Christmas With The Poets. happy morn! rise, holy morn! Draw forth the cheerful day from night, Dh. Father, touch the East, and light

be light that shone when Hope was born. re's a song in the air, wiere's a star i the sky,

e's a mother's deep prayer and a baby

low cry;

the star rains its fire while the beautifu sing, the manger of Bethlehem cradles King! he night that erst no name had worn, To it a happy name is given;

or in that stable lay new-born. The peaceful Prin of Earth and Heaven. Rejoice, our Savior He was born

On Christmas day in the morning.
—Old Christmas Carol. nd over all waters, reach out from all lands. The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands ing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn.

songs of the angels when Jesus was born! This day

hall change all griefs and quarrels into love. This happy day, whose risen sun Shall set not through eternity; This holy day, when Christ, the Lord, Took on Him our humanity.

But the star that shines in Bethlehem Shines still and shall not cease, And we listen still to the tidings Of Glory and of Peace. -Adelaide A. Proctor.

But peaceful was the night. Wherein the Prince of Light His reign of peace on earth began.

Who taught mankind on that first Christma

What 'twas to be a man : to give, not take To serve, not rule : to nourish, not devour To help, not crush ; if need, to die, not live? -Charles Kingsley.

Then pealed the bells, more loud and deep, "God is not dead; nor doth he sleep! The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men!" cme say that ever 'gainst that season com

Wherein our Savior's birth is celebrated,

The bird of dawning ngeth all night long

So hallow'd and so g acious is the time. With gentle deeds and kindly thoughts And loving words withal, Welcome the merry Christmas in,

And hear a brother's call.

-F. Lawrence. So, now is come our joyful'st feast, Let every one be jolly : Each room with ivy leaves is drest, And every post with holly.

At Christmas be merry and thankful withal. And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with the small.

Twas Christmas broached the mightiest ale. Twas Christmas told the merriest tale : A Christmas gambol oft could cheer The poor man's heart through half the year. The poor will many a care forget;

But, as they each enjoy their cheer, Wish it were Christmas all the year. -Thomas Miller As fits the holy Christmas birth, Be this, good friends, our carol still

The debtor think not of his debts,

Be peace on earth, be peace on earth, To men of gentle will.

RATE'S MOSS.

A CHRISTMAS STORY. It was one of those strangely mild winters, of mingled drizzle and fog. which seem so emphatically to upset all our traditional notions of what a good old-fashioned Christmas should

It wanted but three days to Christperverse combination of April and Norember. Cheerless enough was it in limbs. the lighted streets of the towns and cities at 5 o'clock on this December evening. It will therefore be easily imagined what sort of a prospect was ented to the eyes of travelers-if, presented to the eyes of the indeed, there were any—through the Lincolnshire fen-country.

In one of the wildest parts of its interminable swamps, and not many miles distant from the Wash itself, there stood an old building, partly farmhouse, partly nondescript. A farmhouse proper would not have thriven in this district, on account of the very small proportion of arable land to the vast expanse of reed-covered swamp. There were, however, around the house, which stood on higher ground than the greater part of the surrounding country, a few turnips forming the chief portion of knew not what of ill. the crops. The house itself was a long, low building, nearly all of wood and one-storied, and had as much of a home look about it as could be expected, considering that it stood quite alone on a small expanse of cultivated land, an oasis in the midst of the

The master of this building was a man about sixty years of age, who, with his wife and daughter, and a young man in his employ (an orphan, whom he had brought up), formed the household of "Marsh Farm," as it was called. Ralph Furriner was a curious mixture of shrewdness and stupiditythat is to say, of shrewdness relating to his own immediate affairs, and of stupidity as to what actually went on in the outer world away from his own isolated dwelling. The old man followed a double occupation, which may be briefly described. He supplied the nearest market town, and sometimes some of the London dealers, with wild ducks, widgeon, teal and other birds frequenting the fens in winter. During the remainder of the year he fattened a considerable quantity of domestic ducks and geese for the market, the loality being especially suited to the rearing of this branch of the poultry

In all this, and the cultivation of his small farm-if it really deserved such a name-he was assisted by Robert Stenhouse, a stalwart, active young fellow of six-and-twenty, who, left an orphan at an early age, had been taken charge of by old Furriner, and became quite one of the family. Very little women who are to be reckoned by tens an old man and a pony. of thousands in every class in Eng-

gaged" to Robert Stenhouse. What but little difficulty in proceeding rapeleyes. "And now let's get back, or the travelers were frozen to death on the dent." else could be expected, when she never | idly in the direction of Rate's Moss; | women will be in a fine pother." saw any other young man, and he but he was growing old, and at last, scarcely any other young woman? feeling that his knees were becoming was a little more satisfactory to old casks were burst, and even the trees They were to be married this Christ- numbed and chilled by the wind and Furriner than he had anticipated it split by the action of the frost with in the treasury at \$287,867,173.93. mas, and would continue to live at the rain, he thought it better to give would be, and was far more quickly immense noise. In 1836 the Dan-Marsh farm. So all things would go up the idea of steering the pony and performed than before. A large string ube was frozen to the bottom, coined 292,100 gold pieces worth \$3,272,000; of wild fowl hung from the holsters of and remained long in that 3,575,200 silver pieces (including 2,300,000) would not be broken up (as so many | Brown King, who was well aware | Brown King's saddle, a prize which state. other domestic communities are) by that Rate's Moss was the usual huntmarriage.

that Rate's Moss was the usual hunting ground of his masters, no sooner
with his life.

state:

wholly failed in Germany; wheat,
which some years before sold in Engminor coins worth \$126,666.

