

A SEASIDE FLIRTATION.

With sorrow in her eyes of blue,
With trembling hands she slowly penned it—
The little parting billet doux.

TOM HEMPER'S ESCAPE.

The wonderful providence that saved
old Tom Hemper from the vengeance of
the Comanche Indians fifteen or sixteen
years ago has been discussed in many a

The Canadian runs alongside of a moun-
tain range for several hundred miles,
and this range is broken with many small
valleys and creeks. Tom went to the east as

He is an old hunter, and we shall have
a good time burning him. He is probably
the leader of the party below."

"We went out after a deer and captured
a white man," laughed the one addressed.
"Keep your eyes on him, for he is evi-

The prisoner was conducted about three
miles up the river and a mile to the east,
at which point a Comanche village was

Tom was shoved into a lodge and three
warriors placed on guard over him. While
they evidently feared him, they at the

"Seeing there was no chance of escape
just then," said Old Tom, "I made up my
mind there was no use fretting over the

It was 9 o'clock next morning before
the big chief and his staff arrived, and an
hour later the prisoner was brought out.

back, making signs as they came. Tom
was hurried back to the lodge, the village
was all excitement, and in five minutes

"There was no possible show for me to
make a break," said the old man. "I was

The chief was no doubt prepared to
hear of this. He had been in the saddle
for six or seven hours, laboring under a

"Now if you will be so kind as to
stand back a moment," said the old man.

He was held to the same stake, and the
facts heaped around him, but just as they
were being lighted he broke out in

Splendid Shooting in Austria.
From a recent statistical report issued
by the minister of agriculture, Austria

The El Dorado for hunters, however, is
Dalmatia, where the chase is open to all,
and no claims for damages, caused by

Mysteries of Astrology.
Now that Heron Allen and palmistry
are no longer mysteries, society is seeking
for a new "fad."

To Promote Patriotism.
We have for years advocated the play-
ing of a national air, "Hail Columbia" or

MIDNIGHT ON THE DOCKS.

SHADOWS COME AND VANISH LIKE
GHOSTS IN THE DARKNESS.

The Lonely Life of Dock Watchmen and
the Queer Ways of the Remarkable
Characters Who Frequent the Docks
After Dark.

A sharp nor'wester had driven the watch-
men of the North river docks to their stoves
and shelter, while a pale moon illuminated

As the reporter withdrew the watchman
held his lantern high up in the air and peered
around at the mass of timber and rubbish,

"Are you all alone on board?" He replied
with a slow nod of the head.

"Now, dad's gone ashore," he answered
slowly. Just then the head of a woman ap-
peared beside the boy and a whispered con-

"I like to be interrupted," said Ella
Wheeler Wilcox, "and that is one reason
why I like New York; there is no other place

"I believe I write best with people about
me in the room. Of course, I shouldn't wis-

"And you don't find the threat of your
thoughts broken or confused?"

"If I stop half a dozen times I know that
the lines will run just as smoothly in the end

The Immortal Texan.
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by his first unfortunate venture as to render

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second and real wife, the following incident
was related to the writer of this by an old

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ter carrier walks along, apparently with ease,

Mississippi's Agricultural College.
The farm of the Mississippi Agricultural
college not only pays expenses, but is a

CHINESE MONEY LENDING SYSTEM.

The Plan of a "Wo-ey"—Shares and
Shareholders—Heavy Premiums.

The Chinese have a way of borrowing and
lending money under a system that they call
a Wo-ey, that allows its members to borrow

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A GOOD COLLECTOR.

HOW DON M. DICKINSON MADE A
FIRM COME TO TIME.

A Good Story Told by a Western Con-
gressman—Getting One Hundred Cents
on the Dollar Out of a Bad Case of
Bankruptcy—Found Out.

A western congressman tells the following
about Mr. Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan,
the postmaster general.

"Yes, I know Dickinson, of Michigan, very
well. I have been in some railroad cases
with him. He is chain lightning, Dickinson

"Among other creditors was a New England
shoe manufacturer for a large sum. This
firm quietly retained Dickinson as their

"Just how he was going to get the money
out of the insolvent customer he did not

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DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Sarah Orne Jewett has come into a snug
little fortune by the recent death of an uncle.

