AN OLD YEAR SONG. BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES,

As through the torest, disarrayed By chill November, late I strayed, A lonely minstrel of the wood Was singing to the solitude ; I loved thy music, thus I said, When o'er thy song, but sweeter now Sweet was thy song, but sweeter now Thy carol on the leafless bough. Sing, little bird ! thy note shall cheer The sadness of the dying year.

When violets pranked the turf with blue And morning filled their cups with dow, Thy slender voice with rippling trill The budding April bowers would fill, Nor pass its joyous tones away, When April rounded into May; Thy life shall hall to second dawn,— Sing, little bird ! the spring is gone.

And I remainber-well-a-day !-Thy full-blown summer roundelay, And when behind & broidered screen Some holy maiden sings unseen ; With answering notes the woodland rung. And every tree-top found a tongue. How deep the shade I the groves how fair ! Sing, little bird ! ... he woods are

But now the summer's chant is done

The snow has capped yon distant hill, At morn the running brook will still, From driven herds the clouds that rise Are like the smoke of sacrifice, Ere long the frozen sod shall mock The plowshare, changed to stubborn rock, The brawling streams shall soon be duinb Sing little bird { the frosts have come.

Fast, fast the lengthening shadows creep, The songless fowls are half asleep. The air grows chill, the setting sun May leave these ere thy rong is done. The pulse that warms thy breast grow cold. Thy secret die with thee, untold : The lingering sumset still is bright,— Sing, little bird I twill soon be night.

AN EARLY RISER.

"My dear aunt," exclaimed young Harvey Ellis, hurriedly entering the neat sitting-room of Mrs. Bent, "will you give me a mouthful of breakfast?" "Ten-twenty mouthfuls, if you want them," respon ed Mrs. Bent, cordially. "I have flardly finished wiping the coffee cups, and the rolls are still warm. There-sit right down here, and I'll serve you in a twinkling.'

Harvey lost no time in complying with the invitation, and was soon d ishing hot rolls and beefsteak in a manner which indicated the presence of a healthy appetite. Mrs. Bent-wise said nothing until he rose matron ! from the table, his countenance wearing the satisfied expression of a man who has just conferred a benefit upon a fellow-said fellow being his inner man-then she asked .-

"Have you just come from home, Harvey ?"

The young man's amiable expression changed in a moment to a frown. "Yes. I know what you mean-

wondering why I came down town with-out breakfast. Well, I was obliged to. The same old story, aunt-Lizzie will not get up in time to prepare the morning meal. I've talked to her on the mining till I'm time to the till and the subject till I'm tired; but it's of no use. Pillow-worship seems to be little. her only fault; she's a good wife in every other respect; but I fear that this foible is incurable." "Not

Harvey looked grave and discouraged. "Nonsense !" said Mrs. Bent, briskly. Lizzie's young yet-has not left her childhood well behind her; you know babies need a great deal of sleep. Come, long a nap while Harvey is lighting my lad, you must not lose patience so soon. Wait a little longer-talk to her earlier than usual, and so I thought I

people can contrive to make in the turn in getting breakfast for the entire course of an evening. Lizzie's work lay on the table near her overturned family. If you believe me, my dear, I never in my life had the meal ready in basket—said overturn being Harvey's time, unless one of my sisters volun-last exploit before he retired the night teered her assistance, or took my time, unless one of my sisters volun-The reading-lamp stood near place." before. "Oh, what a naughty, shirking auntie!" laughed Lizzie, much interit, in evident need of "trimming." Harvey's tobacco tray, with the evenested in this-to her-astonishing ing paper, and a book from which he ested aloud to his wife, were grouped in story. "Yes, indeed. But you see when I was married I had no kind sister to do duty for me. So for the first year of picturesque confusion near a plate half filled with rosy-cheeked apples. The cover of the cettage piano was awry, and on the floor near it were strewn wedded life my poor Steve never knew several sheets of music. Every chair at what hour breakfast would await him, several sheets of music. Every chair at what hour oreakings would await him, was out of place, luxurious Harvey generally preferring to sit in two at once, and having a tendency to change his seat once an hour on an average. The plants needed watering. Dick was chirping in his cage, calling dismally for the began to grumble a little; then he began to grumble a little; then he scolded, and on one terrible morning he told me that even a fool required no of the original States were all that his breakfast, and evidently exchanging confidence on the subject of pro-visions with his sharp-voiced mate, whose temper suffered under the state of affairs. And, to add to the depress-

