

Poverty of Baron Rothschild.

In the life of J. J. Audubon a good story is told of Baron Rothschild, showing how mean a rich man may be, and how deficient in estimation of noble character or works of art.

"The Baron was not absent, but we were told by a good-looking young gentleman that he would come in in a few minutes, and so he did. Soon a corpulent man appeared, hitching up his trousers, and a face red with the exertion of walking, and without another word he presented himself into a comfortable chair, as if caring for no one else in this wide world except himself.

The Burning of Moscow.

The burning of Moscow in 1812 is one of the most noted conflagrations on record, not only on account of its magnitude, but for its historical importance.

INTEREST OF CHILDREN IN ANIMALS.

It is very easy to enlist the sympathies of children in the animal world. Take, for instance, the history and habits of birds; show how wonderfully they are created; how kind to their young; how useful to agriculture; how power they have in flight.

Mr. Jenkins's Alarm.

"Zach! do you hear? Oh! dear, there's robbers in the house, as sure as I'm alive," cried Mrs. Jenkins, in a low, timid voice.

"Wake up, will you? Oh, Lord! all the new silver is down stairs; there's all the ornaments on the mantle, and the new lace curtains—they'll be sure to take those; they'll split on the new carpet, and we'll be ruined," groaned Mrs. J.

"There's no need of my going down now, Amanda," went on Zach, "they must have gone; I don't hear them."

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THE VIRTUE OF FAST DRIVING.

One of the worst results of the hard times is seen in the fact that many of our hardest worked business and professional men can no longer afford to keep a good horse.

EXAMINED CEILINGS.

A refreshment saloon in London has been finished in such a manner as to be readily washed out with a hose. The floor is paved, the walls are of majolica, and the ceiling is covered with enameled sheet iron.

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Many are the stories of John Randolph of Roanoke, and here is another one which has just cropped up from some source that does not seem hitherto to have been tapped.

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