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THE RIVALS

A Story of the Times of Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton.

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Twilight deepened into night before

"You will meet me here tomorrow

A warm clasp of the hand, and

precipice, and in our eagerness to

gather it we have fallen into the abyss

"What is the matter?" she exclaim-

guilty of the deep sin of loving one an-

there is a gulf as wide as hell, have

permitted our heart-strings to inter-

twine, and when they are torn asun-

der, as they must be peace and hap-

"Look there!" he said, pointing to

"Terrible indeed!"

"Oh, what terrible thing

she said, in a tone of gentle inquiry.

return to the family circle.

CHAPTER VI.

"Oh, love! what is it in this world of Which makes it fatal to be loved With cypress wreathed thy bowers, And made thy best interpreter a sigh?

As those who doat on odors pluck the followed by another of those long, lin-And place them in their breast-but

Thus, the frail beings we would fondly

Are laid within our bosoms but to it was born to die.

By one of those chances common in civil wars. Margaret Moncrieffe, the Aaron Burr had been like the wintry daughter of a major in the British moon, over whose broad disk the clouds been separated from her are chased in broken columns by the father, and was detained as a kind of hoarse and angry wind. Troubled hostage within the American lines. thoughts and fitful resolves, and now The proud, spirited girl, irritated by and then a clear, bright ray of hope, the surveillance to which she was sub- were all confused and jumbled togethjected, annoyed by a suspicion, that er. As the chaos of his feelings subhad somehow gained currency, that sided, the barriers to his love, forgotten she was engaged in communications yesterday, became painfully apparent. with the enemy, and mortified by the He had not thought of them heretowant of pecuniary means, determined fore, because he had indulged no purto appeal directly to General Putnam. pose to avow his attachment; and The kind-hearted old soldier, appre- vainly trusted that the tongue could ciating her situation, and sympathizing be ruled into silence when the heart with her feelings, promptly forwarded was bursting to be heard. A little an invitation to take up her residence more experience of his own heart in his family until he could procure her might have taught him that it would permission to return to her father's be easier to dam up a torrent with At this period she was not sand, than to maintain the cold simore than fourteen years of age, al- lence he had imposed upon himself though a woman in physical, and more while lingering near the object of his than a woman in intellectual develop- passion. It is a pity that our knowl-Divinely beautiful, witty, and edge so often comes when it is too late vivacious, she at once became the to profit by it. If we could only begin charm, of the general's family circle, life with the same amount of experiand attracted crowds of admirers to ence that is beat into us before its his doors. Domesticated in the same close what a world of mistakes and family, her intercourse with Aaron troubles would be avoided! If we Burr was necessarily frequent; and, as could only know ourselves a little earday by day each discovered some new lier, and a little better, earth might charm in the other's society, it rapidly become a very attractive dwellinggrew into intimacy, and then as rapidly place. But we walk on, believing ourripened into love,-a love as yet un- selves stronger and wiser than we are, spoken, and, perhaps, unacknowledged until some unexpected pitfall opens by either. It was her practice, as she before us, and away goes the man and writes in her memoirs, to ascend, in his hopes forever. Aaron Burr had the evening, to the gallery on the top been like a blind man wandering in a of the house, for the purpose of watch- wilderness of sweets, who forgets, uning, through a telescope, the "wooden til he feels its sting, that a viper may walls of Old England," whose frown- nestle among the roses. He did not reng batteries threatened the republican member that, no matter how beautiful. city. After awhile, that secluded spot was invested with other attractions. It had become a trysting place. The sible for his love to end in happiness; floating bulwarks that rose and fell and it was not until that love was with the briny waves, and the white spoken, and its return avowed, that tents that dotted Staten Island, were all the objections to it that had been A new and absorbing pas- floating vaguely and dimly before him, sion had subdued her natural pride, and abated her natural confidence in tial realities, and chilled his sanguine British prowess. She had learned to nature into despair. One day had suflisten for the coming of a rebel step, ficed to reveal to him the hard and and hang with rapture upon a rebel's naked truth; and when the hour for voice. It was impossible that such an the meeting of the lovers arrived, Marentercourse could long continue without finding words to syllable the emofilled the heart of each. last she heard his well-known step, and unexpectedly to both, and a glad smile illumined her coun-

the avowal came. For many minutes tenance. Upon his visage no such joy there had been silence; for many min- ful expression rested. He approached utes they had been holding communion her slowly, and, taking her hand, with each other in the sacred stillness pressed it to lips bloodless from agony, of thought. Turning his gaze from the then dropped it and said,white waves of the Sound, it rested on the heavenly beauty of the sweet dren, Margaret, and must pay the pencreature at his side. At the same moment her soft eyes were raised loving- growing on the outmost verge of a ly to his. In that one glance was conveyed all the burning passions teach; and the young lover, forgetting that he belonged to his country-forgetting that a wall of adamant grew broad and ed wildly. strong between them-forgetting all has happened?" the dictates of prudence-threw himself madly at her feet and uttered replied. "Yet it was lovely and sweet words which, like the poetry of David, in its coming. You and I have been were "spangled with coals of fire." The deep blush which spread over her other. cheeks, rich and rosy as the glorious painting of the sun upon the morning sky, was a whole world of bliss to him; and the soft hand she laid in his, thrilled through every fiber with electric piness will bleed themselves to death." force, and sent wild currents back up-