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poor old boy flung himself out of the house in a rage." ing effect of the whole, a drowsy fire was still obscured by the heap of wet Mrs. Bent leaned back in her chair cinders with which it was every night and laughed heartily at the remin-iscence, but Lizzie looked rather serious. covered by Harvey, who, being a man, usually divided the ashes pretty "What did you do then, auntie?" equally between the grate, fender and hearth-rug. Mrs. Bent took in the scene at a glance, and smiled furtively as Lizzie,

"Why, first I cried till I made my head ache; then I dressed myself and sat down to think; and I came to the conclusion that Steve was right; and that I was a simpleton. Then I did my with many apologies, drew forward a chair, dusted it, and then paid vigorwork, prepared the nicest dinner I could ous attention to the fire, which soon rethink of, changed my wrapper for a dress, put on a clean collar and cuffs— for to tell you the truth, Lizzie, on acpaid her by leaping brightly from its gray bed. That done, with a rapidity which showed her capability as housewife, the young matron swept the ashes from fender and rug, cleared the count of rising so late I very often had no time to make myself tidy for dintable of its litter, picked up her scat-tered music, wheeled the chairs into ner-and sat down to wait for Steve." " Well ?" "Well, my dear, Steve didn't come ; neither did he come to tea; and when place, and prepared to chat with her

visitor "I can't bear to sit down in an unhe finally did put in an appearance, at tidy room," she said, " and that care-less Harvey contrives to make the place nine o'clock at night, he coolly told me that he had taken his meals at his motha perfect den. Men have so little idea er's house all day, and should breakfast of order ! However, it looks better there in future, so that I need not curtail my hours of sleep." "What a shame !" cried Lizzie, indig-nantly. "I think his treatment was now-it's astonishing how much arranging one can do in five minutes."

"Don't sit down till you've atvery harsh indeed." "Not one whit too harsh, dear," retended to the birds, Lizzie," said Mrs. Bent, who was quite a bird fan-cier. "They want their breakfast, I'm plied Mrs. Bent, gravely, "for from that time I earnestly strove to overcome habits of sloth. Next morning I sursure.

Lizzie, in the pretty baby talk with which she always addressed the intelli-gent little creatures. "I amount of sloth. Next morning I sur-making mutual concessions." gent little creatures. "I suppose you attended to your birds hours ago, auntie?" she added, pleasantly, while he did not go to his mother's. It was very hard, at first, to rise at a stated time; but when I found howmuch more easily my house was kept in order, and ministering to her pets.

how much more time I had for sewing "Yes, indeed. I always serve them while the water is heating for coffee. I fancy the tiny things want their food than in the old days, ambition helped my laggard inclination; and before two years had passed I found myself an and clean water just as much as we early riser without effort." do." "You're so methodical, Aunt Lizzie was studying the fire very in-Nancy! Why, I could no more find time to attend to my birds before break-fast than I could—" tently as Mrs. Bent concluded, and remained silent for some time. Then she

"Get up early in the morning," in-terrupted Mrs. Bent, laughing.

"Aunt Nancy, why was it impera-tively necessary that Uncle Steve should breakfast so early? He was in business Lizzie blushed, and then pouted a "Well, it is true-I don't get up very for himself, wasn't he?"

"Yes, dear, in a small way. He was consequently his own master. But his presence was required at the shop early and late. 'A business won't prosper in strange hands,' he used to say to me. 'And industry and numericality form the "Not before nine o'clock, for in-

stance?" "Now, auntie ! What a shame ! I'm always out of bed before seven-that is, 'And industry and punctuality form the corner-stone of success.' Why, he would I try to be ; but sometimes I take too discharge any man who was late three times in succession. 'I have no use for soon. Wait a hitle longer—talk to her a little more—and she will overcome this one fault." "Yes—and in the meantime I may less a good situation because I am

asked .--

THE PRESIDENCY.

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How the Freentive Term of Office Came to be Fixed at Four Years.

How shall the Executive of a re-public be constituted? What shall be the powers, the duties, the tenure of office and manner of choosing the Chief Magistrate ?

These were questions that embarassed the United States Constitution framers of 1787. The light of experience was not illuminating. In fallen republics the executive machinery was weakest and had broken down first.

