correct.

covery was Made.

SECREIS OF SPACE.

n Albany Boy Achieving Fame by Dis-

"Surprised? Well, I rather guess I was," said Mr. Charles S. Wells to au

Albany Argus reporter, in the sitting-room of the Dudley observatory resi-

dence, when he was asked about his

discovery of a new comet at an early

hour the previous morning, and the

news of which had been flashed from

one end of the country to the other.

"I was dumbfounded, or found dumb

had been at work all night sweeping the

heavens for strange objects, my special

desire being to find a comet. To say that

I expected to succeed would proba-bly be putting it too strongly. I hoped

to. Early in the evening I came across

two my hopes ran high; but like many

faint nebula, and I went back to work

ceived in the constellation Hercules an

object that made my blood tingle in

every vein. At first I could scarcely

believe my senses, but there it was be-

fore me. With my heart playing a

ively tattoo against my vest I proceed-

ed to take hasty observations, and. after doing so, ran as fast as I could to Pro-

fessor Boss' residence, a few rods away, for the purpose of having him also ob-

serve it. I scrambled down the ar-bored walk in the darkness, I don't

know how, and reaching the front door

pulled the bell lustily. My impatience

priately termed an Indian war whoop

and dance, without tomahawk and scalp-

a deadly fear that the object would be

gone. But no, it was there still, and I

proceeded as best I could under the

natural excitement to record carefully

Greenwood Greetings, The morning of the year Flushes again these Northern glades. Awake Oh slumbering branches. The remembered

And comradeship of other summers take On your mute faces. Answer me again, nd tell your winter's dream of ecstasy or pain Then first the Maples stirred,

delight, And said: "The night is over. We have heard The brook rejoicing in the breaking light, The rapture of the rain

Over the lost arbutus found again : The sod grows velvet green beneath our feet, Homeward the robins fly, and life is warm and revolver from some concealed place sweet." The Pine tree flung Its tassels to the wind, and proudly sung: "I dreamed of lands where over leagues of ice a minute. The little man lay in the

The skaters joyous flew; of spectral lights Flaming along the skies in strange device: Or reindeer speeding through the glimmering nights. The forest trembled with old Odin's eigns of stormy pain, but all undaunted sung the was a command that did not need to be cited crowd around him.

Pines. The Elm returned : "Of summer was my dream the long night tones brought prompt obedience. through : Of supset fires where myriad roses burned. To give their beauty back in morning dew

Of interlacing boughs Pestooned in arches meet for lovers' vows; ing curse to you!" And of the golden robin's nest that clung Slese to my heart, which throbbed whene'er the

Rough-hooded Fir, Why dost thou beckon to the Juniper With signs of joy? Slow waved her rustling

As she replied : "I heard in my long dream The mellow pipe, far blown, of jocund Pan, Invisible by wood and valley stream. He is not dead, the god of dell and grove, And with him, ever glad, the Nymphs and Satyrs rove."

The Poplar trees, With odorous buds all quivering in the breeze Sighed: "Heavy was our sleep, and dark with gloom

The dreaded vision of the night. Of yore

The fated Poplar grew unto its doom, And stricken, fell. Shaped from its shuddering wood The Cross was fashioned. Now and evermore That woe returns. The stain of holy blood Our slumber haunts alway,

And every waking leaf still trembles with The Willow's plume

Swept the warm sod with downy tufts of Oh Willow, thou dost ever earthward gaze, And sighs are all thy language. And the Whispered: "I feel again the flowery days

Of a new year; but spring, the fair and Cannot bring back the beautiful to me. There is a sound of tear-drops in the rain, of mourning in the air. The lost come not

Ah! then the Cedars bent Their glossy crowns, and spake with deep

We are the faithful. In our s; icy boughs The breath of Lebanon forever lows.

Summer or Winter, Life or Death, may be, Hope gathers garlands green from off the Cedar tree.

Oh kindred of the wood, Lift up your heads, for now the sunrise Scatter the mist of darkness and of dreams

The world is made anew, and it is good! A thousand voices herald summer's day. Let us drink deep from Life's fresh fountains -Frances J. Mace, in Harper's Magazine.

THE STOLEN WATCH,

CHAPTER I. The stage stopped. Every man and woman in it knew at once what it meant. They had joked at the terrors of the journey before them in the startling news thirty miles morning. They had talked seriously night to Miguel Gordon. enough, but bravely enough, too, of as much at supper as in the morning. but the laughter had been nervous enough to have been cries of terror instead of laughter. And now, with the moon just silvering the hills to the east of them, the stage stopped. "Hold up your hands, gentlemen,

and be lively; we have no time to The man who had talked loudest of his bravery, and of his utter contempt for those who would allow their money to be taken without a fierce fight, gave up his money and his excellent pair of self cocking revolvers withwas about the West, and who had boasted of his in hand. wealth all the way that day, was ferbarely five dollars on his person. The lady who had spoken at least once every half-hour all day long of that wonderful person, "My husband, the colonel," and who had manifested an air of conscious superiority ever after she had informed the company, as she did very early on the journey, that her entire life had been passed on the frontier, fainted dead away. A young lady from Vassar, who shrieked a full five minutes when a spider ran across her hand in the morning, sauced the fellow who took her money, and actually asked him why he didn't take her, too. A turns in not less than five languages while the robbers did their work

After all this, it wasn't to be wondered at that every one looked at the quiet, awkward little man, who had been laughed at more or less all day, to see how he acted under pressure. He was going to the gold fields, he said, to seek his fortune. When, therefore, the robbers took from him a larger roll of bank-bills than any of the passengers had ever seen before, they half forgot their own losses and the dangers of the situation in their interest in what was going on. The little man's shabby coat, which had prompted more than one unkind remark during the day, was opened, and a diamond stud of great value torn from his very plain shirt-front. At last they took his watch-a large old-fashioned thing, in a very brassy-looking case.

See here, sir," he said in an even tone, and with more dignity than any of his friends of a day had ever heard in his tones, "see here; you have taken my diamonds and forty-five hundred dollars in money, and I have not comlained, but I want to keep my watch It was my grandfather's, my father's, and mine. I meant it to be my son's

after me. Spare me that." 'It don't look worth much," said the man who had taken it, and he moved as though half-inclined to give it back. The other robbers were "assisting" the passengers to their places in the stage; the little man and the robber were holding their parley a little apart. 'It's a good watch for all its looks." said the little man, sturdily, in the sincere tones of a person who will assert the worth of that he loves whatever may come of it; "but I want it for its associations, not for its value."

