[Detroit Free Press.] The fair Imogene D'Eustis had been clergyman had been handed \$2 in cash to pay for the splicing, the guests were filling themselves up with eatables, and everything was ing down on a spring freshet, when all at once the bride was missing.

Her newly found husban-I looked under the table, but she was not there. The guests separated to search. Some looked down the well-others down cellarothers in the hen-coop and smoke-house and

behind the pig pen. No Imogene.

Then some said that she had been abducted, while others scotled at the idea of a girl which could be heard two miles, being car- held fast their gaze on the table top. ried off in broad daylight, and in a neighbor-

her old shawl, measured the length of her affair. He would take the case if desired, but would not promise any satisfactory solution under a year and a half.

cited and distressed guests, commanded them in, an aid as how the pale little fellow to hush their hullaballo, and disappeared up had been run over by a hay rack and

When the coy Imogene slipped away from the feast it was to see if her husband would miss and follow her. She slid up stairs, knows, he wasn't the man to catch on.

The old man D'Eastis walked up stairs and made his way to the garret through the same at the bunches of catnip, moldy school books and broken spinning-wheels. He could not see her. He called aloud, but the whistle of little Taddie die. Tell Dod not to let little — and Taddie broke off what the tug on the river was the only answer. he was sayin' jest as his pa had broke him that perhaps he might find a plug of to- an'he never said another word in the bacco or a bottle of stomach bitters in the old world. chest. He advanced with beating heart and

gene as she sprang up and ripped her bridal iress clear down the back.

"I'm a targal mind to box your ears, big then he prayed like I never heard no-

as you are! Here you've raised a regular body pray before sence I was born; an' city convention all over the house, spoilt a I said to myself 'tain't big fine words set your mother, and seart old Mrs. Spigot jest like Bob Tinkham's. An', boys, Talbot." into a fit!

rectly and observed;

"Of course there'll be an accident?" "Y-e-s, I presume so." "It isn't loaded, is it?"

"Oh, no."

"It will."

"I never saw a revolver without wanting building at Presburg by a battalion of to handle it. Let me look at that weapon. Austrian pioneers (engineers), assisted any stray bullets. Do you suppose you could the Danube is 369 metres broad, with nore the whole circumstance. Lord Richard aggravations. My lady went everywhere hit my foot at that distance?

maker, as he sat with his boot in his band. responded the butcher.

# Paralyzing a Baggageman.

"Check my baggage, sir!" exclaimed a not namusical voice at the Central depot yesterday morning. The tosser of personal property reached out his horny hand with the bit quartes. The opening for ships to pass partly explains my conduct that the idea of of brass in the same nonchalant way that he was made in two minutes and a half disobeying him in anything had never preof brass in the same nonchalant way that he has done it a thousand times before. But his and closed in three minutes and a half. sented itself to me as a possibility. This night I found with him his life long friend, indifference was dispelled when he saw the voucher disappear in the pocket of a gentleman's coat, which was stretched over the skirt of a full length lady's dress. Lifting surmounted by a jaunty Derby hat, filled him with astonishment.

The mystery was soon solved, for in answer to a few kind questions the one robed in mystery declared that she was a girl; that her name was Miss Bryant; that she hailed from Fulton, Oswego county, and was not a doctor nor a disciple of Mary Walker or Miss Bloomer. And she likewise affirmed that she was not a reformer, never knew of any one who had adopted her mode of dress, and did not know as any one would. Her heeded not the suppressed whisper of the ladies or the glance of askance of the gentlemen, but basied herself in an apparent struments in this bag." "That's what I resthetic reverie over a little bouquet fastened on the lappel of her cont.

# " Decided at Last.

A Texas debating society debated the question, "When a watermelon vine runs on half from the two farms, owned the melons.

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BOB TINKHAM'S LITTLE TADDIE. Why the Old Lawyer Shoved Back From the Table and "Didn't Feel Like Playin' Keerds."

After the hand was played, and while the ho-seman and the justice were discussing as to whose deal it was, the old lawyer sat with elbows on the table, wedded to the knightly Sam Higgins. The his chin resting on his hands. He seemed to be thinking of something far, far away. Now and then his heavy gray head nodded slightly and his parted sliding along as smoothly as a citer mill sail lips moved as if he were saying something away down in his soul. He had forgotten the game; his mind was over- there is no occasion for us to imitate them." whelmed with the past, and the fond memories that flitted before his eyes aided the glistening drops that stood in them to shut out the vision of the pres-

"There's your hand." weighing 196 pounds and having a scream and he raised his head, but his eyes regard just as Selina had advised her of it,

"Boys," said he, roughly brushing the left, she would probably have done so; as it hood where the Democrats had over two hundred majority.