on the heart loaded with joy. No word der? Why may they not remain interwas uttered. No word was needed to twined forever?" the full fruition of his hopes. One hand detained its willing prisoner, and Staten Island. "With your naked eye one encircling her voluptuous waist, you may discern the tents of Engdrew her toward him until their lips land's soldiery; with the telescope you met and grew together. Oh, happy may mark the very had it been for both if in that hour the floats the regimental banner of thunderbolt had fallen! Happy had it your father. haughty officer will give his daughter been if, linked in each other's arms, their souls had taken flight while yet to one who is fighting with a halter about his neck? Whe, if he wins, may the bloom of innocence was upon them, and neither guilt, nor care nor tor- be termed patriot; but if he loses, will turing sorrow stained the openor the springing tree! conducted to a traitor's doom?" Better would the grave have been for her, far better than the guilty pleas- allowances for this unhappy quarrel; ures, succeeded by the vain regrets, and when he comes to know you well

that checkered her after days! And he will cheerfully sacrifice any remainbetter would it have been for him to ing prejudices to his daughter's haphave passed away with his young laur- piness." els fresh upon his brow, than to have "Never, Margaret-never! Besides run a career, splendid indeed at its that is the least obstacle in our way noon, but, like the hot sun of the trop- Tomorrow, or the next day, or any ics, scorching and blasting in its bril- day, may witness an assault on this liancy, and going down at last behind city. When that time comes, I shall clouds, and storms, and falling tears! be in the front rank of its defenders

row? What warning could break the will be directed at his heart, as cerspell of that ungovernable transport! tainly as at that of the vilest merce-They were riding in a frail and leaky boat, upon the foamy crests of a tempest-shaken sea; but the angry voice of my own was still red with the blood of pest-shaken sea; but the angry voice of the great deep was unheeded, and the your parent? No, Margaret: we must fit to make. Whatever they are I shricking breakers, as they rushed part. It was madness—nay, worse, it they will be just and sincere, and I part. It was madness—nay, worse, it they will be just and sincere, and I have done. madly to the iron-bound shore, sound- was dishonor-to go on as I have done, ed low and soft as a mother's lullaby shutting my eyes to consequences an over her first-born infant's sweet re- idiot might have foreseen. To have billties with which they are interpose. And who could blame them for crushed my own peace was bad twined. the mental abandon of that delirious enough; to have aimed a deadly blow hour? Such moments come but once, at yours, is a sin no repentance can and not always once, in our pilgrim- atone. Aaron Burr and Margaret caught the nectar as it woe. The rose fled from her cheek, and rose, and if death should follow the a dull film gathered over the soft blue potent draught, it was a death that eye that had just been eloquent with came on balmy wings, and pointed his the happiness of requited love. But destroying dart with rapturous joys. hope has its natural home in the bos-Side by side they sat upon the rough om of woman, and soon a cheering bench that ran along the gallery-their light flashed upon the rayless gloom of hands clasped, their eyes bent down her despair. until the drooping lashes rested on There are trials before us, my own their cheeks, their lips mute and mo- love," she replied, in a voice sweeter that any communication had been her father's free consent. Utter not tionless, their hearts full and eloquent than the lyre of Orpheus. "Trials and made, was busy with the regimental one word to lessen her sense of duty of unutterable joy. Who shall say that troubles and bitter hours; but they are reports of the day, when General Put- to him. Behave, in short, with that

that unearthly trance?

their fulfillment, and we shall bless the wits been wandering?" delay that prepared for us a more en-

on her polished brow.

the spell was broken, and they rose to o other themes. The day-king trav- a troubled life." eled on his flery path, and sunk to rest behind the dark forest that stretched murmured "Yes, sweet one, yes!" was gering kisses that send the blood leaping in fiery currents through the veins, and shed around the soul an incense so sweet that we cannot believe that Another day was added to the cycle of time. During that day the mind of

summons to join the family circle be- to have been a free agent."

empest-threatened pair.

bosom no creatures so happy as that life on the battlefield."