"A good timekeeper? Solid gold Both questions were asked con- story. temptuously.

and the evidence is all in your favor. I believe you-and I will keep it." "You will keep my watch?"

curse to you." drank, took a large, old-fashioned watch "Thank you. Come, boys," and the from his pocket, looked at the time, and robber took the stolen watch from his walked over to the stove. pocket and pretended to look at the time, "we cannot entertain our gener- afternoon?" he asked. "I am going Their pendent blossoms trembling with ous friends any longer."

The indignity offered his watch in the | plies." pretense of using it may have stung the into his pocket the little man drew a simple questions nevertheless. which the robbers had overlooked, and fired at the man who had so wronged him—fired at scarcely half a dozen "Yes."

"Is there any stage paces, and missed It was all over in | night?" road with his life running out from a be in at 9 o'clock." half-dozen pistol ball wounds, and his

the cold light of the moon. "Into the stage and off with you," the center of the saloon with an exuttered a second time. "On to your horses and we are off,

And the last words of the dving man the wind to the ears of the fleeing free-" May its possession be an everlast-

CHAPTER II. If the neighbors and acquaintances

of Miguel Gordon had been asked why he was so popular with them the answers would have been varied. To the miners, pure and simple, his wonderful good luck in all his enterprises would have been sufficient reason. To those who loved manly sports and wild life, his horsemanship and marksmanship would have appealed first. Those who had rode by his side in the many fruitless quests for robbers and fugitivea respected the simple and terrible earnestness of the man. Men who had families, and the women who lived with husband and children on the frontier, loved him for the love he manifested for his two children, Manuel and Manuela. Any man for miles around would have given time and money, would have even risked life among the hills. He never loafed, he never drank, he never quarreled. Once in two or three weeks he would ride to the settlement which had grown up around the railroad station thirty miles to the south, where he had a home for his children. The miners bought their supplies at this little place, and most of

knew them and shared their father's admiration for them. Manuel was a slight and rather sickly protector of the children. But the father said the settlement at the station was better for them, and that set-

CHAPTER III. The twilight had not brightened into day one morning when a man rode up to Gordon's door and roused him with a perfect hurricane of knocks. "Danger at the settlement and no time to be lost," was his summons. The note the swift rider had brought was short, but only too definite. Some friends of Gordon's had heard by accident certain rumors, and seen certain signs which had led to an investigation. Examination showed that Manuela Gordon was about to elope with a certain goodlooking stranger who had won the most of the spare money at the settlement by They were going on the train at 3 8 clock that morning. Some were for killing the handsome stranger; others for keeping quiet and having nothing whatever to do with the affair. A middle class, although small in number, had won the day, and the best rider of them all had carried the

startling news thirty miles through the In five minutes Gordon and his friend were on their way back to the settlethe possibility of danger ahead as they were on their way back to the settle-ate their dinners. They had laughed ment. Little was said, but Gordon's face was pale and his hand closed and unclosed nervously around the rifle he

carried. In the long race before them time was important, and it early became evident that Gordon's friend could not keep up with him. "Go on," said the friend, "and God

grant you are in season." Oh, the long miles of the road, dreary, weary way he had to ride with his strong father love at his heart urging him on. But at last he thundered up to the platform at the station, and it lacked fifteen minutes of 9.

The men he knew looked curiously The man who at him; women looked with pitying out a struggle. The man who at him; women looked with pitying had talked of the investments eyes into his as he fastened his horse to make in and strode into the waiting-room, rifle "Who is the man? Have you found out yet?' he asked of the man who had

sent him the note. "Jim Bragg, gambler, murderer and suspected stage robber. I had half a ably as the bishop mind to shoot him myself as he stood whose wild yelps and bar making love to your daughter this morning and save the law a job in the future." "The aw won't need to

short enough. When will the train come?" "Didn't you know? The train has been gone fifteen minutes!" The watch which Miguel Gordon had carried for a whole year-a year to a

day-and which had not varied ten who had insisted on asking grace at seconds in all the time before, was a pen, and, if you are at dinner, the guests took their seats on them, and the drinking commenced. This cost him his daughter.

Another year had slowly gone by. a great respect for the vested interests amused themselves with various dances, more prosperous than ever 7 His cepted the "kind offer" from his corredaughter has never been heard from, spondent on one occasion of "a good and his terrible loss has aged him happy. His life is bound up in his son. less," but, he goes on to say, I do happy. His life is bound up in his son. less," but, he goes on to say, I do happy. He has brought Manuel with him to the venture to introduce a second cat into the has brought manuel uses his weapons, the family without the express continuous reigning, which I greatly. Still he is not entirely un- pleasure and gratitude, had he been cathis tools, his horse. Father and son sent of the one now reigning, which I seem to be one. Whatever the scn do not expect him to give." At another wishes the father gets for him. "He time he sends her three numbers of the is a model father," is said of one, and Spectator, recommending to her special This morning they are working together among the ledges.

can fire it from the bouse. I will light tures."-Blackwood's Magazine. the fuse at exactly 12." At 10 o'clock all is ready, and the two men separate to go to other parts of the camp. "At 12 o'clock we will fire it," were

parted. "At 12—yes," responded his son. When the shock of the great blast at Gordon's was felt every one in the camp or in the claims along the ridge looked up; and a half-minute later the whole grayer and older in the last few minutes, was bringing down from the rocks shapeless mass that had once been human. His watch was a half-hour fast that noon, and had cost him his son.