The late Mrs. Boucicault's property in
Paris is estimated to be worth \$12,000,000.
She left \$2,000,000 for the founding of a hos-

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, who is in
Florence, Italy, for the winter, has received
\$8,000 for her story "Sara Creve" from an

Mrs. Cleveland has been doing a good deal
of Christmas shopping of late. It is said
that she has spent much time in examining

Mrs. Scott Siddons, years ago, being
warned that she was losing her "stage
figure," discarded corsets and grew more

Sarah Bernhardt sent her photograph to
Mrs. Bernard-Barre, the English actress, in-
scribed with the words: "The Princess

Graw Matthews, daughter of Justice Stan-
ley Matthews, will spend the winter at
Princeton, N. J., keeping house for her

Margaret W. Leighton writes to The Swiss
Cross that her favorite pet is a lovely little
grass snake of a milky green color, which is

Julia Marlowe will soon start out on a tour
of the principal cities.

Clara Morris has decided to cease playing
for three weeks, beginning Dec. 19.

It is reported that Geraldine Ulmer will
shortly become Mrs. Sir Arthur Sullivan.

Kate Forsyth, having returned east, will
sail for Europe immediately after the holi-
days.

Lester Wallace has rheumatism so badly
that he has given up the idea of starring this
season.

Helen Bancroft intends to go abroad in the
spring. She will rest for the remainder of
the season.

Fanny Davenport will suspend her tour
for four weeks before opening the new Broad-
way theatre, New York, Feb. 27, with Sar-

Dion Boucicault and Theodore Moss are at
Logansport over a canceled date of the for-
mer at the Star theatre, New York city. Mr.

Modjeska will go to Poland next season.
She may act there and in Germany and
Russia. She will be seen for one week in

Jennie Yeamans is a native of Sidney, N.
S. W., and has been on the stage since in-
fancy. Four of her songs in "Our Jennie"

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PLAYS AND ACTORS.

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signed to a minor role in a play, that it must

seem odd for him not to play the leading

part. "But I have the leading part," said he.

"How is that? Are you not cast for the

character?" "Certainly. That is the

leading part. Whatever part I take is al-

ways the leading part."

STRAY BITS.

A Hartford coin collector has a cent piece

The Detroit Journal says that there are

"their souls would rattle around in a flea's

ear like a pea in a bass drum."

A year ago Miss Clara Moore, of Cincin-

nati, went to visit friends in Los Angeles,

Cal. She had a few hundred dollars with

her, which she invested in southern Califor-

nian lands, and in the boom that followed she

sold out her property at a net gain of

\$125,000.

One of the cheapest and best modes of

destroying insects in pot plants is to invert

the pot and dip the plants for a few seconds

in water warmed to 130 degs. A German

paper, referring to this plan, says that the

insects will stand 125 degs. without injury.

Usually heat the water pretty well, and pour

in cool until 130 degs. is reached.

One of the peculiarities of the natives of

South Africa is their aversion to the use of

water for external purposes during dry

weather, especially when they are in perspi-

ration. They avoid bathing except during

heavy rains, when they take advantage of

the opportunity for purposes of bodily clean-

liness. Their reasons for so doing are that

requent ablutions debilitate the system and

render it incapable of withstanding the local

climate and that very frequently baths are

followed by malarial fever or cutaneous

eruptions over the joints.

FURS FOR WINTER.

Fur trimmed costumes are in favor.

Muffs are larger and bolder is a favorite

trimming fur.

Black lynx is a good fur to trim a long seal

garment with.

Silver fox is a beautiful but very delicate

fur. It is always costly.

The long seal sacque, 42 or 48 inches in

length, never goes out of fashion.

Cross fur furs are very becoming, the

brown bars or crossings on the yellow having

a fine effect.

The new seal sacques and palatots are

beautifully curved in the back seam to fit

over the bustle.

The trimmed fur border for a black plush

wrap trimmed with fine cut jet is black fox,

but it is not cheap.

Stoles and coats of bear or wolverine fur,

with muffs to match, are affected by young

ladies who dress in English styles.

The seal set of bon and muff is a very popu-

lar purchase for a Christmas gift, but a hat,

turban, or bonnet ought always to be added.

The long seal wraps of this season are un-

usually elegant, especially when trimmed,

as many are, with Russian sable, untrimmed

otter, or the finest grades of lynx.