DESOLATE CITY IS NISHAPUR

Home of Writ r of the Rubalyat One of the figure Forbidding Spots on Earth.

The isolated city of Nishapur, to Persia, was the home of the Persiat best known of all his nation to the western world-Onear, surnames Khayyam, or the Tentmaker, author of the Rubniyat. The poet is still one of the great historic figures in his an cient city, but he is remembered there not as a poet or a tentmaker but as a sage, philosopher, astronomer and mathematician.

Nishapur iles in a barren upland plain, many days' overland journey from the nearest railroad point. It is envireled by mountains, most of which are low and barren. The northern range, however, rises to a consider able beight, and through many months of the year its peaks are white with snow. The lower slopes have a corious reddish tint, due to Iron in the earth, so that rare and delicate color combinations are formed at dawn and

Looking southward from his city, Omar saw a level, featureless plain, depressingly trectors, suve for here and there a clump of slender poplars. The winter turned it to a lifeless gray in the summer, pittless smilight and choking dust termented the eyes. Only for a brief spring season did the fresh green of growing crops, the cool mist the rainbow gienns of pule color free the mountains lend the vista metaneholy charm. Beyond the plain rose another row of low bills, and beyoud that, he knew, stretched the endless desert. Each year a few weeks of Joy and beauty; between insustall and desert a few miles of half kindly man tilled earth-bits of respite that hardly broke the hostile round of he ture-it is easier to understand the definnt pessimism of the Rubalyal after seeing Nishapur, -- Chicago Daily

#### GREAT POET'S LIFE UNHAPPY

John Milton, Wonderfully Gifted Intel lectually, Was Yet a Man of Many Serrows.

The great English poet, Milton, b described at the age of sixteen at "a holarly, accomplished and as land some a youth as St. Paul's had sen furth." That was at the age when having that and propagatory actions, to was rendy for the university.

He was been on Broad street. Lar don. If a father was a man of education, with a decided talent for maste Million inherited all his esthetic qualcollegs railed him "the fady," though ognized his intellectuality. Exer at that rested, long before he was he contemplated writing the great "Paradise Lost," which was not finished, it happened, for forty years.

During that long lapse of time Mitton had marted life reputation by the twin poeses, "Il Pensermon" and "L'Ab begro; and tourried a mere child of tilrard call; bad written store stirrio purepidets; but almost been litted to opposing the leading policies; had remarried and been left a widowagenth; buil boot his night; had found the three seglected children of life fire marriage but toothel disturbiers; but Hved in terrible landinger in spite of libs great times and and lown personal ed to suggest a third time, for the sake of helps booked afford

He was an old time when the great "Primitive Lost" appeared, which is valled "one of the Year monuments works of the world, and his depti followed some for years later,

### How Tosts Repulsed Bore.

Many famous singers were pupils of Total. During one of the business of his mornings, when he had a long the of singing lessons to get through, knock entire at the thor or no day His valet being (it. Tool) went to the door himself. A lody, strange to him stood on the threshold, "Suggest Tautiff she inquired. Tool bowed. "Ob," said the lady. "I am singing your soon, "My Memories," at Manchester (might, and I want you kindly to row tirrough I with me." "Madam," answered Tour, politely but firmly, "I fear it is his provible. I have two populs with me now, and a third is waiting as the same room, while others will arrive short "But you must," the body persist ed. "I am surry-" begon Total again, when he suddenly received a violent push backwards, and the lady walked fufo the studio. Test! followed, protesting. After a long argument, which threatened every monorit to become heated, the lady snapped out: "Vers well, then, I shan't some your song! "Madam," said Tooth talking her by the hand, "I am infinitely obliged to you." The lady gave him one look and

### Sit Brice and Football,

In November is the region of St. Brice, who may be called the potcon saint of football players, not glone be entise his feast day comes during the season of the gridiron game, but for quite another reason. St. Belge's day was long generally observed in Fine land, and to the year 1002 the celebra tion took the ferry of a general massa ere of the Danes. It was in that day, according to tradition, that the Paglish game of fastbull was invented, with the bead of a Dane as the bull St. Brice, of course, wax not respond ble for elling the paromere or the four ball game, loading died some als you turies before He was a bishop of Tours and head he one first century.

