		and the second	and the second		
~ .	THE LAST DANCE.	DRIVEN BY A MANIAC.	A Busy Man and an Errand.	HE KNEW MANY BIG MEN	Health and Correct Carriage.
The Oregon Scout.		Durven DI A MANIAO.	A man with a rather vacant look and a	HE KNEW MANT DIO MEN	Throwing back the shoulders seems
and availed of second		and the second s	hurried air, evidently a dweller in the ub-		to me to impart a conceited as well as
and the second	Be-Well, how many conquests? I fancy a score By the flush on your cheeks and your shoul-	FEARFUL RIDE IN A COACH DOWN A	urbs, with many small errands on his i mind beside his regular business affairs,	INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF JAKE	an arrogant look to those who are un-
	ders.	STEEP MOUNTAIN ROAD.	rushed into a dry goods store the other day	SUMMERDYKE, SPORT.	fortunate enough to be addicted to this
B. CHANGEY, Publisher, Union, Or.	Bhe- A bore! He-Oh, nonsense; a debutante just out of school		and said to the clerk: "I want a small door-		faulty carriage. Lift the head up and
B. CHANDET, FUDILITIET, CHICH, OT.	Who can rule with a smile what a king	A Crazy Passenger Takes the Lines and	plate."	Commodore Vanderbilt Liked Him and	draw it back. Do not for a moment
	could not rule.	Compels the Driver to Get Inside the	"Don't keep them," replied the clerk.	Presented Him a Suit of Clothes Once.	imagine that nature teaches us the best
	From young Harry, her prince, to myself, her poor fool:	Vehicle-Plunging Down a Narrow Path	"Don't keep doorplates?" "No, sir."	He Wore the Suit to His Grave-A Man	way to use our body any more than she
THE SLEEPING FLOWERS.	Come, tell me, did Harry propose?	Behind Frenzied Animals.	"This is a dry goods store, isn't it?"	Who Never Feared a Gang of Toughs.	teaches a child how to read and write.
THE SLEEPING FLOWERS.	She- What a goose You would think me to tell you, and then of	My father's death followed close on the	"Yes, sir."		She gives, or rather supplies, the raw
"Whose are the little beds," I asked,	what use	heels of his failure in business, leaving me,	"And you have a carpet department, eh?"	The measure of a man's fame frequently	material; necessity and inclination sup-
"Which in the valleys lie?" Some shook their heads, and others smiled	Could it be:	his son and only surviving member of his	"Yes, sir." "And sell rugs and that sort of thing!"	is taken from the sum total of the years during which he cas played his role among	ply the rest. The accomplishment of
And no one made reply.	He-Well, it nfight give me hope where before There was none-quite a boon from the lips	family, without a penny. I left college,	HVon sie !!	his fellows. In this respect Jacob Sum-	our desires forces through necessity the
Perhaps they did not hear, I said,	you adore	but wholly unfitted for any work. I found	"And yet you don't keen doornlates?"	merdyke, among the sporting fraternity at	way and methods, and these combined
I will inquire again.	When you're hungry for love	myself on the verge of starvation, so I left Philadelphia and started west, turning up	NO. SIC	least, fairly is entitled to posthumous hon-	develop the reasoning faculties, with-
"Whose are the beds-the tiny beds	She (coqueting)-Or who knows but it might	finally in Virginia City. I was pretty des-	Wen, my mivide to you and your cut	ors, for more than half a century has been added to the calendar since Jake Summer-	out which no one can ever hope to be-
So thick upon the plain?"	of light	perate by this time, and glad enough to	ployers, young man," said the suburban dweller, as he walked out in disgust, "is		come either physically or mentally per-
"Tis daisy in the shortest;	As the clouds blot the moon on a storm	accept an offer made me to drive the stage	to lay in some sort of a complete stock, or	ing men of this locality, and when the old	fect, for I am firmly convinced that it
A little further on- Nearest the door, to wake the first-	troubled night. But tell me. She—He did.	to Sacramento. It was not a long drive	retire from the business."	time pool seller and trotting horse man was	takes just as much mental effort to be-
Little leontodon.	He-And your answer was? She-No.	nor an unpleasant one, though in parts rather dangerous, or, at least requiring		buried in Cypress Hill cemetery, only a	come physically perfect as it does to
"Tis iris, sir, and aster,	He-You mean it, or are you coqueting yet? She-Oh:	careful driving and steady horses.	asked again for a doorplate. "You'll find them at the hardware store,"	corporal's guard of his early associates were on this side to see the last of their lifelong	master any science.
Anemone and bell;	I just told him I cared for another-he smiled.	I had made several trips very success-	said the clerk. "We don't keep them."	friend.	It needs a mental effort to conserve
