#### Some Singular Characters.

The year 1866 saw the end of Rene Lartigue, a Parisian of more notoriety than reputation; a man of regular hab- women in return impress upon their him which convinced you that whatever its, who had spent the best part of the children what they have received from he undertook to do he would accomplish last 15 years of his life in the Paris- their own fathers. Hence it exists that or break his back in the attempt. About Royal. Every morning at 10 o'clock, the American woman has become almost noon yesterday, when the rain fell fast, clad in a patched coat, buttonless waist- as purely objective as that of the man. he appeared on Woodward avenue under coat, ragged trousers and a rusty old Her ideal of life from her cradle has an old umbrella worth about the price hat, he would instal himself in his par- been associated with the maximum of of its ribs. At the opera house he ticular corner at Tissat's restaurant, exertion. There is no quietude among placed his old rain-shedder in the doorthere to remain eating and drinking | Americans, and wonderfully little egot- way and took position in another not until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, by ism in their social life. It is a never- far away. In about two minutes along which time he would have got through | ending series of sensations and mental came a citizen with his left eye watching half a dozen bottles of wine. He then shocks, which keeps the whole being in for just such a chance, and pounced on walked up and down the garden until a nervous quiver, and allows no time that umbrella with a chuckle of the the clock struck 5, when he returned to for any quality save that of energy to deepest satisfaction. He didn't wait his seat for another meal, which occu- develop itself symmetrically. The around there for the owner to appear, pied him until half-past nine, his time American woman is as unquiet in her and he didn't care a copper whether it of departure. Such a customer might | thoughts and enslaved by her duties, belonged to a Sister of Charity or an reasonably expect a little favor at the however light, as the man. Even when over-grown bondholder. As he started restaurant-keeper's hands. He did net she visits she has no air of repose. Her off, rejoicing over his good luck, the meet with it. One day Lartiguo craved | conversation is not thoughtful, but grim man followed. The umbrellacredit for his dinner; the lady presiding actual. She tells you what she does or hooker had a walk of about half a mile at the comptoir demurred to complying suffers, not what she thinks or feel . to reach his residence, and the grim man with his request, whereupon, calling one There is no reverie about her, no sug- was close on his heels all the way. As of the waiters, Lartigue went with him | gestion of that brooding spirit which in- | the citizen halted at his gate the other into the office, and unbuttoning, took off dicates a capacity for impassioned affeca broad leather belt, and showing the tion-a capacity which, to bachelors, is astonished garcon 200 gold pieces of 100 always ideally seductive, however little francs each, tossed one of them into his | the married man may appreciate or re- tramps. hand to settle his bill-and Tissats knew | turn it. Yet, generally speaking, un him no more. Thenceforward his pat- demonstrative as the American girl may ronage was bestowed elsewhere, but he be, she will wear her life out in working stole it!" continued to visit the Palais-Royal as for the man she loves. She forgets all regularly as before, and eat and drink in the same fashion, until he fell, as he deserved, a victim to over-indulgence.

The Mysterious Oriental-so dubbed by the Parisians in default of knowing his proper patronymic-did nothing to call forth astonishment or disgust. He was simply a Persian gentleman, to be found wherever lovers of gaiety congregated, of whose antecedents nobody apparently knew anything. Upon his death, however, the mystery which had surrounded him was cleared up by M. Chadzto, Professor of Oriental Languages at the College of France, furnishing Galignani with the following account, professedly taken from the official annals of the Empire of Persia:

"In the year 1219 of the Hegira | American woman! (1812 A. D.), the Shah sent an embassy Khan Kazbini, was received with great consideration. Two hundred soldiers of the East India Company's army were given as a guard of honor to the mission, which was lodged in the most ately, the servants of the ambassador, in seeking to amuse themselves, shot some adjutants-birds held sacred by the Hindoos. A disturbance occurred, and words soon led to blows. The ambassador, seeing all from his window, tried to interpose, when a bullet, probably unintended for him, killed him on the spot. On receipt of the news, the governor general hastened to send a representative to the court of Teheran to declare that he had remained neutral in the affair. The Shah believed that statement, and consented that the matter should be compromized between the company and the family of the deceased. All was arranged in a friendly manner, and the Indian government undertook to pay a certain sum to the son of the ambassador. The child was no other than Ismail Khan, the Persian who latea year from England."

spent his afternoons parading the gal- if it does not come up to somebody lery at Brussels, never interchanging a else's standard, learn to content yourself word with man or woman. In 1871 the | with that."-Atlantic. familiar figure failed to put in an appearance for three successive days, and the police set about inquiring what had become of him. They found him, only to see him carried to his last lodging before the week was out; but not before he made a confession, unless the story made public regarding him was a pure invention. It was a strange one.

