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## A HAPPY NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

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In the middle of September, 1873; the Algeria steamed into the New York Algeria steamed into the New York waters with a company of summer ab-sentees, joyful at their nearness to home. The passage had been less com-fortable than could be wished; but this day was bright and fair, and the few day was bright and lair, and the few Europeans on board were being told, in every variety of form, that "We were now getting into New York weath-er." The pilot was eagerly looked for, and at length came on board, among the cheers of the well-dressed group on deak" He howerht a few personance deck. He brought a few newspapers, which were soon distributed and headings read. What a change of tone they produced ! "PANIC CONTINU-HOUSE AFTER HOUSE DOWN ! THE FOLLOWING SUSPENDED!" etc. So the words ran. A gentleman stood up and read aloud for all; and one might see the effect on this and that countenance, of successive announcements. Some never attered a word, but dropped away from the crowd. There was a newspaper in the writer's hand. A gentleman stepped up and timidly asked a look at it. I shall never forget the expression of that face as he handed it back without a word, and crept away to his cabin, as if he had done some-thing ariminal. Indeed, I shall never forget that whole scene. Perhaps because its impression was so strong ; perhaps because subsequent events have so often recalled it, "I had a dream which was not all a dream ;" but how much was dream and how much reality, it is not needful to say. At

least I am wide awake now, when put-ting of paper what I hope may be, in spirit and essence, if not in form, realized in many a home on New-Year's day, 1875

Mr. Charles G. Henslow seemed, if not a rich, at least a "comfortable" man, as he brought back his family, early in September, 1873, from a pleas-ant run to the White Mountains, and that lake which it is more agreeable to sail over than to spell or pronounce-the smiling Winnipiseogee. You could not help thinking that a happy group that entered his snug up-town resi-dence—his comely wife, a grown-up daughter, Carrie; Henry, who meant to be an artist, and two little girls, who ran up stairs and down, shouting to stable other and to all the house, reports on the canary, the cat, the cook, and their own little room. Tom, who was well through his course, had gone directly to college.

Mr. Henslow soon got "under way," down town; but one week at home seemed to undo all the benefit of the summer trip. Pale, silent, and moody. he strove in vain to respond to the gladness of his children, when he was at home in the evening. It was one week from the day of their return that he came back earlier than usual and called his wife to his room. She had feared something very bad; she was not surprised when he said, with a choking voice, " The worst has come ;

## So the year passed, and the eve of New Year's day came. There had been many conference

about the day. Tom was coming home for vacation. Henry was to have his first holiday. That was a double joy. "Shall we receive, mother?" said "Shall we receive, mother?" said Carrie; "I think we had better not." She did not wish mother to think it would be a trial to her to give up " receiving.

"Why, certainly, Carrie; why not? Are we not just as good as ever we were?

That again was a pleasant group that gathered about the breakfast-table on Jan. 1st, 1875, as it was seen in the dream. It was the first complete gathering since their reverse. Mr. Henslow took the Bible—he had left his wife to read and pray with the children when they lived in town-and read a spalm. They melt down and he prayed-a simple, thankful, humble prayer. They rose from their knee, Henry, who had never heard his father pray, wiping tears that were full of nothing but joy. He had joined the church in the city in which he worked; because "he saw he must be one thing or the other, be thoroughly good, or go to ruin ;" and a clergyman whom he consulted put him into a gentlemen's Bible class. The rest had followed.

"I have some good news to tell you "I have some good news to tell you all," said Mr. Henslow, which I kept for this morning. The house"—they all knew the house—"is going on again hopefully, and I begin again as before with this year; and if Tom likes, after he graduates next commencement, he can get my place.