Batschia in the blanket red, And chubby daffodil."	It was merely to him so much pleasure be-	fully, when one morning I left Virginia	"I never saw them at hardware stores in	Jake was born in Mott street in August,	energy, but only an automatic one to
	From a girl. Charge it up profit?-loss?-	City with a single passenger. This was a man of slight, delicate build, rather under-	all my life," said the puzzled shopper.	1809. His boyhood was as short as his edu-	expend it; and as those who labor
Meanwhile, at many cradles, She rocked and gently smiled,	tell me which?	sized, too, dressed in heavy clothes, which	"Can't help that, sir." replied the clerk.	cation was limited, for between his ninth	physically are often looked upon as be-
Humming the quaintest luliaby	He will think I am pretty, they say, but not	struck me at once as peculiar, for the day	So he tried a hardware store in this way, "You don't keep doorplates here, do you?"	and tenth year he was apprenticed to a hatter in the Bowery. This same Bowery	low the intellectual standard of scien-
That ever soothed a child.	He would love me, perhaps, for a season or	was a lovely June one.	"Certainly we do," said the clerk. "What		tific people or those who mentally la-
"Hush! Epigea wakens!	two,	Another thing impressed me disagree-	size do you want? Brass or silver?" and	tinued to be his favorite haunt until some	bor, I believe in the future those will
The crocus stirs her hood-	So I told him that I loved another. He- And who?	ably in my passenger-his eyes were a bright, unnatural blue, with a something		fifteen or twenty years ago, when he shifted	be looked upon as physically deficient
Rhodora's check is crimson, She's dreaming of the wood."	She (archiy)-Really, must I tell you?	in their furtive glance that spoke ill for	out one of each kind for inspection.	up town.	in a mental sense who are either obese
	He- No-your finger-yes, this	his conscience or his wits, though I did not	"What sort of a door mat is that, sir?" thundered the annoyed customer. "Why	The trade of a hatter not being congenial to Jake he was bound apprentice to Daniel	or emaciated, and consequently weak
"Their baltime 'tis," she said:	A solitaire-done! and now quickly- She (feigning reluctance)- One!	think of the latter then. It was a very	don't you pay a little more attention to	Spader, a butcher of Washington market,	and frequently stupid.
"The bumblebees will wake them	He (ecstatically) Kisa.	nnusual thing for the stage to carry so light a load, and I found myself lingering	your business?"	in return for board and clothes. After he	If such imagine that by the use of
When budding woods are red." -Emily Dickinson in St. Nicholas.	-Tom Hall in Life.	a few minutes behind time to see if more	You said doorplate, said bre clerk.	had served his seven years Jake opened	inanimate objects or other expedients
	All Turned Around.	were not coming, for I had a vague dislike,	"Did I? Did I say doorplate? Are you sure?"	business on his own account in a small shop at the corner of Canal street and	they can restore themselves to their
Robbed the Chief of Police.	A Lowell young woman went to a church	which must have been a presentiment,	"Certainly, that's what you said."	Broadway, which at that time was about	normal condition-i. e., by unduly ex-
Many and marvelous are the escapes	of which she is not a regular attendant,	against setting off alone with my queer	. "Say, young man, have you got a fool	as far north as Broadway extended.	panding energy to gain strength-they
that have been effected by noted criminals when in the hands of the law. Not many	and this portectly should have a point should	There was nothing for it, though, but to	killer about the store? Because if you have,	HE OUGHT TO HAVE HAD IT.	are surely mistaken. I maintain that defective carriage causes their condi-
have had the nerve to run directly into its	after a man made his appearance and im- mediately glared upon the visitor as if she	go, so I started, hoping still to pick up	I can give him a job? Here I've been blun- dering all the morning into dry goods and	A story is told of Jake while he kept the butcher's shop which, although doubted	tion ninety-nine times out of a hundred.
and, like a famous French thief. The		others on the road. I did not, however,	carpet stores, asking for a door plate, when	by some of his friends, is too good to let	tion ninety-nine times out of a nundred,
ientenant of police had offered a reward of	himself with the air of a proprietor and	and gradually I lost my depression, though	I wanted a door mat all the time. I'll go		The organs are not able to follow out their natural functions; they are part-
00 pistoles to any man who would bring	continued to stare at the fair stranger in	it was a lonely ride without any one to speak to, for, unlike most people who	out and hire somebody to kick me!"-New	ly account at the shop, and the regular	their initiatian initiations, they are part- ly compressed and shifted out of their
