

A VALENTINE.

What would I send you, O friend of mine? Clusters of blossoms To smile and shine.

THE MAHATMAS.

The storm showed no signs of abatement. The snow, driven by the wind, found its way here and there through the "chinking" of the cabin.

self. With the duck on and the red fadin out in the sky you feel something like everything in the world but just you and your mule had been stoned dead for a hundred years, and feel that your animal gets to be great company.

and not have to come right away back, as I'd been intending. "So, havin this in mind, I told the men by the fire what I wanted and showed 'em the biggest ball of bullion I had—weighin close on to five ounces."

UNLUCKY TO SAVE FROM DROWNING. It seems strange that swimmers should be superstitious, yet it is so, nor is it alone the small boy who sees his companion sinking into a watery grave without attempting to rescue him.

BULGARIA'S GREAT BISHOP. The man to whom Bulgarians look for a reconciliation with Russia is M. Clement, metropolitan of Tirnova. Previous to 1876 Bulgaria had been under the Turkish yoke for five centuries, and the massacre of Bulgarian Christians by the troops of the sultan was one of the causes that led Russia to declare war against Turkey.

THE MILLIONTH OF A SECOND. Instantaneous photography has made us familiar with the fact that very minute subdivisions of time are possible. Successful negatives are now frequently taken where exposure lasts only the one-thousandth part of a second.

"THE LAST CARTRIDGES." Evidence that Alphonse de Neuville made a mistake in his famous picture. The recent anniversary of the battle of Sedan, which was celebrated with such patriotic ardor in Germany, has caused the French newspapers to publish accounts of several little episodes of the fight, which were not known generally before.



METROPOLITAN CLEMENT.

he was heartily supported by Clement, the influential metropolitan, so long as he accepted the wishes of Russia as commands.

THE SARGASSO SEA.

A Wonderful Region in the Atlantic Which No Man Has Explored.

The surface of the Sargasso sea seems like a perfect meadow of seaweed. It is supposed that this enormous mass of gulf weed may have been partly grown at the bottom of the shallower parts of the sea and partly torn from the shores of Florida and the Bahama islands by the force of the gulf stream.

A Wonderful View.

"It was a wonderful view I had last Sunday," remarked a member of the club who has just returned from a two months' tramp through the southern part of the state.

John Ruskin's Home.

Brantwood, the chosen lakeside home of John Ruskin during the last quarter century of his life, occupies one of the most favored spots in all England.

Whistler and the Boston Library.

The correspondence between the Boston Public Library trustees and James MacNeill Whistler with respect to the decoration of Bates hall is said to indicate a complication quite in the line of some others with which Whistler has been concerned.

Elijah Walker.

Elijah Walker of North Carolina is one of the oldest Confederate veterans known. He is now 101 years old and enlisted when he was 67.

His Log.

Sunday School Boy—Isn't there lots of life in ginger, teacher? Teacher—Yes.

It Soothes Him.

After a man has pounded on the door for half an hour it makes him feel pleasant to be asked by his wife if he wants to come in.

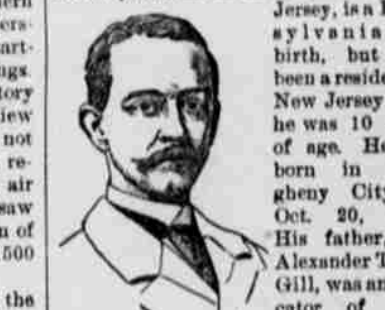
A Good Crawler.

Belgian workmen train cockers to crawl against each other. One trained rooster in Belgium has crawled 387 times in an hour.

ALEXANDER TAGGART M'GILL.

Career of the Democratic Candidate For Governor of New Jersey.

Alexander Taggart McGill, who was recently nominated for governor of New Jersey, is a Pennsylvania by birth, but has been a resident of New Jersey since he was 10 years of age.



A. T. M'GILL.

He began the practice of his profession in Jersey City, but resided in Bayonne, and was corporation counsel of the town from 1872 to 1875.

Lawyers Who Make Their Own Wills.

Many celebrated men have neglected to settle their affairs. Ben Jonson, Dryden and Sir Isaac Newton all died intestate, Bacon insolvent, and the epigram on Butler's monument in the abbey sufficiently explains why he and many others like him never made a will.

His Great Anxiety.

Athlete—Did I—break it, doctor? Doctor—I will be plain, sir. The arm is broken, the collar bone crushed, the skull is fractured.

His Idea of Martyrdom.

Child of 8 (returning from school)—Mamma, we have been reading of such dreadful times. I should not like to have lived then, and I am sure you would not, for people were tied to a leg of mutton and after gunpowder had been put round they were all blown up.

An Easy Mark.

"May I ask what you have?" requested the tenderfoot politely. "Ace high," said Alkali like grimly.

Gratitude.

Gratitude is a short cut to sincere and lasting friendship. Some people complain that they have no friends. Have they never had a favor done to them? Why, every man has had a score of favors done him every day of his life!