Fishes That Sing and Dance.

Lieutenant White, of the American service, in his "Voyage to the Chinese Seas," relates that, being at the mouth of the Cambodia, his crew and himself were greatly astonished by hearing certain unacountable sounds from beneath and around the vessel. These were various, like the bass notes of an organ, the sound of bells the croaking of frogs, and a pervading twang which the imagination might have attributed to the vibrations of some enormous harp. For a time the mysterious music swelled upon them, and finally formed a universal shorus all round, but as the vessel ascended the river the sounds diminished in strength, and soon ceased altogether. Humboldt was witness to a similar oc-

entrence in the South Sea, but without suspecting the cause. Toward seven in the evening, the whole crew were astonished by an extraordinery noise which resembled that of drums which were beating in the air. It was at first attributed to the breakers. Speedily it was heard in the vessel, especially toward the poop. It was like a boiling, the noise of the air which escapes from fluid in ebullition. The sailors began to fear there was some leak in the vessel. It was heard unceasingly in all parts of the vessel, and finally, about nine o'clock, it Australian parrot. ceased altogether.

The interpreter belonging to Lieutenant White's ship stated that the marine music, which had so much surprised the crew, was produced by fishes of flattened oval form, which possessed the faculty of adhering to various bodies by their mouths. This fish might have been the pogonia.

Tue music of the sea is heard in the Bay of West Pascagonla, and is described by those who have listened to it as singularly pleasant. "It has for a long spread it this dearest privilege.- [Ruytime," observes Mrs. Green, an American writer, "been one of the greatest wonders of the southwest. Multitudes have heard it, rising as it were from the to make us believe that hypocrites never water, like a drone of a bagpipe, then floating away in the distance, soft, plaintive and fairy-like, as if Æolian harps sounded with richer melody through the liquid element; but none have been able to account for the phenomenon. There are several legends touching these mysterious sounds; but in these days few things are allowed to remain mysterious, some have ascribed the sounds to the catfish."

The sensibility of fishes to the sound of music has been commented upon by writers. The alose (belonging to the clupeidæ) has been noticed for its love of music and dancing by ancient writers. Aristotle says that it no sooner catches the sound of music or sees dancing than it is irresistibly led to join the sport, and cut capers and throw summersaults out of the water. Ælian declares that the sprightly conduct imputed to the shad by Aristotle was well known to fishermen, who, taking advantage of it, fastened little bells to their nets, by the tinkling of which above, the fish within hearing were attracted to the spot, and netted without difficulty.

A somewhat similar mode of catching fish is had recourse to by the boatmen of the Danube, who arch across and fruit, -[Alfred Bouyeart. keep tense 'upon strong stretchers hung with grelots, a floating net, and so ring great number of fish by the talking of these bells. Rondolet, the fa- assert itself in Kansas City. mous naturalist, gave a romantic instance of the fondness for music of fishes. When staying at the Vichy he took a walk with some friends in quest of alose along the banks of the Allier, with viotin in hand ready for a sermade. The air was still, the moon and stars shining brilliantly. When the party had come to a favorable spot for the operation a net was carefully drawn across the stream, while the violinist, putting his instrument to his chin, struck up a lively waltz. A wonderful effect ensued. Scarcely had he drawn his bow when the sleeping surface of the waters began to move, alose backs appeared, rippling the silvery expanse, and after a few strokes a large party of fish might be seen rising and leaping in the water .-- [N. Y. News.

WIT AND HUMOR.

A flery steed-Horse radish. A wild goose chase-"Quill-driving." The best illustrated paper-A bank note.

Beauty without grace is a book without bait.

If they keep on, we shall have kid gloves reaching to the shoulder.

Slander is the revenge of a coward, and dissimulation his defense .- [Johnson.

In the barber's chair: "You will please cut off my whiskers; also the conversation."

Like a good fireman the stove-pipe elbows its way where smoke and fire prevail.

If you always live with those who are lame, you will yourself soon learn to imp.

A bad marriage is like an electric machine; it makes you dance, but you can't let go.

