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Camel's Hair.

There is a peculiarity in camel's hair which is worthy of scientific investigation. | ing swine, and to this day persons ad-It continues to grow after it is cut off. joining the New Forrest have the right While attached to the animal it grows in of pannage for six weeks there on paylength, and when cut it grows in value. | ing a small fee.

THE DOUGLAS INDEPENDENT

[Ivan Tourgueneff.]

Every one then would put on his best

clothing, would strew ashes upon their

heads, and would gather together in

On one of these days of mourning, a

and made a sign that he wished to re-

The lictors flourished their staves,

and shouted the stentorian voices: "Si-

"Friends and companions! The lover of

Charms away trouble and vanquishes sor

"Does he wish to mock us with that?"

Poetry, God of harmonious beauty and light,

Apollo arises-and fled is the night!"

and whistles from every side.

And what did he see?

Muse, who had forsaken them.

cite a poem,

voice:

tude were silent.



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OPTIMISM.

[Ella Wheeler in Manhattan.] I'm no reformer; for I see more light Than darkness in the world; mine eyes are quick
Te catch the first dim radiance of the dawn, And slow to note the cloud that threatens

The fragrance and the beauty of the rose Delight me so, slight thought I give the thorn; And the sweet music of the lark's clear song Stays longer with me than the night hawk's

And e'en in this great throe of pain called I find a rapture, linked with each despair, Well worth the price of anguish.

I detect More good than evil in humanity, Love lights more fires than hate extinguishes, And men grow better as the world grows old.

WHITE HOUSE CRANKS.

Crazy Callers on the President ... The Red Man of Revelations.

[Cor. Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.] The White House is a very popular resort with cranks. Every crank who comes to Washington imagines he has some important business with the president. Some days the lynx-eyed ser-geant on guard at the White House door turns away ten or twelve crazy people, The sergeant was asked how he managed to distinguish the cranks from the ordinary business callers. "It's not much trouble," he said. "But since the shooting of Garfield we have been especially watchful of all the president's visitors. Usually we spot a crank on sight. There is a wandering of the eyes, or an abruptness of speech, or a sparkled with rage; every hand was wildness of gesture, or some peculiarity raised threaten ngly and clenched,

of dress or manner. "This, however, is not always the case. I remember a short time ago I was on paltry rhymester down from the duty in the grounds one night when a rostrum! Down with the blockhead! snit, who asked in a tone as if he merely wanted a chat with some one: 'Are you plause, shouts of praise, and acclama- When she was playing the wife in "The a watchman here?' 'In that line,' said | tions. I. 'The president is giving a reception, I believe? 'I believe he is,' said I. turned to the square and endeavored, till she finally threw up the part, and 'A public reception, isn't it?' if possible, to mingle unobserved in the Miss Cowell took it and "fell" into it I believe?' 'I believe he is,' said I. asked the stranger, 'I don't crowd, for "Tis dangerous to rouse the gracefully. These re answered. 'Would you take me to be a respectable citizen?' was the next question. 'Hardly able to judge on so short an acquaintance, said I. The stranger chuckled quietly at this and said,

'Quite right; but from my general appearance now, my manners and conversation, would you set me down as respectable or otherwise?' 'Respectable,' said I. 'Just so. And yet, in this great and glorious land of the free,' sarcas suddenly turned away from the door of the cymbals, more fragrant than the death is followed by sudden relaxation. the executive mansion by flunkeys odor of roses, and purer than the blue which causes the knees to bend when he simply seeks, with other of heaven! Lift him in triumph, per- as one of the first visible signs. less in the rebel army—despised by the citizens to pay his respects to fume his inspired head with soft clouds The knees bend, the shoulders braver men in their own army, as well the officer they have chosen of incense, fan him with palm branches, droop, the victim turns partially by ballot to preside over them; at a strew all the spices of Arabia before in his tracks—so—and falls—so—" for the purpose,' 'But perhaps,' said poet!" I, 'there must have been a reason. Per-haps you are mistaken, and this is not shipers: "Repeat to me, O beloved if he were made of snow or of sand a public reception.' 'Asked if I had a fellow-townsman, the words with which | melting away at the bottom first." door then shut in my face. All right, them!" if this is St. Petersburg, and this is the

at his disappointment at being sum-

suddenly changing his manner after his

last remark, he abruptly asked me in the sepulchral tones of the ghost in

'Hamlet,' 'Do you ever read the bible?'

