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> (From the Washington Capital.) Our Rural Artist.

WHAT HE SAW AND DID ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE CAPITAL CITY.

After finding a boardinghouse, I immediately visited the capital building, not only to see the largest building in which I own any interest, (this, you know, belongs to the people,) but to meet the senators and mem-bers from my own State. I met Senator Hopity-Go-Three, whom I had helped to elect, and who told me at the time how very glad he was to get my help. He now look-ed blandly on me, failed to remember my name, and when told who I was, took me tenderly by the hand, and, on account of pressing business, asked to be excused. I excused him, and turned on my heel a wiser and a sadder man, and with strange reflections left the door of the Senate and passed through a long hall under the dome, and through another long hall beyond the dome. to the House of Representatives. Here at the door I met a man dressed up in brass buttons, who asked what I wanted. I told him I wished to see Colonel Jackson O-. He kindly asked me to wait until he saw if the Colonel was in the House. He soon returned, said he was, and told me that-since this was Saturday, the day in which no business is done, the day in which the members read long speeches to which nebody listens and get loudly applauded when no one hears-I could go in, and in I went. I saw the several congressmen from my State, who met me kindly, and when told I was to stay some weeks, asked me to call often, and by every mark of kindness and consideration made me feel under many obligations.

I next followed Ben Butler down in the cellar of the Capitol building to a large eating-house. I was not hungry-I never drink-so I stood and looked at Ben until I found it necessary to move on to keep from smiling audibly, at that comical-looking countenance which he carries with him.

I now went round into another part of the cellar where is a statue of Tecumseh, the Indian chief, as natural as life and twice as large. I looked at this about five minutes, and passed round to the statue of the kind-hearted phlianthropist and states-man, Abraham Lincoln. I looked on this with strange emotions of love for the man. but not with the same delight as on his statue up stairs, which was made by that what it meant. Robbers, Lowery's gang, versatile, irresistible little artist, Vinnie Ream.

I now went out on the portico in the center of the building where are several more pictures and statues, one of which I took to be Victoria C Tilton, who with one play ball in his right hand, lovingly in the she thought it was the voice of our eldest winking—a defect over which he had no face, inspiring him to throw the ball over into a woods pasture to George Washington, who with uplifted hand sits ready to catch

it on the fly. I now went down the steps, across the road, through a gate and into the field where George is kept. I found him perched up on a wall about six feet high, made of nice speckled stone hewed smooth with a pick. I now had the pleasure of seeing the serene countenance of the Father of his Country. · I should have enjoyed it much better had not a man with a smooth plug

hat and new store clothes, who seemed to know, said it was not a good statue. He further told me it cost \$40,000; and that it broke a ship all to pieces in bringing it over from Rome.

While standing in front of the statue I saw that George had lost the first joint of the great toe on his left-hand foot. This, the man who wore the store clothes told me, was shot off while acting as aid to General Braddock in the war between the English assisted by the American colonies, against the French aided by the Indians, and which war happened some time before the Revolu-

I now passed round to the north side of the statue, where a man is driving a team of spirited horses hitched to a cart. The man is standing up on the cart and holding the reins in his left hand and a black-snake whip (painted white) in his right. He has just given one of the horses a sharp stroke with the whip and has raised the whip to strike the other horse. The horses see their danger and have reared on their hind feet for a run, and have the appearance of making it lively for the driver unless he sits down and behaves himself.

I next went on the south side of the statue where are two children, one lying on its face, evidently to keep the sun off while it takes a nap; the other, half reclining on its back and holding a large worm in its right hand while another worm is wound around its left arm, getting badly hurt by being pressed between the arm and the stone. I make no doubt this child is intent on going a-fishing, and is holding these worms for bait to be used as soon as the sleepy one will wake up and go with him.

