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Poetry.

HOMEWARD.

"My poor, poor eyes, they are blinded with

And I cannot work!" she said, Tossing aside her thimble and shears. And winding her spools of thread. The riotous wind with her roses stay'd A-wooing, a-wooing along; The swallow she slept all uudismay'd, And her dreams they were sweet with

But the lady lay on her pillow white, White as a ghost lay she, Speeding her soul on a lonely flight To her lover afar at sea.

"The night is drunken with drear alarm, And I cannot sleep !" she said, Tossing the snow of a weary arm On the fold of a weary head. The velvety roses-foolish things! A-nodding, a-nodding were To the wind a furling his wanton wings, Where the lilies were all astir, But the lady lay at her lattice low, Low as the land lay she, With every beat in her breast a blow For her lover afar at sea.

"My blood is fire, my breath is flame, And I cannot live!" she said, Wailing the words of her lover's name, As if he were doomed and dead. The beautiful ship went under the moon, A-sailing, a-sailing on To the wayward time of a wayward tune, Till the half world met the dawn. And the lady leaned to her roses sweet, Sweet as a rose leaned she, Hearing the sound of her lover's feet And happy of heart as he. -Hester A. Benedict.

MY OLD LOVE.

So this is Janet's wedding day! Strange that my heart should feel so gay And free from sorrow! For 'twas through her, a year ago, I cast me down in bitter woe And prayed that I might never know Ab, well! each day fresh knowledge brings,

And hearts are very changeful things. I loved her wildly once, I trow, And, foolish, thought I ne'er could go Through life without her; And now, although she's just as fair-The same bright eye and winning air-Yet really I don't seem to care

A bit about her! "Ah! truly hearts are changeful things;" A little voice within me sings.

So here's my old love once again, Surrounded by her bridal train-Bright blushing roses! And as I watch the dimples play On one soft cheek in that array, No sadd'ning thought this joyous day Ah! every day new beauty brings;

So, Janet, I can wish you well; For you may each glad wedding-bell Ring gayly ever! And as for me-to win that face That's glowing there with sunny grace To fill a bride's-not bridesmaid's-place

Most truly hearts are changeful things!

Is my endeavor. "How well it is," a soft voice sings, "That hearts are made such changeful

Selected Story.

KATE'S RESOLVE.

A TEMPERANCE STORY.

much doubt, if you ever did; or vou would not let such a trifle sepworld that I have no strength of mind or confidence in myself."

I feel in you that makes me so anx- my society? I think not ious for you to do that which you will never regret. I would not pain you by bringing to your mind unpleasto warn and stimulate you to an act. simple in itself, but one on which that of many loved ones. Think, steps in that downward road; you see wine. But he was more than know you have, for you could not repaid for all he had lost, by the disguise that you were under the loving, encouraging words of Kate influence of wine at Mrs. Alston's and her bright smiles of approvsociable. I tried in vain to believe al. that my eyes deceived me. but others saw and commented upon it, ber of Good Samaritan Division for causing my cheeks to burn with six months, he ventured on the forshame and grief. God alone knows | bidden subject, and plead with her how very hard it will be to sever to commute his sentence from the ties of friendship and affection; twelve to six months but in vain. but never while reason holds her She told him it was for their mutu throne, will I consent to place my al good she was so exacting, and life's happiness in the keeping of a while he felt that it was very hard, man who refuses to sign a temper- he submitted with a good grace. ance pledge under the flimsy pre- and honored her for her integri-

text that it will sign away his liber- ty.

Don't fail to give your readers

mental young ladies, noted for well

Don't spend too much time in

Don't fail to take sides in every

personal quarrel that occurs in

Don't neglect any opportunity to

make your paper highly sensational.

in the interest of street-corner loaf-

reading proof. Let your paper be

-like your life-full of errors.

wounds are healing.



