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Every earthly prop. I mean. Of whose power I chance to boust. Fails me when I need it most.

Lover, brother, sister, friend, On whose nearness I depend, Those whose very presence gives Strength by which my spirit lives,

Fall away by some mischance,

When these earthly fetters part,

Death or other circumstan And I find myself indeed Leaning on a broken reed.

fall away, and I am left

Of life's sweetest joys bereft

To what depths of woe I drop,

Like a drowning man I reach

Upward and for aid beseech.
'Eclp me, Lord!' I cry and stand
Well supported by his hand.

Through the desert, through the tide,

That I might this knowledge gain.

-New York Ledger.

THEY GAVE THE BALLS.

of Louis XIV.

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with a special mansion for the better

accommodation of its administration,

name of "Magasia," whence the term "Filles du Magasin" (nct "de maga-

sin") subsequently not only to the fe-male choristers and supers, but the fe-

male dancers themselves. It so happen-

house, for which idea he received an

annual pension of 6,000 francs. He was

paid, but the king's debtors were not,

for, although the letters patent were granted somewhere about the beginning

bon sovereigns descended to his grave.

d'Argenson, the then lieutenant of po-

lice, was talking to Louis' nephew,

Philippe d'Orleans, the regent. "Mon-

seigneur," he said, "there are people who go about yelling that his majesty

of blessed memory was a bankrupt and

The king's most faithful subjects we

-London Saturday Review.

In a service are not duil.
We drink to show our loyalty
And make his coffers full.

ter with me. I'm not myself at all.

Cleveland Leader.

One day, shortly after his death,

In 1712 Louis XIV favored the Opera,

He has promised to abide Ever near; where'er I be, Whispers gently, "Lean on me."

Earthly ties, how insecure!

Heavenly ties alone endure, and my idols all were slain

Every prop on which I leen,

If you do not obtain all the

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Early Whist.

Mrs. Hervey writes on Oct. 25, 1697, to her busband, that his "four sisters have been hear this afternoon, and as they never come unattended, brought with them Mr. Ga-, Mr. Down- and Mr. Bo-. Part of them staid and played at whish (sic) tel this moment, which is past 11 a'clock."

Twenty years later (March 18, 1717) Lord Hervey, as his title was then, writes to the Rev. Mr. Thomas Foulkes, the tutor of Mad Tom Hervey, at Oxford, about that son's gambling propensities. He is to follow the example of his "good grandfather Hervey, who, pray tell Tom, never played at any game but whist, and at that only in

Christmas time for sixpence a corner.' Lady Bristol was at Bath in April, 1723, and was then in the center of the world of whist. "Poor Bishop Nevell," she writes, "can scarce be reckoned among the living, being (in my oppinion) wors than dead. They say he sitts at Lindsey's with one to hold his cards and another to give him snuff. Palsey and gout have brought him to this miss irable condition." On May 1 she cheerfully informs her husband that the diversion of the evening is the pappet show. "Betty is gone with Lory Torrington. The whiskers have promised me some diversion after 'tis over."-Notes and Queries.

The Cunning Fox.

The sagacity of the fox is most wonderful. It is related that he is tormented by fleas, and when the infliction becomes unbearable he gathers a mouthful of moss and slowly walks backward into the nearest stream until only the mouth is left above the surface of the water. The fleas meantime take refuge on the moss, and when the fox is satisfied that they have all embarked he opens his mouth, and the moss drifts away, while the wily fox regains the bank, happy in freedom from his tor-mentors.—Exchange.

Savages, on the whole, live Imger thas civilized people.

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STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE.

tucky is not a gastronomic connoisseur, and the visitor at his table is quite as likely to hear dried apples referred to as "fruit" as he is to find any other kind of fruit on the table. Occasionally, however, one of them is sufficiently for-tunate to get away from his fastnesses, end living temporarily down in the blue grass has an opportunity to acquire some virtues not otherwise obtainable. It was such a one I caught up with one morning in June along the ridge of the

Cumberlands.
"I'm looking for a place," I said after a few preliminaries, "where I can stop for a week or so while I look up some timber I have in this neighborhood. Do you know of any?"