After general congrstulations, and some of the aforesaid hugging, it was Tom's time to answer the looks of

inquiry. "Well, father, I'm not vain enough to think I could take your place. They have a notion at college that there is omething in me; mostly, I suspect, because I have dropped cigars and par-ties, and cut fewer recitations than I used to ; and there is a talk of my getting an exhibition that will enable me to go to Germany for a year and study; and then I may develop into a lawyer, or a professor, or something 'poor but honest;' for I doubt if my nervous sys-tem could stand the 'fluctuations of commerce ;'" and Tom glanced slyly over a broad chest and very muscular limbs, adding : "Henry here will make -and one millionaire is enough in pile the family." This was Tom's way of describing the brilliant success he won in college since he wakened up to the idea that he had to make his own way. The reader can imagine more huggidg, etc.

It was now Harry's turn to say a word-taking out a roll of notes and putting it in his mother's hand. "I was to have nothing the first year, while I was learning the business; but the Governor told me in July that I deserved something, and put me on salary; and I brought home the most of it, and \_\_\_\_\_." Poor Harry! He had some-thing else to say, but he had not got rid of the crying, in his heart, over his

my darling, we are poor, almost penni-less. The house has suspended, and we junior partners, who had little in it but of least a suspended it the init but will tell it. We paid over six hundred dollars a year for the oblidgen at school with a build and the init and in the standard bin solution of the sparate use the base dollars a year for the oblidgen at school with a build and the standard bin solution of the sparate use in the base dollars a year for the oblidgen at school with a build and the standard bin solution of the sparate use the second standard bin solution of the sparate use in the school of the sparate use in the school of the sparate use is the school of the sparate use is a school of the school of the sparate use is the school of the sparate use is the school of the school

## Concerning January.

According to the ancient mythology, Janus was the god of gates and avenues and in that character held a key in his right hand and a rod in his left, to sym-bolize his opening and ruling the year. Sometimes he bore the number 300 in one head and 65 in the start and 50 in one hand and 65 in the other, the number of its days. At other times he was represented with four heads, and placed in a temple of four equal sides, with a door and three windows in each side, as emblems of the four seasons and the twelve months over which he presided.

Fosbrooke, in his valuable "Encyclopedia of Antiquities," adduces various authorities to show that congratulations, presents, and visits were made by the Romans on New Year's Day. The ori-gin, he says, is ascribed to Romalus and Tatius, and than the usual presents were figs and dates, covered with leaf gold, and sent by clients to patrons, accompanied with a piece of money, which was expended to purchase the statues of deities. New Tear's gifts were continued under the Roman emperors until they were prohibited by Claudius.

Thomas Naogeorgus, in "The Popish Kingdome," a Latin poem written in 1553, and Englished by Barnabe Googe after remarking on days of the old year, urges this recollection :

The next to this is Newe Yeare's Day, The next to this is Newe Yearc's Day, whereon to every frende They costly presents in do bring, and Newe Yearc's gifts do sende. These gifts the husband gives his wife, and father eke the childe. And maister on his men bestowes

new Testament, with a leaf conspicu-ously doubled down at Hebrews, xiii. Dr. Drake is of opinion that the wardrobe and jewelry of Queen Eliza-beth were principally supported by tuese New Year's contributions. Nearly all the peers and peeresses, all the bishops, the chief officers of state, the Queen's household servants, even down to her apothecaries, master cook, sergeant of the pastry, gave her gifts, and although she made returns to these in gifts of plate and other articles, she took care that the balance should be in

her own favor. Charles Lamb's delightful essay on observances this custom of solemnizing our proper birthday hath nearly passed sway, or is left to children, who reflect nothing at all about the matter, nor understand anything beyond the cake and orange. But the birth of a new year

is of an interest too wide to be preter mitted by king or cobbler. No one ever regarded the 1st of January with indifference. It is that from which all date their time, and count upon what is left. It is the nativity of our common Adam.

