How swift was the blow that struck Dickens down on that summer's day in unpretentious establishment in Algiers not far from the passenger station of the The sea, low moaning in a strange unrest.

Southern Pacific railway says that in A sea gall's dry. rejoicing in his prosperity and in his Southern Pacific railway says that in power of giving pleasure to others, he future he will not take baggage in seworked faithfully to the last. Toward curity for board without having it phothe close of his life his labors as a nov tographed under the X rays. "One The rocks less ulten in the waning light;
clist had seen somewhat interrupted, month age," said he, "a well dressed Dissatisfied tions" was completed, until 1870 only one novel had come from his busy pen. and that not one of the test. But in that latter year (or, rather, in the close of 1869), after months of the most untiring exertions, traveling, lecturing

ing on the ground that he had made his own and he was happy in his work. On the morning of the 8th of June, 1870, he had been writing in the little chalet "Well, the two weeks passed, and I in the grounds of his house, at Gads did not have any message from the Hill, writing cheerfully, hopefully, swell, but the value remained undis-Contrary to his usual custom he had re-turbed. A week later my housekeeper writer on the New York Mail and Extinued through the greater part of the afternoon. Then he walked back to the

Some Gigantic Crystals.

" If you are a fancier of mineral specithree or four inch crystals and fondly crat. imagine that they are of unusual size. As common cabinet specimens go, they are certainly large enough, but as com-pared with real large mineral crystals they are as a mouse compared with an elephant. At the town of Grafton, N. H., they find the largest crystals known to the geologists and mineralogists. How large do you suppose these giants are? One, two or three feet long? Well, I guess so. A single specimen from that locality taken to Boston and deposited in the museum of the Society of Natural History weighed nearly 234 tons! Another, found at the same place, is the largest crystal in the world, so far as is known. It is a perfect six sided prism, having a circumference of 12 feet. Three weeks' labor by two men was expended in exposing this giant of the mineral kingdom. The crystal is of beryl, and, according to estimates made by experi-enced quarrymen, weighs not less than five tons.—St. Louis Republic.

When Holmes Was In London. I had to give more than \$2 for a pil ticket and had hardly room to stand up, almost crowded to death. The Duchess of Kent and the Princess Victoria—a girl of 15 and heir to the throne-came in first on the side opposite the king's box. The audience applauded somewhat
—not ferociously. The princess is a
nice fresh looking girl, blond and rather pretty. The king looks like a retired butcher. The queen is much such a person in aspect as the wife of the late William Frost of Cambridge, an exemplary milkman, now probably immertal on a slab of slatestone as a father, a husband and a brother. The king blew his nose twice and wiped the royal perspiration repeatedly from a face which is probably the largest uncivilized spot in England. \* \* \* I bave a disposition 10 tartness and levity which tells to the disadvantage of the royal living and the plebeian defunct, but it is accidental and must be forgiven .- "Life and Let-

ters of Oliver Wendell Holmes."

It was a social occasion which had called together a number of men who are eminent in their respective professions. The person who asked questions was there, and as soon as he was able engaged the attention of the man who knows everybody.
"Who is that man with the dark

glasses?" was the first inquiry. 'That's Dr. Lenser."

"What is his business?"

'He's an oculist." And who was the gentleman who put a speaking trumpet to his ear every

time anybody spoke to him?" "That's Dr. Tympan." "Has he a specialty?".

'Yes. He's an aurist. " And the man who has such a phenomenally husky voice-who is he?" "That is Dr. Eppa Glottis. He's the famous throat specialist."-Detroit

Some Men Have Luck.

Returning to Paris from Brazil after 30 years' absence, with 300,000 francs in his bag, M. Georges H. took a cab home. He called at a friend's house, entered for a moment and returned to find the cab gone with his bag and his money, M. H. prepared to return to Brazil to make another 300,000 francs, but en route called at a prefecture of police. Here they handed him his money, with apologies from the cabman.

It appears that while M. H. was in the house the driver went to sleep While the driver was asleep the horse, getting bored, moved on round several corners, and the cabman on waking could not remember where he had come from. Therefore he drave off to the police station .- Paris Messenger.

The Education Controversy.

Teacher-Now, Patsy, would it be proper to say, "You can't learn me Patsy-Yis'm.

Teacher-Why? Patsy-Cause yer can't.-Pick Me

The Duchess of Meeklenburg-Strelitz, on the strength of her connection with the royal family, receives £3,000 per year.

In Canada models of patents are not required unless specially asked for by the Canadian commissioner of patents. A Well Filled Valise

A certain hotel keeper who keeps an fellow who owed me for two weeks' fellow who owed me for two weeks' Above, stand.
Leard came to me and told me that as Thunderous calm of drought that kills and he was in financial difficulties of a Silence, in travail, waiting birth of toars—

he formerary character he would No conscious sound. the bill. He said he would redoem it in two weeks, or if he failed to do so I The tapping of the waves upon the sand, might sell the value and its centents.