The total receipts and exp Mrs. Furriner and her daughter were found the rein slackened than he took

plucking a couple of plump wild ducks his course in a different direction from ing dearer than she thought for, eh, to £2. In 1339 the crops failed in for the family supper, while the old that in which the old man had been father?" he said, gravely. man, comfortably seated in the chim-ney corner, smoked his pipe and joined right, for Furriner had been wander-laddie," said the old man. "Let this grass, and many perished miserably in occasionally in the conversation. The ing about, almost in a circle, being quaint appearance of the interior of the old black-raftered kitchen, and the piccern the well known spots, which in "Ay, ay, I turesque faces of the group in the the daytime would have served him ruddy fire-glow, formed a tout ensem- as landmarks. ble worthy of the pencil of Teniers.

a leash or two."

chap in Lincolnshire, be the other who he might." "Oh, mother !" cried Rose, laughing

ner, chuckling as he winked at his

"did you see all the young men in Lin-"She took stock of a pretty good lot

"I had my share of notice," marked the dame, complacently. "Many a time I've been near up t my neck in water of a winter night, waiting to get a shot at a widgeon or a gold-backed teal for your mother, as he could summon up, and at last deliberately drown themselves, and the Rose, just as Bob's out now to please your whims," said her father. "To please my whims, father!" exclaimed Rose, indignantly. "Why, what do you mean? He's gone because he said it was such a likely night |

for teal that it would be a sin to lose the chance." "He's just gone because he knows a

leash or two of teal would fetch a high | fully. price now." said her father. "And a cerain young woman fancied a red cloth jacket she saw at B-a month ago; and Bob thinks the price of the teal will pretty near buy the jacket. Rose blushed consciously.

corner smoking my pipe like a sensible man," continued her father, looking at her crimsoned cheek. "D've think I'm going to paddle about the fens up to my neck in mud on a night like this for the money earned to go on my daughter's vanities? Not I," said he, smoking away furiously, but with a twinkle of good humor in his eye which quite belied his words.

"Up to his neck in mud, father?" put in the mother, anxiously. "You don't mean to say our Bob will be up to his neck in mud?" And the good woman looked a trifle

uneasy as she turned and listened to the rain beating heavily against the lozenge-shaped panes of the windows, for had she been really Robert Stenhouse's mother he could not have been dearer to her than he was. "Don't I though!" said the old man,

nodding his head vehemently. "And what then? Never fear, he's all right. He can take care of himself." Rose took her father's view of the matter, and was quite easy as to her lover's safety. Not so the dame. "Just listen to this rain, Ralph! she said, persistingly.

"Well, it do rain a bit," said he. "Rain a bit!" repeated the dame 'It's enough to drown the very ducks themselves. Why, Ralph, it's never rained like this, all the thirty years we've lived in the Marsh."

The old man was struck by the manner in which his wife persisted in her fears (a most unusual circumstance with her), and, not without some anxiety himself, he slowly rose, laid down his pipe, and cautiously half opened the door. But he had no sooner done so than both rain and wind rushed in, with such fury, that not only was the candle, which old Furriner held, extinguished, but also the candles upon the table at which the women sat busied with their preparations for cooking. Rose, who was by nature extremely

lighthearted, burst into a laugh. But this roused her mother, who indignantly threw upon the table the halfplucked duck she held in her lap, and said, in a tone of great asperity: "And you to laugh, lass, when your sweetheart may be drowning! Shame

"Drowning, mother!" said Rose, growing deadly pale, and pressing her mean that?"

Mrs. Furriner hesitated when she glanced at her daughter's pale face, for she had relighted the candles. She did not indeed believe that her future son-in-law was exactly in peril of his life; but at the same time she was aware that a passage through the fens, which must now be gradually becoming one vast sheet of water, would be extremely difficult, and probably also dangerous. The old man, too, began to look serious, as he resolutely took down a suit of oilskins, mas day, and the weather was a most | with which he prepared to cover his somewhat shrunken, but still sturdy

"What art about?" asked his wife "I'll even go and meet the lad myself," was the reply. "Why, Ralph, the path tracks must

be all under water." "I'll go, I tell ye," said he; "and take the brown pony; I'll maybe be of use. I know my way for miles and miles beyond Rate's Moss, where Bob's gone after the teal, and happen has lost his tracks. I'll go, I tell ye !" "Then I'll go, too," said the old woman, firmly.

"Chut, chut, Polly," said her husband: "who's to look after the girl. We can't take her, lass." "Ay, that's true!" said the dame.

All this while Rose, with pale face and trembling lips, had watched the anxious, troubled looks of her father tolerably well-cultivated acres of land, and mother, and her heart boded she "But is there any danger, father?

she stammered. Furriner moved impatiently, but made no reply. " Best tell her all," said her mother

"Of coursethere's danger, lass, such a night as this. Take care of thyself, old man," she added, kissing her husdreary flats, and was some six or eight band as he prepared to start with as miles distant from the nearest market much warmth as she had done in their earlier days; "and be sure take Brown King; the critter's as much sense as a Christian, and a good deal more than some of them.