CHAPTER V. A slight young man stood in the largest saloon of which the mining camp

"A silver case, and plated at that, left home, and we have never traced around large cities there would be and the remaining ten were, together but as good a timekeeper as there is in him to a certainty. The man who was nothing but milk and worn-out cows with a fine supply of spawn, distributed America. It doesn't vary a second in killed three years ago to-night, when and bull calves sold off a farm. Every- in Longfellow's and other adjacent resisting the robbers a half-dozen miles thing grown should be helpful to feed ponds, which, although as large, and The robber opened the watch, and east of your camp, may have been my cattle, and these in turn would be the some of them apparently as favorable glanced at the works and the maker's father. The description is fairly accumeans of enriching the soil. Let farmrate. But I never expect to know cerrate. But I never expect to know

Johnson had told his with simple directness, ending as stated above. An old man, with sad look and snowwhite hair, but straight and strong yet,

"May its possession be an everlasting entered the room, walked to the bar, " Any errands over to the station this

over on horseback for some light sup-The saloon man answered in the neglittle mar to sudden madness; he may ative, and the old man walked out. have intended all along to fight for his Johnson turned toward the l Johnson turned toward the barprecious watch if he had to. Be this as keeper with a face like marble and eyes

it may, as the robber slipped the watch like fire, but asked a couple of very "Was that the Miguel Gordon I've "Is there any stage in or out to-

"Yes; the stage from the East should An half-hour later Miguel Gordon face growing whiter and whiter under rode away toward the south. A halfhour after that young Johnson stood in

One man said: "We've tried to catch these robbers often enough, and have too," was the second command, and its failed. If the youngster is wrong it is only one failure more. The stages have been stopped about once a month for floated after the stage and drifted down the last three years. There is one chance in thirty by the theory of prob-

abilities. It had been suspected that this man had once been a scholar and a teacher. He was called "the Professor" yet. Another man objected: "We don't know this boy. It would be lucky if it all ended in only failure. How do we know it isn't all a trap for us?" "Likely to be that, isn't it, with the

said a third. "We've never gone without Gordon before," said another; "whatever will he think of us if we go now without

boy along? He'd scarcely try that,"

"It can't be helped this time," said the barkeeper, "and I vote we go." And it was so decided. Johnson's proposition had been strange one. It was that, starting at 3 o'clock, they should ride hard and meet the stage from the East as far to the east as possible; that the women and children should be left behind, together with any male passengers who might show a lack of pluck; and that as many of them as the stage would hold, fully itself for Miguel Gordon. Gordon armed and ready for the attack, should worked in the little camp of miners ride into the little mining town that night. He offered no reason, but simply said that there would be an at-

tempted robbery. The moon had been up an hour. The night was silent and calm, and would have seemed lonely enough to the driver of the stage but for the strang, load he carried that night. The stage them knew Manuela and Manuelwas crowded with men armed with heavy pavy revolvers-and men who knew how to use them.

The "Professor" was half-dozing in youth of eighteen; Manuela was six his corner and muttering something ing to those who sood near: "Ah! I tiful arm!" little thinking the idle reteen, and strong and handsome. The about infinity and zero; the man who mining camp would have been proud to have them there. Every man in the camp would have constituted himself a trapped or betrayed. The stage turned a curve in the road and stopped just where it had three years before. "Hold up your hands, gentlemen, and be lively; we have no time to

lose," came the quick, nervous com-The driver's heart might almost bave been heard to beat in the silence for one long moment, and the next there was a volley from the well aimed arms of those within the stage, and with a cheer that might have been heard for miles, the miners sprang down to meet the robbers who had puzzled and defied

them for years. The wild shots of the astonished outlaws did no harm, but they went down under the fierce cuslaught of the miners like grain before the reaper. In five minutes the avengers were in

Of the half-dozen dead men only one was known to the miners; the rest were strangers. The puzzle was unsolved still. But, no, a dozen rods away young mind the jewelry so much if I could Johnson stood, revolver in hand, over the robber chief who had fallen only when the last ball had been fired. In his hand was a watch which he had taken from the dying bandit.

with a sob. his last breath.

one who stole it had destroyed the robber's face, and the reason why the attempts to capture the villains had always failed was no longer a mystery. For, framed in with the well-known white hair was a well-known face, and the dead eyes which stared up at him

Miguel Gordon.

an awkward Welsh curate, introduced into his lordship's library to be licensed, or not impossibly lectured, found the terrors of that awful presence intensified by the rushing upon him of two or three pet dogs, harmless probhimself, whose wild yelps and barkings, if meant for welcome, sounded very much like the reverse. And it was well if, as he escaped from these, he did not in his nervousness stumble over a basket in its power on him, and his future is which a favorite cat and her young family were reposing in the neighborhood of the episcopal chair. One privileged tabby in particular was allowed to sit upon his shoulder while he was at his studies or his meals—a position which, as the bishop remarks, "enables him to check any rash motion of your Mats were spread around the bears, to intercept any morsel which seems to him likely to go in a wrong direction." He is almost as glad to receive a promising new kitten cation on their mats. The women in as a promising new book. But he has another part of the village mean time tortoise shell, which are very rare, with "He is a model son," of the other, attention some articles relating to cats, "in which, perhaps for the first time, some degree of justice has been done "We must put a blast here and to the moral qualities of those muchloosen up the rock," said Miguel; "we traduced and often persecuted crea-

The Era of Milk. The London Lancet recommends the opening of milk taverns and refreshment houses to antagonize the liquor the last words of the old man as they establishments which abound so reara great increase in the demand for down so many trout that we had upon retary of war, this: milk, and our farmers and railroads and | the bank all that were desired, and the all concerned in the trade should make obstruction was removed, allowing the increasing efforts to supply this demand. water to run off, and in three minutes But for the unreasonable freights demanded by railroads and very high profits demanded by dealers in milk, length. Of these forty-two of the larger could boast, and slowly finished his the farmers would get a better price, ones, aggregating over 100 pounds, were and turn far more of their attention to retained for use, thirty of the smaller Three years ago and more since he the business. Within a wide circle ones returned to the lake unharmed,

