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Here Punctual Man-Mr. Hig ings was a very punctual man in wil
his transactions through life. He a massed a large tortune by untiring industry and punctuality ; and at the advanced age of ninety years wa resting quiouly on his bed, and calmy waiting to be called away. He had deliberately made almost every arrangement for bia deceare and burial His pulse grew fainter, and the light of life seemed just fliukering in ite sociket when one of hissobs observed:
"Father, you will probibly live but a day or two; is it not well to nam your bearers?" " to be sure, my son," said the dying man. "It is well thought of, and 1 will do it now:" He gave the names or saix, back exhausted upon his pillow. A gleam of thought passel over his withered features like ray of light, and be rallied once more "My son, read me the list. Is the name of Wiggins there?" "It is Fath emphatically, "for he wasnever punct ual-was never anywhere in season and be might binder the procession a whole hour."
Return to Specik Payments.-The New York correspondent af the Alta writes
A return to specie payment is a sub ject of genoral public interest; in fact it is felt to be a necessity. The peo ple here envy the citizens of the Gold. ple State, who have neser been comrelled by the pressure of circumstances relled by whe to depart from a hard-eurrency. How we of the Allantic States shall return to the good old days when a five dollar bill represented five dollars in gold, when silver was plentifull and fraction. al currency unknown, is a question of vital importance to all. The ways are two, viz: therepeal of the Legal Tonder act, and the funding of the currency withnut previously repealing the Logal render act. The high prico orevery ling neoded by tousenecessity that one or the other ehall soon be done, and is is antcipated that Congress at its next session will iohaugurate proceedings looking to this desired end. The repeal of the Legal Tender act is, however, the masi like Iy action, as woil ts the most feasible, as leading to no difficultics, while the other might be the cause of many.
Oil Smellers.-A correspondent visiting the oil regions bas come across this elass of 'indescribables. He trys to pieture them and does it in this strain. "Did you ever see at" 'oil smeller,' and can you tell to which of the three kindoms it belongs? And would you think, from its name tha it has a soul to bo saved? An eil smeller is a fellow who goes about like the old water finders, with a frk of witeh-bazel in hand, which ob ligingly points six o'clock whenever there is ail beneath it. There are perhaps a dozen of these greasy wiz ards, perambulatiog Venango county, and loeating wells after this fashion in consideration of a ten dollar bill and what is stranger, there are plenty of people with the ten dollar bill There is a vein of superstition run ning trhough all human nature whether in Salem and Bedlam or out of them, and good old Dr Mather was a little honester than most men, and confessed it."-Pittsburg Oil News.
Important to Miners.-Mr. Hodge, the gentleman who some time since discovered that the drift sand on the American river and the red dirt of of this vicinity would pay well for working, has arrived here with his patent amalgamator, which will be placed in position at Quigley's steam works, for the purpose of testing its adaptibility to work the gold-bearing dirt in this vicinity. The gentleman has no doubt of bis invention cre. ating a revolution in mining oper-
long since he tried a ton of ared dirt in San Franciseo with his amald mator, and realized from it the *uin of sisty dollars. There are millions of tons of the same dirt in this wicini-

The profit and teasibility of the gentleman's invention, however, will shortly be determined. Tho machioery will be in position and-in running order in about ten days, as wo are informed, when we shati endeavor to of mining.-Folsom Telegraph

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