General Putnam must know all." "Be that my care," she replied. "The

daughter's confidence in return. I Israel Putnam to the devil." ove him as if I were one in reality."

payonets at his country's call, is soft camp, and he replied .as that of the fluttering dove when veakness or distress appeals to its assistance or its sympathy."

flax for the use of the soldiery. Turn Moncrieffe might be, it was imposassumed the form of sturdy substan-

to a glorious victory! garet Moncrieffe stood alone in the General Putnam was seated at a ta- store her to her father." gallery. Her heart bounded when at ole, having an open map before him, on which he had marked in pencil the osition of the British troops. Various ines traced from this point indicated hat he had been studying their probable movements and endeavoring to anticipate the precise place where the me has been unfortunate." principal attack would be made. At "We have been like unthinking chilthe table, and was soon as much obalty for our folly. A lovely flower was

> ulations. Margaret Moncrieffe had directed her steps to the part of the room occupied by Mrs. Putnam and her daughters, saying as she did so,-

> "I hope it is no treason to King leorge to assist in your labors." "Thee may be sure," replied the Quakeress, "that it is no treason to the King of kings."

Several days went by, and Miss Mon-You and I, between whom rieffe had as vet made no communication to General Putnam. The task that from you." seemed easy in the distance, grew more difficult when she came to perform it. Sometimes he was busy; sometimes he and she did not like to disturb him When a favorable opportunity did present itself, her heart failed her, and Think you that her own satisfaction, which she placed,

lows:certainly be branded as a traitor, and DEAR AND HONORED SIR: "When I was a stranger, and you knew me only as the daughter of your country's enemy, you took compassion on my distress, home when I had no other, and receivfavorite child. From you, therefore, I ought to have no secrets; and to you feel that the circumstances in which am now placed should be frankly Under your roof I met Major Burr. I will not tire you with details that are without interest to any one It is enough that we loved, and that it has been confessed sides, notwithstanding the But what did they care for tomor- If I meet your father then, my sword barriers that we are well aware exist between us. Those barriers will readsuggest themselves to your mind and the object of this note is to appeal that environ us. Do not fear to pain Whatever they are I know by a heart whose manly qualities are almost hallowed by the delicate sensi-

"You will pardon me, I hope, if I cause you trouble or annovance, when you remember that it is your own goodness that emboldens me to address ou in the absence of the parent who, inder other circumstances, should under other circumstances, st alone guide and direct my steps. should "Accept my warmest thanks for all of the prisoner delightful, and believe that I shall ever remain your attached

and grateful friend, "MARGARET MONCRIEFFE."

be the vows of yesterday may meet the name of all the saints, have your leading a loving and a trusting wo-"It was madness, indeed!" replied

Her lover folded her passionately to glancing over the letter; "but a mad- tears came into his eyes, and his his breast, and imprinted a warm kiss ness which brings its own punish- throbbing heart almost choked his reishment. In an evil hour I forgot that ply. "Bless you, sweet one, for those the galley slave is more free than I am words of hope; and bless you for the and dared to dream of happiness amid friend! Rightly and nobly have you soft heart that spared the reproaches the rattle of musketry and the clank pointed out my pathway-firmly and know I deserve! I will even do as of chains. Even when the hour of undauntedly will I follow it, if my heart you bid me, and hope to find trees of waking came, a sweet voice called back breaks in the effort." frankincense and beds of spices be- the illusion, and I was the slave of yond the gloomy present, to welcome hope once more. It is over now etal deeply affected. "I do not doubt the traveler who faints not by the and I shall prove none the worse you, and if I did, I would not trust you soldier since I have learned to look to as I do. Go on," he continued, "to Mrs.

"Nay, major, it is bad enough, but away toward the unknown regions of feeling, and in my judgment, dishon- was a short one and the distance was the west. The shadows of night fell orable to think of marriage with materially lessened by the speed at upon the earth, and the beauteous stars Miss Moncrieffe, while her father and which he rode. Those who have ever came forth as if robed for a heavenly yourself hold commissions in opposing bridal. Still that lingering, loving hosts. Nor do I think it likely that his thoughts than the gloomy ones of an interview was prolonged. The cloud consent will be given at any time to early separation obtruded themselves that had come between them and the your union. In his eyes you are a on his mind during the ride. He was sun was for the time forgotten. In traitor; in his eyes you will remain a about to meet once more the object of the light of each other's eyes the traitor, although success may to oth- idolatry; to clasp her warm hand in darkness disappeared, and fancy led ers convert the rebel into a hero. That his; to look down into the depths of them to a fairy-land, where the green is the worst side of the picture. On her blue eyes, and wonder from what pastures were sleeping in a dreamy at- the other hand, time and patience may world of loveliness their beauties were mosphere, and the murmuring streams do a great deal toward bringing about borrowed. In imagination he was even leaped gayly from the hills. Each the fulfillment of your wishes. At all now inhaling the incense of her breath, word was music, and each sigh was events, your life belongs to your couneloquence to them. The honey-dew try, and must be cherished for her upon the lip of love imparted a wilder sake. The folly of which you have ecstasy from each recurring draught, been guilty will be converted into and the broad earth supported on its crime by a reckless exposure of your