A detective was called in. He looked at like fur a big feller like me to sit here alooked at like fur a big feller like me to sit here along the looked at like fur a big feller like me to sit shoes, and decided that it was a mysterious there they 'minded me o' the day Bob Tinkham sot right here where I do now an' kep' game there on the table. That The fair Imogene's father hadn't betrayed was night wenty years ago, but somehow familiar enough. much excitement up to this point. The wed- I can't get it off my mind how Bob sot ding feast was the first square meal he had here a-laughin' an' jokin', an' havin' the tackled for six months, and he wanted to fill | best kind o' time, an' all at once, withup before giving way to emotion. He was now full. He turned around upon the ex come carryin' Bob's little boy Taddie

was dead. Bob was jest makin' that 'ere mark that's only half as long es the rest when Jim kicked in the door mounted to the garret, and after brushing and put the boy on the floor right there the cob webs off her nose she advanced to the by that 'ere winder. I've seen a good big blue chest in the corner. The chest had many pretty solemn-like things, but been made to hold her father's government that was the solemnist thing I ever bonds, and was hooped with iron and pro- seen. Little Taddie warn't dead, but apparently settled. vided with a spring lock, which never cost jest as Jim put him on the floor he less than a dollar. Her mission was to hide opened them pretty little blue eyes o' lace an I satin, come to my room; I have which I had been sobbing, and he made no in the chest and see if her husband would be his'n an' said: "Oh, papa." Then to something to say to you." soft enough to climb up there and throw up see Bob Tinkham-great, big, husky Selina nodded pleasantly. She was sure the lid and call peek a-ixo. As the reader man as 'e was-git down on is knees it concerned the gentleman on the left. She an' cry like 'is heart 'd break, it was enough to make the meanest man in the trap-door, the bride had used. He thought she world boo-hoo right out. An' then might be up there to take a last farewell look little Taddie said: "Oh, papa; it's

more and only say papa jest once. An'

Say, boys, I don't feel like playin'

keerds no more to-day." And the old

lawyer pushed back from the table and

sat a long, long time with his elbows on

his knees, and his face on his hands

Military Bridge Ballding.

looking at the floor.

"Why, pop, is this you!" cried the fair Imo-

"Yes, this is me!" growled the old man "and what the jimcracks are you doing here!",

"Please, pop, I -" "You git! Drap yourself through that there an' died an' let little Taddie live. trap-hole, skip down there and tell the crowd Jest think, an old critter like me that you don't know beans when the bag's

And the bride got. And her husband was do nothin' worth anything for anybody so mad that he burned up a free railroad pass to Chicago, and her mother cried, and her boy like Taddie, jest when he's havin' father went off down town to play poker, all the fun there is in life has to up an' and, taken all in all, the cov bride and the | die and leave everybody that loves 'im old chest and the spring lock business didn't |an' wants 'im to live. I tell yethey kin pay 10 cents on the dollar. say what they're a mind to bout there He Agreed That It Would, the foundation of justice, that's all.

In from of a Detroit butcher shop yesterday a butcher sat cleaning a revolver. It was a rusty old "Colt" which had not been used for years and was to be put in order and traded off. A shoemaker came along di-

"But it will go off?"

"Certainly I could. Now, if she was loaded

the velocity of the current is more than ago." I'd take a dead sight like that and pull the four miles an hour. Bridges of different kinds, formed both by pontoons or | riel?" The shoemaker jumped two feet and yelled boats and rafts, were thrown across on like an Indian, and when he came down ho succeeding days. Openings were made danced and kicked and galloped around until on some occasions for ships to pass, and people thought him crazy. It was only after closed again in the usual way by swingg crowd had collected and cornered him up in the shop that any one found out the ing a part of the bridge back again to trouble. The butcher had put a bullet along its place. Slight bridges were conthe sole of his foot close enough to draw structed for light traffic and stronger for heavier carriages. Sometimes the bridge was made in the common way, the secret inviolable." "I told you she'd go off!" howled the shoeby add ng pontoon to pontoon; some-"And slidn't I agree with you?" innocently times rafts were first constructed, then world."

