within range.

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of it, to manifest the resolute pur-

pose he has shown to purge the

I listen for the voice of song And hear a murmur in the trees Of April in a fitful breeze, Who says the growing wings are strong.

Rise! Burn thy win ter robe to-day! Thus did the poet Omar sing: The Bird of time is on the wing, He flutters but a little way.

Behold a dawning of a voice! Hold hard the sorrow of thy heart, For music keener makes the smart; The singer waits not on our choice.

In the new dawn I hear his note; He lingers while the roses blow. Then goes-oh, where?-I do not know On what bright waves my darlings float. -A. F., in Harper's Magazine for April.

Selected Story.

REMARKABLE DREAM

dent in Hong Kong, and there became acquainted with the following circumstances. The story itself was related one winter's evening-for even in China there is a winter-around a glowing fire The conversation during dinner had turned upon dreams, and some very curious theories were advanced in support of the interpretation eight persons; and after a protracted discussion, in which the number for and against there beabout equal. Capt. Topham proposed to settle the question by tellmoved, and at the invitation of our host we each drew our chairs and after mixing for himself a

I can remember: enough in Hong Kong or Shang- door in. There is no doubt I hai, but upon which we turned a must have looked very pale and good sum. Capt. Wilkes-whom I think you all know, gentlemen -commanded her, and had made many a voyage, and had run many a risk for his owners to the same place. At about four in the afternoon the Captain left me to go on shore; but just as he was stepping into the boat he cried out:

"'Topham! Upon second thoughts, I shan't stay on shore to-night, as I intended. I am going to old Douglas' to dine; and as, in all probability, it will be a noisy party, I shall slip away early; so you can look for me about eleven.'

and then turned to see that everything was all right for the shade, I thought I descried a

ond officer had tea; and after tea to him by name, 'A Tong;' but no he and I had quite a confiden- reply came, when I felt pretty tial chat about our voyage, the val- certain that it was not the steward; ue of our cargo and the immense in which belief I was not long left risk that was run in not shipping in doubt. I had turned my head Englishmen. Our crew consisted, into Mr. Spencer's cabin to tell by the way, of fourteen persons, him of my suspicions, when I including the captain. The cap- thought I heard steps stealthily tain, myself, and second of approaching me. I gave a rapid ficer and two sailors were En- glance and there not four feet glishmen; a lascar, two Manilla from where I stood, were some five men, two Malays and two China- or six as villainous looking Chinamen as scamen; a Chinese cook men as I had ever beheld, armed, and Chinese steward-in all, four- some with bamboos about ten feet teen souls. At about eight o'clock long, and others with swords. In an the second officer had retired for instant I had sprung into the cabthe night, and had left me alone on | in and closed and bolted the door. the poop. I well remember how With a yell the whole of the gang my thoughts then ran. I revolv- made one simultaneous rush toward ed in my mind the conversation the door; but they had missed their that I had had with Mr. Spencer, mark by a second. I had planted the second officer, respecting the my back against the door, and, immense value of our cargo, and thanks to my weight and the bolts, the risk that we ran both from it resisted their combined efforts our own crew, should they turn to force it. Other measures, how memoer as if it happened only five pulled alongside, for five bells were of seventy miles an hour soon.

received a letter by the last mail, The gang outside were evidently pull at the punch, continued: and who was then in a very delicate in deep consultation as to their state of health. I had answered next mode of attack. One voice I her letter only that morning. "I must have been on the poop and that one voice was without about three-quarters of an hour a doubt A Tong, our much respectafter Mr. Spencer had left me, and ed steward. From the little Chiwas thinking of returning to the nese I was acquainted with I cabin to look over some papers connected with the ship, when I ob- on the treasure, which had come served a sampan, or Chinese boat, on board from the Oriental Bank hovering round the stern. I call- only that afternoon. It had been ed out to the men in the boat, stowed away in the captain's caband inquired what they wanted in, and was safely lodged in one of only obtain from him such replies the of brandy early-in the eve-

they found they were observed, was | safes. Some few years ago I was a resi- to pull away from the ship in the direction of the middle of the harbor. Their movements I did not at that beautiful island of the Chi- open the door. He sprang from nese. Our cargo consisted of his berth, and called out in reply \$300,000 in syce, 250 chests of that it was locked from the out-Patna and 200 chests of Malwah side. I told him to stand clear, opium, besides a few sundries, and with a good one, two, three, which could be bought cheap from the shoulder, I burst the

