

Nature's Nobleman.

Tell me not that he is a poor man, That his dress is coarse and bare, Tell me not that his daily pittance Is a workman's scanty fare.

"La Belle France."

It is no wonder that Frenchmen delight in the above affectionate compliment to their land. The exclamation of a stranger will most naturally be, "How pretty!" Greater solidity, broader enterprise, wider knowledge, may be found elsewhere; but for neat arrangements pleasing to the eye, and for graceful and even picturesque grouping, there is nothing to rival France.

lish down, or the Scottish moors. If they think at all in France, they no doubt feel that, like bipeds in many places, "they are governed too much."

After the Battle of Plevna.

At 3 in the afternoon, after leaving Sistova, I was resting near one of these natural fountains, when a long line of ambulance wagons, enshrouded in dense clouds of dust, appeared over a hill in the distance.

bers of ammunition and transport wagons suggested momentarily a Russian retreat; but the absence of artillery refuted this idea, and I saw that the ammunition wagons were empty, and were evidently going for supplies, while the other wagons contained the tent and camp equipage of the dead and wounded, which were no longer needed at the front.

A Warning to Advertisers.

The insanity of Dr. I. C. Ayer, of Lowell, affords a terrible warning to advertisers. Here was a man engaged, in the manufacture of a pill, not differing much from a hundred other pills that may be obtained at any drug store.

Alive, Yet Officially Dead.

An illustration of the injury which, under the French laws, may be inflicted upon an innocent man by the loss of his certificate of birth is afforded in the case of Alfred Loichot, who, at the age of 31, left Montbeliard, his native place, to serve his time in the army.

An Unrecorded Hero.

HOW BLODGET CAPTURED THE RED COATS ON THE WAY TO TICONDEROGA. We have all read of the intrepid courage of the "Green Mountain Boys" at the time of the revolutionary war, and the usual supposition is that all those of a patriotic spirit were to be found in the ranks of the American army, but many a brave man, perhaps by the force of circumstances, was obliged to tarry at home.

Rules for Bathing.

Whether in bath-tub, river or ocean, bathing should be accompanied only by pleasurable sensations. The whole body should be kept aglow. If any shiverings or chilly sensations are experienced, either you are not well, the water is not of the right temperature, or you are bathing too long.