### REVIEW'S LEGAL BLANKS

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FROM BEGINNING OF TIME

If we recall the teaching of geology

Origin of Atmosphere Goes Back to Events Occurring Tens of Millions of Years Ago.

and astronomy, telling us how the earth was once too hot to sustain life, we shall see that the mixture of gases that covers the solid surface of the earth, and that we familiarly call air. must have had a very interesting history. According to one widely accepted theory of the earth's origin, all that we know now as the solid earth. and all the liquid matter that now fills the ocean beds was once gaseous. The gases of the atmosphere are simply composed of these particuiar elements which are gaseous at the present temperature of the earth's surface, which have not entered into complete combination with the solld matter of the earth's crust. and which have not been whisked away into space by contrifugal force, this being the fate that is supposed to have befallen the former atmosphere of the moon, and some of the lighter constituents of our own atmosphere. In the past when the earth's temperature was much higher, and when unny other conditions were different, it is more than probable, for instance, that, long before man appeared, the proportion of carbon dioxide in the air was much bigher than at present. This would account for the extreme luxuriance of vegetation, to which that rose after the early rains and every lump of coal bears witness, the partionic acid of the nir being one of the most Important constituents of the food of plants. Again, it is quite certain that, at a very much more remote period, which must certainly date lack tens of millions of years, the temperature of the earth's surface was so hot that water could not occar in its liquid form. At that time one of the most important and abundunt constituents of the earth's atmosphere was gaseous water, or water

### LAUGHED AT OWN CARICATURE

Charles Dickens Has Been Called Vain, but This Story Seems to Prove Otherwise.

The reproduction of a very rare carcarnre pertrait of Dickens appeared in a recent number of Dickensian, William Miller was the author of the portrait, which was advertised for in vain by F. G. Kitton, more than twenty years ago, for insertion in his "Charles Dickens by Pen and Pencil," says Christian Science Monl-Dickens first saw the portrait in question when walking along Piccadilly with Disraell one day. He was vastly annused, and, entering the shop, bought several copies, one of which was sent to the Hon. Mrs. Richard Watson at Rockingham. In a letter written from Gad's Hill place he says: "I hope you may have seen a largehended photograph with little legs representing the undersigned. It has just sprung up so abundantly in all the shops that I am ashamed to go about town looking in at the picture windows, which is my delight. It be extraordinarily ludierous and a better likeness than the portrait lone in earnest. It made me laugh when I first came upon it, until I

#### People Eat Too Much. Life would not be near the struggle

deseit ngada, in open, sunlighted Pic-

it is if we did not eat so much, observes a writer in Ohio State Journal. It does not require very much toil to are caough food to keep soul and andy logether. And then, what is the Setter part of it, is that the soul and body kept together on just as little food as necessary make for each other the very best company. Just once give the body more food than it needs and see how the soul protests. Just enough and no more is the doctrine of life and health. We rend the other day of great English author describing his persistent diet, which was bread and butter and fruit. On that he lived, theixed and did his great work and is happy. The idea that stuffing the stomach conduces to health and trough is not to be trusted, and espetilly where auxious mothers cram the title bodies of their children with all kimis of treacherous food to make them grow fat.

### Snowball Fight at Elmwood.

There is a charming picture of a mowhall fight at Elmwood, with the three young nephews, in Lowell's esay, "A Good Word for Winter," writen in 1870.

"Already, as I write, it is twentyold years ago. The balls fly thick and first. The uncle defends the waist-bigh ramparts against a storm of nephews, his breast plastered with corntions like another Radetsky's. How well I recall the indomitable good humor under fire of him who fell in the front at Ball's Bluff; the illent perfinacity of the gentle scholar who got his last hurt at Pair calls; the arder in the charge of the aliant gentleman who, with the cath wound in his side, headed his wigode at Cedar Creek! How it all omes back and they never came!"

### A Truthful Grocer.

"I presume these eggs are strictly resh?" suggested the housewife as she soled around in her pockerbook for a follow bills

"Well, they were strict in their outh" responded the truthful grocer, "but eggs is like a great many people, you know. Some of 'em kinder relaxes as they gets older, ma'am."

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FOOTBALL IS ANCIENT SPORT

Was Popular Among the Old Romans and Also Found Some Favor With the Florentines.

Can you imagine Julius Caesar playing quarterback on the Rome university eleven, or Brutus skirting the ends in those days when the forum was as busy as a three-ring circus? No? Nevertheless it was a probability, for it appears now that football originated with the Romans.