The failure of the old confederation more than nine hours' sleep; that as I those who gave form to our supreme

double distilled simpleton; and that he, as a sensible man, would live no longer with a simpleton; and then my Prior to the convention, John Jay, in reply to Washington's inquiries, expressed himself in favor of an Executive limited in his prerogatives and duration. Gen. Knox declared himself for a Pres-

idential term of seven years' duration. In the convention the diversity of opinion on this question was almost irreconcilable. The extremes of opinion as to duration of service ranged from a tenure for three years to a tenure for life. James Wilson, Roger Sherman and Gun-ning Bedford advocated a term of three years, Mr. Bedford desiring a provision against re-eligibility after nine years. James McClurg, Gouverneur Morris, Jacob Broome and Alexander Hamilton expressed in words and votes a preference for an Executive during good behavior. On the first day of June,

six days after the convention organized, it voted to fill the blank in the Randolph resolutions with the word

seven, ineligibility being a part of the resolutions. On the following day eight of the ten States then represented voted to elect the Chief Magistrate by the national legislature for the term of seven years. On agreeing to the

ineligibility clause Pennsylvania was divided and Connecticut alone voted no. After one successful and six unsuccessful efforts to change the tenure, the

convention on the 26th of July, reffirmed their first decision in favor of a President chosen by the national legislature, to be ineligible after seven years' service. It was not until Sept. 6, eleven days before adjournment, that he existing system was adopted, in accordance with the recommendation of the report of the committee of eleven, of which David Brearly was chairman. The four years' term, with silence as to ineligibility, was a compromise to reconcile and unite extremes.

A Novel Adventure.

As Dr. Billings, of this town, was riding along near Mount Carmel, he descried a deer on the road, and shout-

ed at it, expecting to see a fine run across the fields. The deer was so frightened that, in attempting to jump the fence, it struck the fence-rider and fell back. The doctor kept on shout-

ing all the while, and the confusion of the animal became so great that each succeeding attempt was no more sucessful than the first. Seeing this, the it, but had no sooner touched it than he found himself in the ditch. After

nflicted a wound on its

All Sorts. GRASS widows-The wives of roving

blades. AMERICA has one doctor to every 800 inhabitants.

A ST. Louis variety theater announces "The Female Brothers" as the reigning sensation.

A MAN not 45 years old yet, got license to marry his fifth wife, last week, at Bellefontaine, Ohio, THE Duluth Tribune establishment

has been sold at Sheriff's sale, and is now the property of Mrs. Lorinda R. Hulburd, of Chicago.

Some of the leading theaters in Germany propose to put a stop to the sys-tem of recalls, and of throwing boquets and wreaths on the stage, during the progress of an opera or play.

THE Paris police has forbidden the use of certain streets to people with velocipedes, and commanded that in all others they must carry bells by day, like sleighs, and a lantern at night.

AT a recent " cheese fair" in England. the judge decided that American factories cannot produce cheese equal to the best cheese made in England, although they successfully compete with the medium qualities.

MR. SEILLINGS, of West Gorham, Me., fired into his poultry-yard the other night and brought down Messrs. Perkins night and brought down Messrs. Perkins and Blake, two quiet citizens who had got in among the chickens. Perkins died in a short time, and Blake carries thirty screen wound. thirty-seven wounds.

MR. HENEY R. MYGATT, of Oxford, N. Y., has a quart bottle of oid Madeira wine in his possession which was put up and hermetically sealed by Robert Morris, of Revolutionary treasury fame, in 1774. He will have it on exhibition at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876.

An old tax warrant, just discovered, sets forth that Joseph Bonaparte was taxed in 1812 \$100 for 1,600 acres of land, by Nathan Sutterthwaite, then Assossor of Bordentown, N. J. The ex-Assessor is still living, and says he "stuck it on a little, as Bony was rich and could stand it."

An agent of the Massachusetts Board of Health is traveling on the railroads of that State testing the air in the cars. more particularly the smoking-car. He carries a pair of bellows and a small vial, partly filled with a fluid, into which the air is forced with the bellows, and subsequently it is analyzed and the impurities separated.

LET those who think that if all plant corn instead of wheat the pork and cattle business will be overdone, look care-fully to the tables of slaughtered animals in this country. In 1860 the value of slaughtered animals was \$200,000. 000, and in 1870 \$400,000,000. If it reaches double that in 1880, there will be a demand for all.

