Ned Buntline Tells of a Famous Dash for a Rocket Battery.

In the winter of 1863 an infantry brigade, with Howard's Battery L. Third Artillery, and two battalions of cavalry, Eleventh Pennsylvania and First New York Mounted Rifles, all under Gen. Wessels, made a reconnoissance out from Suffolk, Va. on the Franklin road.

The mud was hub-deep to the gun carriages, and they had to double teams to get the guns along at all. The infantry spreading through the fields off the roads got along a little better-but it was hard marching and growlers were in the majority. About ten or twelve miles out the cavalry drove in a rebel picket ahead of us, and soon after we were checked by a heavy battle line of the men in gray.

The brigade was at once deployed and skirmishers were thrown out to feel the enemy while we waited for the guns to come up. They were far in the rear and there was no telling when they could be got to the front.

Suddenly from a little knoll in front of the rebel position a rocket battery. a recent importation on an English blockade-runner, opened sharp upon us. The huge rockets tearing and hissing through the trees and underbrush scared the cavalry horses fearfully and the men were scared about as badly. Not one in a hundred of them had ever seen a rocket, except such as are used in fireworks, and the borrible missiles appeared worse than they really were.

The writer had seen Congreve rockets used to repel a Seminole attack on Fort Dallas, near Key Biscayno, in 1839, and probably he was about the mansion. only one in command who knew what such a battery could do. Gen. Wessels was furious. We could only reply to the rockets with musketry. A deep stream and a muddy flat ahead of us made a cavalry charge next to impossible and the infernal rockets were literally demoralizing the men.

Suddenly an old sergeant, who est in his saddle at the head of twenty mounted scouts, road up to Gen. Wes-

sels, saluted, and said:
"General, it you let me try it I think I can get in on the flank of that rocket battery under ever of these woods and take it, if you'll keep up a a fire front till I charge, and then sup-port me by a forword movement!" "Try it, Sergeant, try it!" soid the

General earnestly. In a minute the mounted scouts filed off to the rear, load by the Sergeant, end were soon out of sight. The whole line now opened a heavy fire, and the men in the rocket battery had a shower of lead sem in among them at long range, to which they answered as fast as they could work their rockets. Twenty minutes passed by, and then. through his glass, Gen. Wessels saw the scouts in the edge of the woods, not 300 yards from the rear of the

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with his rifle at a present. The next instant, swift as a flight of arrows, they were seen plunging forward over dry ground upon the rocketmen, and at the same instant, ceasing to fire. Wessels ordered his whole line forward with the bayonet.

The surprise was so sudden and complete that the battery and the men who worked it were in the hands of the scouts in less than a minute, and with a cheer our whole line crossed the creek and held dry ground on the other side with the captured battery in their midst. The Confederates were driven back nearly half a mile before they rallied and made it so hot for us that we had to slow up and skirmish

while our guns were coming forward. We had the rocket battery now, out none of our men or officers knew how to work it to advantage, so we could not use it on the enemy. So we had to keep peppering away with rifles and muskets till near night and then our gans were up. The Confederates then fell back to their fortified lines near Franklin and we drew off and returned Oed the planter. to Suffolk, pretty well worn out with Virginia mud.

And that is the brief history of the only rocket battery I ever fell in with from '61 to '65. It was rough but not half so dangerous as it seemed, for it could not be handled like shot and shell and sent where it could do the NED BUNILINE. most harm.

# The Planchette.

There are some indications that the mysterious little planchette board, like roller skating, is coming into fashion again. No adequate explanation of it has ever been received, though many have been offered. The construction is as you see, a plain, heart-shaped cedar board fixed upon two metal legs. to which are adjusted wheels that move easily and lightly in all directions. At the point of the heart a hole is made, and a sort of round case is fixed to hold an ordinary pencil firmly. That is all there is of it.