Pins were acceptable New Year's gifts to the ladies, instead of the wooden skewers which they used till the end of father's prayer, and he broke down. "Poor me," suid Carrie; "I wish I was a man; I can do nothing, and have the fifteenth century. Sometimes they received a composition in money, and hence allowance for their separate use

### The Return Wave.

The New York Tribune gives the sub-joined statement, which may astonish many who suppose that this is the only country in the world where existence is endurable :

For several days past many persons, mostly Germans, have besieged the offices of the Commissioners of Emigration at Castle Garden, and besought them to provide steerage passage to Europe. Most of them professed to be without means, while others asserted that they had a portion of the passage money. Of course it was impossible and, accordingly, most of the Orienta

every case they came provided with letters from Germany in which they were assured that labor is plenty and profitable at home, and that the demand for mechanics is greater than for many years previous. Information re-ceived by the Commissioners them-selves from all parts of Prussia shows that the situation has not been exag-gerated. Skilled labor is scarce, and the base of the summer solstice, and the Greeks, however, subsequently changed to the summer solstice, and the Romans, under a military exigency to be mentioned in a moment, adopted, in the year 153 B. C., an ordinance

that has been paid for years past. Book-binders, machinists, type-setters and mechanics in the different trades are receiving from ten different trades are receiving from ten to thirty florins a week where only one the so-called Spanish provinces. The third that sum used to be paid. This

whereon to every frende They costly presents in do bring, and New Year's gifts do bende. These gifts the husband gives his wife, and maister on his men bestowes the like, with favour milde. Honest old Latimer, instead of pre-senting Henry VIII. with a purse of gold, as 'was customary, for a New Year's gift, put into the King's hand a new Testament, with a leaf conspicu-ously doubled down at Hebrews, xiii. They costly presents in do bring, and New Year's gift and that sum used to be paid. This rate, considering the prices of rent, pro-visions and living generally, is equiva-lent to as many dollars here. Accom-plished book-keepers with large manu-facturing companies are receiving from 3,000 to 10,000 florins a year. Busi-ness is brisk throughout the empire and prosperity and plenty prevail through-out the land. This is accounted for by the Commissioners and others from the the Commissioners and others from the fact that while Germany is now homo-geneous and a unit, she became en-riched by the late war, levying trib-ute upon France, which was made to bear all the expense of the campaign. She was more than indemnified. Money became plenty, and the industries, which had slumbered when the war was raging, were set in operation at its close. Business relations were opened with other nations which previous to the war had only trifling commercial wont to begin; but at this time and for the war had only trifling commercial relations with the Prussian provinces.

There was an increasing internal and external demand for the manufactures Charles Lamb's delightful essay on New Year's Eve begins with "Every man hath two birthdays; two days, at least, in every year, which set him upon revolving the lapse of time, as it affects his mortal duration. The one is that which in an especial manner he termeth *his.* In the gradual desuetude of old observences this guestion of solempiring ufacturers and tradesmen as well as the friends of Germans in this country are friends of Germans in this country are sending to America for them, proffering good positions at home. ages, where the exigencies of a Spanish revolt had once placed it a century and a half before Christ.—New York Evening Post.

### " A Pistol That Was a Pistol."

Capt. Isaac S. Bourne, of the Brook-yn police, was shot and instantly killed lyn police, was shot and instantly killed at noon yesterday by Jobn Crawford Pollock, a reporter employ d upon the Brooklyn Argus. Pollock had been to the Church of the Assumption, and on his way home had stopped at the Sec-ond Precinct Station to see the Captain, who was his friend. In the course of conversation, Pollock took from his pocket a cartridge, which he said was similar to the one taken from the body of Mosier, one of the Bay Ridge burglars. The Captain took the cartridge

and looked at it a few minutes, and then dollars a year for the children at school with a band of his countrymen against in town, and their dressing for school the tyranny of their oppressors. For revolver, which he showed to Pollock, saying it was a present given to him some time previous. Pollock returned it to him, and then the Captain went into his private room, saying that he had another one which he felt proud of. had another one which he felt proud of. Pollock followed him. The Captain went to his desk, and opening a small drawer, took out another pistol. Pol-lock asked if it was loaded, and the Captain replied, "No." The former cocked and snapped it. "Now," said Captain Bourne, "I'll show you a pis-tol that is a pistol," and he brought forth a fine nickel-plated navy revolver, made by Smith & Weason and handed it to Pollock. The latter took it in his hand, and supposing it to be unloaded

