For the Register. The Nocturnal Wedding. BY ALNA.

King Cold came down from the North last night, Clad in armor complete of diamonds bright, And wedded the Princess, Dew : Boreas was groomsman, Luna was maid, And the stars were out on dress-parade, A gorgeous retinue.

King Cold had woord for weeks before, But the Princess was shy and asked for more Of the freedom which maidens prize. She flirted with Zephyrs and danced with the Sun And slept on the grass when her work was done Then up with the morning would rise.

King Cold would sigh and Boreas would storm And Luna would veil her beautiful form With a cloud all sombre and grey; And Rain would run riot o'er mountain and vale, Striving even to drown the sweet maid of the dale In her jealousy-so Dew would say.

I noticed one day, when the Morn was yet new As I walked in the sunlight conversing with Dew, That the tears in her eyes were congealed ; Her voice was quite harsh, her touch was like ice, And she told me King Cold held her heart in a vice, And his power no langer concealed.

"Pray come to my wedding;" 'twas King Cold who spoke, In a voice I could hear, though the echoes scarce

Through the leaflets adorned by Miss Dew; "The Heavenly Hosts shall our witnesses be, And a privileged mortal are you"—this to me,"To be honored by friendship so true."

"I thought Cold was cruel," I carelessly cried; "Did you!" whispered he, and my fingers he spied, And he bit them as if in a rage. "Don't slander my lover, dear mortal." said Dew, "He could freeze you, congeal you, and vanquish

you, too""And preserve you, I ween," croaked the sage. The wedding was splendid; Old Night tied the pair, And the Banquet was grand, thou h refreshments

Scarcely strengthen poor mortals like me : But so much was I pleased with the work of the Night. That Hunger was banished and Bliss and Delight Left my Fancies all roving and free.

Grim Silence prepares a grand couch for King And Darkness her curtains around him will fold As Queen Dew bids her guests a farewell. The morning dawns brightly; King Cold stirs abroad, But Queen Dew lies enrobed in a glitt'ring shroud,

And the Winds toll her funeral knell. ALBANY, Jan. 21, 1869.

PARLOR MAGIC.-For the purpose of amusing our young friends during the long winter evenings, and also with a view of inculcating a love of science, we publish the following interesting "parlor tricks" which will be found, upon trial, to be very entertaining. If they should prove a success, we shall feel amply compensated for our extraordinary labor and research among the ancient archives in their obtainance:

The Spittoon Trick .- Take two halfgallon spittoons-white ones are the best-then select a strong cord-a worsttoons and give the ends to a gentleman and lady, selected from the company, to hold. Now let a lady seize the spittoons, and sliding each to the opposite end of when they will break in pieces and fall any account be neglected. to the floor. The trick is easily per-formed, and will excite considerable applause.

The Magic Stick .- To do this trick stout hard wood stick, some two inches in length. Sharpen the two ends of the stick, and then try to crush endways, either between your hands or by sitting will find impossible to do.

The Flying hen .- Select a large, wellfed hen-the color is immaterial, though black is best-place her in a sitting posture on a smooth surface. Then over and will then bnrn out to the last particle her place pasteboard box, eighteen or like a candle. thirty inches. Pound smartly on the top of the box with a bone-handled knife for three minutes, and then suddenly raise it, when the hen will immediately fly away. This trick can be performed by any person of average intelligence who gives his whole mind to it.

The Nail Trick .- Take two large wrought iron nails and wire them together in the form of a cross. It will then be ground glauber salts-sulphate of sodafound impossible to swallow them. There around the root. It was also stated that is no deception about this.

The Cable.-Take a piece of tarred cable, about fifteen inches in length, cut it carefully in two with a sharp knife, and then try to chew the ends together. You can chew as long as you like.