Put a pencil at the point, as you see, put two hands upon the board, as you also see. After keeping the hands lightly and quietly in their places a few minutes, planchette will often begin te write. It usually scribbles out yes and no. and senseless gabble of one sort or another, to which no importance must be attached. It is claimed positively, however, that the board has written intelligent answers to questions, which those holding their hands upon it could not possibly be aware of. It may be. But, before believing this is true, ask some questions and see for yourself. It is one of those cases in which the word of no second person must be taken. Above all, do not have any superstitions about the thing, taking for granted

that the writing is done by spirits. Planchette is merely a puzzle, to be investigated as any other scientific subject would be, on the same sort of evidence, and weighed by the same judgment. Don't admit the element of humbug and witcheraft and nonsense and superstition into your soul. Thus you will not be likely to lose your head, even when amusing your self with planchette. It is a fascinating study in psychological science, noth ing more. It may be that there are powers and forces in the human organization that have hitherto been undevelopsome marvelous discoveries in mental

science. So much it is safe to admit. The board writes best in the position shown, with two hands, a right and left, upon it. What does the writing nobody knows. The best authorities have concluded that it is done unconsciously by the person whose hands are upon the board. A nervous fluid is supposed to pass from the hands and form a current that moves the board. The explanation at best is a lame one. But this much is certain: Planchette writing as an entertainment can do no harm as long as the experimenter does not let go his common sense and put a superstitious faith in its revelations. - Utica Observer.

## Showing him the Sights.

The passion of the true Californian is to show the stranger around and make the most of San Francisco. Sometimes it does not matter how poorly grounded the enthusiast may be in the geography of the city or the personality of its prominent men. If a live son of the climate, he will never give in. Yesterday a gentleman, who hailed from south market street, wandered with a new arrival over Nob hill, and was giving his friend from the ould dart cords of fine, free, nontaxable information.

"Why, in some parts tis a foiner city than Waterford," remarked the new acrival, admiringly. "And who lives there, Dinis?"

Dinis did hot know, but he was equal to the occasion. "What house do you mean, Mickey?" he asked, sparring for time.

"That big house over there," said the new arrival, indicating the Colum "Oh, Dave MacClure lives there."

said Dinis promptly. "He's a great politician and very rich." "Faith, then, rich he must be to live in such a great bonse," said the stranger usetuously, "An' whose place is that, Dinis?" pointing to the Hopkins house.

"That's Coroner O'Dompell's" said Dinis confidently, "en that place there that brown-stone house, is building for Judge Toohy, en that (leveling bis finger at Mr. Cowker's bouse) is Tom Scanlan's lot."

"En who's Tom Scanlan?" "Won of our countromen, Micky.

Herues the water front." The stranger was sfient for some moments, doubtless contemplating the greatness of the owners of these lordly palaces.

"En how does this compare with Watherford, Micky?" asked his friend, evidently disappointed at the obsence of any expression of wonder.

"Fairly, only fairly, Dinois," said the new arrival celmly. The honor of Waterford was safe in his bands. As the pair passed down California street, Dinis, driven to desperation at the nil admirari condition of his friend, was telling bim that there was a telebattery, ready to charge, every men scope in the Telegraph bill observatory through wich people could tell the color of the whisters of the man in the moon.

"Arra, what good would that do 'unp Dinis?' said the iscorrigible.
"What good would that do 'um if
they could not spake to him?" This was too much for the cicerone. He lapsed into a gloomy silence and let Micay here it all his own was, discoursing of the "power of the quality" in Weterford -San Francisco Atta.

# A Store of Increasurage.

The building itself is on the site of the old Washington hotel. The hotel, by the way, was built on the ground once occupied by the mansion of Nathaniel Prime, the Jay Gould of fifty years ago. It may be added, parenthetically, this same banker, Prime, once, when a poor young man, went to a southern planter on a visit at the time to New York, and asked for a loan of \$5,000.

"What security can you give?" ask-"The word of an nonest man," answered Prime.

The planter eyed him for an instant, and then replied: "You shall have it." This sum goe Nathanel Prime his great start in life, and he soon paid the debt. Years roiled on, and he became the leadingObanker of the city. One day the planter who had befriended him at the outset of his career came to him in poverty and asked him for the loan of the same sum that he had lent Prime so opportunely. The bank-er remembered him well, but asked:

"What security can you give?"
"The word of an honest," answered the planter, echoing Prime's own words of years before.

"That won't do in Wall street," was the banker's reply.

The planter seemed dazed by such an answer, and left without a word. The man who was capable of such ingratitude had become a miser, a monomaniae on the subject of money, and in his old age, becoming insane in the midst of wealth over the thought that he might by some possibility die poor, committed suicide by cutting his throat in his mansion that occupied the site, as already stated, of the present Washington building.-New York Cor. Portland Oregonian.

