GOODY GRUNSELL'S HOUSE,

A weary old face, beneat, a clack mutch;
Like a flame in a cavern her eye,
Betwixt craggy forehead and cheek-bone high;
Her long, lean fingers hurried to clutch
A something concealed in her rusty cloak,
As a step on the furf the stillness broke;
While a sound—was it curse or sigh?—
Simple the ear of the passer-by.

Against the gray of the sea, there garden and orchard used to be, Witch-grass and nettle and rag-weed grope— Paupers that cat the earth's riches out— Nightshade and heubane are lurking about, Like demons that enter i When a soul has run waste to sin.

The house looked wretched and wee-begone; The house looked wretched and woe-begone; Its desolate windows wept With a dew that forever dripped and crept From the moss-grown caves; and ever anon Some idle wind with a passing slap. Made rickety shutter of shingle flap As who with a jeer should say, "Why does the old crone stay?"

Goody Grunsell's house—it was all her own; There was no one living to chide.
Though she tore every rib from its skeleton side.
Though she tore every rib from its skeleton side.
To kindle a fire when she sat alone.
With the ghosts that had leave to go out and in, through crevice and rent, to the endless din.
If waves that wild ditties droned—
Of winds that muttered and moaned.

And this was the only booty she hid A strip of worn and weather-stained oak Then into her lonesome hearth she dost;
And, inch by inch, as the cold years sped,
She was burning the house over her head
Why not—when each separate room
Held more than a lifetime's gloom?

Goody Grunsell's house-not a memory glad Illumined bare ceiling or wall; But cruel shadows would sometimes fall On the floor; and faces cerie and sad At dusk would peer in at the broken pane, While gliestly steps pattered through the rain, Sending the blood with a start To her empty, shriveled heart.

For she had not been a forbearing wife,
Nor a loyal husband's mate;
The twain had been one but in fear and hate,
And the horror of that inverted life
Had not spent itself on their souls alone;
From the biter root evil buds had blown;
There were births that blighted grew,
And died—and no gladness knew.

The house anto nobody home had been, But a lair of pain and shame; Could any its withered mistress blame, Who sought from its embers a spark to win, warmth for the body, to soul refused? stioning ran through her thoughts As she slipped with her spoil from sight, Could the dean assert their right?

The splintered board, like a dagger's blade, Goody Gransell cowering hid, As if the house had a voice that chid, When wound after wound in its side she made; As if the wraiths of her children cried From their graves, to denounce her a homicide; While the sea, up the weedy path, Groaned, sugming in wordless wrath. Grouned, spuming in wordless wrath.

The house, with its jitiful, haunted look—
fold Goody, more piteous still,
Afary and sad, as the night foil chill—
They are pictures of a long-lost book,
But the windows of many a human face
Show temants that burn their own dwelling-place
And specter and fiend will roam
Through the heart which is not love's home,
—Allantic Houthly.

THE MIDNIGHT BURIAL.

Near the Golden Gate of the Highlands on the eastern bank of the noble Hudson stands the handsome and commanding residence of Judge Fassett. Terrace rises above terrace from the river, till the lawn, with its gentle ascent, is reached, which merges at length into a broad plateau. In the center the house is situated, with here and there a towering forest tree. From this position, for many miles, the prospect is unbroken and exhibarating to the student of nature, who, as he casts his eyes down along the valleys of quiet beauty and then up the rugged ides of huge Mount Taurus and Storm King, capped with snow-banks of cloud, foolish. You know I would not cross beardless boys are taught the scientific

method of killing men. Judge Fassett was known to be a man of great wealth, which he had acquired by a life-long devotion to his profession in the city of New York, but in his later years had sought the retreat of a country home, and could be retained only in cases of great importance. He stood foremost among talk," said Judge Fassett, in a half-anthe men of this country in legal learning and acumen. He was very generous. His gifts for public and private purposes were munificent and frequent -so much so, indeed, that the native citizens of the Highlands, who had worn their fingers smooth feeling of date which forbade his entering the their money, never thought of levying Judge's house. At all events a great a tax for any improvement, but relied upon the generosity of the Judge.

Even then it was quietly whispered

What to do I did not kn

the value of his estate. Judge Fassett had two daughters, services. Then the family would know who were noted for their fascinating that the secret of the murder was also Judge Fassett had two daughters, beauty, each possessing an individual in my possession, and my life might be type, but the elder, Dell Fassett, was endangered. There was a far safer the more general favorite among all course for me to pursue than that—one classes. She won by her open, artless consistent with my duties as a citizen manners those who came into her soci- and the claims of public justice-to inety. She knew nothing of that hauteur form the authorities.

which is so often considered essential in For a short time a those whom some fatuitous circumstance has pushed above the ordinary stations of life. She was a romping. rollicking, witty, accomplished, fasci- man. nating girl, who knew how to conduct herself with becoming manners in the cabin of the poor as well as in the drawing-room of the rich.