Serving under the Russian government in the Caucassian diamond mines, he had in the course of his duties come into possession of a stone of such extraordinary size and beauty that the temp tation to appropriate it proved irresistible. That was easily done. To get away with it was not so easy. Making an incision in his neck large enough to receive the diamond, he waited until the skin had grown over it. Then he asked for a holiday on the score of ill health, and escaping the vigilance of the searchers, reached Amsterdam with his spoil. There he disposed of it for something like twelve thousand pounds; the diamond eventually passing by purchase into the hands of the proper owner, the czar; while the thief, keeping his own counsel, lived quietly on the proceeds of his crime in the Belgian capital.

A rare good fellow, a man of infinite mirth, was butcher Wilson, the fattest and funniest man in Romford, albeit he was eccentric alike in his shop-keeping, eating and worshipping. His bills were written in various colors and divers hands; for he was an admirable penman, and delighted in exhibiting his profi ciency that way. Instead of sitting down to dinner like anybody else, Wilson would take a joint in his hand, put a quantity of salt in the bend of one arm, a small loaf under the other and stroll through the streets until he had eaten all he carried. He was a capital singer, and went early to church on Sundays, to amuse himself and the congregation by singing psalms until the minister took his place in the desk; and one fast-day distinguished himself by remaining in church during the long interval between morning and evening service. going from pew to pew repeating the Lord's prayer and singing appropriate psalms, until he had performed his devotions in every pew in the church.

An Arkansas ferryman posted the following notice on a tree: "If ennybody cums hear arter licker or to get across the river, they can jes' blow this hear horn, and if I don't cum when my Betsy up at the house hears the horn blown, she'll come down and sell them the licker or set them across the river when I'm away from hoam. John Wil-N. B.—Them that can't read will have to go to the House arter Betsy, taint but half a mile there."

#### American Women.

The men of the nation evidently make about being for him in that merciless energy which always drives her into doing for him.

There is, again, another reason why the American girl seems cold to the superficial observer. It is because she is free. She is educated to repress emotion, because her independent movements expose her to contact with men of all classes, among whom there are many very "vile persons." Her coldness of fifty cents for it." demeanor, therefore is her armor against impertinence, or even worse things, umbrella back to the identical doorway, She passes, Diana-like, through crowds I'll mop you into every puddie of water of men every day, not one of whom for between this and the corner, and when I one instant suspects her of being other let up on you your wife won't be able to than she is, because her manner shows find a button to identify you by !" her at once to be a free born, spotless Thus quietly remarked the grim man,

to Bombay; and the envoy, Aadji Khalil be done away with by giving less prom- the strength of an ox. and there was an inence to the purely intellectual or purely practical side of her education. to solve the problem of life by educating umbrella and a couple of dollars." women intellectually, there is another splendid palace of the city. Unfortun- class which is shouting for education in domestic matters. While the professors at Harvard are rejoicing over some girl who can take in philosophics or mathematics, the newspaper editor sings the Neither gives the poor girl any chance shall charge you one dollar per minute." to exist, but only to work, with neither hand or brain. No one says to her: "You are not only yourself, but the tuture mother of other beings. Do not, either school or apostles beyond what you may do easily, comfortably or pleasurably. The healthy balance of your nervous system is far more important to you and your future tamily relations than all the mathematics or diessmakly died in Paris, and who for so many ulation. As the apostle said (and it can now finish your excursion.' years had received a pension of a £1,000 | must have been meant expressly for Ameaicans) 'avoid emulation." Find A "Man in Green" for many years out first what you can do best, and even

## Good Lessons.

When I was eleven years old (said Mr. S, an eminent American merchant,) my grandfather had a fine stock of sheep, which were carefully tended during the war of those times. I was the shepherd boy, and my business was to watch the sheep in the fields. A boy who was more fond of his books than of the sheep was sent with me, but left the work to me, while he lay under the trees and read. did not like that, and finally went to my grandfather and complained of it; I shall never forget the kind smile of the o'd gentleman, as he said: "Never mind, Jonathan, my boy; if

you watch the sheep, you will have the

moderate. I could not, exactly make out in my mind what it was; but he had been in Congress in Washington's time; went back contentedly to the sheep.

ful and you will have your reward." I received a second lesson soon after l went to New York as a clerk to the late Mr. R. A merchant from Ohio, who knew me, came to buy goods, and said Make yourself so useful that they cannot do without you." I took his meaning quicker than I did that of my grandfather. Well, I worked upon these two ideas until Mr. R. offered me a partner ship in the business. The first morning after the partnership was made known, Mr. G., the old tea merchant, called to congratulate me, and he said: "You are all right now. I have only one word of

lesson number three. And what valuable lessons they are! and honorable success.

