

## MY PHANTOM.

There's a wrinkled old man called Care, With thin and scragly hair, Who stands by my side all day And follows me everywhere.

In the night I wake with a start. I find him there at my bed: I'm chilled by his stony game, And my prayers are left unsaid

When I stretch my hands toward the light And the promise bow seems near, I shudder in sudden dread As I see this ghost appear.

Elis checks are sunken with age; His eyes are hollow and dim; His breath I breathe in the air, And I'm growing to look like him.

Go where I will or may, This old man holds me fast, And so it will ever be As long as my life shall last. -Leontine Stanfield in Opera.

# WELSH SUPERSTITIONS.

They Associate Spectral Hounds With Mountain Storms.

One of the many curious superstitions of the Welsh peasantry is that of Cron Annwn, or "the spirit hounds of the When a storm rages over the nir." mountains of Wales, the peasant will tell you that his ear can discern the howl of the Cron Annwn mingled with that of the wind, but sufficiently clear and distinct to admit of no mistake of what it is.

These "spirit hounds," he tells yon, are the spectral dogs which hunt the souls of the dead, or which foretell, by their expectant cry, the approaching death of some person of evil deeds. Few, of those who pretend that they readily distinguish the set

1.00 mey say, "who would antil such specters dawned upon the sight?" They are described by Faliesin, and also in the "Mabinogion," where it is said they are of a clear, shining white, with red ears. The above ms to be the universal description, and on that account the author of 'Mythology of the Ancient Druids' gives it as his opinion that they are "mystical transformations of really Druidish priests, with their white robes and red tiaras."

In the popular superstitions of Ireland, where a similar belief in spectral hounds exists, they are said to be "jet black, with eyes and teeth of fire." Old Con McMichael, who murdered 20 persons in the early part of the fifteenth century, and who got rid of his victims by burning their bodies, is said to have been eaten by spectral dogs "that could be seen high in the air awfully rending and tearing his flesh." One of the peculinrities of the Cron Annwn, according to the Rev. Edmund James, is that the farther away they are the louder their cries appear, the sound decreasing as they draw near.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

# Weighting Silk.

Some improvements in the treatment of silk are noted. Ordinarily silk is

A PLAGUE OF PARIS. The Wild Dogs of the Days of the Reign

So many startling events happened from day to day during the reign of terror that the apparition of wild dogs in Paris is commonly overlooked. But it was quite natural. The greater part of those grandees who fied or went in to hiding kept dogs, and very few of them were able to make any arrangement for the poor beasts when they left home

The dogs, abandoned, took to the streets, of course, and shortly they began to congregate in two packs, one occupying the Champs Elysees and one the Bois de Boulogne. Soon they became a public danger. Carlyle pokes fun at Santerre, the brewer, who proposed a

law that all dogs should be hanged; he had not noticed the paragraphs in the newspapers telling how people had been attacked in the Champs Elysees.

At length the situation became really grave, as is easily understood when thousands of starving animals have to find subsistence in a starving city. Many of them were wolf hounds and of powerful fighting breeds. So in September 1793; drastic measures were taken against the Champs Elysees pack.

Two battalions of the national guard urrounded the area, leaving a gap toward the Rue Royale, while multitudes of ragamuffins beat the cover. The game was driven up the Rue Royale to t Place Royale, where troops a

A certain Gaspardin received orders to clear them away, and he, short of means, applied for the royal equipages. It was a timely jest, greeted with ap-planse. So M. Gaspardin packed the dead dogs neck and heels in gilded

the second dogs lay in

coaches as full as they would hold and made a state procession through delight-ed Paris. — Pearson's Weekly.