Among those in the large circle of the Judge's friends, to whom he extended a lavish and welcome hospitality, was a gallant young soldier of the republic—Colonel Fred Burleigh. His acquaintance with the family began when he was a cadet, attending the military school, and had ripened into the warmest friendship.

This recognition in the Fassett family was not on the score of his parents' wealth or social standing, for they knew that they were quite humble people, but because he was a cadet. Since the origin of the school, for some incomprehensible reason, the spirit of caste has been cultivated to perfection, and it is only necessary to utter its open-sesame to find entrance into the charmed inclosure. Ridiculous and presumtuous as it may appear, it is yet true that a body of students, supported by the government, spend much of their time in studying polite etiquette and how to construct barriers against a too near approach of the people who

support them. It was not surprising that Fred Burknew was largely reciprocated by many could not win his way up by his own intrinsic merits he could use the crutch of his school.

But Fred was not the nest-egg of his class. He developed splended abilities, and on graduation day figured on the list No. 1.

That was a triumphant day for Dell Fassett. She saw her lover, Fred, win in his class, as he had already won in her heart. The cadet was transformed into an officer with a uniform and a badge of his rank on his shoulder. When he was assigned to active service in the field during the most trying days

of our great war, the parting of the two lovers was sad, tender, yet hopeful. He passed through many battles, rebut one flesh wound, and returned to the scenes of peace and to his where the remains were deposited, that of a competing establishment, that it Dell with the prefix of "Colonel." we might be able to furnish evidence of stands without arrival.

She welcomed him with all the ardent the right kind, by directing the officers warmth of her nature. They spoke of of the law to the spot. their betrothal, and wove bright vissions of the day when they would publicly offer their plighted vow of love and

But, alas! a great change was manifest in Judge Fassett and his proud wife. with great coldness, a freezing recognition, that made him feel chilly himself, as if little agues were running up and

comfortable-very. To make a long story short, it appears that damaging rumors had been sent from the army against the charac- is in fear of detection. ter of Col. Burleigh. He was said to be very intemperate in his habits, and man began to dig the grave. already a confirmed drunkard. This, with many other things, led the Fassetts—the Judge and his wife—to be- this dark, mysterious crime. We were heve that he was an irredeemable near enough to be certain that we could figures. scamp, and they resolved that their identify the spot. daughter's hand should not be given in

The Colonel was not long in ascertaining that there was a rival in the and assisted her into the wagon, which field, who was the author of these cal- soon disappeared in the darkness, but umnies, and whose hope of acceptance | we heard these lingering words : was thought to rest on the complete

demolition of the former.

Notwithstanding all '11" explanations that became of him." and assertions of innocence on the part of the Colonel, Mr. and Mrs. Fassett continued firm in their belief and inflexible in their purpose to oppose the sudden was the action of the civil au-

marriage. On one occasion, Judge Fassett and explanation. the Colonel interchanged some very unpleasant words when both were in the heat of passion, when the former ordered the latter out of his house and filled. told him that if he ever darkened his house door again he would shoot him. The Colonel arose to depart, his lips livid with rage, saying:

"Judge Fassett, your daughter will be the wife of Fred Burleigh." The estrangement became the staple topic of town gossip, and some predicted that this was but the beginning of the end. Let us see.

One night, some weeks after the closng events recorded above, I was called into the country to attend a patient who was very low. After ordering my carriage, I went up to the room of a fellow physician who was visiting me for a populace became frantic. It was lifted few days, and invited him to accompany

About midnight we were returning, and to save the distance of a mile, turned up the back road that cuts diagonally across Judge Fassett's estate, As we came opposite the rear of the mansion we heard three pistol shots fired in rapid succession. My com-panion and I were startled. What leight, who enjoy lots of fun when they could those shots mean? And it was hear how their papa was shot.—New midnight; perhaps burglars had attacked the inmates, who had detected them! Would it not be cowardly not to hasten to their assistance? horse was tied to a tree near by, and we

nastened toward the mansion. Lights flashed hither and thither for a moment-then all was darkness, and the house seemed vailed in a fune ral pall.

Suddenly we heard a girlish voice. "Oh, pa, pa, how could you be so ruel? What a crime you have commitcruel? ted! And you will be found out, and

In the distance is seen the nation's military academy at West Point, where of yours was crazy-I know he was, and therefore it is right he should

"Oh, Fred, my dear, dear Fred! cannot let him die. I loved him so-this heart of mine will break-I'm sure it will. I wish you would shoot me.