AN OLD MAN'S SILVER. Trensury Vaults--- The Picture of His Father--- Other Family Relies. When General Sherman and his men vere marching through South Carolina, the people in his path, snatching up what valuables they could find in their haste, fled in every direction. Whenever a body of soldiers are raiding a country more or less pillaging and plundering take place, no matter how strict the orders or how well disciplined the troops. In such circumstances a soldier seems to think he has a right to what he can get-and keep. General Sherman's boys proved no exception to this rule. While on the watch one day the attention of an officer was attracted by a group of soldiers disputing. Stopping to listen a mo-ment, he discovered that they were quarreling over the division of a large box of captured property. A glance told him that the contents were valuable and ought at once to be placed in the care of the government. "Here, men, this won't do! This box must be sent to Washington at once." Orders were given to that effect, and it was sent to Washington and stored away in the division of captured and abandoned property in the war department. It remained there until 1868, when, with other valuables, it was placed as a special deposit in the vaults of the treasury department. Some of the things deposited here had no mark about them by which they could be identified, while others were plainly marked. Congress authorized that the former be sold, but those that might by any possibility be claimed by the owners were carefully preserved. It is a long time since that box of household valuables was ruthlessly snatched by rough soldiers from the fleeing South Carolinian, and

he is now an old man. He had forgotten all that the box contained, but remembered that his family plate was there, and that it was all marked, and that it must have been placed in the government's care. If he could only get the necessary authority to have his goods returned to him, he knew he could identify them. After a good deal of hard work and worry on his part, a private bill authorizing the return of such pieces of silver as could be clearly identified as his proporty should be returned to him, was at last passed by Congress. It was a happy morning for him, only a few days ago, when he made his way to the treasury department armed with the necessary authority, and carrying a large, old-fashioned carpet-bag in which he in-tended to bring away the long-lost famly relics. He was escorted to the vaults

by the officers of the department, and the articles placed before him for identification. Yes! there they were, all plainly marked with the family name, large old-fashioned silver goblets, heavy ladles, spoons, forks and various other articles of silver. His eye brightened and his hand trembled as he picked them up and carefully examined them. Turnthem into the old bag of goodly pro-portions; but large as it was the sides soon began to bulge. Several

dred dollars' worth by weight was clearly identified as his property. But what is this? It bears the same family mark, but had been entirely forgotten. He touched the spring and opened the case. "Why, that is the portrait of my father, dressed in the uniform of a major in the British army; how many years since I looked upon his face!" "Stop, old man, that must not go with the rest; it bears your name, I know, but Congress authorized the return of articles of silver only." His eyes filled with tears as he reluctantly laid the portrait down. A further search brought to light numerous pieces of family jewelry, some very handsome, and all bearing the same mark, but they a position to solve the mystery fully. and to be laid aside as they did not come within the provisions of the act.
The vaults were again tocked, and the

old carpet-bag closed. "I wouldn't

only take away that portrait," were the

his departure. - Washington Star.

A Bear Festival.

being placed on its ears, mouth, etc.

that the hide remains attached to the

preserved and venerated as a sacred ob-

"It was my father's," said Johnson, "It has been an everlasting curse to me," groaned the prostrate man, with

The watch would never run again.

glared from beneath the ashen brow of Ford of His Pet

But Bishop Thorlwall's particular affections were reserved for cats. Many

UNDER THE BED.

He Recovers It From the United States Times When It Has Concealed the Oft-Looked-for Burglar. The man under the bed does not always prove a myth. Perhaps it is an actual fact that women who pray look for him more regularly than others of a less spiritual turn of mind; when the good woman kneels at the bedside to offer her devotions it is the most natural thing in the world for her to firs; explore that historic territory and satisfy herself that no concealed burglar is listening. t is also a well-au-thenticated fact that a pious woman in the suburbs of London did discover the legs of a bold, bad housebreaker sticking out just as she began her petition. She did not shriek, but went on with a prayer for that par-ticular sinner that would have melted the heart of a Newgate thief. I wish hat it might be added that he was converted on the spot, came out and was pardoned and afterward married the etitioner. But truth compels me to add that the good woman was interrupted in the most soleran part of her prayer by a peal of laughter from the graceless young brother who had en acted the part of a burglar. More tragic was the story of the lady who, traveling alone, stopped at an inn and mentioned the fact that she had been followed and watched by a villainous-looking man with a shock of red hair, who she feared had designs upon the valuables she carried with her. nothing was seen of him at the inn, she retired for the night, carefully locked the door, and was soon in bed, leaving a light burning in front of a mirror! No sooner was her head on the pillow than she had a distinct view of the man with the red hair crouching under the bed. She made no sound, but reached softly for a scarf she had laid near, made it into a running noose, and waited. The next morning when her

servants broke open the door, they found the lady sitting up in bed, grasping with both hands the noose in which she held the fearful weight of the dead man; she had strangled him. but was herself a raving maniac, from whom reason had forever gone. Some time ago a prominent judge in Birmingham, N. H., was found murdered in his cwn house and no clew to the murderer. It was immediately after an adverse decision he had made all the parties were respectable people it was impossible to fasten the guilt on any one. The judge was a widower, and lived alone with the exception of a young daughter and the servants. This daughter was beautiful, and on the evening in question had re-

turned home from a ball at a late hour and gone directly to her own room, where she stood before her mirror taking off her jewels. As she difmurderer, but as he was masked failed declared she should know his voice if ever she heard it. Several years passed, and in another city she was standing in a crowd observing some passing sight, when she was conscious of the

near. Looking at her with a singular the beautiful arm!" She knew the voice in an instant, and throwing herself bodily on the man, denounced him as her father's murderer. He was arrested, tried and convicted, and told how he had lain hidden under the bed and heard the idle remark of the young girl which she herself had been scarcely conscious of. He had recognized her on meeting her, and involuntarily betrayed himself, as he had been a stranger and an unsuspected party.—Detroit Post.

In a Maelstrom. A Scandinavian emigrant gives the following account of a tragedy in the last words of the old man as he took On arriving at the scene of the ceremony the visitor found about thirty persons, chiefly residents of the place assembled and dressed in their gala costumes, which consisted chiefly of arose among them and spouted. The coeptio, the pretended purchase by for the ball that carried death to the old Japanese brocaded garments. From one who stole it had destroyed the watch as well.

A miner snatched the mask from the bear himself. The guests sat around half a mile distant, and knowing that coepito, the precented parchase by column of spray blown up like a geyser attracted the attention of a summation or taking home of the bride.