THE Cincinnati Enquirer says : Bonner, of the New York Ledger, is responsible for much of the prevailing distress. For years young people have been reading his delusive romances and doctor reined his horses in a corner of the fence, jumped out of his buggy, made for the deer, and actually caught

A DOCTOR and a preacher met on the two or three ups and downs it got away from him; but, being a doctor, he fought on scientific principles, and in his endeavors to cut the carstid artery indicted or mound on its neck. The fist would show the doctor what "blue

Need of Aid.

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The Troubles Entailed by Absent-Mindedness.

Sprugle has an old white horse, which he drives down to the store every morning and leaves hitched in front until night. He drove down the other morn-ing as usual, and, after hitching the horse, went into the store and sat dow

with his back toward the window. H had just got into the midst of a discus sion with the new bookkeeper in regard to the state of the finances, when, hap pening to glance out of the window, h

saw a man getting into his buggy. Sprugle grabbed the bookkeeper's hat, ran out, scized the horse by the head, and asked the man sarcastically if he wouldn't please be kind enough to get right out of that buggy. The man gazed at Sprugle a moment and then re-marked that, if he did get out, he would make him (Surugle) wish that be had st. down and head the man marked that, if he did get out, he would make him (Surugle) wish that be had st. down and head the man st. down and head thead the man st. down and he make him (Sprugle) wish that he had never been born. "You can't blut me a cent's worth," said Sprugle; " me a cent's worth, 'said Sprugie', 'I ain't afraid of you, and I want you to get out of my buggy." "Your buggy!" said the man, "this is my buggy." "You villainous thief!" should Spru-

gle, "I don't see how you can sit there in my buggy, and call it your own. Then the man in the buggy grabbed the whip, and, springing out over the dash-board, seized Sprugle by the hair and wiped up the pavement with him, and drew an outline-map of the United

States on his legs with the whip. He stepped into the bookkeeper's hat, and, the man turned around, and, measuring the distance between himself and Spru-

gle with his eye, threw off his hat and started for Sprugle on a dead jump. Sprugle saw him coming and attempt-ed to run, but the man caught up with him, and, giving a spring into the air, planted both feet into the small of Surgicie's heat and so sudden was the Sprugle's back, and so sudden was the concussion that it shoved Sprugle right out of his boots, and sent him down street nearly a block. Following after him, the man broke his arm with a

him, the man proce his arm with a kick, and wound up by breaking his nose with the whipstock. Then he got into the buggy and drove off. Sprugle picked himself up, and, hold-ing his hand on his nose, started for the store, when he ran against his own buggy, and got kicked by his horse, which stood just where he had left him hitched. When he drove home that hitched. When he drove home that night he wore his own hat for the first. time in many months, and on the way counted over forty white horses, and thought what a fool he must have been not to remember that there were a great many horses of the same color .- Chicago Tribune.

" Nary Red."

As the old "red cent" has now As the old "red cent has now passed out of use, and, except rarely, out of sight, like the "old oaken bucket," its history is a matter of important interest for preservation. The cent was first proposed by Robert Morris, the great financier of the Revo-

lution, and was named by Jefferson two years after. It began to make its ap-pearance from the Mint in 1792. It bore the head of Washington on one side, and thirteen links on the other. The French Revolution soon created a rage for French ideas in America, which put on the cent, instead of the head of Washington, the head of the

Goddess of Liberty-a French Liberty, with neck thrust forward and flowing locks. The chain on the reverse side was displaced by the olive wreath of but the French liberty mass" was. The doctor replied that if short-lived and so was the portrait on the preacher wanted to learn a cheap our cent. The next head or figure that succeeded this-the staid, classic dame with a fillet around her head-came into fashion about thirty or forty years ago, and her finely-chiseled Greeian features have been but slightly altered by the lapse of time.—*Philadelphia Ledger*. to make a second moon, and that when

Packing Statistics.

The Chicago Commercial Bulletin publishes the following tables of pack-ing at the points named to date, as com-pared with the corresponding time last year and the aggregate last season :

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n	1874.	1873.	1873-4.
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	Milwankee	183,000	294,054
-0	Cincinnati	486,000	581,253
d	Louisville	226,947	226,947
-	St. Louis	325,000	463,793
-	Indianapolis	190,000	295,796-
e	Cedar Rapids 30,800	\$7,000	72,810
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At Indianapolis, the packing of pork has been limited and the stock is exhausted. At Louisville, the manufacture of sides was engaged in to a greater extent, which accounts for the greater extent, which accounts for the moderate supply compared with the in-creased packing. The stock reported at St. Louis consists of about 5,000 brls "standard" and 15,000 brls "hard side" and M. O. pork. The lard in Cincinnati includes kettled. The stock of lard held by the refiners is not inluded.

