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Dr. B --- , who was for many years J. M. McCall & Co.. associated with the University of Virginia, was noted for his quickness of retort, and some of his repartees, which are worthy of preservation.

to Washington, he thought he recognized The undersigned from and after April a friend in the man who was immed ately before him.

"How are you?" he said, clapping the supposed friend familiarly on the shoul-Or approved produce delivered-except | der.

with some resentment:

"My name is Hull, sir." "I beg your pardon," said the Professor. "I was looking for the Colonel." On another occasion, as he was walking, looking intently at something in the street, a man coming in the opposite direction, and who was gazing with equal earnestness into a shop window, ran shoulder to shoulder against him. The treme hauteur, said :

"Why did you run against me?" With equal severity the Professor answered in exact imitation of his questioner's tone and manner:

you ran against me," and the encounter ended in a good-natured laugh. B gentleman coming into his office one

day, said: "Doctor, why do you keep your ro so hot? It is like an oven.' "I must," he answered promptly, "for

it is here that I make my bread.' Many years ago this incident was told in one of the magazines, but the point was somewhat missed, as the contributor or printer made it bake instead of

house, against which he had a claim for \$600, he was ushered into an office where one of the firm sat on a high stool, pompously shelling letters. The professor stood awaiting recognition, but no notice was taken of him. Finally the small business man, twisting himself supercilious of tones: And, in fact, everything required for the

"What?"

him the order for the money. The business was settled without an-

been vexing the righteous soul of one of the University professors, who, for a joke, and to rid himself of the nuisance, sent him to Dr. B --- with his engineering schemes, as to a congenial and sym- of 70. pathetic soul. He therefore came with high hopes, and unfolded his schemes several times with wearisome multiplicity of detail to the devoted Professor. when the listener's impatience made itself felt. The engineer continued to say, "Just one moment, Professor, one thing more." Finally his hearer's much telling. tried patience showed signs of giving way, whereupon the patentee again said: "I only want to show you one thing

more, Professor. I have invented a short method of boring mountains, which I think will prove very valuable." "My dear sir," burst forth the weary listener, "if you would only invent a short method of boring individuals, you

would indeed confer a lasting benefit upon the race." The engineer departed. A would be literateur, who was the head of a large variety and notion business, was constantly annoying the doctor with his pretensions. One one occasion

" Doctor, I have an idea." "No, no, my dear H-," said the docior, a little impatiently; "you are mistaken; you deal in notions, not

How He "Livened it Up."

charged from the San Jose Herald the the fact that a woman's chances of marother day, but fired down four flights of riage, were there no disturbing causes, stairs by the infuriated foreman of that are 1,029 to 1,000. The number of journal. It seems that a typo was re- men being greater than the number of quested to "liven up" a certain speech | women, every woman ought to find a delivered in that town, with the usual husband; but the disturbing causes marks in parentheses. The "jour," who | which induce men to forego marriage, was carrying a little more beer than was such as the inability, as they suppose, to necessary, just then got hold of the support a wife, a preference to remain wrong proceedings, causing the eloquent unmarried, and so on, throw the chances, ments. resolution of Mr. Van Arman, referring as a matter of fact, the other way. to the death of a member, to read something like this: "Whereas, It pleased 31st, just past, the total number of mar-Divine Providence to remove from our midst our beloved comrade vorite month in which to marry is No-Azariah McMuck [loud applause], who has been cut off in the flower of March, which appear to be equally dehis usefulness [laughter] and promise, be | sirable; December is nearly as much so; Temple. it resolved, that we tender to his family next are February, April and June, out,' and 'Order'], and assure them while is August. we humbly bow to the will of Heaven, lament our departed brother [roars of Are invited to send in their orders and laughter a fellow citizen of enlightened stration at the Lincoln High School, Ill. mind, statesmanlike views [cries of 'Oh! | claiming their right to admission. They shut up!' 'Let's adjourn!' broad and SHall Receive Prompt Attention! gone before [derisive cries and continued high school as white children. The 1718. laughter]," etc. In fact, the McMuck school board asserts that they are enwidow is hunting for that unfortunate titled to admission to the common Fine Arts at Oxford, has just been comprinter yet, and cherishes the conviction schools, but that the State Supreme missioned a picture whose subject is that he is still hiding in the hills.