'Sometimes,' I answered. 'Did you

ever read the book of Revelations?

'Yes,' Do you remember the red man,

in that book?' 'I can't say that I do.'

Well, read it again, guardian of the

They were elected, yes, but elec-

tions can not change destiny,

That I control. Let the present oc-

cupant of the White House beware,

and with a threatening shake of his

the gateway. Now, if that fellow had

got in he might have behaved as well

Meals in the Fo'castle.

[Exchange.]

cook gives gut the made dishes in the

in his piggish method of helping him-

self, his shipmates will not only remon-

strate with him, but will go to the

length of reducing his share to the

proper limits; and if he protests against

this treatment a committee of one or

more, according to his size, is appointed

to thrash him. The sailors sit on their

chests while at their meals. No tables

The Right of Pannage.

[Chicago Herald.]

Centuries ago oak was by far the

most valued forest tree in England, on

ancient records it is put down how

many hogs such and such woods would

carry. Pannage was the right of feed-

are provided for them.

and this man Arthur.

White House.'

palace of the ezar,' pointing to the White House. 'Infamously wrong if this is Washington and that is the

eagerly; "for what do you take me? I am!" Listen and shout aloud, rejoice with us! The verses commence thus: "So far there had not been anything "The lover of Poetry, my friends and companions, God of sublimity, beauty and light! in the man's manner or talk to indicate that he was anything more than a visitor to the city, disgusted and in lignant

Care disappears, and all sorrow is ended! When Phosbus arises—then vanishe marily deprive l of what he perhaps considered his only chance while here to see the president; but

"Now, what do you think of that?" "But I pray you," cried Junius, "those are my own verses! Julius was among the crowd when I was reciting them, he heard them, and has repeated them with a few trifling alterations, which, after all, are no improvement!" "Ah! now I recognize you. * *

you are Junius!" replied the other, with frowning brows. "You are either envious or a blockhead. Recollect yourself, miserable youth, with what subnight, read it again,' said the stranger, limity spake Julius: 'When Phœbus adding quickly, 'I am the red man there arises, then vanishes night!' Compare mentioned. I hold in my hands the your nonsense with it: 'Apollo arises, your nonsense with it: 'Apollo arises, and fled is the night!"

fates of nations and their rulers. I make and unmake presidents-Wash-"Yes, is it not exactly the same?" ington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, began Junius. "Another word," interrupted the other, "and I will rouse the people,

* they will tear you in pieces!"

Junius prudently held his tongue. A gray-headed man who had overheard the conver ation stepped toward the un-fortunate poet, laid his hand on his long forefinger at the mansion, the man started down the flag sidewalk toward shoulder and said: "Junius! you repeated what you had composed out of season. This one certainly repeated as anybody. But in case he had got borrowed words, still he hit upon the started on the book of Revelations right moment; hence his success. Your there is no knowing what might have own conscirnce must console you."

So his own conscience must console him; well or ill-to speak truly, ill played more parts and written more enough—his own conscience must con- plays that were put on the boards than sole Junius, who stood in the crowded any other living man. I remember see-The manner of serving meals in the background, amid the acclamations forecastle is as simple as is the system which were lavished upon his rival.

of cookery in vogue in the galley. The pans in which they have been prepared. dust of the beaming, all-conquering sun, One man in each watch is appointed to splendid in purple, crowned with go to the galley for the food. He places laurels, surrounded with perfumed it on the deck in the middle of the fore- clouds of incense; palm branches fell castle and the men take their shares before him as he approached, and the one by one. The man who takes more veneration for him which filled the than his just share is not regarded with hearts of his enchanted townsmen favor by his shipmates. If he persists knew no bounds.

Arthur as an Abstinent.

