FAIRY TALES.

The time i line for fairs jales is when the day begins to dis. Just as the orbitant surrout pairs, And en their similaries gather sign.

When I can its tedare the fire Treat folianess with a stability fight. A stat light ofter taking blast menore time off one and farry, grome and sprite.

And constituences the students for Acress the floor from every side, A good in damen on the sail,

A rol guantees willing the surners hide. Then as the firstight blazes high We see the shahres stra away

And electric main draw nigh. Like spirits of the wood at play.

And when the embers faintly give Upon the similar i see ascend The fifthe fork i have to know. Who varies at the story's end. Series sent Minus in Harper's Young People.

FIAKTS BIRTHDAY.

As it was witter and very cold, they had drawn around the prince the screens of precious weeks in the little hall where he sat dreaming, his arm upon an elbow rest richly miand with pearl Magnificent robes of soft downy silk overlappest and crossed their many colored collars upon the preast of this daimio. and on the shoulder and embroidered in gold on the slowves was a star formed of five mails surrounding a suith, the well known coat of arms of the illustrious tamily of Kanga, where and no equals in power in all Japan save the family of Shendai or the family of Satsouma.

Yet, this prince, who meditated thus in the depths of this palace, was very powerful very rich and very renowned, ms people admired and feared fum, his vascals were ready to die for him his least desire was a law to all surrounding him, nevertheless, today, he found nimself exceedingly unhappy, helpless. poverty stricken deplorably poverty reacizen in thought and fancy; for had he not, for many days past, sought for some surprise to celebrate the birthday of his only daughter and had been able to mangrate none?

the throat!

one night!"

by the prince.

It was also true that this princess. who tomorrow would be sixteen years of age, possessed all that it was possible to possess marvelous birds fantastic fishes extravagant dogs characts. oullocks, horses, palaces, everything that one could conceive of, and even marvels of ne did not dream bronght specially for her from distant countries.

The daunio told himself, shaking his head that he had too much indulged his beloved daughter, that he should not have included her thus till she had exhausted she, hardly entered upon inte-all the riches of the world. Now he had nothing to offer his child, to astonish and charm her.

Still pondering, still wondering, for a long long while through the cloudy transparency of the window, he allowed his wearied gaze to wonder over the stripped garden under the gray and weeping heavens.

What did she really still desire?" Suddenly he sprang to his feet.

We will see her," said he, "see her, and perhaps be able, without her suspecting anything, to divine her caprice." He turned and struck the going hanging by a silken cord from the testh of monster in brouze.

immediately the panels forming the walls glided notselessly apart, separated to each side permitting you to see a long perspective of room after room filled by sumonrais of service, pages, guards and nonsehold domestics. The samourais-noble vassals wearing two swords bowed profoundly before him. the pages and servants prostrated them-

nd ampring nothing good for himself "And what a delicious perfume!" t others from the gloomy face of his cried the happy little princess, every master. The statume was stlend a moinstant thrusting her pretty little head ient as if mestating to give an order out of the chariot to see the better entitionilmany but seen with an irri-What a delicious perfume floats in the that should of the shoulders, he spoke air from all these flowers?" "Lonnortow Nat Dat Tsin," said he Delicious indeed! The daimio himwill be any daughter's perihday 1 deself smelled it-scent fountains and tre-do tott meat mer -I desire, I say, atomizers, in fact, hidden in the harnesshat down shall break on the trees and ing of the beeves, the spray from which ushes of the park and all the country intugled itself with the breath of the ofind about the palace covered with animals. dowers as in the first months of spring Ever and ever so far they went into the country. Wild with delight, Fiaki "You shall be obeyed. master," recould not abridge her happiness. Then plied the prime minister bowing him-

Nat Dai Tein ran bending low his back

she wanted to return by another roadoff out backward was it possible? But once outside consternation seized A little uneasy, the prince regarded im and be lot his arms fall helplessly his impassible minister. in the long sleeves of his gown. "Does the princess desire," demanded "It is exile, it is death." murmured he, "to return by the hills or the orch-

no, "yes, death! For I have not the ander time to fly sufficiently far away, and "The orchards, by all means," the young girl responded: "it is further and thunder has fallen upon me from the lear sky of full prosperity!" more beautiful."

sommonial ais prime minister. [flowery, more generous in all respects

than the real springtime.