swurg into their places and fixed there. On one occasion the bridge was partly scarcely 17 years old, my father sent for me

Cremation in Portugal. The cremationists have won a decided his astonished eyes from the frills and ruffles victory in Portugal. After a long and of the ample lower garment he saw a well- bitter fight between the advocates of rounded chest clothed in a neat-fitting waist-coat; next a shapely neck encircled with a generally, and the opponents, who were coat; next a shapely neck encircled with a generally, and the opponents, who were had consented, and that I must meet a few morning a basket of wonderful flowers, and fested with beggars. In the summer boys had consented, and that I must meet a few morning a basket of wonderful flowers, and and consented with a generally, and the opponents, who were No. 16 turn-down collar increased his wonder; Thiefly priests, the government has friends in our private chapel at 7 o'clock in a little note with them contains decided to make cremation optional the morning a week later. Of course these that she was in good health. The government is said to favor a objection." general compulsory cremation law, but is restrained from making so radical a

# change out of fear of the church.

object was comfort and economy. She as he produced a suspicious-looking ward me and said something, but in such a black bottle from his son's valise, "that low voice that I did not catch its meaning. there was nothing but your surgical insaid, dad." "Then, sir, what do you bridegroom. "That? Oh, that's my eyeopener, dad; very useful instrument; very useful; indispensable, I assure

Under the sceptre of the czar of to another man's land, who owns the Russia live thirty-eight different nation- I suffered in that weak and tortaring suswhich is foreign to all others.

THE MAN ON THE LEFT.

'The gentleman on the left, Kate-do you know han! He has looked frequently towards

"Has be!" "Who is it?" "I cannot tell. I have not seen him." "Suppose you look?"

"I prefer not. I came to see the play. not Helen Fanchet superbf" "So, so. I wish you would tell me who that gentleman on the left is. I am sure he knows you, and he is strikingly handsome." "At present the stage interests me. Besides,

if men are rude enough to stare at strangers,

"Your ladyship has no curiosity?"
"Not any; I exhausted it some time ago." "Her ladyship was not telling the truth; she was intensely curious, but it pleased her at the time to pique the honorable Selina Dorset. That strange sympathy that makes us instantly conscious of a familiar glance, The words aroused the old lawyer, even in a crowded building, had solicited her

cryin', but when I seen them marks Lady Kate Talbot forgot everything in her excitement, and as she stood up flushed and trembling, she inadvertently turned toward the left. Instantly she recognized a presence with which she ought to have been

If she had not been asked to look toward her

The gentleman bowed with an extreme respect, Lady Kate acknowledged the cour- for an interview. I had intended dressing tesy in a manner too full of astonishment to be altogether gracious, and the elaborate politeness of the recognition was not softened by any glance implying a more tender inti-

macy than that of mere acquaintance. for some reason Selina was not disposed to interrupt her reverie. It did not seem to be of respect and kindness; but the consequence an unpleasant one. Kate's face had a bright flush on it, and her eyes held in them a light
-a light that resembled what Selina would have called hope and love, if my lady had not been already married, and her destiny

heart at present, and being neither literary bot -would be of all things the most interest- visions I have made for your comfort.' He turned to go, but something whispered to off makin' that mark right in the middle, pretty dressing gown, she sought my lady's looked at me almost with pity, and said in a

"An' Bob Tinkham, as he never prayed since he come to Oxford in '37. put his hands towards the roof an' told God he didn't know nothing about Kate! True colden.' prayin', but he'd give anything he had "Yes, it is beautiful. I know that, of

if 'Taddie'd jest open his eyes once course. "Of what are you thinking so intently?" "Of the gentleman on our left to-night." "Ah, who is he? He seemed to know you."

dress which cost me \$14 with the making, up- that gits up to heaven, but it's feelin's he does. He is my husband, Lord Richard sure as you live, I've been sorry ev'ry "It is true." sence thet I couldn't a laid down

> with roomatiz all over me so's I can't "He is now in England, it seems. I sup-

> > "Where is he staying, then?" "I presume in the left wing of this mansion. it to-night. His apartments are there."

bein' no other world after this 'un, but know I love a romantic love affair, and I am of Clifford's that night. ef there ain't then things ain't built on | sure this is one."

