

LITTLE GIFFIN.

(Dr. Frank Tector.)
Out of the focal and foremost fire,
Out of the hospital's walls and dire;
Smitten of grape-shot and gangrene,
Eighteenth battle and sixteenth...

ON A COLD TRAIL.

(Chicago Tribune.)
A tall woman leading a child by the hand
alighted from a Western train
three days ago at the Union depot on
Canal street. Her complexion was

though impressed with the
apparent hopelessness of her search,
resolved to accompany her to
some of the hotels in the
neighborhood, as he knew the locality

THE GERMANS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In the Magnificent Valleys—Family
Names of the Old Stock.
[Gaith's Letter.]
In Pittsburgh and its vicinity are about
33,000 Irish, 15,000 English and 43,000 native
Germans. Pennsylvania is the great prolific
hive of the well-mixed American race.

Kissing a Senorita.

[Perral (Max.) Letter.]
"Senorita, I kiss your feet, a Dios!"
This is the parting salute contained in
a note just finished to a young Mexican
kiss her feet, but it is the proper caper
here, and I have conformed to it.

WORKING THE HOSPITALS.

Scheme of a Burial Company's Agent
—Quick Sales and Small Profits.
[Chicago Herald—Meldler.]
A man with a decided stoop in his
shoulders and a pair of before-the-war
saddle-bags walked into the office of
the warden of the county hospital and
asked to see the captain. "You mean
the warden?" inquired the young man
at the desk.

SUNDAY NIGHT IN CHINATOWN.

Things in Mott Street Which Strike
the Stranger as Enigmatical.
[New York Sun.]
One of the liveliest places in New
York on a Sunday evening is the lower
part of Mott street, from Chatham up
to Park. It is lively with a life that
is an enigma to the stranger.

The Unconscious Flirt.

[W. M. Donnelly in Texas Settings.]
The unconscious flirt is a frank, gen-
erous, warm-hearted girl; young, im-
pulsive, and with little knowledge of
the world. If she likes you, she lets
you see it very plainly. She does not
love you, nor has she ever entered her
head to marry you. You are a man of
the world, and at once, not understand-

Dog Trains in Idaho.

[Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.]
During the day of my arrival I saw a
few men sweating under the labor of pulling
two sacks of flour on a toboggan, and several
dog teams. These dog teams are amusing, if
not admirable, as means of transporting freight.

Not Afraid of "Shakes."

[Chicago Herald "Train Talk."]
"My husband and I are going straight
through to San Francisco," said a middle-
aged lady to a chance acquaintance on
a Pullman car. "We mean to make
our home there in the future." "San
Francisco?" ejaculated the other; "I
wouldn't live in San Francisco for any-
thing. I think it is a perfectly awful
place to live. You don't know what
minutes you are going to have a terrible
earthquake. My husband wanted me
to go there, but I wouldn't go a step.
Aren't you afraid?" "Not in the least."

Learning Wisdom.

[Detroit Free Press.]
A Peasant who had Seven Daughters
wearing out sole leather for him went
to the Cave of a Wise Old Duffer, and
besought his Advice as to how to bring
them up.
"Marry them off as soon as Possible,
and you can then Break up Housekeep-
ing and go Boarding among them."
After a few Months the Father Re-
turned to the Cave and his pliz had
such a Lonesome Expression that the
Wise Man cried out:
"Ah, you must follow my Advice to
learn Wisdom!"
"The Trouble is that I did follow it,
but instead of having seven places
to board around at I have seven Sons-
-in-law to board on me."

Cured His Throat.

[Saturian.]
A gentleman was suffering from an
ulceration of the throat, which at length
became so swollen that his life was de-
spaired of. His household came to his
bedside to bid him farewell. Each in-
dividual shook hands with the dying
man and then went away weeping.
Last of all came a pet ape, and shaking
the man's hand went away also with its
hands over its eyes. It was so ludicrous
a sight that the patient was forced to
laugh, and laughed so heartily that the
ulcer broke and his life was saved.

Belgian Literary Prize.

[Paris Figure.]
The king of the Belgians has regu-
larly offered every year for the last ten
years a prize of \$5,000 for the best
work on some subject of general inter-
est, the greatest latitude of choice be-
ing allowed the candidates, provided
the work came within the sufficiently
comprehensive category of "œuvres
d'intelligence." During the whole ten
years the prize has only been awarded
once.

Europe's Slow "Panper Labor."

[St. Louis Republican.]
A man will accomplish twice as much
in an average lifetime, in this country,
as anywhere in the Old World—and this
is true of men in all positions, the
lawyer in his office, the physician in his
chaise, the mechanic in his shop, and
the operative in the mill.

His First Offense.

[Texas Settings.]
"Guilty or not guilty?" asked an
Austin justice of the peace of a colored
culprit, who was accused of stealing a
whole line full of linen.
"Dat ar 'pends on you, judge. Hit's
for you to say."
"You must either plead guilty or not
guilty. I have nothing to do with it."
"Yes, you has. If you is gwineer let
me off with nuttin but a reprimand, like
you did las' time."

The Mexican People.

[Chas. A. Dana in N. Y. Sun.]
The population of Mexico is commonly
estimated at nine or ten millions. No census
has been taken, but this estimate is prob-
ably exaggerated. The great mass of the
inhabitants are Indians, and in race and
habits they are similar to the Pueblo, Zuni,
and Navajo Indians of New Mexico and
Arizona. They are generally small in stature,
sober, honest, industrious, temperate and
intelligent. A more valuable peasantry can
scarcely be found. Their virtues are their
own; their vices are of European admixture.

Puzzling to Naturalists.

[Chicago Times.]
Mine-Edwards, the naturalist, is giv-
ing in Paris an interesting exhibition of
submarine plants and animals found
during his exploration of the Mediter-
ranean. He took soundings to the
depth of 19,883 feet, and brought up
some of the most remarkable organisms
ever seen. They are said to have
puzzled the most accomplished natu-
ralists, some of them being of such a
nature as to make it difficult to classify
them either as belonging to a botanical
or zoological species. The dredgings
were on a large scale, samples of rock
weighing over 200 pounds being some-
times brought up.

Mark Twain's Revenge.

[Inter Ocean.]
Mark Twain now proposes to plague
the inventors of the autograph April-fool
hoax by publishing in a pamphlet all the requests,
with caricature portraits of the senders, and
brief biographical essays, for which the
sharp pen of Twain will be dipped in a mix-
ture of vitriol and vinegar.

Marguerite de Valois.

Hypocrites
hide their defects with so much care
that their hearts are poisoned by them.

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