his thief before him. Shortly a noble narquis in a coach and six drove up to the		patronized the line, the man showed no	York Tribune.	joint sent to him for Wednesday was a shoulder of mutton. One Monday morn-	proper place by the very positions
otel of the police; and the noble marquis,		disposition to talk to or question the		ing Jake was making out the doctor's bill,	which are assumed by those who are
esiring to see M, de la Reynie on matters	she did in the following terms:	driver, so after one or two attempts to	There is the well worn and now almost	ns usual, when his boy said:	physically imperfect in a mental sense.
f the highest moment alone, the latter	Excuse me, and are no for boother	draw him out I let my gentleman alone. A LUNATIC WITH A REVOLVER.	worn out tradition that Chinese female	"Doctor didn't have no shoulder Wednes-	-Edwin Cleckley in Lippincott's.
atroduced him into his private cabinet. When there the marquis drew from his		After awhile, however, he began to com-	babies have their feet tortured by tight	day, Mr. Summerdyke. They said they	-Buwin clicency in implaneouru
ocket a long, curiously shaped dagger.		plain aloud, though to himself, at my man-	bandaging to make and keep them small.	had some poultry sent 'em from the coun-	Producer Gas.
Look at this, M. de la Reynie," said be,		agement of the horses, but I took no notice	and a second and a second to be broader barrely description theme	"Never mind," said Jake, "T'll put it	In a paper read by Mr. Goetz before
this dagger is poisoned."	the more effective way to take the aggres-	of his growling. We had by that time	like really tight lacing in England-and	down; he ought to have had it."	
"Is it possible?" said M. de la Reynie.	sive. Overwhelm your adversary with fact	reached the mountains and entered on a narrow strip of road running along the	even there it is now gradually becoming	It is only fair to Jake to say that while	the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers, on the nature and efficiency
"A prick of it would do for any man," aid the marguis.	upon fact and argument upon argument	brow of a canyon, at the bottom of which	obsolete. But among the sweltering mil-	he was always shrewd, he was never known	
"You don't say so!" said M. de la Reynie.	without giving him time to meet each one in detail."	gleamed a tiny thread of silver, which I	lions of China there is a practice which seems to have a curious result. The moth-	to wilfully take advantage of any one. Somewhere in the early forties Jake left	of producer gas, the position was taken that, though such gas is undoubtedly
"I do, though, and what is more," says	"But suppose he takes the aggressive	knew to be the river.	er carries her infant in a kind of bag or		that, though such gas is undonotedly the cheapest fuel gas that can be made
he marquis in a terrible voice, "if you do	and overwheims me with fact upon fact	It was a sheer descent of 700 feet, and I usually checked the horses at this part of	nannier on her back and not-as in other	sional sport, selling auction pools at trot-	-answering all purposes where the air
ot instantly lay yourself flat on the round, with your face toward it and your	and argument upon argument," suggested	the journey. I had done this, when my	countries where the dorsal carriage is af-	ting meetings and dealing in horses.	
ands crossed over your back, or if you	the learner. "What then?"	passenger stuck his head out of the win-	fected-with the face turned outward, but	Then he went into the public house busi-	necessary for its combusion can be
ake the slightest noise or cry, I will stick		dow and demanded if I meant to keep up	-as, probably, we ought to expect in China, where everything seems to go and		heated by the offgoing hy o no the fur nace-tests have never plain-
is poisoned dagger between your ribs as	tion."-Chicago Tribune.	that funeral pace, but did not give me time	come by the rule of contraries—with the	in those days, standing on what is now the	that mechanic may much sum of
ure as my name is Cartouche!"	the second secon	to answer, and thrust out his hand with a revolver clasped in it.	fuce turned inward	northwest corner of Eighty-Jourth street	that producer gas encour cent nitrogen to permit its di togeth
At the sound of the dreadful name of the hief he had advertised for M. de is Rey-	Financiering.	"Get off that scat!" he yelled. "I will	The result of that is that the heav's nose	and Third avenue. At that time Third	
ie sunk incontinently down on his ston-	Mrs. Slimpurse-Well, Johnny, what did	drive!"	is of peressity pressed against its mother's	avenue from just above Twenty-third street to the Harlem canal was the great	community, since, in coments, the presence of this constraint. it.
	the liveryman say he would charge me for	I saw ha would not hopitate to shoot me	Dates, whether, and doning, say the reached in	the second	2 Martin and Antonia and Antoni Antonia antonia ant