A young lady who has been married a short time lately told a "bosom friend" that there was only one thing more astonishing than the readiness with which ian does not believe she is loved by her Ned gave up smoking when they became lover unless he is capable of committing engaged, and that was the rapidity with a crime for her, an English woman an which he took to it again after they were extravagance, and a French woman a

#### A Poetic Justice.

When you took a second look at him the women what they will, and the you could see a sort of grimness about detained him and quietly remarked : "I want you to do me a favor."

"Ah, yes-I never give anything to "I want you to take that umbrella back to the doorway from which you

"This umbrella! why, is this yours?" "It is, and you must take it back." "Well, you see, I couldn't do that, but I guess it has been worth a quarter to

"Will you take it back ?" asked the man with the iron jaw. "Why, no! What's the old thing worth, anyhow?"

"One hundred dollars!" "That's a good joke. I'll give you

"If you don't 'bout face and take that

as he unbuttoned his overcoat, display-The defects of the American girl may ing a chest like a base drum. He had

'I-mean-it !" look in each eye, "Say, I don't want any quarrel with

For while one class of men is striving you," observed the citizen. "Take your "No, sir !"

"Say three !" "No, sir !"

"Say five."

"The price," said the grim man, "will be 100 straight dollars, and you must praises of her who can roast a turkey, take the umbrella back. If I stand bake bread, or make her own dresses. here in the rain five minutes longer l

The citizen headed down town. He was too mad to raise the umbrella, but carried it under his arm, while the grim man kept close behind him. When the therefore, allow yourself to be driven by doorway had been reached and the umbrella replaced, the citizen was about to turn away, but the other placed his hand on his revolver and said :

"Stranger, you are a good walker, and you have performed your part of the contract to my entire satisfaction. In ing, or even roasting of turkeys. Oc. future it will be well for you to buy cupy yourself steadfastly, but without your umbrella in the regular way or strain, without hurry and without em- take your walks between showers. You

### As Others See Us.

A gentleman living in Australia, who recently made an extended tour through ant conversation, first suggested politthe United States, told the Melbourne | ical ambition to Andrew Johnson. Leader of his observations and impressions while in this country. He said "With the human element in the manufacturing power so much more intellectual and progressive than it is in the old country, it was to be expected that the former system of head work would soon be radically changed. When high wages had to be paid, it was necessary that the mechanical aids should be increased so as to reduce the cost of construction. Thus, from the very early days of manufacturing industry in America, it was plain that man was to be the guiding and directing element, and machinery the power to do all the hard and monotonous part of the work. Soon after it was found that nails could be made by low-worshippers, and the grace with machinery at the rate of 100 to 1 hand, the old process was given up. It "What does grandfather mean by is claimed by the Colt Firearm Company that ?" I said to myself. "I don't expect that their system of making all separate to have the sheep." My desires were parts of machines alike and interchangeable was the first brought to perfection. but this was manifestly a gradual development of the mode of making clocks, so I concluded it was all right, and I carriages, agricultural machinery and other things in which the mechanical After I got into the field I could not agents were made the principle factors. keep his words out of my head. Then The system is one of vast importance in I thought of Sunday's lesson: "Thou hast increasing convenience and saving loss been faithful over a few things, I will of time in the use of machinery in which make thee ruler over many things." I any part is liable to be broken. Visits began to see through it. "Never you for the purposes of comparison to Amer- with him and then stood him on his legs. can, and afterwards to English factories. left very different impressions both as to the character of the people and the nature of the work done. In the one the workmen were all better dressed and engaged i light work, turning out with ease nicely finished and thorougely efficient machines; while at the others the workmen were at hard work, with dirty, greasy clothes on, turning out implements rough and badly finished. There is a very marked difference in the character of the machinery of all kinds in the two countries, to be traced to the prevalence of machine work. No great change will probably be effected in the advice to give you. Be careful whom English mode of preparing textile fabrics you walk the streets with." That was but improvements have been effected to lessen the amount of attendance required -Lyall's positive loom for instance. Fidelity in all things; do your best for One of these looms, attended by one girl, your employers; carefulness about your is said to turn out 320 square yards of associates. Let every boy take these stuff in ten hours, the pieces being eight divorce. lessons home and study them well. They or ten yards wide. The tendency in all are the foundation stones of character factories is to steadily reduce the number of hands employed in proportion to

> An observant Frenchman says: I have seen women of all countries. An Ital-

the production."

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Anecdote of Andrew Johnson.

One bright afternoon in July, 1859, Andrew Johnson sat sewing a patch in the subcellar of the late Wm. H. Seward's pantaloons, when the Hon. Reverdy Johnson (also late) rushed in to have a suspender button sewed on. "How are politics, Mr. Johnson?"

asked Mr. Johnson, as he knotted the thread and hoisted the waistband up to Mr. Johnson's armpit to get it in range

"They are very brisk," responded Mr. nation for Alderman in our ward, and they are talking something about running a man named Lincoln for the Presidency. They are both able men, and ed, I think it our constitutional duty to support Mr. Magovern."

cicket. The interest in politics centhan the President. I'll go for a big in silence and in sincerity; success is

office, and I'll get in." When Mr. Seward called for his pants that afternoon, he found Mr. Johnson eves of the world. in a deep reverie and the garment un-

"But I am invi ed to dine with Mr. Lincoln," explained Mr. Seward. "Can't help it," said Mr. Johnson.