His legs bent under bim; he caught at And by the orchards they returned; as the walls to keep from sinking. Fiaki had said, more beautiful than all "What could he do to avoid disgrace they had seen. Soon the pink blossoms Nothing, nothing," he told himself,

of a plum tree caught the princess atafter he had thought over the matter tention. carefully. For the pleasure of his child "I must have it," she cried, "a branch his royal master had seriously comof that plum tree to carry with me as a souvenir of this wonderful spectacle." manded spring! For a long while he stood without thought, his head hanging "The game is up!" moaned the prince like a ball of lead on his miserable upon his minister. breast, then he cast letharny from him

But the minister had neither paled nor and turned with a resolute air. "Come. courage, Nai-Dai-Tsin," said trembled. "I will do myself the honor of pluck-"A Japanese does not tromble be-

fore death. Quick, the saber first, the ing it for you." said he, putting spurs to his horse and returning a moment later stroke in the stomach; the poinard for with a superbly flowered branch. He drew out the weapon and prepared No sconer done than the maids of

for the stroke, but paused reflectively. honor wanted a piece, and then all the noble dames, seeing that they were really Was it really impossible to simulate spring, and thereby, instead of ruin and permitted to pluck the blossoms, leaped suicide, conquer eternal fortune? No from their cars and demanded fragrant use to despair too quickly; there was alsouvenirs on their own account. Really this was too much. The prince ways time to die.

paled with anger and was going to order But he could not repress a start of terror on seeing how deep the shadow had them to move on, but the minister reassured him with an imperceptible shrug; grown beyond the palace and how rapidly the lights were springing up, like he knew women well-he had foreseeu fireflies in the darkness. this also, and at a sign to an assistant "All the park and all the country a cart drove up loaded to the top with

dewy blossoms, and all were provided round about." murmured he: "and only with that which they demanded. Nai-Dai-Tsin had unhesitatingly pil-Then, on the run, he regained his

laged all the conservatories of the paldwelling, called the council together aces and had men mingling with the and, without giving them time even to seat themselves, imparted to them the crowd with bags full of flowers till the word was given. The prince, who had extraordinary order transmitted to him not divined this very simple device, was

"An order to be executed under penspeechless with amazement. "Thou art truly a wonderful man." alty of death before the dawn of the he murmured in the minister's ear, as day," said he, recklessly indifferent to the terrified faces of those surrounding they re-entered the palace, "and thou him. "The prince's humor is not to be hast done far more than I could possibly have hoped; but even in the delight of trifled with; he will hear to no reason. this wonderful fete, there has been in But listen and fully take in the idea that me a dull disquiet-how shall we ever has come to me, which may be the salbe able to surpass this spectacle for the vation of all. Go from here and set to work at once in all the country round coming year?

Meanwhile as the daimio tarried to about-men, women, children, nobles speak to his minister, Fiaki descended laborers, merchants and peasants, with from her chariot, at the same time the silk, cloth, satin, velvet, paper or gauze -to work at once, I say, manufactur-ing artificial flowers. If stuff be lackson of the prince of Satsouma, who had far to come and who had just arrived at ing let them cut up their clothes, their the palace with a brilliant escort, advanced to salute her hangings, their screens, their rugs for

A very handsome young man, too, and the floor-briefly, all that may seem to to brave that in spite of his youth he was them necessary or good. Then all these already much talked about. Deeply flowers, before daybreak, too, must be moved at so much beanty, he stood be tied, nailed, glued or sewed upon the fore Fiaki, and she, no less blushing and trees, plants and bushes, the smallest confused, buried her face in the fragrant along the edges of the roads, the tallest blossenns in her hand and could say not farthest away in the fields, all the artists and painters in the neighborhood followa word. Nat-Dai-Tsin, who seemed to see ing upon their steps to direct the decoraeverything, called the prince's attention tion and give finishing touches of the to them, and to the inutual mental dis-

turbance that seemed to leave them will watch over and foresee everything: both tongne tied. "When the seventeenth year of your