Faith in One's Mission. "What has impressed us most," said M. Renan to M. de Lesseps, "is your faith in your mission. The greatest art consists in knowing how to do great things with small means." The words are golden. They are worthy to be enshrined in the immortal utterances of the times. Faith, and that power of personal conviction that informs and inspires it, supplements all visible means with the infinite power of the seal of achievement upon motive and deed .- Boston Transcript.

# Soiar Heat.

The light's intensity at the sun's surface is 190,000 times that of a candle flame, 5.800 times that of metal in a Bessemer converter, 146 times that of a calcium light, or threefourths times that of an electric arc. The temperature, according to Rosette, is about 18,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The mechanical equivelent of the solar radiation, continuously acted in all but a few exceptional cases. ing, is nearly 10,000 horse power par It may be that we are on the verge of square foot of solar surface.

Hobbies of the Hygieniots.

There were several dozen of the hygienists in council, each with his individual hobby. Each thought all the others were wrong. Each was sure that his own hobby was the only correct one. A gentleman present said he had taken Brown's Iron Bitters for debility and dyspepsia, and though he didn't want to make a fuss about it, he knew the use of this great tonic to be better than all the notions he had heard advanced in the council. One practical cure is worth thousands of guesses and notions. Thousands of happy convalescents speak gratefully of Brown's Iron Bit-

### What Stumped Him.

"Didn't I hear you say the other day, Gilhooly, that you always keep a spare cigar about you for your friends?" asked

"Yes, that's what I said," "I am one of your friends, ain't I?"

" Certainly."

"Well, then, hand out that eigar." "It is singular how stupid some Galveston folks are. If I give you the cigar, how can I keep it about me? Besides, if I give you the cigar, and another friend comes and claims it, and I've not got it, then he will think I am a liar. I guess I had better smoke it myself to

# prevent hard feeling. Have you got a The Famous Notre Dame.

match ?'- Galveston News.

On the 30th of last January the Sisters of the most noted Catholic ladies' seminary in the United States, the Notre Dame, at Govanstown, near Baltimore, Md., made public a card certifying to the beneficial results atinstitution. They state that they found it efficacious alike for relieving coughs, oppressions on the chest and irritation the throat. Officials of the boards of health of Brooklyn, Baltimore and other cities have likewise proclaimed the virtues of this new discovery, which is entirely free from opiates, poisons and other objections.

### A Deadly Breakfist

At Lexington, Va., James Johnson, well-known negro, made a bet at the breakfast-table that he could eat more fruit than any one present. Silas Jones and Peter Lindsay took up the bet; and all three set to work eating peaches, apples, watermelons, and grapes. Johnson won his bet, having eaten a whole watermelon and a half, one dozen peaches, twelve bunches of grapes, and four large apples. He was taken sick an hour after and died the same evening.

### A Lucky Man.

Great excitement has prevailed here over \$5,000 having been drawn in the last drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery, May 12th, and we sent our reporter to personally interview the lucky man. He found him, when the following conversation took place:

What is your name and occupation? H. N. Chandler, bridge carpenter. Do you live here? Yes. I board at the Slacker House and room in one of the cottages near the park.

How long have you been patronizing the Louisiana Lottery? Ever since my accident last December. Was it you that we reported lyiog at

the Slacker House last New Year's day with a broken arm? Yes; while in the company's employ-

ment I tell from the top of an ice house. injuring myself very seriously. Is it true that you severed your conmeetion with the company the day you

heard of your good luck? No; I continued at my wanal employment until to-day when I had a misunderstanding, and left.

Where did you purchase the ticket? Direct from M. A. Dauphin, manager of the company at New Orleans. It was a one-fifth ticket of \$25,000.

When did you first learn that your ticket had won a prize? I saw it in the Kansas City Times.

Had you any trouble in getting the \$5,000? None whatever. I asked Adams Express Co. to collect it, and it came all right without any delay.

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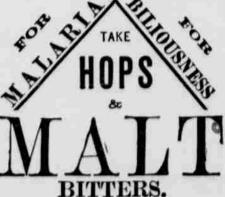
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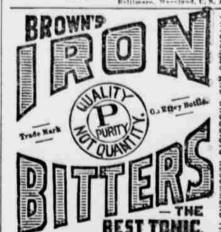
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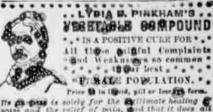
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