All About a New Shirt.

All About a New Shirt. There is a superstition that the pre-sentation of a knife without any equiv-alent whatever will cut friendship. There is a fact lately come to light, in sa-small town where there is a great deal of primitive simplicity, that the present-ation of a shirt by a woman to the man-she wants to marry will cut the heart out of love. One young girl tried it, and made her lover a glistening white-shirt with her own pretty hands. He-retired to his boarding-house, put it on, and went straitghtway to see and make-love to another girl. Clad in a-clean shirt he felt above the seam-stress who had msde it, and ahe-lost his coveted company. She did not-sit down and whine over the linen that had gone astray, but took a pistol in-her delicate hands and tripped her way to the boarding-house aforesaid. She-met the unsuspecting rover, and pre-senting the pistol, told him to take off. that shirt. He besitated and was lost. He saw despenation in those eyes and handed her the soiled garment, which she took on the point of her pistol and poked into the stove. And the fiame-died out and her love went up the chim-ney with the amoke. He sought the-server of his chamber to more near ney with the smoke. He sought the secrecy of his chamber to mourn over-the depletion of his wardrobe, and she, cocked and primed, went off for another-lover.—St. Louis Republican.

The Bear in Winter.

A writer in the Popular Science-Monthly says : "One of the most curious characteristics of the bear is its habit of hibernating through the winter. habit of hibernating through the winter. During the antumn it becomes veryfat, and about the end of October, complet-ing its winter house, ceases feeding for the year. A remarkable phenomenon then takes place in the animal's digest-ive organs. The stomach, no longer supplied with food, contracts into a very small space. small space. A mechanical obstruction called the 'tappen,' composed of fine leaves or other extraneous substances. blocks the alim entary canal and n

the outward passage of any matter. The

bear continues in its den until the mid-

ings last week, and on one of them

mured, 'An excellent idea, Har—, and went to sleep without trying to finish a fourth yawn." Mrs. Beat, being a merry soul, laugh-ed heartily. Mrs. Beat, bid t. Then she wally was

sleepy." *a* "Of course she was. That's the worst of it—Lizzie needs so much more sleep than I—some people do, you know. Now I can get along with six know. Now I can get along with Six hours' rest, while she requires at least eight. I'fall her she ought to take a nap in the afternoon, if she can't man-age any other way; for my breakfast I must have by 7 o'clock; and as we cannot yet afford to keep a girl, Lizzie

cannot yet allord he was obliged will ought to prepare it for me." "To be sure she ought," replied Mrs. "To be sure she ought," replied Mrs. "Well, so he is; but a few minutes ble girl börn. Now I know just what you've done, Harvey-talked and scold-ed and talked till you've rasped her to was you say ?" asked Mrs. Bent, in an you ve done, Haivey waited and talked fill you ve rasped her to an edge—and a jagged edge, at that. You young men never can manage women. Leave Lizzie to me. I'll run over to the house' before dinner, and have a chat with her. Not another word, grumbler! Run along to the business you understand, and leave that which you don't understand to your wise old sant." "But, my dear, that's not a proper o'clock in the morning; and by the time that Mrs. Bent had attended to her numerous household tasks, and placed her domain in perfect or der, it was nearly 10. In fact, the church clock struck the hour as she stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as she stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as she stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as me stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as me stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as me stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as me stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as me stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as me stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as she stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as she stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-to the to the to the to the stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-clock struck the hour as he stood at her nephew's front door, patiently wait-to the to the to the to the to the store to the to the to the tore to the to the tore the to the tore to the to the tore tore to to

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her nephew's front door, patiently wait-ing an answer to her ring. Presently the door was opened a very little way, and a pretty face, sur-rounded by a spiked fence of crimping pins, peered cautiously out. "Oh ! it's only you, Aunt Nancy!" exclaimed young Mrs. Ellis, in a tonc of relief. "I was afraid of callers-am just doing my bair. Come right in ! Don't look at the hall carpet, please. I haven't swept this morning-

in ! Don't look at the hall carpet, please—I haven't swept this morning— Oh! don't go into the hitchen—my store is not poliahed—nor the sitting-room. Let's go into the parlor; I can finish my hair there, while I talk to you." So Mrs. Bent followed her pretty niece into the parlor, which was (let us do its pretty mistress credit when we can) in perfect order, to be sure, but so damp and chilly—as is generally the do its pretty mistress dredit when we can) in perfect order, to be sure, but so damp and chilly—as is generally the case with nunsed rooms—that the good lady shivered before she had fairly crossed the threshold. "Ugh! Lizzie, I shall catch my death if Leithere 1. Never mind if your

"Ugh! Lizzie, I shall catch my death if I sit here! Never mind if your sitting-room isn't very tidy—it is at least comfortable."

