-The gardener is in constant pur-

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TO THE ORDER OF EASTERN STAR. AIR : JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE MOTHER.

OPENING ODE.

Here around the altar meeting, Where the sons of light combine : Mingled with our friendly greeting, Is the glow of love divine; For this Hall to virtue given, And our emblems on the wall, Point us to the Lodge in Heaven And the Master of us all.

Keep in view the Lodge supernal, Life is love eathroned in Heaven, Where the true light never waves, And our mortal sins forgiven.

In the bonds of Mason's duty, Seek we now the Mason's light Forms of wisdom, strength and beauty Teach us what is good and right; Far be every sinful passion, Near be every gentle grace ; And so at last this holy mission Shall reveal our Master's face.

Life is love enthroned in Heaven, And our mortal sins forgiven.

standing that they were to abide the

chances of what might be legal ten-

Now it cannot be denied that there

matter should have been left in such

an uncertain condition, but is also to

the opportunity it gives to specula-

securities for their own purposes.

It is, however, beyond controversy

that the legal obligations of the Gov-

ernment would be met by the pay-

ment of these bonds in greenbacks,

as contended for by Stevens, Butler,

and others; but the moral phase of

incline to the opinion that it would

be better policy for our Government

to take the liberal view, and settle

even to the last dollar in gold

coin. The argument that such a pol-

icy would injure the public credit by

indicating unnecessary extravagance.

is of little weight compared with the

effect of ignoring a moral obligation

LIBERTY OF THE PRESS

FRANCE.-M. Peyrat, the principal

editor of the Avewir National, has

been condemned by the Tribunal of

Correctional Police to a month's im-

prisonment and a fine of one thousand

francs for exciting hatrd and contempt

of the Government. M. Lopelletier,

Advocate Imperial, directed the

prosecution, and M. Emmanual Ara-

THE GATLING GUN .- Our posts in

the Indian country are supplied with

as to command all the approaches.

By slowly turning it around, while

the balls are sent out at the rate of a

-The Austrian vagabonds get

ilant, at once hear, and send the ras-

cals to warm quarters for six months.

ordinary guns.

upon technical grounds.

10 Office o er the old Post Office, Front der at the time they were called in.

chained and enraptured as he never Keep in view the Lodge supernal, was by natural scenery before. Hill and valley, fresh and verdurous, move Where the true light never waves, before his vision like the pleasing combinations of a huge kaleidoscope. Here various vines of spontaneous GOLD OR GREENBACKS. growth, from that of the modest bud The question as to whether the to the full-blown flaming eglantine, portion of the national debt soon to profusely clamber up the overhang fall due, or rather, soon to become ing rocks, spreading from the water's redeemable, is to be paid in gold or edge to the evergreen forests above. greenbacks, is the absorbing topic with a large proportion of the press of blossoms of every hue. This viny the eastern States. The difficulty and floral display gradualty fades seems to be in settling the exact confrom view, and an unassuming cottage ditions under which these bonds were is disclosed-the more lovely for its issued. By one side it is contended humility-its orchards fragrant with that the clear understanding was blooms, or scarlet and golden with rithat they were to be paid in gold, alpening and ripened fruits. This scene though there is nothing on the face of the bonds to indicate it, and letters and then; let loose from its rocky of Secretary Chase, who had control confines, a mountain torrent comes of the Treasury Department when shivering down, midst miniature ramthey were issued, are referred to as bows, like a shower of diamonds, evidence of the correctness of that First looming in view far out on the view. And it is further contended Pacific, Mount Hood-one of the that gold was at that time yet the monarch mountains of the Western common currency of the country, and World-bears the vovager company was therefore understood to be the for hundreds of miles. He stands medium in which redemption or final payment was to be made. By the over the wonderful creations below. other side the plain fact is held Let not the reader suppose this a forth that gold is not specified on these bonds, while there are others of later issue upon which such a specification is expressly made. This Left Particular attention given to contested distinction is claimed by the advocates of greenback payment as sufficient justification for the assumption that they were issued with the under-

fancy sketch. It will not be thought such by any who have traveled the Columbia in the summer months. The Columbia is one of the few great rivers that cross leading mountain ranges. Rising in the far north