"I did not mean exactly that, sir, I All things human must have an end, only meant that I might be less careand our sweetest enjoyments are al- ful to preserve it. I rejoice that you vays shortest lived. Aaron Burr and acquit me of anything worse than fol-Margaret Moncrieffe were recalled !y, and I assure you that in all this I gladness of those who clasp in their from the paradise in which they were have been hurried on without knowing roving, to the world of reality, by a what I did, and can scarcely be said

Why bless you, man, I know that "For your sake," he said, as they de- as well as you do!, I know, also, that cended, "for your sake, Margaret, at your age I should have done the same thing. If you will ask the old eternal. To them there was no past; lady who sits at the head of my table, good old man has exhibited for me the she will tell you that there was a time indness of a father, and is entitled to when a petticoat could have lured

The idea of putting such a question "And well does he deserve it; for a to the demure Quakeress, over whose obler, truer soul never animated a placid countenance no ripple of passion us no longer? Why is it that the same numan frame; and that lion-heart ever seemed to have rolled, called a sun that lights your coming must also which would lead him on a hundred faint smile to the lips of the aid-de-

her estimation by asking a question gled with the prelude to the funeral that implied her good lord had ever wall that mourns your decay? Alas! On entering the common sitting-room been different from what he now isthey found the wife and daughters of the most clear-headed and practical as bosom of earth, an immutable decree General Putnam engaged in spinning well as the most upright of men." "Pshaw! she knows better! She

homely spectacle! It was a sight upon a precipice at her bidding, or perwhich the angels might have looked formed any other equally absurd exwith approving smiles. The miles and sight with approving smiles. with approving smiles. The wife and ploit. For that matter, she knows I daughters of a major-general laboring would do it yet; and the chances are with their own hands to clothe the that when I tell her what a fool you half-naked recruits who had answered have been, she replies, 'Thou wert foolto the call of liberty. No wonder that ish thyself, Israel, in thy younger days soldiery triumphed! No wonder that and must deal tenderly with the when hunger and cold, disaster and de- maiden and the youth.' But to return feat, were heaped upon them, their to your own affairs. I hope you see the depressing the necessity of an immediate separa weight, and with the blessed example tion between Miss Moncrieffe and your of female patriotism before them, they self. I shall apply to General Washing sprung to their duties with a new and ton today for an order to change her vigorous alacrity that eventually led residence; and I shall worry congress until they grant me permission to re

> "And so," answered Burr, "I am t tivity more irksome, by causing her met a daughter's and a sister's welcome. Truly, her acquaintance with

"Do not disturb yourself on that achis invitation, Burr seated himself at count. When she leaves my roof I will as it seems, for all the countless see to it that she is conveyed to ansorbed as the general, in military spec- other as hospitable and as kind. Now ours." you may go. I give you leave of abnot wish to see your face within that those with which the Eastern prophet

> "Am I permitted to see Miss Mon crieffe?"

"No. You have met often enough and must not meet again until congress grants me permission to send her there beyond the sky, in the heaven to on board a British man-of-war. I which one is called, or the hell to which will say all that is needful, and it will it is doomed, let us agree that the othagitate her less, coming from me, than er shall follow and nestle by its side."

of the general and acquiesced uncom- it be. Our compact is sealed." plainingly in his decision. When he returned to his duties the next day, he embrace, and then he sprang to his learned, without surprise, that General horse and galloped furiously away. Washington had issued an order for the removal of Miss Moncrieffe to the her life ran in tears and in guilt. A family of General Mifflin, at Kingsfulness of a young girl from revealing bridge. What reasons General Putnam arms of an unfeeling husband, and the secret of her first love, even to so had for desiring the change, he kept Nature vindicated its outraged laws by kind and noble a friend as she knew to himself, and General Washington did making her the instrument of that him to be. At last she determined to not seek to pry into them. The rank husband's dishonor. Still in the depths adopt the less embarrassing plan of of Miss Moncrieffe's father however, of the infamy to which she sunk, she addressing him by letter. After many and the course that congress had pur- clung to the memory of her early love, trials she succeeded in framing one to sued toward her, gave her movements and when her own hand recorded the an importance in the eyes of the public events of her unhappy life, every word herself, in his hands. It ran as fol- to which they were not entitled, and that spoke of him was filled with passpeculation was rife as to the cause sionate fire. The mistress of a royal of her sudden removal from New York. in communicating information to the enemy-an opinion that General Put- At that dread hour her fearful com-

nam neither affirmed nor contradicted. pact was remembered, and her last To the fertile brain of Alexander Ham- breath was expended in uttering the ilton it suggested another means of words,wounding his rival, and on the very night that James Billings had brought again." him the news of Adelaide Clifton's death the infamous confederates concocted another story of seduction, which soon obtained general circulation, and the character of Aaron Burr as a libertine became fixed for life.