"Such a cold old auntie !" responded Lizzie, gayly. But her fair cheek red-dened as ahe ushered Mrs. Bent (the inter

nestest housekeeper in the world) into her disorderly sitting-room. And with all due love for my heroine, I think she had cause for shame. The

never on hand early in the morning," Lizzie's laugh of amusement at her said Harvey. "No, no, aunt, I can't wait any longer. I was late five morn-neous that Mrs. Bent joined in it most Lizzie's laugh of amusement at her own expense was so joyous and sponta-neous that Mrs. Bent joined in it most

heartily. "I shall never breathe a word of the

ings last week, and on one of them missed an important order, receiving a eprimand in consequence. I told Liz-ie this morning that if she would not get breakfast by 7 o'clock I should patronize a restaurant in the future." "What did she say, to that?" "Well," said Harvey, smiling with a certain grim sense of amusement at the I surdity of the recollection, "she yawned once, and said, 'What did you say dear ? then yawned twice, and mur-mured, 'An excellent idea, Har-, and

ed heartily. "Poor child ! Then she really was sugar, Lizzie first kissed Mrs. Bent on happiness.

Evidently, Mrs. Ellis had to summon

you who sleep with one eye open, I believe. But if you were a little sleepy-

ten, when fresh from a night's sleep, than in any remaining six hours of the day. But it was not always so, Lassure

"Beally, suntie?" said Lizzie, with uly ...

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tician that she was, the kindly lady changed the subject, and after a pleas-

lesson contained in her aunt's story. Setting aside all personal considera-tions, she viewed the subject with Har-vey's eyes, and admitted that she had sadly tried his patience in the past by her "one fault," as he termed it; and she resolved to overcome a habit which threatened the overthrow of her domestic

The Waverley Novels.

Of course she succeeded, for earnest effort rarely fails. It was hard at first as Mrs. Bent said, to rise at a stated as Mrs. Bent said, to rise at a stated time; and many a morning found Lizzie red-eyed and languid, really suffering for want of sleep; indeed, sometimes she was fairly obliged to "take a nap" in the afternoon; that she might be bright and wakeful when Harvey came home. But all that wore off in time. We are creatures of habitno more nor less-as Lizzie discovered for ere many months had passed she found it no hardship to rise with the sun, while the improved ap-pearance of her house under the new system surprised and delighted her. "You see, auntie," said she to Mrs. Bent, a long while afterward, " when I lay a-bed so late of mornings I was con-tinually hurrying to make up for lost time; was always behindhand with my

So I have followed Aunt Bent's sug-gestion, and made an example of Lizzie Ellis, feeling sure that many of her sisters possess her "one fault." Then, like her, overcome it. You, who are wives of workingmen, remember that you are helpmeets as well as wives, and do not allow self-indulgence to rout wifely virtues, Perhaps it seems scarcely worth while to exhort you so earnestly on such a prosaic subject as the one chosen, but these practical trifles make up life—particularly a working life; and these men are few who do not esteem as the best wife.

who do not esteem as the best wife, mother, sister and daughter, she who is the active, industrious "early riser."

Railroad Casualties. The Railroad Gazette gives the following record of railroad accidents for the year ending with November, viz.

No. of February. 1

WILLIAM PLATT, aged 60, recently walked from New York city to New-town, 70 miles, in one day.

confused and now wounded animal ran off ten or twelve rods and actually came back to the very same spot to jump the fence, and with the same ill-success as would advise him to run against his fence, and with the same ill-success as before. The doctor closed in and fist.-Glasgow (Mo.) Times. caught it a second time, and, after an-other series of ups and downs, succeed-ed in severing the carotid artery with his penknife, when the deer's life blood

soon effused and it sank a victim to its these two moons get into operation we captor's pluck. After the excitement shall have no more disease and death. was over the doctor found himself too much exhausted to lift his prize into crease the population. It will cause a much exhausted to lift his prize into the carriage. By resting some time, however, he was able to do so; and that being done, he drove home, we will not being done, he drove home, we will not say a bigger, but certainly a pleased, muddy, and bloody man.—*Strathroy* by the moonses, the inconstant (Can.) Dispatch. moonses."

