and Helen went down on her will be recompensed for whatever ex- knees on the other, and we kissed her industrious and self-reliant," enclosed tra expense she may cause you. I till her dimpled cheeks glowed again would enclose a check at present writ- (you see the house had been so lonly ing, but all my funds are invested in without our little sister), while Carol These notes we had been taught to an- a speculation from which I expect to looked on with astonishment, admiraswer with many wishes for the old reap much profit. Do the best you can tion and tenderness blended in his until you hear from me again, when I handsome face, and Will stole in with will further unfold my plans in regard the only bud from my precious teato Miss Ashbell, who, by the by, starts | rose, the stem carefully stripped of its AUNT." thorns, and put it in her hand. No wonder consternation and dis-

"Thank you, boy," she said. "I will may were depicted on every countehave you for a brother; and you, too," nance when I ceased reading this letlooking with a bright smile into Carter. No wonder we looked gaspingly rol's face. "There's an angel at home. at each other. What in the world in a big picture, with hair and eyes were we to do with this fine young like yours." Carrol caught her up in his arms,

and away with her to mother's room. True, she didn't know exactly how And there she had no sooner said "my papa and mamma are both in heaven.' to acknowledge our extreme poverty than mother burst out in a blessed fit in our few and far-between letters. of weeping that left a rainbow behind Poor father! I suspect aunt had On the contrary, I am afraid we had it. And from that moment the weight led her to believe that we were in quite began to be lifted from her brain, and a flourishing condition. But for all soon I had to resign my position as that, she ought to have known that we housekeeper, for we had our mother were not flourishing enough to support back again as she used to be of olda delicate and beautiful girl, used to a little quieter in her ways, perhaps, dreaminess and his want of worldly luxury, tenderness and devotion, for but just as sweet, as kind, as unseltact, and his being so totally unlike even a few months. Was ever any- fish as ever.

her in most ways, he was a great fa- thing so malapropos and vezatious? And Carrol's picture of "Miss Ashvorite of aunt's, and when we tele- Of course Miss Ashbell would look bell" gained him a place on the walls

listen to him with a smile.

"you almost always are."

THE Vrestiers of Japan * * * * * Athletes Whese Garoors Begin While

They Are Infants-A Beet Between Bhempiees-Bathing Suits the itade's Subjects Better Than to See Such a Caratral -----** *****************

HERE was a gladiatorial 20046 carnival in Tokio to-day. T says A. G. Hale in a letter . written from the Japanese capital to the London News, and I went to see the show. Two dollars they charged for admission, which goes to prove that the showman here knows how to fatten himself as well as his brethren in the west. The arena was neither a costly nor a picturesque structure. It was merely a rude shed, built of boards, thrown together in haphazard fashion, roofed in just anyhow with flimsy matting. The seats were just rough benches, on which no kind of comfort could be obtained, and in the centre stood a platform, two feet high, apparently made of banked-up earth.

Four posts ran from the four corners of the platform from ground to ceiling. and on the stage, seated on gorgeous crimson cushions, were four officials, one against each post. Then came a man in gray garments, with a fan in his hand, who went about the stage weirdly chanting the praises of the gladiators who were about to appear. All the time he kept thrusting out his arms, opening and shutting his fan. and striking attitudes. There were between 2000 and 3000 people present,

men and women, old and young, for nothing suits the subjects of the Mikado better than a wrestling bout. They love it, and make much of those who follow it for a livelihood. Wrestling is to these people what cricket and football are to Britons, and any child in the street can tell you the names of the various champions at the

different styles. Before the public display commenced went behind the scenes with one who understood the manners and the customs of the place, and saw the gladiators stripped ready for the fray. They were all big men, some of them huge. The smallest weighed perhaps twelve and a half stone, the largest about twenty. As they stood there ready for the arena they reminded me of Sloux warriors more than anything else I had ever seen. They had yellowish bronze skins, jet black hair, hard, harsh mouths, black resentful eyes, high cheekbones, and sinews of steel. They are a race unto themselves, these gladiators, handing down from father to son the tricks of their trade. When they marry they pick their mates with care, marrying for strength rather than for any domestic quality, for it s considered a shame to a wrestler

to be the father of a weakly child. The career of a wrestler commences before he can walk. I saw the initiation of one of them into public life