#### HIS GRACE'S SUSPENDERS.

Clever Ruse by Which Wellington's Auto

graph Was Secured. It is well known that toward the latter years of the Duke of Wellington's life it was next to impossible to coax or wheedle his autograph out of him. All the stratagems used to get a reply from him to letters failed; he either did not answer them at all or directed his private secretary to do so, and thus the famons signature of "Wellington" became a rarity highly prized by collectors. Apropos of this Answers tells of a

London lady who had an album garnished with the autographs of most of the great men of the day, but wanted that of the "Great Captain." She mentioned her distress to a friend, a certain Mr. H., and a few days after he, to her great surprise and pleasure, brought her a note from the hand of the victor of Waterloo. It ran thus:

"Field Marshal the Duke of Welling-"weighted" by depositing tannate of ton never ordered a pair of braces of the tin on the fiber; the material receives a Messrs. Simpkin. If F. M. the Duke of the great masters is against this view. term a failure if he has not been a true

PRIMITIVE FERRIES.

direction with the stream, the current

slowly carries the load over to the op-

ance, however, is in use very sparingly.

ing distance of the bank he begins to

In the course of time there is an au

let his voice out with:

"O-o-ov-er !"

"Whoop-ee!"

wering:

FICTION AND MORALS. How Travelers In the Osark Country Cross the White River. HALL CAINE POINTS THE MORAL WAY have no quarrel with the bridge build-

Ples For the "Moral Nude In Fiction." Hugo, Tolatol and Scott the Greatest Novelists of This Century-The Writer's Aim the Great Test.

IN THE NOVEL.

Before the Nineteenth Century club, in New York, the other evening, Hall gates at the ends. At a few of the most Caine, the novelist, delivered a literary sermon. His subject was "Moral Re-sponsibility In the Novel and the requented north and south roads a cable has been stretched from the tree tops high enough to escape the steamboat Drama," and his treatment of it was a chimneys. The boat is attached by plea for liberty of conscience in fiction. ropes, bow and stern, to a pulley run-

The audience saw before them a man apparently about 40 years old, of medium height, rather slender and with something of a stoop in the shoulders that suggested years of sedentary occupation. The tawny hair and beard were the first things noticed about the face; then the tremendous domelike forehead asserted its pre-eminence. So broad is the novelist's forehead that the whole face seems to slope away from it sharply. The eyes

are well set and expressive, and the face, as a whole, one of extreme sensitiveness and nervous power. This impression of nervousness is borne out by the hands,



HALL CAINE ing but few gestures. His voice was low, but clear, except at the end of the

quarter. evening, when it became a triffe husky. Mr. Caine read his address. He said in part:

"There are writers who tell us that such light forms of literature as the novel and the drama ought to have no moral responsibility whatever. These writers are of two classes. First, there are those who think of a novel as Johnson defined it in his dictoinary, 'A The smooth tale, generally of love. second class are those who think too meanly of all forms of imaginative writing to allow either novel or drama place among the works that have anything to do with serious thought or the real facts of life. But there are other writers who are so far from wanting the novel and drama to be a sugar candy kind of literature that they are forever asking the remorseless German question, 'To what end?' Then there are those who say the duty of a story teller is to tell stories, not to preach sermons. The novel should be no more moral than a story in 'The Arablan Nights.' Art and morality have nothing to do with each other. When the novelist or dramatist presents his characters, he should stand aside from them; he should disappear; he should annihilate himself.

French authors at the present moment.

Fine ice means very cold weather then comes a high old time in skating rinks and The navigators of the White river skating ponds, on slides and rides, and we ave no quarrel with the bridge build go home tired and overheated. It's the ers. From Newport, below Batesville, for 200 miles, not a pier profanes the channel. Transportation from side to side is by ferry. There is a crossing every mile or two. Quaint and primitive some of the methods are. Most of the ferryboats are small, flat bottomed craft, without railings on the sides or

I saw a lordly Briton In a most unscemity pet, Quote 1, "Are you Dunraven ?" And he answered, "No, not yet."