### The Beginning of the Year.

It was a curious circumstance, with which our readers may not all be familiar, that originally determined that the beginning of the year should be the 1st of January. It seems odd to begin the year in mid-winter, especially as there is nothing in the heavens or on

the earth to mark that as a natural point to reckon from. The solstice and equinoxes, as open to observation and as periodically recurring, were noticed and marked with more or less for the Commissioners to provide means for them to return to Germany, but in some few instances where only a small deficiency existed, the balance was sup-plied by the Commissioners. In nearly the Mexicans too began their year at the autumnal civil year, though their ecclesiastical year they dated from the vernal equinox; the Mexicans too began their year at the autumnal civil year.

prices paid exceed anything which thereafter marked for them, and

Banking hours from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Albany, Feb. 1, 1874. J. LINSEY HILL. D. M. JONES. JONES & HILL, PHYSICIANS AND SURCEONS, ALBANY, OREGON. 37v6 In that year there was a serious revolt J. W. BALDWIN. Attorney and Counselor at Law, Will practice in all the Courts in the Second, Third and Fourth Judicial Districts, in the Supreme Cour of Oregon, and in the U. S. District and Circuit Lusitanians, ancestors of the present Courts. Office in Parrish brick (up-stairs), in office occu pled by the late N. H. Cramor, First street, Albany D. B. RICE, M. D., SURCEON AND PHYSICIAN. necessary for more than forty years and, in order to hasten the departure of the military, they even decreed that the Consuls for the year should enter office two months and a half before the legal . C. POWELL. L. FLYNN POWELL & FLYNN, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, time. The Consuls were always electe AND SOLICITORS IN CRANCERY. in the fall, at the close of the military Finn, Notary Public), Albany, Oregon. Collect ns and conveyances promptly attended to. 1 year, but the day for their entering upon office had long been the 15th of March, near the vernal equinox, the Albany Book Store. JNO. FOSHAY, this reason the day for entering upon office was shifted from the 15th of March · Dealer in Miscellaneous Books, School Books, Blan Books, Stationery, Fancy Articles, &c. to the 1st of January; and thus was ac-cidentally established, as it were, the Books imported to order at shortest possible no v6n30 beginning of the year which we still make use of at the present day. Julius DR. GEO. W. GRAY, Cæsar long afterward reformed the DENTIST calendar in very essential respects, but he did not disturb the beginning of the year, which remained for the Romans, ALBANY, OREGON. and consequently for all nations and all Office in Parrish Brick Block, corner First and Ferry streets. Residence, corner Fifth and Ferry streets. Office hours from 8 to 12 o'clock s. m. and 1 to 5 o'clock p. m. 18v6 **Epizootics Distanced.** How Economy in Advertising Resulted. THE BAY TEAM STILL LIVES Advertising does not flourish in France as it does, we will not say in America, for this industry, if it may be And is fourishing like a green bay tree. Thankful for past favors, and wishing to merit he continu-ance of the same, the BAY TEAM will always be ready, and easily found, to do any hauling within the city limits, for a reasonable compensation. 20° Delivery of goods a specialty. 20v5 A. N. ABNOLD, Proprietor. so called, obtains extravagant propor-tions in that country—but in England. A French writer notices this fact with

ome alarm as a sign of languid trade, being unable to account for it by any lofty indifference on the part of the public to the suggestions of advertis-Dealer in ers. To prove that the French public resembles that of other countries in