It was no easy matter to obtain per mission from congress to restore Miss Moncrieffe to her father. General Putnam, true to his promise

omitted no opportunity of pressing the subject upon their attention, and finally succeeded. When the order was received he handed it to Major Burr, and

aid -"You can go now to Kingsbridge, and carry this news. I place no injunction apon you not to renew the vows you have already uttered. In affairs of the heart it is often the best course to leave the heart to its own guidance. that you have done to render the abode Still, it will be well for you to remember that the probability is, you will never meet again—that there is nothing more than a bare possibility of your Major Burr, who was ignorant of the future union. Excite no other hopes in node of communication adopted by her bosom, and cherish none in yours. Miss Moncrieffe, and, indeed, ignorant Encourage no correspondence, without of unutterable joy. Who shall say that troubles and bitter hours, but they are reports of the day, when detected his apartment. high honor which spurns concealment Globe-Democrat. even long, long years of anguish was war must have an end; and when you "What madness is this, major?" he as an approach to meanness, and would

Major Burr warmly grasped the hard Burr, sorrowfully, his eyes merely hand of the veteran soldier—the big So-Called Pest a Benefactor to the

"God bless you, my more than

"I do not doubt you," said the gen Gradually the conversation changed a bloody bed as a happy riddance of Patnam and the girls. They will have many messages to send."

Major Burr's arrangements were not so bad as that. It would be un- soon made. The journey to Kingsbridge loved, will understand that other and draining the nectar of her lips. At such times the demons of doubt and uncertainly lose their power, and the dark clouds that, one after another, bey spread along the sky, are brushed away by angels' wings, or changed to rainbow beauty by the God of Love. They met, not as those meet within whose bosoms hope has laid itself down to die; but with the bounding embraces all that is dear, or cherished, ief hour they breathed the air of den, and in its wild delights forgot hat but an hour interposed between her people are the best and smartest

hem and a separation that might be no future: nothing but an all-absorbing now. They thought not of the world around them, and envied not the heaven above, amid the thrilling joys "I am afraid I should lose ground in that hails your birth are always minof God, he should be followed by the

other. The boon and the curse travel right eye, cried out to his wife, "Good always so nearly together, that the lightning is visible before the sunshine disappears. To Aaron Burr and Margaret Moncrieffe it was rosy daytime now, and eagerly they gave themselves up to its sweet enjoyments, even while the muttering thunder proclaimed that the stormy night was approaching. The hour of final separation had

arrived. "Will you not go with me to boat!" she asked, "and give me every possible moment of your society?" "No, Margaret. It would be torture to you and to me to have the prying gaze of indifferent spectators fixed upon us at such a time. Let us part where the throbbings of the heart are unrepressed, and eye and tongue have fices to get the earliest returns by full permission to proclaim that we rounds. "Eureka" was on the tongue

full permission to proclaim that we would not exchange our love, hopeless spheres that hang above this orb of "Nor" she added, "nor for a myriad

sence for twenty-four hours, and do ages of such poor endearments as peopled his paradise. Let it be ours to prove that there is a love as deathless as eternity; and if we meet no more until the soul has put off the stained garment in which it is clothed, there, "So let it be, Margaret," he exclaim-

ed, pressing her to his heart. "So le One burning kiss-one long long

They never met again. The lines of father's command consigned her to the

lover, the splendor that gilded her lot Finally, the majority settled down in could not bring forgetfulness to her the opinion that she had been detected heart; and when she came to die, the name of Aaron Burr was on her lips.

"In Heaven or in Hell we will meet

TO BE CONTINUED.

BUILD IT TO LAST .- All that commends the lock type of canal is cheapness in time and money. It can be built quicker than a sea level canal, and it will cost less. There are considerations of some importance, but there are others of greater consequence. We are building for centuries and not for years or decades, and we want the best waterway which skill but that of thought or reason.

can furnish After it is built a sea He contents himself with following can furnish. After it is built a sea level canal will cost less to keep in order than would a canal with locks, it will be easier of transit, it will be

less subject to injury from war or earthquakes. In a quarter of a century a sea level canal would probably pay its extra cost by the smaller expenditure which would be needed to keep it in repair. Nobody can tell just what the extra cost and time of construction would be. Some of the experts believe the cost and the time would be no greater. Even if they should be greater this would be no act as an antidote and formidable argument against the for another poison, calamity would over adoption of the sea level type. The people are willing to pay the extra cost, whatever it may be.-St. Louis dangerous and destructive.

even long, long years of anguish was to too high a price for all they felt in have passed through it, successful as exclaimed, extending the letter he had rather endure the tortures of the rack to foolishness to I trust, and honored as I know you will just received as he spoke. "Where, in than the shame of deceiving or mis- keep out of

GREAT IS BOLL WEVILL.

TEXAS BROKER'S INTERESTING VEIWS.