"Ay, ay; cheer up, old lass," was the answer. And the old man returned his wife's

embrace and was gone. The rain poured down in torrents that seemed to threaten a second deluge, as Furriner sought the little stable where Brown King, little dreaming him, "and make him pull." of any interruption to his privacy, was quietly reposing on his litter of straw; and not without considerable resistance on his part did his master make him comprehend that he was required to leave his comfortable bed for the bleak and desolate fens. At last, however, he was duly saddled and bridled. Furriner turned the pony's head in

the direction of Rate's Moss, a famous

three miles from the Marsh farm-no lighted streets of a city; but a formidneed be said of the duck-shooter's wife able one in the fens of Lincolnshire, with arched neck and expanded eve. and daughter. The former was simply on a dark and windy night in Decem- waiting for the applause he had one of those motherly, home-loving ber, when the nocturnal travelers were

The wild fowl shooter knew every land. Rose Furriner was a fine rosy- inlet, pool and reed-covered islet of the he, father," said the young man, patting of Europe-the Danube and Elbe, etc. cheeked, strong-limbed woman, of five fens; but with such violence did the the shaggy sides of the animal. and-twenty, who helped her mother in rain beat in his face and so rapidly duties, fattened the geese, was the water rising, that he felt seribaked the barley bread, and even helped ously alarmed as to the result of his to cultivate the farm. She was "en- adventure. At first, indeed, he had the old man, the tears glistening in his

"It's a rare fine night for teal," said riner knew he must be close upon the in fool-hardiness. A man ain't to risk Furriner, removing his pipe from his spot he desired to reach. He hallooed his life for the whites of a pretty girl, the hollies were killed. Coaches drove mouth, and suffering a cloud of blue with his might, in the hope of hearing not if she was twenty times engaged amoke to escape up the chimney; "and some response from his adopted son, to him, that's my view on't. Reason-I'm sure Bob 'll stand a chance to get straining every faculty to its utmost able efforts to please is one thing, and tension to catch a reply. Nothing, unreasonable follies is another." "Yes, and you're growing lazy, however, but the continuous plashing father, or you wouldn't be sitting there of the rain in the surrounding pools, idle in the corner, and Bob out alone or the occasional "quack" of a startled on the fens," said his daughter. mallard, broke the ominous silence. "I mind the time," said the dame, bridling up, as old people will it what again called loudly upon young our influence is my younger ones yenters to hint that the said again called loudly upon young others.

pricked ears and startled glance of Brown King, who, with his sense of hearing, more acute than that of his master, had heard, or imagined he heard, an answer to the old man's shouts, and began to move forward at a | the suicide, the lunatic, as well as the

of 'em, I can tell ye!" said old Furri- sharper pace. "Whoa-steady!" called Furriner, the lower ones as they are termed, scarcely able to keep his seat, from the seem affected by the realities of life uncertain nature of the bog through | very much as are their intelligent suwhich Brown King was stumbling. But the ponywould not "whoa." On the contrary, he scrambled through reeds and mire with as much alacrity | isolated case. Dogs have been seen to suddenly halted, and placing his fore- same has been cited among other anifeet firmly on the most solid piece of mals. Curious cases of gradual suiground he could pick out, pricked up cide have been observed among the

> ous neigh. Even the benumbed faculties of if so we may call it. In life the crea-Furriner were aroused at this. "He hears summat, danged if he tal, bearing a tint of delicate rose or doan't!" ejaculated the old fellow, joy- pink, while the body is dedecked with

"Well done, King, boy!" As if to reward the sagacious ani- delicate texture. If the creature is mal's efforts, a shout-faint, it is true, | placed in an aquarium and totally debut still distinguishable—was now heard, in answer to its friendly neigh, upon which Brown King again began ciation, but an indentation appears, to move forward, but this time more forming a circle about the animal, "And that's why I'm sitting in the slowly than before, picking his way gradually growing deeper and deeper, with the utmost caution and judgment. | until finally, by muscular contraction, and so close to them that it made Furriner start as if he had been shot, they heard the voice of Robert Stenhouse. "Here, father, quick! quick!" it said;

'I'm nearly dead already.' "Where art, lad?" screamed the old through the pitch-black darkness. Where art?"

But the young man, in despair, and to Brown King.

The pony recognized it instantly situation!

purpose of picking up a dead bird. The | feathers change to red; and it is said far deeper than he expected, and bird, lori rajah, is deprived of its accome a perfect quagmire. The intense black, under a hemp-seed diet, and the cold, too, had so far benumbed young orange-colored canaries, now so much Stenhouse's hands and feet that he in demand, are said to owe their brilwas all but powerless to assist him- liant tints to dieting on Spanish

There he stood nearly up to his neck death would follow.

and clenched his hands together be fairly drop in pieces. neath his riding-cloak. He, neverthenearly exhausted young man.

a good heart." "Ay, ay, father," returned the other, faintly. "Stay a bit, Bob," called Furriner. "Throw me your shooting belt."

