

BACK FROM TOWN.

Old friends allus is the best.
Halest like and heartiest;
Knewed us first, and don't allow
We've so blame much better now!

We thought then the world we went
Into beat "The Settlement,"
And the friends "at we'll make there
Would boot any anywhere!

W'y, of all the good things yit
I can't shet of, is to quit
Business, and git back to sheer
These old comforts waitin' here—

Sing "Hard Time" 'll come ac'in
No More!" and neighbors all jine in!
Here's a feller come from town
Wants that his old fiddle down

Bank Cars.

New Zealand has set an example
which might advantageously be followed
in certain parts of this country.
In the same way as we have "cathedral
cars" it has "traveling banks."

Mr. Bradlaugh's Windfall.

An interesting incident in the life of
the late Mr. Bradlaugh, M. P., has escaped
notice in the many biographical
sketches. At a time when Mr. Brad-

He Was Not to Blame.

One day on a railroad car a lady al-
lowed her little boy, who could barely
speak distinctly, to play about the car.

Trampled His Partner's Ace.

At a social gathering a few evenings
ago, the conversation turning upon luck,
a gentleman remarked: "All this talk

Early Leeches.

In America leeches have been known
for at least 200 years. They were at
first very primitive affairs, being nothing

Not in the Second Hand Business.
As Sheridan was entering court one
day carrying his books and briefs in a
green bag, according to the custom of

A Scotch student had a curious method
of studying. He spread out his books
where the hearth rug would naturally
have been, and lay there at full length

It is easy enough to smile when you
tread upon rose leaves; but try it when
each step leaves blood prints upon the

THE CURSE OF SCOTLAND.

There Are Twenty-four Reasons Why the
Nine of Diamonds Is Called Unlucky.
Every reader has at some period of his
or her life heard of the nine of diamonds

In my "Repository of the Rare and the
Wonderful" I find no less than seventeen
explanations of the origin of the expres-
sion, while Southwick's "Quizzism and

Perhaps the most satisfactory explana-
tion of the enigma is that which refers
it to the massacre of Glencoe. The or-
der for that cruel deed was signed by

During the reign of Mary a thief at-
tempted to steal the crown from Eliza-
beth's bed, and succeeded in abstracting

In the game of Pope Joan the nine of
diamonds is the pope, whom the Scotch
Presbyterians consider a curse.

It is also said that the Duke of Cum-
berland wrote his inhuman orders at
Culloden on the back of a card, the front

An Elevator Incident.
In one of the elevators in a down town
building the other day an absent minded

Even the elevator man had nothing to
say for a minute, but when the next floor
was reached the whole affair seemed to

Noble Tree Planters.
I read a very interesting statement re-
cently that the three late dukes of Athole

If, however, it comes to planting trees
with one's own hands, there is still some-
thing to be said. Charles II planted

A Terrapin Farm.
Of late years a number of terrapin
farms have been started along the Chesas-
apeake. The biggest farm is on the Patuxent

Paying the Piper.
Inquiring Boy (looking up from a book)
—What does "paying the piper" mean?
Worried Father (absently)—Tell him

"I said 'the piper,' pa."
"Well, if it's a plumber, he needs't
call for a month."—Good News.

A GRAVEYARD DANCE.

GHOSTLY CEREMONY WITNESSED IN
A JAPANESE CEMETERY.

A Four Days' Feast for Legendary Spirits.
Burying Grounds Richly and Luxuri-
ously Decorated with Garlands and

Dr. G. H. Colton Salter, who for many
years was United States consul in Japan
and afterward entered the Chinese govern-
ment service, gazed thoughtfully into

The doctrine of the transmigration of
souls and a hope for a better fate in a
future life are the principal foundations

It is called the Matsidri and was held
during the last week in August or the
first week in September, continuing four

The night of the second day was de-
voted to a grand terpsichorean entertain-
ment or spirit dance, and the graveyard

The scenes made a strong and ever-
lasting impression on me. The night was
perfect, the moon was at its full and

Every one of the four days and nights
brought new surprises and ceremonies,
many of the latter being held in the

Boatmen carried on their shoulders a
gigantic craft built of wood and straw,
in which the dead were supposed to be

This boat, artistically and richly de-
corated, was launched with much cere-
mony after the last spirit had been em-
braced and, figuratively speaking, had

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