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any love for me, don't again say I brilliant and happy party than that have no regard for you, for it is assembled at Col. Pendleton's at this feeling of regard that causes the expiration of the twelve months week. This will gratify the man me grief to see you commencing a of Stanley Egerton's probation; and who wrote the sermon. course which, if continued must by his side was Kate robed as a end in your ruin, here and hereaf- bride, radiant in beauty, and with full supply of original poetry.

"Kate, this is perfect madness! I ness, that her Heavenly Father make your paper popular with senti say again, I must have my independence! I would scorn to refuse | firm in her resolve. to pledge in wine the health of our fair hostess. What if it did make it a little merry! I think too much | year of trial, and Stanley frankly | your paper on the regular publicaof myself to become intoxicated, of course; and I do think you are making entirely too much of a trifle, drunkard's grave; for he drank all Christian virtues, patience. by allowing your scruples to over- much more than she had an idea of. rule your better judgment. I can- and had she yielded to his entreatnot believe it right for a man to les of an early marriage he would bind himself in any way; he should undoubtedly have been a hopeless be free to act as his own feelings inebriate. may dictate."

You are free from this very moment; of happiness, be firm in your de- may give you a good flogging for and it will be worse than useless for termination never to marry a man your impudence, but you will have time or under any circumstances, to anything that will intoxicate; unless you have been a pledged tem | perhaps he only takes a little "bitperance man for at least one year; ters" or something as medicine.and Heaven helping me, I will Don't believe him, girls, he takes If you have a "damneble rumor," stand firm in my determination, it for the love of it and will not publish it. If it be true, you will and not yield one iota, though it scruple to take anything stronger. gain credit for fearless journalism; break my heart! But, oh! Stanley, Tell him, if he is ailing, to take a if false you have simply blasted I implore you to think of your aged glass of hot water; if that will some one's good name, and commit mother, and forsake this horrible not suffice add a little ginger or ted one of the indiscretions of the practice before it is too late to remustard; but if nothing but nineteenth century.

this! my mind is in a whirl. I am creatures take strychnine, and will endorse it and give you credit maddened! I cannot bear to be sent end his worthless existence at for wit. In short, publish a paper off thus; give me to-night for reflection; to-morrow at ten o'clock I will see you, perhaps, for the last

kiss upon it, and was gone. Poor Kate! She threw herself

upon the sofa convulsed in tears. "Oh, it is so hard, it is so hard If giving up half my life would save him how cheerfully would it be given; but I cannot yield to his weakness, for it would be his ruin and disgrace, and I-what, what would I be? Oh, it is too horrible to contemplate! a drunkard's wife! the very thought makes me shud-

Let us follow Stanley to his boarding house, where he quickly repaired after parting with Kate. On entering his room he threw himself upon a sofa for reflection; and, as he told me afterwards, rea-

soned with himself thus: "I am in a pretty dilemma : there is Kate on one hand, who loves me devotedly, and pleads with me in my sainted mother's name to flee from impending ruin and disgrace. She would make any sacrifice for me, but what she calls her principles of right. She has pledged herself never to marry a man who drinks and who refuses to sign a temperance pledge and keep it sacred for twelve months; and I know her

it to the letter. "Now on the other hand, are all "Kate, do you not love me; I | my jolly companions with whom I have a real nice time, (except that my conscience at times gives me arate us. I should be ashamed of trouble, and since this interview myself were I to sign away my lib- with Kate I know it would lash me erty, and thus acknowledge to the most unmercifully,) and those lady friends who are so ready to tempt "Oh, Stanley, how can you should I, by their influence become