> "My! what a steep hill! And see those ten or eleven wretches packed in one SECRETARY. | meetin."

Marriage Probabilities.

The Chicago Times has constructed a table of "Marriage Probabilities" for ber number of his Magazine of Ameriboth sexes, from the age of 15 to 70, can History, has raised a question which based on figures taken from 8,000 mar. should set Dean Stanley at work immeare fading out of contemporary memory, riage licenses, issued by the county clerk diately with a pickaxe and a spade in during the twelve months ending Au- Westminster Abbey. It has been taken Once, many years ago, being on a visit gust 2d. It deduces the following facts for granted for half a century past that from the table : In 1,000 cases no one the remains of the unfortunate Major was married before the age of 15. The Andre were laid at rest in 1821, under marriage of women at that age is not the mural monument which had been unknown, but it is rare. Men do not erected long before in the Abbey to begin to marry, as a rule, until they are commemorate his death for his king and 18 years old. At the age of 19, when country. There can be no doubt we The stranger, turning stiffly, answered young men are just beginning to think suppose, that a grave found where the seriously of the subject, young women gallows had stood on which Andre sufare at their most favorable time, more of fered, was opened in 1821, and that the them marrying at that age than at any remains taken from it were sent to Enother. The years of greatest probabili- gland in compliance with the wishes of ties with a woman are from 18 to 25, the English Government. But Mr. culminating at 22. At 20 and 21 the Stevens has unearthed and published "A chances are even, being better at 19 and personal narrative of the services of 22 than at either of the intervening Lieutenant John Shreve, of the Contiyears. At 23 begins a steady decline, nental army," a son of Colonel Shreve, but not until the age of 23 do the of the 2nd New Jersey regiment, who stranger, drawing himself up with ex- chances fall below one in a hundred; was an eye-witness of the execution, and after that age they do, and in the rest of who distinctly states that the body of her life her chances are but seventy-six | Andre was not buried under the galin a thousand. At the age of 53 the lows on which he died at all, but was vanishing point appears in sight, no conveyed in a British man-of-war's boat marriages occurring at that age, and at to New York, then in possession of the marriage each, at 57 none, at 58 one,

"For precisely the same reason that the age of 54; at 55 and 56 occurs one royal army. and after that a woman has literally the language of Lieutenant Shreve. His "not one chance in a thousand" of wed- father had command of the detachments ding. Her best years are four in num- which formed a square around the galber, being from 19 to 22 inclusive. lows to keep off the crowd, and he stood With a man it is different. His best near by and witnessed the whole proyears are 10 in number, from 21 to 30 ceeding. This is his account of it: inclusive. It is at the age of 21 that? he evidently turns his attentions wife. the gallows with a coffin in it, and Andre ward, and it may be that legislators stepped up into it. General Parsons of were entirely right in fixing that as the our army was officer of the day; he rode year when he shall attain his majority. I near and read the sentence of the Court In no year in his life are the chances, Martial against him, and looking at his On a visit to a New York publishing one to ten that he will marry. His very watch, said: 'Major Andre, you have best years are at 23 and 25, as a girl's fifteen minutes to live; if you have are at 19 and 22. From 21 there is a anything to say you can say it.' Andre pretty steady increase till he is 25, and replied: 'I have nothing to say, but this then his chances slowly decline, although is for you to bear witness that I meet they do not drop suddenly until he is my fate like a brave man.' He then 30. It is worthy of note that the sud- took two white handkerchiefs out of his den drop in the chances of both men and pocket, pulled off his scarlet coat and around on his perch, said, in the most women occur the year after they become handed it to his servant, telling him to "old bachelors" or "old maids." Men put it in his trunk. The man obeyed, do not begin to marry till about three going to the house where the trunk was, "That," said the professor, handing years later than women, but they keep the tears running down his cheeks as he it up more or less steadily five years went. The wagon moved to let Andre

