THE MOCKING BIRD.

There is no other bird sings half like that!
From Eden's bowers it flew,
Out to the world, with wavering plumage

gray.
With the unhappy twain, that sad day
The rose wept tears of dew.

It is not nightingale or lark.

Oh, a diviner bird!
In moon tipped forests, sweet with night and dew, And sun kissed meadows, when the spring

goes through, Its voice is ever heard.

Its nests! In, breaks where roses blow, Where honeysuckles roam;

The wind pipes soft around it, and the rain Of tearful April parts in twain, Nor damps its downy home.

Whence cometh it and goeth it?
Born for the soul's delight.
No bird that flits through glories of the

or homeward comes, down deepening twi-light drawn,
Can match its heart notes slight.

Mark A. Candler in Atlanta Constitution.

Julian Mitchell, the stage manager, was rehearing a company of variety people who had waxed ambitious and anned to go forth into the flowery fields of polite farce. Among them was a knockabout team, one of whom was cast to play a gilded youth who figures prominently in the piece. His ideas con-cerning the proper performance of the role were supremely weird, and one after-noon Julian overheard the following conversation between the portrayer of the modern swell and his partner:

"Say, Billy, I ain't got no use for these dood parts. I can't get no conception uv

"Come orf. Cuff shootin's dead easy." "Ever try it?"

"Sutinly. Kelcey ain't in it with me when it comes to wearin dress props." "Well, the game's a dead hard one for

"Nix. All ye got to do is to rememmercial Advertiser.

The Field for the Inventor.

In the realm of machinery and manufacture the inventor is yet but entering upon his infancy. Many millions of dollars have been reaped and are to be accumulated by the inventor in machinery who understands the complicated needs of humanity. The central idea in this work is to reduce labor, expense and time to the lowest point, and so to economize in the use of material that there will be no absolute waste. To enter upon this field of invention one cannot low pung belonging to her father, to trust to accident and happy luck, but he which was harnessed my own sure and must first thoroughly acquaint himself with the laws of dynamics and mechanics, so that he can appreciate an improvement when it is suggested to his mind.-George E. Walsh in New York

Mirrors of the Israelites. The earliest mirrors of which mention is made in history were in use among the Israelites in the time of Moses. That gentleman, as recorded in the Bible, commanded in a certain emergency that these articles should be transformed into wash basins for the priests. They were made of brass. Doubtless similar utensils of this and other materials were in use long before that. At that same period black glass was employed for the purpose, as well as transparent glass with black foil on the back. It is re-

lated that the Spaniards found mirrors of polished black stone, both convex and America.-Washington Star. Labor and Expense in Cfreulars. Just how much the postoffice depart-

ment receives every year for making men's lives burdensome with circulars of every imaginable character it is impossible to estimate, but if St. Louis is any criterion it must be enormous. One firm alone sends out considerably over 1,000,000 a year, and quife a number employ a large staff of folders and addressers, and get out from 2,000 to 5,000 a day each during the busy season. If every one they send to reads the circulars as little as I do there is a terrible amount of love's labor lost in the work.

—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Demo-

Successor to the Spot. Those little beauty spots on ladies' veils, which were supposed to look like patches of court plaster on the fair skin, have found a successor at last. The spot fashion had its drawbacks. The veil was liable to twist around, and no matter how carefully that spot was located it was almost sure to work around so that it came on the tip of the wearer's nose. Its successor is a dainty spray of flowers or a leaf worked on the gauze. One is supposed to come opposite each cheek.— New York Herald.

Science comes to the front in the manufacture of grindstones. The best now made are composed of a mixture of pulverized quartz, powdered flint, powdered emery and rubber. They outwear by many years any natural stone.

Rattlesnakes are said to have a natural antipathy to white ash leaves. Some naturalists assert that a rattlesnake placed in a circle of half ash leaves and half hot coals will cross the coals rather than encounter the leaves.

The exact nature of the connection between cyclones and tornadoes is not yet understood; but the distinction between them is so clear that nobody should ever bestow upon one the name think belongs to the other.

The average French family embraces three members, and the average Irish family five. In England the average number of members of a family is four,

Dr. Noah Webster, of dictionary fame, was buried in the New Haven burial ground, a short distance from Hillhouse avenue, and near the center of the city.

Experiments at the Illinois experiment station show that the best fertilizer known for land on which wheat is raised is ordinary barnyard manure,

CHASED BY MAD DOGS.

HAIRBREADTH ESCAPE OF A CLUB MAN AND HIS BEST GIRL.