A few uneducated persons used to think that football was of Greek invention; but Trench and Camp's trained news hounds, aided by Italian propagandists, have fastened it on Rome. The Romans, not really know ing that it was football, called it "calclum." It appears to have been a goodly, rough-going game, full of spirit, feet and broken elbows, played more on the soccer order than the Rugby style in common favor.

With the fall of the Roman empire calcium" also fell out of the spotlight, not to appear in favor until the time of the Florentines and their Medicis. There is no record of Machiavelli having participated in the games, but we imagine that if he did he played a foxy, clever game. Glovanni de Bardi, s weil-known Florentine newspaper man, wrote as follows in 1550;

"The calcio (later name) is a public game played between two groups of young men on foot, not armed, who playfully compete in making a ball, by means of their feet, pass outside of a certain fine back of the opposite The ball is mediocre in size, group. filled with wind, and the game is played purely for the honor of win-

#### CATALONIA GREAT SEA POWER

Spanish Province Centuries Ago Held Undisputed Naval Sway-People Still Proud of Achievements.

The Moors were expelled from Barcelona in the ninth century. Catalonia had more than four centuries' start over Seville and six over Malaga. It is little wonder, therefore, that Spanish enterprise, if such a term is applicable, is seen at its best in Catatonta, because it has had a real opportunity to express itself. Catalonia has always looked beyond its geographical limits. It has, in fact, looked seaward. It was on the waves that the men of Barcelona found riches and glory. They were the rivals of the Plsans. Genoese and Venetians, and Barcelona can beast of a navat history as great perhaps as theirs. Catalonia for a time held away of the sea and it was only upon the consolidation of Spain at the beginning of the six teenth century and the rise of the great modern states that the city was eclipsed as a sea power. The Catalonians, proud of their achievements, looked with little favor upon Columbus' discovery of America, an enter-prise which had been promoted by neighboring Castile.

### The Razor in History.

In trucing the history of shaving it should be sufficient to go back to the Greeks and Romans, upon whose civilization our own is based. Beards were highly esteemed among the former up to the time of Alexander the Great who was smooth shaven. One reason for the abolition of the beard among soldiers was the fact that it afforded the enemy something to lay hold of At an earlier period the wearing of certain types of helmet and gorget had protected the beard. The Romans were beards down to the time of the Gallie wars, while the Gauls, albeit barbarians, were smooth shaven save for the mustache. The antiquity of barber shops and razors in Rome is variously given by historians. Some have claimed that the first barber shop, at least in that part of the world, was opened in Sicily in 300 B. C., while other authorities make this date for earlier or later. The Sicilian seems to have been the first burber.

### Lucky Kiss.

A man named Winch, a butcher of Sydney, N. S. W., recently took the liberty of kissing a handsome girl who was one of his customers. She resented the affcont, and Winch was prosecuted. He was fined heavily by the board of magistrates, and lengthy notices of the case appeared in the press. The publicity given to the procoedings happened to attract the notice of a firm of solicitors in Sydney. who had been appointed trustees of certain property which had been left to Winch by a distant relative some years before, the solicitors up to then having been unable to flud any trace of the missing heir. Winch was communicated with by the firm, and, having duly established his identity, be came the possessor of a snug little fortune.

### Wonderful View From Stirling.

It is from the top of a sheer cragmore than 400 feet above the sea, that the famous "links" of the Forth may be seen to best advantage. It is always a wonderful view from Stirling castle, wonderful for its sheer beauty and wonderful, too, for the wealth of history which surrounds every town and village which dots the plain. through which the river winds on picking up the light here and there, vanishing into the haze of the distance, and then emerging again as the mist, maybe, suddenly cises; whilst far away on the eastern horizon, just a gray or the against the sky, is the Forth bridge, where the river has given way to the Firth.