nie sunk incontinently down on his stomthe liveryman say he would charge me for ach and submitted to be carefully gagged the carriage? and corded, after which Mr. Thief laid Johnny-Two dollars for the first hour hands upon all the money which was kept and \$1 for each additional hour. in the lieutenant's cabinet.-New York Evening Sun.

How He Wanted His Steak. The waiter came back to the table for the third time. 'Will you have your steak plain, sir?" he

asked. "That's what I said ten minutes ago." "Yes, sir. Have it well done?" "That's what I told you."

and some one should give you another, how many would you have? Willie Slimson-One. Teacher-Now, Willie, how do you make

He Knew.

Teacher-If you had a suit of clothes

America.

Mrs. Slimpurse-Run over and engage the carriage for a few additional hours. "Do We will not need it for the first hour .-

This speech and his looks, which were those of a lunatic, and a dangerous one, too, in his excitement, told me the truth, and I can tell you I felt the icy sweat break over me, but I climbed meekly into the coach and watched the madman mount to my seat. I could only hope that he would still retain wits enough to drive slowly, but the first thing he did was to bring the lash down upon the horses with a viciousness that made them start into a frenzied run, and then the maddest, most terrible journey a man ever took began. The stage spun along like a crazy top, the horses galloping wildly, springing every now and then to a cut from the shouting driver's whip, while, absolutely sick with terror, I had not strength to leap into the road, as I made up my mind to do time and again. I would undoubtedly have been killed at the rate at which we were going, and it was the bare shred of hope, which they say never wholly leaves us, that kept me from springing out.

is of necessity pressed against its mother's avenue back, whence, no doubt, say the learned in street to the Harlem canal was the great these matters, has been evolved, in the speedway for gentleman road drivers. course of ages, the peculiarly flattened or blunted nose characteristic of the Chinaman. Furthermore, Chinese girls, even when allowed to live, are little thought of. In the family generally they bear no names; they are known as No. 1 or No. 2, like con- rome avenue. Frank Work first learned victs, and they are no more reckoned members of the family than the cat or the dog. So when a Chinamian is asked what fam- ors at the Hazard. ily he has, he counts only his boys. And a The story about the suit of clothes which