himself sinking deep into the mud. "Now your handkerchief," said Fur-The old man tied the belts and the

and Stenhouse together, and even their the poor half-dead young fellow. "The bridle, father, the bridle !" he exclaimed. "Yes, yes," cried the old man; "to

get it?" He added the bridle to the length of considerable exertion managed to of these mediums, and handled by them throw one end of it within a few inches | with perfect safety. Dr. Spry refer to of the young man's shoulder, which, an authentic case as follows: with the exception of his head and arms, was the only part of his body this point (serpents and birds being visible. But here arose a fresh diffi- drawn and held as by a charm), in culty. Robert Stenhouse's fingers were | company with other English gentle-

so benumbed by continual exposure to men, thus tested the fact: Taking a theseverity of the weather that he was serpent-charmer along, they brought ever, he caught hold of it with his that there might be no deception prac-"I can't hold it, father!" he called out, despairingly. "Put your fingers in your mouth lad," called out the old man; "that'll

warm 'em a bit, and don't struggle." The young man obeyed, and as the storm had now somewhat abated he by the direction of the duck-shooter, he secured the end of the bridle as firmly as he could arm. But

efforts of the old man were found totally inadequate to assist his comrade to climb to the higher ground. For a but young Stenhouse, whose usually not very acute perceptions were sharpened his imminent peril, bethought him of Brown King. "Tie your end to King, father," he

shouted out, his strength fast failing periments with animals, and evidently The pony seemed to understand what was expected of him, and allowed the safe from all thoughts of deception. chain of handkerchiefs and belts to be One of his most interesting experifastened around him. Furriner so ments was with crawfish, with which managed this as not to impede the action he appeared a medium of decided

of the animal's hind legs, and after a power. His passes caused the animals good deal of straining on the part of to become stiff and immovable, stand-Brown King, and a good deal of coax- ing on their heads and in other curious ing and encouragement on the part of positions, while other passes enabled his master, Stenhouse was so far extri- them to crawl off. The playing 'poscated from his perilous situation as to sum of many animals is undoubtedly resort of teal and widgeon, to which he be able, with the help of the old man, from a similar cause. We have often knew that his future son-in-law had to clamber to the higher ground, proceeded. When there he trusted to | whereon stood his deliverers. Furriner | dead when touched; insects will do the his own knowledge of the fens, and to carried a small brandy-flask, which was same, and hardly anything but positive the sagacity of his pony, to find young of infinite service to both the men, and in a briefer period than might Rate's Moss might have been about have been expected the younger had recovered the full use of his faculties great distance, it is true, in the well- Even the pony seemed to be aware of the service he had rendered, and stood.

> earned. " He shall be pensioned off, when he gets old, for this night's work, shan't fifty feet high. In 822 the great rivers " Aye, that he shall, Bob, and what's more to the purpose, he shall have a atic was frozen; the crops totally

The journey home from Bate's Moss from Cremona to the sea; the wine

"Rose's scarlet jacket was near cost- land at six shillings the quarter, rose

"But then, father, Rose-" "Av. av. I know all about that," interrupted the old man; "well, well, terruption. In 1468 the wine dis-I've been young myself, But remem-Half an hour had elapsed, and Fur- ber, Bob, there ain't no real courage was cut with hatchets. In 1684 the "You're right, father," said he;

"and Rose 'll say so too." What Rose said, you may guess, readers all !

HUMAN-ANIMAL TRAITS:

victim of hypnotism; in fact, animals,

The Practice of Suicide-Hypnotism and Catalepsy in Beasts, Birds and Reptiles. In all forms of animals we may find

periors. Suicide among animals is quite common, and the story of the old crossing-sweeper is by no means an his ears again, and gave a loud, sonor- animals known as holothurians; one, the synapta, being an adept in the art, ture is elongate, often as clear as crysseemingly silken bands of the most prived of food for three weeks, a perceptible change will be discerned; not emacipally of an adverse character. sion of her theatrical engagement in New

They were now in the very center of a complete severance of the part is ac-Rate's Moss, and it was really marvel- complished. The animal has found ous how the poor animal, without fal- that retrenchment is necessary, and tering, went so steadily in the right has decreased its size, thus lessening direction, while all the experience of the demand. If food is still kept from his rider was of no avail. Suddenly, it, soon another ring appears, and a second part is thrown off, and so on, at intervals, until in a few days the animal that was eighteen inches long is now a small oval mass surmounted by the flower-like tentacles, resembling a sea-anemone. This is the head and man, straining his eyes in vain to see | mouth for which the entire body has been sacrificed, and it too, finally dies, f food in the shape of sand or food is still withheld. The effect of starvano doubt impelled by a sudden instinct, tion varies in different animals. Submade no reply in words, but gave a ject an adult Hydroid medusa to it, short, sharp, shrill whistle, well-known | and it will change to the polyp form -the larval form of its kind. In the higher forms of medusa a decrease in and, with a neigh of exultation, turned | the number of the young is noticed, abruptly to the left, whinnying as he | while among mollusks such privation went, as horses do when they follow has produced changes in the progeny the call of a friend. Not more than that were pronounced at first specific forty yards did the docile animal travel | Certain moths, partly starved, lost in before he brought his rider face to face | their larval state the power of spinwith young Stenhouse. But what a ning a cocoon. Indeed, the lack of food, and forcing animals to partake of cer-The young man had descended from | tain kinds, is often productive of the

the more solid part of the surrounding most remarkable results. If the parland, and jumped, as it appeared, into rot, so common in Brazil, is fed upon a large pool amid the reeds, for the the fat of certain fishes, the green rain, however, had rendered the water that if the richly decorated Indian moreover, the thick black mud which customed food, its beauties of color formed the bottom of the pool had be- wane. Bullfinches grow darker, even

peppers. Scorpions are extremely prone to in thick, slimy ooze, which had almost | suicide when subjected to great physthe consistency of birdlime. The situ- ical pain. Place one within a circle of ation, which in the daytime and a dif- | fire, and it will invariably throw forferent period of the year would have ward its tail and wound itself fatally, been ludicrous, was now serious. The seemingly preferring to die in this way more the poor fellow struggled, the than to endure the torture of fire. deeper he sank. On the other hand, if Spiders and ants attempt the same, he remained still, the cold would stag- tearing off their own legs and stingnate his blood and insensibility and ing their bodies. Crabs and lobsters often throw off their claws and legs Old Furriner, who took in the danger and so escape, while some of the starof the position at a glance, turned pale fishes, when lifted from their homes,

In the island of Lugon, Semper less, tried his utmost to encourage the found a snail that, did he attempt to take it by the tail, would throw off that "Checry, laddie, cheery!" he said, useful member and elude his grasp. nd to her side; "you can't surely dismounting from Brown King. "Bear | The same is true of the so-called glass snake, which often breaks into several sections when alarmed.