this respect, he relates that, being engaged in conversation with the head of a firm celebrated for its extraordinary nts, this gentleoutlay in advertisem man told him that it had once occurred to him to diminish his annual expenditure in this direction by the sum of 25,000f. "The business," he argued, "is fairly afoot; the public is fully apprised of it; they will come to us at any rate; therefore those 25,000f Scio..... Albauy... may as well remain in our pockets," But this reasoning was fallacious, and that year's accounts showed a diminution of profits fully equivalent to the supposed saving. It must not, how-ever, be assumed that the French cannot advertise. A slop-seller lately drew public attention to his stock, describing the clothes he made as "being, so to speak, fitted by anticipation," a refine-ment worthy of Barnum. - London Echo An Unattractive Capital. A correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean writes: "What could have dictated the choice of such a cheerless, melancholy spot for a city as the plateau on which Madrid is located? Spaniards even cast slurs on their unfortunate capital. The poor little Manzanares, dignified by the little Manzanares, dignified by the name of river and magnificently bridged, but completely destitute of water most of the year, affords sport for the least funny newcomer. The climate has been described as 'three months winter and nine months hell.' But, with all this,



#### our labor, have nothing.

Mrs. Henslow neither shrieked nor fainted, nor fell into hysterics on his neck. She kissed him quietly, patted his shoulder a bit, and said. "Well, his shoulder a bit, and said. Charles, we did all for the best, and we are in God's hands. He will set you right again. We need not fear his goodness failing."

"The poor children !" said he. "How shall I tell them? Must we let them know?" And various contingen-cies and considerations were hurriedly talked over, coming back to the question, "Shall we tell them ?"

"Why, certainly," said the mother. "We never hid anything from them that they could understand, and, thank God, there is nothing they ought not to know.'

We shall not follow the history of many a sad family council held that fall; nor the negotiations that led to quitting the house, and finding another at a manageable distance from the city, at a small rent. Nor shall we linger on details that seemed formidable at the first blush, but with which "familiarity bred contempt." That Carrie's German and music lessons should be stopped; that Tom should not be able to traverse that Tom should not be able to traverse Europe, cultiviting the acquaintance of old masters, and new; that "the girls", should not have the maid who did the sewing and waited on them; these things looked mere trifling priva-tions in a month. Happy is it for us that a loss that looks gigantic when set up and looked at by itself, is dwarfed and lost in a crowd of calamities.

up and looked at by itself, is dwarfed and lost in a crowd of calamities. By the end of the year the little rented house was very home-like—that mother could have made a home in "a hollow beech tree"—and every one had a niche, and was tolerably happy in it. A letter had been sent to Tom calling him home, and giving the reason. But the newspapers had been beforehand; a kind-hearted professor had told a friend of what was likely to come; and he had offered to advance the money for Tom's expenses till he graduated and could repay it. Mr. Henslow took a situ-ntion as book-keeper, and gave his after hours' time to working on the accounts of the embarrassed firm. Carrie want-ed to "go out" and teach. "Certainly you can 'go out' and teach." "Cer-tainly you can teach," said her mother. "I am going to engage you for two lit-tle girls I have, called Bessies and Ber-tha, and after lessons you shall help me with the sewing. 'Salary not so much an object as a pleasant home,' you know, dear;" and, partly langhing and partly erying, she hugged Carrie, ac-cording to the approved womanly way of expressing deep emotion of a tender kind. Henry, like a manly, good fellow as he was, turned his back on dreams of Italy and the old masters, and was mastering the art of converting hard-ware into paper currency, in the old mastering the art of converting hard-ware into paper currency, in the old established house of Brassy & Co., in a Western city.

Please to imagine the months of 1874 ties, "to be sure, yet Bessie and Berths made good health, and did not seem to miss the pantemime. There was no trip to the monthains; so no consulta-had such "sweet thing in silk" for the country. Charie did the work of good manazement of here evenings. To the amount of being latitude and the see illed during July last in the northwest provinces of India by imprantsforming freesees was the perpetan mazement of here evenings. There is not so at the see of the see interest of bites of venous snakes. Many perfectly amazing. He did not need to has dub, or anything else in the city. Please to imagine the months of 1874

cost at the very least two hundred dollars a year more; and you have saved all that, and a penny saved is a penny won, if Benjamin Franklin told the truth; and the girls never learnt so land, much in a year, and never had so good a governess.