HIGH. LOW JACK

ning on this cable. When one line is

lengthened to give the boat an angling There is a class of people, rational enough in other respects, who are certainly monomaniacs in dosing themselves. They are constantly trying experiments upon their stomachs, thei posite bank. Such a labor saving applibowels, their livers and their kidneys with Most of the ferrying is done by hand with the pole and sweep. As the Ozark country traveler approaches within hail-

Bacon-That lawyer you recommended is not a man of his word. Expert-Why not? "He told me that I could talk freely to him, and look at the bill he's sent me!"

DON'T TOBACCO SPIT OR SMOKE YOUR LIFE AWAY

"Whoop-ee!" The ferryman comes slowly down the bank, with his brother, or his son, or with somebody else's son whom he has persualed it is great fun to help run a ferryboat. Travelers in the Ozark coun-try have often commented on the dis-proportionate frequency with which the boat is at the bank opposite to that

approached. And ferrymen all agree DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

is from the direction necessitating a trip across and back to collect one fare. There is time enough to meditate on this problem while the ferryman slowing caused by an inflamed condition of the solution of the formation of the second states in the second state

ais problem while the the poles his frail craft along the poles his frail craft along the poles the with much perspiration, there is not the to think of anything else but the inch of pine between dry shoe leather and a current which means a long, hard swim if the boat goes amiss. Accidents are very few. The White river ferryman knows his business and earns his "George," said Mr. Webber to the

Harvey who was directing the course of the boat, "is that your brother helping you with the boat?"

'Yes," said George, "he's my broth-

"He resembles you," commented Mr. Webber, "but I think he's rather better

looking than you are." "That's because he's weller fed," said George. "His wife's a good cook." -Chicago Journal.

# FATHER'S DOMESTIC HEADSHIP.

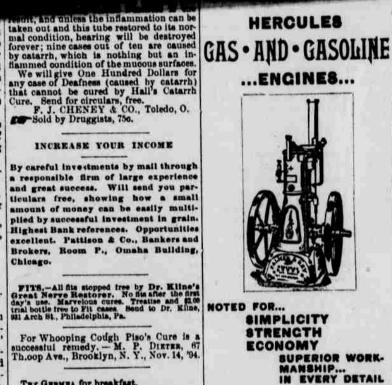
No Outside Success Will Atone For a Negligence of His Home Responsibilities. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., in Ladies' Home Journal writes concerning "The Father's Domestic Headship:" While, perforce of ordinary circumstance, the father's duties will hold him considerably apart from the contacts of home life, yet whatever successes he may achieve outside will not atone for any failure on his part to regard his home as the prime sphere of his obligation and the point around which his devotements will cluster in distinguished earnestness and constancy. Whatever he may have achieved in his art, trade, This is the attitude of many of the profession or other engagement, the man who stands at the head of a house-"The general practice of nearly all hold has been in the broad sense of the

same old story of cooling off; off with wraps and on with all sorts of aches and wraps and on with all sorts of aches and pains, rheumatic, neuralgic, sciatic, lum-bagic, including frost-bites, backache, even toothache. They who dance must pay the piper. We cut up Jack and are brought low by our own folly. What of it, the dance will go on, all the same. It is gen-erally known that St. Jacobs Oil will oure all such aches and pains separately or col-lectively, and the ory is on with the dance.

A SINGULAR FORM OF MONOMANIA

trashy nostrums. When these organ care really out of order, if they would only use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, they would, if not hopelessly insane, perceive its superiority.

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Fighters of Indians need to be men of nick wit and a steady hand. Such a an was John Hawks, one of the setlers of Hadley, Mass. An exploit of this pioneer in 1676 is narrated by the his-torian of Deerfield. The Indians had made an attack upon Hatfield, and troops from other towns had goue to the

rescue. Among the men from Hadley was John Hawks.