The Magic Eggs .- Put twelve fresh eggs carefully into a green worsted bag. Swing the bag rapidly about your head, hitting it each time against the door post. have them boiled scrambled or fried. It will make no difference which they choose

The Four Jacks .- Select a pack of cards with plain white backs. Take out high walls, where sunlight seldom penethe four jacks and burn them before the trates, become the parents of an unusually company, letting them see the ashes. Now shuffle the cards quickly and holding them in the left hand give them a sharp rap with the face down and defy the company to find the jacks. They can't do it.

found guilty of robbing a letter of \$200 rect figures for a ton as actual trial will while Postmaster at Portland, January give him. 28d was sentenced to twelve years at hard labor. As there is no law to receive prisoners sentenced by the U.S. District Court in the penitentiary of this State, it our tarm stock has been but little attendwas ordered by the court that defendant | ed to by farmers; yet it is a field of inbe imprisoned in Multnomah county jail quiry which will pay as richly for invesuntil further order. D. F. Fox, deputy postmaster under Randall, was ordered discharged from the jail, where he been retained, as he refused to give bonds, as

AGRICULTURAL.

LEARNING CATTLE TO LEAD.

The following is recommended as being an efficient and easy way to learn cattle to lead: "Take two animals of about equal size and strength tie them together with a strong rope, by placing one end around the horns of one animal, and the other end around the horns of the other, leaving three feet of rope between the inner horns; then tie their tails together and turn them into a field free from trees. Let them run, pull, and haul, until they are tired of it, and they will walk side by side and keep together, Then take off the rope, and they will ever afterward lead with the docility of a child, even though the occasion may be years afterward.

BEST SOIL FOR WHEAT. The American Wheat Agriculturist says the best soil for wheat is one in which the predominating characteristics are clay and loam, having neither too much of the one nor too little of the other. The lighter loam soils, and such alluvions as have been brought from clayey localities, will often produce bountiful crops of excellent wheat; and sometimes a mucky soil will yield a fair crop of this kind of grain. But their fertility for wheat will soon be exhausted. Calcareous clays, gravelly clays, as well as many soils that are a mixture of all these

TO PROTECT GRAIN.

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A correspondent of the Genesee Farmer says that after the grain is in the bin, and made level, we may spread evenly over it a quantity of slaked lime-one quart to twenty-five bushels, or in that proportion. If the rats or mice come upon it they will do so but once-and will leave the premises. The lime must be fresh slaked and perfectly dry. To keep out insects the lime must be mixed thoroughly with the grain. It can be separated from it by running it through a fanning mill; on grain used for stock feed it will do no injury-a small quantity is rather a benefit to ani-

KIDNEY WORM.

Swine are often troubled with a disease denominated by veterinarians as "kidney worm." Corn soaked in very strong lye made of wood ashes is said to be an infullible remedy. Salt and brimstone, in ed one if it can be procured—pass the small quantities, is a preventive, and, cord through the two holes of the spit-indeed, the only one known. Comfortable quarters and good feed are of really more importance in the successful management of these animals than many are the cord, bring them together smartly, inclined to suppose, and should never on

TO DESTROY STUMPS. The Baltimore Weekly Leader recommends the following as being two good you will need a pearl-handled knife and a methods of getting rid of stumps :- "Bore with a two inch auger to the heart of the stump, find the cavity thus made with sulphuric acid, or with crude oil of petroupen it. This, to your astonishment, you leum. In the first case, the acid becomes the destructive agent within a few months; in the latter, when the stump becomes saturated with the oil it is fired,

GOOD FOR CABBAGE.

At a late meeting of the Farmers' Club of the American Institute, a letter was read from Mr. G. E. White, stating that a remarkable growth of cabbage plants. rutabagas, and the like, had been obtained by mingling about half a teaspoonful of the fertilizing properties of this substance on grass land was good. The cost of this article by the ton should not be as much as the common superphosphates are sold

SUNLIGHT.

The North British Agriculturist says in covered yards, shut out from the Then ask the company whether they will direct rays of the sun, cattle do not thrive as well as where they bask themselves in in its cheering rays, and that human beings living in dark dwellings underneath large proportion of dumb, blind, and

idiotic children. FEET OF HAY TO THE TON. A correspondent of the Germantown Telegraph thinks four hundred and forty-TWELVE YEARS .- E. G. Randall, eight feet of hay comes as near the cor-

CARE OF STOCK. Animals require quantity as well as quality of food. The philosophy of feeding tigation as any the farmer can explore.

BEE HIVES.

A correspondent of the Rural American says bees in a low hive will store more surplus honey in boxes above them than Gobazzi is Abyssinia's new monarch. they will in a tall hive.