Less than an hour later there was not a palace, a house in the city or a hut in | daughter arrives for her, my lord." he, "give her for husband that handthe country where they were not feversome prince there, and she will love him ishly occupied manufacturing flowers, more than today she loves the spring." and whoever had looked from the tower The daimio's face broadened into a of the Kanga palace, shortly after the turn of the night, into the park and delighted smile and he hurriedly thrust a gold and bronze trinket into the prime neighborhood would have believed himminister's hand. self in a sea of lanterns, which surged "The key of my treasure box, Natand leaped from tree to thicket-an army of fireflies chased by foxes. Dai-Tsin," said he: "take it, use what you will, and heed my advice-be not But at this hour the illustrious daimio too modest!"-Translated from the snored peacefully behind his screen of gold incrusted ironwood; and the In- French of Judith Gautier by E. C. Waggener for Short Stories. comparable princess, in the softened rays of light sifting through the frail pearl leaves of a swinging lampadaire. England's Perrage. reclined upon cushions and sought to "Our Old Nobility," as most people compose in her dreams a fitting poem on are aware by this time, is a superstition. At least a half of the hereditary peerspring. Her women had just finished dressing ages have been created within the last her next morning when the Princess sixty years, and not one-fourth were in existence 150 years ago. The peerage Finki heard under her window the notes consists, for the most part, of clever law of an orchestra and the chant of many yers, who, as Burke said, are only birds "Ahf" said she, with a wearied ges of passage in the lower house, successture, "I remember! My birthday to ful commanders, unsuccessful party day! Why was I born in winter?" hacks, munificent party backers and wealthy browers. These are "Our Old The maids of honor threw wide the Nobility," and we entirely fail to see window sashes. why anybody should object to their buy "True, mistress," returned they "but ing themselves into "Our Old Proper see, the beautiful weather!" Beautiful indeed, the sky, for once, as ties."-Pall Mall Gazette. if it had been a courtier clothed for the Individual Freedom fete in a heavenly blue, across which a There is greater individual freedom in gay sun rolled of a gold a triffe pale Great Britain and her colonies than in Languidly the princess advanced to the America. For instance, every Sunday outer gallery and leaned from the balussmall knots of men may be seen in the trade. But then, what a cry of surprise principal London parks, giving expresand joy! What was all this she saw be sion to the most varied writiments on fore her? Was it possible? Flowers matters political, social and religious, flowers everywhere! The spring, then and language painful to the great major ity of the people is constantly being used. had come! What!" said she, turning from side No restriction is ever placed on such exto side and running from end to end of pressions of opinion, so long as they are the gallery, "almond trees red and white, uttered on sites designated by the police, ch blooms, lilies apple blossoms where there can be no obstruction to traffic or danger of intimidation being What a miracle!" Moreover through all these spring exercised. In America, however, no rouds and pathways gayly dressed meetings of any kind are permitted in throngs were hurrying to pay their rethese open spaces. In Central park, New York, no one spects to their prince's daughter, the great seigneurs on horseback, the noble may even pick up a leaf without danger iames in bullock cars or the regular of fine or imprisonment. No one may walk on the grass unless he is playing a

SWINDLING BY MAIL.

DISHONEST SCHEMES WHICH KEEP POSTOFFICE MEN BUSY.

Row "Green Goods" Men Evade Being made a hasty examination of me after Proscuted-Strange Ways That Some the shooting. of the Projects Are Discovered - A Few of the Common Methods Employed.

The United States covernment is an unwitting party to many a swithling schours of which the public never hear, for the mails are used by many rascals with many plans to exchange experience for money The so called "green goods" men form the bulk, perhaps, of those who use the malis to deceive. onsiderable, and each of them has a dozen the had ever been a politician and spont aliases. As seen as the postal authorities seven years of his life as consul to Honglearn that a certain address is that of a Kong His memory went back twenty-'green goods" man, they no longer deliver serven years, to a period when he was etters to it, but in many cases the knowlknown to the north as a guorrilla raider. edge comes to them only after the swin-diers have used the mails extensively.

From long contests with the United following narrative by the colonel: States authorities, the turn who pretend to sell counterfeit money have become ex-ceedingly shrewd and to catch one of them and to fasten guilt upon him is a difficult fatal wound. I was captured, but not task. The victims always come from places at some distance from this city, and are naturally loath to prosecute the rascals. because to do so they must admit that they rescue the story from pure fiction.

ter office which tell the tale of a swindle to himself, throwing an appealing glance planned but not carried out. One of these was received not long ago. It was addressed to a roan at a hotel in the interior of this state, and contained a check for seventy-five dollars and instructions to the man, who purported to be the traveling agent of a Beaver street firm. The letter was written on a regular sheet, bearing the printed name and address of the firm. and gave the agent minute directions to guide him. The envelope bore in the up per left hand corner the name and address of the firm also.

A BRARP PRACTICE. Everything about the letter seemed reg dar, but the missive reached the deal etter office because there existed no such firm as the one by which the letter was anparently sent. The scheme was this well dressed man would arrive at a hotel, and the next day a letter would come for He would open this letter in the presence of the clerk or proprietor and take a check from it. The hotel man, on seeing federate. the letter and the envelope, would feel sat

isfied that the check was good, and would cash it, retaining the few dollars due him. That same day the agent would leave the place, and in a day or two the hotel man would learn that the check was worthless. In the case of the letter of this kind which reached the dead letter office the rascal had no doubt failed to connect with the missive sent to him by his confederate.

