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HARVEST HYMN.

Once more the liberal year laughs out... O richer stores than gold or silver... Once more with harvest song an I shout...

"John, Come Here!"

Pretty, plump Mrs. Archibald Steele wrote the following paragraph in one of her letters to her husband the other day: "John must come down here at once..."

Mr. Archibald Steele smiled when he put the letter of his wife in his waist coat-pocket, and, picking up the morning paper, scanned through his gold-rimmed spectacles the news of the day...

"Down to the sea-shore!" said John, getting a little hot and flushed. "Is it a very valuable parcel, sir?" "Well, perhaps your natural modesty may depreciate its worth..."

ously. "You will go down with me this very day. Even the ocean, when it confronted them, wore a wailing look. Upon the horizon a pile of clouds formed a background..."

"John," said Mr. Steele, "did you see the face of that man? I count upon your saving my life. Did you see his thin, cruel lips, and treacherous eyes?" "Only saw Laura, sir," said John, simply.

"That was I a pauper without home or friends?" "I told the story in my own way, John," continued Mr. Steele, "and I flatter myself I told it successfully..."

Why, papa, said Laura, "he must be a splendid fellow." "Magnificent!" said Mr. Steele. "You see, we had traveled over considerable of the world together, your mother and I..."

other side of the boat, and the officer cried out, "He's a regular water-dog, that Johnny Waters!" and these were the very words a gull here used in relation to John a minute or so ago.

London appears to be a rich hunting ground for persons of numismatic tastes. A private collector has recently added to his stores four curious coins, all discovered within six miles of Paul's Cathedral.

Wherever gambling was introduced it met immediately with the popular favor. In England, in the time of king John, throwing the dice was one of the principal diversions of the people.

Morris Ash has a pet a sturdy young wildcat. He is very tame, and between him and Mr. Ash's big dog a warm friendship exists, the two frequently playing and rolling over one another with their liveliest good nature and enjoyment.

A New Way of Ostrich Hunting.

When I first went out to South Africa, my great ambition was to shoot an ostrich; but although they were plentiful enough where we were, they seemed very wild and shy and would not come within shot.

For a moment I really thought I was mad, or else in a dream; and then it struck me that perhaps this might be one of their hunting tricks I had heard so much about; so I stepped forward and gave a halloo.

If Horace is to be trusted, the Romans in the time of Augustus understood the art of loading dice as well as the accomplished blackleg of this nineteenth century civilization.

At the Children's Home fair, a nice young man, sauntering around in the vicinity of the floral department, was suddenly accosted by a fair young girl, who held out a pretty rosegay to him and said:

American Anchovies and Chinese Oysters.

Eugene G. Blackford, of Fulton Market, New York, who found recently that whitebait had been caught in the neighborhood of New York, has just made another discovery or revival.

Like so many peculiar things in the Celestial Empire, the system of breeding the Chinese oyster differs widely from that pursued in Europe and America.

Recently the eastward bound train drew up to the little station of Richmond, on the Stonington (Conn.) Railroad, and a man of some seventy winters and a maiden of some twenty-five summers stepped to the platform.

"Allow me to offer you this button-hole bouquet, sir," and she presented it with bewitching grace. "A thousand thanks," said the young man bowing quite low, and taking the flowers from her pretty fingers.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

There is not an idle furnace in the Lebanon or Lehigh Valley, Pa. Foreign dolls alone paid Uncle Sam \$110,000 in duties in 1877. Gov. Robinson, of New York, is 81, and the oldest Governor in the land.