have to decide for weal or woe." His struggles all through that ant recollections of the past, only long night were terrible; but he proud determination never to touch may rest your future happiness and again anything that would intoxi- thousand-each share representing oh think, dear Stanley, of your own his resolve to Kate and, in order to and every member of the concern ine the half she suffered from this he from the day following devoted interest, whether his subscription terrible evil. My mother and yours | himself earnestly and arduously by | be paid in greenbacks or advice. | ing. were bosom friends; and I have night and day to reclaim the poor But I am digressing, simply waninebriate and help sustain him in dering off among the wise men who her shed tears of agony over you the paths of morality and temper- are always ready to tell you how not while clasped in her arms, and pray ance. It is true, he was for a time to conduct a newspaper. that you might be taken in all your laughed at by his former wild compurity and innocence, rather than panions, and those professed lady risk your following in the steps of friends neglected no opportunity It necessitates leaving out the dog one who instead of being your to banter him, telling him they guide and counsellor in all that was were ashamed of him for being a manly and noble, might sink you in | coward, and ceasing his attendance poverty, disgrace and ruin. Stan- at their social gatherings. because ley, you have taken the initiatory he was afraid to go where he would

> Don't say a word in your local After having been a worthy mem-Don't neglect patent medicine

And now, dear reader, let me say age ready-made physicians, and fill were I to become a drunkard's wife? in conclusion, it has not been my ar paper with "mighty interestin' of Egypt that became the devour Surely I would, and if you have good fortune to witness a more readin'.

mon on some doctrinal point every will encourage home talent and a heart overflowing with thankful-

had given her strength to stand And in their happy home, they ignorance of housework. often talk over the events of that acknowledges that his darling little tion day. Give your readers a temperance girl saved him from a

Amd now, dear girls, let me beg your town. If Smith wants you to "I say amen to that Stanley .- and implore you, by all your hopes pitch into Brown do it. Brown rank poison will satisfy him, in | Don't reject an article because it "Kate, for Heaven's sake, cease mercy to himself and fellow borders on the obscene. The roughs

And now, patient reader, I will ers, hotel bummers, and blear-eyed leave you, hoping and praying you ward politicians, and you will win may make a noble resolve and the lasting gratitude of your succes-He seized her hand, imprinted a stand by it unflinchingly as did sor, the sheriff. Kate Pendleton.

Miscellaneous.

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

The following speech was delivered by Mr. Nash, of the Logansport Star, at the Indiana Editoral

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentle-

When your committee assigned me the task of telling "How not to conduct a country newspaper," they recognized the eternal fitness of things, for "How to conduct a country newspaper" is prominent among the innumerable things that I don't know, and yet ignorance on this point is inexcusable for no man can be connected with a country newspaper two hours and a half without receiving advice from many friends of the paper who know just

how to do it. Our facilities for acquiring knowledge are so great that every man, woman and child-except the pub- tin foil, when it is ready for mar- gish little pony, evidently a pet lishers-knows how to conduct a ket country newspaper, and most of well enough to know she will keep them would be at home on a metropolitan journal.

The man who is required to pay for material, aid and labor, or furimaginable to publish a paper; and why all the dolts drift into newspapuzzles suffering humanity.

If a man erects a building on his me with a glass of sparkling wine, own ground, buys presses, types, and all kinds of printing material, wrong me so? It is the deep interest a drunkard, would they still court writes and selects his matter, and "But I must act promptly for I that he owns a country newspaper. Nothing can be further from the -ranging from five hundred to five cate he hastened to make known a dollar and a half or two dollars;

> In publishing a country newspaper don't get in too much news. fights, which are of greater interest to many of your readers.

Don't say anything about the political situation, lest you hurt the feelings of a county officer who gets his letter heads printed at your establishment.

columns about the merchant or manufacturer who has a standing advertisement in your paper. If he wants to keep his business before the people let him pay for it at twenty cents per line. That's busi-

with them at half your regular rates; give an agent liberal commissions for procuring them, and take your pay in nostrums. This will encour