A swindler with a more ingenious and dangerous game flourished in this city not ong ago. He sent letters to merchants in various places ordering goods, and signed the name of a large firm which is perfectly respectable. The swindler, however, gave a different address from the right one of the firm, and made his scheme the more deceptive by having appropriate letter

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heads printed. The merchants who re-ceived his orders would look up the firm in the book of a mercantile agency and find it marked "A1, from \$300,000 to \$350,000 " The book gives no addresses, hence it would naturally be supposed that that of the swindler is the one of the real house. Ordinarily, the merchants would send

the goods to the address of the swindler, who would sell them and disappear before the notes he gave in payment fell due. this case, however, the man had a little misunderstanding with the postal authorisoon departed. ties.

DETECTING RASCALS. Assistant Postmaster James Gayler, the lightning was increasent I was carwhose years of service as a postoflice in- ried away in an ox wagon. All the have made him quick to detect a swindling scheme, demanded planation from the fellow. Without whit-ing to tell how his firm happened to have name as that of the one with which Mr. Gayler was familiar, the rascal

INCREASED SERVICE.

Row the Governilla Chieftain Was Once Cantured, shot and Left for Dead, HOW THE TYPEWRITER HAS AF 'li was one of the closest calls i over FECTED TELEGRAPHY. had, and I was pronounced as good as a dead man by the Federal surgeon who

Backed by an Extensive Code, the Tele-The speaker was the noted southern raider, Colonel John S. Mosby, who new tionized to the Machine.

By far the most important and valuable improvement in the efficiency of Broadway hotel and talked about war the electric telegraph in the past three times. The colonel-he was never a or four years has been brought about by the introduction into telegraph work of a machine that has absolutely nothing electrical about it-the typewriter. It has become absolutely indispensable in several of the more important branches of the telegraph service, a necessity to blow to them. Few of them when they the complement of every first class operator, and soon its lively patter will be the unvarying accompaniment to the escapes, and the conversation led to the brisk clicking of the sounder in every telegraph office in the land.

The most striking example of the "It was in December, 1864, in Virginia, that I thought I had received a value of the typewriter in telegraphy is afforded by the press service. In this recognized, and left for dead by the Fedbranch it has entirely superseded the I have seen an account somecountry, and no operator is eligible for where of this adventure of mine, but it had no rescublance to the truth. That a position on a United Press or Assowanted to become parties to a swindle. Occasionally letters reach the dead let. that no resetublance to the truth. That a position on a United Frees of Assoany press wire, unless he is a typewriter

"On that evening in December I was expert. He simply could not do the eating supper at a farmhouse and not work. The typewriter was first introduced into the office of the Associated suspecting the approach of Federal cavairy. The farmer, his wife and daughter Press as an experiment about seven were friends of mine, and a son of the years ago, and for the last two years it has been used exclusively in all offices of family was under my command. I was ravenously hungry, and by the aid of the United Press and the Associated a tallow candle-gas and oil were not Press.

The United Press has six circuits runused in Virginia then-1 was oating sausages and pone bread. Such luxuries ming out of New York, reaching all the as sugar and coffee were not in the principal points as far west as St. Paul and south to New Orleans. The number menu. Suddenly the door was opened and several Federal officers entered. of offices on a circuit varies from eight The house was entirely surrounded by a to twenty. The Associated Press serves regiment of cavalry. I had on a long practically the same points by substangray overcoat, and on the collar was the tially similar circuits. Over these wires the special dispatches from the various insignia of my rank as colonel. Jumping up 4 raised both hands and carepoints are received, and the main volume of news collected in New York, the great lessly grasped my collar, hiding the insignia of my rank. They did not know collecting and distributing point, is sent who I was, except that I was a Con- out for service to the newspapers in the associations. Before the introduction of

"I looked down the barrels of several the typewriter the "night report" averaged about 8,000 words on each wire, revolvers and surrendered. Of course l racked my brain to find out some avenue and the whole day's work amounted to of escape. It came in a dangerous way. about 18,000 words. Now the night report runs to about 14,000 words and the The soldiers on the ontside fired through an open window at me and a ball struck whole day's service averages about 30,000 me in the left side. The firing created words. confusion, and the officers rushed out to BENEFITS THE OPERATOR.

avoid being shot by their own men. A first class operator can send about In forty words a minute, continuously and the haste of their departure the table well, but experience has shown that it is was overturned and the candle went out, very difficult for a man to write with a leaving the room in darkness. This was pen or stylus more than thirty or thirtymy chance. I ran into an adjoining five words a minute, steadily and con room, pulled off my coat and tucked it tinuously, for a number of hours. The under a bureau. By that time I was growing weak from loss of blood, and 1 service of the press associations in New York requires from twenty to thirty

copies to be taken of every dispatch. In "The Federals came in and the surgeon other cities the number varies from four examined me hastily, I distinctly remember that he said I was shot in the or five copies upward. They were formerly made with an iron or agate heart, though how he managed to locate stylus on tissue paper interleaved with carbonated sheets. The labor of pressing the wound there is a mystery to me. was stripped of what clothing I had and left in almost a nude condition. They through so many thicknesses of paper in order to make a legible copy on each is asked me my name and 1 gave a fictitions one. The farmer was interrogated, but enormous

he did not tell them my name. As they The strain muscular and mental of writing thirty-five words a minute in did not suspect that I was Mosby they this manner for eight or nine hours