But there was one thing that sorely perplexed me, and concerning which I could arrive at no satisfactory conclusion; and like a wise man who always confides in the better judgment of his wife, I hastened home and found her. I asked her to go with me to the field; I led her around on the south side of the statue and showed her the children and asked her to inform me with regard to the sex. I think she at first failed to get my mean ing, when in my most winning

tones I asked,

"Are they boys or girls?" Her eye now twinkled; her lips wreathed in pleasant smiles, and she answered without moment's hesitation that "she thought they were." The sex of the children being definitely settled, my wife, with an entire change of countenance and great concern. felt my head, asked if I had fever, and lecture, and like George Francis Walker or per eye-lid to drop every few seconds, and to young man with a sad smile.

Dr. Mary Train, deliver it at fifty cents ad-

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now said I was tired, and told me to think no more on the subject until had a good

Yours truly,

RURAL ARTIST.

Riot. Assault and Attempt to Kill.

SICK CHAMBER OF A DYING WOMAN DISRE-GARDED.

On Sunday, 23d June, one James Maloney, who is reputed to be Assistant United States Marshal, accompanied by Peter Simmons, (a black nigger,) Oscar Cannon, copper-colored, (a penitentiary bird,) and Willis Johnson, ("yaller nigger,") went to my store at Cross Roads, and ordered a lad, Master Wells who slept in the store with my son, a fourteen year old boy, into the store, stating that he should shut himself in, and if he came out, that the guard that he (Maloney) was going to place around the store would shoot him. Mr. Smith, who was paying a visit to Mr. Wells, was then rudely assaulted, and ordered to march to my dwelling house, about half a mile from the store, each of the cowardly fellows single-filing behind him as close as they could walk, lock step. Smith's life was threatened and he was assured that if he made any noise whatever, he would be shot. About half way between the store and dwelling, my son, going from supper to the store (where he and master Wells slept,) was pounced upon by two big niggers, his arms held behind him whilst Maloney stood in front of him with a pistol the boy in this position till after the cowardly, tormenting, evil spirit was satisfied, they turned him loose, telling him to keep in the right or left he would be shot by men stationed in the woods for that purpose.

The file being re-arranged as before, with Smith being forced to lead, the night being dark, and the foliage of the oaks being very dense, they came into my yard near the piaz-za, where Tr. Sohn J. Barre, Mr. D. M. spoke, and returning the wink, the clerk re-Ward, Mr. T. T. Perry and myself were sitting-(my wife was in her room at the point of death, having been quite ill for some time) it to our now "tightually slight" friend, who -and they shouted, to our surprise: "Shoot every d-d rascal that comes out of the house: Shoot! Shoot!" I did not know everything flitted across my brain. The shouting, shooting, all, all; what does it mean? I advanced to meet them at the steps; Perry was with me: Barre and Ward jumped into the yard. Barre received a severe wound; several attempts were made to shoot Ward. son, and became so frightened that her

covery is now hopeless. As soon as I could, I ascertained was the matter. Maloney said he had a warrant for the arrest of Ward whom he had had a warrant for Perry. Perry said "if you his order on a slate. - Cleveland Leader. have, I am ready to go with you." But he (Maloney,) apologized to Barre; said "I am very sorry that you got shot, but I have a warrant for you, although it is of little importance; some negro has a charge against you; you can stay here with Mr. Blease, and if you get well, report to me at your convenience." I told my son to go quickly for a physician, that Barre would bleed to death. As he started off, a nigger drew down on him with a pistol, saying; "If you leabe de house, I will shoot you." None of us were armed, but were enjoying the quietness of iously on her who appeared almost done with the things of this world, when we were pounced upon by these fiends, who pretended to represent the officers of America. I know nothing of the officials of the county, never having taken any part, whatever in politics; having all my life pursued my peaceful avocation of farmer, artisan and merchant; but, if these be their representatives, "God save the country."

THOS. W. BLEASE.