"Dell, I must send you to your room

In a moment's flash the estrangement between Judge Fassett and Col. Fred Burleigh came to my mind, and I concluded that the latter had unfortunately been caught violating the stern mancrime had been committed, and the

What to do I did not know. At times by some that his motive was to increase I thought that if life was not extinct in the victim I might offer my professional

For a short time a mysterious, deathlike silence reigned, when the Judge returned to the spot where he was when we first drew near, followed by a

" Mike, take this body to the toolhouse, put it into one of those boxes you will find there, and bury it deep down on the lower side of the swamp meadow. Do you understand? If any one questions you about it, you know how to be silent.'

The Irishman, aroused from a sound sleep, had scarcely come to a full realization of the work before him. "Yer honor, 't will be done; but isn't this strange business for gintlemen to be a-doin?"

"Oh, pa, pa! you do not intend that poor Fred's body shall buried tonight!

"Yes, to-night, Dell; and you must not oppose it."
The sobbing girl saw that it was her lic. He continued expostulating:
"As dreadful as it now seems to you,

the time will come, Dell, when you will learn that this tragedy, sad as it is, was | loyal Californians. for your good. There are others beside him, and your love may soon be as

strodg for another." "No, no, pa-never! I never can love another as I loved him. Oh, look at those eyes !- they are staring at you, and, glazed though they be, they seem leigh partook of this spirit, which he to be rebuking you for your wicked deed. See those curls matted with of the upper-tendom, and that if he blood flowing from that ugly wound in

> "Now get up, my daughter—take your arms aw6y. Why, see! your dress is spotted with blood! You must never wear that again."

The distracted girl ran into the house but soon emerged, bearing a pair of scispors in her hand, with which she clipped a large cluster of her dead love's

curly hair. After a few vigorous pulls and grunts, Mike bore the body to the tool-house and inclosed it in a box; then hitching a horse to a small trunk wagon, he bore it away in the direction of the swamp

meadow. After a brief consultation with may companion we decided to follow and see

As we were moving along cautiously among the trees at the base of cliff, just before striking out into the meadow, we saw the figure of a woman rapidly approaching. She called out, in subdued tones :

"Mike, Mike, do stop!" She leaped They received the returned soldier into the seat beside him, sobbing "Oh, I shall go-I must go and see where my darling is to be buried." "I' faith, mi young woman, ye hadn't down his back. His position was un- be afther makin' so much noise about

Mike was looking furtively about to this and then to that side, like one who

The wagon came to a halt, and th The mountains frowned; the winds sighed and moaned as if in anguish for

The box was lowered in the grave, and soon the work was done. difficulty Mike led the young girl away "That's a bad an' tiresome job done wid, so it is. Devil a one will ever know

Next morning Judge Fassett was arrested on the charge of murder. So thorities that no time was allowed for

The news sped throughout the village. The village was electrified. The knowing ones had their predictions ful-

"I knew 'twould be so."

A posse of officers, in whose wake were half the population of the village, were following the physician to the swamp meadow. Said one, as they were crossing Judge Fassett's grounds: "There is some great mystery in this case. The Judge is the very soul of truth and honor. You (addressing the physician) must be mistaken, and if so, there'll be something to pay for this arrest. Col. Burliegh was seen enter-

ing the Judge's gate last night, 'tis true; but what does that prove?" After a short search, some freshly turned earth was discovered and the digging began. A wooden box was struck!

upon each other, to get a view of the peaceful form of a dog! "Fred" had shown signs of hydrophobia, and Judge Fassett shot him. P. S.-Col. Fred Burleigh and Dell Fassett became husband and wife, and are now living in their luxurious home,

out. The crowd was pushing, leaping

European Navies.

York Weekly.

According to the last official reports given in the Borsenzeitung, of Berlin. the total number of iron-clads owned by the naval powers of Europe is 244. The total number of screw-ships, exclusive of coast-steamers and gunboats, is 431. Belgium, Switzerland and Servia have no navy; and Roumania has only a few gunboats on the Danube, Holland, Denmark, 3; Spain, 7; Austria, 11; Russia, 15; Turkey, 15; France, 28; and England, 28. Austria, Italy, Greece and Portugal have no iron-clads for 132; France, 52; Russia, 48; Turkey, 44; Spain, 37; Holland, 25; Italy, 24; Germany and Dermark, each 16; Austria, 14; Portugal 8; Sweden and Norway, 5 each; and Greece, 2. In 1875, Germany will have six new iron-clads for war-service, which will rank among the most powerful ships on the seas, and, in points of thickness of their armor, strength of their engines, and number and quality of their guns, will far surpass those of Austria, Italy and France. The number of sailors, engineers, stokers, etc., employed in the English navy, is 68,264; in the Russian, 36,000; the French, 35,570; the Turksh, 21,000; Spanish, 14,000; German, 12,450; Austrian, 11,350; Italian, 11,