Soon after the Hadley men got ashore John Hawks, who was behind a tree, beard some one call him by the A Pocumtuck Indian, who had taken a minent apecualists of New fork, under whose press-nent she was placed, de-lared her case was hopeless position behind another tree, had recog-All is soft cases was howed. she was given up to dis 8. 8. 8. was recommended, and astonishing as is may seem, a fow bottles curved her sound and well. Our treatise on this de-cases will be seen free to any address. nized Hawks as an old acquaintance.

Hawks returned the compliment, and tach man began taunting the other and daring his enemy to come into the open and fight the thing out.

The Indian had the best of it and was perfectly aware of his advantage. At any moment some of the gatherin Indians were likely to come up behind Hawks and force him out of his cover. Under such circumstances of course the Indian was in no haste to expose him-

However, the white man was not blind to the danger of his own situation. Something must be done, and that speedily. He knew what his adversary munted upon, and that gave him his clew.

All at once he sprang from behind his tree and leveled his gun as if to repel an attack from another direction. The Pocumtuck took the bait and sprang forward. He would capture Hawks the mo-

ment his gun was empty. Quick as thought the white man wheeled, and before the Indian could raise his gun or reach his cover gave him a fatal shot. It was all the work of a few seconds, and Hawks, though wounded in the ensuing fight, lived to other battles.

Aristocratic English Marriages.

The ideal wife of the aristocracy-does not exist. The British aristocrat has no ideals. He was born cynical, with a good humored, matter of fact, man of the world sort of cynicism, and he carries his congenital creed unabashed through the world with him. He sows his wild oats in many fields; then he marries, for the settlements. His wife is rich or beantiful, or both. She lives in society. He and she go their own ways forthwith, and those ways usually land one or the other in the divorce court. Occasionally both of them reach that goal together. They smile and part, aftr rearranging the settlements which form the practical basis; thence they drift into the world once more and begin again da capo. Their ideal is to enjoy themselves; in their own reckless way they usually attain it. --Grant Allen in North American Review.

#### A Rare Coin.

When Lou'siana seceded, Jan. 26, 1861, the new government seized the United States mint at New Orleans and struck \$254,820 in double engles and \$1,101,316.50 in silver half dollars. using the United States dies for 1861. The bullion was exhausted in May, 1861, when the coinage ceased, and the United States dies were destroyed. A Confederate states die was then made, to be used for silver half dollars, but it was not fit for use in a coining press, the relief being too high. Four half dollars were struck with it on a screw press and these comprise the entire coimage of the Confederate states. They are worth about \$250 apiece to dealers. --Collector.

## High License In Massachu

I beg leave to correct the statement in The Sun that Haverhill, Mass., pays the highest liquor license in the country

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Tar Ganaga for breakfast.

bath of tannic acid and then another of perchloride of tin, a repetition of this being made until an increase of the weight amounts to from 15 to 20 per cent, beyond which it is not considered safe to go in the case of silk intended to be dyed light shades or to be bleached. Recently a German inventor has brought forward a process in which silica is the weighting agent. In carrying out this method three steps are described. First, the silk, raw or in any stage of manufacture and either before or after dyeing, is worked for an hour in a bath of perchloride of tin; then, after squeezing and washing, it is worked in a warm solution of water glass or soluble silicate of soda for about an hour, followed by washing, having also been previously passed through a solution of phosphate of soda. The operation may be repeated again and again with no harmful effect on the fiber or on the subsequent dye ing, and in five operations the silk may be increased in weight some 100 to 120 per cent. The silk is now soaped, and, if already dyed, is cleared in an emulsion of olive oil and acid.-New York

Hatching Eggs on a Fire Engine

A good story is told concerning the members of the fire brigade in a certain town not far from Hastings. On one occasion it appears a fire broke out in the town, and a rash was naturally made for the fire engine, which was always kept on the premises of one of the inhabitants. When the men attempted to take the engine out, however, they were met with the exclamation from the onstodian:

"Hi! ye can't take that out. I've got a hen sitting on there, and you'll break her eggs. "

Tradition avers that the men, seeing the force of this argument, instantly withdrew, and the fire was put out by means of pails of water drawn from a neighboring well.-Pearson's Weekly.