May it ever be written of American mechanics: "By their works ye shall knov7 them." "The live man is always to be found

in front" is not intended to apply to funeral processions. You can take an old hen and a dye pot

and make a bird twice as beautiful as an

If a proud man makes me keep my distance, the comfort is that he keeps his at the same time .- | Swift.

When a paper comes out in a new dress it doesn't signify that any of its editors will follow suit.

A Chicago man has a beard 12 feet long. As far as his coffee is concerned, that settles it. Ugh!

Thought is the first faculty of man; to express it is one of his first desires; to nal.

Prohibitionists never "smile."-Cambridge Tribune. You might as well try Cheek. snicker.

New Orleans has tried a John Chinaman on the jury, and he was a success. Agreed with the other eleven .- Detroit Free Press.

The pilisse has thrown the ulster into the background .- Yonkers Gazette. How ruffian-like! But isn't that a queer way to spell police?

Bronson Alcott will perhaps be most valued by the American people as the father of the author of "Little Women." Philadelphia Times.

People who marry are not necessarily insane; but people who fail to marry have insane ideas on the subject, that's certain. Grief knits two hearts in closer bonds

than happiness ever can; and common suffering is a far stronger link than common joy.

Said cynical, ungallant Diderot: Women swallow at one mouthful the lie that flatters, and drink drop by drop the truth that is bitter.'

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A remarkable circumstance is reported from Fort Wayne. On Tuesday after-noon Mrs. W. L. Pettit, wife of the Teller of the First National Bank of Fort Wayne, apparently died, and the under-taker took charge of the body. Arrangements were making for the funeral and watchers sitting with the supposed corpse. At ten o'clock at night a faint sigh was heard coming from the body. The watchers started to their feet with alarm, stepped to her side, found her eyes wide open, while in a voice that was scarcely an audibls whisper she recognized them and asked for her hus-For a moment the attendants band. were speechless with wonder at this resurrection of the dead; then, with the revulsion of feeling, they almost screamed with excitement. The husband came in haste, and with joy unspeakable clasped again his living wife in his arms. The doctor was sent for, and he was as much astonished as the rest of the household at beholding living what in his exact medical science he had declared dead. He administered the proper restoratives and the patient rapidly recovered, and

"How do you do, Miss Verplank?"said a young lady caller on to one of her society friends. "I just ran over this morning on particular church business." "I am so glad to see you," tittered Miss Verplank; "what can it be of so

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church, we loaned you our first alto singer and organist?" "Oh. yes." "Well, we are going to have a church festival next Tuesday night, and Rev. Penwiper suggested that I come over and borrow your oyster." - [Chicago

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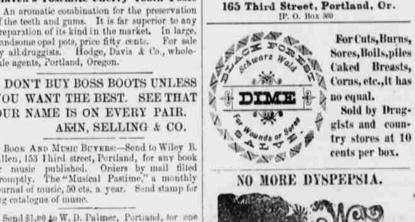
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Times.

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ginia journalism, is making the Truth A young man named Onion has lately

been ordained as a minister. Whenever he unfolds bimself before his auditors, he will doubtless move them to tears. The real name of Blanche Douglas,

indicted with the Malley boys for the murder of Jennie Cramer, at New Haven, is Bridget Annie Kearns .- [Detroit Post.

A strolling theatrical company was at the dinner-table. A waiter approached one of the members, and sai I, "Soup?" "No, sir!" replied the guest, "I am one of the musicians."

"What have you been doing since I last saw you?" "I've been attending a course of free lectures." "A course of free lectures?" "Yes, I was married a week after we parted."

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Old Tom Pardie, Sir Walter Scott's favorite attendant once said: "Them are fine novels of yours. Sir Walter; they are invaluable to me." "I am glad to hear invaluable to me." it, Tom," returned the novelist, "Yes, sir" said Torr, "for when I am out all day hard at work, and come home tired, and take up one of your novels, I'm asleep directly."

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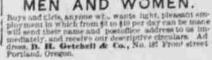
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