Insane horses are of common occur-

rence. One of the most peculiar phases of these mind affections is hypnotism, With terrible exertion the young that in man or beast has within the man did so. He had previously thrown present year attracted so much attenit over his shoulder to relieve his waist tion. The term, perhaps, originated from its weight, when he first found with Dr. Braid, who, in 1841, revived the excitement aroused by Mesmer in 1778, referring the phenomena of animal magnetism to certain psychological and physiological influences in the handkerchiefs belonging to himself subject. He applied it to his patients, and succeeded in performing many neckties, but was still unable to reach painless operations that have been repeated in the curious experiments of Dr. Hammond. That animals are subject to similar influences has long been known. Herein lies the magic of the be sure, to be sure! How could I for- snake charmer and the charm of the snake itself over the young bird. The most venomous snakes have been his extempore chain, and by dint of drawn from their holes by the actions

"An eminent physician, skeptical on

unable to grasp the friendly rope. him to a distant pile of rubbish, and Making a tremendous exertion, how- causing him to lay off all his raiment ticed upon them, they watched his movements. Approaching the pile with a serpent-like hiss and nervous working of the features and limbs which became more and more excited serpent, of the most venomous kind, showed their heads and gradually was able after some few minutes, to moved toward their charmer, until, partially thaw his frozen fingers. Then, reaching out his hand, he took them as so many lifeless withes and deposited

them in his basket." As early as 1646 Athanasius Kercher, an Italian monk, wrote upon what he called "Experimentum mirabile," and his experiments upon the imaginations of certain hens, tying moment a dull despair fell upon both; and then releasing them, but, by the use of chalk marks, leaving them under the impression that they were still fast, are not devoid of interest.

Professor Czermak, of the University of Leipsic, has made interesting exfinds a satisfaction in the work, as he seen hermits in the South drop as if njury will induce them to move.

Some Cold Winters.

The following statistics of the good straits of the Dardanelles, were frozen -were so hard frozen as to bear heavy wagons for a month. In 860 the Adrifailed, and famine and pestilence closed the year. In 1067 the most of the roads. In 1133 the Po was frozen

In 1316 the Scotland, and such a famine ensued the fields. The successive winters of 1432-'33-'34 were uncommonly severe. It once snowed forty days without intributed to the soldiers in Flanders winter was excessively cold. Most of along the Thames, the ice of which was eleven inches thick. In 1709 occurred a cold winter. The frosts penetrated three yards into the ground. In 1715 booths were erected and fairs held on the Thames. In 1774 and NEWS EVENTS.

One of the recent curious happenings of Brooklyn was the arrest of a husband for

kissing his wife upon the complaint of his irate spouse. HENRY C. MURFHY, president of the board of trustees of the Brooklyn bridge, and a prominent citizen of Brooklyn, died a few days since, aged seventy-two years. Mr. Murphy had been a member of Congress, United States minister to Holland under Pierce, and State senator. He had also written a number of historical volumes. THE provisions of the new penal code relating to Sabbath-breaking were rigorously enforced in New York and Brooklyn on the

first Sunday that the law went into effect, and in consequence an unusual quietness prevailed all day throughout the metropolis. In New York the police made over 100 arresis, mainly of bootblacks, drivers, barbers and cigar dealers, but the great majority of arrested persons were discharged by the justices without fine. The sale of newspapers was also greatly affected. The enforcement of the law created great excitement, some amusement and much comment, prin-THE steamer H. Folger, of Cape Vincent, N. Y., has been wrecked in Lake Ontario.

The captain and crew of eight men were THE special train conveying Mrs. Langtry, the English beauty, to Boston at the conclu-

York, struck a wagon at Thompsonville-Conn., and killed two boys in the vehicle. Among the twelve hundred gentlemen present at the reception given to Governorelect Cleveland by the Manhattan club in New York were General Hancock, Governorelect Waller, of Connecticut, and many leading Democrats from various States. An address was made by the recipient of the re-

A sensation has been caused in Philadelphia by the arrest of an organized gang of grave robbers that has for nearly twenty years been despoiling Lebanon cemetery. Three men-two white and one coloredwere arrested while driving a wagon containing five bodies to a medical college. It is asserted so many bodies have been taken from the cemetery for dissection that it is almost empty. Tue next Pennsylvania house of represen

eighty-eight Republicans, a Democratic majority of twenty-five. JUDGE SAMUEL T. WORCESTER, brother of the lexicographer, Joseph E. Worcester, exmember of Congress from Ohio, and member of the judiciary of that State, died at his residence in Nashua, N. H., a few days ago,

tatives will consist of 113 Democrats and

Bouth and West Moses Lockeaut (colored) was hanged a

aged seventy-eight years.