"Although it rained in torrents and nightly, following the dictation of a sender who could always greatly excel the writer in speed, has been responsible mules and horses in the place had disap. for the nervous and physical breakdown peared weeks before and only a yoke of of hundreds of operators. On the typeoxen remained. Two negro boys, the writer a speed of seventy words a minfarmer and his daughter drove the ute is easily acquired and maintained. wagon and acted as my escort. Before and with slight modifications in the maquietly skipped away and forfeited the re-plies to his letters. The merchants were bankets and made as comfortable as taken with as much ease as one. There

VANITY IS HARD TO DOWN.

What Female Prisoners Will Often Undargo to Adura Themselves.

An ex-keeper of a penitentiary being maked the other day to describe some of the characteristics of the female prisoners in the wards, said that one of the things that struck her most forcibly was the way graphic service of the Various Hig in which the personal vanity of women prisoners remained strong within most of them to the last, so matter what other traits prison life crushed out. When bustles

were fashionable many prisoners would macrifice the warmth of their petticoats, even in midwinter, in order to roll them up under their skirts to give them a fashlonable hump behind. No man but the chaplain and the warden saw them, and then only occasionally, and what satisfac tion it gave them that would offset their shivering it is hard to see.

enter seem to expect that. It never oo curred to them that they would have to take off all their ornaments and wear the ugly convict garb, and they pload for a ribbon or a ring more pitifully than they would for food. But when it comes to cropping their hair close, that is the finish-

ing touch; you'd think their hearts would break. They may have remained stolid and stoical all through their trial, received pen and stylus throughout the whole their sentence even in silence; but when it comes to cropping off their treasured locks their pleadings and prayers and tears and ories would move a heart of stone.

"I remember the case of one woman in particular," said the speaker, "who managed to excite and sustain the envy of nearly all her companions in misfortune by keeping her short black hair shining with oil. How she did it, where she got the oil, was a mystery that I set myself to find out. It took me a long time to do it, but finally I was rewarded. She used to let her soup get perfectly cold: Then she would carefully skim off the grease that had risen to the top, and use it on her hair. Then she drank her soup. Try to drink cold soup yourself, and you will be able to appreciate the sacrifice she made for yan ity's sake.

'Another woman managed to rouge her cheeks, on which the prison life was settling its inevitable pailor. This caused even more stir than the oiled hair did; and when coaxing failed to draw the secret from her the other prisoners made charges of favoritism against me, intimating that I let the rosy checked woman have privileges I denied to others. I watched this prisoner also for some time before I found that she could make her gums bleed easily, by scratching them with her nails, and this blood she applied to her cheeks with gratifying success.

"To do this she had to have a looking glass, something prohibited by the rules. And yet she had one—a piece of ordinary glass, with a black rag behind it for quicksilver. When I found it on her bed I re-membered that works before she had subjected herself to extra punishment by breaking a pane of glass. With a piece of the broken pane she had constructed this primitive mirror, in which she got a dis-torted view of her features that no doubt gave her great comfort, though why it should not rather depress her spirits to look at herself in such clothes and with cropped hair I never could understand. New York Tribune

Fielding's "Tom Jones.

Notwithstanding the good prices he received for his books, Fielding was always more or less in difficulties from his reckless mode of living. "Tom Jones," however, was nearly being sacrificed in one of his impecunious fits for the sum of twenty-five pounds. The publisher fortunately asked for a day to consider if he could risk such a sum, and Fielding in the meantime met Thomson the post, to whom he told the transaction. Thomson scorned the idea of Fielding parting with his brains for such a sum and offered to get him better terms, but Fielding feit himself partly plesiged. Never did author wait more anxioualy on a publisher hoping to be accepted than did Fielding hoping to be refused. He was refuned

Joyfuily he carried his manuscript to they started I was rolled in several chine thirty copies and more can be thomson to fuifill his promise. The post taken with as much ease as one. There introduced Fielding to Andrew Miller, who She discerned its merits and advised her husband to keep it. Over a pleasant dim-ner, given by Miller to Fielding and Thomson, the bargain was made which secured Fielding, to his great delight, 2000 for the story. Miller is said to have cleared fl8,-000 hy "Tom Jones," out of which he paid Fielding, from time to time, various sums to the amount of £2,000 pounds, bequeathing him also a handsome legacy.-Murray's Magazine.

resides in San Francisco, but was spend ing a few days in the city. He and I sat together on a settee in the corridor of a general-pushed back his slouch hat and his gray eyes gazed at the ceiling as if it The number of these rascals is were a map of the war lie forgot that

MOSEY'S "CLOSE CALL."

acives, brows to the ground. 'i am going to visit my daughter.

said the daimio gravely "Come!" And unmediately the escort formed about him while the guards ran in advance to clear the way.