THE VALLEY OF THE COLUMBIA.

sublime and softly beautiful! A deep,

broad, crystal river-a river of ever-

green forests and trailing vines-of

mountains and valleys and flashing

cascades. Wild, weird, romantic-

In ascending the Columbia, the

voyager is not oppressed by that las-

situde of mind which is experienced

by monotonous expanses, either of

mountains or plains. Even it he

come from the fragrant swards and

slopes of California, when she is in

her most fascinating mood-when

wrapped in robes of flower-spangled

green, with Italian sunbeams playing

around her brow-he will, neverthe-

less, upon entering the clear, sapphi-

rine waters of this noble river, be en-

a blending of all beauties!

Valley of the Columbia! Grandly

among the pinnacles of the Rockies, she cuts the Cascades in twain, five or six hundred miles below, and near their greatest altitude, Boiling and foaming among their stupenduous rocks and frowning projections, on is much plausibility in the arguments either hand, she emerges but to again on both sides, and it is not only to enter-though in mollified mood-an be wondered at that so important a other region upheaved by the throes of nature; and her volume is finally poured into the ocean through a gate be seriously regretted, on account of way of the coast range. This at once accounts for and sufficiently for tifies our description of the pictur esqueness of the Columbia-its waterfalls, cascades and crowning forests.

It must not be thought from these outlines that valleys in the Columbia basin are either few or limited in extent. They are multitudinous and ample, and many are of unsurpassed the question is another matter. We fertility. The valley of the Willamette is the most prominent. This tributary having its source to the uthward far towards the California line, meanders between the Coast and Cascade range, laving, with its thousand feeders, an embryonic empire. within a few miles of its mouth.

Yes, the Columbia drains a region that is destined for the best achieve. bling field-in agriculture, commerce and arts, literature and science. The plow, the trident and the engine will bring wealth and independence; the church, the college and the school will promote and foster intelligence and morality; sons of genius will rise in on her banks, and make them classic soil ;-and then will she dispute in cotemporary fame with the Thames and the Rhine, and have a history as enduring as the Tiber.

Owing to the generally precipitous character of the banks of the Columbia, nearly all the towns and villages have been established at or near the junction of confluents. Hence the early importance acquired and still swept as effectually as by the firing of a whole file of soldiers armed with held by Colville, away up in the northwestern corner of Washington Territory, near the international boundary line. It is situated on the edge of an homes for the Winter by cursing extensive valley, a few miles below of turning and backing. loudly against the Emperor or in Flat Bow Lake, and a still less dispublic. The police, everywhere vigtance below the mouth of Carke's surrounding country is unusually lev- 159. -The Roman States owe about el, and comparatively speaking, low; \$1,000,000,000, and the revenue climate, milder than several degrees ways of women-To weigh two hunhardly page the interest on the debt. south, on the tributaries of the Miss drd.

From Howie & Magnire's "Settlement of the sissippi; soil, a deep, rich loam; tim-Sheridan.

ber, a sufficincy at hand, and inexhaustible quantities not distant. These constitute Colville's real elements of prosperity; but steamboatmen and general speculators have endeavored, in late years, to give the place inflated prominence as the head of navigation. As it was a splendid country for game-elli, deer, bear, antelope, marten, etc .- it had long been frequented by trappers and Indian traders, with whom it was a favorite winter retreat. Later, a few intrepid pioneers of the lower Columbia, attracted by the natural advantages we have detailed, and the certainty of though the General had referred to it fortunes by awaiting developement, moved thither with their families and settled. The discovery of gold soon followed, when bundreds rushed in from Oregon and California. Then a military garrison was there established; after which the place was, and still is, perhaps ever will be, known as Fort Colville.