A Word with Ministhur Riverdy Johnson

Its mity fine nuze, Misthur Johnson. That ye're sendin' acrost the say, Av the illigant dinners ye're atin In an internashunal way ;

But whispur a wurd wid yer, honey, Be me sowl thin, I'm av the belafe That its more thin mushtard ye're swhillin, Along wid the mutten an' bafe.

Wid British mulvather an' flatthery Its sazuned so high iz yer mate, That, unknowin', ye shwally yer banner Wid every mouthful ye ait: Its dhirt by the peck yez devour, An' on humble pie aigurly faste; An' yez toast thim in swateness an' wather

Wid av sperrit divil a taste. Av coorse yez are pinched fur a livin' Wid nigh aiteen thousan' a year : Its shtarvin' yez are on red herrin'. An' drinkin' the chapist av beer :

But me coort sword I'd lend to me uncle. An' shpout me ould britches beside, 'Fore I'd sell fur a male uv warm vittels Me nashunal hanner an pride.

Pacific Coast Items.

The small-pox is disappearing from There was twelve fights in Stockton in

one day. Snow has fallen in abundance at Boise

Idaho Territory.

Columbus Call was severely injured on the 23d by the upsetting of his wagon while driving from Idaho City to Boise. R. W. Welch, the newly appointed toll collector on the Feather River, entered upon his duties on the 28th.

The School Trustees of Nevada propose selling at auction all the fruit trees and shrubbery on the High School lot. A Chinaman has been arrested at Sac-

will almost always yield fair crops of ramento for robbing the wood piles of the Central Pacific Railroad Company. The passenger trains of the Central Pacific Railroad Company are now running between Sacramento and Carlin-a distance of 445 miles.

The Truckee Tribune indignantly refutes the statement made by the Marysville Appeal, that there are eventy-two buildings in Truckee, of which fifty-two are rum-mills.

A family of sixteen colored persons, from Georgia, passed through Steckton on the 28th, en route for Snelling, near which place they have purchased a farm.

The Carson Appeal of December 37th protests against the admission of "bummers" into the theater; cause, their obscenity and vulgarity.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

When a man takes more pleasure in earning money than in spending it, he has taken the first step towards wealth. Those who lack a good natural character may be sure they cannot long sus-

tain, without detection, an artificial one. A most ridiculous habit among some young people is the cultivation of melancholy as an interesting accomplishment.

It is a less misfortune to be born with a club foot, a hare lip, and a hump back, than with a cross and envious disposition. Stability is the great secret of success. No man can prosper who is a mechanic one, a professional man the next, and nothing the next day.

"Bob," said a young fellow at a fancy fair, "you are missing all the sights on this side.'

"Never mind, Bill," retorted Bob, "I'm sighting all the misses on the

Lord Brougham, in speaking of a man whose case came before him at least twenty times, said he was born unlucky, "and I believe, if he had ever fallen upon his back, he would have broken his

A little girl was lately reproved for playing out of doors with the boys, and informed that, being seven years old she was too large for that now. "Why, grandma, the bigger we grow, the better

At a recent tableau party the scene of Bluebeard's dead room was shownsix pretty heads, all bloody, suspended along the wall; the bodies, of course, being behind the canvas. As the curtain descended, one of the heads was observed to smile. It was afterward ascertained that some one had stolen behind the scenes and kissed the hand of one of the

A dishouest French servant girl, who was suspected of having made way with some valuable diamonds and underwent an examination by the police. The officers walked around and around her, tapping and searching, to no purpose. At last one old detective began to study a piece of lace which hung from her black tresses. It did not look like a regularly ornament-and it was lace of the most expensive kind too. He gave it a twitch, and in an instant a tremendous chignon was unrolled. It gave birth to a box, and in the box were found lace, diamonds and money.

In Easton, Pennsylvania, one evening recently just as the performance in a public hall was about to close, two wags in front of the doorway with an open umbrella waited for the outcoming crowd. It was not raining at all; but when the first persons of the audience reached the door and saw the warning umbrella, scores of hands were thrust out, coats were buttoned closely, and dresses taken up, while a number remained in the hall. refusing to come out on account of the rain. The joke was complete, and was much enjoyed by those upon whom it was perpetrated, after all was explained.

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