A cornerake's whire and reading, he turned again to his true might sell the value and its centents, vocation and began "The Mystery of The bag was not worth 50 cents, but as Contion and began The Blystery of the bag was not work by concluded that a The gorse seems thirsting for the rain; after, from the was well dressed I concluded that a The gorse seems thirsting for the rain; after, from the was well would show poised on the horizon line, one star with the wardrobe of such a swell would show by the wardrobe of such a swell would show the wardrobe of such as well well as w sign of lessening vitality. He was work- with the wardrobe of such a swell would "Well, the two weeks passed, and I

came to me and said that two of my best pillows were missing. They were friend in London for the following day, aimless sort of way began locking for which the land of the Nile is faof the 9th be were deed beauty with a you hay to sare. I felt sore, and in an
green cakes, and possibly the kabobs, for \$1100. friend in London for the following day, but it was never kept. By the evening of the 9th he was dead, leaving "The because I had any notion of finding them Mystery of Edwin Droed" a mystery there, but just because I had nowhere else to look without leaving the desk to be really funny. The peddler uses a little of the peddler uses a l rested on that hig value that owed me those in use by our plumbers. In it he \$14, and then a kind of sick feeling keeps up a small but hot fire. Attached came over me. I opened it in a hurry-" If you are a fancier of mineral speci- it contained nothing but my two big mens, you probably treasure one or more pillows."—New Orleans Times-Demo

Not an Anthem.

Mr. W. S. Gilbert told a good story against Sir Arthur Sullivan and himself at the Savage club. While "The Mikado" was in process of incubation the collaborators decided that it would be an excellent thing to herald the entry of the Japanese monarch by a suitable Japanese tune set to real Japanese words, and they appealed to a gentleman learned in matters concerning the far east to belp them in their difficulty. The result was the chorus in the second act, "Miya sama, miya sama," the strains of whic! are also heard with such singular effect in the overture. Until quite recently Mr. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan were under the impression that this air belonged to semething in the national anthem; but it now seems that they have been badly sold. A friend of Mr. Gilbert, who saw "The Mikado" the other day for the first time, has written a letter complimenting the author and composer upon the general scheme of their local color, but expressing astonishment at the introduction of the "Miy. sama" cherus, the tune of which he declares to be that of a song sung only in the lowest teahouses of Yokohams and calculated to make the lord chamberlain's hair stand on cud .- Publie Opinion.

Valuable Pennies.

of taking care of pounies was seen in by s of the second portion of the Montagu collection of English coins, which was particularly rich in Anglo-Saxon and other old pen- came upon a negro cabin, and, as I apare some of the prices obtained: Canute penny of London mint, £13 10s. ; Hardicanute penny of Aylesbury, £11 5s.; Harold II Chelsea penny (unique), the only coin known from this mint, from the Brice collection, £13 13s.; Harold Bristol penny, £10 10s.; William the Conqueror Stamford penny (unique), £12 15s.; William Rufus Leicester penny, £10; Henry I Cauterbury penny, £11 s.; St. Edmundsbury penny (unpublished), £14 15s.; Carlisle penny (unique), £10 10s. ; Wallingford penny, £11 15s., and Wareham penny (rare), £12 15s. The day's sale realized about £600. - London Telegraph.

What Produces Perfume,

According to M. Engene Mesnard, it is not oxygen-but light which is the main cause of the transformation and destraction of the odorous principles, although in many cases the two agents act in concert. In producing the periume of plants light acts both as a chemical and mechanical power. The intensity or the perfume of flowers depends upon the balance established at every hour of the day between the pressure of water in their cellules, which tends to drive the perfumes outward, and the drying action of light. Where there is too much heat there is too little scent. This is due to the excess of light and the dearth of water. - Cincinnati Enquirer.

How Fine Wire Is Made.

The finest wire in the country is made at Taunton, Mass. This metal cobweb of minute diameter is exactly the one-five-hundredth part of an inch in thickness-much finer than human hair. Ordinary wire, even though of small diameter, is drawn through holes in steel plates, but, on account of the wear, such plates cannot be used in making the hair wire. The Taunton factory mentioned uses drilled diamond for that purpose.

His Tip.

"Don't I get a tip?" asked the barber

What for?" asked the tall man. "Why, for taking such good care of you. Gentlemen generally give me something."

Well, so will I," said the tall man as he took his tally. "You may keep the hair."—Pick Me Up.

Celebrated Playing Cards.

The most celebrated pack of playing cards in the world, "Turocci di Man-tegna," was sold by auctien in Lenden for \$560, and incomplete at that, for five cards ar- wanting, their places being taken by facsimiles of the originals. The pack is interesting as a series of mandolin in mistake for his guitar. He Italian cogravings of the fifteent. cen-

AN IMPRESSION.

