In a Coal Pit.

The old coal pit at Bottsford had hausted, resting his head on his hands. proved a failure after fifteen thousand dollars had been expended on it. The the falling of bits of wood around him. forsaken shaft, two hundred feet deep, At the same time indistinct voices and a long tunnel in the Mountains of Bottsford, were the only remaining traces of work having been done.

Newman Highborn, while roving through these mountains, became separated from his companions. He had reached the forsaken shaft, and was pre- read: cipitated into the fearful abyss. His walking stick, which struck the rough side walls here and there, broke the swiftness of the fall. But down, down he went to the bottom, where, it is true, but before reaching tho open air the he reached very much mangled, but sound died away to a low, hollow muralive.

Although agonized with pain, he experienced a feeling of thankfulness for the preservation of his life. Still he felt there was no belo for him two hundred feet below the surface. He was head only saved here to famish. Throughout the whole dreary night he planned how to escape, but nothing occurred to him. He must stay here and perish.

The next morning he consumed the bread which fortunately he found in his matches he soon explored it most thoroughly.

Highborn, under ordinary circumstances, was not easily discouraged, but now the terrible situation in which he found himself gradually began to depress his spirits. The more he reflected on it, the more he became discouraged. He I gan to be tortured by thirst,

abundantly in places of that kind. The day passed; night came. He cowered down, weary and hungry, and fell into a deep sleep. He dreamed of a

and there was no water there, not even

a drop, which usually trickles down so

woolen stocking. It was an old story, which he had often read in his boyhood, of a workman in England who was left on a high chimney after the scaffold had been reand let down the thin yarn to the with the stock yards of Cincinnati. On the 8th of October, 1840, Prince de ground. With it he pulled up a cord, with the cord a string, and with the string rope strong enough on which to descend. So ended the story, and so also endea his dream.

He awoke. What was the cause of this dream He had known this narrative for many years. He did not find himself on the top of a chimney, but deep down in the earth. His situation was quite different. As he was thinking over the dream a swallow fluttered down the shaft and fell by his side to the ground. The

Suddenly a thought flashed upon the mind of Newman Highborn, and he thrust his hat over the swallow. It was but a weak ray of hope. He took off his shoes and stockings, and carefullly unraveled the latter. The threads he laid over each other in a circular manner, so as not to become entangled.

poor bird was frightened, but not dead.

He labored industriously and patient ly until the two stockings formed one long string. This he fastened securely to the tail of the bird, and again placed it under the hat. Then he took a lead pencil, and, aided by the light of a match, he wrote on a piece of paper:

"I am at the bottom of the shaft at Bottsford Mountains-I beg you send

NEWMAN HIGHBORN."

After he had folded this, and tied it securely to the other end of the thread, there were on sale about thirty five hun- from the King of England, ordering that he set the bird free. It fluttered for a dred cattle, fifteen hundred of which Napoleon should be addressed as Genmoment around Highborn's head, then were American, the balance Dutch, eral, and not Emperor, is still here .-

hope in his breast; it grew the higher Kentucky and Illinois steers, and in the bird ascended. Bravo! little swal- fine condition. To me they look no diflow. The thread, at every glance, be- ferent from what they usually do at The bird at last disappeared at the entrance of the pit.

He shuddered at the thought of the

right up in the air.

when one of them said:

"What is that near you, Potts?"

thing sincilar. Why, it stretches quite | 000 sheep and 2,000 calves. a distance over the weeds." "Pull it," said Sam Highborn, New

man's brother. Potts pulled, and about thirty steps from them fluttered a bird to and fro.

"Why, the poor creature is fastened to it; what heartless scoundrel could have done such a thing ?"

"It is a swallow," thought Potts; "let us see where it is fastened."

"Perhaps it belongs to some one." "Whether it belongs to anyone or not, I am going to give this poor thing its freedom," said Sam, cutting the thread.

The little bird understood this, and arose in a moment and ascended toward the skies. Sam followed the thread; suddenly he called out to his compan-

"Come here, Potts; at the end of this thread there is a piece of paper." He unfolded it and read the follow-

"I am at the bottom of the shaft in the hills of Bottsford. I beg you to NEWMAN HIGHBORN." Great God, Potts! Down in the pit alive! Not fifty steps from here! It cannot be, and yet he says so."