States does not, like his predecessor, staggering dance—an irregular hop. Grant, "turn his glass down" at dinner; When men are drunk they do not hop nor, like his other predecessor, Hayes, or dance. They put their feet down on refuse to have them on the table at all. the ground and take them up as seldom Arthur has them on the table, right as possible. Barton and Watkins would side up, and kept filled all the time. both glue their feet to the stage as if The reason why they are kept filled is because he does not drink from them. He has, according to a friend whom he told so, learned that he must eat very on the road now. In these piping little and abstain entirely from wine and liquors. It saves him explanations account of acorns fattening hogs. In to have them filled and let them alone. If everybody were to drink liquor in this fashion a prohibition law would be superfluous.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt has the repu- fill weak souls with a foolish fear of wardrobe in America.

THE STAGE FALL.

THE TWO QUATRAINS. A Feat Which Few Heters Have Acquired .- Explanations of How It Is There was once a town whose in-

habitants worshipped poetry so ar-dently that, if some weeks elapsed [Croffut's Letter in Boston Globe.] without new and masterly poems coming to light, such a poetical sterility was regarded as a public calamity. How to fall gracefully and safely before an audience is a feat which only a few actors have thoroughly acquired. A good many fall so awkwardly as to excite mirth, and a good many hurt themselves. I remember a young lady in one of Daly's plays a few years ago to whom he said, "Here! You must fall at this cue." At that cue, accordingly, she fainted and fell, but she knocked side or the other would rise a an open space to wail, to shed tears. and to murmur bitterly against the over a chair and a stand, broke a lamp little above his works for a youthful poet, Junius, appeared in the square, which was densely packed with and set the stage afire! The cur- second and then drop out of sight. tain was rung down, the fire put out, If no gun was fired upon either side, sorrowing people.

He mounted the rostrum in haste, and, indignant, he asked her what she some soldier on the other side would meant by such clumsiness. "Well," she said, "you never told me how to fall, and nobody ever showed me." She had never thought of taking a lesson in sight of the opposite line, and his action so important a matter. Fanny Daven-port is now a large and solid woman, but her fall in "Fedora" is one of the lence! attention!" The expectant multi-"Friends! companions!" began most effective bits of stage business. she reels fainting to the sofa, quivers and dies in an instant, half lying on her face, and as her horrified husband runs up to look and learns the dreadful truth, she rolls entirely dreadful truth, she rolls entirely Junius, in a clear but slightly faltering with a startling thud upon the floor. Junius had concluded; the answer was The best fall I remember having seen -a universal burst of laughter, howls is that of Francis Wilson in the "Princess of Trebizonde" at the Casino. The upturned faces of the multitude He posed among the comic statuary on glowed with indignation; every eye a pedestal a foot and a half high, with a brass-drum on his breast. He would fall directly over, backward, or on either side, without putting out a hand yelled the furious voices. "Tear the or bending his body-fall straight upon the floor, like a stone figure. I wonder it didn't kill him-especially reception was going on. I was ap- Pelt the fool with rotten apples and when he was encored a half a dozen reception was going on. I was approached from the White House portico | Stinking eggs! Stones! bring stones!" | when he was encored a half a dozen times. I dou't think a death or a fa'al ready, the soldier who exposed himself to the receptions as guests. That would by a tall, clean-shaved, middle-aged Junius rushed headlong from the injury ought to be repeated too often. for this purpose was not fired at, but a be an insult to the genuine guests. Beman, neatly dressed in a black walking rostrum; but scarcely had he gained his Agnes Booth doesn't know how to fall dwelling than he heard tumultuous apeasily unless she has learned lately.