Comparatively few persons now living can remember the excitement caused by the appearance of a new fiction by by the appearance of a new fiction Cy the author of Waverley. Circulating libraries were beseiged by their cus-tomers, eager to be favored with an early perusal of the new book. In some libraries each volume was divided, and bound in two portions; and at Bath, and other fashionable places of the nericd they were sometimes split an follows : I estimate the number of people in the western counties of Kansas who will need aid the coming winter at 20,000. A large proportion of these are now in want. The people in the eastern part of the State are doing all in their the period, they were sometimes split into three parts to facilitate reading. power to prevent suffering on the In I state of twopence per night. It consisted in all of ten parts, the reading of which, at the price named, cost one shilling and eightpence; and the feat of perusal, in a case we personally the when the Leith smack which carried these literary treasures to London arrived in the Thames, no metting is a case between the set of the desting of the set of two of the desting of the text of the text of the desting of the text of the text of the desting of the text of the text of the desting of the text of text of the text of text of text of the text of know of, was achieved, not in ten nights, but in a gallop of eight hours! When the Leith smack which carried these literary treasures to London arrived in the Thames, no matter that it might be midnight, or that it might be Sunday evening, the London agents of the Edinburgh publishers were on the alert, and had porters and vehicles in readiness to carry off the treasures to the "Row," or to "No. 90 Chesp-side," where—the books being, as it is technically called, in "quires"—the

technically called, in "quires"-the bookbinders were in readiness to per- and will be publicly acknowledged. and will be publicly acknowledged. THOS. A. OSBORNE. form their work, so that in a few hours copies were on the way by coach and wagon to all parts of the country. --Chambers' Journal. How to Render Clothing Non-Inflam-

Age of Man in Yorkshire.

A bone found in the Victoria Cave in England having been determined by Professor Busk to be a human bone, great attention has been paid to the position and relation of the bed in which it was found, in the hope of ob-taining new evidence of man's place in readers the second that the second the second geology. After removing from the mouth of the cave a large quantity of rock which had been thrown down from older workings, the Roman Celtic layer older workings, the Roman Celtic layer was reached, and several objects of bronze were obtained from it. This layer was ene to one and one-haf feet thick, and below it was a bed of "screes" consisting of angular frag-ments of limestone fallen from the cliff above. The bed was nineteen feet thick, and contained not the smallest trace of man or other animal. Under this was found a mass of bowlders. The conclusion drawn from the examin-

is as follows: The conclusion drawn from the examin ation is that man lived in Yorkshire with Elephas Antiquus, Rhinoceros tichorinus, Ursus priscus, the red deer, etc., long before the existence of the great ice sheet in Northern Britain and Ireland.—The Galaxy for Fanuary. of soda,"

JOURNEYMEN tailors in China receive two cents per day.

Nandwiches. Kalakana chews.

bear continues in its den until the mid-dle of April, in a dull, lethargic condition. If discovered and killed at any time in this period, it is found to be as fat as-at the beginning. It is said, however, that if it loses the 'tappen' before the end of its liberation, it immediately be-comes extremely thin. During the-hibernation the bear gains a new skin-upon the balls of its feet, and during: the same time also the female brings-forth her young from two to four in-Kalakaua wears number eight boots. Kalakaua occasionally drops into poetry. Kalakaua plays a very good game

billiards. Kalakaua has a bad cough like all the rest of us.

Kalakaua's old acquaintances are turning up in all parts of the country. Kalakaua was never drunk but once

Destitute Kansas-20,000 People in in his life, and that was at a firemen's elebration

Gov. Osborne telegraphs from To-peka, Kansas, to the Chicago Tribune Kalakaua is nothing but a poor be-nighted Kanaka, but the Washington officials hadn't better try to teach him

anything in "draw." They might find it expensive.

here comes a sound from Washington That well may silence vulgar scotting; '* Kalakani's stern, deep tone; "Take heed," says he, "that's me that's cough-ing.