Both hastened to the shaft. The bird had flown away an hour ago. Newman Highborn waited with troub- I

ling anxiety. His eyes watched the mouth of the pit till he sank down ex-It was not long till he was aroused by

sounded down from above. He looked up, and recognized two persons bending over the edge.

O, how exulted when, after several anxious seconds, there fell a note at his feet. He again struck a match and "We are here, and will bring help as

soon as possible. SAM HIGHBORN & POTTS." He returned an exulting "hurrah,"

One long, anxious hour passed, two, three. Light broke in. Then something came down. He noticed a light at the Then a heavy rope touched his

O! how eagerly he he grasped it, and made a strong loop and put it around him. Then he gave the rope a powerful jerk, and exclaimed, "Pull!"

Up, slowly, cautiously, ever higher; now stopping, now gliding back several pocket. The space he occupied was but feet. His heart throbbed loudly. He a few feet square, and with the help of sees the stars overhead. Another moment, and He is on the surface-exhausted, but living-saved!

Newman Highborn owes the preservation of his life to a little bird, and this had flown away.

Si Kecke Writes a Letter.

and provision dealer of Cincinnati, and of the stomach, and by others gastro he- latest incident being an application to known from Maine to Oregon for his patitis. On the 8th of May he was eccentricities and humor is in London, burried in Slane's Valley, Longwood. and writes home that his first impression The Governor, Admiral and staff, all the discovery of her old Dutch Bible was, after several days in England, that the garrison and about one-half of the the principal business was the manufac- population of the island attended the ture of umbrellas, and the second, the funeral. The pall bearers were Count mending of the same, and every other Bertrand and Montholon, Mersi, the occupation was secondary. He visited faithful valet of the Emperor, and young the Metropolitan Live Stock market, at Napoleon Bertrand. The household of which the principal receipts of native the late Emperor sailed for England proceedings against Trinity Church till stock are sold, and as to extent compares | May 21, 1821, on the storeship Camel. | they can secure the money in Holland, Thoroughly and substantially paved, but Joinville and suite, including General will be able to make another essay upon with no shedding; pens only for calvos, Bertrand, Montholon and Baron Las sheep and pigs. Cattle are tied to man- Cases, former companions of Napoleon's gers, and all kinds sold by the head. exile, arrived at St. Helena in the frig-A dealer must not only be a judge of ate La Belle Poule, accompanied by the quality but also of weight. The busi- corvette Favorite, for the purpose of conness is done upon market days-Tues- veying the remains of the Emperor to days and Fridays-and all under the France, and on the 15th of October, at but systematic. The quality of the cat- was lifted up and conveyed to a tent, tle differed but little from the average where it was opened and the remains of those offered in our markets, with the fully identified, being little changed from tity of cotton raised in Missouri, south the better grades, very like what we upon nearly 20 years before. This cof term shippers. At Deptford the yards fin was then closed and the remains St. Louis all came from districts south Thames, and on the grounds of the old the La Belle Poule, and sailed for dock buildings in which were built and mains of the first Napoleon were deposrepaired many of the wooden ships of ited under the dome of the Invalids, the English navy. The buildings are where they still remain. about six hundred feet long, three From all accounts his life here was hundred wide and one hundred and most dreary. Among the archives of fifty high, which are admirably adapted the island the original papers that were for stock, affording ample light and per- to have been sent to France, giving fect ventilation. Paved with Belgian plans of landing places and the manner granite, with long rows of mangers to in which he was to have been rescued, board through St. Louis, from which which the cattle are tied, and neat di- but through inquisitiveness of his valet's point it must be carried by rail a thousvisions for cattle and sheep, and all parents, they fell into the hands of the kept reasonably clean. The slaughter Governor, Sir Hudson Lowe. After house facilities are very perfect and all that the strict surveillance and indigstock slaughtered must have been thor- nities that were heaped upon him broke oughly inspected previous to and after the spirit and heart of the man that had killing. The day I visited these yards defied the world. The original paper Spanish, and other continental bred Corr. Boston Transcript. Now arose a glad though only a weak stock. The American cattle were the "There, not three steps from you, to tion of London, and the weekly sales

> Why Gold Changes Color. It is well known that the human body contains humors and acids similar in action to and having a like tendency toward baser metals as nitric and sulphuric acids have, namely, to tarnish or dissolve them, varying in quantity to different persons. Of this theory we have abundant proof in the effects which the wearing of jewelery produces on differ ent persons. Thousands wear continually without any ill effect the cheaper class of jewelry with brass ear wires, while if others wore the same articles for a few days they would be troubled with sore ears; or, in other words, the acids contained in the system would so act on the brass as to produce ill effects. Instances have occurred in which articles of jewelry of any grade below eighteen carat have been tarnished in a few days merely from the above-named cause. True, these instances are not very frequent; nevertheless it is as well to know them. Every case is not the fault of the goods not wearing well, as it is generally called, but the result of the particular constitution by which they are worn.