#### Happiness

If you cannot be happy in one way, be in another. This facility of disposi-tion wants but little aid from philosophy, for health and good humor are almost the whole affair. Many run about after felicity, like an absent man hunting for his hat while it is in hand or on his head. -Sharp.

A teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda is an excellent remedy for sick headache or nausea. It is also best to keep in a horizontal position. Chloroform is also recommended, from five to ten drops on a lump of sugar being the amount to be takan

. It cannot be denied that outward accidents conduce much to fortune's favor -opportunity, death of others, occasion fitting virtue-but chiefly the molding of a man's fortune is in his own hands. -Bacon.

Said a little boy who, during a visit to Florida, was obliged to drink con-densed milk, "Mamma, I just wish that condensed cow would die!"—Amer-

Wellington had ordered the articles, he could not forget it. F. M. the Duke of Wellington always pays for his braces." This was a very odd document for a lady's album, but its authenticity was undoubted, and it therefore found the best place in the interesting collection. The way in which this singular note was elicited was this: Mr. H. filled up one of the bankruptcy

court forms and signed it, informing the duke that in winding up the affairs of Messrs. Simpkin he (the assignee) found on their books the sum of 6s. 6d. due by his grace for a pair of braces, which he requested the duke would immediately pay or have paid. Mr. H.'s ruse was founded on pure fiction, but it

#### Factory Buildings.

One of the most perplexing problems that the mechanical engineer or the superintendent of a manufacturing establishment encounters is the dovetailing of new buildings upon old ones so as to work in harmony with them and at the same time introduce such improvements as may be necessary. Frequently half a dozen buildings are crected on a large plot of ground, each building facing in a way that seems most convenient at the time and without any particular reference to the others. When the establishment has grown so that the available ground area must be nearly covered over with buildings and each one must, either by shafting or belting, be connected with its neighbor or with some central source of power, then the trouble arising from lack of harmony in the original structures makes itself felt in a most aggravating manner. It seems sometimes as though trouble had been created on purpose by those who first erected the shops, so aggravating and uncompromising do the buildings ap-The moral therefore is that in pear. putting up a shop it is well to think a long way ahead and to consider at least some of the most probable contingencies of the future. —Cassier's Magazine.

#### One of Field's Pranks.

A story that has been written about Field concerns the trick he played on two car loads of Kansas City merchants who went away one time on an excursion. Each car was to go by a different route, and the cars separated at an early hour in the morning when everybody was asleep, except Gene Field, who was along to write up the trip. Just before edly the cars parted company he carried all gle the shoes from one sleeper into the other and carefully exchanged them. Then he took the shoes from the sleeper that had a double supply and carried them into the sleeper where nobody had any shoes. The next morning there was a blue streak two ways across Kansas. Every man in both sleepers was miles and miles away from his own shoes.

### Diplomatic.

Miss Playne-Is it true that you said the mere sight of my face would make a man climb a fence?

Hargreaves-I-er-I meant, of therefore possessed of the mental quali-course, if the man was on the other side ties supposed to distinguish the heathen of the fence. -- Cincinnati Enquirer. | deity of that name.

Against the array of genins on the side husband and a wise, strong and devoted of conscious moral intention we can father. It cannot be a successful home mention two names only, but perhaps where the mother looks after the chilthey are the greatest names in literature dren and the father looks after his busi--Shakespeare and Scott. Taine calls ness. The most productive services ren-them 'the great impartial artists,' dered are always personal, and any meaning that they are the two great amount of exertion expended outside in speakers who were unconscious of an providing for the necessities of the home aim in speaking. And seeing this, that will not take the place of that tuitional our highest literary man of the sixteenth ministry which comes only by the dicentury, as well as our highest literary rect and continuous contact of father man of the nineteenth century, who both immeasurably beyond all others an may be as a mother, there are qualicommanded the world's ear, had either nothing to say or preferred to be unincumbered by an ulterior aim, the greater mother will be less able to do as well as part of writers and readers have conless intended to do.