"Is it a pretty good place?" I inquired thoughtlessly.

The young man's face flushed.
"Well, I reckon," he said with some

emphasis. "She's goin to be my moth-

down to one uv her pies last week, dern ef I recomember what kind it wuz, ef I ever knowed, an I wuz eatin right

into it like a hot shovel goin into a snow pile, an Bill Rogers acrost the table frum me called me a liar, an I never said a deru word to him tell I had plum e't my pie and got my teeth picked. Dern my buttons ef I did, colo-

-Washington Star.

A number of literary men were at one time gathered in a well known chophouse in New York. The conversation was of course brilliant, and the repartee sparkled with mirth and wit. During a lull in the talk the door slowly opened, and an old southern darky, grizzled with age, poked his head in and then slowly drew his body in after him. A waiter started to eject him, when one

of the gentlemen cried: "Wait a moment. Let's see what the

old boy wants."

The darky bobbed up to the table where this gentleman sat and held out his hat. Throwing a wink to his neigh bors, the gentleman took the hat and, making a show of placing something into it, passed it on to the next man, who did likewise. The hat made a tour of the room, to the puzzled wonder of the darky. The last to receive it sol-

something to be thankful for?" And the People Danced to Pay the Debts

the company and, mechanically taking the bat, he said: "Gen'men, I'ze indeed glad dat I got eben de hat back!"

Palais Reyal (there have been two) place a much richer man than when he archives and rehearsals. This hotel is situated in the Rue Nicaise. The build- bad entered it. - Kansas City World. ing was generally designated under the

Why He Falled.

as William Joe Gett, formerly a Chinese interpreter, failed some time ago. Here is an extract from his "statement ed that the king forgot to pay his archi- of the causes of bankruptcy," which, tects and workmen. In order to satisfy written in red ink, covered four pages them the Chevalier de Bouillon conceiv- of foolscap. After detailing his trading cd the idea of giving balls in the opera experiences the Celestial writes:-

"I see my troubles endless to come. 1 can't get my money to pay. I am help-less. During last three years over 36 creditors support my business. During last two months not a one let me have of 1713, not a single ball had been given a penny on tick. Fish never can live in when the most magnificent of the Bour- a dry pond without water. Engine can't move along without well supply of coal. Boy can't fly his kite without tail on it. Housekeeper pour out all tea to the cup no refilled water—how she give you more tea you require? All empty out just the way like my business."-Eydney Maii.

a thief. I'll have them arrested and have them flung into some dop under-ground dungeon." "You don't know what you are talking about," was the answer. "Those people must be paid, and then they'll cease to bellow." "But how, monseigneur?" "Let's give the balls that were projected by Bouillon." So said, so done, and the people danced new albumen will undoubtedly meet a to pay Louis XIV's debts, as, according quick welcome when it comes. The use to Shadwell, people drank to till charles of the banana has developed its great pared to accept eagerly its turther development.—New York Post.

He-I can't imagine what's the mat-She—Oh, stay and spend the evening.

It'll be such a delightful change.—

WE LEAD

A Mountaineer Who Highly Appreciated As a rule the mountaineer of Ken-

hood. Do you know of any?"

"There ain't much uv that sort eround here," he replied, "exceptin you go to Mount Pleasant, an I reckon that's too fer. But hol' on," he broke in with a sudden thought, "thar's the Widder Tackett. She axed me yistidy to see some uv you folks at the mill and tell 'em she had a place to sleep and eat two er three men ef they wuzn't too pertickler."

emphasis. "She's goin to be my mother-in-law come next September."
"Oh, I beg your pardon," I hastened to explain. "I only asked to know if she had good eating. Some of that we get in private houses even in the cities, you know, is not the best in the world." "Cities be derned," he said with a fine feeling. "Yer ain't never tried the Widder Tackett's pie yet, mister, an yer want to keep still till yer do. Ain't nothin like it nowhere, no matter what kind uv a pie she sets afore yer. It's all ne plusibus unum, an no mistake. Why, I'm tellin you that I sot

I did not like to inquire further into the mystery of what happened to Mr. Rogers after the last taste of the pie was safely housed by my informant, but I made a fair guess and went on to see the Widow Tackett concerning board and lodging for one man for one week.