Edgefield, S. C., for the murder of another colored man named Blalock. D. D., archbishop of Canterbury and pri-THE coroner investigating the case of Annie Von Behren, the actress shot in a mate of all England, is dead in his seventysecond year. Cincinnati theatre by Frank Frayne, rendered a verdict of accidental death. Von Behren was engaged to be married to

Tuz steam barge R. G. Peters caught fire on Lake Michigan and before aid could be past. obtained went to the bottom. The captain, mate and crew of eleven men were all drowned. Ar Durango, Col., Dr. Evetzky entered the office of his partner, Dr. H. A. Clay, and

fired several shots, inflicting wounds which resulted in death. Dr. Evetzky then blew his own brains out. He had been cowhided by two women, who accused him of talking disparagingly about them, and believed his partner had something to do with his cowhiding. GENERAL M. C. BUTLEE has been re-elect-

ed United States Senator by the general assembly of South Carolina THE steamer Enterprise was burned off Maud's Point, N. C., and Captain W. A. Thompson, W. H. Hancock and a colored

man were drowned. THE National Dairy fair was opened at Milwaukee, Wis., with a large display of ex hibits. Nearly 500 delegates, representing all parts of the United States and Canada, as well as Great Britain, attended the tenth annual convention of the Butter, Egg and Cheese association, held after the opening of the fair.

AT Louisville, Ky., John Trinler, of Chicago, killed his wife by cutting her throat with a razor, and then put an end to his own existence. THE boiler of the propeller Morning Star,

which plies between New Orleans and Magnolia Plantati n, exploded with terrible effect. Of the twenty-one persons on board, three were killed outright, eight drowned and six badly if not fatally scalded. In the course of a dramatic performance given by the young men of Makanda, Ill.,

in the village school-house, James Perl had

to fire a revolver at his brother John. He

had neglected to withdraw the ball cart-

ridges with which the weapon was loaded, and when he fired his brother fell to the floor of the stage, shot in the head, and ex-SPEAKER TISON, of Mississippi, was shot and instantly killed at Baldwin in that State by Edward Saunders. A dispatch from Jackson, Miss., gives this account of the affair : "Domestic trouble in the family of Colonel Tison's brother culminated in an attack on Edward Saunders, a merchant in Baldwin, by the two Tisons and a son of each, which resulted in Saunders being badly beaten and injured. While confined to the house he was repeatedly informed that

Colonel Tison had threatened to kill him. Going out for the first time on Monday he carried his shotgun and shot Tison on sight killing him instantly." In Chihushua, Mexico, the Indian chief Juh and his band stole a large number of sheep and cattle from several ranches, and a party of about thirty Mexicans followed them, but were lured into an ambush and surrounded by the Indians. One Mexican broke through and went for help. A party of about seventy men went to the assistance of the rest, but were headed off by the Indians and compelled to witness the slaughter of every man of the thirty Mexicans without being able to help them. When the friends of the victims went to bury them they found, not far from where the massacre occurred,

the bodies of five Americans, who had also been slaughtered by the Indians. A collision between a passenger and a freight train near Hinton, W. Va., resulted in the death of one engineer and two firemen and serious injuries to five other men. or Folsom. Ar a Mexican wedding feast in Saballo, small Mexican town near Las Vegas, N. M., Francisco Notan, a drunken guest, shot and killed two brothers named Royall. Notan then proceeded to his home and cut off his

From Washington

wife's ears. He was arrested.

PROFESSOR E. STONE WIGGINS, LL. D., AStronomer of the Canadian finance department, has written a lotter to President Arthur predicting a very destructive storm in the early part of March next. He says that the storm "will first be felt in the Northern old winters are curious : In 408 the Pacific, will appear in the Gulf of Mexico on Black sea was entirely frozen over. In | the night of the 9th, and, being reflected by 761, not only the Black sea, but the the Rocky mountains, will cross this meridian from the west at noon of March 11, 1883." over; the snow in some places rose | He says further that "the New England States will also suffer severely from the wind and floods," and that "no point outside of harbor, in the whole area of the Atlantic, especially north of the equator, will be a place of safety, for this will be pre-eminently the greatest storm that has visited this country since the days of your illustrious first Presi-

decreased \$5,534,142.89, leaving the total debt at \$1,910,824,073,62, and the total cash crops | silver dollars) worth \$2,429,800, and 4,742,200

THE total receipts and expenditures of the government (exclusive of postal receipts and expenditures) for the last fiscal year were:
 Customs
 \$220,410,730

 Internal revenue
 146,427,595

 Direct tax
 160,142

 Sales of public lands
 4,753,140

 Miscaline
 7,73,140
 Miscellaneous..... Total.....\$403,525,250 Net ordinary expenditures..... \$257,981,440

PRESCRENT ARTHUR has appointed Clayton

McMichael, president of the Philadelphia

associated press, as United States marshal for the district of Columbia, vice Charles E Henry, resigned. THE following are the claims allowed by the Garfield board of audit: Professional services: Dr. D. W. Bliss, \$6,500; Dr. D. Hayes Agnew, \$5,000; Dr. Frank H. Hamilheld on the Thames. In 1774 and ton, \$5,000; Dr. Robert Reyburn, \$4,000; 1745 the strongest ale in England, exposed to the air, was covered in 1 ss Edson, \$3,000; total, \$27,500. Services and Our influence is measured and ex- of an inch thick. In 1809, and again by government omployes: Total, \$5,929.93. Extra services and by government omployes: Total, \$5,440.

FORTY-SEVENTII CONGRESS.