later. With men the chances do not swing clear. I have soen several men fall below 1 in 100 until the age of 40 hanged, but he flounced about more A very tiresome civil engineer had is reached. Then it is 1 in 50, and than any one I ever saw. When dead after that 1 in 200. Marriages occur, he was taken down, put in the coffin and however, every year until 56 is reached, driven under an escort to the landing then on alternate years to 62, and after place at the river, where a boat belongthat comes but one, which is at the age ing to the enemy was waiting by per Of the 1,000 women in this list 84 Andre to New York city, and arrived

tween parties living in the same house. then, the remains disinterred in 1821 governing colonies treedom of action Whenever a man marries under such from the spot where the gallows stood

circumstances it is natural to suppose half a century before cannot have been that when he fell in love with the girl, those of Major Andre.-N. Y. World. it was the result of pure accident. He was not probably looking over his list of lady acquaintances for a wife, and his selection was not the result of pure choice-of the opinion that she was the best of all the women he knew to make a wife. The two happened to be thrown into close contact, the fire of youth was ignited and it blazed up, and they were married. This figure cannot, however, emv be taken as in any degree correct to show the number of chance marriages. reax, carried off the Grand Prix de Perhaps nine-tenths of all the marriages | Rome. are chance. But the chances are very chance, and nothing but chance.

The census of 1870 gives the total male population of the country at 17,-029,088, and the total female at 16,-There was a compositor not only dis- 560,289. From these figures is deducted

For the twelve months ending July riages in this city was 5,159. The favember; the next are May, October and [cheers] and friends our sincere sympathy | while January and September come bein their hour of affliction [cries, 'Put him | hind these, and the least popular of all | rence, at Rotterdam, is in the hands of | ports, would be unsatisfactory. Seeing

About 30 colored boys made a demon were denied entrance and ordered away, can bar them from the high schools.

what my own will be a year hence."

Where is Andre Buried?

John Austen Stevens, in the Septem-

Nothing can be more explicit than

"There was a wagon standing under mission, and took the corpse of Major were widows, and of these 84, 14 had with it at the British camp before midbeen divorced. Of the 14, one remar- night. His body was not buried under ried the man from whom she had been or near the gallows, as some historians divorced. Of the men, but three had have asserted." If this account be been divorced. How many of them authentic, where are the remains of were widowers there are no means of Major Andre? Certainly Sir Henry ing a voice in the matter, betokens a Clinton never sent them back to be misapprehension of the policy of the Of the 1,000 marriages 187 were be- buried under the gallows. Certainly,

Art Items.

Frank Millett has established his studio at Boston. Glasgow is to have an exhibition of

ancient and modern needlework. It is said that the late Charles Land seer left £10,000 to the Royal Acad

Alfred Bramfor, a pupil of Bougue-

A second exhibition of the French strong that these were all chance, pure Water Color Society will be held in

Paris November next. Twenty-one of the paintings of the

Luxembourg are at the Munich International Art Exhibition. Michael Zichy's large painting,

"Wine," is attracting much attention at a local exhibition in Hungary.

ty-one works of sculpture. The decoration of the pure Satsuma

the Philistines. The municipality of Antwerp has pur- the war of 1812, and that it is, happily,

chased at the Visser sale, held at the Hague, an album containing 36 drawings by James De Witt, made in 1711-12, of the panels, by Rubens, in the ever." generous sympathy for his kind. but they threatened to take legal meas- Jesuits' church at Antwerp, which were [Terrific cheers.] He is not lost, but ures to secure the same rights in the with the church destroyed by fire in W. B. Richmond Slade, Professor of

Court has held that town authorities taken from the "Song of Mariam." The owner is to be N. Gilstrup, cf Fordham Park, and the painting will be a com-"Is it possible, miss, that you do not panion of that gentleman's "A Proceswagon that poor straggling horse can know the names of your best friends?" sion in Honor of Bacchus," by the same graved.

The World's Cattle Supply.