Celebrated Case,"she used to hurt her-Tortured with doubts Junius re- self every night-got black and blue These recollections have been suggested by a technical lesson. The Raised high upon the shoulders of other afternoon I dropped into Fro-the multitude on a flat, golden shield, bisher's college of acting, and found

clothed in the purple mantle, his locks him engaged teaching a class of theatrecrowned with laurel, stood his rival, the | bound young ladies how to fall, illusyouthful poet Julius. * * * And trating h's teaching with them one by the people shouted "Glory and honor one. "Remember this," he said, "perto the immortal Julius! He has con- sons fall either from fainting, drunkensoled us in our trouble, and in our great ness or sudden death. They die either sorrow he has refreshed us with his sublime poetry, which is sweeter than except an occasional case like Manstically said he, 'a respectable citizen is honey, more musical than the sound of field, who dies of apoplexy. Sudden time, too, set apart, it is understood, him! Honor and glory to the divine "not," he resumed on recovering his feet, "as if he were built of iron, or

card,' continued the stranger, indig- Julius has enchanted. Alas! unfortun- "Now, Miss Wright, let's see you fall nantly (ignoring my last remark); ately, I was not present when he recited |-at the cut, 'Wretch, here I am !' questioned and cross-examined as if I them. I pray you, do me the favor to was a felon or conspirator, and the repeat them, if you can remember member. Don't crouch down as if you were afraid, and don't flop your feet "How could I ever forget such and show your stockings, for that is not

> The young lady gathered herself up and fell. "Ah, that isn't fair!" he said; "you

on the side of your knees. "I am afraid it will hurt me." "Nonsense! Do you want to be an

"Yes; I will do anything. Give me the cue.

It was tried again with better success. "Always fall diagonally," he continued, "head toward one of the corners of the stage. Another thing, in recovering from a swoon the head should be the last to rise. In regaining consciousness the heart stirs first, then the hands and the frame -the man rolls half over. perhaps, before he lifts his head at all. Sometimes it is necessary to fall on it suggested. There was no despair in being struck with the fist-men usually. it, for the speaker was a man, It is a back-fall, and is effected by not a coward; but there was no holding the body rigid, withdrawing the hope in it either. It rebuked me tongue from between the teeth, raising for a question which I had meant the fifteenth or sixteenth century re- wrought, God raises up men to whom an hour so as to make the back-fall un-

came away. This back fall I remember seeing Charlotte Cushman make in a surprising manner. I think it was in "Meg Merrils." She jumped up a foot from | chaser. It is a painful, a humiliating the floor and took the back fall with reflection, for me at least, that in all

tremendous effect. In drunken falls the most reckless I ever saw was that of Harry Watkins, conception of its kind ever given shape, the well-known actor, who has probably ing him jump fifteen or twenty feet | Apropos of wood engraving it is

made to ease my fall." ness in "David Garrick" and Irving's in [Detroit Free Press.] the last scene of "The Lyon's Mail," it is the veriest caricature. It is a sort of they had suckers on them, and their drunkenness was very drunk indeed. I wonder why Watkins' "Drunkard" isn't times of temperance it ought to be a go.

> Pascal: One of the greatest artifices the devil u es to engage men in vice and debarchers is to fasten names of contempt on certain virtues, and thus to sire to put them in practice.

A Queer Sort of Truce Custom. [A. O. Marshall's "Army Life."]

As time wore on, by gradual process. without any formal agreement, we came to a mutual understanding with the Confederates in our front. After this, firing at night practically ceased on our part of the line. A sort of spontaneous truce would spring up each night. The way it worked was this: As the sun went down the artillery would cease firing; after this the rifle firing would gradually grow less, and by the time repeat the action. If no gun was now sight of the opposite line, and his action would be replied to by one of his opponents. These two soldiers, Union and Confederate, would look across at each other a moment, and then, no firing sitting upon theirs, each within easy rifle range of the other. When this was done it was understood that all firing | ing with a wicked expression: "Hats.

was over for the day. As it began to grow dark each side would send a line of guards over in front of their works to remain during the night. These lines were often within a short distance of each other. As we had much work to do upon our are employed only at these large new lines, the enemy was usually first receptions, and then only in the ready, and it would be on his side that waiting-room and in the room set apart the movement for the night's truce was for the ladies' especial use. Some pergun would be fired in the air, which was | sides, in society here every one knows notice for all to again seek protection. her neighbor, and the female detective In the morning it was the same. If | would herself be detected as a stranger. the guards who had advanced upon the | Then introductions would necessarily ground between the two opposing follow under an assumed name, and the armies tarried longer than the subsequent explanations the hostess air above them, but no one would be and So would make her life a burden. fired at until ample time had been I see no good reason, though, why fegiven for all to return to their own | male detectives should not be employed works. One of the strangest things in the ladies' room. It is a convenience

troops at our immediate left and the rebel troops in their front never had any such understanding, and with them it was a continual fight day and night." The reason for this the author states to have been want of confidence in each other, those rebel troops being considered "the most inferior and worth-

A Humiliating Reflection. [New York News "Art Babble."]

as by us."