THE transit of the planet Venus across the

mers of the twenty-first century-in 2004-

in preparing instruments and in sending ex-

peditions to different parts of the world to

observe the transit, and the finest skill and

best learning the world affords were enlisted

in the effort to make the observations suc-

cessful. On the whole, good results were

obtained throughout the country, particularly

at Washington, Princeton, New Haven, Cam-

bridge, Amherst and Philadelphia. At

Princeton, N. J., 188 and at New Haven more

than 150 photographs were taken, the four

contacts being observed at both places

Professor Harkness is well satisfied with

the observations taken at Washington

Precisely at 9:05:06 A. M. (Princeton time)

the small black spot representing Venus in

the telescope intruded itself on the large

white disk representing the sun, and the first contact of Venus with the sun in the

transit of 1882 was duly observed and chron-

icled by the astronomer. The approximate

distance of the sun from the earth is 92,400,-

000 miles, while the approximate distance of

the planet Venus is 24,000,000 miles. Venus

is probably a trifle smaller than the earth.

Notwithstanding the vast distance between

Venus and the sun at the first contact-as

the first intervention of Venus between the

sun and the earth is called-by the aid of

Professor Young's telescope and the spec-

trum it appeared as if the black spot touched

the white disk in its passage across it. The

fourth and last contact took place at 3:03:47

Foreign News.

THE Most Rov. Archibald Campbell Tait,

A SPECIAL cable dispatch says that the

state of Ireland is worse than is suspected,

and that altogether the prospect for the win-

ter is quite as bad as it has been for years

ARABI PASHA, at his trial in Cairo, Egypt,

charges of having revolted and refused to

having, in violation of the orders of the

the khedive of Egypt commuted the sentence to exile for life.

Fine has destroyed the Royal Alhambra

THE British ship Fiona has been lost at sea

A collies foundered off Berwick, Eng-

in a loss of millions of marks. Near May-

Louis Blanc, the noted French historian

and journalist, born in 1813, and Anthony

Trollope, the well-known English novelist,

THE Caffres, who have been at war with the

Boers, are being driven into caves, where

they are blown up with dynamite. In one

Four more Egyptians prominent in the

late revolt pleaded guilty to the charge of re_

bellion and were sentenced to death, but

A FIRE which proved the most destructive

Struck Paradise.

"Stranger," called the emigrant,

'are there any lightning-rod men in

"Any life insurance agents?"

"Any sewing machine fellers?"

"Any marriage associations, divorce

"I think not. This is a new town-

"Then whoa, Lycurgus!" called the

the bed and cook-stove and git ready

to squat? If this ain't next door to

heaven it's about as nigh as our family

will ever git."-St. Louis Globe-Demo-

land, and ten persons were drowned.

ence sixty houses were swept away.

theatre.

with all on board.

born in 1815, are dead.

by the khedive.

of London.

servers in New Zealand.

ribs could be plainly heard.

" Haven't seen any."

this section?"

loctors?

settler vet."

"Guess not."

cave fifty natives were killed.

with Vefuk Pasha as prime minister.

the national board of health.

tion of American pork.

liament until February 15.

ace of the sun was an event for which the astronomers of the world had long been tem, opened the second session of the Forty-seventh Congress by calling the Senators to order at noon. After prayer by the chappreparing. The phenomenon occurred within a minute or two of the calculated time, and although all over the United States the atlain the customary resolutions were adopted for the appointment of committees to notify the President and House of Representa-tives, respectively, that the Senate had conmospheric conditions were far from generally favorable, interfering in many cases with an observation of one or more of the vened and was ready for business....

A resolution to print 20,000 copies of the tariff commission's report was referred to committee on printing... Mr. Heale, of Maine, introduced a bill to increase the number of the judges of the Alabama claims commission to five....The Senators listened to the reading of the President's contacts, the results, on the whole, were highly valuable. They were such at any rate as to leave accurate data on almost every point that can be of interest to the astronowhen Venus again will cross the sun. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent

Mr. Brown presented the credentials of W. Barrow, chosen to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Hill, of Georgia...On notion of Mr. Anthony the standing and elect committees as they existed at the clos of last session were continued....Petitions were introduced by Mr. Dawes, Mr. Ingalls and Mr. Cockrill in relation to the passage of the pending bill for the increase of pensions to soldiers who have lost limbs or are laboring under equivalent disabilities.... Resolutions were offered by Mr. Beck calling for an investigation into the political. ng for an investigation into the political ssessments of government employes; also calling for a statement of the number of ensions granted and applications pending and a joint resolution for an amendment to the Constitution empowering the Presi dent to veto a part of the appropriation

Messrs. Voorhees, Sherman, McDill, Vest, Ingalls, Chilcott, and Miller (New York) presented petions for the passage of the bill to increase the pensions of one-armed and one-legged soldiers; referred to the committee on pensions...Mr. Beck's political assessment investigation resolution. came an sessment investigation resolution came up, and Mr. Hale offered a substitute, setting forth the names of the members of the con-gressional executive committees of both pargressional executive committees or both par-ties, reciting allegations against the Demo-cratic committee, and directing the com-mittee on the judiciary to investigate these charges, as well as those made against the Republican committee. Mr. Beck said the substitute proposed to investigate matters over which Congress had no control, and was over which Congress had no control, and was evidently intended to embarrass the legiti-mate investigation proposed in the original resolution. After a brief discussion the substitute was ordered printed. The second session of the Forty-seventh