honor was given to the coming wrest- fertile soil enough to support an agrileft her vast possessions without a ing, with a back garden twenty-five who entered college last week, never all noted in the arena. They marched climate is described as similar to that ran away from her again, but has ever and a functionary of the place, stretching forth his arms, told the audience who the child was and what his father had done. In this way a professional the warm Japan current. The harbor wrestler's whole life is known, just as And I often think, looking at the the breeding, pedigree, and perform- magnificent forests tempt the lumbertwo heads (there is only four years' ances of a racehorse is public property difference in their ages) bending over in England. the same book, that some day Will will No people in the world, I think, tell her the old, old story, and she will loves ceremony more than do the Japanese. From two sides of the "I shouldn't wonder if you were building two bands of wrestlers, each right, Brownie," said my husbandband a dozen strong, marched through how I laugh when I think of my jeallanes made in the closely packed mass land, being four miles wide at the ous fears about him once on a timeof humanity. They were all naked to the waist, but depending from the And aunt's speculation turned out

his foe's dank. In another moment that head was locked under an arm that had the gripping power of a vise. Every time the man with the body hold made a beave to lift his opponent off his feet, the other put on a wrench at the neck until it seemed as if something must break. They tugged and strained and hauled, but neither got a fall. At last they broke away, and stood panting. Then the blue man made a frantic rush, and, shooting both arms out, with the paims of the hands extended toward his foe, caught him on chin and throat, and nearly knocked him off the platform. That was the game; the man who either

pushed, threw, or hustled his opponent off the ring was counted victor. Then began the funniest bit of wrestling I have ever seen, and I have seen many styles. Both men rushed, and each shot out his arms, aiming for

the throat and forehead, but always with the paims of the hands. First one fellow gave way, then the other; the crowd shouted their strange shrill yell; fans were waved and the excitement became intense. All at once, as the blue man came with the spring of a tiger, the red man stepped aside and caught one of his opponent's arms in the crock of his own; then, springing forward a pace, he put the whole might of his body into one effort, whirled the other man off his feet on to his own hips, and then sent him whizzing off the platform into the front row of the audience-and the things that followed had no further interest for that man. After that fall there was enough ceremony and parade to herald a nation's victory over a world power. There were chanting of heralds and

bowing and posturing of gladiators The show had to last a half day, and fully two-thirds of the time was taken up in this way.

A little later came some pretty wrestling-an exhibition of pure skill. Each man had to go down on all fours and at a given signal leap at his opponent, and try with one quick turn for a firm hold on an arm. It had to be a clean grip to win; no struggling was allowed.

ALASKA'S DEVELOPMENT.

Measure of Her Possibilities Unrealized-The City of Seward.

It is a country of surprises, and the measure of her possibilities is by no means yet taken. We are informed. says the Boston Transcript, that that vast and still comparatively unknown region is this spring experiencing the greatest boom in its history. It is said that "every steamer available for the Pacific coast is pressed into service for the Alaska trade and every vessel carries every passenger and every pound of freight for which she can find room." The objective point to which the crowds are hurrying is not one of the destinations with whose names we have become familiar through the adventures of northern argonauts, but a new place named Seward, which takes us back to the negotiations, so criticised at the time, but which have added a new empire to the old one. Very few in the East have heard much about Seward for the reason that it has been

only to-day. The little squalling thing, Oil Company has already driven a with a tiny loin cloth on its tender stake in that region. Moreover, Sewarms of a champion, a man of tremen-dous size and strength. A guard of valley of the Sushitna River there is created Ed Searle, of Ogalalla, an ex-



Academy of Medicine, which has just been vacated, it was found that the floor was covered with no fewer than ten carpets, one upon another, moldering and swarming with microbes.

A machine in the Bank of England, for weighing sovereigns and half-sovereigns, is so extremely sensitive that it can denote a tenth of a grain difference in the weight of a coin. It automatically weighs twenty-six coins in a minute. The coins of full weight it throws to the right, and the others to the left.

Flammarion, at Juvisy, has subjected specimens of the Sensitive Plant. and others, to red and violet rays. Those under violet and blue glass had made no progress after four months. Those under red and orange had achieved "extraordinary development." It is known that typhoid germs will not live in blue light.

Interesting experiments are being conducted in various places in order to ascertain the effects of light and electricity upon the growth of plants. At Helsingfors University, Dr. Lemstrom has showered static electricity from a Holz machine through pots containing cereal seeds. These seeds grew forty per cent. faster than others in pots where no electricity was used.