Don't fail to publish a long ser-

A few feet from me, at this moventilated hosiery and a charming Don't be particular about issuing balancing itself with ease, as a cir-

practice, can balance himself in a

How Limburger Cheese is Made. -The preliminary steps in the manuis taken up in a moister state, more thing ghostly in the fashion in which whey being permitted to remain, he came out of the night and ap- supposed that the prestige of victory fade and vanish as years go by. and the mass is heated to a different degree of temperature, thus preserving all the richness which otherwise would be lost. It is then taken from the vat and put in perfo | arch at a particular hour each day. | rated molds five inches square by Punctually at five o'clock he would her elections will slip the little State manly grace; she rallies at forty seven inches in depth which are rouse himself and set off at full into the procession with other and and fronts us with the beauty of placed on the draining table, where speed to keep his appointment, larger States, and her politicians womanhood; she makes a last stand it is allowed to remain for a short using cunning devices when he sus- will find themselves perhaps of less at sixty, with the beauty of her age. time. It is then taken into the pected he might be detained. Hav- importance than they have hitherto She fails, like Cæsar, wrapping her cheese cellar below ground and put ing seen his train go by, and looked thought. The change will have the mantle around her-"buried in on the pressing tables, where it re- down with a wary and critical air mains about twenty four hours be- to see that the passage was per large measure the raids into the Death listens pitifully to the longfore it goes to the salting table .- formed properly, he jogged home After four or five days it is ready with a contented mind. How did for the shelves, where it is placed he know the hour exactly? Again: both parties, for, with the elections prettiness of eighteen. in tiers and changed and rubbed Every morning there comes to the on the same day in both States, the daily for about four to six weeks door one of the neatest, lightest, repeaters and stuffers will have before it is packed. The packing best-appointed little traps conceivaprocess is done by rolling it in ble, in the service of our butterheavy paper and covering it with man. It is drawn by a frisky, wag-

FOOLING THE OLD LADY .- The following story is very good, but secure and dashing style. Both rather apocryphal: A young man out West was courting a pretty girl, other, though the terrier capers nish copy, finds it the easiest thing but her mother would not permit about the pony's neck in an inconhim to stay after ten o'clock, greatly | venient fashion. On cold days pony to his and her daughter's disgust. has his cloth, while terrier has a per offices is a question that sorely Last New Year's Day that young miniature covering of the same kind, man presented the old lady with a securely fitted to his person. When patent clock of great beauty and the butterman comes up the area, ingenuity. The prospective mother- the sly pair are watching him, and

A learned professor intimates that was at the door of his house on all who die under one hundred years | Victoria street! How was this acof age are guilty of suicide! The complished? He must have come process of reasoning by which he straight across the country, guided arrives at this conclusion is some- by some faculty that his two-legged thing as follows: Duration of life superiors have not. is measured by the time of growth: the camel is eight years in growing, and lives five times eight years; the horse is five years in growing, and afternoon while the rope-walker live twenty-five years; man, being was going through his performtwenty years in growing, should live ances, a boy about twelve years five times twenty years. So, Provi- old turned to an acquaintance of dence having intended man to live the same age and remarked: a century, he would arrive at that "Tom don't you wish you could age if he did not kill himself by un- do that?" "Yes, I do," sadly rewholesome modes of living, violent plied Tom, "but my folks make passions and exposure to accidents. me go to school and are deter-Surely, according to this theory, mined that I shan't never be nothe human race might well adopt | body !"-Detroit Free Press. new and more healthful modes of eating, sleeping, working and recreaadvertisements. Fill your paper ting, in the hope of becoming centennarians.

> It is not great, the noble, the accomplish so much from the mul- stung for his curiosity. strong, that are of the most destruc- berry? tive nature. It was the leaf and yet were as skinny as

CHANGING ELECTION DAYS. ANECDOTES OF DOGS.