Fight-that is to say, Ray of Sunlight -in a well closed hall of her own special palace, was seated, according to custom. upon broad white mats laid upon the floor, the long folds of her magnificent trained robes tillowing and spreading about her like the leaves of a gorgeous fan tissues muslins, silks and satins, the most almudant of them all a sky blue gauge figured with spiders' webs, in which were caught the petals of rare flowers.

The face of this young girl was white as cream her tiny mouth like a cherry cleft in twam disclosing two rows o fine little rice grains, her eyebrowa shaved and replaced by two little black spots made with a brush and placed high up on her brow, while her long hair, fol lowing the mode of royal fashion, was unbound and streaming down her back to lose theil in the folds of her garments The maids of nonor formed a half

circle about their mistress, and in front of her, behind a light carved bainstrade. a dancer moved slowly, waving her fan in time to the notes of the orchestra, intoning a strange weird chant, with a gotto, a biva, three kinds of flutes, a drum and a tambourine

At the prince's entrance the symphony ceased, and Fiakt quickly concealed be hind the spiders webs of her sleeve the twin cherries of her lips, which was a salute to her father, tender and chaste. He smiled with pleasure at the sight

of the beauty and grace of his idolized child. She rose to greet him, and, like a sea agitated by a sudden tempest, the mik, satin, muslin and brocade of her skirts rustled and undulated behind her He caressed ner lovingly, heaped her with tender names calling her his incomparable mis Supernatural Beauty his Perfume of Heaven, then he demanded of ter if she were perfectly happy, if there was angut that she destreel?

"An illustrious princel adored father!" Flakt responded bending backward her supple body in a preity movement of sorrow. 'how can any one be happy when the earth suffers as now of, "Father! father! thou art in truth a and the sky continually drops tears? god' The gods have been cruel in creating winter Not even the purity of the snow can create for me an illusion of my vanishing spring."

The damnio listened thoughtfully: then, in a deeper reverie still returned

to his apartment. "It is pertain," said he to himself

certain that Spring and spring only is all that Fiaki desires."

And he stopped to lend an ear to the sharp wind blowing against the palace walle

Airendy the twilight was far advanced, the gray dawn waiting to take the gray evening's place.

"Yes, spring spring only," murmursd the unhappy daimin. dejectedly resuming the seaf that he had quitted a while ago

Buddenly his sorrow changed to anger 0

brush wherever needful, 1, in person,

our safety depends upon it."

Finki hastened to descend. The daimio met upon the terrace steps and she threw herself into his arms with a cry

Then they strolled the park and gar dens to admire this magic spring. Flakt Meath in Nineteenth Century. laughed and danced and clapped her hands like a child, and immediately a great chariot shaped like a pavilion, all

aglow with gold stars and drawn by white bullocks, drew up at the terrace steps for the princess and her maids of honor to take a ride through the coun try. Then the visitors entered their cars and fell in line and it was one long joyous, brilliant and interminable pro

The prince ied the way, the prime minister beside him, grave and impassi ble in his triumph. The scene of en chantment was the same along all the roads, the warmth of the sun and the light golden fog that faintly veiled the face of nature rendering still more complets the illusion of spring, richer, more

game. I barely escaped arrest for walking on the carriage drive. The police march about with their batons outoften swinging them-and appear to regard themselves more as the masters than the servants of the people .- Earl of

Wandell Phillips' Power

The writer heard Wendell Phillips once on the poblicity of the North American Indians, and while the spell of the speech lasted he was almost ashamed of himself for being white instead of copper colored. One secret of the power of Phillips with an andience was that he was always definite, certain in his statements and position. If he had privately doubts about a course or a policy, he never exhibited them when on the plat-

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form. He very well knew that there is nothing an audience likes so little in a speaker as indecision and beating about the bush. There was no hariness in

thus saved the loss that would have other wise resulted. A game with which Mr. Gayler is famil-

tar from his long and varied experience is that of the man who says in his letter, "I inclose five dollars." and then forwards the missive without putting the money into i The follow's letter arrives without the closure, and then a vigorous complain made to the postal authorities. Sometime it is impossible to prove whether the money ced in the letter or not, but occasionally the ingenuity of a postoffice in New York Herald.

spector lays the scheme bare. Mr. Gayler has discomfiled not a few men who were loud in their denunciation

of the mail service, among the cases being that of a soldier in the rebellion. He had lost his pay by gambling, instead of send-ing it to his wife. He holdly, however rote to her, saying that he inclosed eighty dollars in the letter. The page was smeares with mucilage, but the envelope contained no money. The wife made a complaint to the post-

office authorities and Mr. Gayler was in structed to look up the case. He did so, and happened to call on the woman when her husband was at home on a furlough. The man was positive that he had put the money in the envelope. "In what denomination were the bills"

Mr. Gayler asked him. There were two forty dollar bills," an swered the soldier.