An English paper says: If meat is scarce and dear in Western Europe such | September 28th, 1878, the Vega, a is not the case in other parts of the steamer belonging to the Nordenskjold world, as the following statistics relative exploring expedition, was frozen fast to America, Australia and Africa will in the ice about twenty miles from the show : Urugay, the population of which | northeast extremity of Asia, where she by the last census of 1876 was 400, | remained in confinement for 264 days. 000 souls, possessed at the same time | Had the vessel been able to push for-4,873,924 head of horned cattle and ward 20 miles further, she would have 9,142,135 sheep, but as these figures are rounded East Cape into Behring's Strait, taken from the returns made by the and hastening through the gate which farmers themselves for the purpose of separates Asia from North America, taxation, M. Vitalba, Comptroller of the would have achieved a speedy journey to State, considers the more accurate num- Japan. Hedged in by the ice, she was bers would be 6,000,000 and 12,000, bound by frigid fetters until the 18th of 000. The Argentine Confederation, far July, when, her liberty regained, she larger in extent, with barely 2,000,000 proceeded to complete the brilliant inhabitants, had, according to a calcula- achievement which is filling the world tion published at Buenos Ayres in with her fame, arriving at Yokohama 1876, 13,493,000 animals of the bovine on the 2d inst. species, of which 5,116,020 were in the province of Buenos Ayres, and 57,546,-413 sheep. But, according to the official he proceeded along the northern coast of announcement in the Argentine section | Asia through the Arctic Ocean, he enof the exhibition of 1878, the real countered scarcely a particle of ice, even quantities were 80,000,000 of sheep and when he reached the dangerous sea of 15,000,000 of horned cattle. A vast Kara, south of the island of Nova Zemextent of the southern portion of Bra- bla, August 6. There was but little ice zil, particularly the province of Rio as the Vega passed by the mouth of the Grande, Bolivia, and portions of Peru Lena river, and not until approaching on the eastern slope of the Andes, are the region of the New Siberia islands, also raising cattle, but the difficulties of the last of August, were there serious procuring definite returns are so great obstacles to rapid sailing. But from that any estimate made could only be that time until progress was completely mere guess work. Turning now to stopped, new difficulties were discovered North America, where immense dis- daily. When compelled to abandon the tricts are almost wholly pastoral, the purpose of pushing forward before the figures published in 1872 by Mr. Block advent of Winter, Prof. Nordenskjold showed the existence of 26,692,405 and party discovered that they were head of cattle, 31,679,300 sheep, and only a mile from land, and that they 32,000,000 pigs. But these numbers were near a Tchuktchi settlement, a vilhave vastly increased since, owing to the lage whose 4,000 inhabitants treated extensive trade which has sprung up be- them with much kindness. The health tween England and the United States of the explorers was excellent, and, alin meat, both salt and fresh. According | though an average temperature of 32.2 to some statistics published by the degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, is not French Minister of Commerc, Canada favorable for out-door sports, the party possessed in 1876 2,624,299 animals of enjoyed fine shooting upon the approach the bovine race and 3,155,509 of the of Spring. ovine. The numbers supposed to exist | The fame of having made the first in Australia and New Zealand are Northeast passage from Europe to Asia 5,995,672 of the former and 61,649, is, of course, the chief reward of Prof. 967 of the latter, of which the share of Nordenskjold and his brave comrades New South Wales is 3,131,013 cattle, for the hardships and the perils they 24,729,755 sheep, as well as 173,604 have endured. Although the explorers

The Fishery Dispute.

generally, devoted to raising cattle, and,

although no accurate returns are forth-

dustry is extending there daily.