Summerdyke made a little money here and the acquaintance of all the most prominent men of the city. The Old Hazard was a favorite roadhouse then, just as Gabe Case's was at a later period on Jeto drive on Third avenue, and Commodore Vanderbilt was another of the daily visit-

boy is treated with great honor and cere- Commodore Vanderbilt gave Jake for ab-mony by the women. When he is four staining from drink for twelve months was months old he is set for the first time in a not quite as Jake told it himself. Sum-chair, and his mother's mother sends or merdyke was far from being addicted to merdyke was far from being addicted to brings him many presents, notably among rum, and the one sided wager was more as which is sugar candy. The candy is em- a test of Jake's strength of will than as an even when a large accumulation of blematic of the sweet things of life, and it inducement for him to keep sober. At the is stuck to the chair to signify the hope end of the year Mr. Vanderbilt called and

the presence of this comment. its caloritic power is too low and its flame extinguishes so easily as to be dangerous for household use.

A producer has been designed specially for the large production of producer gas, and for making a mixture of that and water gas; and experience shows that the lines to be given to a producer should depend upon the nature of the coal to be gasified, and, having large cleaning and ashpit doors on both sides opposite each other, the producers can

1 saw he would not besitate to shoot me, so I climbed down with alacrity when he advanced toward me, and, threatening me still with the pistol, made me get into the

you know who I am," he said. "Well, I am the devil, going to drive you to hell.'

'Yes, sir. All right, sir. Have it extra | that out? thick ?! Willie-My little brother Bobbie would

'That was my order."

"All right, sir."

Then as the waiter started to go the customer straightened up and called him back.

"You forgot one thing," he said.

"Yes, sir, "I'll also have it served."

"What, sir."

"Oh, that's all right. I know the place. You have good meats here. You have them rare, medium and well done; you have them tender; you have them plain and with trimmings; but it's only about once in three hours that you have them served. and I'm particular to have mine that way. Now go ahead."

He got his order in three minutes .- Chicago Tribune.

The Genius of Hawthorne.

Hawthorne's mastery of the preternatural seems to us the most chacacteristic feature in his genius. He followed no predecessor: he left behind him no successor. He stands so completely alone that the ordinary methods of comparative criticism are baffled. He must be taken as what he is-an original genius. Yet, independent as he is, he cannot be called a distinctively American novelist. He is not a novelist at all. Fancy, imagination, poetic vision, are his gifts. Romance is his domain, Too intent upon penetrating below the surface in both men and things, he represented neither as they passed before his eyes. He looks through, rather than at life.-Edinburgh Review

A National Guard Sentry.

At the state camp a big German was doing sentry duty. The countersign, "Lafayette," was given out. Just after the sounding of "taps" a figure was seen by the German sentry to come out of the darkness and toward the post he was patrolling. Then came the cry, not "Who comes there? Halt?" but "Who ish dot dat comes py mer Sthop!"

"Friend," was the reply

"Come on, friendt, und if you don't say "Lafeet' I von't ledt you pass." The friend passed safely .- New York

Herald.

Wolfskin Rugs.

The Esquimau hunter puts a chunk of fat on a sharpened flint and fastens it to a wooden stake planted in the ground. In licking off the fat the wolf cuts his tongue, and maddened by the taste of the blood continues to lick the sharp stones. Other wolves, attracted by the smell of blood, gather around. In their fury they turn upon one another, and the end of the fight is like the historic tragedy of the Kilkenny cats-there are no survivors. All the hunter has to do is to remove the skins and rebait his savage trap.-Exchange.

One Man's Influence on Immigration.