"And, mamma ! sure, we'll never go to school again, but always learn les-sons with Carrie?" chimed in Bessie Scots. and Bertha, to whom Carrie had made lessons (she called them her little busy B's ")"more a pleasure than a toil.

"Don't be too sure about that, Bessie," said Tom. "There's a dread-ful bird of prey I have seen prowling about this nest that I am afraid wants to carry off your governess." We do not pretend to say why Carrie

is blushing and frowning on Tom, and giving him a blow on the upper part of his cheek that does not hurt him much: nor why a Mr. Eagle, who owned a nice mansion close by (his father was the rich broker in William street), who was among the first newyear callers, staid so long, and ap-peared so awkward and timid as he was peared so awkward and timid as he was leaving. Your true man, as a rule, is a little sheepish when in love; it is the empty-headed corcomb who worships himself, and imagines he honors any-body to whom he offers his precious self, that is as easy, self-possessed, and impudent as one of those cock-sparrows in the square.

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But Mr. Eagle left a letter, addressed, "Charles G. Henslow, Esq., present;" of which we can give the reader a copy: "Mr DEAR STR: I hope it will not seem to you, and to Mrs. Henslew, presumptuons in me to ask your consent to my union with your daughter. Since you have come to re-side here, I have came to love her for that real worth, which I knew only in part when you lived in the city, and yet, which I re-spected even then. Through the kindnees of my late and dear father, I have means enough to secure comfort, and I do not mean to be an idle man. If you will give me this gift, I am sure, with God's blessing, I shall be happier and more useful, and I shall try to be like your other sons. I shall await a line from you at your convenience, and before be like your other sone. I shall await a like from you at your convenience, and before wanturing to speak to Miss Henslow, and with what anxiety, I need not say. Permit me to be, with great respect, "Yours, most faithfully, "FRANK P. EAGLE." We shall not describe the other call-

ers; nor intrude on snother family council; nor say how this "bird of prey" was regarded by Carrie; but we noticed that she takes Tom's puns and noticed that ahe takes Tom's puns and jokes in excellent part, even when he declares "it is the Eagle that is Car-ried away." There may have been more hugging; for that mother and daughter had become more to each other in days of trial than ever they would have been in prosperity. As the family parted at late bed-time, Mr. Henslow said, as he kissed Bessie and Bertha good-night, "This is the happiest New Year's day

of my life." Many a family in the United States less rich in 1875 than in 1873 ; but the are other sources of joy than wealt and He who rules all sometimes use

upward of three centuries the opposi-tion was carried on, and terminated in the treaty of Westphalia, in 1648, declaring the independence of Switzer-On the 1st of January, 1651, Charles

II. was crowned at Scone King of the

On the 1st of January, 1801, the union of Great Britain with Ireland commenced by act of Parliament, and Irishmen have been thinking about that

little matter ever since. On the same day, Jan. 1, 1801, Piazzi, the astronomer at Palermo, discovered Ceres—a new primary planet, making the eleventh of that order.

### An Incessant Want.

thirty thousand gallons in one year, and to be reminded of that continuous

That Bonanza.