"You were never more mistaken, Selina. | less he had been so struck with his wife's brill-There is no love at all in the affair. That is | iant beauty that he determined to keep the the secret of the whole position. I thought engagement. not understand.'

Among the military maneuvers in reconciliation, I should be so harpy, you each other; we need not undeceive it."

Europe this season has been bridge "No. Selina, there has been no quarrel, and maximum depths of seven metres, and and I understood each other nearly four years | Her beauty, her wealth, her splendid toilets,

"Just four years-yesterday." "And my lord has been away-" "Three years, eight months and eighteen

days, so far as I know." "Well, this is a most extraordinary thing, and very, very bad, I must say." "It might easily have been much sadder. I

am going to tell you the exact truth, and I rely upon your honor and discretion to keep "My dear Kate, I would not name it for the

"Listen, then. One night, when I was built with the ordinary military means to his study. I had known for months that and partly with material found on the he was dying. He was the only creature spot. The time occupied varied from | that I had to love, and I loved him very tenan hour and a half to an hour and three-derly. I must mention this also, for it the late Lord Talbot, and the present lord. my husband. I was a shy, shrinking girl, without any knowledge of dress or society, and very timid and embarrassed in my man-

"And what did Lord Richard say!" and when he felt my glance he colored A Suspicious Surgical Instrument. deeply and bowed. Lord Talbot said rather

> "Of course I ought to have hatel bim, Selina, but I did not. On the contrary, I ing love." fell desperately in love with him. Perhaps it would have been far better for me if I had not, Richard read my heart in my face,

becoming, childish toilet, and watched ward country girl; but now, my lord, we wearily every day for a visit from my would be laughed at." promised husband; but I saw no more of him until our wedding morning. By this one am longing for it—dying for it. If time time some very rich clothing had arrived for should run back and fetch the age of gold, me, and also a London maid, and I think, why not love? Let us go back four whole even then, my appearance was fair enough years and a half. Will you, Kate-dearest to have somewhat conciliated Richard and sweetest Kate?" Talbot. But he scarcely looked at me. The ceremony was scrupulously and coldly per- try, Richard, and now I think of it I have formed, my father, aunt and governess being not been to Esher since we-were-married, present on my side, and on Richard's his love." father and his three maiden sisters.

"I never saw my father alive again, he died the following week, and the mockery of our wedding festivities at Talbot castle was ceived orders to pack valises and trunks, or suspended at once in deference to my grief. that next day Esher hall was in a happy Then he came to London, and my lord selected for his own use the left wing of the house, and politely placed at my disposal all the remaining apartments. I considered this an first that attempts to aim him would be use-less, and indeed I felt too sorrowful and we remained under the same roof we seldom but actually, when they came back to Lonmet, and I am afraid I did not make them don, had the courage to appear in the very rare interviews at all pleasant. I felt w conged and miserable, and my wan face and boary eyes were only a reproach to him."

"Oh, what a monster, Kate!" "Not quite that, Selina. There were many excuses for him. One day I saw a paragraph in The Times saying that Lord Richard Talbot intended to accompany a scientific exploring party whose destination was central Asia. I instantly sent and asked my husband myself with care for the meeting, and making one last effort to win the kindly regard, at least, of one whom I could not help lov ing. But some unfortunate fatality always attended our meeting, and I never could do My lady was silent all the way home, and myself justice in his preserve. He answere! my request at once. I suppose he did so out was, he found me in an unbecoming dishabille, and with my face and eyes red and swollen with weeping.

"I felt mortified at a prompt attention so malapropos, and my manner instead of being winning and conciliating, was cold, unpre-"Selina, when you have got rid of all that possessing. I did not rise from the sofa on

"I pointed to the paragraph and asked if

" 'Yes, Lady Talbot,' he said, a little sadly nor charitable, her time went heavily on- and proudly; 'I shall relieve you of my presward. A little bit of romance, especially if ence in a few days. I intended Writwell to connected with the cold or proper Lady Tal- call on you to-day with a draft of the pro-

"I could make no answer. I had thought She was speedily unrobed, and with her of a good many things to say, but now in the long blonde hair hanging loosely over her presence I was almost fretful and dumb. He room. Lady Talbot sat in a dream-like still- low voice, 'Kate, we have both been sacriness, looking into the bright blaze on the ficed to a necessity involving many besides hearth. She scarcly stirred as Selina took a ourselves. I am trying to make what reparalarge chair beside her, and scarcely smiled tion is possible. I shall leave you unrestricted when she lifted one of her loosened carls, use of three-fourths of my income. I desire and said, "What exquisite hair you have, you to make your life as gay and pleasant as you possibly can. I have no fear for the honor of our name in your hands, and I trust that and all else to you without a doubt. If you would try and learn to make some excuse for my position, I shall be grateful. Perhaps when you are not in constant fear of "He ought to know me much better than meeting me, this lesson may not be so hard." "And I could not say a word in reply. I and I knew he was gone."