When you know that Tony, the little Italian bootblack at Polster's, on Broadway, saved \$300 in two years, rented a building on Second avenue, near Twentyninth street, for \$200 a month, and lets it in rooms and bunks to his compatriots for \$360 a month, don't you know that it will be very difficult to arrest the rising tide of Italian immigration?-New York Times.

The commission for the proposed statue of the late Samuel S. Cox has been awarded to Miss Louise Lawson who is at work also upon the design for a large and elaborate ornamental fount ain to be erected in Albany.

have the other.-Harper's Bazar. Art Versus Naturo. ARTINA E TO BATT I 100 UREAUA Tex 1

Enthusiasts (before picture by celebrated

artist)-Beautiful! Exquisite! 10

Small Boy-Hey, dere's a man havin' a fit 'round de corner - Life

A Wonderful Collector.

Seedy Party-Be you the lady, ma'am, wot advertised for a lost dog? Mrs. Blewski-Yes, but that isn't the

Seedy Party-Oh, that's all right, ma'am. he's only one o' my samples. Wot's the reward?-Puck.

shopping.

"Bid you find what you wanted?" "Yes. They had it in seven different places."

"Let me see it." "Oh, I didn't get it."-Harper's Bazar.

Or Rather Hymn.

Edith-Mary, I'm sorry to see you flirt so. You never learned that at Sunday school. Mary-Yes, I did. They taught us to

commence with a little "him."-Light.

Very Fragile. Chappie-How did you get hurt, deah

boy? Cholly-A shadow fell on me.-Munsey's Weekly.

The Conqueror Conquered.

athern archipelagos he fought the bloody cannibal

- He'd skinned and tanned the crocodile and found him very tannable;
- Not a word of fear he'd uttered, not a word and not a syllable.
- When he killed the Bengal tiger, and he found him very killable
- He claimed his strength was very great, for bears and lions suitable
- He used to boot the grizzly bear, and found him very bostable; laimed in killing monstrous snakes that he
- was very capable No boa constrictor could escape, for he was unes-
- capable
- Just then his wife came in and said. "I'd think it quite commendable If you'd come and tend the baby; and you'll find
- him very tendable. way she took him by the car will make this The
- poem reacable: She pulled him out and led him home, and found him very loadable

-Worcenter Gazette.

Part of the time I crouched on the floor, hiding my face in the cushions, but fasci nated by the terrible scene outside, 1 could not refrain from looking out upon it again more or less honest in their operationsand again. On one side rose a wall of rock are aided in their trailic by prowlers and as bare as my hand; on the other, and clippers. Dogs do not generally cost the barely five feet from where 1 looked out. was the canyon and certain death.

The stage swayed fearfully, and every time the whip cut into the horses they would swing it to the very verge of the precipice, when I could look down the wall and see the river's gleam, when I would throw myself against the opposite side of the vehicle. Once the hind wheels literal ly hung over the edge for the thousandth part of a second, though it seemed an eter nity to me, but were jerked onto the road again, just as I felt the stage drag back into the chasm.

I remember screaming like a frightened child, and standing up in the stage laughing horribly when I saw the wheels back in the road. I doubt if the madman on the box was further off his balance than I at that moment. He was standing up, though how he could have retained his footing is a marvel to me, and yelling with delight, occasionally breaking out into a song, varied by bursts of hughter.

THE COACH STOPPED.

We had covered nearly five miles when the road widened several feet, and all at once I saw, as we tore by, the faces of a group of men drawn to one side to let us pass. I shricked to them a wild cry for help, but as our speed was undiminished made up my mind the noise we made had kept them from hearing me, or that it was impossible for them to overtake us, but even as I despaired I heard a hoarse cry, and looking out saw my lunatic's body hurled from his seat into the road, and the next minute felt the horses checked and finally stopped. The door was flung open and a bearded face thrust in, when I threw myself into a pair of strong arms and knew no more

When I came to I heard a voice say: "Give the poor chap 'nother swallow o' the stuff, Jim. He's a comin' to." Some fiery liquor trickled down my throat, and opening my eyes, gasping, I found myself surrounded by a crowd of roughly dressed men, but they to my eyes had the appearance of angels.