The other afternoon I stood in a sculptor's studio as the evening closed Among the heavy draperies and in the gloomy corners ghosts of his art | tain the bones of an uncommonly large | Chief, Maud Echo Hawk, Fannie Crow, loomed with the exaggerated and sol- person. The attempt made to destroy | Eunice Bear Shield, Sarah High Pipe, their details are only imperfectly re- vere blow by a discovery made in Rouen vealed. Out of the populous shade one "How could I ever forget such and show your stockings, for that is not figure, pallid, lofty, sinuous with a verses!" cried the questioned one impressive. Now, then—'Wretch! here weird and superhuman grace, started forward in the motionless and silent air. into an absolutely startling activity. Twisting up out of the shadows, without apparent base or support, the sat down! You must always strike first | charming yet sinister genius of the whirlwind seemed to be blown upward over us by the fierce blast she typified. "You ought to put that figure in mar-

ble," I said. the shadows.

and commonplace voice of a man making an every-day remark; it was eloquent in the simplicity of its resignation; it was horrible in the positive fact circumstances had turned into put this figure into the permamaterial it should be formed Want while he labored on it and in? want while it went begging for a pur-America the rich man does not exist who will say to the creator of the best "Finish the work you have begun."

Magazine Wood Cats. [New York News.]

during the delirium tremens scenes as | teresting to note how thoroughly that Midddleton in "The Drunkard," his of the magazines has come down to a moved along in the golden, glittering own play, and I asked him how he hard-pan basis of common sense. The could stand it. "Well," he said, "my absurd straining for novelty which right a de is t rribly bruised, and I have made their pages a year ago a species of skinned my arms, but I am pretty well incoherent pictorial puzzle, has given bandaged, and I am having some pads place to sensible work. The artists who used to do their best to make a By the way, Harry Watkins, James drawing look as little like a drawing as Wallack and Old Burton were the only they could have now got back to seridrawing look as little like a drawing as actors I ever saw whose drunkenness ous labor. However, the transcendenseemed real. As for Sothern's drunken- tal rage in engraving did one thing; it demonstrated what can be done with a wood block and a burin if the man who handles them is competent to his task.

A Plucky Boy Violinist. Chicago Tribune.]

miles on foot, allured by the hope of obtaining free instruction at the conservatory. But hardships and overexertion had worn the little fellow out. and he was taken to a hospital danger-ously ill of typhoid fever. Should he recover he will certainly find abundant opportunity to show whether his talent line titled waiting for you." Then nois equal to his courage.

American pork is now excluded from tation of being the owner of the finest passing for scrupulous, should they de- France, Germany, Italy, Austria, and

FEMALE DETECTIVES. What They Are Fitted For and What They Are Not --- Useful at Recep-

[New York Sun.] "Are female detectives ever regularly employed in the detection of crime?" "We don't employ women," a super-intendent of detectives replied, because it is our firm conviction that women cannot be relied on. We have tried them and found them wonderfully quick at divining the source of a mysterious crime, patient in testing a plan for capturing a suspected person, and — yes, uncommunicative. There is just one reason, and only one reason, why they are not to be trusted-no one can tell who has the most influence over them. Anyhow, we can't afford to take the risk of employing them and being betrayed by them."

Another experienced manager of detectives said: "Sometimes persons apply for a female detective to act as an attendant to take care of wraps at fashionable receptions. They are well known in society, who have had trou-ble after receptions in getting the off with a new and more expensive overcoat, shawl or umbrella." Winkyou know, are notoriously successful in eluding their owner's search-if they are good hats. If the occasion is a fitting one for a detective, we send one. It is not generally unders'ood that female detectives side desired, a warn- would be compelled to make in accountgun would be fired in the ing for the disappearance of Mrs. Soconnected with these nightly truces to have a skilled eye on the property, was that they were confined to different instead of one liable to make mistakes parts of the line. * * * The Union or to be out of the way when wanted."