"I thought he was in Africa, or Asia, or Europe, or somewhere at the end of the the most brilliant weman in England, what best. A square forehead and prominent do you intend to do!"

I do not want to do." her confession, when Lord Talbot sent the the face. I notice there are more lights than usual in next morning to request an interview, Kate Philosophers, lawyers, editors, poets, liter

My lord bit his lips angrily, but neverthe-

that as you were staying here this week, and She did not meet him with sobs this time. might probably see or meet my lord, it was The centre of an admiring throng, she spoke better to make all clear to you. People are to him with an ease and nonchalance that apt to associate wrong with things they do would have indicated to a stranger the most usual and commonplace of acquaintanceships. "To be sure, dear. I suppose Lord Richard He tried to draw her into a confidential mood, and you have had a little disagreement. but she said, smilingly, "My lord, the world Now, if I could only do anything toward a supposes us to have already congratulated

He was dreadfully piqued and the pique kept the cause of it continually in his mind. you can do nothing at all between us. I don't Indeed, unless he left London, he could hardly Ah! I'm satisfied now that it doesn't centain by 298 reservists. At the place chosen want you to try. Just be kind enough to ig- avoid constant meetings which were con tant her fine manners, were the universal theme. "But it is not four years since you mar- He had to endure extravagant comments on them. Friends told him that Lady Talbot had never been so brilliant and so bewitching as since his return. He was congratu-

lated on his influence over her. In the meantime she kept strictly at the distance he himself had arranged four years ago. It was evident that if he approached any nearer his beautiful but long-neglected wife, he must humble himself to do so. Why should he not? In Lord Talbot's mind the reasons against it had dwindled down to one. It was his valet. This man had known all his master's matrimonial troubles, and in his own way sympathized with them. He was bitterly averse to Lord Talbot's making any concessions to my lady. One night, however, he received a profound shock.

My lady would be delighted. She was in an exquisite costume, and condescended to exhibit for his pleasure all her most bewildering moods. It was with great reluctance he left her after a two hours' visit. The next night he stayed still longer. My lady had no other engagement, and he quite forgot the ners. Then my father told me that it was one he had made to be present at the mar-

in districts infected with the plague. begged me as a last favor to him to make no was so concerned that he sent Simmons to themselves. Under pretense of selling ciety than it is to salvation, and we "I glanced up at him. He stood near a and Lord Richard was quite excited by the mensions. Prince Borghese has already done the stood near a dozen, would render it distasteful to window looking out over our fine old park, permission. He changed his morning gown mensions. Prince Borghese has already done Simmons' peculiar face, and, with many with him in charge ought to be highly suc- of adipose tissue. angrily, "Richard, Miss Esher waits for you misgivings as to his appearance, sat down cessful, "I thought," said the senior Baggles, to speak." Then Lord Richard turned to- opposite the levely little lady in pale blue

satin and cashmere and white lace It was a charming breakfast, and during it "My son says you do him a great honor-and the infatuated husband could not help saying pleasure," exclaimed Lord Talbot, and he a great many sweet and flattering things. not married they would think we were mak-

ity before we were married."

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"Then, Kate, let us be laughed at, I for "We should have to run away to the coun-

When such a conversation as this was prolonged for five hours it was little wondered that my lord's valet and my lady's maid re-

tumult of preparation. Love comes better late than never, and Lady Kate always told herself that she never and politely placed at my disposal all the remaining apartments. I considered this an intimation that I was not expected to intrude upon his quarters, and I scrupulously avoided Lady Kate always told herself that she never understand, is one who is placed over understand, is one who is placed over the other slaves on plantations where the other slaves on plantations where they do not have white overseers. Tom's upon his quarters, and Iscrupulously avoided every approach to them. I knew from the feetly satisfied as it is possible for human love mother was our cook, and as such her the volume would prove a strong antito be; for, greatly to the amazement of the room adjoined the kitchen. The slaves, slavery document. At all events, I fashionable world, they not, only spent the whole summer alone in their country home, but actually, when they came back to Lonhouse. The kitchen was close by, and the next thing was to arrange the house. The kitchen was close by, and humiliated to try. During the few weeks that | whole summer alone in their country home, height of the season, in the same box at the

> "Really, Kate," said Miss Selina, "I never was so astonished. The gentleman on your "Is always at my right now, dear. He will never be in the opposition again."