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### NOTED MEN NAMED WILLIAM

Long List of Those Who Attained the Front Rank as Writers, Poets and Statesmen.

and the majority of those Williams men, but rarely numbelsum, for William is evidently not a unstead name,

The list of poets is a long one: Willlam Shahespeare, the greatest English writer; William Cowper, the English need who wrote "On Receipt of My Morber's Picture;" William Wordsworth, the English poet, who wrote "Lucy Grey;" William Blake, who wrote "The Marriage of Hell and Reaven;" William Collings the English writer; William Morris, the pro-Raphaelite, who began life as a designer, incented the morris chair and translated several volumes from the Irelandic; William Allingham, the Irish post, who wrote "Lovely Mary Donnally;" William Years, the Irish playeright, and the American poet, William Cullen Beyont, who wrote

"Lines to n Water Powt." Besides these poets we have the press writers: William Makepeace Timeherny, England's second greatest novelist, and who wrote "Vanity Fair;" William Rossetti, brother of Dante Cabriel Ressetti, and the great ari critic; William Dean Howells, the American novelist; William Hall Caine, the nevelist known as Hall Caine, and William Sharp, the Irish writer, who wrote under the name of Fiona Macheod.

### Bernhardt and Rostand.

Mme. Bernhardt's admiration for Edmond Restand was due in part at beast to natural human gratitude. When once a guest of the great netress nt Belle Isle, her lonely fsland home near Quilleren, the distinguished dramatist had rescued her from drawning. But apart from this she always swore by him. I have heard her rhapsodize in terms that seemed extravagant about his genius. He was to her the beginning and end of that form of the drama in which she had excelled as an interpreter. She leved him as a reaction visible against realism, as a protest against lisen and a renewer of the flamboyant in art. Yet who can doubt that when Restand is forgotten men will know Ibseu? The romantic episode at Belle Isle merely strengthened Mme. Bernhardt's profound and touching faith in this follower of Hugo,-Exchange.

### Getting Down to Business.

If there's any one thing that marks the blg man it is his ability to get down to business. While the average follow sits drumming at his desk the man of skill starts things. There may be a thousand things to do, but they will be done sooner if they are done one at a time. It's a fine thing to be able at a glance to spot the essential and go at it. The next best thing is to get busy at the job that seems to be most argent and put that on the shelf a finished product. You are then ready for the next thing. But it's just the lack of this ability that puts the sprags in post men's progress. They are confused by the many things to be done. Instead of getting busy at once they waste time in wondering call to accomplish things.

### FORERUNNER OF THE BICYCLE

Velocipede Was Considered a Swift-Moving Vehicle When First Introduced into This Country.

The velocipede made its appearance attend at Bickner Hall, There have been more famous Will- in Washington 50 years ago, much have ing been heard of this new devices which had developed a vertiable fever have been writers, poets and states. In France. In an article in the Wash lington Star of November 20, 1868, it was noted that the use of this vehicle had been 'brought to such perfection said:

> "Lately the velocipede has been introduced in this country, and our going Americans, who at one time: had the boxing mania, followed by the baseball mania, are now going strong on the velocipede, and it will doubtless have its run nil over the country. Graham, the entringe denier on D. street between 5th and 6th, has just imported a first-class velocipede, and it is an object of great affraction of his establishment. It is a manet, stylbeh looking affinir, but very simple in its working. It can be run most rapid ly with two wheels, but it is convert lible to a three-wheeler. The working of it brings in play most of the muscles of the body, and it is said to be very lealthful. From the facility with: which it is steered or turned, it can he used on any sidewalk or gravel walk. The gravel walks of the Smithsonian would be just the thing for ve-French style, introduced in this country by the Hanlon brothers, gym-

## TENNYSON NOT IDEAL HOST

Great A tist Who Was to Paint Portrait of Laureate Got Somewhat Dublous Reception.

Sir Hubert von Herkomer, R. A., who once went to Freshwater for the purpose of getting sittings for a portrait of the laurente:

"Getting to the station rather late. I left my things there, not knowing what sort of reception I might get After I had been received by Mr. Hallam Tennyson, the present Lord Ton pyson, old Tennyson came shuffits in-he had a shuffling way of walking because he was near-sighted - and shook hands with me.

"I have your coming,' he said; 'I cannot abide sitting." "That did not seem very promising However, after he had conversed for

some time he said:

"'Where are your things?' "I explained, and thereupon he got up, rang the bell, and told a servant to fetch my luggage. "You had better put up here, he I buy or sell St. Johns Property

snid. "I felt I was getting along. eleven o'clock I went to my room, still wondering whether I would succeed in my mission or not. Shortly afterward there came a rap at the door and I said. 'Come in.' turned around and saw

Tennyson standing in the door. He

suid: "I believe you are honest. Good night!" and thereupon departed. "It was his way of making amends for the rather dubious way in which he had first met me."

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