Mike H. Thomas Says Insect Has Put \$10 In the Pockets of the Southern Taken Out-Some Points to Think climate was made for that

The following address was delivered before the Arkansas Cotton convention at Monte Ne. Ark., last Wedknown cotton broker of Dallas,

that I ever saw that raised so much will force him to produce what is devilment as he has in that great best suited to the climate and soil state and still live. He has more than the country he came from the whole world.

ever did, and that was to lick the The potato bug that visited the

weevil, after having passed through their courting days and have been a party to the ceremony and union at that. But it is not the quantity that licks the Texan, its the size of the brute, varmint or bug. That is where he has his advantage, for anything that a Texan cannot go after with a gun is safe, for he has not remembered of existence. For one yet learned the modern up-to-date warfare practiced so successfully in the United States senate. But Texas is a great and growing state, and

on earth, and it will be but a question of a short time until they adopt other and more harmless methods of over

coming their enemies.

The efforts that have been made in the past to lick the boll weevil not only by the Texans themselves, but by the United States government, of the heaven below. Sweet privilege have proved such howling failures of youth! why is it that you abide with that they are ridiculous. They first George Aldredge and Horatio Adams bought it in carload lots and had their plantations smeared so thick with it that it looked like the Emerald Island. Hugh Fitzgerald that halls your birth are always mingled with the prelude to the funeral wall that mourns your decay? Alas! before the first green blade decked the bosom of earth, an immutable decree went forth that whenever the Angel of God, he strucked the product of the sound that will benefit the human race, saw that diversification was the salvation of the south. They spent thousands of dollars to educate the people and prove to them what was best for all was the best for the country. Now the spot. The following Sunday went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and they had that which is the heart of Green and they had the strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of God, he strucked the proving Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of the Strucked Aldredge and Adams went out to see the effect of the Paris of the Strucked Aldredge

think they can kill us with this stuff.' The next attempt was made by the United States government. They im ported some ferocious man-eating South Texas wa selected as the battleground, and while it is strictly against the laws of the state to pull off a prize fight within its borders, the United States battleground,

seems to claim to be larger and have more authority, but we do not believe it. Dr. Knapp was selected as referee Dr. Hunter was chosen as second and bottle-holder for the ant, and Dr. Morrill was given the honor of filling the same position for the weevi sold the cotton marke down forty points, anticipating a favorable result for the ant, and the whole world waited breathlessly for the final result of this great battle. Labor and capital labored together as one and sought the telegraph rounds. of every man, woman and child. was cried from the housetops, from the press and from the lowlands what

the ant would do to the weevil and our country would be saved. But, like nature, the unexpected happened. The ant and the weevil were placed in the ring together—at the sound of the gong the ant gav the sound of the going the and a scream like a panther and made a rush for the weevil. Knapp says, "It's all over:" Hunter says, "He rush for the "It's all over;" Hunter says, "It's all over;" But to their dismay the weevil side-stepped, caught the ant's fifth right wing, jerked it from his body and beat the ant over the head with the bloody end of it until

he cried for help. But, seriously, the boll weevil like birthday." everything else put on the earth by the Great Artificer of the universe, is for the good of man. For example the house moth. It is comdemned by nature intended, and is a great bene-factor to man. For the birds building their nests in trees of countries like the United States, England and Scotland, who are great producers of wool, bind the twigs and straws to gether with threads of wool, and if i were not for the moths who cut the day. In applying this rule, suppose threads when the nests doned, it is estimated by are aban-

men that our forests would be ruined in less than 100 years. So it is with the weevil. already proven himself to be the greatest benefactor the south has While he destroys millions of dollars worth of cotton s looked upon as an enemy, he has put \$10 into the pocket of the south to where he has cost it one. He has destroyed 250,000 bales of cotton at \$40 per bale, which is equal to \$10,-000,000, and advanced the price of is equal to \$100,000,000. And while did not become twenty-one years old burden, and the remainder of the cotton states reaping all the rewards, such is not the case, for while it cost her the entire \$10,000,000, it increased the value of her 3,000,000 bales \$10

per bale, which is equal to \$30,000,-But the real benefit to this state is yet to come, for the good this pest has done the state in the past will be as nothing compared to what it will do for it in the future. Our one Great Creator made us all and alike, and while we complain of first moment of January 1, 1901, the weevils' ravages and think we are the weevils' ravages and think we are cursed, it is because not one man out of every thousand ever thinks. While "This rule is a part of what is of every thousand ever thinks. While God endowed man with the powers of speech, action and reason and made him the master of everything on the earth, he uses all his power, any one that has the nerve and often,

what is commonly called gall to be reason or philosophy or is preying is given only to persons who have upon the ignorance and stupidity of reached the age of twenty-one years." the people to increase his own income and enrich his own coffers at the expense of the public. It requires a great deal of labor, study study and reason to pierce the thick veil that hides from the mass of mortals the mysteries of nature, and while been paralyzed, Texas is laboring under the imprespest in the weevil, and has the sym- broke.

The cotton plant is a dry weather plant and its leaves are so formed and grow on the stalk in such a manner that the plant resembles an um-brella and acts as a shed to prevent the rain from penetrating and rotting its roots, as the plant requires but little moisture, while corn, wheat oats, cane and millet have leaves shaped like a gutter that carries the moisture to the root of the plant be-cause they are wet weather plants

and require much more moisture.

