THE FORT OF SAND.

All day and all day On the pearl-white shore, Where the billows dash And the breakers roar, We builded and builded, With eager hand, At edge of the ocean Our fort of sand.

The white ships sailed by To their distant land. And the sea-guils fiew By the curving strand: We-breding no passing-Pieeded and planned. While the wild spray sprinkled Our tart of sand

Built turret and wall And rampart complete; Till the sun went down On a day too fleet. And ut night, the high tide, With stret-cold hand, Swept out-and forever-Our fort of sand.

But that summer day, And the happy light. And one sweet child-tace. With its glaters bright-They are langering yet By ocean strand-Where we builded and pullded Our fort of sand -Lines sanford in S. F. Ind-pendent.

AN AMATEUR MURDERER

A Good Reason for Telling the Story at This Time.

Now that the chances are that I shall be nominated for Congress next election. I have been looking over my past life, and I can not help but admit about. there are many incidents in it that if unexplained will seriously jeopardize polls. Supposing that in the heat of murder." the contest my opponent suddenly charged me with being under arrest for murder, and that, too, on my own confession, I very much fear, that in the turmoil of a political meeting I would not be heard with that patience that would enable me to clear my-elf ticed three men come out, and seeing in the minds of the less partisan of the me cutting for it they followed, but andlence.

ever else a politician may do, he can at the first turning, and as they came curly-headed Loy of the poem, or George Washington, or a newspaper hand. I ran down the next street and in that respect.

So I rather choose to tell the facts of cular during the contest if the charge is at that time brought against me.

A friend of mine, a first-rate fellow and an artist-in fact the terms are generally synonymous-was instaled master of a Masonie lodge, and after the ceremony he gave a grand dinner at Anderton's Hotel, the Masonic tayern of Fleet street, London.

The ceremony took a great deal of time, and when the banquet which followed was over it was very late. I found that all conveyances had stopped for the night. I tried to engage a cab. but as I lived a long way out the cabbies showed great reluctance in accepting so distant a fare. The night was clear and the walking good, so I struck out and determined on the way to see some unfamiliar parts of London at an unfamiliar time. I buttoned my overcoat about me and started out on foot. After I had gone several miles through the silent town, meeting no one but an occasional polleeman or some vagrant like myself. I began to regret that I had not put up at one of the down-town hotels. An unnecountable thirst took possession of me, and this was the more remarkable as I had done what I could during the dinner to quench it. Of course at this hour there was no place open where a tired wayfarer could refresh himself. Looking down a side street I saw a bright light stream out on the road, and I said to myself that I could likely get at least a glass of water there. I found this place to be apparently a public house. It stood on the corner getting closer and closer around and had large windows, covered on the lower half with red curtains through which a person could not see, but to judge by the sound of revelvy within there was no lack of something to drink. It seemed strange that any place should so defy the law, but I was thirsty and went in. The moment I spened the door there was an instant hush and every one look ed towards me gs well as they could through the clouds of smoke that filled the room. A rough bar was erected to the right of the entrance, and behind it were barrels of beer. A stalwart barkeeper was filling glasses from these barrels without the aid of the ordinary useful and ornamental beer pump. "Fll take a glass of beer, if you please," I said, putting down my followed. money.

be a move among the assembly to assault me, but the man held up his hand and said, anthoritatively: "Not here, lads," "Now," he should, turning to me, "you get out!"

I never handy words with a man who is much larger and stronger than myself, and the speed with which I got out on the pavement rendered fatile his good-natured attempt to assist me out. I heard the door bolted and the hubbub renewed with greater fiercen as than before.

I walked around the corner and shood a moment looking at the rudil windows wondering what the meaning was of such a reception. Even if I had stumbled into a private gathering, which seemed possible, the desire for a cool glass of beer is not looked on by the average Englishman as putting a person beyond the pale of civil treatment. It is a yearning they generally appreciate and sympathize with.

As I stood there meditating on the circumstances a side door opened and a woman's head appeared. Looking furtively up and down the street she whispered when she saw me:

"Cut for it! Don't stand there, but run?"

"Why?" I asked, "what have I done?"