> "'Why, Mr. Topham, what in the name of goodness is the mat

ter? You look as pale as death.' "I told him all that had hap pened, and likewise my suspicions that we had not seen the end of the affair, and that our best plan would be at once to arm ourselves. I told him to dress himself, whilst I went on deck to rouse our two English sailors, whom we could depend upon, and bring them to the cabin. I had planted one foot in the saloon, the other being still in Mr. Spencer's cabin, and had "'Very well, sir,' I answered; my eves directed to the stairs of the companion way, when, in the Chinaman. Thinking that it "At six o'clock I and the sec- | might be the steward, I called out

a dear mother from whom I had with which we armed ourselves. few moments and after a good stiff boats contained the gang.' heard raised above all the others, gathered that they were bent upthere; but their only answer when Milner's fire and thief proof as, 'Me no sabby; doctor berry ning as a present; and they made

cabin, but in a very short time returned, and knocking at the door all like, and, leaning on the taffrail, with their bamboos, demanded it I watched them until they were to be opened. At first they used lost in the darkness. I suppose I | threats, then entreaties, promising must have remained in this posi- us that not a hair of our heads and careful attention, I was soon, crew.' And so ended Charley's action-that is, with my arms on should be hurt. But though we the taffrail-about ten minutes, feared their threats, we had no and not before, I gathered from when, without warning, I felt my- faith in their promises, and fully my old friend, Charles Lawrence, self lifted off my legs, and some determined that, if the worst one quiet afternoon, the following one behind me endeavoring to came to the worst, we would sell farther rambling account of the af. and swore to every one of the of them. Our number consisted of throw me overboard. I am by our lives dearly. Oh, how we fair: no means a light weight, gentle- longed for eleven o'clock, for Capmen, as you can see, weighing, I cain Wilkes' return. How palley, 'to ask you to remember the should say, then something over tiently and eagerly we listened 8th of March, for that you will do ing any truth in dreams stood 200 pounds; but the person evi- for the splash of the oars of the to the end of your days; but I dently depended upon the sudden- six stalwart boatmen. We heard have also reason to remember ness of the attack to accomplish four bells from the different ships it; for on that day, as I .learned ing us a story of what actually his purpose. I struggled violent- in the harbor, some not a couple by a letter from home by the last happened to himself a few years | ly, holding on by my hands to the of hundred yards away; but it mail, an only brother was killpreviously. The cloth was re- rail, and letting fly right and left was impossible to reach or signal ed on the Great Western Railway, with my feet; and in the end I them. Instead of a large port-hole, in the collision near Reading. was successful. The Chinaman there was only the small dead- Well, if you remember that everound the fire, lit our cigar or pipe; tripped, and lay upon the deck in light, through which we could not ning, we were to have a great my power: Without a thought. even manage to thrust our heads, spread at Douglas'. Thompson, glass of punch, the Captain rela- Without a moment's hesitation, much less our bodies. Well, sirs, Wilkinson, and some twenty others ted the following tale as nearly as I laid hold of him by the when they found that neither were invited, including Captain trousers with one hand, and took | threats nor promises would avail | Wilkes. Of course, you know what "It is now, gentlemen, some a couple of turns of his pigtail by them, they at once commenced a jovial fellow Wilkes is, good for a you doing, dear John, on the night ten years ago since I was first the other, and threw him over- their work. I was standing on story or a song, and can take his of the 8th of March at about ten mate of the opium schooner Wild board. After I had accomplished a camp stool, endeavoring to see part in an argument with the best o'clock, from that to half-past? I Dayrell. We were lying in Hong this, I made for the cuddy. Ar- what they were doing by looking them. Everything went off well of will tell you my reason for asking. Kong harbor at the time, prepara- rived there, I at once went to Mr. through the iron grating on the during dinner; and after the cloth I had been very poorly during And their effort is to hold on tory to sailing the next morning Spencer's cabin; but upon trying top of the door, when I saw one had been removed, and one or two the whole of the day; so much so, to that issue, and make the Presfor Formosa. Then-and, for the the door found it locked! I gave of them with a spear, at what in songs had been given, the call that, after a cup of tea, about six idential election turn on the quesmatter of that now-there was a one or two good kicks, at the military phraseology would be was for Wilkes. He, however, o'clock, I retired for the night. I tion of resumption, upon which great deal of smuggling done in same time calling out to him to termed, 'shorten arms'—that is, who is usually so ready and will- fell asleep very soon, but it was a they have won, instead of upon very excited, as his first question they were adepts in the use of