THE ADULTERATION OF WOMEN.-A spicy correspondent of the Louis ville Courier ralates the matrimoniexperience of one "Verdant

Green," a friend his: Verdant had lived an unsophisticated life until he reached the ripe age of twenty one. About that time side with the letter written at the a curtain of emerald, studded with a neighbor of V.'s father employed a time of Sheridan's removal. General governess from New York. V. met her at a pic-nic, and as she was the first lady he ever met that could make him feel at ease in her whatever to cavil about his position. society, he fell violently in love We beg that every Union man will with her. His bashfulness, under read the letter which is here apthe skillful tutelage of the governs pended says the Oregonian: ess, wore rapidly away, and ere long he had consented to become her too, floats away like a sweet dream, bridegroom. The bridal party stopmany a weary hour the most mo mentuous moment to a man's whole life arrived for Verdant. On two ing you privately on the subject of chairs was piled a pyramid of skirts, etc., and on a table near the head of the bed the astonished eve of Verdant beheld a sight which froze him with horror. There were false calves, you carry out the designs then exfalse-hips, false palpitators and false hair. In one tumbler of water was displacement of the Secretary of forever, like a sentinel of the gods a full set of false teeth, from another War. His removal cannot be effect a glass eye stared at the bewildered bridegroom. How long he stood, Verdantknoweth not, but after a while | sent of the Senate. It was but a a hollow and strange voice from under short time since that the United the bede-lothes addressed him thus:

"Why don't you go to bed, my "So I would, but, by ---, I don't know whether to get into bed or on to the table !"

WHAT SPIRITUALISTS MIGHT DO IF THEIR DOCTRINES WERE CORRECT .-M. About, the French author, writes weekly for a Paris paper under the head of "chats," hitting off the follies of the day in a witty and sarcastic manner. Speaking of an article of on spiritualism, an exchange Mr. About remarks, very justly.

that if he had but very little spirit such as these men claim to have at their service, he would go at once to work, discover all the secrets of science, furnish mankind with untold wealth, give liberty to all slaves. white as well as black, restore health to the sufferer, stop all wars, end all dissentions, and change the globe into one great garden of delight. The spiritualists have not one, but millions of spirits at their service, and wall, they untie knots, and play the fiddle in the wardrobe! Indeed, the demigods of our day have become very modest! But worse than that. These men, superior to other men, these masters of the upper world; these generals of the airy army which is continually fitting around us in the Portland, the metroplis of Oregon, is invisible, these great lords who could send a couple of spirits with a corpo. their strong boxes and make us all happy, refuse to do a single act for ments of civilized man in every eno- the benefit of the poor, the suffering

and the unhappy. school, in Decatur, Ill., got off the following composition on the dog: by the ear. Hogs rarely bite. Peo ple eat hogs, and not the Jews as they and all other animals that does not chaw the cud isn't clean ones. Dogs sometimes get hit with boot jacks for barking of nights. Sleepy people get mad and throw at 'em. They do more for man than grown hogs or coons or even goats. Goats smell.

-A patent three-wheeled dray or New Bedford, Mass, It is said to be a great improvement on the old two wheeler in speed and convenience

-If all the Southern States are admitted, the full electoral vote will

-One of the most disgraceful in this matter.

GENERAL GRANT'S PROTEST Igainst the Removal of Stanton and

It will be remembered that when Gen. Grant wrote his ringing letter to the President protesting against the removal of Sheridan, he referred to a letter marked, 'private,' which he had written to Mr. Johnson when Secretary Stanton was removed from office, and which he stated "had a bearing upon the removal of Sheridan and which he hoped would have prevented it," At the time there was a general anxiety for the publication of the letter marked "private;" but in this public manner, thus removing the restriction of privacy in regard to its publication, Johnson did not choose to give it to the country. But on the 17th December, it was sent, among other documents, to the House of Representatives by General Grant himself, in response to a resolution of that body calling for certain documents and correspondence. The Chicago Tribune's special says that this letter, protesting vigorously against Stanton's removal, produced a sensation at Washington, and would " prove a great card for Grant." The letter is worthy to be placed side by Grant's declarations are so clear and decided that there can be no room .[Private.]