STORY OF A HAT.

Revealing the Secret of Its Two Trips
Around a Table.

emnly handed it back with a polite

bow, saying: 'There, sir, don't you think you have The old darky looked solemnly around

The reply was so thoroughly enjoyed by the company that the darky left the

A Wellington Chinese trader known

The next dietetic fad is roing to be banana flour. Manufacturers are experimenting in this direction and promise soon a meal that will keep as long as wheat flour and make a much more nutritious bread. As already the craze for whole wheat flour is passing, this value as an article of food, and the great army of banana consumers are pre-

It is natural for a rich man to become familiar with a professional man he bires and to address his physician as "My dear doctor." But to his solicitor he would not say "My dear lawyer!" aithough the legal man's fee would be quite as good. - New Orleans Picaynue.

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A JOKE ON THE TEAMSTER.

An Invincible

was easy going, luxurious and merry,

in Thrace he was drunken, in Thessally

he was devoted to horsemanship, and in the court of the Persian satraps he sur-

passed Tissaphernes himself in magnifi-

given them, and they profited by it.

Manilla Hemp.

which is cultivated in certain localities

in the Philippine islands. The plant,

called by the natives "abaca," throws

up a cluster of sheating leaf stalks to a height of 20 or 80 feet, which spread

out at the top into a crown of huge un

divided leaves. When it is 8 years old,

it is cut down and the stalks are torn

into strips. These strips, while still fresh, are drawn between a knife and a

turn out about 25 pounds a day. The inside fiber, which is thin and weak, is

used by the natives for making articles

of dress. The familiar manilla rope is

made from the fiber of the outer layer, which is bard and strong. The whole

supply of manilla hemp practically comes from the Philippines, and the United States consumes 41 per cent of it.

Picturesque Description of Arizona.

We live in a land of high mountains,

high collars and high taxes, low val-

leys, low neck dresses and low wages,

big, crooked rivers and big, crooked

statesmen, big lakes, big drunks, big pumpkins, big men with pumpkin

heads, silver streams that gambol in the

mountains and pious politicians who

gamble in the night, roaring cataracts

and roaring orators, fast trains, fast

horses, fast young men, roses that bloom

the year round and beautiful girls with

rosebud mouths, sharp lawyers, sharp

financiers and sharp toe shoes, noisy

children, fertile plains that lie like a

sheet of water and thousands of news-papers that lie like thunder.—Yuma

A Zulu Rain Charm.

The Zulus employ a rain charm which is very remarkable considering

their usual fierceness and cruelty. They

catch a bird, and after the tribal wizard

bird" they throw it into a pool of wa-

nas consecrated it and made it a "beaven

In spite of their own judifference to

the sufferings of mimals they believe that the sky, which they conceive to be

a personality, will be full of woe at the death of the bird and drop sympathetic

The legislative free pass is still ani-

versal in France. Every member of the chamber of deputies has free traveling on any railroad in the country and is furnished with a medul of identification

to make sure that he gets his privileges

In the matter of pay they are better off than the British members of parliament, though their indemnity of \$5 a day is

small beside the \$5,000 a year of the

"Is your wife a rapid reader?"

United States congressman.

tribute in showers of rain.

When Alcibiades was told that his He Roughly Ordered General Sherman to countrymen had passed sentence of death upon him for being at the head of A good story is told of one of General a conspiracy to overthrow the religious and political constitution of Athens, he Sherman's Missouri teamsters. He had just joined the service, a raw recruit, and was assigned the task of driving a six mule team. When the army halted for the first night, he was wearily unsaid, "I will show them I still live." He obtained from Sparta assurance of personal safety and went hither. He delighted and charmed the Spartans, as he had the Athenians in his carlier years harnessing his team.