The recently discovered bonanza in the Conselidated Virginia and Cali-fornia Mines has done great things for the Comstock Lode, the value of which, the Comstock Lode, the value of which, at least on paper, has been increased at a tremendous rate. The appreciation during the last thirty days has been equal to \$125,000,000, of which about \$90,000,000 may be credited to the Cali-fornia, Consolidated Virginia and Ophir Mines, while nine or ten others have gone

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hand, and supposing it to be unloaded snapped it as he had the other pistol. To his astonishment the revolver was fired and the ball struck the Captain

One of the incessant wants of man is about half an inch below the nipple on air. We want air mainly to nourish us the left side of the breast. Immediair. We want air mainly to nourish us and keep us cool. The quantity of air inhaled by an adult in twenty-four hours amounts on an average to about three hundred cubic feet, or two thou-send gallons. That we take in and give out during twenty-four hours, in the shape of solid and liquid food, occu-ner room, where they found the Capner room, where they found the Cap-tain dead upon the floor, between his chair and desk. Pollock was immedichair and desk. Follock was immedi-ately arrested, and in conversation after-ward with Inspector Waddy said that he supposed the pistol was unloaded. At the time of the shooting Capt. Bourne and Pollock were admiring the pistols, the Captain sitting in front of Pollock near his desk. Their conver-sation, Pollock says, was of the friend-liest character.—New York Tribune.

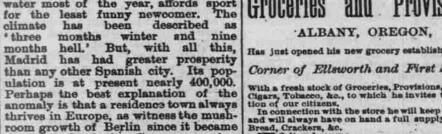
#### Remarkable Insurance Case in France.

A rather remarkable insurance case lately came before a French court. A M. de Buigny had insured his life in the Gresham Company, of London, for \$4,000. Up to a recent date he was in perfect health, but, having taken a very hot bath, it seemed to have the effect of bringing on some acceleral disorder

hot bath, it seemed to have the effect of bringing on some cerebral disorder which necessitated his being closely watched; but, notwithstanding such surveillance, he contrived to get hold of some prussic acid, and killed himself. Mme. de Buigny at once communicated to the office the circumstances, and found they were re-solved to treat the case as one of sui-cide, and to decline payment. The French court has decided that when a French court has decided that when a man kills himself who does not enjoy liberty of action, it is not suicide, and permits Mme. de Buigny to bring be-fore it proofs of her statement, with the view, it may be presumed, of en-forcing payment if she sustains the same to its satisfaction.

#### A "Solid" Man.

An old and well known merchant of this city lost in the great fire of 1872 property in merchandise and warehouses to the amount of \$1,750,000. Deducting what he recovered from in-surance, and ircluding what he lost in insurance stock, the net loss to him was then \$1,350,000. He imme-diately set to work to rebuild, though any one seeing how cool and calm he was on the Sunday morning following the fire would hardly have supposed he was interested to the amount of a dol-lar. He has just completed the last of his buildings. He has neither sold a foot of real estate nor has he borrowed a dollar irom any source. — Boston Traveller. es to the amount of \$1,750,000.



the capital of the German empire. There is not much that one sees in wandering about the streets during a few days' stay in Madrid that is particularly Spanish. I hardly dare venture the remark, and yet it is extraordinary how dull a city it is, considering its great size. There is not a church worth any trouble to see, not a building that is more than one expects to find in every little German capital; the streets are narrow, the squares few and dusty."

Had Seen Kings Enough.

A gentleman at Washington was requested by a friend to join bim on a visit to the depot to witness the arrival of the King of the Sandwiches. "No, sir, not much," growled th

gentler entleman. "Have you ever seen a king in you travels?" inquired the friend, marveling somewhat at his short answer.

"Yes, sir," replied the gentleman; "I was once guilty of seeing three kings." Then, after a moment's pause, he went on to say: "Andithey cost me \$150, sir. Those were war times, how-

ever. His friend suggested he must have been in bad company. "Well, I don't know," says the ger "Well, I don't know," says the gen-tleman, "I thought I was in pretty good company at the time. I called to see those three kings in company with three queens, another king, and an ace spot, and have never had any desire to see one of the royal family since." His friend saw the point, said he passed, and shuffled on.

THE Pope has conferred the Order of St. Gregory on Mr. George Peter Alex-ander Healy in recognition of the ar-tist's merit as shown in the recent portrait he has painted of his Holi-

FLORIDA has just sent out fifty tons of sponges.

SOLD BY ALL FIRST-CLASS DRUGGISTS