HEADQUARTERS ARMY UNITED STATES, Washington, Aug. 11, 1867. To His Excellency, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States:

Sir-I take the liberty of address

the conversation we had this morning, feeling as I do the great danger of the welfare of the country, should pressed; first, on the subject of the ed against his will without the con-States Senate was in session, and why not then have asked for his re moval, if it was decided? It certain. ly was the intention of the legislative branch of the Government to place a Cabinet Minister beyond the power of the Executive removal, and it is pretty well understood that so far as Cabinet Ministers are affected by the Tenure of Office bill it was intended especially to protect the Secretary of War, whom the country felt great confidence in. The meaning of the law may be explained away by an astute lawyer, but com-

of the 5th Military District. Let me ask you to consider the effect it would have upon the public. He is universally and deservedly beloved by the people who sustained this thanks to their supernatural allies Government throughout its trials, they do what? They knock at the and feared by those who would still be enemies of the Government. It fell to the lot of but few men to do as much against any enemy as Gen eral Sheridan did during the rebellion, and it is within the scope of the ability of but few in this or any other country, to do what he has. His civil administration has given ral to the Messrs. Rothschild to open | equal satisfaction. He has had difficulties to contend with which no other District Commander has encountered. Almost if not quite from the day he was appointed District -A pregocious youth attending Commander to the present time, the press has given out that he was to be "Dogs is usefuller as cats. Mice is dissatisfied with him. This has emafeered of mad cats. They bite 'em. boldened the opponents of the laws Dogs follers boys and catches a hog of Congress, within his command, to would convey a one-sided estimate

never have been necessary. a friend desiring peace and quiet, and the welfare of the whole country, North and South, that it is my opinion that the loyal people of this country-I mean those who supported the Government during the great truck is attracting much attention iu rebellion-will not quietly submit to see the very man of all others whom they have expressed their confidence the power of Christ and the strength in, removed.

of addressing the Executive of the Southern negro, as they are in these United States thus, but for the con- stanzas of a strain often chanted in nothing will. Fork, or the Flathead river. The be 317 : absolute majority required, versation on the subject alluded to in the South before the war this letter, and from a sense of duty, King Jesus, he was a strong (ter.) my Lord, feeling that I know that I am right That be jarred down the walls of bell,

With great respect, your obedient servant, De fore wheels run by de grace of God, this kind (S.good) U. S. GRANT, General An de bind wheels day run by faith a fat one.

The Slave Songs of the Sunny South. The men and women of the south

who lost so much along with the "lost cause," lost nothing so utterly as the domestic peculiarities which were associated with the system of negro slavery. The recollection of the old life on the plantations, of the once familiar faces and faithful servitude, and grotesque gambols and inimitable dances and songs of the race who dwelt in humbler quarters hard by the now ruined homes of the great southern land-owners, must always be blended with a certain pathos in the minds of those who were reared in the south while yet the "institution " flourished. That was the time when neither Sambo thought of a "vote" nor Dinah-impersonated in "Sojourner Truth "-of" woman's rights." That was the careless, happy time, wherein both Sambo and Dinah, after their honest day's work was over, used to disport themselves, naturally and joyously, like the lighthearted, merry-go round creatures that they really were-nay, that they really are, whenever their lot is cast so that they can relapse, into their normal condition; whenever and wherever they have found quiet and repose under kind and judicious direction, from the independent strife against superior odds for which they are so ill adapted, and which tends to foster into amusing but painful prominence those worst foibles of their nature, vanity and conceit. That was the time when the banjo and yellow draperies surrounding it; an intricate shuffling of heels and tossing of arms, and a clamorous patting of many bronzed and calloused palms together, were its accompaniments until the blood of the dancing throng of darkeys rose to fever heat; when the spirit of song descended upon the multitude, and reascending from their throats in such staves and ditties as never were heard in all the

I'm gwine to Alahamy .- Oh-h-h, For to see my mammy,-Ah-h-h.

She went from ole Virginny .-- Oh, And I'm her pickanningy,-Ab. She lives on the Tombigbee, -. Oh,

I wish I bad her with me, -Ah. Now I'm a good big nigger,-Oh, Reckon I wont be bigger,-Ah.