'Are you sure?" "Yes, certain," said the man, and Mr.

Gayler spent no more time on the case, except to offer the soldier fifty dollars for every forty dollar bill he could find .- New York Tribune.

The Welsh Massdans.

The three tribes of the Fort Bertholad reservation are included in the nine tribes in the United States that have been at war with the government. Of these three the Mandans are the smallest, numbering a little over 200, smallpox having almost de stroyed them about 1853. Hut they are the most interesting. There is a story to the effect that they are descended from some Weishmen who sailed west from Wales in the Eleventh century and were never heard

of afterward. The story is that the party reached the mouth of the Mississippi and worked their way up that river. Many of their words resemble the Weish language, and they are of much lighter complexion than Indians usually are. There are full blooded Indians almost white among them. -Ban Francisco Examiner.

Eseful Wedding Presents.

Young couples in Sulphur Springs, Tex., who are not flush of funds, are kindly renembered by their neighbors, and receive from them as wedding gifts only useful article of household furniture, the aggre-gate value of which ranges from \$100 to 1 (00) - Yankee Blade.

Distike the Telephone. burg Dispatch.

Traveling salesmen are not very favora-bly disposed toward the telephone. After quoting prices or selling goods to one con-cern they are likely to learn that other conrome in the same trade have been b formed of the prices or sales, and the b formation hampers them in their subsequent efforts to sell - floaton Traveller.

One Way to Do IL.

A tright little girl at Milton, Wis, hav-ing been desired to write a sentence introducing the word "carrion," presented the following to her teacher: "Bed children what he said. His subject stood out be-fore his hearers as clearly cut as a cames. to be quiet "-New York Advertiser

and when they unrolled me and exthe identical spot that General Jeb stuart was, and I thought I would die. The ball went straight through Jeb Stuart, but for unately in my case it deflected and went upward. In six weeks I was strong enough to be in the saddle again. I have been wounded six times."

At the Dinner Hour.

The national congress comprises within its bounds and metes a number of great American citizens who are not what might be called "de rigger" in society or quite comme il faut as to all the proprieties, and their families are as yet press work. omewhat similar to them. One of these new statesmen arrived with his wife and four children one afternoon two or three days before congress opened, and took up his quarters in a swell hotel. The ungsters, and in fact all of the family.

had concluded that coming to Washing ton was a fine thing and they enjoyed the conclusion thoroughly. At half past 6 they went into the din-

ing room to dinner, but "supper" as they emed to think, and the boy among the children had both his eyes wide open When he had been seated he spotted a gentleman across the table receiving his dessert. Then he reached for his mother with a grab.

"Gee whiz, maw," he whispered, so everybody near could hear him, "ain't it great in Washington? They've got puddin and pie for supper."-Detroit Free Press.

A Rall of Fire on a Housetop

vening the Crescent oil refinery was struck by lightning and caught fire, but the blaze was extinguished without much damage. The house of Ferdinand Kreiner was struck by a ball of electric fire, which exploded with tremendom force. A fire alarm was turned in, but the electrical display burned itself out he could send thirty without it. The without even setting fire to the house Eyewitnesses say it was the most remarkable sight they ever witnessed. An enormous electric globe of fire lodged against the peak of the house, where is hung, burning and spitting flashes of thirty-five words to from fifty to sixty five until exhausted. Every inmate of words a minute. - Electricity. the place was more or less severely shocked, the air being heavily charged All watches and clocks on the premise were stopped and other electrical phemena occurred.-Bradford Cor. Pitts-

Bed Demolished, Occupants Unharmed.

A strange freak of a bolt of lightning occurred at Jeannette during the heavy storm last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Krisman reside in a small tenement house close to the Catholic church. They were in bed and asleep when the (Norm began to rage. Suddenly their bed was torn from beneath them and re duced to splinters. A bolt of lightning had struck the house and passed through the wall into the room occupied by them. The couple were not hurt-

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possible under the circumstances. They is no cramp and little fatigue in the opconveyed me three miles to my men, eration of the typewriter, for eight fingers do what was the work of two, or amined my wound I said I was shot in practically eight motions take the place

With the introduction of the type writer the sending operator dropped away in the rear. Then the practice of abbreviating came into use, and the sender in his effort to keep up to the machine clipped his words and dropped out their vowels. Walter P. Phillips,

general manager of the United Press has devised and compiled a code of ab breviations and logograms, skillfully arranged with a view to the best utilization of the shortest and most convenient signals in the telegraphic alphabet. It is a very excellent system of telegraphic shorthand, and is now in general use for

EXAMPLES OF THE CODE.