They were miners who, judging from the driver's actions, had guessed something of the truth, and hearing my cry for help, had stopped the stage. This was accom plished by two of them catching hold of and climbing up over the boot behind and over the top and thus reaching the seat, from which they knocked the madman and on examination the lunatic was found

to be only stummed, when we bound him securely and took him back to Virginia City, where be was identified as a prosper-ous merchant from Carson City who had lost his mind through grief over the death of his wife.-Interview in Philadelphia Times.

that he may never lack such things. His asked for Jake. first birthday is the second great day of rejoicing. He is then set upon a table in front of many things, such as ink, books, tools, etc., and whichever he first lays his hand on decides his future occupation .-Strand Magazine.

The Shrewd Dog Clipper in Paris.

It came to my mind while visiting the dog show to investigate the traffic in man's best friend, for dog dealers-or stealersare reputed to display considerable ingenuity in their struggle for life. The real dog dealers-those who have a store and are dealers much.

The clippers, of whom they are the best customers, serve as indicators, and the prowlers charge themselves with the execution of the order. The clippers know where all the valuable dogs are owned, because they are employed to clip and embellish these choice animals. As soon as a dealer has a customer for a dog of a certain breed he asks the clipper to procure the desired animal. The clipper, not caring to have any difficulty with the persons who employ him, calls upon one of these street prowlers, and the dog demanded is stolen one day or another.

The dealer gives two dollars to the elipper, who divides with his accomplice. As for the owner of the stolen dog, he will never see the animal again, so he asks the clipper to replace him. This industrious individual thus kills two birds, or two dogs, with one stone .- Paris Cor. New York Epoch.

Confederate Buttons Will Be Plenty.

The buttons adopted by the Confederate navy have been very highly prized in the south since the war as relies, and have, where they could be obtained, been used as vest and cuff battons. Owing to their scarcity they have been in very active demand, but they now seem destined to become a drug on the market, as a resident of Norfolk, Va., has received a letter from the firm in London which made them during the war, stating that they still have the dies and can furnish the buttons in any number .- Philadelphia Ledger.

An India Rubber Plantation.

A plantation of India rubber was started by the government of Assam in 1873 in a forest at the foot of the Himalayas. Seedlings were planted in the forks of trees, and by 1885 they had reached the ground. The trees were subsequently placed in beds, forty feet wide, protected by the surrounding forest. In 1890 the plantation extended over 1,106 acres, and contained 16.045 healthy plants; besides 84,000 seedlings. The experiment will not begin to be profitable until after several years more. -Exchange.

One of Sheridan's Excuses.

An elderly maiden lady, visiting with Sheridan at a country house, had set her heart on being his companion for a walk. He excused himself on account of the badness of the weather. Soon she intercepted him attempting to escape. "So, Mr. Sheri dau," she said, "it has cleared up, I see-"Why, yes," he answered. "It has cleared up enough for one, but not for two."-San Francisco Argonaut.

"He is not in," said his wife.

"Give him that and my compliments," replied the commodore, "and tell him to get a good suit of clothes," at the same time handing her a \$100 bill. Jake bought a suit of black, and when

next he met the commodore told him what he had done, remarking:

"If you die first, commodore, I'll wear them to your funeral; and they will go to mine, for I shall be baried in them." And so he was. HIS FIGHTING OUALITIES.

Jake was fond of a good horse, and at one time and another owned some pretty fair ones, reckoned by the standard of those days, when a horse that could trot a three minute gait ranked about equal to a 2:30 horse of today. Then the possibility of any horse trotting a mile in 2:40, drawing a 250pound wagon, was scouted, until Long Island Black Hawk did the trick in the second heat of a race at Centreville about

the year 1845. Although Jake rarely missed seeing a prize fight if it was anywhere near by, he never fought in the ring himself. He was second, however, for Tom Hyer in his fight with Country McCluskey.