"Hello there," said the wag of the tompany in passing. "What do you mean by taking care of those mules yourself? Why don't fou have the hostler do it?" He adopted their customs and dress and He adopted their customs and dress and was the strictest Spartan of them all. He wore his hair short, bathed in the icy waters of the Eurotes and ate their black broth and barley bread. They believed that he had been misrepresented. In truth, as Plutarch said, "he changed color more quickly than a chameleon." "Why, I thought every man had to take care of his own team," said the bewildered teamster. In Sparta be was grave, temperate and fond of physical exercise; in Ionia he

"You bet he doesn't. We've got a hostler for that. There's his tent right over there. He's a lazy, contrary old tuss, and he may not want to do it, but you swear at him and he'll move off at double quick."

The Missourian strode over to the tent indicated, which happened to be General Sherman's headquarters.

"Here, you son of a gun," he roared fiercely, "get out of here and bruch those mules."

Needless to say the teamster spent. passed Tissaphernes himself in magnificence. As Sparta was to be the prize of the Athenian victory he showed the people their danger, advising them to begin active operations against that city. No better advice could have been

Needless to say, the teamster spent the evening in the guardhouse. A pious old Indiana farmer was assigned to the duty of teaming, probably by mistake. The roads were muddy, and the rest of the teamsters were lit-Every engineer knows what manilla hemp is, but few are aware that 'it is oaths. It was against the old man's principles to swear, and he held his peace, albeit in impotent rage. At last one of the hind mules balked and refused to advance a step. The old man used every endeavor to urge the beast along, but to no purpose. At last he roared in a loud and solemn voice: "Oh, Lord, you know where this mule ought to be as well as anybody. This wooden block, and the soft celluloso matter is removed. The fiber is then hung up to dry in the open air until it is fit for use. Each stalk gives about a pound of fiber, and two natives will whole army knows where he ought to be this minute. He knows where he ought to be. I know where he ought to be, oh, Lord, and if he doesn't move in a minute I intend to say so, by gum. -Chicago Inter-Ocean.

GLADSTONE AS A CHEMIST.

An Incident In the Grand Old Man's Co-

reer In the Comm If Mr. Gladstone seldom indulged in sareasm, it was not because he lacked the gift—for he possessed it in a high degree—but because he forbore to use it. To hurt an opponent's feelings gave him pain and when he did it unintentionally he would sometimes cross the floor of the house, and, sitting for a few noments by the side of the man whom he had just demolished, say something to assuage the wound. One of his most persistent, but never ill natured, critics was the late Sir John Pope Hennessy, who told me the following story to il-lustrate this generous trait in Mr. Gladstone's character.

Sir John prided himself on his knowledge of chemistry and in one of the debates on the commercial treaty with France he made a speech exposing, as he believed, a serious chemical blunder in the treaty. Mr. Gladstone followed, "and soon turned me inside out in the most amusing manner," said Hennessy in relating the story, "proving, as if he had been a chemist by profession, that it was I who had blundered egregious-

Having thus disposed of his critic, Mr. Cladstone went and sat by him for a moment. "I hope you don't feel burt, Mr. Hennessy." he said. "Your speech was ingenious, and it may conso to know that the emperor of the Fro made precisely the same objection that you have made. The fact is, both you and he know a good deal about chemistry, but not enough to keep you from going astray."—Canon McColl in Fortnightly Review.

That Graud Air.

"Papa, I want a pug dog. They's so 'ristocratic lookiu."
"Bobby, what do you mean by aristocratic looking?"
"W'y, they looks like they'd git hoppin mad if they had ter git a 'quainted with anybody."—Brooklyn Life.

It is estimated that there are no fewer than 70,000,000 Europeans who wear wooden shoes. Beaswood is ordinarily employed for sabots, but willow is the best material. "Yes, unless I'm waiting for the pa-er."—Chicago Record.