in another minute or two, the

matter would end by our both be-

ing speared like wild boars. I

left, so that we should not waste

he to take the right, and I the am sure.'

traitors, and also from the hordes ever, I knew must be at once re-minutes ago, two heads suddenly struck from all the other ships of pirates that continually infest sorted to, and that instantly. Call- appearing, and myself and Spencer lying alongside of him but not from the China seas, notwithstanding ing upon Mr. Spencer to move his in the act of presenting our his own, which at the time he noour gunboats, and the havor they chest of drawers against the door, revolvers at them, when, as ticed as very singular. As he apmake of them whenever they come and placing two trunks on the a flash of lightning, two spears proached the ship he saw two top of them, we patiently awaited were suddenly thrust through boats coming from the direction of "Well, gentlemen, upon that the coming events. Spencer very the aperture, and the next instant her, but at the time he took no evening my thoughts were especi- fortunately had a couple of Colt's I felt a twinge in the right side." notice of them; but there is no ally turned upon home, and to revolvers in his chest of drawers, Here the narrator paused for a doubt, he thinks, that these very

weeks afterwards, when I was ly- again asked. ing in bed in a strange room, very weak and very faint. There was to Chubb. They had tried to my servant keeping me nice and pick the lock and found that they cool with a large fan, whilst on could not succeed in that, they my forehead was a cloth steeped tried gunpowder, but with the in vinegar. By degrees some slight same result. The two English recollection came back to mind of seamen were found tied in the events that had happened on their bunks, and quite drunk. that fearful night; but when I inter- They acknowledged that the stewrogated my Chinese nurse, I could ard had given them three botangry me talkee that pigeon.' By good use of it, for they were "They proceeded to the captain's which he meant that he knew half drunk the next morning. The nothing about the matter, and that rest of the crew were too much if he did, he was enjoined by the afraid of their own necks to offer doctor to silence, otherwise he any resistance or give the alarm. would be very angry with him. The Wild Dayrell sailed a couple However with a good constitution of days afterwards, but with a fresh able to leave my roon; and then, count.

"'I have no occasion,' said Charman to thrist his body through. everything was all right; and if We both immediately sprang up- he felt better, they might expect draw your attention to the fact on our feet grasping our revol- to see him in the course of an that the 8th of March, as mentioned vers more firmly, expecting that hour or so. And in an hour's in my mother's letter, was the same in desperation some of them time he did return, not to join day that the Wild Dayrell affair would be hardy enough to try and our party, but to horrify us with happened, and also that the time force their way into the cabin. the details of what had occurred from ten o'clock to half-past was the But they were too cunning for on board the Wild Dayrell. Dr. exact time that we were placed in Two of them now got upon Anderson, who was one of our the most imminent peril by the chairs, but taking care to keep out party, went on board immediately, smashing in of the door-panel. You of the line of the fire of our revolv- to attend to you; and Capt. can call it what you like-a singular ers, and by side-thrusts-by which | Wilkes and two or three of us | coincidence, or anything else you proceeded to the police station to please; but the fact remains that, report the matter. The police while on the very day and hour the weapon-compelled us to kneel and crouch behind the chest took the matter up vigorous- I was placed in great danger of my of drawers one moment, into the ly; and thanks to a large reward life, my mother, fourteen thousand berths the next, and, at last, under offered by the owners, one of the miles away, in dear old England the bottom of them, where we were gang turned Queen's evidence; had a dream in which I figured for some time comparatively safe. and in the course of three or four conspicuously; and although the But, emboldened by their success, days the whole gang was safely the incidents of the dream did not they now faced the broken panel- lodged in the Victoria jail. They exactly tally with the actual facts ing and we could plainly see that,