Jake was a small man, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, and weighed about 145 pounds. He was chiefly remarkable for his iron nerve and pluck. Although not by any means a quarrelsome man, he was as quick as a flash to resent an insuit, either to himself or any of his friends. No odds ever daunted or stopped him, and he would sail into a crowd of a dozen or twenty men as cheerfully as he would strip for one. An instance of his pluck happened ones

in Centreville. A party of sports cama from the Bowery headed by Charley Bartley. They took offense at the driving of George Spicer, one of the best drivers of that day. George was a timid man, so to get away from the Bartley gang, who threatened to lick him, he took refuge across the track at the foot of the judges' stand. Some one ran and told Summerdyke that his friend Spicer was in trouble. "Where is he?" said Jake. They told

him. 'All right," he said. "How many are there against him?"

"About a score," was the reply. Jake left his pool stand, crossed to Spicer

and saut: "Come on, Spicer. What are you afraid

off

Spicer, persuaded by Jake, took his arm, and together they crossed the track to the grand stand, where Bartley and his gang Placing Spicer in safety among his were. own friends, Jake stripped off his coat, and turning to the spectators said in his shrill, piping voice:

"Now, I'll show you how to lick a crowd." Going down to the Bartley gang, he said,

Who's your leader?' Somebody answered, "Charley Bartley," "Parade him! Parade him!" said Jake.

However, Barriey didn't parade, and Summerdyke sald afterward, "I have always found the best plan against a crowd is to down the leader; the other fellows are sure to run."-New York Sun.

A Wicked Construction.

Marie-I'm within ten years of thirty-

Maria-Mercy! you are not forty aix, are your-New York Epoch.

be cleaned without great difficulty, clinkers has taken place.

In order to get a gas very low in carbonic acid a much larger depth of fuel than is generally carried in producers is necessary, and to this end a pneumatic rammer is now employed, so constructed that it will not only exert a pressure upon the coal, but also from the coal to the periphery of the producer.-New York Sun.

Russian Ladies in Commerce.

It is announced from St. Petersburg that Mine, P. O. Ivaschintzeff has obtained ministerial permission to establish a ladies' commercial school in the capital. Ladies and young girls seeking admission to the new commercial institute must produce certificates showing that they have completed the full courses in the ordinary ladies' gymnasia or in the provincial colleges for the daughters of the nobility. In the new establishment the enrichment will extend - ver two years, and includes instruction by qualified teachers and professors in financial and commercial calculation, the routine duties of the counting house, commercial correspondence, commercial law, a general knowledge of the national products, commercial geography, political economy, a thorough knowledge of English, French and German, and a regulation style of plain caligraphy. There are, it is stated, already a surprisingly large number of thir aspirants seeking admission to rewestablishment, which will be opened very shortly. - Cor. London News

When Disappointments Were Common-

In the old days, when the legal coremony had to be over by 12 o'clock, many have had to return as they came, through one of the persons interested being too late. One man I know well was late at everything, and after two attempts he, on the third day, succeeded in being in time. Another was too late one day, the next he came without the certificate, and the next week came without the ring. We could dispense with that and he was married, but the poor lady, who was not very young, was in a great state of excitement. I am sure he never heard the last of it, but the careless fellow did not live long.-London Tit-Bits.

Gallantry. A Frenchman's gallantry to ladies is

said to be always equal to an emergency.

At a party, a gentleman of that race

stepped heavily upon the toe of a lady.

"Pardon, madam," he said, bowing

low. "I have forget to bring my micro-

"But yes; for to see ze little feet of

who looked up with an angry frown

"Your microscope?"

madam !" - Exchange.

scope.