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The great success of Coutt's banking-house is due almost to accident, as you will see. Burdett Coutts, one of the founders, was a modest banker on the Strand, London, in George I.I's reign, and he made it a practice, as his would permit. It was during one dress whenever he was expected. of these reunions that a bank offied a loan of £10,000 that day at the garden. his bank. The circumstance was at once to the house of the noble tion. man and left his card, requesting his lordship to call at his office the following morning on business of

The next morning .... was an nounced to Coutts, and, on his inquiring what business had necessitated his visit, the banker at once informed him that as a banker he had heard that his lordship desired a loan of £10,000 and he respectfully offered him his serv-

great importance.

"But I can give you no security Mr. Coutts," said his lordship, as the banker commenced counting a small package of crisp bank notes that were on the desk.

"Your lordship's note of hand will be quite sufficient," gallantly responded the West End banker, and he handed him a note to sign.

"But I do not think I shall now want so much as ten thousand pounds," hesitated the nobleman. "That is immaterial, your lord-

ship," replied the banker. "On second thought I will take the ten thousand, and, as I shall only need five 'thousand, you will please place the balance to my credit as an opening of an account with you in my name."

The banker thanked his new customer, escorted him with much politeness to his carriage at the door, and then bade him "good

The action of the banker was a longsighted one. It was a good banker's patron of his desire to sued:

meet the banker. Coutts went finally. He was suppose?" introduced to the King, and his quiet, modest manners won the favor of the court. His presence of the city?" at the court created quite a sensation, for it was soon after reported in it." that the King had given his private finances into the keeping of Burdett Coutts. The rest of the court soon followed the example of the King, and thus secured to the house the wealthy patronage of the aristocracy of England.

First law of gravity-Never about." laugh at your own jokes.

How They Finally got Married.

The Providence Journal tells company. the following story:

One long summer afternoon there came to Mr. Davidson's the most curious specimen of an old bachelor the world ever heard of. He was old, gray, wrinkled and bank was situated some distance odd. He hated old women, es from the so-called "city," in order pecially old maids, and wasn't to keep !imself "posted" on the afraid to say so. He and Aunt financial mevements going on Patty had it hot whenever chance there, to dine with some of the drew them together; yet still he leading city bankers and bank came, and it was noticed that Aunt managers as often as opportunity Patty took unusual care with her

One day the cortest waged uncial casually remarked his surprise usually strong, and Aunt Party that Lord ..... had been refus- left in disgust and went out into

"The bear!" she muttered to noted by the West End banker, herself, as she stopped to gather a and the dinner over, he repaired flower that attracted her atten-

"What did you run for?" said a gruff voice behind her.

"To get rid of you." "You did'nt do it, did you?" "No; you are worse than a bur-

dock burr. "You won't get rid of me,

either." "I won't, ch?"

"Only in one way. "And that?"

"Marry me." "What! us two fools get married! What would p ople say?" "That's nothing to us. Come, say yes or no, I'm in a hurry."

"Well, no, then." "Very well; good by, I shan't

con e again. "Stop a bit--what a pucker

you're in.' "Yes or no."

"I must consult-"All right; I thought you were of age. Good by."

"Jabez Andrews, don't be a fool. Come back, I say. Why. I believe the critter lias taken me Jabez Andrews, I'l for earnest. consider."

"I don't want any considering; I'm going. Becky Hastings is waiting for me. I thought I'd give you the first chance, Patty. All right; good by."

"Jabez! Jabez! That stuck up Beck Hastings shan't have him! Jabez, yes! Do you hear-y-e-s!

JUDGING FROM APPEARANCES. investment. The balance was A good story is told in illustration soon increased, the loan returned of the folly of judging from apand the nobleman commenced to pearances. A person dressed in a to his devotional feelings in a short small string of the ordinary hemtell the story around at the Court suit of homespun clothes stepped speech in church, said: "I shall pen kind being received in the hol- on a paper collar, and it passed of St. James of the wonderful ac- into a house in a city, on some never cease to love and revere the commodating spirit of the West business, where several ladies were name of my dear Saviour, nor can End banker. Others deposited assembled in an inner room. One I forget how his name looks in the their funds in his hands, and the of the company remarked in a low Bible, as it is there spelled J-e-a- most ingenious device. It consists story was so well circulated at the tone that a countryman was in sous. palace that the King's curiosity waiting, and agreed to have some was aroused, and he informed the fun. The following dialogue en-

"You are from the country l

"Yes I am from the country." "Well, sir, what do you think

It has got a tarnel sight of houses I expect there are a great many

ladies where you came from?" "Oh yes a wouldy sight; jist for to the ladies.

among them, no doubt." Yes, I beaus 'em to meeting and

"And you are quite a

"Maybe the gentleman will take lars.

a glass of wine," said one of the

"I thankee; I dont care if I

"But you must drink a toast." I eats the toast what aunt Debby makes, but as to drinking, nev-

seed the like." company to hear the stranger persons camped on the hills on the

speek as follows: often deceived by appearances. through the canyon, crying, "The cause, thought these men were him followed a wall of turbid wa-

In reference to Beecher's statement the leading New York dailies of August 14th are thus reported in the dispatches:

The Times thinks Beecher's statement discloses moral coward ice and irrational behavior, but that the impression will be general that his story is not consistent with

innocence. The World says Beecher has ex. plained his letters, sparing neither Tilton, Moulton, nor himself; thus proving that he has nothing to conceal. Beecher dispels the only shadow of distrust which may have crept over his good name among fair, pure minded men.

The Herald says it cannot analyze Beecher's statement now. It is strong, and perhaps will be accepted by Beecher's friends as vindication; but the Herald thinks the public will not accept it as a final disposition of the case.