"But did they succeed in ob-"I remember no more until six taining any of the treasure?" I

"No; not a cent of it, thanks

"About a a week after this conversation," continued the narrator "I appeared at the police court gang, eight in number. They were sent for trial at the High Court, and were all found guilty of mutiny and conspiracy; and sentenced, four of them to penal servitude for life, two for fourteen years, and the remaining two for

"Amongst my letters from home T was not long in noticing one but the Independent Press did the ernment for class aggrandisement, in the handwriting of my mother; this, singular though it may appear, I kept until the last, and toyed and played with it for a minute or two before I opened it. In that letter, gentlemen, occurs the folwith the spear drawn back to its ing to oblige, made some excuse disturbed sleep, and I awoke two the question of reform, upon fullest extent, ready to thrust about hoarseness, which, however, or three times. At about eight which they have lost the day. through the door. I gave one spring was so palpably fictitious, that o'clock Jane brought me a cup of If they succeed in this, the result from the stool, and lucky indeed I we all burst out laughing; and up- cocoa, and very soon afterwards will invariably be unfortunate for did, so for the next moment the on being pressed again by some I again fell asleep, and did not point of a spear grazed my cheek. of us, including old Douglas, he wake until about half-past ten, Another inch to the left, and positively refused and intimated when I awoke with a fright. I would have been a dead man. his intention of going on board at dreamed that I had seen you walk-We both then retired to the further once. We could see that some- ing along some strange street; end of the cabin, so as to keep thing had occurred to irritate him, and following you were three or out of harm's way. We knew but for the life of us none of us four Chinamen. All at once they that they dared not use firearms, | could guess. Before leaving the | rushed towards you, at which you for fear of attracting the attention room, however, Douglas called him ran but they ran faster than you of the ships in the neighborhood; to one side, and asked him the did, and were rapidly gaining on and no doubt this was our salva- cause of his going away so early. you when you at once made for tion. Spear after spear was He replied that he was uneasy in the river, which was some hunthrust through, some almost reach- his mind; that a depression of spir- | dred yards distant. You had ing us as we crouched down on its such as he had never felt before gone about half-way when you the floor of the cabin, when all at | had come over him within the last | slipped and fell down; immedionce we heard a crash, and look- half hour, but for which he could ately the Chinamen were upon ing up to our horror saw that one | not account; and asked Douglas | you, and one I saw with a long of the panels of the door had kindly not to detain him, as he knife ready to-strike you; but been forced in sufficiently for a wanted to go on board to see that with that I awoke with a scream.'

"Now, gentlemen, I wish to were brought up before the mag- of the case, yet they were so near istrate, and remanded until you the truth, that I think you will are able to appear against them.' bear me out gentlemen when I

first head that showed itself at the the Wild Dayrell? It was some paneling, and I would do the same time after ten o'clock-of that I Sir Daniel Gooch, manager of "'Yes,' he replied: 'I believe the Great Wostern railway, hopes firing at the same person. I re- it was just half past ten when he to be able to run trains at the rate have either not had the opportuni-

[English Magazine.

Miscellaneons.

DENCY.