Pants won't be patched for a week." "But I go from there to a ball at Mr. Magovern's. I don't care about the din-

ner, but I can't lose the ball." "I'd like to have an office," sighed Mr. Johnson.

"So would everybody, but the ticket is full. The mayor, aldermen, sheriff, marshal, pound master, dog catcher, night watchman, all are nominated. Nothing left for anybody."

"Who is going to be vice president?" asked Mr. Johnson.

"Don't know of anybody. We've asked several, but they are all running for some local office and haven't time to

"Make me vice president and you shall have your pants in time for the ball," said Mr. Johnson.

"I'll do it," responded Mr. Seward. I'll tell you how to work it. You make an application to be appointed on N. Y .- Gentlemen: A lady of over 70 the police force. There are many applicants that you can get get anything the appointment for the vice presidency and there you are."

Mr. Johnson had a strong faith in made the race for patrol man, and the compromise was effected. Every reader of American history has some recollection of Mr. Johnson's elevation to the presidency; but never before has the button-hole that hung on his watch guard been accounted for. It was from I cannot speak to highly of them. the suspender that burst the button off the Hon. Reverdy Johnson's breeches, the sewing on of which, and the attend-

## A Reformed Conductor,

A few months ago a conductor on one of the Chicago street cars suddenly experienced religion and joined a small flock in the neighborhood of his residence. None more devout than he was to be found in the country around, and was put into something energetic tointo which he had projected himself. Noticing his interest, his pastor, to encourage him, shoved him along all he could, and in a short time the new convert was a shining light among his felwhich he passed the contribution plate evoked nickles from what before had been barren pockets.

One Sunday morning a hoodlum was noisy, and the conductor quietly ordered him out. He went, but last Sunday evening he appeared with a mob of dissolute companions bent on a difficulty. The conductor kept an eye on the leader until the disturbance became un-

"Put on brakes a moment, parson," said he, "till I look after this fare."

Approaching the thug, he went for him and wiped up several yards of aisle "Five cents for the kingdom of God!

The hoodlum said he did not have to "Five cents for this ride on the Gospel chariot," and he smashed the thug in

the countenance. "But, brother," remonstrated the pastor, "you cannot compel him to con-

"Never you mind that, parson. You reach and I'll collect. This man can't deadhead on this orthodox through line sponsible to the company for his fare. I've punched him and he's got to show

Merely because he tied her up with a clothes line, poured kerosene over her. and was about to light her, Mrs. Walton, of Plymouth, Conn., is sueing for a

This Week.

Doing Right.

A man who loudly calls attention to the fact that he has resolved to "turn over a new leaf" in his life is not always to be trusted. He who perpetually makes resolutions is pretty sure to break them. People should reform, if it be FARM necessary to do so, at once, and without parading their intentions before the eyes of the world. They should go to work silently, and with a firm determination to carry out, no matter how trying or hard it may be at first, those vir-Johnson. "Ed. Magovern has the nomil tuous designs which they deem necessary for their weltare. They should not look to the world for applause; their highest reward will in due time come for the good they have done for themselves or while I doubt that Lincoln will be elect- others; meanwhile they will enjoy that which assuredly is a sweet and precious possession-the consciousness that they The words sank deep into the heart of are worthily fulfilling the object for the tailor. He reasoned in this way: which they were brought into this world. "Now, I can be a politician. All I need | A more odious form of conceit than this is to strike for a place high up on the bragging about self-reform does not exist, and no effort should be spared in ters in the local offices, and an alderman order to stamp it out. Let those, then, or a constable has a more bitter fight | who wish to improve, labor to that end

> An old sign is, that a child grows proud if suffered to look in a mirror when less than twelve months old; but what the average infant can see in a mirror to make it proud is difficult for any but its parents to understand.

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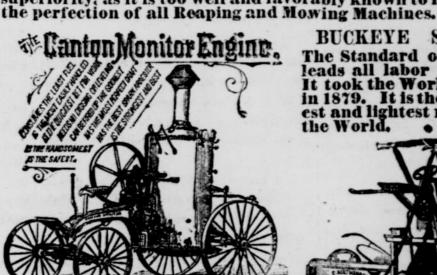
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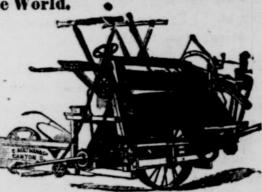


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