Congress was opened by Speaker Keifer at 11 A. M. The galleries were filled with spec-CLERK McPHERSON has made up the list of 11 A. M. The galleries were filled with spectators. In his opening prayer, the chaplain of the House alluded to the deaths of Representatives Lowe and Updegraff, and gave thanks that the other members had been preserved during the recess in health and prosperity. The speaker then formally declared the session opened, and the clerk proceeded to call the roll of members. The call disclosed the presence of 202 members... The following named gentlemen were then sworn in as members of the House to fill vacancies: R. R. Hitt, of Illipois to speed Mr. Hawk: Seaborn the next House. One or two names are yet in doubt, but Mr. McPherson says he makes out a Democratic majority of fifty-nine. Nominations by the President: Brigadier-General John Pone to be major-general; Commodore Earl English to be chief of the bureau of equipment and recruiting in the navy department; Wm. H. Smyth, of Albany, to be major and paymaster in the army: Colonel Geo. E. Waring, to be a member of llinois, to succeed Mr. Hawk; Reese, of Georgia, to succeed Mr. Stephens; Charles M. Shelley, of Alabama, to succeed himself. Mr. Calkins, of Indiana, presented numsers. Mr. Calkins, of Indiana, presented by request a memorial against the swearing in of Mr. Shelley, but asked for no action be-yond the reference of the memorial to the committee on elections, which was done. Mr Moulton, of Illinois, presented a petition from John P. Caine claiming to be elected as a delegate from Utah. Referred to the committee on elections... A resolution was A NEW Turkish cabinet has been appointed An ordinance has been introduced in the German bundesrath forbidding the importacommittee on elections....A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a QUEEN VICTORIA prorogued the British par-

adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to inform the President and the Senate that the House was ready to proceed to business...Mr. Herbert introduced a bill to further to protect executive officers and employes of the United States government from political assessment. It prohibits any Senator or Representative in Congress, or officer appointed by the President, from requesting or demanding from any of the officers or emdemanding from any of the officers or em-ployes of the government money or other thing of value for political purposes. The President's message was received and read. Mr. Kelley, chairman of the committee

on ways and means, reported a bill to abolish the internal revenue tax on tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes. It was referred by court-martial, pleaded guilty to the obey orders to cease the revolt, and with to the committee of the whole, and the minority was granted leave to file a minority report...A bill was passed to repeal and amend certain acts pertaining to the shipkhedive, refused to disband the army. The court sentenced Arabi Pasha to death, but ment and discharge of seamen. Mr. Kelley, chairman of the committee on

ways and means, reported a concurrent reso-lution for printing 20,000 copies of the report of the tariff commission, and it was passed ... A number of executive communications were laid before the House and appropriately referred...Mr. Haskell presented a memorial from the non-Mormon people of Utah, and it was referred to the committee on the judiciary... The House went into riation bill. The total amount of approriation provided for in the bill is \$5,208, 55, being \$274,200 less than the appropria-tions for the current year, and \$1,516,776 less than the estimates The bill was read by

The Origin of Life.

to the earth by the arrival of a meteor, in reality a fragment of some once peopled world which has been destroyed by conflict with another or by internal disturbance. But this is more a scientheir sentence was commuted to exile for life tific jest than a grave reality. Astronomy knows nothing of worlds coming into conflict. On the contrary, the one in years burned down a number of busilaws of motion assure us that if anyness houses and other property in the heart thing is so unlikely that it may be regarded as absolutely impossible, it is THE transit of Venus across the sun was the encounter of two orbs in mid space; successfully observed by the American obnor have we any reason to suppose that a planet can be rent into fragments by internal convulsions. If we had, we have not the slightest reason About forty miles from Green Bay, for supposing that orbs thus unfortuon a highway blazed through the nate would be more likely to be inwoods, and no house within six miles habited than their more lucky fellow of the spot, a Boston pipe land man worlds. If these were inhabited already, we gain nothing by bringing to met a family in a one-horse wagon with a ragged cover, and drawn by a them the fragments of other worlds which have exploded; and if they were horse so thin that the grinding of his not inhabited, while the burst or shattered worlds were, we are called on to imagine (for no one can believe) the absurdity that only inhabited worlds are liable to destruction, for the benefit of those which are without inhabitants. To which absurdity this additional one is superadded, that the seeds of life would survive the destruction of their planet home, and the journeying courts, politics, horse races, lawyers or through millions on millions of years (rather millions of millions) which science assures us they would have to ship, and I don't think it has a single make through the cold of interstellar

children, Sally Ann, and I'll get out back but a step, which brings us in reality no nearer to all life. Professor Proctor, in Belgravia. Diphtheria and Cats. Dr. William Bunce, of Oberlin, Ohio,

space before they would fall on any

other world. And all these absurdi-

has seen two marked instances in which it seemed almost positive that In jail at Los Angeles, Cal., is a four teen-year-old boy, James Green, who diphtheria had been introduced into has a criminal record second to none in families by cats. Just previous to the the country. The past three years of occurrence of the disease in his pahis life have been mostly spent behind | tients the family cat had been observed the bars of the prison he is now an in- to have diphtheretic membrane in the throat which, in one case, the children mate of on a charge of burglary, and, as he has pleaded guilty, he will short- had endeavored to remove before they, ly take up his quarters at San Quentin themselves, were taken sick .- Dr.

man as he drew rein. "This is the ties to no purpose, so far as the origin

place I'm looking fur! Unload the of life is concerned, for they take us

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