200; Dutch, 6,206; Danish, 4,800; Norwegian, 3,500; Portuguese, 3,300. A Remarkable Parallel. Australia, and San Francisco, Calfornia. They are nearly in corresponding latitudes, San Francisco being in thirtyseven degrees and forty-eight minutes north, while Melbourne is in thirtyseven degrees and forty-seven minutes south, thus making one only one mile nearer the equator than the other. Both had their beginnings as towns in 1835; both remained insignificant places until the discovery of gold in the countries surrounding them; both suddenly arose to great wealth; both suffered from a decline of the gold yield, five years after mining began; and both have risen to new and abiding prosperity, as the agricultural resources of the tributary country were developed. Here this remarkable parallelism ceases. British colonies in Australia, of which Melbourne is the metropolis, contain a population nearly three times as great as the Pacific slope, but Melbourne itself does not greatly exceed San Francisco in size. A California paper contracts the track of the new office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and of the immense business of this mammoth corporation: trasts the two cities, claims greater

Advice to Settlers.

At a late celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday in Virginia, Mr. St. Andrew is reported to have given his countrymen the following advice, which is equally applicable to Americans intending to migrate. He said :

1. Come in colonies, or go in colonies. Bring money in your purse.
 Leave your prejudices behind.
 Don't expect too much. 5. For land or business pay cash.6. Keep two-thirds at least of your money for working capital.

7. Avoid land-sharks. You can easily find out the reliable land agents. 8. In buying land don't get too much

10. Remember that success is more in the man than in the country.

All Sorts. Paris has 68,000 dogs, which last year

were taxed \$127,000. Iowa put up 1,200 school-houses within the past year. South Australia produced 7,250,000

gallons of wine last year. FORTY-SEVEN thousand Germans have gone back to Paris to live.

BROOKLYN has twenty beer breweries, making 60,000 kegs a week. NINE million horses in the United States ; value, \$660,000,000.

MASSACHUSETTS has furnished twentyfive members of the Cabinet. OLD PROB. hit it eight-eight times out of every hundred last month.

A NEBRASKA paper tells of a flock of pigeons numbering 4,328,764. Close CONNECTICUT has twenty-five silk fac-

tories, whose aggregate capital is \$3,-450,000. A DEALER in figures says that the reaping machines of the country net a

leg a day.

discharged for eating a box of sardines while on his beat. THE "ordinary stock" of the railway companies of the United Kingdom amounts to nearly £250,000,000 sterling.

MR. KILKUFF, chief engineer of the Pacific Mail Company, has sailed 1,786,000 miles in twenty-three years'

since its opening in 1863, has carried 205,000,000 persons without killing or injuring a single one of them. THERE are 10,500 miles of railway in

THE London Metropolitan railway,

Russia, of which 3,488 miles are owned by the state. There are beside 1,153 miles in progress of construction and

found to be capital substitutes for hos-pital sponges. Now, let science dis-cover some equally satisfactory way of and its triumphs will be complete.

THE city of Rome is said to be honeycombed with about 900 miles of subter- with a murder. ranean passage ways cut through the solid rock, and that these contain the bodies of from 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 of human beings entombed there since the city was built.

Don Carlos has black hair, brown eyes, slightly aquiline nose, and black beard, covering the whole face. He is very handsome. He has an active. powerful frame, and stands six feet three in his boots. He is every inch the old-fashioned hero-king.

THE San Francisco Bulletin, in a late cannot be obtained for the transaction of business. So great is the demand for these coins that premiums varying from 21 to 5 per cent. in gold are paid for them.

mated at between 127,000 and 130,000 Sweden, Norway and Portugal have no tons. The annual tin supply is stated iron-clads. Greece has 2; Germany, 3; at from 25,000 to 28,000 tons. These

iron-clads for war-service, has 18 iron- States, without the Territories, 18 1,clads for coast-service; England has 23, 950,170 square miles; the area of coaland France 30. Germany has 2 turret- producing sections is 191,000 square ships; Spain, Norway and Denmark, each 3; Turkey, 5; Sweden, 9; and Russia, 13. Of screw-ships, England has is 995,032 square miles, making an ag-

A long article of great social interest The father, John Smith. Number of A remarkable parallelism has been shown to exist between Melbourne, Then at Bethlehem, Pa, we observe additional phenomena. Mrs. Carol and Mrs. Ford are twin sisters. They were married on the same day. Their first their second in the same week; their for on this interesting occasion there have spent more than an hour in rubdeduce some heretofore undiscovered law of nature from these facts. It has been a failure. Ne'er a law !-New York Tribune.