But I'd like to see my mammy,-Oh, Who lives in Alabamy, -- Oh. Nobody who ever heard a distich like this, chanted by a band of ne-

groes about a lurid fire of faggots in the night, can forget the impression produced by its strange barbaric ca- the last drop seals my doom in death. dences. Later, when the dance was done, there were always a few who remained clustered in front of the cabin door-ways or on adjacent fences, Second, on the subject of the re- and joined in singing or wailing all sorts of fantastic doggerel, until the lights in the master's bouse were out and it was so longer prudent to make a noise. The last song that was sung was very likely to be a hymn-something with a "go-to-meeting" or "go-to-heaven" in it, and abounding

> I know member, know Lord, I know I vedde de bell da ring. Want to go to meetin' ('ciety, lecter, praise-house), Bell da ring.

in deep base notes:

The false and degenerate negro nstrel troupes who have established themselves in the northern cities, give us nothing of this kind, and therefore nothing like the truly characteristic melodies that used to ring out of real African months on he plantations and decks of river steamers in the Southern States before the rebellion. The balladssimple and beautiful as they arewere written and set to music by song writers in the North and sung by the old-fashioned ministrels years ago, -but the songs of Virginia and removed, that the administration was Alabama slaves, are rarely sung by temporary, speaking of the decora the opera-bawling minstrels of to day. tions of Grace Cathedral on Christ. ty. She was stigmatized as a mono-Yet even these would not suffice to oppose him in every way in their of the negro nature, from which power, and has rendered necessary sprung the inefficient ideas, the miracle could have accomplished measures which otherwise might double and twisted yearnings such a feat as that. after indefinite things, the cloudly conceptions, the weak pathetic like those we have quoted. These endemical lays are in fact chief among the signs and evidences of the normal African character. They disclose its perturbations, its unbalanced superstitions and credulity, its disposition to accept and idealize. albeit in rough ways, whatever is set before it as good. The two ideas of

Don't you hear what de chariot say ! (bis.)

AMERICA.

-The large views which modern men of science take of America and suit of the most bardy, productive of the British Association:

has completely altered the geography of his age, by the discovery, of that within the short interval of three | been written upon the different vaand a half centuries, the New World | rieties of grapes, to obtain the most that he had discovered would be hardy, productive and valuable able to defy the the Old; that upon the wave which rocked the frail cannoes, iron-clads would fly the stars and against the attacks of vermin and stripes, that a vast nation of Chris- diseases. While the pen and press soil and people the desolate wastes; that the wilderness should become a garden, and the swamps luxuriant cotton fields; that great cities should; arise upon the margin of her, rivers, that the slaves should be rendered free; and that the elecric spark should speak in the profound depths of the At lantic, and hold communication each minute with the West!-that, weary distant West' to which for weeks and weeks he had struggled on toward unknown shores, lost on a boundless ocean, but trusting in a Devine guide who watched over the human instru ment that steered onward on the grand path to civilization. In the short period of three hundred and eighty years, a small practical portion the interval assigned to the existence of man upon our earth, what tacks upon this noble plant, the fuvast changes have occurred, not only ture success of the grower will deresults! America has, become a giant, an irresistible power upon her own soil separated from Europe by an ocean that renders her secure from hostile In many of the oldest hop growing was in all its glory. A glory of viv- aggression. With every variety of id turbans and patri colored scarfs climate, from the frigid to the torrid zone, with fertile soil, boundless forests, navigable rivers of prodigious extent, and commodious ports, proven the English Cluster to be far the future of that wonderful country superior in every respect. They are may be prognosticated by a compariison with the past. The first steps of a young colony are slow and full of eighty years, America has attained is from eighteen hundred to twenty. terly savage state, what part will that vast continent assume in the future history of the world?"

TIME. - A man is confined in prison; he has access to water only by means of a small tube through wall of his cell; by turning the stopper the reservoir is hidden from his view, so that the quantity of water i unknown to him. At his entrance he is told that he must die the very gone. Shortly, he unthinkingly turns the stopper and lets the water spirt out for amasement; but at length, sudden reflection brings him to consider what he is doing, and he ex-I am thus to waste this water, for I am ignorant of the quantity-there may not be a gallon; I will henceme to do." The prison is this world, not how much remains to us May we rightly improve it.

-A man of exceeding great parts, der the hazard of heavy shocks. of profound wisdom, and deep penetration, was summoned to appear upon a coroner's jury, in the case of a man who had committed suicide by hanging. Near the body was jurors gave their opinion; but not so this man. He must be sure, and not | tities. Roaches are exterminated by commit himself. So, drawing him self to full hight, he said: " Gentle ber parings about the house. Hofly men, before venturing to give any opinion, I would like to ask whether it is the sense of this body that the man brought the pail of water before, or after hanging himself." This was too much; and the jury even indulged in several minutes' laughter, much to the chagrin of the astute juror.