A Yarn Which Goes to Prove That Barking Dogs Do Bite Sometimes-Still Some Savage Brutes Don't Waste Much Time in Barking When Out for Blood.

No one had spoken at the club for about an hour when a raconteur rose to the occasion. Laying aside his pipe with a look of regret he began:

dogs don't bite. Like other popular sayings this is a fallacy and misleading. Barking dogs do not bite while they are barking, but there is only one species of canine that sneaks up to you and takes hold without, saying a word. That is the Scotch collie, which inherits its habit of silent biting from a sheep nipping an-

"Story! story!" called out the pres-

ident. "Story? 'God bless you! I have none to tell, sir," quoted the raconteur, re-membering his classics; "this is only a emory of two dogs, accursed brutes, that lived with an unfriendly man on a hill, over which the postroad was laid. This man, who was a Cain among his fellows, kept two savage mastiffs, who not only barked but bit whenever it was possible. I was courting my first wife up there in the Cumberland mountains in British North America where this happened, and had to pass the house regularly. I drove a blooded mare that went like a bird, and the dogs were no match for her, but it was very annoying to have them follow me down the hill for a mile or more barking and yelping like demons. They would bark at the stage coaches and run long distances after them, but the passengers were safe inside and the driver and those on the ber you're a gent what's wearin gent's outside were too high for them to reach. clothes and lettergo!"—New York Comtacking men, and being beaten off with sticks and stones. I asked why they were not killed and my answer was always the same, a shrug of the shouldand the remark: 'You don't know the kind of man their owner is.' seemed that he lived alone with his dogs, and people feared him so much they dare not go to him to complain or call in the provincial laws to help

A TERRIBLE CHASE. "A crisis came, when one day I took my sweetheart out for a sleigh ride in a swift footed mare. It was a lovely day and we expected to make a safe and rapid descent of the mountain, a distance of ten or twelve miles. The air was crisp and cold, the sleighing fine, and we skimmed up the ascent and reached the landing before we knew we had started. There we were met by the dogs. I think it would have been less difficult to have gotten rid of a pair of wolves. I dare not give my mare her head going down that long, steep declivity on frozen snow, and the dogs, emboldened by the cold or maddened by repeated lashings from my whip, jumped at my companion and tore her cloak and her dress in mouthfuls. I clubbed with my whip and beat them on the head, but they did not even seem to feel my blows. Their great black and yellow frames quivered with ferocity. The hair on their backs stood up like manes; their eyeballs gleamed red and angry, and the noise they made was deafening and dis-

"'Oh!' I exclaimed, 'why haven't I a "Look in the box under the seat," cried my companion, whose face was

blanched "I looked quickly, and found a rusty double barreled horse pistol of a make of forty years ago.
"'Is it loaded?' I asked.

"'Yes, but don't shoot. If you do that man will kill you!"

TWO SHOTS FIXED THEM.
"I remember thinking how like a woman it was to tell me where to find the pistol and then ask me not to shoot. "I laid the reins loose on the mare's back and away she went like the wind, beyond my control now, and I knew she would never stop till she was a mile be-yond the level ground at the foot of the hill.

"If the pung held together; if nothing made the mare swerve from the direct line; if, in fact-if Providence kept an eye on us, and the breeching didn't break, we might escape breaking our necks. I looked back and saw the dogs gaining on us, even at that mad gait—then I took aim and fired. Bang! Bang! There were two dark objects lying prone on the snowy road, and as quick as she could gather her feet under her my mare stopped in her tracks. She was trained to the use of a gun.

"But my companion urged me to hur-ry on, and we were soon down the incline and beyond the reach of recognition or pursuit, and strange to say no one but our two selves ever knew who killed those dogs. We heard the most marvelous accounts of the slaughter, the weapon varying from a Queen Anne musket to a cannon, but dead they were as door nails, and their reign of terror over. I imagine their owner did not care to venture out to avenge their death. I drove boldly past the house every day, but was never molested or even suspected. But I often heard their unknown alayer praised and applanded for the deed which rid the neighborhood of their hateful presence."—Detroit Free Press.

Cleaning Fish Described.

The first time my little Marie, aged aty-six months, saw the girl dressing the fish for dinner she came running to me, her eyes sparkling with excitement. "Mamma, mamma!" she exclaimed, "Mary comb fishes' hair wid de knife and it all come off!"—Cor, Babyhood.

"I feel constrained to tell you, Fred, that I have been engaged before this,"

"Don't ruention it," he said gently; "L too, have been jilted."—Harper's Bazar.

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