The latter two are alone mentioned by the fireplace in the center of the host's | where the whale blew there was cod, | Cicero, which shows that the first form they pulled toward the spot. In the had grown obsolete before his time. hut, and an offering was first made to the boat was a pretty old man and his son, god of fire. This was done in this wise: The Ainos, who were all seated, raised their left hands, holding a drinking vessel to their foreheads, while the the circle. Their boat began to move woman ate of a cake of salted wheaten palm of the right was also elevated slowly around, but they went on fishing | bread, throwing part of it on the sacslightly. A small stick lying across the cup was then dipped in the sake and unmindful of the motion. But the rifice, which was that of a sheep. The the contents sprinkled on the floor to movement increased, as every minute the circle grew smaller and the swirl or wheaten bread), whence the name of the fire god, the stick being then waved three or four times over the cup. A moved faster. At length the truth formula was uttered by each person present and the sake drank in long draughts, the stick being meanwhile employed in holding up the mustache. A similar ceremony then took place with desperation. But they in front of the bear's cage. This

dawned upon the luckless old man and with desperation. But they were of the Penates as well as Lares. If he theory of music, flexibility and ease in in the meshes. It seemed as if died intestate and without children, she the movement of the third finger is was followed by a dance around the cage by the women and girls. Offerings of drink were then against the centerward force, but only for a while. The old man's strokes be- of marriage were designated as patrimi made as before to other gods, and finally the bear was taken out of his cage by three young men specially selected by three young men specially selected for the purpose. The animal was killed by pressing the throat firmly against a list of the lad's. The priests and priests see, especially the priests of Jupiter and the vestal virgins. The emperor of Tiberius wanted three be brought under control. A young by pressing the throat firmly against a list our unshipped and fell over. In a three distributions will be brought under control. A young the priests of Jupiter and the vestal virgins. by pressing the throat firmly against a large block of wood. The body was moment it was carried away. Then the priests of this pure lineage, but could colored man in the employ of Profesthen cleaned and placed neatly on a mat, food and drink being laid before it, and ornaments of various kinds ance. In a minute or two it was all of divorce, disfarreatio, regarded as its the third finger, unlike its neighbors, over. The hoat was whirled round and | equivalent in solemnity. round, then her stern was seen to rise in the air, then, with all she contained, reatio is evident from the fact that un- side of it by two smaller or accessory the disappeared forever.

Origin of "Excelsior," fellow's shorter poems is "Excelsior." bear is then cut up in such a manner piece of newspaper, and straightway of the occasion. his imagination took fire at it. Taking up a piece of paper, which happened to be the back of a letter received that head. The blood was collected in vessels and drank by the men. The liver was cut day from Charles Sumner, he crowded out and eaten raw. The rest of the flesh it with verses. As first written down, was distributed among the partakers of the feast. The writer states that, al-"Excelsior" differs from the perfected of the house, and the mouth is filled James T. Fields.

Fishing Extraordinary.

A Rhymiug Hovernor. ful saperiority of milk as a beverage to the Yellowstone National park, in his Massachusetts, in his proclamations, Had dinner at 6 p. m., and made Baron ister or state officer could visit him or use. Near sight, it is now established, beer or any other alcoholic drink. Per- annual report quotes the following fish last fall from one of Whittier's poems Laishchounowonski taste every dish. beer or any other alcoholic drink. Per-haps it has heard of the numerous story from his journal of June 3: and this spring from the Scrip-haps it has heard of the numerous story from his journal of June 3: and this spring from the Scrip-haps it has heard of the numerous story from his journal of June 3: and this spring from the Scrip-story from his journal of June 3: and this spring from the Scrip-who lives at Pekin, where the viceroy's but is found to be acquired, in the wife does not live.—Washington "dairies" which have been in existence "Wishing a supply of trout for our men tures, recalls an official communication in New York for a decade or more, in the Gardiner canon, Rowland, Cutwhich are simply restaurants that make ler and myself rode to Trout lake, and Jennings, the first governor of Indiana, locked up for five years. Went to the camp was nocking toward the place of the explosion, for the old man, grown grown and older in the last few minwith present advanced state of medical and social science points to minutes thereafter the boys had driven a great increase in the demand for Dear, good John C., I send to thee For three great guns and trimmings,

Pray send them to hand, Or you'll be damned, By order of Jouathan Jennings. Governor of Indiana.

Seven prehistoric human skeletons, vidently belonging to the tertiary period, have been found in a cave at steeten, on the Lahn. Important results are likely to follow this discovery. The supervisors of San Luis, Obispo county, Cal., have ordered one ton of

Origin of Popular Sayings. "To beard the lion in his den."-

Scott. "Marmion." "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." -Keats, "Endymion." "Counting chickens ere they're hatched."—Butler, "Hudibras." "Boz."-A pseudonym under which Charles Dickens contributed a serious of "Sketches of Life and Character to the London Morning Chronicle. "John Chinaman." -- A cant or popular name for the Chinese. The earliest known instance of its use is in "A Let-

ter to the Committee of Management of Drury Lane Theater, London, 1819." "Am I not a man and a brother?"-From a medallion by Wedgwood (1768), representing a negro in chains, with one knee on the ground, and both hands lifted up to heaven. This was adopted as a characteristic seal by the Anti-Slavery society of London. Blue Stocking.—Applied to a literary lady. The Society de la Calza (stocking) was formed at Venice in 1500, the

color of their stockings, blue. The apply for work in the department is society lasted till 1500, when some enormous. other symbol came into fashion. "Before you can say Jack Robinson."—This current phrase is derived from a humorous song, by Hudson, a tobacconist, in Shoe lane, London. He was a professional song-writer and vocalist, who used to be engaged to sing at supper-rooms and theatrical

"The guard dies, but never surrenders."—This phrase, attributed to Cambronne, who was made prisoner at Waterloo, was vehemently denied by him. It was invented by Rougemont, prolific author of mots, two days after he battle. " Defend me from my friends."--The French Ana assign to Morechal Villars,

taking leave of Louis XIV., this aphor-"Defend me from my friend; I can defend myself from my enemies." But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can Save, save, oh save me from the candid friend,

-Canning, The New Morality. "Where the shoe pinches."-Plutarch relates the story of a Roman being di-vorced from his wife. "This person being highly blamed by his friends, who demanded: 'Was she not chaste? Was she not fair?'-holding out his shoe, asked them whether it was not new and well made. 'Yet,' added he, 'none of you can tell where it pinches me.'" in a case of great importance, and the murder was supposed to have been instigated by a desire for revenge, but as tigated by a desire for revenge, but as the encountering of an opponent of unterior of the expected strength. The story of the origin of the expression is as follows: In a battle an Irishman called out to his officer, "I have caught a Tartar." "Bring him here, then," was the reply. "He won't let me," rejoined Pat. And as the Turk carried off his captor, the

saying passed into a proverb.
"A Rowland for an Oliver."—These were two of the most famous in the list of Charlemagne's twelve peers, and their exploits are rendered so ridiculously and equally extravagant by the old romancers that from then arose that saying, amongst our plain and sensible saying, amongst our plain and sensible

Warburton. "Star actor."-- The late Mademoiselle Marie Taglioni, who retired from the stage in the year 1847, almost in the zenith of her glory, and who died Countesc Gilberte de Voisins, is said to have coined the word star in a theatrical curious regard of a stranger who stood sense, for, about to be billed with two other premiere danseuses, she desired intensity, he made this remark: "Oh, to use some term to particularly distinguish her and selected the word star," since so commonly adopted.