A REMARKABLE SIGHT. - A conmas Day, says: "The stately, pillars | maniac, but persevered and now gets were gorgeously intertwined with judgment for a million and a half

In conclusion, allow me to say, as plaints, that are, if not expressed, Eight or ten years ago a couple in kin, one to the other. When asked spasmodically intimated in rhymes Zanesville, Ohio, became tired of each other and were divorced. Both parties were remarried, and both lost their new partners. Recently they forgot their grievances, revived their old affection, and became husband

A Test .-- To ascertain whether your wife is jealous, lace up another of faith, for instance, could not have lady's shoe, and let her catch you at I would not have taken the liberty been presented by any one save a it. If that don't make her turn cat. spit, and become round shouldered-

American affairs, are well illustrated and valuable varieties of fruits, berin the subjoined passage from Str ries, and vegetables of every descrip-Samuel Baker's address before the tion. So with the herdsman-un-Geographical Ethnological Section, known thousands have been spent in searching out the best breeds of cat-"Columbus achieved the feat that | tle, horses, sheep, swine, and fowls. The same may be said of the vine-America. How little did he dream | yardist. Innumerable columns have grades, and the most formidable tian men should spring from the new | have been nearly silent upon the cultivation of hops, its acreage, use and value has been rapidly increasing. Whereas, as yet, very little has been said and but few columns, if any, have been devoted in regard to the best variety to be cultivated. From this neglect, nearly all the inexperienced suppose there is but one variety. To such, this is a sad and fatal mistake, There are as many different kinds of hops as of fruit or grapes, and as liable to the attack of diseases. At the present time the hop crop stands No. 1, among the most saleable and best paying products of the country; and as the vermin are making their atn geographical discovery, but by its pend entirely upon the selection of the variety that is most formidable against the attacks of its enemies. on the different varieties, side by side, and results have satisfactorily the earliest, rich, hardy, productive and saleable variety known. The difficulty; but if, in three hundred and average yield of the English Cluster her present high position from an ut- five hundred pounds per acre, while the average of others is but from one thousand to fourteen hundred pounds per acre, and of an inferior quality.

-The foot of the ass is one of the most ingenious and unexampled species of mechanism in animal structure. The boof contains a series of vertical and thin lamina of horn, so numerous as to amount to about five hundred, and forming a complete moment the last drop, of water, is lining to it. In this are fitted as many lamine belonging to the coffinbone, while both sets are elastic and adherent. The edge of a quire of paper inserted leaf by leaf into another will convey a sufficient idea of the claims to himself, "Alas! what a fool arrangement. Thus the weight of the animal is supported by as many elastic springs as there are lamina in all the feet, amounting to about four thousand; distributed in the mo t seforth use only what necessity compels cure manner, since every spring is acted on in an oblique direction. and Time is the water. We know Such is the contrivance for the safety of an animal destined to carry greater weights than, those of his own body, and to carry those also, un-

"SEASONABLE HINTS."-The Albany Journal recently presented the following and called it "seasonable hints." The oil of pennyroyal will found a pail of water. The other keep mosquitoes out of a room, if scattered about even in small quanscattering a handful of fresh cupum will light on the window which has been washed with water in which a little garlic has been washed. Where's your mosquitoes? where

your flies? Then for fresh cucumbers;-that's the rub.

-Miss Flite's case has a parallel n France. A certain Mile, Selix has been haunting courts of hiw for thirty years, claiming a large proper-

-Deepthawt, who "looks late" things" pretty closely, remarked the DIVORCED COUPLE REMARRIED .- other day that milk and water were what kin water was to milk, he replied "pump kin." D. lost a friend from that moment.

> -Mr. Instep thinks it is strange that as his wife and himself are one they can't step into the theatre on one ticket. Instep don't take into consideration that the treasurer ces double, and will seize for two and then of course he's won,

-- Let us hope that agriculture will be speedily taught as a science; -Work with a will, is rather good and that our common schools will advice to any one. The lawyer likes | become the active abettors of that this kind of work, where the will is business which feeds and clothes the