The Giants of Those Days. [Chicago Inter Ocean.]

In Pliny's time it was customary to studies. describe the warriors of a few generations before as giants. Alexander the fifty now at the institution are the Great very well understood the strengthening effect of a little substantial evidence on such descriptions. On one of Delawares. his expeditions he caused a tomb to be constructed and placed in it arms and the whole with his name. It has been surnames, with a Christian name atthe sixteenth century and found to con- Feather, Frankie Bear, Ella Man emn vastness such forms assume when a dear belief, however, received a se- Lizzie Spider and Olive Battle. in 1509. On the authority of Le Cat a stone tomb was uncovered in which was a copper plate bearing the inscription, the Chevalier Ricon de Vallemont and

his bones." The skull of Ricon held a bushel of corn, and his skeleton indicated that when clothed in flesh the chevalier stood nineteen feet in his stockings. As | whose lurid glare illuminated the conunsettling to a serene mind as his ap- | tinent with its devastating flame, and pearance may have been on a dark whose reverberations among the splin-"And starve?" the sculptor asked, in night, he was quite a pigmy beside tered crags of Harper's Ferry were rewho towered up twenty-five feet. Le There was something in this answer | Cat says his monster bones were found | stant that shot was fired the discussion which made me shudder. The tone in January 11, 1613, mentioning the date and the debate of centuries was at an which it was uttered was not one of particularly. The skeleton of another end. He who was not for slavery was sarcasm or of anger. It was the quiet monster thirty feet long was found at against it. The north became verte-Mazaeno, Sicily, in 1516, and still an- brated, and the age of cartilage and other at Palermo in 1548, which meas- compromise was at an end. The nation ured the same. The appearance in the flesh of these creatures had better be

left to the imagination. As if determined to show that his country was eminent as a producer of the skeletons of giants, an Italian of change in human society is to be the head slightly and falling straight on in all honesty as a tribute to lates the finding of a skeleton 300 feet that change is made to appear as the shoulders. I can teach anybody in the artist's greatness, and which high! It was immediately announced one thing needful and absolutely indisa to be the skeleton of the giant Polypheerringly and safely." Then Professor dagger to stab him. What would mus, and treated with various ceremo-Frobisher resumed his lesson and I be the result, indeed, if he did nies by the awe-stricken discoverers and the people of the country. The bones, the author naively observes, differed somewhat from those of the ordinary human frame, but that was to be ex-

pected in a man so tall. The evident compounding of prehistoric animal relics with human remains was one of the many cases. The stories of human skeletons of 100 and 200 and even 500 feef high, which began with the Polyphemus incident, belong to the same category of mistakes. There is, however, good ground for supposing that Farragus, the tyrant, slain by Orlando, nephew of Charlemagne, was a huge man, eighteen feet high. Bucart of Vivans, whose bones were found on ity was stated to be twenty-two feet six inches. Richard, a celebrated anatomist, saw in the suburbs of St. Germain in 1614 the skelton of a man twenty feet

Up in Alaska. [The Current.]

When it is remembered that, even at Point Barrow, the most northern point of Alaska, the average temperature is only 7° below zero, according to the United States signal service report, it A boy of 13 years, whose violin playing had long been the wonder of a Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Da-Cos ack village, recently reached St. kota are qualified to receive certificates Petersburg after a journey of 1,500 as to their ability, through severe tests, to endure Arctic weather.

Wasn't His Wife. [Merchant Traveler.]

A man rushed up to a woman looking in a show window, and grasping her by the arm, angrily exclaimed: "Come on: back with, "Oh, I beg your pardon, madam, I mistook you for my wife." "I thought so," she answered with a scornful sneer, and passed on.

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FROM THE WIGWAMS.

Fifty Indian Maidens Leave the Prairie and Go to Philadelphia After an Education.