"Bravest of the brave." -- A title conferred upon the celebrated Marshal Ney (1769-1815) by the French troops at Friedland (1807) on account of his fearless bravery. He was in command of the right wing, which bore the brunt | engine has been made in Russia. Inof the battle, and stormed the town. Napoleon, as he watched him passing unterrified through a shower of balls, exclaimed: "That man is a lion;" and henceforth the army styled him "Le

Brave des Braves." The Origin of Bride-Cake. It is not generally known that .the famous Lofoden maelstrom, his rustic custom of having bride-cake, without patois of the fiords doubtless being which, even to his day, any wedding "lost in the free translation," of a within the domain of civilization would Toronto reporter: A few years ago, be counted as incomplete, is derived on a delightful July evening, I saw a from the most solemn of the three conbody of codfish rise by the edge of the nubial ceremonies observed by the anwhirlpool's outer circles, and immedicient Romans. This was called conately after the cod had risen a whale farreatio, the other ceremonies being Conferreatio was performed by the a lad of about sixteen. They had just chief priest or priest of Jupiter; a come for the first time out to the Lofodens, and now pulled carelessly inside of ten witnesses, and the man and

cake was termed far panis farrens (corn the ceremony.

That bride-cake is a relic of confar-

Leaf from the Czar's Diary.

Got up at 7 A. M and ordered my bath. Found four gallons of vitriol in it and did not take it. Went to breakfast. The Nihilists had placed two though hardened in a certain sense to and published version, but it shows a torpedoes on the stairs, but I did not the sight of blood, he could not look rush and glow worthy of its author. step on them. The coffee smelled so without horror on the sight of the The story of "Evangeline" was first strongly of Prussic acid that I was drunken crowd, with their faces and uggested to Hawthorne by a friend afraid to drink it Found a scorpion bodies smeared with blood. The skull | who wished him to found a romance on | in my slipper, but luckily shook it beof the bear, stuffed with charms, is placed in a sacred place on the east side with the idea and he handed it over to ping into my carriage to go for my Longfellow, who saw in it all the ele- | morning drive it was blown into the air, with bamboo leaves. It is then always ments of a deep and tender idyl .- | killing the coachman and the horses instantly. I did not drive. Took a American canned goods. They can't teem of the Arabs. But he is seldom light lunch off hermetically scaled foolme there. Found a poisoned dagger seen. Oriental etiquette requires that A newspaper man, commenting on in my favorite chair, with the point the man who is to succeed the ruler publication of a "sight test," similar away. Consumed some Baltimore oys-San Francisco News Letter.

> jars which are constantly fed with streams of fresh water conveyed through rubber tubes. By the per it is estimated that ninety-five per the hatched. In through rubber tubes. By this method cent. of the eggs can be hatched. In in Siftings, a composition written by a instances, determine whether the fail-two hatcheries at Toledo and San- boy on a mule?" We do not wish to ure is progressive. have been raised this season.

FACTS AND COMMENTS.

The annual income of the Mormon at 12,000.

Chinese competition has driven white labor out of the trades in San Francisco, the Alta, of that city, gives these Chinese cigar makers..... White cigar makers. 179
Chinese clothing makers. 7,510
White cigar wakers. 7,510

Central English telegraph office, and the whole service is largely in their hands. Some branches of the savings business of the postal department are also managed by women, as well as of the dead letter office, but the more responsible positions are generally filled

Philadelphia is credited with a grea sort, but it can boast of at least one Baker, and he is a private watchman. terest on government bonds, and the entire amount of the checks aggregated

> A great canal project is being discussed in France. It is proposed that a ship canal shall be dug in France connecting the Atlantic and the Medical Representation on the Medical Representation of the Medical Represen terranean. Its length would be 270 miles, Bordeaux and Narbonne being its terminal, with Toulose as a port on the way. At the highest point it would be 500 feet above the sea level. Water would be supplied by the river Garonne and other streams. Besides its military advantages its supporters claim that it would aid agriculture by enabling the vine to be cultivated along its course. The total cost of construc tion is estimated by the governmen commission to be \$284,400,000. The majority of the commission decline to say whether they think it would be worth the expense, although they be-lieve the work to be practicable. The minority declare that its construction would be extremely difficult.

They are the mining of iron and copment to a limited number of persons. Those four industries not only vessels.

A singular adaptation of the railway an unanswerable argument: formation having been given to the authorities at Alexandrovo, on the Polish frontier, that the locomotive of the express leaving that station for Warsaw bigger, until they are what you see had been ingeniously converted into a them now. Shall I pull them up and receptacle for smuggling goods, it was lose the interest? Nay, comrade; they carefully examined during its sojourn shall stop where they are until they are at the station. Though nothing was full size, and then there will be feastfound wrong, it was deemed advisable that a custom house official That's an Indian's idea of farming. should accompany the train to its desti He won't harvest for fear his crop might nation, where the engine furnace and grow larger if let alone, and he permits boiler were emptied and deliberately it to run to seed. The agents say it is taken to pieces. In the interior was the worst difficulty they have to overdiscovered a secret compartment, con- come. After a little bribing they can taining 123 pounds of foreign cigars and | induce the Indian to plant, and then he several parcels of valuable silk. Several will watch his farm con amore. But to arrests were made, including that of make him take in his crop has so far the driver, but his astonishment at proved an impossibility, while we wait finding the engine to which he had so for him to educate up to a harvester. long been accustomed converted into a bardened offender against the laws was asked him who owned the grave next to

the troublesome accessories. half greater than he could before. Since the operation the finger has been

compared with its twin of the other A Feature of Tunisian Etiquette.