"They think you're an informer. Runt

"I'll ge back and show them I'm not an informer. What should I inform

"Oh, don't stand there but go." They've too much drink in them to my chances of being at the head of the listen to you. Cut for it or there'll be

With this the door was closed as softly as it opened, and thinking that perhaps the woman knew better than 1, what sort of companions she had, I "ent for it."

Before I got around the corner I nonot with as much haste as they would Dany it? Well, I couldn't very well have done. I thought, if they wanted do that, because the charge would be to catch me. Nevertheless before I true, and it is well known that what. had turned the next corner they were never, never tell a lie. He is like the into the light of the corner lamp I noticed that each had a stout stick in his in a very few moments saw why they did not hurry. I was in a trap. Up the matter while the public mind is in the darkness before me loomed the reasonably calm and then have this buge brick viaduct of a railway that account reprinted in the form of a cir- ran above the housetops. Against this ended the street and there was no way out except the road by which I

> Just as the position of affairs tawned on ms my three pursuers appeared at the other end of the street. There was a lamp about half way down the street and I reached it a little before they did.

"Well," I said, dejectedly, "I suppose it's all up. I see you know me. "You won't know yourself when we be done w'ye," said the foremost ruffian.

"Oh." I exclaimed. "I give myself ap. 1 am tired of hiding, and intendsd to give up to the first policeman I met. But you may as well have the reward among you, I suppose. It won't it, cause the unformed bone of the

wide. As he did so there appeared to of murder you had better go before I tell my story."

> hastily left .- "Luke Sharp," in Detroit Free Press.

CHINESE FOOT-GEAR.

A Country Where a Man's Station in Life Is Indicated by His Shoes.

Chinese s sors are apt to appear us all very much alike, and, looking at uncient pictures, they seem as if they had been the same as far back as we can go. An intelligent Mongolian in this city, however, assures the writer that this is not so, and that great changes of fashion have occurred it. later years, while the shoes of different classes of people differ both as to shape and material. No doubt it is a weakness of ours, which causes us to think every Chinaman's shoes to be indistinguishable from his neighbor's, just as we fancy all their faces to be very much alike. In China, notwithstanding, it appears that the shoe, as well as the other portions of costume, is semificant of one's station in life. Thus the working-man weara particular shape and color. the learned man another, and the Mandarin another. You look at r man's shoes and you can tell his rank. The Mandarin affects boots greatly, and there is a curious custom in connection with them. When he gives up office as governor of a district of province, the heads of the various deartments wait upon him and request his boots, which are placed in the temple. They at the same time make him a present of considerable sums of money.

The ordinary shoe has a sole of felt with an upper of cotton. A single plece of leather is sewed on under the felt which is about an inch thick. The sides of the sole are painted white, Great numbers of these are imported into this country and sell at \$1.50; they may be bought in China for about ninetr cents. A Chicago gentleman, who was for years a resident in China. informs the writer that he found these extremely comfortable for moving about his house and garden.

The upper classes go in for embroidery on their shoes and slippers on an extensive and artistic scale, but I could not learn of any article which would cost more than four dollars. The effect of the embroidery is mostly very pleasing. It is slwavs what may be called surface decoration. The genera guiding forms are first considered, and these are decorated. The flowers are not natural flowers. We do not see, as in our work, a highly wrought imitation of a natural flower with its light and shade struggling to stand out from the surface on which it is placed, but a conventional representation sufficiently near to suggest an image to the mind. Men's dress boots or shoes are of velvet or satin with the universal white soles.

Chinese ladies, like those of other ands, pride themselves on the smallness of their feet, but in no other part of the world is so unnatural a method employed to secure the desired end. All the Chinese, who can afford that of the propeling stroke rapid by comparison female infant to be broken, and the toes to be bent beneath the palm of of lifting force, in addition to the aged and not allowed to grow. The result is a miraculously small foot a large unwieldy ankle and no calf. The pain of the alteration in the direction of the bone frequently kill the sufferer. Yet mothers take a pride in submitting their children to this Scenes and Incidents in the Early Days of dreadfol ordeal. When these grow up they have a limping gait, and there ing camps there were some very stirare frequent falls, often resulting in ring scenes and adventures, and the serious injury and broken bones. This tenderfeet were broken in without barbarous custom is practiced not only much ceremony sometimes. I rem-mamong fine ladies, who can ride in her visiting a certain camp when i sedan chairs, but among the poorer was quite new, and saving a man's life classes, who have to toll all day in the the very first night. He was in the fields .- Shoe and Leather Review.