## How the Deacon Got Caught.

We have no hesitancy in stating that among the able-bodied male adults of this city the very common beverage known as soda water, and which is dealt out so unsparingly at every corner during the heated term, is considered, to use their own language, a "thin drink." But as this ingenious mixture of wind and water is termed "thin," strong liquors, such as whiskies, are altogether too "thick" for a steady warm weather drink, so the imbiber who must "moisten his flues" with some liquid refreshment, seeks a pleasant combination of the two classes of drink. which forms a happy combination that exhilerates, yet is not intoxicating. It is customary among these bibulous go-betweens to enter a drug store, call for soda water, name their syrup, at the same time giving a wink to the dispenser of "slush," who takes the goblet, in which he places the syrup, then stoops down beneath the counter or retires four miles an hour, I should think. We to a back room, where, b, some mysterious were just half a mile above Annapolis junechemical change, the contents are colored darkly, and the soda is then let in upon the mixture, which is handed to the customer with a wink from the clerk. So much for

the process; now for the sequel. Saturday, a venerable gentleman from the country, who is a respectable church deacon, Justice of the Peace, a member of the "Band of Hope," and a Good Templar in his native village, came to this city to trade a little in dry goods and purchase such agricultural implements as he needed to plant and cultivate his spring crops. The deacon is strictly temperate, and never looks upon the wine when it is red any more than wanted to know why I wished to know any- he does when it is any other color. Unforthing definitely about the children. I then tunately, our old friend suffered from opthal-I then told her I proposed to write an mia in his early days, which left him with article for Donn Piatt's paper, or write a an optical peculiarity which caused his up-

mittance, (children half price.) My wife him the appearance of intentionally winking. now said I was tired, and told me to think The "deac" is passionately fond of soda water and such light beverages. He loves to feel the gaseous compound coursing down his throat, and creating internal commotions and typhoons, that, however endurable by older persons, throw babies into agony, and require prompt doses of peppermint; so on Saturday afternoon, after he had bought a At thi few shovels, plows, and a Dolly Varden for his wife, he thought he would fill up with soda water and drive on toward home. He entered a drug store, inquired the price of the desired refreshment, then deposited his

scrip and awaited his mixture.
"What syrup do you want?" said the urbane clerk, as he mopped off the marble counter with the same towel he used a moment before to remove the honest sweat from

"Oh! give me sasaparilly; that's about as

ped quickly.)
"All right," replied the fountain tender, as he disappeared below the counter and up a moment later with the drinking glass containing about three fingers of "sasaparilly," to which he added the other ingredients, and handed it to the deacon. The latter drained the contents to the very dregs' then brushed the froth from his mouth. smacked his lips, and said: "That syrup is a leetle stronger than they generally make it, but my blood is out of order, and I guess I'll such occasions. And what's more, I never take another glass;" at the same time his eye-lid fluttered meaningly as before.

The dose was repeated, and the soda-water presented at his breast, swearing that he would shoot him through. After he had kept later he entered another establishment where a sight announced "Soda and Mineral Water on Draught." It was noticed that the deacon walked as if he had the string halt as path to the store, and if he turned to the he entered the door, and his spectacles were upside down on his nose. He called for "Congress water" at that place, saying he "did not feel quite right, and was afraid he at the other store, or else he was bilious." spoke, and returning the wink, the clerk retired to a dark closet, then returning, filled up the glass with plain "Congress," and gave

swallowed it without a murmur. How many "sodas" the deacon stored away before he left the city, we are unable to say, but he was found late in the day, asleep in his wagon, with a plow point for a pillow and several yards of Dolly Varden calico gracefully draped about his person for a covering. He revived sufficiently to inform a stranger that he had been "drugged," and a subsequent visit to the localicontrol—was the cause of all his trouble. The soda water dispensers supposed him to be "one of the boys," and every time his eye-lid dropped, took the hint. The deason escaped the "jim jams," but says hereafter failed to arrest. What Ward was charged he will wear a blinder over that eye when with he did not make known. Said he had he purchases summer drinks, or else write