rapidly gaining strength, and now, at

exercise, it does yeoman service as

There is a new process of raising fish where the eggs are placed in large glass where the eggs are placed in large glass allusion to the transitory power of the modified, if not arrested. The chart is neither blush of shame nor twinge of

J. L. P .- "Would you like to publish

organization is estimated at \$3,000,000, and the annual increase by emigration In an article, showing to what extent

White clothing makers. 1,000
Chinese shoe operatives. 5,700
White shoe operatives. 1,100 There are 700 women employed at the members being distinguished by the by men. The number of women who

> deal of wickedness of a miscellaneous honest man. His name is John R. He recently received a letter inclosing three checks, signed by the United States treasurer, for the payment of in-\$40,000. He could easily have drawn sprinkled with rice water. The mournthe money on presentation of the checks at the sub-treasury, but knowing a mistake had been made he returned them to the postmaster and they were sent to the rightful owner, another gentleman of exactly the same name.

There are four great industries on the southern shores of Lake Superior. the lumber interests of this whole northern region give employment and support to about 50,000 persons in the winter months, the remainder of the year the force employed being materially less in number. The slate quarries at L'Anse were opened last season, and at present give employemployment to 100,000 people, but require the transportation facilities of four lines of railways, three steamship lines and a host of sail and steam

ing for a hoe. The bargain was easily A Remarkable Surgical Operation. The success of a surgical operation performed some time ago by Dr. William S. Forbes, professor of anatomy at the

Jefferson Medical college, demonstrates a way in which musicians may overcome the necessity of years of constant practhe ceremony.

By this form the woman was said to naturally exists in the third or ring be possessed of her husband by the finger. This normal infirmity has always sacred laws, and became a partner of been the great drawback to students. all his substance and sacred rites, those | To obtain a thorough knowledge of the The physician gave the assurance that the upper or extensor finger is joined with the tendons of the figgers on each til two centuries since it was made of tendons. This acts like a marwheat or barley, without fruit. We should think that, with the present recompletely that nothing but constant completely that nothing but constant vival of, and love for, the old, young strain will loosen the pressure. Dr. One of the best known of all of Long- women of classic culture and taste Forbes, when the subject was brought would insist that the bride cake to him, simply made two small openings That one word happened to catch his should be of the ancient sort. It might in the back of the left hand on each bauch is continued. The body of the eye one autumn eve in 1841 on a torn add to the serious and sacred character side of the extensor tendon, and divided The finger was at once released, and, immediately after the operation, the young man was able to raise the finger and describe an arc of a circle an inch and

> The heir-apparent, Sidi Ali Bey, the brother of the reigning Mushir (Bey), is a portly person, with a full Turkish trimmed beard who possesses the escommunicate with him without running is not connected with an unnatural foreign governments may not visit the great majority of cases, during the heir, and personally he is quite un- earlier years of school life, and to deing a want of respect for the bey— at the outset this defect of sight can to tell us of our faults; but the truest every manifestation of regard for the sometimes be entirely removed; and in friend is the gold, earned and saved by regent, and to his eventual death .-

dusky, Ohio, 50,000,000 white fish fry encourage boys to write on mules, and therefore cannot use the manuscript. Boys should write at home on a slate, The following test is given by the French Academy for distinguishing Lord Y., whose popularity was not ex-cessive in a certain Scotch town, having their attention to steering the quadru-of a needle or small hole in a card, ments of Maine 750,000 cans of mack refused an importunate beggar, she re- ped. Now, if you have anything writ- when seen through the stone, appears "Now, my ten by a mule on a boy there would double, the stone is not a diamond. "I am considered a fair judge of watches. I've handled a good many in my time," and he laughed quietly, semething of his story, and young time, as big a one as he dares to publish.

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Siftings.

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Siftings.

A Chinaman's Funeral.

The funeral cortege was formed at the undertaker's rooms, where a large number of Chinamen gathered shortly before 2 P. M. to pay their last respects. The remains were exposed to view for the last time. Chung was dressed in his best frock, trousers, white stock ings and soft sandals, and had on even the broad-brimmed soft black felt hat which his people are so fond of wearing. The remains were inclosed in a rosewood casket, surmounted with silver handles. On the plate were inscribed in Chinese hieroglyphics his name and would probably be more literally correct. I'll tell you how it was. I the fact that he was thirty years old. When the lid was closed the mourners became quite cheerful and chatty, and in a very short space of time a score of Celestials were ensconced in four backs and followed the corpse to Mt. Hope cemetery. The a strange object, and for a moment or hundreds before it proved to be only a

cortege went at a lively jog, the mourners dropping along the streets little bits of paper of various colors all bearing Chinese characters. The implicit directions showing the way the deceased should reach heaven, as well again. Along about 4 o'clock in the morning, just as I was preparing to The give up the search for the night, I peras prayers for Chung's safety. cemetery was reached with little delay, and the mourners were soon kneeling around the grave. The burial rites were then begun, and consisted in the burning of a basketful of paper, of all colors, in the bottom of the grave. On these papers were further instructions and prayers for the guidance and safety of Tung Chung on his celestial journey. The body was soon lowered and the casket ers then carried lighted tapers of paper. during which the grave was filled in. The mound formed to mark the spot grew unbearable, when, after several where Chung lay was decorated with little sticks resembling miniature rockets, and these were soon lighted. They to set up what might be not inapprowere placed around the grave with the light should darkness overtake him ing knife, but this was equally ineffectpapers, and built a fire at the time, as daylight would soon be upon foot of the grave, on which they placed chickens, pork and rice, to be used by Chung, should he get hungry. Wine was also placed at the grave, so

that, at all events, Chung should not

and found a market.

have carried the whole outlying district

time on crops.-Dakota Letter.

secure meat for his family. Last week,

driven to desperation by his poverty,

he slew a mule and cut up the carcass

for the family table. As he was about

to salt down the meat in his collar, he

accordingly carried a portion of the

meat to the bishop after the usual form.