LEARNING TO SWIM.

They seemed to agree with me and Should Be Acquired by Everybedy. Learning to swim requires intellect-

nal as well as physical effort; the form-

all fear taken away, and then the rest water, clear water if it can be found, said:

about waist deep, so that he knows that to hold the breath and submerge the and fixed upon the point selected. In leved from fear, he will instinctively ng to swim.

Some instruction in making the side by side between the palms of the hands and level with their upper escheat to the State of Tennesseeodge; with the hands in this position. most I kely to the latter." the arms should be extended to their the extended arms and "dishing" hands rapidly around until they touch interests in the matter. the sides, when they should again be should be to imitate it in the move-

FINE POINT IN LAW.

Can a State Be the Owner of Real Property in Another State

During February of the present year a preminent Chattanoogan wanted to er is rarely used, and the consequence secure the property on Georgia avenue is that it sometimes takes months, and | and Tenth street belonging to the State often years, to learn. The great of Georgia, and, desiring to deal direct trouble in learning is the nervousness, with the Executive head of the State, that every one feels at first about get- dispatched one of our leading atting the head under water, and all ef- torneys to Atlanta to negotiate for forts are used in keeping the head out. the purchase with Governor Gordon. The experience of the writer in teach- The lawrer waited upon the Governor ing boys to swim has convinced him in the Executive office of the capitol that this is wrong. A good swimmer and forthwith stated the object of his should be able to swim under water as errand. Governor Gordon, cautions well as at the surface, and the first in all things, claimed he could not in advance of \$350,000 beyond the prestep in learning should be to get ac- enter into a trade without first receivinstomed to having the head under ing an order from the Logislature for water. The learner should at first have the sale of the property. This brought about a discussion regarding the title is easy. The writer has taught quite the State of Georgia had to the propera number of boys to swim, and in tr, and in the conversation an idea many cases they have learned at the dawned upon the mind of the Chatvery first time trying. His method is tanoogan which he straightway gave as follows: Take the learner into the to the Governor in a "brief' style. He

"The right of way of the Western he can recover his footing at any time & Atlantic road, including the Union. he chooses. The first effort should be station grounds of elegen acres, was conveyed by various parties to the face, keeping the eyes open, or better State of Georgis. The territorial limstill, if he can do it at first, submerge its of this State were fixed when it was the whole head. This should be prac- admitted into the Union, and for it to ticed until no difficulty is experienced he able to acquire a title to any real in keeping the eyes open, and exclud- estate beyond the limits as fixed would ing the water from the mouth and he to permit it to change its boundary nose, and until all nervousness is gone. | lines ad libitum, which it can not do There need he no fear of injury to the under the Constitution of the United eves or ears. Then the learner should states without the consent of the legselect an obj ct, say fifteen feet away. | islatures of the two States concerned pluoge boldly under the water, and as well as of Congress. Firther, if make the best of his way to it by swim- the State of G orgin has the title to the ming under water with his eyes open. | land in question, then it has ab-olute dominion and sovereignty over it, almost all cases, his mind being re- powers of police regulation, etc., to the exclusion and wholly independent adopt the methods calculated to accomi- of the State of Tencessee: and if an plsh the end desired, while, on the offense should be committed by any other hand, a nervous effort to keep one on the land in question the offender the head out of water fixes the mind would have to be held amenable non that slone, and the effort is made therefor to the laws of Georgia and not in that direction, rather than in learn- or Tennessee, as there can be but one sovereignty over the same. The question, then naturally arises: stroke, however, should be given. The in whom is the title to the land finger ends should be brought to- vested? It must revert to the original gether at the breast, with the thumbs venders to the State of Georgia, as the S ate can not hold it, else it must

As the attorney concluded his reall length, when the backs of the markable verbal brief, delivered, of hands should be rolled inward. bring. course, in a more concise and foreible ar the thumbs down, until the backs style than the Times is able to quote, f rm the letter V, the thumbs being his distinguished auditor evinced conback to back and the edges of the siderable interest, and ejaculated forefingers touching. The learner is something like: "Well, there is conimportant movement in learning to er along he evinced surprise that Christour Lord." swim, and this is made by sweeping the matter had not before been put in this light by able legal lights who had