Manager Duss has designed a glass sounding board which is being made for him in Pittsburg, Pa., under his personal supervision. The board will be erected back of his orchestra in a New York amusement concern, and it is believed that this device will throw out the sound so that the most subdued passages will be plainly heard in the most remote parts of the auditorium. It is especially so designed for open-air performances or those in

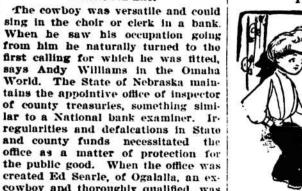
large halls.

A vivid idea of the lack of the simplest applications of practical science in at least some parts of China is given by United States Consul Gracey at Fuchau. In all that city, with its million inhabitants, he says, there is not a single pump, nor even a windlass, or any other mechanical contrivance for raising water from the wells. Any body who wants water must bring his own pall and rope and draw it up. Water brought from the river is carried on men's shoulders. There is no such thing as a system of pipes. The lamps in use are also of the crudest sort. The whole of southern China, says Mr. Gracey, needs pumps, a pub-

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lic water supply system and lamps,

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Humor of Today

Mepartee. The intrepid De Soto, When the Indians said what they'd do te Him and his pack If they didn't turn back, To'd those savages where they could go to. —Town Topica

A New Team to Him. "I notice that the Turner decision

shut the Anarchists out." "The Anarchists? Never even heard of the team!"-New Orleans Times-

Democrat. Limited.

Henrique-"I understand you gratify your wife's slightest wish." Ottinger-"Yes; it is only her more expensive wishes that I do not grati-

fy."-Judge. All Serenc.

"Has Jones au assured reputation as an author?"

"Absolutely. Why, he says he can now turn out poor work all the rest of Lis life."-Life.

Exclusive and Conclusive. "We needn't call on those people next door." "Why not?"

"Aunt Selitia says she has never heard of them."-Cincinnati Commerclal-Tribune.

Discovered at Last.

My wife's going around to-day with a chip on her shoulder," said Jackson Trays. "Why so?"

"She found one in my pocket this "orning."-Philadelphia Press.

The Line of Least Resistance.

starber ito absent-minded old gentleman, who has called for a shave)-"Can't shave yer, sir, unless yer 'old yer head up."

Old Gentleman-"Nev'r min' make it a hair cut."-London Tatler.

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A Sprinter.

"Here's an explorer claims that stewed boa constrictor is equal to calf."

"I'll bet a live boa constrictor wouldn't be equal to two calves if I saw it coming."-Houston Post

Self-Conscious.

Miss Borde .-. "Oh, horrors! here comes Miss Tawker. She's been abroad this spring."

Miss Sharpe-"Yes, any one could tell that. She's got a broad grin on her face."-Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Practical Demonstration.

"Oh, how could you!" exclaimed the fair mald who had been kissed unexpectedly. "It will afford me pleasure to show

you," calmly replied the audacious young man.-Indianapolis Sentinel.

The Reason Why.



It is not easy to keep with Alaska.

in recognized existence only about a year.

It is not alone the old lure of gold that is drawing people in that direction the present season. There are also immense copper veins and tin mines. besides oll wells, and the Standard body, was carried to the stage in the ard is expected to be the entrepot for

eventually be a not-to-be-aniffed-at heiress, to my care. Having been deli-Aunt was, in fact, our great aunt, cately reared in the midst of devotion sister of our father's mother, but the and tenderness, this place, only suited only aunt, great or little, that we had to bold, strong natures, is a little too and sunny hair, the exact color of our sver known. We had met her but two ruff for her. So she desires-at least lost darling's. or three times during our lives, as she I desire for her-her home to be with "This is Miss Ashbell," said the "My niece, Mary, who inherits the as you see fit." to think of frequent visiting, and we- disposition of her father to a great I looked at Carrol. He indulged in well, we were too poorly provided with degree-and he would have gone out gold and silver to take long and ex- of his way any day to give even a

captain at a moment's notice, and hassuggested the prairies, it was so unlimited as to size and so bare of ornament, and which grotesquely obtruded and time forever after.

been very bright with us. In fact, they hadn't been bright at all.

We found there was a good deal of us "good-by" the instant the ceremonles were over-after our cheap mourn- my heart stop beating. ing was paid for, went to the butcher. grocer and shoemaker.

I never saw anything grow like bills.

of mind, struggled with it; and I, who to being "monarch of all she surveyed." had a dressmaking turn of mind, Even in house-cleaning times-those struggled with that; and Helen struggled with her books, hoping to become a teacher in time; and little Will struggled with somebody else's books, for he went into a publishing house as errand boy-poor fellow!