In olden days, if a counter-jump er took too much liquor and got into trouble, he was sure to figure in the police reports next morning as a medical student. Now it ap pears another class of men are to have a turn, for a gentieman who had a little difficulty with the police the other night, and was fined \$3 in the morning, described himself as a "journalist." This is too bad. Newspaper men have quite enough to bear from the jibes of an unkind world, without having this sort of stigma cast upon them.

A Boston correspondent of the True South writes that Boston may be built on seven hills, but the streets are so mixed up that you can't tell which hill you are on.

A New York paper gravely ab serves that the suicide of a farmer, which it notices, "it is singularly strange, inasmuch as he has not been in the habit of doing such things."

A painter being asked to estiall the world like them," pointing mate the cost of painting a certain per, and made the following calculation: "A nought is a nought; ing the thing up it is made three into five twice you can't -- I will paint your house for fifty dol-

Another Water Spout in Nevada.

Austin, August 18 .-- A heavy rain storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, set in at this place shortly atter five o'clock this evening, and in a few minutes after the commencement of the storm a foot of water was running through What was the supprise of the the streets. At half past 5 some other side of the canyon, in which Ladies and gentlemen, permit the town is built, rushed in a body me to wish you health and hap- to a hill overlooking the town, piness, with every other blessing making frantic gestures indicating earth can afford, and I advise impending danger. A moment afyou to bear in mind that we are terward a borseman galloped have been blasted in the bud. You mistook me by dress for a water! the water! To the hills! to, country booby; I from the same the hills!" and immediately behind gentlemen. The deception was ter, eight feet in height, which mutual. I wish you good even- swept through the town like an avalanche, carrying destructionwith it. For a few minutes nothing could be heard but the crash of timbers, falling awnings, crash of buildings and the deatening roar of the torrent. People fled to the hills, and there in crowds witnessed the awful scene of destruction. Fortunately no lives were lost, as than 1840 patent office reports. far as known.

It is impossible to accurately espresent, but it is immense, and can- to and ransacked by thieves. not fall far short of \$100,000.

At this hour-9 p. m.--a furious body of water is rushing through the streets, and the rain is falling in torrents. The cause of the dis aster appears to have been the bursting of a cloud in the vicinity of the summit.

ris arrested two men named John poker in company with a third party named David May, at a sa- weak. loon on forth street. On investigating the antecedents of the gentleman he found that they had just beaten May out of the round sum of \$1,000. They were brought to the Four Courts and searched. On the person of Davis, sewed in the lining of his coat, on the left hand side, was found a mysterious machine, connecting by means of a string running down the leg on the inside of the pants with the left foot. Attached to the boot was a hook as a fastening for the string, made A pious soul giving expression of hollow spring wire, another low of the wire, and acting upon the inner portion of the machine according to the movement of the foot. The machine itself is of the of two thin steel plates, with work resembling the internal organism of a clock. It acts nearly on the principle of an ordinary paper fastener. The mouth fronts on ica was secured." the outer edge of the coat. The coat is thrown half open, so that the right hand, in holding up the cards, is brought in close proximity with its mouth. When the maturity which by any other name the player desires to secure an ace he brings both hands close to the breast, and, by extending the left leg, the action of the cord opens the mouth of the machine. The card is then slipped in, and a receiver on the inside is drawn forward and drags or sucks it in house, drew forth a pencil and pa- still further. So on until the best hand is secured. By windeject the cards thus brought in, thereby enabling the player to ex-

ecute his motions almost imper-

ceptibly.

CLIPPINGS.

"The living link" -- Dog. A bad habit to get into-- A coat

that is not paid for. Colorado calls for more women.

It has scarcely a single one. The girls of an Illinois seminary amuse themselves by spitting at

Overstrained-Mrs. Mary Strain of Pittsburg, who married three

brothers. It is asserted that had the comet hit Chicago 1:106 divorces would

Who is the laziest man? The furniture man; he keeps chairs and

lounges about all the time. Pittsburg typographical error: "The Legislature pasted the bill

over the Governor's head." There is nothing more calculat ed to weaken a boy's moral character than to get his fishing-hook

fastened on rubbish in the river. Why did he hate it so? A certain member of Congress has given New England college no less

While an Indianapolis journalist was writing an account of a burgtimate the amount of losses at lary, his own room was broken in-

> A New York man has christened his daughter Glycerine. He says it will be easy to prefix nitro if her temper resembles her moth-

A Detroit paper says that Bayord Taylor has concluded not to explore the heart of Africa, and PLAYING DRAW POKER WITH those obituary notices may as well THREE HANDS .- Officer Joe Nor- be distributed.

The Newburyport Herald knows Reed and William J. Doyle who a bachelor who says he always engaged in a game of "draw looks to the hymenial department" of that paper for the news of the

> A Detroit father keeps his boy in of nights by varnishing a chair and sitting him down. It's a novel plan, but awful tough on the A-Chicago editor, who went out

rod, shot a forty-five dollar cow, and caught an old hat with a stone When the wife is detected showing unusual affection for her husband, it may fairly be expected

that she will appear before long in

for a day's sport with the gun and

A Tennessee man wrote his will through the Probate Court as well as any other will, though a little

unhandy about filing. "Yes, sir," said a Michigan 4th of July orator, "Putnam went right into the wolf's den, dragged her out, and the independence of Amer-

There are no boquets about a newspaper office, but sometimes the contents of the paste cup acquire a would smell as sweet.

A San Francisco reporter blushed at some remarks of Victoria Woodhull, and was promptly discharged by his employers for "conduct unbecoming a journalist."

There is a mule in East Wheeling, W. Va, who has kicked the roof off his stable every night for the past week, in addition to knocking the squeal out of a family of