A few excerpts from the code will show its character and scope and give an idea of what may be accompliabed in the way of speed with its aid. Short phrases that occur frequently are represented by single letters, as "F" means "of the," "K" means "out of the," "V

neans "of which," and so on. There are about 6.000 abbreviations and sym bols of two and three letters represent ing much used words or short phrases "Pprn" stands for "preparation;" "Sby." "subsequently: "Nbb," "neighbor hood;" "Kcn," "concentration." There are some especially brief contractions, as

"Oljod," meaning "only a limited job bing demand;" "Mwdc," "market with out decided change."

This aggregation of letters, "If on hies can n alw hy t supm adg o rpsntg trad, ty r at leas dilgut in thr dvon to nglines," coming over a wire would be

During a severe electrical storm this written out by the typewriting operator "If our buildings cannot always have the supreme advantage of representing trade, they are at least diligent in their devotion to ugliness.

With the aid of the Phillips code the ending operator can transmit sixty words a minute with greater ease than receiving operator with his typewriter can keep up to his speed as a pleasant pastime. It is impossible to rush him The actual speed of transmission bas been increased from between thirty and

Ancient Egyptian Stones

Stones were formed into the shapes of beetles by the ancient Egyptians. They regarded the bestle as an emblem of im mortality, and hence it was the most pop-ular of all forms of ornament. Counterfeit bestles of common stones were commonly buried with dead persons, and it was et tomary to engrave upon them the expres-sion of wishes for future repose and happ ma, dedinations of the soul to God at vario hieroglyphs. One of the latter was a hawk with a human head, symbolizin

resurrection. Another, the vulture, mes sternity. A goose was the son of a king J@relers' Weekly.

Paper Flowerpots

Remove ink stains from sliver plats ware by rubbing them with a paste com posed of chloride of lime and water; the wash and wips dry. Flowerpots are now made of paper, and besides being much lighter than those made of clay they are impervious to mois-tura.--New York Journal.

Tombs of Romeo and Juliet.

In 1988 M. Victoria Joncieres, the dis tinguished composer and musical critic, paid a visit to Verons, and he states that the tomb of Homeo's sweetheart, which is at the end of a garden in the old cloister of the Franciscan convent at that place, is absolutely in ruins. Above it, in a kind of a niche in the garden wall, which is of brick, is a basket full of decayed and weather stained visiting cards. Hanging on the wall near by the niche is a wreath on the wait over of the backer is a wreath with a card attached bearing the name of "Mms. Talbot Shakespeare," whom M. Joncieres puts down as a descendent of the Bard of Avon. On the wall to the left is a portrait of Friar Lawrence.

Romeo is buried at Mantus, and it is said that his tomb is in a much better state and that his contris in a more better state of preservation than that of his lady love. It is to be hoped that persons who take an interest in historic Italian monuments will see to it that the memory of these two fa-mous lovers is forever kept green.—St. Louis Republic.

He Left Him in a Had Place.

I will give one instance of the ever ready wit of Dr. Barrow. Meeting the Earl of Rochester one day the witty peer exclaimed, "Doctor, I am yours to the shoe tia." To which the clergyman replied, "My

lord, I am yours to the ground." The peer continued, "Doctor, I am yo to the center."

"My lord," retorted the doctor, "I am

ours to the Antipodes."

yours to the Antipodes." Determined not to be outdone by a par-son, his lordship said, "Doctor, I am yours to the lowest pit of hell." On which Barrow turned on his heel and said, "And there, my lord, I leave you." True wit combined with reproof.—New York Home Journal.

An Interesting Animal.

An Interesting Animal. Proprietor of Managerie--Walk up, la-dies and gentlemen, and see our famous lion, Mustapha. He is as semsible as any human being. A French sergeant once pulled out of his foot a thorn on which he had stepped. What do you think the noble creature did? It devoured, one by one, in order of rank, all the superior officers of our sergeant, until the latter found him-self promoted to the grade of colonel. Walk in, gentlemen; only a penny.--Braun-schweiger Tageblatt.

The size and growth of the city of Lon-don is shown by the mileage of the streets. Should they be placed together they would measure about 2,500 miles, or nearly the distance across the Atlantic ocean.

Washington is still the haven of honey-moun tourists, and it is also a great town for weddings, the percentage of mar-riages there being greater than in other cities of its size.