"For us? Oh, yes. Charming." Downfall of the Sons of Malta.

"How delightful!"

It is perhaps not g merally known, but the lissolution of the Sons of Malta throughout the United States was the result of an unfortunate and fatal accident here. George Harding, an employe of the wholesale grocery establishment of Reynolds, Earl & Hatcher, a brave and brawny Scotchman, desired to become a member of the order, and the order was only too glad to "take him in." A night was set apart for his initiation, and as he was a particularly powerful man, the gathering of the clans was unusually large. The initiation proceeded amid uproarious fun up to the elevated railway and a plunge into the seething waters of plunged into the lake, he had contracted his muscles and nerved himself for the battle with the waves. When he struck the blanket the shock was too great for his nerves. He was taken to his home a paralytic. He lived a year, suffering intensely, and died in great agony. The order paid out over \$2,000 in his behalf. All that medical skill could do was His sufferings and death were the death knell of the Sons of Makta, not only in Lafayette

but throughout the country.

The Law of Sex. An English author, Mr. G. R. Starkweather, thinks he has discovered a great "law of sex," of which The London Athenæum gives this summary: If the husband is just lay sobbing like a child among the cush superior to the wife the family will consist all night—until the chickens crow in did you publish?" ions. Then he lifted my hand and kissed it, mostly of girls, and vice versa. Dark complexion is superior to light, dark plants and veins are "superior," a large prominent eye "Who knows? I have such a contrary (which "indicates conversational powers") is pose he just arrived. I have not seen him streak in my nature. I always do the thing the reverse. But the best indication of before." superiority is a large and prominent nose, Certainly it seemed like it, for, in spite of Roman or aquiline, full a third the length of

just to struggle through the ordeal without incurring the stigma of inferiority, being equally intelligent, sober, and moral with

their wives, and producing an equal number of boys and girls. Of course, for the stability of the new law it becomes necessary to show that musicians, medical men, and orators are inferior. Acare made rather than born to their profession public speakers do not possess "the highest or-

# predominate over the superior portion."

Our Rich Men.

But how can we bear an existence, which measured by Vanderbilt's, is a pitiful failure? Are you sure, my friend, that his life is such a magnificent success! If a man were happy in proportion to his possessions, which is really the popular notion, then indeed money would be the great good. Here is a gardener worth a \$100. He sings while about his work. enjoys and digests his dinner, watches his children as they play among the flowers, and seems contented. Suppose Mr. Vanderbilt with his \$200,000,000 were as happy in proportion to his wealth! He would climb to young fellows who visit me the first of the top of Trinity steeple, face Wall street, every month, yet I agree with him. yell and shrick his tumultuous emotions, and never saw a mob of fat men. I never in the madness of his joy leap into eternity. saw a fat man hung. Once in Ken-Study his face when driving Maud S., and tucky a fat man was sentenced to be "Simmons," said Lord Talbot, very de-from business at 60, because his back is cidedly, "go and ask Lady Talbot if she will sore from the heavy burden. The strain has preme court was taken, the judges, who do me the honor to receive a visit from me?" nearly crazed him. People envy him Maud

My lady would be delighted. She was in

Solution and the best of could go in twenty seconds; but, even then, he he was too fat to be hung with any decould not get away from the ghost of the "West Shore."