The property in question is far from brought to the breast ready for an- being insignificant, representing fully other stroke. There are few readers \$1,000,000, -not a bad stake for Tenwho have not seen the movement of messee to gobble. Upon what is the frog in the water, and the aim known as Georgia land stands the Western & Atlantic station, the new ment of the legs. In the recovering block of buildings recently erected ou stroke the movement should be slow; Ninth street, the triangle at the corner of Tenth street and Georgia avenue. At that time, the United States em-

could the matter ever be inven

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

-Of Edinburgh's 181 churches, 124 are said to be Presbyterian.

-A committee of the Board of Education of New York City has reported in favor of introducing manual training in its schools.

-Among the fifteen young theological students graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary a few days ago were a Hindoo, a negro and several Europeans.

-All the evangelical churches of Europe and America during the past year contributed \$10,371,000, which is ceding year.

-In Italy, for 28,000,000 inhabitants, there are 47,000 schools, one for every 600 people, at a cost of 8jd. per head. The average number of pupils at the schools is 40.

-The Church of England received last year in voluntary offerings, \$8,-960,250 for the building and restoration of churches and parsonages and the endowment of benefices.

-The Gospel of Mark has been a lated in raised characters for the use the blind in China. Portions of the Bilde have already been printed for the dind in 249 languages, using this inrention of Dr. Moon. -N. F. Witness.

-At the annual meeting of the Chiaco Young Men's Christian Association the total membership was reported as 4,809; employment had been secured for 4,464 men and boys: the t tal receipts for the year were \$38,548. -In Greece the Government permits the free distribution of the Seriptures, and protects the comporteurs. The Gospels in the original (old) Greek are used as a reading book in the higher classes of the primary schools. Gospel preaching is yet on a limited scale, owing to the lack of qualitied preachers.

-Rev. E. H. Smith, a Methodist inister who has charge of the Etowah (Ga.) district, is too poor to own a horse, and consequently he has to walk his circuit, over fifteen miles in extent, to meet his appointments. His salary is \$200 a year. The Atlanta Constitution is raising money with which to buy the reverend gentleman a horse.

-On the day of his coronation. George III composed a prayer, which, for brevity and good sense, has rarely seen equaled. It was afterwards found a his desk. It reads thus: "Keep me, O Lord, from silly and unguarded friends, and from secret and designing memies, and give me those things now in position for making the most siderable in that, isn't there?" Furth. That are best for me, through Jesus

A CENTURY'S GROWTH.

Territory Acquired by the United States Since the Louisiana Parchase.

It is a century since the famed "Ordiffance of 1787" was passed by Congress, and the first Territory organized -the Northwest Territory, whose official name was " The Territory Northwest of the Ohio River." The ordinance was passed July 13, 1787.

braced only \$20,680 square miles; Flor-Ida belouged to Spain, and the Missisconsideration, it would affect Union s adion, the Nashville & Chat. slppi river was our Western boundary. tanooga station, the Palace Hotel, and Our first acquisition of territory was the entire tract of land known as the the purchase of Louisiana from France Nashville flats, this property having in 1803. This province embraced not only the present State of Louisiana. Never before has there been any at- but all the vast area from the Missistention called to the validity of sippi on the cast to Oregon and Washfrom any litigation which might arise. Great Britain) and the vast region is an interesting one legally. If the known as Upper California, belonging and is Georgia land it must certainly to Mexico, on the west; and from the be under the jurisdiction of Georgia, Gulf on the south to British America and if such is the case the occupants on the north. To be more precise, it are Georgians. Atlanta can swell her embraced what are now known as State's population by including these Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, the larger part of The Chattanooga lawyer referred to Montana, the larger part of Wyoming, is a leading member of the Chatta- part of Colorado, Nebraska and the nooga bar and the counsel for one of Indian Territory, and was 930,928 Our next acquisition was Florida, in 1820, for which \$5,000,000 was paid. adding 59,720 square miles to the National area. In 1846 the dispute with English women, as a rule, possess in Great Britain about the ownership of Alaska with its 577,390 square miles, most Americans are born.-Harper's \$7,200,000. This is our latest territorwere purchased of Russia in 1867, for ial acquisition. Thus, in 84 years, we have obtained by purchase, treaty and annexation, 2.752.723 square miles of territory, costing \$52,200,000 in eash direct, not considering the cost of war. It is manifest destiny that the extension of the Union shall go on until all North America is under one flag. Canada, Mexico and Central America will eventually be added to the Republic, and our boundaries be limited only by the encompassing oceans and the Isthmus of Panama. - Toledo Blade.