ment, is a curious specimen of the of their Constitutions the several long backed, shortlegged German States are gradually coming to hound yclept a turnspit, who came agree upon November, and usually Is woman so very ridiculous in that his soul was lost in melanto the establishment a silent, reserv- the first week in November, as the her chase after beauty? A pret- choly—that he didn't care two ed, even dull being. But on fair time for holding elections. Under ty woman is doing a woman's work cents whether the sun set at noon encouragement his faculties became her new Constitution Pennsylvania in the world but not making or stayed up until 7 o'clock. He developed. He showed signs of holds her annual election in Novem- speeches, nor puddings but making entered the ladies' sitting-room at a humorous disposition—as though ber instead of October, as hereto- life sunny and more beautiful.— the Central Dopot, wa!ked up to a he could relish a jest—and began fore. By an amendment to the Con. Man has foresworn the pursuit of woman whose husband had left the to utter mysteriously uncouth and stitution just adopted by the Legis- beauty altogether. Does he seek it cavernous sounds, as though labor- lature of Connecticut, which will for himself, he is guessed to be pochance to exercise that greatest of ing to find an utterance. These be- undoubtedly be ratified by the etic; there are whispers that his gan gradually to take the character people in October, that State changes morals are no better than they of expostulation, angry remonstance her annual election from April to should be. In society, resolute to be piteous entreaty, weariness, to say November. These changes have a ugly, there is no post for an Adonis, nothing of literal yawns when he significance beyond their present but that of a model guardsman. was bored. They are wonderful merely local effect. The change in But woman does for mankind, what creatures, even in London, with Pennsylvania from October to No- man has ceased to do. Her aim curious, puzzling ways of their own. vember deprives that State of the from childhood is to be beautiful. up and turning still paler. Thus, lately, one dark night, the undue influence which it has exer- Even as a school girl she notes writer, entering a Hansom cab, cised, at least once in four years, in the progress of her charms-thewas duly encased within the glass virtually discounting the Presiden- deepening color of her hair, the ed?" you to hint this subject again at any that gives the least countenance the sympathy of Smith while your and shutters. As the vehicle shot tial election in November by the growing symmetry of her arm, the off in its course, something white results of State election a month ripening contour of her cheek. We appeared to flash on the footboard earlier. In 1876 Pennsylvania will watch with silent interest the mysin front, which by and by resolved not name in October the victor in terious reveries of the maiden; she itself into the outline of a greyish the Presidential contest, and there is dreaming of a coming beauty white cur-dog, who had leaped up will be no need of the tremendous and panting for the glories of in a half professional way, much as expenditures of money, breath and eighteen. Insensibly she becomes the little tigers of another genera- patriotism, of which both parties an artist; her room is a studio, her tion used to skip up behind the cab- have been heretofore so prodigal, glass an academy. The joy of her riolet. There this curious creature in order to carry the October elec. toilet is the joy of Raphael over remained, poising himself at the tion to make sure of its moral his canvass or Michael Angelo over edge, like some spectral dog, and effect. cus rider would. When the cab State and of less consequence in her chamber. She grows like any stopped, he was gone as suddenly the Presidential election; but the art creation, the result of patience, as he came. "Oh he were there, election in that State coming in of hope, of a thousand delicate were he?" the driver merely ex- April has had a significance attached | touchings and retouchings. claimed. It turned out that this to it which it will not have here- man is never perfect, complete. A lean, unkempt pariah had drawn after, on account of the indications restless night undoes the beauty of near the cab a few nights before, it furnished of the set of the the day; sunshine blurs the evanhad received less cheerlish greeting political tide and of whatever escent coloring of the cheek; frost than what he was accustomed to, changes had taken place in public nips the tender outlines of her face and had attached himself to the cab opinion since the elections in Con- into sudden harshness. Care plows facture of Limburger cheese are in this mysterious way and was now necticut has been watched by the its lines across her brow; mothersimilar to those employed with or- actually to be seen hovering in the whole country with the most intense hood destroys the elastic lightness dinary cheese, except that the curd shadow afar off. There was some interest, because in the evenly bal- of her form; the bloom of her

> that had a no less singular penchant more general and sweeping triumph en and she manages to steal for seeing a train pass under an in the contests of the year. enough to do at home without going among their neighbors. and on the pony's back rides a vivacious little terrier, who, from

pony and terrier understand each No Show for HIM .- Saturday did enough while living to add stitute. something to the already bad char-

acter of its species.