The London Times, reviewing the fishery question, says: "The opinion expressed in the United States that the whole question should be settled by the State Department and the Foreign Office, without the North American Colonies bav-British Empire, which accords to its selfwhich is limited only by Imperial considerations: The inshore fisheries are the unalienable heritage of Canada and Newfoundland, and these countries must say whether and on what terms participation in them should be granted to a foreign country. It is somewhat surprising that the United States, which owe their very existence as a nation to the assertion of the very principal that a colony must have a voice in any negotiations which affect its interest, should not understand the same principle when asserted on behalf of Canada. The intrinsic value of the property destroyed on the occasion of the Fortune Bay fracas is a mere trifle as compared with \$103,000, and as that sum is the American estimate of some two or three boats being prevented from making a single catch of fish, it looks as if the fishing privileges granted by the treaty of Washington were of greater value than the people of the United States have been hitherto willing to allow. It is satisfactory to find that the Government at The French Government purchased at Washington repudiates all intention of ministrative policy, and concludes : the Salon sixty-three paintings and thir- asking any reconsideration of the Halifax award on the grounds of subsequent ill me the total amount of spirits used in treatment of fishermen. Were the this country for intoxicating drinks, and ware never consist of figures-only of Fortue Bay claim the only surviving birds, bowers, and conventional orna- difficulty in connection with the fisheries question, it would serve The late Samuel Bough, R. S. A., is to to show, by its insignificance, have a monument. A bronze medalion the dimensions to which a forportrait will be by William Brodie, R. midable international matter has been reduced. Unfortunately, the whole S. E. Beehm's equestrian statue of the question will soon come up again. Any Prince of Wales has been unveiled at further arrangement on the Halifax Bombay by the Governor, Sir William plan, unless preceded by a final and conclusive settlement of the headlands The Dutch are bitten by the mania for dispute and the rights of American fishrestoration. The Church of St. Law- ing vessels in British North American that the fisheries question is as old as

> ers make poor euchre players? Because as tar as possible as to the statistics they have so many suits.

the only grave question between the two

countries, surely it calls for diplomatic

action to settle it immediately and for-

Lady (to rheumatic old woman): am sorry you should suffer so; you should try galvanism. Old woman: Thank you kindly, mum; be I to swallow it or rub

hardly draw!" "Writ hes Them are inquired a gentleman of a lady. "Cer- artist. Mr. Richmond has finished a wer we must know whether you are at the grave and deposited in the coffin all Christians, mum, going to camp- tainly," she replied; "I don't even know portrait of Darwin, which is to be en- married or single. This is important to a palm-leaf fan, a linen coat, and a thera true understanding of the case.

The First Northeast Passage.

Almost a year ago, or to be exact.

Prof. Nordenskjold sailed from Gothenburg, Sweden, July 4, 1878, and as

pigs. Finally, England's enormous col- declare the belief that the passage can ony in the south of Africa is, speaking be made with ease and rapidity at the proper season of the year, the route is not one likely to be chosen for mer coming, the fact is known that this in- chantmen or passenger steamships. But while the commercial advantages of the Northeast passage may not be of great consequence, the scientific results of its discovery cannot fail to be of much val-

ue. In achieving his splendid triumph, Nordenskjold has done more than to secure a place for his name in the annals of brave explorers, he has earned the renown as an important contributor to scientific discovery .- N. Y. Mail.

President Hayes' Letter Bag.

The President receives about a bushel of letters a day, relating to every con ceivable subject. The people of this intelligent country seem to think that he can give money and lands as he gives offices; that he has a purse long enough to sustain all the charities of the land that he is omnipotent and omniscient, and that an appeal to him for anything will be answered. He receives inquiries from Europe as to whether their lost friends or relatives are living in the United States, and where. One man writes him from Indiana to know if he can tell what has become of his son, who was lost sight of at the beginning of the war. Questions are asked him through the mails as to the respectability or financial standing of people residing in Washington, and other inquiries are made as if the public thought the White House was an intelligence office. The other day the President received a letter from a citizen of northern New York, which is a sample of many written him. The writer commences by complimenting the President on his ad

"I would ask you as a favor to give the amount of tobacco, snuff and such nefarious and unnecessary articles; the number of depraved women in the United States, and the sum of money expended for the different articles of life that are not strictly necessary, so that I may have the correct figures to use in battling against extravagance and immorality of all kinds. I would also be pleased to be informed by you of the number and location of surveyed Government lands that are open to the poor. and if I don't ask too much, I should like you to name the man you would prefer to be your successor. Please forgive this intrusion, as I know your duties are arduous."

The President was unable to answer the most of these questions, but, after having a laugh over it, he sent the letter, as he does all such, to the Treasury Why would ready-made clothing de il- Department, to have the man informed he seeks. The Treasury clerks hesitate about announcing the President's preferences concerning his successor in office, and will probably not answer that question .- Washington Corr. N. Y. Graphic.

A subscriber to a southwestern paper "What," asks a correspondent, "causes died recently, leaving four years' subthe hair to come out?" Before we ans- scription unpaid. The editor appeared