Besides the struggles, we had mother on our minds. A few weeks after we lost our father, we lost our baby sister. A beautiful child she was, as bright as a diamond and as fair as a pearl, and the pride and darling of us all. Already sinking beneath the blow of her husband's death, when her little daughter died, too, my mother's heart was nearly broken. From being a sun. shiny, energetic woman, she became listless and apathetic, sitting in her room day after day gazing upon the pictures of the loved ones, or rocking back and forth, her hands clasped be- given up to her, and Will (Carrol's fore her, looking with her eyes upon Wacancy.

"Oh, that she could be made to them) was stowed away in the loft-a weep! That she could be roused from this dreadful speechless gloom into which she had fallen!" was our continual prayer, for the terrible thought came to us often that we should lose our mother in a much worse way than we had our father and sister-that her brain would at last give way beneath its weight of heavy despairing thoughts.

Well, the exchequer was low enough, and mother had had one of her very bad spells, and a lady customer had just been in and abused me-yes, them-the few pictures he possessed clated Charities. abused; I can see no other word; on the walls. I looped back the white women do fly in such tempers at their curtains (freshly washed and ironed, of flour is no longer a marble white, declaring it to me "utterly ruined." lead of books ne carried a long dis- and bought a new napkin ring and two fibre .- Milwaukee Sentines.

graphed his serious illness to her she with scorn on our seven-roomed dwell by twenty-five, and a court-yard ten tened to his side, making her appear- by ten. And suppose-as aunt, with since been giving her roses freed from ance in a bonnet that immediately a short-sightedness very unusual to thorns, as he did the first night she her, complacently remarked-Carrol came among us, bringing light and hapshould fall in love with her? The piness-God bless her!-to our sorrowproud English girl would no doubt re- clouded house. itself into the remembrance of that gard him as a fortune-hunter, and in-

vidiously compare his frank, impulsive, Since father's death things hadn't rather brusque manners with the repose and "awful" dignity of the languid swells of her own native land.

And somebody else might be attractmoney owing, and what remained of ed toward her-men are so susceptible the two hundred dollars aunt gave us of woman's beauty-somebody who on the day of the funeral-she bade now thought my face the sweetest in the world! The very thought made And the maid? Even if we could

make arrangements to accommodate splendidly (she is still living, a bale We were willing to do, and did, what- her-and it seemed utterly impossible old woman of seventy-five), and she ever we could supporting the house- for us to do so-Betty, our faithful serinsisted upon our accepting what she hold; but, dear! dear! talk about weeds; | vant for the last fifteen vears, would called father's share, and that share look upon her as an interloper, and was no inconsiderable one. Carrol, who had an aristocratic turn | treat her as such. Betty has been used And the seven-roomed house has grown to a twelve-roomed one-Betty. by the by, has allowed her daughter that try men's souls and women's soles to assist her in the housework-and -she scorned the idea of an assist-

the twenty-five by twenty-five garden ant. to a hundred by a hundred, my corner "No, ma'am, I'll have no stranger just filled with rose bushes. pokin' roun' me. When I'm not able And everything has prospered with to do the work of this house alone

would be here in a day or two.

mense dissatisfaction.

Why don't she go to a hotel?"

"Why don't she?" echoed I.

I said we began to prepare for her.

but for lack of the afore-mentioned sil-

ver and gold, our preparations were

of the simplest kind. Carrol made and

I'll go."

ns, and no lengthening shadows have fallen upon our path since that roay And mother-dear, shrinking, grief-June afternoon we so unwillingly stricken mother-how would she bear opened the door to let in the darling the advent of this dainty Miss Ashbell? who loved us, as we loved her at first But we could do gothing to avert the sight - sweet, brown-eyed, goldenimpending misfortune. Even if we haired Miss Ashbell.-Waverley Marhad thought of disobeying our father's zine. last command, and refusing aunt the favor she had not asked, but, in her