# Boys and Girls in Rome.

A society for the protection of the waifs of afterwards proved that the fat man was the streets, with Prince Borghese at its head, has been started at Rome. It was high time. the country to work, but on the advent of should have been. Don't understand with the people generally, and compulsory in all cases of death occurring and my dear father, with many loving kisses, that she was not very well, and Lord Talbot are often left by their parents to shift for ask if he might be permitted to eat breakfast with her. My lady was graciously willing, and Lord Richard was quite avoided by an architect, the telegraph posts in the princiand cravat several times, quite regardless of much for the relief of poverty, and a society but the philosopher can enjoy an excess any one having the slightest eye for ar-

# Vegetable Wool.

A Dutch paper calls the attention to a description of vegetable wool called kapoc. It comes from Java, and a specimen is on view kissed me and led me toward the unwilling Kate parried them very prettily. "It is well," at the Amsterdam exhibition. It arrives at she said, "that no one hears us. If we were Amsterdam in its leathery covering, being itself enveloped in the seeds. It is then freed from both, and is carded so as to make a very "And if we are married, Kate, why not light mattress wool, worth about 8%d. per make love now, dear? We had no opportun- pound. One of the houses engaged in this operation had made trials in spinning and "Ah, Richard, in fashionable life we should dyeing this material, but the filaments are melons." The referee decided that the alities, each speaking its own language, spense of a timid school girl in love. I should application is consequently a matter of un our behavior is irreproachable. I should application is consequently a matter of un our behavior is irreproachable. dressed myself in the best of my plain, un- have dearly liked it when only a shy, awk- certainty.

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"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."

SURPRISE OF THE AUTHORESS WHEN SHE Early Life of the Musical Prodigy ... RECEIVED HER FIRST CHECK FROM THE Eccentric, but Not an Idiot as Cur-

PUBLISHERS. 'Cornwall' in Inter Ocean. A few days ago I accidentally learned "How did you come to be publisher that a lady, whose home is in New Orthat a lady, whose home is in New Or-leans, but who is temporarily visiting John P. Jewett, the first publisher of

in this city, could tell me something Mrs Stowe's famous work. about Blind Tom's early life, and I acabout Blind Tom's early life, and I accordingly went to see her. To the first I was a rabid anti-slavery man, although question that would naturally be asked, the fact that I had previously been the she replied:

"Yes; I can tell you all about him.

My father owned him. Blind Tom's father was foreman on my father's plantation in Georgia. A foreman, you will not only repay the cost of publication not only repay the cost of publication Tom's mother, the cook, was frequently in the rear rooms of the house, and several of her children, of whom she had an extraordinary large number, would follow her around. After Tom had family had better take it,"

iarized himself with his new surround- "Do you believe that you could have ings, he became bold enough to creep from the kitchen out into the halls bought the story for \$50?"

"I believe I could have bought it for

towards the parlor, where his acute ears \$20." would catch the sound of the piano.

"So large were the orders for the book that from the day I first began to miss him, and run to drag him back, each time administering a severe beat-day or night, save Sundays, for six ing. But the child went back, all the months, and even then there were comsame, and listened. After a while father's attention was attracted to the child, and told the mother to let him able to inform Prof. and Mrs. Stowe stay where he was. When we let him that their percentage already amounted come into the parlor, the little imp to \$10,000, and although my contract went wild with delight. Before he with them required me to give a note could stand alone, he would draw him-self up and commenced striking the cash."

"How did they receive your informa-

"How old was Tom when he began tion?" "They seemed a little dazed by the a plunge into the seething waters of the lake—a wet blanket in the hands of a dozen strong men, in which the aspirant was tossed about until they became exhausted. Harding was an intensely earnest man, and took the initiation to be a serious affair, being told by the grand conductor ballads before he could talk enough to check for \$10,000, payable to his order. that from the elevated railway he would be ask for bread. All he needed was for Neither the Prof. nor Mrs. Stowe had some one to play so that he could hear ever before received a check, they told and he would immediately play the piece without varying a particle. I rewith it, or how to get the money it member well, a few years after, when Tom became more proficient and had represented. I explained to the professor that he must indorse the check and learned to talk, seeing Tom grope present it for payment. I advised him his way into the parlor, and, approach- to deposit the money in the same bank. done, but to no purpose. He was a noble ing the piano, say to the lady who was We went thither together. I introman, and bore his sufferings like a hero or a then playing, 'I can play that better duced him to the president, and the man, and bore his sufferings like a hero or a martyr, never once complained or spoke than you can. I'se a gen'us, I is.' And professor opened an account. After harshly of those who innocently caused it all. sure enough, he did, although he had check book and so on, and cautioning "Has he ever tried instruments other him and his wife never to go about with "Oh, yes. He can play on anything. more than \$5 in their pockets, I bade then flute is his special favorite. He The flute is his special favorite. He way rejoicing. When I gave them a has a beautiful silver flute with silver second check for \$10,000 I found they keys, of which he is very proud. When needed no further instruction."

he gets started he will sometimes play "How many copies of 'Uncle Tom' the morning. Next to the flute the "More than 320,000 sets of two piano is his favorite, but he can execute volumes each were published in the music on any species of instrument he first year. After that the demand fell

A LAWYER'S NOVEL.