Western Union Telegraph.

The New York Bureau of Correspondence makes the following notice

One of the finest buildings to be father's purpose to secrete the crime natural advantages, such as climate, found in New York is that in process of and its guilt, if possible, from the pubfound in New York is that in process of geographical position, etc., for San Francisco, but reluctantly admits that in public buildings, parks, etc., Melbourns is to be envied, even by the most loyal Californians.

Mexican war, 73,260—making a total of 878,935—while in the war of 1860 no less than 2,757,598 were engaged. During the rebellion 279,689 officers and ing the rebellion 279,689 officers and structure will be completed at a cost of st be entirely occupied by the company, with the exception of two stories, which will be rented. The battery room alone will occupy nearly one story; then the of the immensity of this corporation. It owns 173,517 miles of iron wire, 5,955 offices, and has 9,190 employes. Last year it transmitted 14,456,832 messages, at an average of fifty-four cents a message. The company has been putting up new wire at the rate of 20,000 miles a year for the past three years.

> ciples of British honor. Don't attempt "smartness." Better-class Americans don't admire it: but there Said that Detroit Justice: "It is my "smartness." Better-class Americans tion. This court is going to send you don't admire it; but they can beat to the House of Correction for sixty you at the game if you challenge them to it.
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> You are on the high road to degrate the high road to d

A FREE THINKER'S FANCY.

Strange Inscriptions on a Gravestone a Buchanan, Mich. The monument was erected by Joseph Coveny, a returned Californian, and and Mississippi and other important wealthy farmer of this vicinity, who though of sound mind in other matters, seems to entertain peculiar views in regard to religion. It is from the marble year. I think a stronger statement works of Sewersten & Schulte, of Niles, and is the most beautiful one in the cemetery—when viewed at a distance—since he was sixty—that is, within the

letters the following:
"Joseph Coveny—The More Peace—The
More Plenty—A Free Thinker's Monument."
Below this, in smaller letters, can be

seen the following: "The world is my country, to do good my religion. A word to the wise. God in the Constitution is the end of liberty. Beware how you unite Church and State. Catholics An Atlanta, Ga., policeman has been will burn heretics and Protestants hang Quakpowerful. He drove out the inhabitants of the mountain, but could not drive out the a dozen men rich. In point of real inhabitants of the valley because they had chariots of iron—Judges i. 19."

On the second side under the heading

of "Free Press" is inserted this: "The More Saints-The More Hypocrites," and below this under "Sunday Read-

"Thirty-two thousand virgins given by command of God to an army of twelve thou-sand to debauch." "A poor consolation to mothers." "The 7th chapter of Isaiah has no reference to futurity. It was a sign given to Ahaz of victory over his enemy, but the prediction was false. See 28th chapter of Second Chronicles. Don't forget Cotton Mather and his reverend associates. All Christian denominations preach damnation to

The third side begins: CAMEL's hair brushes have been found to be capital substitutes for hospital sponges. Now, let science discover some equally satisfactory way of loing away with newspaper sponges, and its triumphs will be complete.

The chird side begins:

"Free Speech The More Religion—The More Lying." "Remember Mary Dyer hanging on the big elm tree on the Boston Common, a victim to Christian superstition. Priesteraft and exemption is a source of danger to republican governments." The heathen's prayer is "O, Lord, forgive my enemies and then me," but the Christian cries amen to their damnation. "The Christian religion begins : tian religion begins with a dream and ends

The fourth and last side is headed: "Free Religion—The more Priest—The More Poverty. Nature is the true God. Science the True Religion. John Wesley said unless you deny God and honor the King George, you will be damned. I say let the arts and sciences supersede kingcraft, priest-craft, superstition and bigotry. The holy prophets said the tree that does not bear good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. (Science tells you graft it.) And well did the (Science tells you graft it.) And well did the holy inquisitor obey the order. But the time is not far distant when the old book of debauchery will be burned in place of men and

cemetery since the erection of this tion is, How did the pine and the oak issue, says: Small dealers are com-plaining that enough of five cent pieces terly improbable, but the inscriptions each other? The pine is dead, but the were copied verbatim by the corre- turpentine in its cells preserves it from pondent of the Free Press. Last Sunday evening a sermon was preached in the Presbyterian church by Rev. Mr. decay, and conjecture helplessly wounders how it ever got through the oak, or the oak ever got around it. Wells, in which the vile lot of blasphemy just mentioned was denounced The annual supply of copper from in the strongest terms. Popular indig-the whole of the civilized world is esti-nation runs high, and should the monu-and divides into two prongs about 13 nation runs high, and should the monument be blown to pieces some night, feet above the ground, which run up the public here would not be surprised. separately perhaps 15 feet, and then -Detroit Free Press.

glish house engaged in the tin and cepper trades.