"Beer, sir? Yes, sir," said the man.

But he made no motion to fill my order. He looked toward the end of the room and a burly man in his shirt eleeves came forward.

"What's your name?" he said, gruffly.

"My name," I answered, "is cash. I have found it a good title to travel under in different parts of the world. There's my card," I continued, pointing to the shilling on the table. "I am very thirsty and I want a glass of beer.'

"Oh, you do, do you? Don't you know that no beer's sold in London at this time of night?"

"Well, you seem to be having all you want here."

"Oh, we seem, do we? And you want to make sure, do you? Now, we've had enough of your company. Haven't we, lads?" There was a roar of assent at this and the beer mugs

make any difference to me "What reward?" cried another of the gang-

"The one hundred pounds. You know, of course, that I am Brown, the murderer."

Now, here was a curious phase of human nature. Up to that moment they had been pressing around me, each waiting for the others to strike first. But the moment I mentioned my name they fell back aghast, as if it would have been contamination to touch me. And yet they were themselves going to make a brutal assault that for all they knew would end in murder. Brown was not the name of the murderer that all London was searching for at that time, but that name will serve. He had been a week in hiding, with the toils him. He had been seen in every quarter of the metropolis, and many a man over his glass of beer had told how he hal passed him, or spoke to him, or thought he had. My three ruffians consulted together for a moment. The startling announcement I had made had sobored them. The erime I had been guilty of had been one of particular atrocity. I could

see that the three had half a mind to "cut for it" themselves. "Will you go quietly with us to the station?"' said the foremost ruffian. "Certainly. Two of you can take

my arm and the other follow with his stick. I couldn't get away if I tried." They declined to touch me, but one walked on each side while the third

.

"This is Brown, the murderer," said the foremost ruffian to the sleepy inspector at the station, which we reached after a long walk.

"What !!! cried that functionary. as he sprang up, wide awake. The two policemen who were sitting in on a side bench jumped to their feet. I slipped off my overcoat and stood in the dingy station in all the dazzling glory of full evening dress. The ruffians rubbed their eyes as if a transformation scene had taken place. Of course a man may be a murderer in a dress suit, but that is not the popular conception of him.

The policemen looked at me and hegan to laugh.

"There's the picture of Brown," said he inspector, pointing to the wall.

I am not handsome, but I did not in the least resemble Brown.

"Now," I said to my three roffians, "I am ever so much obliged for your escort. I feel safer here than I did in frequently are, by the parents of many rattled on the deal tables. The bury that blind street. If you have no other poor children to whom they are given man strede to the door and opened it charge against me than the trivial one by charitable people.

... Took the Chances and Lost.

The occupant of the office on Larned street went out the other afternoon, marily tried for having shot a man. I leaving a boy in charge, and pretty soon a stranger called and asked:

"Is Mr. Blank in?" "No, sir." "Be in soon?" "I-I don't know."

"Gone out of town?"

personally?"

"Yes. How long has he been out?" had shot a man. As he could say "Quite a spell. Can't you come in | nothing in his own behalf, I spoke for to-morrow?"

"No: must see him to-day."

The boy got up and walked around the accused was soundly sleeping. for two or three minutes, breathing Just then a stranger appeared and anas if considerably excited, and then observed:

for Mister Blank he ought to know it; we were treated to a little "fun." A if you've got a bill he won't pay it, tin can was tied to an unwelcome visi-I'll take the chances and ask what lor's coat-tail, and he was told to you want to see him for?"

"Humph! I took the chances and road the can dangling behind him lost. He won't be home for a week." | was a mark for all the rest of the boys -Detroit Free Press.