[London Society.

up the scenery.

With time and patience the mulberry leaf becomes satin. What one who is too curious in observing robbery and murder, which de- subsists entirely upon corn bread them all up, difficulty is there at which a man the labor of bees, will often be stroy the peace of society. The and water-declaring that he would gin to tell how should quail, when a worm can I have learned what a sin is meddlesomeness and tattling, are him about three dollars per annum. had rolled away in

A DEFENSE FOR PRETTY

By alterations and amendments

How to Follow a Joke .- A writer A CAT STORY .- Pussy has always cised, the smile, of course, is in sustained a somewhat spotted repu- order. The features should then tation; and though two or three of | take their natural position in repose, the magazine writers have lately or should if the circumstances seem endeavored to clear her skirts of to require it, assume a graver exevil, and raise her to a level with pression; it might, indeed, be well the dog, the effect has been a la- to show the lines of the brow somementable failure. Pussy is innately what drawn together, with a sug ferocious and treacherous, and be- gestion of trouble, or at least of sides this she is accused of some- concentrated attention. Above all thing causing her to be ranked with things, remember that when your the ghouls and vampires. The vis-a-vis begins what promises to be latest story of this cat wickedness a prolonged humorous narration, comes from Syracuse, New York. | your face must instantly relapse inin-law was greatly pleased, and gave | if in his hurry he incautiously slam | A gentleman of that city one night | to quiet. The smile may begin early her old clock to a poor woman who the back door of his cart, a pre- lately retired at the usual hour, his in the story—but should be very pays his employees, he imagines lived in the neighborhood. Now tense is made of accepting the noise wife occupying the adjoining room. slight and inconspicuous at first, that young couple are happy, for as a signal, and off starts pony gal- During the night the wife heard a gradually diffusing itself over the this new clock is so constructed loping, terrier barking and almost singular sound in the adjoining entire countenance and coming to ly penitent and will lead a better that it will lose three hours between erect on pony's neck, while driver apartment, as if her husband was a climax with the point of the storyjoint stock company composed of 8 and 10 in the evening, and make is running along frantically striving strangling. Finally the sound be-either in an actual laugh, or still bet- this sin may be, he will forgive came off victorious, and with the an indefinite number of stockholders it up all right before morning. The to climb into his vehicle as it goes. came so intensified as to alarm her, ter, in a radiant smile of appreciation. Now what is it?" old lady watches the clock carefully Another dog, a red Irish retriever, and she arose hastily to make an tion, tip-toe on the virge of laughand cries "Ahem!" as usual when whose acquaintance I made lately, investigation. Entering the room ter, and a hundred times more ef- boy. it gets to 10. And yet, she says, was sent down forty miles into of the husband her eyes were greet- fective for its reticence. No one she can't understand what makes Kent, shut up in a dog box. On ed with a spectacle decidedly start- who has made use of this method terate smoker, say rather burner dear mother! You can never imag- strengthen himself in his resolve, imagines that he owns a controlling her get so sleepy before 10, and his first day's sport, he took offense ling. Her husband was still sleep will ever return to the old and of cigars, he was considerably tahate to get up so bad the next moin- at the keeper using a whip to him, ing, but the family cat had its nose inelegant system—tiring to yourself ken aback, especially as he notic- fending compositor severely puna freedom he perhaps thought was thrust in the man's mouth, and its and unsatisfactory to your interlo- ed several of the congregation ished. Losing sight, in their annot justified by so short an ac- paws tightly clasped about his cutor-of beginning the facile audi- laughing. But putting on a brave ger, of the more important fact quaintance. The next morning he throat. The woman seized the ani- ence, if we may so call it, at the look, he said to the sobbing appli- that their copy was a sort of Chimal, but it clung to its hold tena- highest pitch at the outset of his cant: ciously, and was pulled away with narration, and vainly endeavoring the greatest effort. The man was to keep up the scain upon the fea- boys, but I trust God will forgive the men of types did not correct nearly suffocated, and it is believed tures to the end. The consequence vou."-Brooklyn Union. would have been killed but for the of such a course is, that either the timely interference of his wife. It smile becomes hard and mechaniis scarcely necessary to add that cal, or that precisely when most the cat in question now retains not needed it altogether disappears, and a single one of its nine lives, but it | you are forced to some clumsy sub-