The Empress Josephine's Handkerchief.

A correspondent of the Paris Amerione again, the single stem is smaller in heard French persons criticise the unwillingness of English and American ladies to name certain articles of the the feminine toilet that I was quite was possible for the French to be quite as prudish as we. Until the reign of the Empress Josephine a handkerchief was thought in France, so gives in the control of the transparent of the control of the delighted a few days ago, in perusing some old chronicles, to find out that it was possible for the French to be quite object that a lady would never have might be written upon wholesale additions to the family; but we promise to be short. First—it was at Terre Haute. dared to use it before any one. The chicken-she didn't lay any eggs. This have used a handkerchief on the stage, little Smiths, all in one day, born to John, four. Never was a family less play, would have been unmercifully needing increase than the Smith family, hissed; and it was only in the beginning John, four. Never was a family less needing increase than the Smith family, but this is the way that the odd old dame, Nature, freaks it. All boys, and weighed 7½ pounds. Thirty appear with a handkerchief in her hand.

Thirty appear with a handkerchief in her hand. each weighed 7½ pounds. Thirty pounds of little strangers! The circumstance was beautifully noticed the course of the piece she never could next morning in the Terre Haute Ga-summon enough courage to call it by its zette under the sensational heading of true name, but referred to it as a light "Four Bouncing Baby Boys!" "Hereafter," says the Gazette, "let us cease to curl the contemptuous lip when the name of John Smith falls upun the ear.

For any ways are a superior of the first time true name, but referred to it as a light tissue. A few years latter a translation of one of Shakspeare's plays by Alfred de Vigny having been acted, the word handkerchief was used for the first time For one, we promise. Not a curl!" on the stage amid cries of indignation from a great part of the house. I doubt if even to-day the French elegantes would carry handkerchiefs if the wife of Napoleon I. had not given the signal children were born in the same month; to adopt them. The Empress Josephine, although really lovely, had very ugly teeth. To conceal them she was in the habit of carry small handkerthird at the same hour—or rather, we should say their third and fourth each, in the habit of carry small handkerchiefs adorned with costly laces, which were twin Carols and twin Fords. All she continually raised gracefully to her these darlings are alive and well. We lips. Of course all the ladies of the court followed her example, and handbing our head, and in thus trying to kerchiefs have rapidly become an important and costly part of the feminine toilet; so much so that the price of a have cut a cent into four pieces. As she single handkerchief of the trousseau of was at supper one night, in a reunion of erybody works—men, women and chilthe Duchess of Edinburgh would make artists and authors at Alexandre Dumas' the fortune of a necessitous family."

The Cost of War. ing the different wars in which the of her pocketbook some money for the United States has been engaged. In game, let a silver piece of 50 centimes United States has been encaged. In the war of the Revolution (1775 to the war of the Revolution (1775 to 1783) 278,021 soldiers were engaged; in the war of 1812 to 1815, 527,654; in the Mexican war, 73,260—making a total of 878,935—while in the war of 1860 no "Let me do it," maliciously exclaimed about the first of January. The 6,749 were missing in action. Since building is nine stories high, and will the commencement of the war the gov-Since ernment has paid, up to June, 1874, in pensions, over \$251,000,000. Deducting \$5,000,000 for former pensioners, there is left \$246,000,000 growing out President's room and the rooms of the of the rebellion. Some idea of the other officers will fill up the rest of the number of pensions, and the amounts building. Few persons have any idea paid during these twelve years may be gathered from the following table: Army invalids. 99,804
Army widows and dependent relatives 112,088
Survivors of the war of 1812. 18,266 Survivors of the war of 1812.... Widows of soldiers of the war of 1812... Navy widows and dependent relatives

> 238,411 The rebellion entailed a debt of \$2,500,000,000 upon the government to be paid by the people, and, aside from the principal of the public debt, and pensions, there was paid during the fiscal year 1873 the sum of \$127,992,989 .-95, on account of expenses growing out

A Springfield gentleman concluded your nose will lose its rosy hue; you'll have a chance to comb your hair and in the dark got hold of achunk of stove-blacking by mistake for the soap. A more polished man than he was has never been seen in the whole State of Massachusetts.