## Poking Fun at a Railroad.

Mr. Derrick Dodd writes as follows to the Washington Capital about the branch rail-road between Baltimore and the Capital:

But about this railroad. Of course I want it abolished, as every one does. The reckless velocity with which the trains are run between here and Baltimore is absolutely frightful. I was delighted years ago when this road was established because I thought we had got rid of the old rickety and danthe holy Sabbath evening, and awaiting anx- gerously fast stage coaches, but the speed they are beginning to run the trains at now on this road is worse yet. Now, every one knows that Baltimore is forty miles from Washington if it is an inch, and three days and a half is plenty quick enough for the trip, but the managers have already reduced the schedule time to three days and four hours, and what with making the engine fires too hot, and racing with cows along the road, and all that, the conductors are even cutting that time down.

Why, it was only the other day on the down trip we happened to spy Sims' old mule about two miles out of town. What should the reckless wretch of an engineer do but clap on full steam and race every foot of the way into the district? We didn't exactly pass the mule, but caught with him twice, and came into the depot neck and neck-and which was puffing the most, the mule or the engine, you couldn't have told to save your life. Now, it was all very exciting, and all that, I know, but I hadn't purchased an accident ticket, and I don't believe the other four passengers had either.

This is all wrong, Mr. Editor, all wrong. And then on another occasion, I remember, we came within a hair's breadth of having a very serious accident. The engineer had gotten off to snowball a chipmunk, and and the conductor was minding a young widow's baby for her-the result was that the train happened to get on a down grade and we started off at a terrific rate, every bit of tion, and the first thing we knew there being no one to whistle and and wake up the switch tender, we were turned off into the Annapolis road and went down the wrong track at full speed. Imagine our consternation when just at this moment we heard the whistle, not a half mile ahead of us, of the Annapolis up train. We were paralyzed with terror. Here were two trains approaching each other on the same track at the dizzy speed above mentioned. Evidently our time had come! In a few short hours the engines would meet, and then-destruction! With great presence of mind a minister on board organized a prayer-meeting .-Pale but calm, the doomed band of passengers sat, and though with the very shadow of death upon them, raised their voices in a parting hymn.

"Send for the baggage-master," said

"Why?" was asked. "Because we are all about to pass in our checks."

Everybody wept. From the rear platform we could see the miserable engineer straining every nerve to catch up, but he had tight boots on and didn't gain anything to

At this moment a ray of hope dawned upon us. I had just finished writing my will on the back of a visiting card when I observed a young lady in the act of detaching her bustle. Placing the article—which was composed of 800 Capitals and a hair mattress—Ender her arm, the heroine marched through the car. We followed her anxious-

She climbed upon the tender and then over the engine. It was very interesting and theilling to see her climbing over the wheels and brass things on the way to the healthy as anything, I guess." (Here the deacon's eye-lid went back on him and drop-girl getting over a wire fence. But never mind about that now. Let me see where was. Oh! yes-on the cow-catcher. Holding on by the cross-bars with one hand, the noble maiden tied the bustle on the sharp prow with the other.

You can guess the result. In the course of the afternoon the collision came on. Protected thus the engine received a gentle bump and we were saved!

I took up a collection for the woman on the spot. I always take up collections on forget to give the object interested something nice out of it, never. There is nothing mean about me. I suppose you have noticed

The Hair-pins and Garters, etc., that are Picked up after the Audience Leaves.

[From the New York World.]