> noney sees only the relations of principle about their hearts, which hay, grain and wood. His admira- they come to regard as part and tion, radiant with calculation, re- parcel of their being. Little, pidduces nature to figures, and adds dling, temporizing policy never this proposition he became indig- of the word, nor I either, hard

A person who is too nice an observer of the business crowd, like

ling, such as is the soul of a man. cial happiness.

his marble. She is creating beauty Connecticut is a much smaller in the silence and the loneliness of anced condition of parties it was cheek, the quick flash of her eye, peared upon the footboard. Again: then would greatly strengthen the But woman is true to her ideal. I was once acquainted with a dog winner and be the forerunner of a She won't know when she is beatfresh victories even in her defeat.

The change of date for holding | She invents new conceptions of wogood effect too of preventing in a woolen 'twould a saint provoke!" State from New York, of which ings of lifetime, and the wrinkled there have been loud complaints by face smiles with something of the

> in Scribner's says! At the beginning of the session with the person before whom your art is to be exer-

settled by men in earnest-by In a smiling region the man of men who have been bound by a conferred a lasting benefit on the nant, and said it was sheer extrava- It is forever and ever, and world.

jealousies between noighbors, king or prince. His clothing costs ter millions and r be so pleasant if it against an infinite imperishable be- the worms which eat into all so- He is a man of family; and we pity would be a hundred

HIS LOOKS DECEIVED HIM.

He did not look like a joker, After all is the world so very ab- says M. Quad. One to sit and surd in its love of pretty women? study his face, would have said room about ten minutes previously, and calmly inquired:

"Madam, your husband wen out to see the river didn't he?" "Yes-why?" she asked, turning pale in an instant.

"He was a tall man, wasn't "He, was," she replied, rising

"Had red hair?" "He had-oh! what has happen-

"Weighed about one hundred and eighty pounds?" "Yes-yes-where is he-where

is my husband?" she exclaimed. "Couldn't swim could he?" "He's drowned-my husband is drowned!"

continued the stranger. "Where is my husband-where is the body?" she gasped.

"Had a silver watch chain?

"Do not get excited, madam Did your husband have on a grey

"Yes-oh! my Thomas! my Thomas !" "And stoga boots?"

"Let me see him-let me see "Come this way, madam, but do

not get excited. There, is that your husband across the street at that peanut stand?"

was drowned." "No madam, I did not. I saw

season of the year!" He slid softly out, and she stood there and chewed her parasol and stared after him as if he were a

menagerie on wheels. A HOME THRUST .- A story-telling clergyman of this city relates the following of one of our distinguished Brooklyn Baptist clergymen, which the late Apostle Trask would enjoy: A few weeks ago the doctor was 'examining candidates for admission to the church. and among them was a delicate. sweet-faced boy of some sixteen years of age, whose eyes, as he rose to speak, were bathed in

"And you are striving to love, serve, and follow the Lord Jesus?" asked the minister.

"Yes, sir, but my sins are "But Jesus will forgive them all.