A New York correspondent of the

Cincinnati Gazette writes : "The chief roads. It was said of George Peabody enormous increase of railroad values, and the colossal extent of his operations, have brought an increase so stu-pendous as to remind us of the old stois combined almost equally in the vast possessions of one individual is found in A. T. Stewart. He owns enough in each of these shapes of wealth to make estate he has two great dry goods estabishments on Broadway, also the Metropolitan Hotel, and the former Unitarian Church. Add to these the Baptist Church in Amity street, now used as the stables of his business teams, ing" is a verse credited to Numbers, 31. the Depean row, in Bleecker street, and above all his Fifth avenue palace, which cost \$1,000,000. In personal estate is his stock in trade, capital and bills receivable, which must be \$10,000,000, and a large quantity of bank stock. In latter has invested almost solely in railway stocks, while the former has es-

000,000. Mysteries of Vegetation. The Opelousas (La.) Journal gives an account of a white-oak tree, in the parish of Calcasieu, which has, in the course of its growth, accomplished a curious feat. The trunk of the tree is 21 feet in diameter, and rises to the height of about 25 or 30 feet without throwing out a single branch. About 12 or 16 feet above the base of the oak. the limb or stem of a pine tree, 6 or 8 inches in diameter and 12 to 16 feet long, passes directly through the center of its shaft, projecting several feet beyond each side. The oak incloses the pine tightly, and is as perfectly solid at To persons who have not visited the this point as at every other. The ques-

In Mallet woods there is another white-oak that presents a curious feaand divides into two prongs about 1 unite again into a single, solid stem. The two prongs are each, say, 1; feet rence than the two stems meas-

ure taken separately. A Queer Hen Story. From West Chester there comes to us functions of a well-behaved maiden was all the more singular when it was observed that she did not show a disposition to "chuck." The hen seemed to thrive and ate well, but it was evionly difference between them and marketable eggs being that they were minus the hard sh ll. The cause of the poor hen's despondency was now explained. her eggs for delivery, but owing to

had a well-deserved reputation for shocking avarice; in fact, she would father's (whose prodigalities and superb disdain for money afforded a striking contrast with the celebrated Jewess' The Republic magazine presents covetousness), the company indulged in some rather startling statistics concern- playing cards, and Rachel, taking out or her pocketbook some money for the game, let a silver piece of 50 centimes (10 cents) fall on the floor. Much troubled by the incident, she immediately called for Dumas' servant to bring a candle and fetch the important trifle, "Let me do it," maliciously exclaimed Dumas sending back his servent "I'll". We allude to the Chicago praise. francs (\$20), he lighted it at the luster, picked up under the table the half franc piece, and most graciously ten-dered it to Rachel, who carefully put it in her portmennaie as she would have done with a relic coming from her an-

cestor Moses. THE MEN WHO CAN FORGIVE.—The brave only know how to forgive; it is language of Rip Van Winkle, "May it the most refined and generous pitch of live long and prosper."- Western Econvirtue human nature can arrive at. Omist. Cowards have done good and kind actions-cowards have even fought, nay, sometimes even conquered, but a coward never forgave. It is not in his nature; the power of doing it flows only from a strength and greatness of soul, conscious of its own force and security,

a household will keep everything bright The transmission of California fruits, and warm within. Envy, hatred, malice, selfishness, despondency, and r host of evil passions, may lurk around the door, they may even look within, but they can never enter and abide there; the cheerful face will put them that the gottern introduction placing these great thoroughfares upon a more perfect and sensible footing than has existed since their constructo shame and flight.

A Crumby Convention.

No fictitious characters impress us with a sense of reality like those of Never has anything created such uni-versal excitement and aroused the indignation of the citizens in the usually mated at \$40,000,000, the largest part Michigan, which was held at Put-in Bay quiet village of Buchanan, Berrien county, as has the erection in our cemeral inscriptions, indicative of a great want of reverence for sacred things.

mated at \$40,000,000, the largest part of which is in railway property. He on the 10th inst., we said to ourselves:

"Ah! if only Sir John Falstaff could have been there!" He is the ideal of adjoose. He is the refinement of gross
in each, and he also owns the control
in each, and he also o Lake Shore, besides his stock in Ohio mendacity so enormous that it almost seems more respectable than truth; his selfishness so absolute that it has an that he made almost the entire bulk of his enormous wealth after his fiftieth year. I think a stronger statement can be made of the Commodore, for he has made the largest part of his money since he was civit that it has an expect of generosity; his sensuality so little concealed that it well nigh amounts to the spiritual—all these are qualities which demand large quarters. We cannot picture him as spare; we cannot think of his unctucus sentences and also the most expensive, having last score of years. I suppose that coming from a hungry mouth. His cost Coveny nearly \$3,000. On the front side is engraved in large worth five millions. The incessant and dash the gravity of a sermon. Manger many doubts, we respect him as we respect a mountain. He talks, it is true, almost always of himself, but then there is so much to talk about! Hundreds ries of Oriental magic. The only in-stance in which real and personal estate there is the wisdom which makes the there is the wisdom which makes the best of everything in every ounce of