Testing Flour at the Big Mills. It is surprising to note the difference

usual decisive way, taken for granted, the young lady was on her way, and that exists between the various brands of flour. It all depends on how And then we began to prepare for the flour is milled and on the kind of Miss Ashbell. Will's room was to be wheat from which it is made. Flour made from hard spring wheat will room was scarcely large enough for give from twenty to forty more loaves himself and his art-traps, as he called of bread per barrel than that made from the softer winter wheat. It conproceeding which he viewed with imtains a larger percentage of gluten and absorbs more water. The mills "I'll smother up there ih hot weathare exceedingly careful about the kind er." he said, with a weary face. "Oh. of flour they send out, and the testing I wish there wasn't any Miss Ashbell! department 's one of the most im-

portant branches. After the flour is ground comes the crucial test. A sample is taken and made up into bread. We have four bakings a day, and from twenty to thirty loaves are baked each time, each one representing a sample put up two pretty brackets, and hung of flour. After the test has been made with a sigh-for he hated to part with the bread is turned over to the Asso-

You may have noticed that the color dressmakers-about the fit of her dress. with much grumbling, by Betty) with but a creamy white. This comes from new blue ribbons, and I covered the the fact that the rich portion of the when it only wanted taking up a little trunk ottoman with bright chints, and grain, right under the woody coaton one shoulder and letting down an with Helen's help made a new mat ing, is ground into the flour. What inch or so in front; and Will's right to place before the bureau, and we is left can hardly be called bran, for arm was almost disabled from a heavy turned an old tablecloth into napkins. It is only the coarsest part of the outer

waist of each man hung an apron which nearly touched the ground. The aprons were rich in color and material, and quaint in design. The leader of each party was a ginnt, and around the waist of each ropes as

thick as a man's wrist were twined in process of construction as fast as just above the apron bands, not com- men to build them can be secured, and mon ropes, but snowwhite, and glistening like slik. At the rear of each party marched

testants got anywhere near to the

near it is a large waterfall, which it a man bearing aloft a sword, concern- is proposed to utilized not only for powing which he seemed very proud. The er for lighting and transportation, but colors of one band were blue and for a water supply as well.

bronze, the other red and gold. They Not only is the new rallway makreached the stage from opposite sides ing Seward, but it is a powerful force at the same moment. The men in blue for the development of the whole tersat down, while the men in red strode ritory. When completed it will take on to the stage and made obelsance passengers from Seattle to Fairbanks, the heart of the interior gold fields, to the four judges sitting at the four posts. Then the heralds made more in five days, for \$145. Hitherto the chantings, after which the red clan same journey has taken from twenwaved their arms to the north, south, ty-eight to thirty-three days at a cost

of \$285 to \$300. Of course, this saveast and west. Each man drew up his right leg, balanced himself upon the ing of time and expense with the conleft, and, reaching out so as to cover stantly unfolding new attractions at as much space as possible, brought his the other end of the trip will wonderfoot down with a thur. I have seen fully stimulate migration to the new the Maoris, the Zulus, and the Basutos territory. At the present rate of dedo something similar to this, but never velopment there will probably be ancould understand the significance of other world's fair, in sixty years or so, it, unless it means: "So will I crush perhaps in Seward, to celebrate the my enemy." centenary of the purchase of Alaska

A long parley between the officials, by the man for whom the metropolis and then the champions were selected, was named, a transaction only second one red, one blue. They advanced in national importance to the Louisstripped ready for a struggle. There lam Purchase. was more ceremony before the con-

A Good Bill.

A bill now before the Ohio Legislabusiness of the day. At last, like two tare provides for the payment of a big gamecocks, they fronted one anpremium, or bounty, of \$2 an acre for a other. Waugh-waugh! They had period of ten years to any landowner of sprung upon each other with a hoarse the State who will plant and care for shout. No ceremony now; no play, no forest trees in compliance with the trickery-it was a grim game while it rules laid down by the State Board of lasted. The red man gripped the blue and tossed him high, as if to hurl him

Forestry. For South Africa.

clean over his head. But, like magic, the big fellow in the air circled his The mine owners of South Africa arm around the other's neck, slid over are entering into contracts with his back, landed on his feet, and, grab- Chinese laborers to work in the mines Ing his man around the middle, gave of that country. Ships are already at a mighty heave, and tried to dash his | Hong-Kong to convey these inborers to foe to the floor by mere brute power. the field of operations. The contracts To do this, however, he had to bend are guaranteed by the British authorhis own body, and his head came along ities, and are for three years.

cowboy and thorou appointed by the Governor to the position, and during his incumbency of out with great poup and ceremony, of New York State, high mountains that office there was not the defaicasurrounding it on three sides and shuttion of a single penny. Honesty beting out the cold winds from the north, came an enforced virtue under Searle's while the southern side is washed by inspection. The question of what became of the cowboy suggests itself. is free of ice the year round, while That the old West is a thing of the past no one disputes. A combination ing industry to extensive operations.