WHAT THEY EAT IN EGYPT. Kabob and Green Cakes Form an Epi-

press, says that every country has 'it's

tle charcoal furnace, something like to the side of the farmee is a lot of iron skewers. When a customer apthe most popular, cuts it with a sharp knife into a long ribbon, winds it around the skewer and places it over the charcoal fire. Some of the drippings are collected, and, with a little salter salt and spice, makes a pleasant sauce for the kabob when it is done. The cooking is very rapid. What with the heat of the fire and the thinness of the meat, it is thoroughly done in two or three minutes.

The green cakes are nothing more or less than small wheaten cakes mixed with chopped green leaves of various kinds salted and baked in a slow oven. They are pale yellow, yellow gray and brownish gray, with irregular splashes of green on both the upper and lower surfaces. They are said to be very nourishing, and they are certainly very ap-petizing and palatable when fresh from the oven. Almost any kind of green leaf which is used as human food serves for making a green cake. The humble cabbage and the aristocratic petit pois vert, the watermelon rind and the celery top, the string bean and even the asparagus tip have been used for the purpose. In addition to the nutritious leaf there is nearly always a flavoring leaf. The commonest is parsley, and after this comes fennel, fenugreek, sorrel, bay and laurel.

The green cake of the market varies from 2 to 4 inches in width, but is rarely more than a quarter of an inch thick. A striking instance of the desirability About one-half are made by bakers and one-half by the women of the working

Rastus' Birthday.

In the northern part of Georgia I proached, it became evident that some extraordinary commotion was going on within, In fact, shouts and yel' of terror succeeded one another so rapidly that I hastened to see what could be the As I drew rein before the door balf.

a dozen ragged pickaninnies ran out. All but one of them were screaming and crying at the tops of their voices, while the odd one, as merry as the other ers were sad, began tambling cartwheels and standing on his head. Atthis moment a man, evidently the head of the household, appeared in the doorway, and in answer to my inquiries gave me the following explanation of the mystery:

"Yer see, sah, dis is 'Rastus' birf. day," indicating the one whose joyful antics I have just mentioned. "Now, I'ze powerful hard up jes' at presen' an didn't hab no money ter celebrate in de usual way. An it jes' bruk me all up ter see de res' habin jes' as much fun on 'Rastus' birfday as 'Rastus was habin hisself. So, times bein so hard, de only way I could see was ter gib der res' all a lickin, an dat kinder raises 'Rastus up ober de edders.'

A quarter flung to 'Rastus proved-a charm that raised him still higher and dried the tears of the others in an instant. Happier children than these same pickaninnies as I rode away, a moment later, it would be hard to find. - Youth's

Aunty Eruger.

Mrs. Kruger, the wife of President Kruger of the Transvaal, who is an extremely homely woman, does nearly all her own housework, cooking meals, making her own bed, and always takes a hand in the family washing. When her husband has "state guests" to dinner the good lady will trust the task of waiting on the table to no one, and, donning a white apron, she performs the office of butler. Her husband has a private fortune of \$25,000,000, but it's 'Aunty' Kruger's boast that they live after he had finished cutting the tall on their. 'coffee money' -a perquisite of \$2,000 a year allowed them by the government.

> His Proper Sphere. Author-Mary, I've made a mistake

in my calling; I'm not an author, but a born chemist. Author's Wife-What makes you think that. Horaco?" Author-Well, every book I write

becomes a drug in the market .- London Answers His Little Scheme. How is this, Florence? Here is a

guitar in place of your mandolin?" Yes, mother. Paul Davis took my will return it tonight when he comes for his guitar. "-Detroit Free Press.

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#### A WARNING TO MOTHERS.

. From the Press, Three Oaks, Mich.

What can be more distressing than to see scious. The nights were the worst, as I girl drooping and fading in the spring time of youth? Instead of bright eyes, glowing, reay cheeks, and an enstic step, there are dell eyes, pale, sallow, or greenish complexion, and a languidness of step that be speak disease and an early death if proper treatment is not promptly resorted to and persisted in until the impoverished blood is corriched, and the functions of life become regular. Upon parents rests a great responsibility at the time their daughters are subdifing into womanhood. If your daughter is pale, complains of weakness, is the troubled with headache, backache, or pain in the side, if her temper is fifful and her appetite poor, she is in a confliction of extreme peril, a f. subject for the development of that most dreaded of all, diseases—Consumption. If you notice any of these symptoms lose no tise in procuring something that will assist the patient to develop graperly and regularly; that will enrich the blood, and restore health's roses to the cheeks; bright eyes and a lightness of steps so that danger of consumption and premature death will be averted. Wise and prudent mothers will insist on this, upon the approar of the period of puberty, and thus avoid all chances of disease or early devery.

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