I don't know which is the more curious study, the little world before or the little world behind the scenes. Perhaps you think had used too much syrup in his soda-water there is nothing interesting in the conduct of an audience; and yet the man in the boxoffice of a theatre will tell you, if you get hold of him sometime when he has a dull night, a very curious story about the pleasure-seekers. I was in the little chubbyhouse at Wallack's not long ago, with my friend Livingstone, and Mr. Moss pointed out to us the the box-office museum. It was collection of articles picked up in the theatre after the audience left it. Now, you will immediately guess what some of these articles were. Hair-pins and garters and pennies, you know, abound wherever men and women congregate, and handkerchiefs are always picked up in churches and theatres. But the collection included night took to be Victoria C Tilton, who with one eye not quite as wide open as the other is looking a strong, athletic man, who holds a looking a strong, athletic man, who holds a she thought it was the voice of one eldest michigant ties where he had taken soda water developed keys, gold rings, faro checks, playing cards, sudden, and when Barre said "I am shot," ed the fact that his unfortunate habit of false curls, reticules, card cases and toothpicks. We can even understand how these things may be dropped occasionly. But how are we to understand the absence of mind which covers the loss of fa se teeth, and indispensable underclothing? There is a fine pair of low patent-leather shoes, taken off during the performance, because they hurt the owner's feet, evidently. But it is in-comprehensible that he should forget to put them on again and walk out in his stocking feet. There is a beautiful set of false teeth on a gold plate. Can it be that they fell to the floor unobserved during the open mouthed wonderment and abstraction of the specator, or were they too, taken out for comfort's sake, and slipped into the folds of a dress instead of a pocket, and then left behind when then owner got up? A dog-collar, too, by all that's odd with "Fido" on its brass plate, and a bottle of "cold cream" and a paper of brass headed tacks. But even this should not astonish us, when we ascertain that the hap-dog themselves are sometimes left behind, and Mr. Moss has to send out for milk and other delicacies, and, and turn the box-office into a nursery until a waitingmaid comes, as she inevitably does the next day, with a warm blanket, over her arm, and reclaims the darling with tears in her eyes. Then we have a safe-key. Ha! what a tale of carelessness and reprimand and suspicion that tells; and a bank-book, and a Colt's revolver with all the barrels loaded except one, and that one smoky and begrimed. It is fanciful to suppose that some cunning miscreant, whose victim was duly reported among the killed, came with the crowd to the theatre to escape detection, and left his instrument behind him. Why there's a bunch of skeleton keys! How do we knew that they were not left by the same person?

A MINE OF SOAP .- The Pueblo (New

Mexico) Chief has the following: The other day one of our prominent citizens rode out up the mountain three or four mile on a prospecting tour, and at a certain point near the banks of the stream noticed some rocks of peculiar formation. Instigated by that curiosity so fatal on a certain momentous occasion to old mother Eve. he broke off a piece, and taking it to the creek, plunged it into the water for the purpose of ascertaining its consistency and grain. Upon taking it out of his hands, what was his surprise to see a lather formed, and with a vigorous rubbing the stone proved to have saponaceons qualities, in fact, possessing all the cleansing virtues of the most excellent soap. Greatly surprised, not a little mystified. with the profound conviction withal, that he had found a big thing, our discoverer hastily gathered up a few spesimens and brought bem to the drug store of Dr. P. R. Thumbs. where it is now on exhibition and can be inspected and tested by the curious. The stone is of a dun color, about the hardness of chalk, and forms a perfect lather, while it effectually removes all stains and grease spots from clothing. We have tried the soap personally, and must pronounce it a success .-After bathing it leaves the skin as soft and smooth as that of a new born babe, while the odor is quite pleasant. It is certainly a remarkable discovery, and the only query now be capable of producing almost any wonder, as he can.

A Watch in a Man's Body.