of unseen obstacles, such as successive People talk of Seward as the comsevere winters, entailing serious losses ing metropolis of Alaska. It certainly on cattle, coupled with wire fences has the harbor to warrant such distincand railroads, killed the trail in a tion. It is located on Resurrection single year. Where, in 1884, over 700,-Bay, which is a mile wide at the en-000 cattle crossed the northern bountrance and extends eighteen miles indary of Texas at three fords on the Red River, six years later not a single upper extremity, with a depth varying herd passed over the trail. Then the from 200 to 1000 feet. It has been cow towns of the West became way made by the building of the Alaska stations, and the range man disap-Central Railroad, now well on toward peared. But when the cowboy uncompletion. A year ago there was only saddled for the last time it was not a wilderness there. To-day there are his intention to turn from the range 300 houses, with restaurants, hotels, which he knew and loved. There were and a theatre, and new buildings are numerous occupations inviting him. and whether he cpened a saloon or started a bank, he possesed an advanstill the demand far exceeds the suptage in knowing the country and its ply. Already it is called a city, and people. While many of them can be found following the occupation of the small ranchman of the present day,

> cults. But they are scattered wide and can be found among the staid citizens of nearly any Western community.

A Story of the Pope.

the great majority turned to other pur-

"My life has been strangely ruled by the number nice," Pius X. is guoted as caying previous to being chosen Pope. "Nine years I was a schoolboy at Riese; nine years a student at Padua; nine years a curate at Tombolo; nine years a priest at Saizano: nine years a canon at Treviso; nine years a bishop at Mantua; now for nine years I have been a cardinalpatriarch at Venice. As Pope-as long as God wills; perhaps another nine "cars."

Tamo lieindeer.

The range of the tame reindeer has been widely extended in northern Asia by the tribes that number him among their valuable assets; and now he is in process of being widely introduced into Alaska. Civilization, therefore, has done much to extend the habitat of this animal to the South. but the domesticated reindeer has not been introduced into most of the great regions of the Arctic, where the wild animal roams at will.

Killed by the Lights.

Seth Sinnot, of Saco, Me., found upon entering his parlor recently that the two lower lights in his window, which were sixteen by thirty-two, were sroken in fragments. A dead partridge lay under the window. It is supposed that the bird bit the sash when fying at great speed and was killed by the shock.

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"Are you going to the seashore this summer?"

"No; mamma thinks we can spend more money here in New York."-New York American.

Still Others.

"Ah." said the fair widow, "you have been in some pretty tight squeezes, haven't you, Colonel?"

"Yes," answered the old warrior, putting his arm around her waist, "and I'm not the only one."-Indianapolis Sun

Time Was Too Short.

"So," snobbed Illma Vaselincovitch, "Ivan Ninespotski died in battle! Do you say he uttered my name as he was dying?"

"Part of it," replied the returned soldier: "part of it."-Fort Worth Record.

Not to De Fooled.

Ars. Subbubs-"I told Bridget to string the beans this morning." Mr. Subbubs-"Yes. Well?"

Mrs. Subbubs-"Well, she flared up and told me I couldn't string her; that we'd eat them loose or not at all." Philadei, hia Press.

Truthfal

-Didn't you say you had all the com. forts of a home?" asked the indignant guest.

"Well," answered Farmer Corntossel, "after you folks are gone we do have 'em. That's what we take boarders for."-Washington Star.

Too Changeable.

"Here, young man," said the old lady, with fire in her eye, "I've brung back this thermometer ye sold me." "What's the matter with it?" de-

manded the clerk. "It ain't reliable. One time ye look

at it it says one thing, and the next time it says another thing."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Ups and Down".

Lady (who is on a visit to her native town)--"How is Mrs. Grabb? I haven't seen her in a long time."

Hostess-"She is having her usual ups and downs."

Lady Visitor-"And what may they be, I pray?"

Hostess-"Ob, running up bills and running down her neighbors."-Town and Country.

A Philosopher.

Aloseman-"l'etter be economical while you're on your vacation."

Spenders-"Not much. It's too bard."

Kloseman-"It is, ch? Well, if you don't live economically then you'll have to afterward."

Spenders-"Yes, but it isn't so hard to be economical when you have to."-. Philadelphia Public Ledger-