DEAR SIR: I have your letter requesting for publication the views expressed by me in a recent conversation with respect to the pending Presidential contest. The sum of them was that we ought to continue the contest as we began in 1872, when we agreed to forego all other issues save that of reform in the administration of the Government. still strives, with the help of the Hon. Ben. Hill, to keep alive the issues of the war for the purpose of prolonging abuses which, however great, go unchecked while sectional strife holds the public mind. We did not carry the elections in 1872, because we were not fully successful in making the issue of reform. But we made such a beginning that the victory of our adversaries has proved a barren one. We so far succeeded that a show of investigation had to be made. The Credit Mobilier fraud, which, though well known before to all public men. could not command public attention, now absorbs it. Spoliation was checked. Jay Cooke & Co., who had largely advanced the money to carry the elections, could not be reimbursed by Congressional endorsement of the Northern Pacific Railroad bonds, and therefore failed. The so-called investigating committees, organized not to convict, were experts in finding out how not to do it, and the Departments helped them assiduously; of its opponents, who use the Govwork so effectually that a large Democratic majority was returned by corrupting the people in one to the present House of Represent atives. Unfortunately this tide of success, which assured the reformers of the Government, this year has been arrested and turned back by the intrusion into the canvass, last fall, of another issue, of which the Radicals have eagerly and successfully availed themselves.

affected by the attitude of our friends in those States, no rational issue would defeat us. ment of the situation, that our success depends upon our ability to reinstate the issue of reform as the issue of the canvass; and it is equally plain that this is not to be done by resolution, but by such action as will not only preclaim it, but will

us. Our friends having been beaten

on this issue, last fall, in the States

where anti-iesumption was strong-

est, our vote in New York, even

(without which success for us would

be hopeless,) having been largely

The nomination of Tilden will, of itself, force this issue, and make the election turn upon it. The friends of other candidates object them. Brethren they need our to the nomination of a citizen of prayers. They labor day and New York and claim the nomination for the West. But Jackson was not selected because he was a citizen of Tennessee, or Jefferson because he was a citizen of Virginia, or Grant because he was for a short time in Illinois. Selection on such ground has no political significance, and ignores altogether the only consideration upon which a candidate ought to be selected, viz., as the representative of the idea sought to be advanced. My preference for Tilden is only because his nomination would of itself force on the issue of reform, which is our sure card in the pending canvass. I do not doubt that the other gen-"But I asked: 'What time did state that it was a most extratlemen spoken of would prove vigorous reformers, and I have no per- much may be poured, if one only whispered to Spencer to fire at the Capt. Wilkes arrive on board ordinary and remarkable dream. sonal preference for Tilden over any one of them; but neither of them is so identified with "reform'

State of fraud and jobbing. They LETTER ON THE PRESI-

HON. MONTGOMEL Y BLAIR'S have not joined hands with political adversaries to overthrow and arraign and convict as criminals the master spirits of their own party Washington, March 18, 1876. whilst they seemed to be impregna bly intrenched in the control of its organization, and have not by such conduct been lifted into power by the support of large bodies of political opponents, even against a republican whose integrity was not questioned, but who had not mani fested the same zeal in the cause of reform. Nor have they, after reach The adversary then struggled and ing power, so signalized their administration by unsparing war on By this course Tilden has made himself, more than any other man of our day, the representative man of the idea to which the Democratic party so emphatically pledged itself in 1872, an l his nomination wouldbe accepted, not only by the Liberal Republicans, who then acted with us, but by thousands who then held back, as a sure guarantee that the pledge would be faithfully redeem ed; and his war record and his

financial views would effectually prevent diversion by false issues. The active enmity which Tilden has provoked, in his own party, serves only to attest his fitness for the occasion. No man ever drove more men out of the Democratic party than Jackson; but no man ever recruited it so rapidly from the true men in the ranks of his opponents at the same time. And this vitalizing process must be renewed. The curse of the Democratic party has been its Tweeds. The strength is derived from vast expenditure. form or another with their own money, and by misleading them with false issues. But Old Bullion never said anything more true than that "The democratic party, to be strong, must be clean.'

Tilden is the type of the men who were honored by the party in the days of its strength; and his nomination being a sure bond for a return to their policy, will insure its return to power.

Yours truly, MONTGOMERY BLAIR. SAMUEL M. SHAW, Editor Freeman's Jour., Cooperstown, N. Y.