A few days since, we published an extract

from one of the Northern papers in which it was stated that a man was shot during the war, and that a portion of a silver pencil case and a gold pencil were driven into his body. A portion of the latter has just worked out through his neck. The case appears singular, and may be doubted by some, but there is on the records of surgery a more singular case, and one in which the recovery of the nationt may be deemed miraculous. It was that of a gold watch being entirely shattered and driven into a man's body through the ribs and lungs, and of the pieces being afterwards extracted or ejected, and the recovery of the patient. The gentleman who survived this terrible injury is our townsman, R. Q. Drummond, Esqr., and he is now alive, and except the disqualification from physical labor, he is apparently well. On the 5th of January, 1841, he accidentally shot himself in the left side with a gun loaded with shot, the whole charge striking a gold watch in his pocket, and driving it into his body, through the lungs, breaking in its passage several of his ribs. The watch was of course torn to pieces, and the fragments scattered through the body, fortunately missing the heart. In two weeks from the accident some of the pie. ces were taken out, and at intervals from that time, for fifteen years afterwards, when the last piece was ejected from the mouth, after having caused one hundred hemorrhages by the violent fits of coughing. In this man-ner several pieces had previously been re-moved, and with the last Mr. Drummond's health began to improve, and he is now, as we have stated, apparently quite well. The wound in his side has never healed entirely up, and there still remains an orifice of about half an inch, through which the breath can be inhaled or expelled. A number of the fragments of the broken watch have been shown us by a friend, and are still mute witnesses of this terrible accident .- Norfolk Virginian,

The Dead Sea.

A NEW PICTURE-NOT SO DEAD AND DESO-LATE AS IT HAS BEEN PAINTED.

We descended the steep hills to the wild, sandy plain that stretches to the Dead Sea, and are soon cantering across the burning sand. Suddenly our guard motions us to stop. They profess to see robbers lurking behind some bushes near the shore, though we can see nothing, and believe it only a ruse on their part to get from us some backshish. While they go forward to reconnoitre, we move on slowly. Learning that the coast is clear, we gallop on and dismount on the shores of a lake whose waters look as clear and ripple as beautifully as do the waters of any other lake we have yet seen, all testimo-

to the contrary notwithstanding. Guide books speak extravagantly of death everywhere abounding in the waters and along the shores. "Not a flower, not a green willow nor a shrub anywhere to he seen ; its waters are rarely ruffled by a breeze. All is silence, gloom and death." The Dead Sea, as seen by us bore quite a different aspect. For miles along the shore, we rode through a thicket of shrubbery and willows as green as we ever found anywhere, and among the prettiest flowers which we carry with us are some which we plucked on the shores of the Dead Sea. That the waters are heavy and bitter, is true, for we tested them in bathing, but that they are rarely ruffled, we can not believe, as at the time of our visit there was but little breeze, yet the waves splashed on the pebbly beach, and in the distance their white crests looked like so many white swans .- Boston Traveller.

THE WIDOW'S WILES .- They tell about a blooming young widow who used to live next door to Mr. Smith, who was a widower and a timid man, whose mild eyes beamed blandly through his spectacles. The widow had a kindness for Smith, and he reciprocated it; although he had barely sufficient courage to carry on the campaign. So at last the widow pretended to be torribly afraid of thunder and lightning and whenever she saw a gust coming up she used to smooth her hair and rush into Smith's house.

Then, when she heard a peal of thunder, she would scream, rush up and throw her arms around the mild eyed Smith's neck and implore him to protect her. Mr. Smith always looked embarrased and anxious and said he would. Then she would faint, and Smith would feel half glad and half sorry .-About six thunder storms settled the business: and now she is Mrs. Smith. He is only sorry that her apprehensions of thunder and lightning were not realized. He says that if ever there was a woman who deserved to be torn to pieces by electricity, it is that widow. She has thunderstorms every day now in Smith's house, and it is lively and vigorous for Smith around there a reform school for meddlesome parents." since the widow took possession.