A horse hair-A colt.

Napoleon at St. Helena.

I have met with some old residents humation of Napoleon, and I know original and authentic accounts of the smallest item connected with the life of that wonderful man will be appreciated.

account of all that I have gleaned. land, commanded by Sir George Cockburn, and was attended by General and lished clergyman in the settlement. Mme Bertrand, General and Mme. Gougand and suite. The next day he his widow died at Berverswyck in 1663 in Jamestown, and on the following day the Emperor in company with Admiral Longwood, the spot which had been selected for his future residence, the house intended for him being then occupied by the lieutenant governor of the island. The Emperor requested permission to stop in a building near Longwood called the "Briars," which request little over two months. From the "Old House." In 1819 the British Govlarge, commodious residence for his reception, but before it was finished Napoleon I. was no more. On the 5th of May, 1821, the Conquerer died at Longwood, aged fifty-two years. The disease Josiah L. Kecke, a prominent packer some to have been hereditary ulceration

management of the corporation of Lon- midnight, 25 years from the day he landdon, and of course everything is slow, ed, the exhumation took place, the coffin difference that the majority here are of what some of the mourners had gazed of St. Louis, and none at all anywhere are situated on the east side of the river were deposited with funeral honors in royal docks. The principal buildings in France on the 18th of October. Upon which are the stock pens, are the old their arrival at Paris the mortal re-

Factory Operatives.

Not long ago, when a cotton factory came shorter! A life depended upon it. home, but they dressed clearer of bruises | was opened in Atlanta, Georgia, 1,000 than what I had supposed they would. women and girls applied for work. Two From the general appearance, live and weeks ago the superintendent advertised But what prospect had he, after all. dressed, cattle must ship well; in fact, that he would need a force of over 200 much better that one would suppose who additional women and girls, to whom slight hope. Should the bird, after had been tumbled about aboard ship in steady work would be given and good reaching the open air, turn to the right a still gale. There were no American wages paid. From that day to this he or left, how easily might the thread, by sheep or hogs on sale that day. The has not seen a dozen applicants and is rubbing against the edge of the shaft, Spanish cattle reminded me of the bette afraid that he will either have to give grades of Texas steers, those that have up the plan of running at night or fetch The bird discovered, upon reaching been well fed at one of our distilleries. his experts from the North. Not only the top, that it was more difficult to The horns of the Spanish cattle are does he fail to get enough force for turn to one side, and consequently flew much longer, and larger in diameter. double running, but he cannot maintain than those of the Texas stock, as great a a full force for day running. There is The three companions that had difference I should say as that between not a day that there are not vacant started out with Highborn missed him the Texas and our common stock. At places. He has in the first place too for a long time, and sought dilligently the end of one of the old dock buildidgs, light a force, and in the second place it and carefully for bim. They repeatedly now used as a cattle and sheep shed, is composed of irregular workers, who came upon the shaft without for a mo- there is a painted notice, viz: "Here come three or four days in the week and ment thinking that he might have fallen | worked as a ship carpenter Peter, the stay away the rest of the time. He has in. Once they glanged down out of Czar of all the Russias, and who after- had on his books over three times as mere curiosity, and found nothing but ward became Peter the Great," from many operatives as he now has at work, darkness. They consulted with each other as to what first was to be done, in the future some butcher may be the scarcely any of the original force are Queen of England. But I don't believe left. What is the cause of this change? crack, peel or blister; to cover better and it. This yard, like the Metropolitan, is It is not that the work is not remuneraunder the management of the corpora- tive. A faithful hand can make good wages, and an ordinary hand can make your right, is a piece of thread or some- averaged 5,000 head of cattle and 15,- \$3 or \$4 per week. It is not that the work is not pleasant, for the building is comfortable, warm, well ventilated, and the hours and rules of work are the same as those of other factories. The answer is that the Southern women have never been taught to work. They have been accustomed to rely entirely upon the men of the family for their support and do nothing themselves. One of the officers of the mill says that a girl will come to the mill for work. She wil work for a few days and then get tired of it and say, "I am going to quit. My daddy has supported me all my life and I reckon he can do it yet." This officer savs: "They actually seem to have no idea of work-as the women of the North understand it. They know nothing of the steady, plodding, faithful work of the operatives of the great cities, who will never lose an hour's time in three months' work, and who are thrifty, careful and ambitious. In the North the girls of a poor family contribute just as regularly, and frequently just as heartily, to the common support as the men do. In the South we see nothing of this kind. The girls seem to think they have no responsibility at all."