cluded that in a novel or drama it is best to say nothing. Carlyle does not take this view. The John Knox in Car-

lyle sees only the Rob Roy in Scott, and the rank of a great man. "But there is a greater thing in a

drama what the text is to the sermon. operation was performed at once. When I speak of motive, I do not mean moral purpose. Motive is the silver that for?" she asked after the nurse got thread that holds in line the beads of through. art. Modern novelists and dramatists purpose with freedom of invention. The suthor of 'Notre Dame' shows masterly "Rats!" said the occupant of the sick author of 'Notre Dame' shows masterly over motive, and so does the author of 'Anna Karanina.' These two and these alone seem to me to realize George Eliot's ideal of the intensest realism of presentation with the highest idealism of conception, and by virtue of this mastery, and not because of any special saperiority in delineating character or de-

Scott, they will in the time to come be recognized as the three greatest novelists of the nineteenth century. "I count him the greatest genius who touches the magnetic and divine chord

in humanity which is always waiting to vibrate to the sublime hope of recompense. I count him the greatest man who teaches men that the world is ruled in righteousness. "-New York Sun.

A Fuel Preparer. The meek boarder was busily engaged dissecting the sing of steak lying supinely in the plate before him as the landlady at the head of the table was descanting learnedly upon anatomy, physiology and hy-

glene. "Food, you know, Mr. Starre," she said, "is the fuel of the body." "So I've understood, ma'am," he re-plied, "and I was just wondering why you didn't have this sawed up before serving it," and once more he ran at the steak with his caseknife.—Detroit Free Press.

Mercurial

The adjective mercurial, like many others, came into ordinary speech from the realm of astrology. In astrological language a mercurial man was one born under the influence of Mercury, when Mercury was in the ascendant, and

with child. However complete a womties of character which the father will communicate to his children that the No Faith In the Instrument. One of the first things the observant trained nurse does when a new patient Scott descends as a consequence from enters the hospital and is put in bed is to place a delicately constructed thermometer under the sick one's tongue novel or drama than subject, or scene, and get the temperature. A chamberor character, and that is motive. It is maid from one of the down town hotels here that the master shows his highest was taken to one of the city hospitals mastery. Motive is to the novel or not long ago, and the above described

art. Modern novelists and dramatists "I'm merely taking your tempera-seem to find it hard to combine unity of ture," responded the maid with the

conch. "How are yez going to tell by that little thing whether I've got a temper or not?"—Washington Star.

Opening an Umbrella With One Hand. "Not infrequently," said a stroller, "you see people with their arms full of bundles making hard work of opening picting scene, I claim for Victor Hugo and Count Tolstoi that, with Walter Scott, they will in the time to come be with one hand, known to many, but perhaps not to all. You grasp the little cylinder around the handle, to which the lower ends of the ribs are attached, plant the point of the umbrella against a lamppost, and push until the little eylinder catches on the upper catch, and

there you are, without the least trouble in the world."-New York Sun.

# Will It Come to This? Somebody's Treasure (applying for ituation)---What, five little children! No, thank yer, mum, I never goes no-

wheres where there's more than two. Lady-Well, if you give us till Thursday perhaps we can drown three of them.-Ally Sloper.

# He Dotes on Strikes.

Van Waffles-There goes a man who has caused more strikes than any man in the country.

McGilder-Some grasping capitalist, isn't he?

Van Waffles-No; he is a champion bowler.-Brooklyn Eagle.

Hybrid Vegetables. Tomato plants have been grafted on potato plants in England, giving a crop of tomatoes above ground and of potatoes below. Potatoes grafted on tomatoes have produced flowers and apples and a few tubers.