-- The sun-spot expounder of the Rochester Democrat and Chronisle, We thought it was funny, and so did who has, during the past two years. been remarkably successful in his predictions as to the weather, based on the violence of solar activity, or rather upon the prevalence of spots upon the sun which produce electrical storms, states that these disturbances are decreasing slowly to the munimum, and when that is reached there will be a gradual increase of electrical storms for two or three years.

been introduced with some success in London. They are so cheap that they explain why she had no further use for can not be pawned, as leather shoes

buoyaner of the body, is required to hold the head entirely out of the water .- O. Guthrie, in Chicago Berald.

---STIRRING ADVENTURES.

Colorado's Mining Boom. In the earlier days of Colorado min bed next to mine in the tent, and about midnight an order came for him to get up, as he was wanted. He was asked to lose no time, as he was to be sumjumped up and declared that the man was innocent, but I was shown the muzzle of a 42-caliber and told to lie down. However, as there was no help for it, I said I would accompany the accused, who was nearly frightened out of his wits. We went down to one

"I dunno. You want to see him who was styled "the Justice," and the complaint was lodged that the prisoner him, and stated that at the time the shooting was said to have occurred nonneed that he did the shooting, and proved that it was in self-defense, and "Sav, mister, if you've got a case the matter was all settled. Next day "git." He lost no time in striking a "To collect a debt of seven dollars." 2:40 gais, and as he flow down the in "take a crack at." More than one of them hit the can, too, and I am not the poor vicilm-perhaps.-G. Trumbull, in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

been sold by Georgia.

Georgia's title, and the question, aside ington (which then were claimed by residents in the next census.

the largest corporations in the coun- square miles in extent, or more than try. He is confident his view is the 100,000 square miles larger than the correct one, and claims that the courts original domain of the country. For will sustain him in his opinion .- this we paid \$15,000,000 to France. Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times.

To Preserve the Complexion.

youth and keep till age the finest con- Oregon-embracing what is now the plexions. Their climate is kind to State of Oregon and Washington Terthem. Its perpetual moisture seems ritory was settled by treaty in our fato keep them in perpetual bloom, as it vor, and 22,425 square miles more bedoes their wonderful roses. But be- came ours. sides their climate, their customs fa-sor them. English girls are kept in the Union by annexation. The indethe nursery or the school-room, free pendence of Texas, had, however, from the excitement of late hours, rich never been acknowledged by Mexico, food, adult society, fashionable dress and by this annexation we also anor habits, till their constitutions are nexed the Mexican war. By the treaty established and their physiques devel- of Guadaloupe Hidalgo, which ended oped. The simple food, daily bath, the war, Mexico relinquished her hours spent out of doors, on foot or on claim to Texas, and we paid her \$15,hours spear out uneventful life, give 000,000 for Upper California-embracthem sound stomachs, hearty livers ing California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and tranquil nerves, and the beautiful New Mexico and the western portion coloring is a matter of course. It can of Colorado. In 1853, the "Gadsden not be said too strongly that health is the only safe renovator of the com-filla river, now part of Arizona and plexion. Cleanliness is the one uni- New Mexico-was bought of Mexico versal cosmetic. And if the women of for \$10,000,000. By the annexation this generation have lost their fresh- of Texas and these two purchases, ness through carelessness or igno- 934,260 square miles of territory were rance, or spite of climate, they can at brought under the stars and stripes. least rear their daughters to preserve that inheritance of beauty, to which

-The Vacaville (Cal.) Reporter says: On Mrs. E P. Buckingham's ranch, Lagoon valley, is a monster fig tree around which staging thirty feet high has been erected, so as to gather the fruit the yield from which is often a ton. The tree is about twenty-four years old, and we presume was planted by Demetria Pena. Five feet from the ground it measures 115 inches in circumference.

-A young woman appeared at the post-office a day or two since, and passing a letter over to a clerk asked how much it would cost to send it to its destination. The letter was weighed and the price announced. The young woman sighed heavily as she re--Wooden shoes for children have I don't want it now, and he shall have marked: "Well, it's his picture, and t if it costs me 25 cents." She didn't

> -----Talk about women being flighty! Look at bank cashiers.

t. - Taunton Gazette.