The Lishop received the seventy-five

pounds of meat (the mule weighed 750

pounds) and laid it aside for a Sunday

A few hours later when he came to

more closely inspect the meat he discov-

that of the mule, and no other than

the iron-gray mule the needy brother

had plowed his field with for the

him to come after his mule meat at once,

also hinting that he had better replace it

with some sort of produce more in accord-

ance with the bishop's gastronomice'

enlarged goose liver from people who

are fighting starvation and death with

rough mule meat. The poor man made

great mistake in leaving the hair on.

The prevalence of near-sightedness

among school children has led to the

sight of a scholar is below the normal

standard and, by singling out such

roast.

recollected the tithing obligation, and

suffer from thirst. These ceremonies concluded the mourners returned to the What instrument was you using? "Well, that's a point I wanted to speak of. Usually when searching I carriages and we driven to their respective wash-shops. The remains of use what is known as the 'comet Fung Chung will be disinterred in a seeker,' a comparatively small instrufew years, and what may then remain of ment, but last night I had the largest him will be subjected to the boiling telescope in the observatory, and it is process at the Harvard Medical schor! very fortunate I had, too, for with the The bones, after being dried and seeker it is very doubtful if I would have made the discovery." scraped, will be surrendered to his associates here and by them sent to " Was the night clear?" China .- Boston Herald. "Exceptionally so. In fact, there are not, perhaps, more than three or four nights in a whole year so favorable

its position.

One day at the Yanktonian agency, for astronomical observations as was ocated on the corner of Poplar creek last night. That is one of the reasons and the Missouri river, I besought a was working so late." chief that he dicker with me for a head "Where was it located?" of lettuce and a few bunches of radishes. "Its right ascension at that time was I should say his farm was about fourteen eventeen hours fifty-two minutes, north. feet long by seven wide, and looking declination thirty-two degrees, thirty from the farm to him it was difficult to decide which presented the greater minutes. The rapid approach of dawn for accurate observations. The posi and a man of land, and must be ap-proached with mingled respect and tion of the comet was several times known as 'pointings' which will prove sufficiently exact for the purposes of "No. comrade," he replied, with an

air of stately grace, "the Great Spirit has hold of the other end of those preliminary calculations hereafter." "How large did it appear through plants, and they don't come up till he shoves them." (Not his exact lanthe telescope?" (Not his exact lan-"About as good a comparison I can guage, but a free translation.) I pointed perhaps make is with the moon. Its out to him that the whole business was ength is about one fifth of the diamegoing to seed; that in a few days longer ter of the moon, and its width about one-fifteenth. One of the first pecuthey would be unfit to eat, and his whole crop of ninety-eight square feet liarities I noticed was a bright point of would be ruined, unless he dug it up light, evidently a star of small magnitude, on the edge of the comet. On Thereat he knocked me down with returning from my effort to arouse the professor I again looked for this star, and found that it was a considerable started in they were small. You could distance away from the edge of the

comet, showing that it was not a neb-ula, as I feared, but was moving rapidly in your mouth. They got bigger and in space."
Professor Boss, who was present said: "The new object is what would be termed by astronomers a bright telor central condensation of light equal in brightness to a star of the eighth magnitude, and has a tail five minut or more in length. It is, therefore, a full-fledged comet, and notably unlike the usual appearance of comets at first discovery. If it shall prove that the new comet is approaching the earth, it is likely to become an object of more than ordinary interest. As nearly as could be ascertained by Mr. Wells in the I told Potleg he was a great man and short interval before dawn the comet is moving in a northeasterly direction through the sky, at a rate not exceeding hardened offender agangst the laws was seen in who of the savage so genuine that he was released and him. They belonged to another savage one degree daily. From this fact it allowed to return to his duties.

Who was temporarily absent skirmish might possibly be inferred that it is moving more or less directly toward the made. Potleg had no conscientious scruples and I made him a present of earth; but we consider this only an inference upon which a decision will be what few I had ard went back to camp reached only after three complete obwith my pockets full of vegetables. Perhaps the other aborigine missed servations, of position, on different nights. The position in which the newthem and helped himself from some comet appears is sufficient to establish other patch. I shall never know, but the fact that this is not the long expected whatever he did made no impression on comet of 1812; in fact an eminent the sublime dignity of my friend Pot-leg or his abiding faith in the effect of French astronomer in correspondence with the Dudley observatory predicts that the comet of 1812 will not make its appearance previous to 1884, if as comet is visible with the naked eye, but The Salt Lake Tribunc says a sad without doubt it can be seen with a story of destitution comes from San without doubt it can be seen with a Peto. It appears that an old Mormon good opera glass. It rises in the northsaint, who had been drained out by the east at about 9.30 P. M., and is at that time directly below Vega and about tithing system for over twenty years, became so poor that he was unable to ten degrees from it. It may be looked

for between Mu Herculus and the bright star Vega at about one-third of the distance from the former star. A Celestial Prisoner, Although Mrs. Tsun, the Chinese minister's wife, receives no visitors and never leaves the building occupied by the legation, she is, I hear, very cheerful, as she has always been accustomed to seclusion. Her husband has two nineteen years of age, respectively, and they are permitted to see her. as according to the Chinese etithat the hair left on was unmistakably quette a husband's younger brothers wife, but no other of his male relatives. These nephews are very intelligent, last fifteen years. This roused the and although they came only in Deire of the bishop, and repairing to the brother's house he berated him soundly for his triffing act, and told made great progress. Mr. Bartlett, the American secretary of the Chinese legation, has a wife and daughter who, because of his connection with the legation, are permitted by the minister to call on his wife, and when they do so comply, and there is talk of cutting him off from Zion. The bishop probably expects quail on toast, frogs' legs and enlarged coose lines, frogs' legs and angels the rest of the probability of the probabi China, who was recently here with her four years' residence in China she never saw a Chinese lady of rank. The wife of the viceroy, who lives in one of the larger Chinese cities, has been im-

Letter. prepared for the purpose of enabling teachers to detect the cases where the gives to man unfailing obedience.

mured in her house for several years

because there is no one in the place

where she lives of high enough rank

roy's wife could call is the empress,

It is hard to personate and acta part long, for when truth is not at the bottom nature will always be endeavoring to return, and will peep out and betray itself one time or another.

erel, 1,500,000 cans of lobsters and 250, 000 cans of clams are put up annually.

Wooden shoes, especially those made of oak, are said to produce acorn.