The weevil cannot live in a dry cli-mate, it would be harmless in our Farmer For Every Dollar It Has western territory which God intended to be devoted to cotton, as the plant He will be harmless in the rich black, waxy and alluvial soll when devoted The day of large ranches is draw ing to a close and these lands will vention at Monte Ne, Ark., last Wed-nesday, by Mike H. Thomas, a well tion of suitable feed and vegetables

for preparing of cattle for market in smaller numbers. Hence, it will be Texas:

I was born and raised in Texas, a question of a very short time until the weevil will do for man what he and the boll weevil is the only thing would not have done for himself. It done and most beneficial and profitable to

stuffing out of Texas and the United States thrown in as lagniappe. Only a few years ago created havoc When anybody or anything that wears hair and hide, walks, files or millions of people financially and described by the second of the Union of the Union of the Union of the Union walks, files or millions of people financially and described by the second of the Union wears hair and hide, walks, files or millions of people financially and decrawls, whips a native-born Texan, prive many millions more of the vegfor I am forty years old and have it was looked upon with fear and matched at least 100 fights with them trembling by the people of the veg-United States. But the inborn temerity of this great people was aroused. They looked at the pest from a philosophical view and commenced to use been a party to the ceremony and their reason and took the position taken the solemn marriage vows, will that a mere handful of their foregrind out over a million young in fathers at one time had overcome one year, and they belong to the and put to flight a mighty nation and a few bugs could not take their ountry.

The potato bug is now a thing of the past, and instead of proving a calamity, it has proven to be a great benefactor, as it forced the people to cultivate more thoroughly, which has resulted in an improvement in both quantity and quality of the potato. So it will be with the weevil. In after years to come, history will say to those who follow us that it taught the growers of cotton where, and how to produce the best and most cotton by the least expense.

It has been truly said that God takes care of his own. Some ten years ago, the Dallas-Galveston News, the greatest daily paper in my opinion, and whose columns cannot be bought for any one man or party, but whose columns are free to all

Question Not So Easy to Answer a

It May Appear on the Surface. "It is often said that law is applied common sense," said Prof. John Wurts of the Yale Law school, the other day, when in town. "While it is true that law principles originated in common men uninstructed in law will agree as whole body, with the exception of the

to what is applied common sense. "Then there are many rules of law which undoubtedly have a common retained in order not to shake personal and property rights. Therefore no man can depend on his own uninstructed common sense to know the

"To drive this statement home. I law class the question, 'When does an infant become of age?' The answer is always unanimous: 'When he is twenty-one years old.'

"The next question appears ridiculous to some, and makes them laugh. while others set their alleged common sense at work, and never with correct result: 'When is a man twenty-one vears old?"

"One student says: 'On his twentyfirst birthday,' but of course he does the twenty-first anniversary of his This sounds better, but even if correct, is not specific enough. When he has completed his twentyfirst anniversary'; 'At the beginning of every good housewife in every civil-ized land, and yet, it plays its part as versary, at the precise hour of his versary, at the precise hour of his birth,' are other answers.

"And then I surprise the guessers by saying that they are all wrong. "In computing time it is a general rule that the law disregards part of a a man was born just one minute before midnight on January 2, 1880.

"At midnight he had lived but one minute, yet the day on which he was born was ended, and the law considered him one day old. So in computand ing the twenty-one years which a man must live in order to reach his majority we do not begin with the moment his birth, but with the commencement of the day of his birth. "Now, since we must start with the

first moment of January 2, 1880, it is 1, 1901 until the close of January Mathematically speaking this is true. "Twenty-one years in that sense requires that the last moment of Janushould have arrived in order to make the man of age, and obviously, he was of age at that point

applied. "As the man was of age on the last moment of January 1, the law disre-gards the entire part of the day intervening between the first moment and the last, and consequently he law twenty-one years old on the

known as the common law and is applied in this country in all states where the common law of England has been adopted, and remains unchanged by statute. A man may vote or make a valid will on the day pre-ceding the twenty-first anniversary of his birthday, although the right in the a leader, no matter whether he uses one case and the capacity in the other reached the age of twenty-one years. -The Sun.

TERROR SAVED HER .- A tale paralytic and a stroke of lightning: One night when she happened sion that she is cursed with a great to be alone in the house a fierce storm The poor woman was terrified pathy of the whole world, she, in-stead, is to be congratulated. For God made it so that one poison should panacea she struggled from her bed and went to for another poison, and that one calamity would overcome another reached safety when the place she had just left was struck by lightning. The dangerous and destructive.

Had it not been for the weevil, our vast territory of the west would have remained unsettled for years, and an over-production of cotton might have come to hand, which and that one the house of a neighbor. Barely had she

Miscellaneous Beading.

ODD ANIMALS THAT CAN FLY.