Prof. Swing, of Chicago, in an ad-"He has the very best kind of instructors, although it has been at times dress at the Acton, Ind., assemblage difficult to obtain a teacher who would approved of judicious novel reading, not be less proficient than the pupil. and told this anecdote: "I heard of a regretted that she had a prior engagement, ary men, and brain workers generally, have All that Tom wants is some Chicago lawyer once whose wife read "Now, Kate, do tell me all, dear. You but hoped to meet Lord Talbot at the duches a large excess of daughters. Wine mer one to play new music for him, two novels to him when he was sick, now I love a romantic love affair, and I am of Clifford's that night. orators, physicians, and musicians have a once. Some years ago father took tirely too much wrapped up in law, and preponderance of boys. Clergymen appear him to Paris to see if he could not be have forgotten almost everything else. made to see, and no effort has been When I get well I shall lay aside my spared to give him a good education. statutes and write a novel, and so he The story that Blind Tom is an idiot in did. The first chapter told about a everything but music is a popular error. His eccentricities when on the stage are mistaken for idiocy, when in fact Tom in love. The third, a very pretty is frantically delighted or bewitched, if chapter, told how they took a walk cordingly the first are lymphatic, the second you please, over the music he is making together in the evening and how they are made rather than born to their profession or hearing. Blind Tom is not only got outside the town because the sun (and the most distinguished as an exception well educated, but refined. He does went down and they couldn't see the have large families of daughters), and mere not use the negro dialect, and can carry corporation line. It was a very roon an intelligent conversation with any mantic story, but he spoiled it in the der of faculties or intellect," while in most of body. He is affectionate in disposition, next chapter. After the lovers were them "the base of the brain will be found to and is devoted to all the family, who are appropriately seated in the shade of a equally as fond of him. When my boy spreading oak, although it was night, was born Tom was much afraid that his the young man said: 'Adelaide, I can place in the family would be taken no longer conceal my feelings. I love by another, and he felt very badly you madly, distractedly, wildly. I cannot live without you. Your image is in my heart by night and by day, and without you my life is incomp Now, that was all very pretty, but-Flesh is materialized philosophy. Fat | would you believe it?—the lawyer commen are nearly always philosophers. menced that maiden's answer to that Dickens challenged the world to point burning declaration with: 'The other out a mob of fat men, and, although I party responded substantially as folwas not as well acquainted with Mr. lows,' and that took away all the Dickens as I am with certain active romance.'

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS,

My experience has led me to doubt the value of competitive examination. tucky a fat man was sentenced to be I believe the most valuable qualities for hanged, but when an appeal to the supractical life cannot be got at by any examination—such as steadiness and perseverance. It may be well to make an examination part of the mode of judging a man's fitness, but to put him gree of pleasure, and consequently gave him a palm leaf fan and sent him to the penitentiary to await a pardon to the penitentiary to await a pardon which was not long in coming. It was preventing mere patronage. My brother is one of the best generals that ever commanded an army, but the qual-History shows that all philosophers ities that made him so are quite beyond were fat, that is, history proves that some of them were fat and that others

AN ENGLISH VIEW OF CHICAGO.

As a matter of fact the city is hideous, and, even if it were the finest ever flesh is conducive to philosphy, for none chitectural effect. The Chicago peo think the sight of killing pigs one of the finest in the world, and the visitor is taken to see it as the greatest of treats. MICA BOOT SOLES.

150,000 miles in diameter.

Mica has been applied to a new usethat of fashioning it into middle soles melt, boil and completely vaporize a to boots and shoes. The invention conmass of ice fully 700 times that of both sists of a sheet of mica, embedded in the colliding worlds-the ice planet thin coatings of cement, and placed in the boot or shoe under and adjacent to the insole, the upper leather of the shoe Phrenological Journal: "Our busses," lapping over its edges, or next under said a conductor in answer to an inquiry | the filling and the outer or bottom sole, made, "runs a quarter arter, arf arter, and covering the under space from the toe to the instep.