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The story of the Anneke Jans estate who remember the death, burial and ex- has been repeatedly told in these columns, either at length or as it came up in episodes in the courts of law. Rheloff Jansen of New Amsterdam, obtained from Director Van Twiller in 1636 a I take great pleasure in sending you an patent for a farm of 62 acres and died soon after, leaving a widow and four Napoleon arrived at St. Helena Octo- children. The widow, Annetje, or ber 15, 1815, in the ship Northumber- Anneke Jans, married within a year Dominie Everardus, the second estab The Dominie perished by shipwreck in Montholon, Count Las Cases, General 1647, when on his way to Holland, and went on shore, and stopped over night and was buried in the yard of the Old Dutch Church, Hudson street, Albany. She left eight children, four by each hus-Cockburn and Count Bertrand, visited band. The grant of the farm to her first husband and herself in 1636 was confirmed in 1854 by Director Stuyvesant by a patent to her. It comprised a tract between, roundly speaking, Warren street and Canal street, the river and a series of irregular lines west of Broadway. A deed from the heirs was granted, and he remained there a passed Colonel Francis Lovelace in 1670 the property was then confiscated to the "Briars" he was removed to Longwood, Crown; in 1697 Governor Fletcher and there occupied what is known as the leased it to Trinity Church for seven years, and between 1702 and 1808 ernment commenced the erection of a Governor Cornbury granted it to the church, in fee, in the Queen's name. The quit rent of three shillings was commuted by a payment in gross to the State Government in 1786. Repeated efforts have been made during the last which caused his death is alleged by half century to recover the property by the descendants of Anneke Jans, the the Surrogate of Albany for letters of administration on her personality on and a pair of gold earrings. The application was refused and the Supreme Court affirmed the Surrogate's decision. The heirs, however, do not seem to be dimayed, 130 of them at a meeting at Hamilton, Ont., having decided to drop amounting to \$83,000,000, when they the New York property, valued at \$234,-000,000. There are said to be about

A Curiosity in Railroading.

St. Louis papers are boasting that their city is cutting into the cotton trade of New Orleans very deeply of late years, but more especially this year. Yet there is but an insignificant quannorth of that city. The shipments to of the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas. Northwestern Texas and Northwestern Lousiana. This year they are estimated at something over 500,000 bales of 400 pounds each, valued at a little over \$25, 000,000. This is one third of the entire cotton crop of the Southern States for

When the reader looks at the map of

the United States he will be astonished that a single bale of all this cotton should find its way to the Atlantic seaand miles eastward, after having been transported by rail-most of it-a greater distance from the points where it was raised than the distance from these points to the shipping at New Or leans, Mobile or Galveston. Yet such is the fact. The Iron Mountain Railway, starting at St. Louis, striking the Arkansas line near the northeastern corner of that State, connects with the Southwestern Railway, which runs diagonally across Arkansas to Texurkana, at the southwest corner. There it is fed by a branch running west to Sherman, Texas, and further south with the Texas and Pacific and with an extension to Austin, Texas. This is the heart of the cotton country of Texas, which State this year has produced 900,000 bales. Little Rock, Arkansas, is on this line of railway. The distance from there, by rail all the way, to Galveston, on the Gulf of Mexico, a considerable shipping port, is just about the same as the distance from Little Rock to St. Louis. Yet St. Louis, and not Galveston, takes most of the cotton raised at and for 100 miles south of Little Rock; and having taken it, has to ship it by rail 1,000 miles east to New York before it can be landed on the decks of the ships that carry it to Liverpool.

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