Real Dragons Found In the Malayan Archipelago. "One of the most interesting orders,

and at the same time one of the most difficult to fill, that I ever received," said the natural history collector, was for a collection of winged or flying animals other than insects or birds. In filling this order I was compelled to travel over a good part of the world.

"While in prehistoric times flying animals, especially reptiles, were numerous, the same is not true of historical times. The collection when made was not extensive, but was very interesting.

"One of the queerest flying animals he "One of the queerest flying animals
It is the dragon of the Malayan Archipelago. This reptile, which looks a little like the dragon of fable, is fitted with loose folds of skin on its sides which can be extended outward by means of false ribs and thus support the animal in its flight.

"I was collecting insects in the forest one day when I saw a beautiful butterfly alight upon a branch. Climbing the tree and crawling slowly out along the branch, I was almost near enough to cast my net around it. when suddenly I heard a whir in the air and looking up quickly saw a dragon with outstretched wings aiming, as I thought, straight at me.

"The sight of the remarkable and forbidding animal so close upon me unnerved me for a moment and I nearly fell from the tree. With a graceful bend he alighted on the branch close to the butterfly, and before it could take wing had seized and devoured it.

"I had regained my courage by this time, and as the butterfly was gone peyond recall I concluded to capture ts captor and threw my collecting nel over the dragon's head. Although quite a filmsy affair, it sufficiently hampered the animal's movements so that I was enabled to get it safely to the ground, where I secured it with twine until I could manufacture cage for it.

"I also ran across a frog able to fly, he only batrachian that can do so, The animal had immense feet; spread out they covered a larger area than the rest of its body.

"Thanks to this parachutelike atachment the frog was able to flit from branch to branch and pounce without difficulty on the small insects which formed its food. It was a very pretty little beast, bright green on the back and orange colored underneath, dotted

with black or blue spots. way between the lemurs and the bats. The flying frame of the animals is immense, spreading out like the ribs of sense, the law itself is the combined an umbrella from the neck to the exexperience of many men; for no two tremity of the body. Practically the

head, is webbed. "The animal is exceedingly active, darting to the topmost branches of sense origin; but conditions having trees, thence launching itself into changed, history fails to disclose this space, clearing hundreds of feet in its origin. Yet these very rules must be flight, passing with ease from tree to tree, crossing wide streams and even broad valleys in its aerial flight. It is a rather difficult object to find as it is nocturnal in its habits, in the daytime panding together in large numbers under the leafy branches. It is found have frequently put to an incoming only in Sumatra, Borneo and Malaca.

"One of the prettiest of the class of flying animals is the flying squirrel. This little animal is fitted with a membrane reaching from the fore to the hind limbs and extending to the wrists of the limbs. "They are exceedingly lively and

eem to extract much enjoyment from their flights, and in places where they are abundant a dozen or more may sometimes be seen enjoying themselves together. air from the swaying summit of a not mean it, for he is about a year out tall tree, spreading its wings for a fly-of the way. Another ventures: 'On ing leap, one of these squirrels glides smoothly and swiftly on an inclined air plane for thirty, forty, even fifty yards, when a movement of the rud-derlike tail guides the body upward for an instant, with half a somersault, and the creature settles as light as feather upon bough or trunk of the tree for which it set sail.

"In the forests of Asia I found the another species of flying squirrel. By the aid of the membran which is spread between its fore and hind feet it can jump from one branch to another without the slightest difficulty, its movements in the course o flight being regulated by its cylindrical tail, the same as a ship's eve are controlled by its rudder. imal is exceedingly quick in its move squirrels, nocturnal in its habits. "The scale tailed squirrels, as they are commonly called, can aptly be de-

scribed as flying squirrels, with climb-ing irons; the under side of the tail being furnished for some distance from the root with a series of large against the trunk of a tree, serve the same purpose as climbing irons the true flying squirrel, but is attached to the fore limbs at the stead of the wrist, and is therefore less extensive. The animal averages about fourteen inches in length, is of

a bright reddish color, and is found only in Africa.
"I found a very interesting little flying animal in Siberia, where it is called a polatouche. This animal looks considerably like the flying squirrel and has similar habits. It is not more than eight or ten inches long, lives in pine or birch forests, and can

from twenty to twenty-five yards at a bound. "On the ground its movements are slow and awkward, owing to the loose folds of skin which impede it, but among the trees it is wonderfully quick in flying from branch to branch I had a long search before securing a

"The belide which is found only in Australia, is remarkable, not only for the large size of its parachute, but also for the abdominal pouch of the female, in which like the opossum, she carries her young. This little creature also uses its tail as a sort of rudder in its flight through the air. It is much prized by the natives as food

"In tropical regions is found an animal called the flying fox. It is difficult to say how this species be so named, as it is really a bat.
"This animal is a living refutation of the assertions of temperance advo cates that animals do not naturally drink intoxicating liquors. According

morning in a state of extreme an