He can wash you clean," said the doctor, encouragingly. "There is one sin," said the boy, that I have struggled against. I am free from it now, but I am afraid that God will never forgive

me;" and the little fellow sobbed

"What is it, my boy? God wil forgive everything, if you are trulife. No matter how grievous

"S-s-m-o-king." sobbed the

Now, as the doctor is an inve-

"Yes, yes, smoking is bad for

There is a man in Cuthbert, sixty four years old says a Georgia newspaper, who has not taken a drink of spirits in over a quarter of a century, never drank a cup of coffee in all his life nor ate a pound of meat All great questions have been of any kind. A few days since in reading a newspaper, he saw an advertisement where it was proposed to furnish a receipt for five dollars which would teach a man how claimed to his hearers 'Eternity! to live on thirty cents a week. At | Why don't you know the meaning gance for a man to spend that amount | six ever asserting that his provisions was You mit It is not high crimes, such as not worth ten dollars a year. He from best villiage gossip, family quarrels, not exchange his diet for that of a eternity is. Why

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Passing the Crowd In .- A well known drummer for a dry goods house, who chanced last summer to be in a Maine town where the circus was to show that night, made a bet that he could pass every one of a party of thirty, who had come over from a neighboring town. into the show without a cent. The wager was accepted, the party was marshaled and proceeded to the tent, where the doorkeeper was busily engaged taking tickets from all who passed through the aperture in the canvas. Coming up with the crowd, the drummer rushed up to the ticket-taker with his hand full of cards and said: "Just count these men as they pass in, ending with the one in the straw hat." "Certainly, sir." and Cerberous went to work: "Five ten, fourteen, eighteen," etc., as they passed by him and mingled with the crowd, till the straw hat is reached, when he shouted "Thirty-one," and turned around for the tickets, But the polite individual who had bid him enumerate bad vanished. while the party who was crowned with the straw hat, the only one who was stopped before he had mingled with and melted into the indistinguishable crowd of the mass inside, proved to be an innocent countryman who had legitimately procured his admission pasteboard. The ticket-taker couldn't leave his post for the ingress of regular spectators was

pressing, so he made the best of it

and said nothing. He had learned

a lesson, however, that made him-

take tickets first and count after-

ward, in the future.

CHINESE IDEAS OF DYING.-The death of the Empress Dowager "Why, yes, that's him; that's Kea Shun, widow of the late Emmy husband!" she exclaimed joy- peror Tung Chih, by suicide, was fully. "I thought you said he reported soon after the late emperor's death, but according to the Pekin Gazette her death did not him buying peanuts, and I believ- take place until March 27. The ed it my duty to say to you that | China Mail says: Her fate has peanuts are not healthy at this been indeed unhappy. Wedded at fifteen, she became a widow at seventeen and since the death of her husband has, if native reports are to be believed, led a miserable life. She refused all food for days and sunk from exhaustion. Her position was most unenviable. At best she was condemned to perpetual seclusion for many years to come, while she was exposed to intrigues which in view of her expected confinement might have had her death and that of the possible child as their object. Death was probably a merciful relief. The Shanghai Courier says that the early death of the empress is entirely in accordance with the national idea of what is most highly fitting for a wife so bereaved. It is not impossible that her memory will acquire a sanctity in Chinese eyes from the fact of her having folgreat," meekly replied the young lowed her lord within so short a period; the event is already attributed to her regrets, as it is said that she suffered from no definite disease.

> enced ones-who seem to be impressed with the idea that illegible manuscript is an index of genius. Printers know a great deal better, and to their cost, too, for crooked blotched chirography is a sore trial to temper and eyesight alike; and to make matters worse, to keep up tribulations on misery's head, as it were, the callous authors are indignantly sensitive on the subject of typographical errors. A printer's mistake is to them the unpardonable sin; they would, if they could, have the of nese puzzie, a conundrum replete with errors, too, and because the them all, the careless writer assumes the role of a much injured innocent. Now is this quite fair? And as so much has been. written concerning the blunders of the "intelligent compositor." might not something be said not exactly flattering, but quite true, in reference to the careless, and mayhap, at times, not intelligent writer? An American clergyman ex

WRITE PLAINLY .- There are a

certain set of scribes-not experi-

years to breakfast time.'