THE ACCURATE BOY .- There was a young man once in the office of a Western railway superintendent. He was occupying a position that four hundred boys in the city would have wished to get. It was honorable and it "paid well," besides being in a line of promotion. How did he get it? Not by having a rich father, for he was the son of a laborer. The secret was his beautiful accuracy. He began as an errand boy and did his work accurately. His leisure time he used in perfecting his writing and arithmetie, After a while he learned to telegraph

At each step his employer commended his accuracy, and relied upon what he did, because he was just right. And it is thus with every occupation. The accurate boy is the favored one. Those who employ men do not wish to be on the look-out, as though they were rogues or fools. If a carpenter must stand at his journeyman's elbow, to be sure that his work is done right, or if a cashier must run over his book keeper's columns is, "what next?" A country that can pro- he might as well do the work himself as to duce mountains of gold and silver, narrow employ another to do it that way; and it is gauge mules, tarantulas, flea-bitten dogs, and very certain that the employer will get rid mines of soap to wash the whole with, must of such an inaccurate workman just as soon

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A rural New York father has named one hapless child Ajax Telamon, and another

Agamemnon Achilles. A shrewd old lady compares her husband to a tallow candle, he always sputters and

smokes when he's put out. An undertaker in Mount Vernon advertises: Coffins made and repaired on short no-

In Manilla 25,000 women and girls work at cigar making at average wages of seven

cents per day. Why is a new born babe like the relief of Lucknow? Because it's the long expected

Conceit is said to be a better capital to start with in life than money. In it? Give

us capital. Get your sweetheart a new set of teeth as Christmas present," is the invitation of an advertising dentist.

Chicago is not likely to have its gift library "from modern British authors," and no one will be sorry for it. Lecturing is at a very low ebb in England.

Only noblemen or very distinguished parties can draw an audience. It is surmised that Dickens, as a reporter, did his reporting on 'Change-he has furish-

ed so many stock quotations. Some of the iron columns of the Boston. new post-office building are thirty-three feet high, and weigh over twelve thousand pounds

A paper, in puffing a certain soap, says it is the "best ever made for a dirty man's face. We have tried it, and therefore we ought to know.

A policeman asked a drunken æthiop whom he could scarcely see in the dim light of a cell, "Are you colored?" "Colored.

no; dis yer chile born so." "Is civilization a failure?" asks the chief rgan of the Democracy in Montano. Will contemporaries be kind enough to answer the momenteous questien?

A Western editor, in writing the obituary of a respectable citizen, says "that he has

gone to that undiscovered burn." Mary had a little lamb, She had it in the garden, And every time it wagged its tail,

It spoilt her Dolly Varden. An epitaph on a North Carolina mule is s follows:

Here lies a mule, blind as a bat, The more corn you'd give him, the less he'd grow fat : He belonged to the bummers of old Bill

Sherman, And mules like this we all say, durn 'em. An exchange has found out when Adam

vas married. Of course it was on his wedding Eye; most every body knew it be-Several people who have answered an ad-

ertisement promising a "correct likeness of. yourself, and your fortnne told,, for fifty cents, have received a three-cent mirror, and informed that they can tell their own fortunes by counting their money. The State Superintendent of Maine sent

out this question: "Can you suggest any amendments to the school law of the State? The School Committee of Mariaville answered: . "We recommend the establishment of

"Hello, Ben!" "Hello, back again! What d'ye wan't?" "How's yer folks this morning?"

"Purty well. Mother's smart as usual-Jim and Tom well-an' father died last

"Your father died?" "Yes; he kicked the bucket 'bout 12 o'clock, and I've got his watch! Say, just going up to prison to see cousin Joe hung, will ye go?"

There is a Methodist church which stands on the boundary line between Ohio and Pennsylvania, in such a way that the pulpit is in the former State and the pews in the latter. A Pennsylvania paper thereupon takes occasion to state that while the hearers are in one State their preacher is in another State discoursing on the future State.

A Detroit black bear got loose the other day, and cautiously approaching a man leaning against a hitching post, rose up and gave him a hug. Thinking it to be a man, he cried out: "What are you doing there? Get off my back, or I'll knock you into the middle of next week!', He was greatly "moved" when he found out who the man was, and stood not upon the order of his go-