EDITORS SHOULD BE PRAYED FOR -From a discourse by the Rev. Dr. Pritchard, of Raleigh, North Carolina, we take the following extract, as something of no little in-

terest to the fraternity:

Who prays for editors? They are just as necessary, just as useful, just as indispensible as any mind can fail to see that such an class of men in all our society; and who, I ask again, ever thinks It is plain, from this brief state of praying for them? We all know the power of the press, the great book of civil and religious liberty; yet few, if any, remember in their prayers the editors, who stand, like the ministers, on the public watch towers, to warn, to reprove, to commend and to of itself verify it as the issue to all condemn-the mighty conservators of the nation's liberties and morals. Many people are ever ready to abuse them, but how few ever raise a petition to Heaven for night for the public enlightenment, the public good; and the Chriswhole land should esteem it a duty and a privilege to pray for

> Reading, Pa., is a bad place for tramps. An old maid of that place recently married one who applied for aid.

> Thirty-two sales of shorthorns took place in Kentucky last year, in which 1,553 animals were sold

Time is incalculably long, and every day is a vessel into which wishes to fill it up.

All the employees of the Concord (N. H.) railroad have been in the public mind as Tilden. They ty, or have not availed themselves | pledge.

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THE WRECK OF A STERN

ENDEAVOR.

Two old prospectors-Chloride oe and Bedrock Bill-cabin together in the northern part of this city, says the Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle. They have no woman about their establishment. They do their own cooking, washing and mending. They spend most of their time in the mountains, looking for veins of silver and gold. When the weather is good they are off among the hills. In bad weather they remain in doors and

Chloride tells how old Bedrock played quite an amusing joke on himself the other day. He had two pairs of pantaloons made of the same material. Both were a good deal dilapidated, but Bedrock, after viewing the situation, thought that cut of the two he might make one pair of tolerably serviceable pantaloons. His plan was to cut the legs off one pair for the use in patching the seat of

attend to household affairs.

He sat down flat upon the floor with old pantaloons, scissors, needles, thread and beeswax all lying about where he could put his

Old Chloride was writing a letter to the folks at home "back vander in Pike," so nothing was said for over an hour.

At last Bedrock cried out: There by the holy poker! there is as neat a job as could have been made by any woman on the Comstock range!"

"Got 'em mended?" asked Cbloride, looking up from his literary

"At last, thank Heaven! and a bully good job I've made of it, too. Look here!" Bedrock held up to view the repaired breeches in order that his partner might see

"Ha! ha! ha!" laughed old Chlo-

"What's cut you loose?" asked "Look for yourself," said Chlo-

Bedrock turned the newly mended pantaloons this way and

that to see what was wrong, and finally let his eye fall down along the legs. He turned red and then pale, for a single glance showed that he had made a terrible blunder. He had done a good job in repairing the seat of the pantaloons, but to his confusion he tound that he had cut the legs off the same pair and used them for

At no time in a man's life does he feel so much in need of being selfpossessed as when he is seated in his best clothes at a family dinner party next to the small boy with greasy hands, who has a penchant for gripping the first coat sleeve in sight when he gets too much molasses on his fingers.

A boy of fourteen years has peen imprisoned at St. Eleanor's, Prince Edward island for debt. Notwithstanding that his father sent an affidavit to one of the judges of his son's age, the boy still remains a prisoner.

A Buffalo man dreamed that he was going over the Falls, and he had his wife by the throat when he woke up. Next night she had she struck at an Indian.

It is expected that the revenue of France this year will exceed £100,000,000 sterling, and be nearly £4,000,000, in excess of the es-

A young lady who had a new hood, and was asked to lend it frequently, said she was getting tired of keeping a neighborhood.

A Charleston man who lost a lawsuit has sued his lawyer for damages, claiming that the attorney's bad grammar disgusted the jury.

"John, if you're going to be out till two o'clock to-night you'll compelled to sign the temperance have to stay at home and let yourself in, for I won't."