Philadelphia Record. The family of twenty-three Indian girls who have been living for some time at the Lincoln institution, Eleventh street below Spruce, was increased to fifty on Thursday afternoon by the arrival of twenty-seven girls from the Indian training school at Carlisle, Pa., from which place they were sent by order of the interior department of the United States government. The fifty who are now in Philadelphia will, in the course of a few weeks, be joined by twenty-five more, which will complete the number to be taken care of in this

The new arrivals are apparently perfectly satisfied with their quarters. They ranged in age from 6 to 20, and were all neatly dressed and wore their jet-black hair in plaits. The fifty scholars are divided into two divisions, each of which goes through a regular routine of study and work daily. They rise at 6 o'clock, and after breakfast one division goes to the school-rooms and studies from 9 o'clock until noon, the other girls spending these hours in learning to sew, cook, and attend to the general housework of the institu-

In the afternoon from 1 o'clock until 4 the second division attends school and the first is instructed in the useful branches just mentioned. Each day the scholars are taken out for an hour's walk, but as a general thing they do not like this, as they are very sensitive about the attention they attract. On Sundays they attend divine service at the Church of the Ascension. The hours when they do not have to be in school-rooms or at work are spent in the play-rooms of the institution.

Some of the girls are very clever at making Indian dolls. Which they dec orate with beads, bits of metal, and strips of bright flannel. During the day they are obliged to talk to each other in English, but in the hour that intervenes between supper and bedtime (8 p. m.) they are allowed to converse with each other in their native languages. This, however, is impossible, in many cases, as they represent a number of tribes, and do not understand one another's dialects. Prizes are given at the end of each month to those who have talked English only during that period, and they make rapid headway in learning the language. They are reported to be bright and quick at their

Among the tribes represented by the Pawnees, Sioux, Cheyennes, Comanches, Diggers, Osages, Omahas and

A large number have Christian names and civilized surnames, but armor of an enormous size, and marked some are still known by their Indian suggested that this clever fraud was tached, the effect of which is often practiced by William the Conqueror, rather amusing, as in the following whose supposed tomb was opened in cases: Bessie Big Soldier, Edna

The majority of the girls will remain in Philadelphia five years.

John Brown's Mission.

"Here lies the noble and puissant lord [Senator Ingalls in North American Review.] Out of the portentous and menacing cloud of anti-slavery sentiment that had long brooded with sullen discontent, a baleful meteor above the north, he sprang like a terrific thunderbolt. Gettysburg to the gulf. From the inseized the standard of universal emancipation which dropped from his dying hand on the scaffold at Charleston, and

bore it in triumph to Appomattox. Carlyle says that when any great pensable. Scholars, orators, poets, philanthropists, play their parts, but the crisis comes at last through some one who is stigmatized as a fanatic by his contemporaries, and whom the supporters of the systems he assails crucify between thieves or gibbet as a felon. The man who is not afraid to die for an idea is its most potential and convinc-

The Dancing Anaeonda. [Corpus Christi Critic.]

Baron Non Schoeler, of Corpus Christi, has a strange pet. It is an immense snake of the anaconda species. The baron's influence upon his horrid prisoner has been such us to reduce it to a fawning docility. At the merest sound of the baron's voice the reptile the banks of the Morderi river, in the mountains of Crussol, on grave authorety of evolutions as to amaze one. It will actually assume a perpendicular position, resting upon its head, and in a twinkle assume the reverse by resting upon its tail, and all this and much more while the baron stands in the den of the writhing, squirming, acrobatic monster.

A Leap Year Party.

[Jefferson City Tribune.] The gentlemen wore toilets of surpassing richness and elegance, shone in all their lovely and radiant beauty, and made themselves utterly and entirely irresistible. The young ladies all wore handsome hand-me-downs, purchased at a fire sale of damaged goods at Osage City, and were simply enchanting in their loveliness.

A TERRIBLE INFANT.

[Frederick Lockyer.] I recollect a nurse called Ann,
Who carried me about the gras
And one fine day a fine young ma
Came up and kissed the pretty Thinks I, "Aha! When I can talk I'll tell mamuia.

And that's my earliest recollection