Ing. Mormon Polygamy. A Mormon paper at Salt Lake places the number of polygamists in the Ter-ritory at 1,000 men, 3,000 women, and 9,000 children, and the cost and lors, by legal punishment of all, at \$2,000, 000, and thinks that the courts would have around them 3,000 crying women and 9,000 crying children. This is probably a pretty accurate computa-tion. One of the beauties of the polyg-amous system is shown by the state-ment that witkin a stone's throw of a prominent church in Salt Lake is the residence of an aged Mormen, who is the husband of a woman and her two daughters. Thus, his first wife is his mother in-law, his step-daughters are his wives, his son by his first wife is his cort of uncle to his other children, etc., etc., etc. etc., etc.

Shipbuilding in Maine,

The Portland Press has prepared an The Portland Press has prepared an exhibit of the amount of tonnage built in Maine during the year 1874, from which it appears that the whole number of vessels built and registered during the year as far as reported is : Ships, 15; barkentines, 11; barks, 23; brigs, 13; schoohers, 104; steamers, 5; tugs, 4; other vessels, 7; total tennage of same, 75,538 tons. Number of vessels registered, built and building, and to be completed within the year : Ships, 19; barkentines, 12; barks, 33; brigs, 15; schooners, 118; steamers, 5; tugs, 4; other vessels, 13; aggregate tonnage of same, 90,621. A large number of lives are lost every A large number of lives are lost every year by the burning of the clothing of women and children, and many disas-trons fires result from the igniting of bed clothing, curtains and other light fabrics made entirely or partially of cotton or silk. A simple expedient which would render such materials non-infiammable would prove invaluable to every household. Many experiments have been made with various combina-

of same, 90,621.

every household. Many experiments have been made with various combina-tions of chemicals, but none have been entirely successful. More than a dozen years ago there appeared in a London chemical journal a formula for a solu-tion which it is said can be used by mixing it with the starch for fabrics which are laundried, and can also be used for other fabrics, and without in-jury to texture or color in any case of same, 90,621. JOSEPH DODD, recently deceased, was in the employ of the New York post-office over sixty years. When he com-menced service as mail messenger the matter for the Southern and Western States was crewded into the compass of a single bag, and started by coach from Jersey City. By economy and a strict attention to business he was enabled during his long service to increase the distribution to its present magnificent proportions. It is an example of what can be accomplished by a single man when he brings close industry and un-swerving integrity to bear in a single direction. jury to texture or color in any case. This formula has been recently republished by the Insurance Monitor, and "To prepare a solution of minimum

strength a concentrated solution of tungstate of soda is diluted with water to twenty degrees Tralles, and then mixed with three per cent. of phosphate

We should be glad to know the re-Bosron proposes a convention of bald men, to be held next month. Probably sults of experiments with this preparato revive the old wig party. tion.

middle of February. The pairing sea-son occurs in the summer, from Jane to September. The period of gestation is about seven months, and the newly born cubs are scarcely larger than puppies." The Irish-Speaking Population of Ireland. In 1871 the entire Irish-speaking pop-ulation of the sister island numbered only 817,865. The percentages, ac-cording to the total population in the different provinces, were these: In Leinster, 1.2; in Munster, 27.7; in Ulster, 4.6; and in Connaught, 39.0— for the total of Ireland, 15.1. Kilkenny-and Louth eventions of Leinster. and Louth are the counties of Leinster

forth her young, from two to four in-number. The latter act occurs general-ly from the middle of January to the-

at stocking the bay with the lobster is. likely to prove successful.

It is not conducive to placid enjoy-ment in a barber's chair to read of Juan Visalia's exploits in San Francisco. • He was shaving a customer, when it was noticed that he was hunting for some particular spot/in the man's neck. When asked what he was doing, he said when asked what he was doing, he said he wanted to find the jugular vein, be-cause he didn't want to make a deeper gash than was absolutely necessary to produce death. He had become insane.

Miss WHITNEY'S statue of Samue Adams, to be placed in the gallery at Washington, has been completed at Boston in plaster, and will be shipped to Rome to be copied in marble.

Tus fisheries on the coast of Scot-land during the past season have yielded more than eight hundred millions of herrings, affording, an unusually good harvest to the people.

Poor people could not previously save enough money to pay lawyers.

A GRAND JURY down in Texas has reported grand juries in general to be a humbug and a nuisance, and wants to have them abplished.

Antipicial butter-making has never proved a success. The difficulty lies in putting in the bairs so that they look natural.

An increase in the number of divorces in England is attributed to higher wages.