But we must not forget our fatfriends.

at Put-in Bay while dwelling affection-

ately upon their swelling prototype. Such a meeting was of ponderous portent, and may be called the Apotheosis of Avoirdupois. There was, indeed, in the regulation of the convention, a slight suspicion of personal pride and exclusiveness. The standard of qualificationwas high, or at least broad and heavy. Perfect rotandity alone answered the completeness of the conception, and no light weight could enter there. A constitutional provision (Article I.) rigorously shut the gates of admission uponevery candidate weighing less than 200 pounds. Credentials were in the corporation. Nobody concerning whose-specific gravity there was the least, doubt could take his seat before going chewed this form of property in a very peculiar manner. He has a strong affinity for those things which pertain Mich., weighed 200 pounds; the most Mich., weighed 200 pounds; the most to trade and to this sione. It is said ponderous being Mr. John Templeton, that his estates cannot be less than \$30,- of Swanton, Ohio, who pulled down 428 pounds, and was accordingly made honorary chairman. Ah! but it must have been a sight to see them all scated in long and billowy rows-ranges of sesquipedality, chains of abdominal Alpsand pyramids of thepinguid \ Only fancy the King of the Cannibal Islands looking in there with his mouth full of water! Why there were 56 distinct and separate masses of meat, and the agseparate masses of meat, and the aggregate weight thereof, if we have not blundered in addition, was 13,619 pounds! Had they been heaped up, it would have been Pelfon upon Ossa. Woman, too, lovely and large, was there, viz.: Mrs. Walter Delerri, Normally, Okio, 1989. walk, Ohio (298 pounds), and Mrs. Sullivan, North Bass Island, Ohio (298 pounds). Hail to you, most equal and most mighty mesdames! Joans of juiciness! noble champions of the equality of the sexes, at least in the matter of penderous plumpness. Our souls all love largeness, and the tout ensemble must have been imposing in-the extreme!—New York Tribune.

A Glass Eater.

There is a chap in Staunten, Va., whoeats glass. "I went out." says the physician who describes it, "and secured a piece, about one-third of a broken pane, and brought in several friends to witness the sight. He took the glass and deliberately bit out a piece about the size of a silver half dollar and chewed it no with as much gusto as if it had been a piece of bread, swallowed it, taking afterward a swallow of water and bread, he said, to get the particles out of his teeth. He would have eaten the whole piece had I asked, as he has frequently eaten tumblers for a drink of whisky. He said he would a eat any kind of glass except the colored 1 bottle glass, which had poison in it. He was first induced to try the experiment about three years ago, at the Cape of Good Hope, by a surgeon in the British navy, who bet he could eat all! the glasses (eighteen in number) at a dinner party, which he did, and he saw no reason why he could not do as much, so he tried it by eating only three. Since that time he has eaten glass for the amusement of others over a thousand times, with no disagreeable effect. The only difference be sees is it gives

him an appetite." An Industrious People.

Every Swiss city and large town has hen's despondency was now explained. its special industry. Some excel in one She had done her duty, had prepared branch of manufactures and some in another; but, taken in their entirety. some obstruction nature refused to per-form her share of the work. What duction for so small a nation. While would have been the ultimate conse- the Swiss raise more than enough meat, quences of this had the hen been al- butter and cheese for their own conlowed to live on we are not prepared to sumption, they are obliged to import say; but it certainly is a strange freak about 1,500,000 barrels of flour per anof nature, the similitude of which we num from France and Germany. Nor Mile. Rachel, the late great French ry, chemicals and wood carvings, they tragic actress, who, nineteen years ago, are abundantly enabled to supply all visited this country on an artistic tour, their wants in the shape of imported goods and food. The Swiss are certainly the most industrious people in the dren. There is no leisure, idle, or loafer class, and few drones, in this busy hive, Joseph Medill's Letter to

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The Pacific Roads.

Late agreements entered into be-tween the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railways are of deep interest to all branches of business in the country. All the former rivalries and jealousies and above the little temptations of resenting every fruitless attempt to interrupt its happiness.

BE CHEERFUL.—One cheerful face in the constant of the const especially, will be affected for good.

The Central Pacific officers have also united in the general harmony, thus