

DANCING IN THE BARN

Along the sky sweep the stars are still;
Across the grass the moonbeams fall;
Upon the night strikes sweet the trill
Of nightingale and whippoorwill.

PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

The latest freak for wealthy patients
and scientific explorations.
The latest professional fad in this city
is the private hospital idea, which
threatens to become a craze.

INTREPID EXPLORERS.

Astonishing Results Accomplished by Persons
Traveling Alone.
The frequent disappearance and
lengthened absence of such explorers
as Livingstone and Stanley leads an
anxious public to question the wisdom
of a man's plunging into the heart of
Africa without a companion.

ROOM AT THE TOP.

The Kind of Young Men Who Are Bound
to Succeed in Life.
The principles of business that can
be taught are not many; those that can
be learned are almost without end.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

During the last four years 450,000
persons have been added to the M. E.
church in America. This has made
an increase, after making deductions
on account of death and other causes,
from 1,769,534 to 2,093,935.

GROWTH OF CITIES.

An Indication of the Present Population
of Leading American Municipalities.
Presidential elections always call out
a full vote, and the vote cast in the
leading cities of the country recently
can be taken as an indication of the
relative growth of these cities.

THE FUTURE VILLAGE.

A Combination of Industrial with Agricultural
Enterprise.
Agriculture is so much in need of
aid from those who inhabit the cities,
that every summer thousands of men
leave their slums in the towns and go
to the country for the season of crops.

EXPLOSIVE COAL DUST.

Suggestions in Explanation of Numerous
Colliery Disasters.
Prof. Arnold Lupton, in a lecture
delivered under the auspices of the coal
mining department of Yorkshire Colliery,
at Leeds, England, said that in the
case of colliery explosions it had
been taken for granted that fire-damp
or marsh gas was the cause, and the
eyes of inquiry had been closed to
every other cause.

PRaise YOUR WIFE.

A Woman Tells How Her Husband
Can Make Himself Agreeable.
Praise your wife, man! For pity's
sake give her a little encouragement—
it won't hurt her. She has made your
home comfortable, your hearth bright,
your food agreeable.

A FIGHTING MUSKRAT.

How the Little Brute Attacked a Hunter
Who Pursued It.
A number of years ago, while I was
hunting muskrats in a marsh on Long
Island Sound, there being several feet
of snow on the ground, I chanced to
get myself in between one of these
animals and his burrow, which hap-
pened to be the only means, beyond his
running away from me, that presented
itself for his escape.

REMARKABLE INVENTION.

An Ingenious Machine Which Does Away
with Movable Types.
There is an exhibition in New York
an invention which proposes to do
away with movable types in printing.
There is but one type for each letter,
figure or punctuation mark, and all
are cut on one cylindrical metallic
shell. The mechanism is operated by
a system of keys similar to that em-
ployed in ordinary writing machines.

GENUINE FORESIGHT.

How a Smart Young Man Won a Cool
Twenty Thousand.
"Talking about horse races," said
Tompkins, regardless of the fact that
nothing had been said about horses
for two hours, "I think I have had as
strange an experience in that line as
any body. It was in 1873, and I was
out in a town in Idaho. The boys
were getting up a race for the Fourth
of July, and among the entries was
Sandy Smith's Arrow and Jim Black's
horse Harry B. Harry was something
of a curiosity in his way—a white
race-horse. You don't often see them.

THE OHIO SERPENT MOUND.

The famous Serpent Mound, in
Adams County, O., where the Peabody
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THE DRY-GOODS STORE.

A lady and her little daughter were
shopping. The child sat on a counter-
stool and watched the people coming
and going. Presently she saw a lady
elegantly dressed, who stopped at their
counter and handed a waterproof and
umbrella to the young girl in charge.

DON'T BE TOO SHOWY.

Don't put your initials or your name
on every thing you possess, so that
people who pick up a fork or look at a
pillow sham will read "John Brown,
my property." It's all right to mark
things of use in some such a way, but
not things of beauty, and if you must
so mark them make the letters small and
put them on the back of the object, not
the front.

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