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A MOSCUW PRISON.

When in Moscow in 1885 I drove

We arrived, however, "after the fair,"

for it was at the end of August, and

most of the companies of exiles had

started, five hundred only remaining,

of various categories, including, I

think, wives and children. We went

over the building, which was a great

wards were very large and lofty, re-

minding one of extensive city ware-

houses, and detached from the main

building were towers with small rooms

fortable, or at all events had nothing

Peter and Paul in St. Petersburg. 1

ow cells are intended for "politicals"

on their journeys. At the time of my

visit there were but two political pris-

oners an ong the five hundred others

They were in separate cells, one hav-

ing, I noticed, quite a little library of

books, and among other things a scent

Cologne or vodka I was not sure.

bottle, but whether containing eau-de-

The small proportion of political

prisoners to criminals just ment.oned

will not coincide with the popular

idea as to their number, but in

fact much nonsense has been writ-

ing the number of Russian po-

litical offenders sent into exile. One

writer talks about a calculation that

in Eastern Siberia alone there were

from 30,000 to 40,000 Polish political

exiles, whereas, in 1879, for instance,

898 was the total number of Polish

criminals exiled, and criminals out-

number the politicals by more than ten

to one. Others, when they heard prison statistics quoted that from

17,000 to 20,000 Russians were exiled

yearly, jumped to the conclusion that

these, or a large portion of them, were

political offenders, whereas the depor-

tation of political offenders, until re-

dinary prison administration at all,

but was separately managed. The

"political" traveled alone, and was

asually kept in prison alone, specially

tances from time to time I saw them

in the prisons of Russia and Siberia,

but it was always in ones and twos,

and as rare birds among a whole flock

of others. I do not think I met with

fifty in going through nearly all the

principal prisons of Siberia; and this

impression receives support from such

information as I could obtain from an

official I know, high in the prison ad-

ministration, who told me in Novem-

ber, 1881, that the total number of po-

litical offenders of all kinds sent to Si-

had been condemned to the mines in

four previous years, but detained in

IMPORTANCE OF TRIFLES.

Little Things That H ave Changed History

for New York. It was well equiped.

but, in putting up a steve in the pilot-

bex, a nail was driven too near the

miles off her course, and suddenly the

man on the lookout cried: "Land,

hof" and the ship was halted within a

few yards of her demolition on Nan-

tucket shoals. A sixpenny nail came

near wrecking a great Canarder.

A minister, seated in Boston at his

table, lacking a word, puts his hand.

before his head and tilts back his chair

at night, by the sight of an insect

called the candle-fly, is kept from

sweeping over a precipice of a hun-

dred feet. F. W. R bertson, the cele-

brated Englishman, said that he

splintered logs on the rocks.

to think, and the ceiling fails and

Small ropes hold mighty destinies.

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# THE LEBANON EXPRESS

LEBANON, OREGON, FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1888,

Some Mighty Queer Fi-hes at the Island that a huge fish, some ninety feet long, had appeared there, and wanted me to come down immediately. I took The rooms certainly were not large. had disappeared. I talked with at least founded by Frederick William in 1813. fif y persons who were entirely trustbut they appeared reasonably comworthy who had seen it. They all silver mountings and bearing no in-

MONSTERS OF THE DEEP.

political prisoners, especially in the Alexeiefsky ravelin of the fortress of sists of one huge volcanie deposit. It did not secure a photograph of the contains many caverns which open black watered silk with white stripes; —in giving them a fictitious value. Central prison at Moscow, but had into the sea. In these I have found for civil merit, the ribbon is white Those who subsist on the spoils of office unexpectedly become possessed of a fish and animals which were marvels watered silk with black stripes. sketch of a cell in the Alexeiefsky ravel- for form and color, some being beauin made by a political prisoner who tiful and others hideous. A strange occupied it. This prisoner, on my serpent was said to inhabit one of second visit to Siberia, heard me nar-the eaverns, for which I made a dili-rating to a friend that I had been per-gent search. Old fishermen would not mitted to visit the Peter and Paul go near its supposed hannts. A genfortress, whereupon he drew me tleman owning a sugar estate near by aside and told me that he had been declar d that he had seen it and ana prisoner therein, and would tell me other that he had fed it with cuttle N. W. Corner Main and Sherman Streets, two Blocks his experience if I would call upon him tish and that it was the most hideour privately. I did so, but was rather be- brute he had ever seen. I searched hind the time appointed, and whilst he | for him in a chaleboat with a bomb was waiting he made for me a pen and lance and other tackle, but never ink sketch of his cell or room, which came across him. Af er I left the measured eighteen feet eight inches island my friend, Hon. William Ward, long by sixteen feet four inches broad | who was a great shark hunter, took my and nine feet four inches high. It was rig and went in search of the monster. He states that he saw his head and it furnished with table, chair, commode and a bed with two feather pillows, a was as big as a wine pipe and was pair of sheets, blanket and woolen covered with barnacles; that he put a coverlet. Mezentseff, chief of the se- harpoon into it, which was twisted off eret police, who was assassinated by as if it had been a pipes em. He inthe Nihilists in 1879, asked him on one tended to blow it up, but could not get occasion whether he would like to the charge in the right spot and finsmoke, in which case he should be sup- ally abandoned the search.

plied with a quarter of a pound of to-"There were so many beautiful and bacco for eigarettes every other day. inseresting things in nature at my He was also asked if he would like to station, however." said the Co'onel, "that it was not worth while to waste 1429 by Philip III., the Good, Duke of paint or write, and drawing materials were brought to him, as also books any time searching after monstrosities. Artistic Photographer, from the fibrary. It was in this fortre s prison, he said, that he read Gib- which seemed to be composed entirely bon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman of cartilage. When it was lauded it How far this state of things prevails bones at all. Then there was what in the new prison at Moscow I am un | was called the angel-fi-h, which, when able to say, but I should imagine not hung up, seemed to have broad, white to a great extent, because the Mos- wings like an angel. Then there was figure of St. Andrew on the cross. ine feet. Oace I caught a specimen if this fish, and getting him on the bank, he fought so desperately that I called out, 'Massa, I fix him,' and leaning down grasped the squirming tish with both hands, bit through his vert b m. and the fish succumbed imnediately. This specimen is also in he museum at Cambridge. The devilish, also found in the Indian ocean, s not very pleasant to meet some imes. I saw a man who had his arm o badly lacerated by one that it had to be amoutated. It has a body as arge as an ordinary dining-room able, with tentacles ex ending over a pace equal to an ordinary room and nd so ste ny that they can seize a n n and drag him out of a boat. Victor Hago speaks of this fish in his Tollers of the Sea.' Barnum also had

me on exhibition here at one time. "Then, again, there is the tazzard, which has been called the tiger of the ocean. He is not longer than a walkng-stick, but terribly fierce. In walking over the reefs I have frequently encountered him. If he sees on approach he will wait and then lart at you like a flash. If there is any portion of your body exposed he will tear a piece out of it as it it had een cut with a raz r. F shing one day off the mouth of the harbor, I nooked two of these fish at the same time with two different lines, and in rying to get them into my boat they foug'it me with such desperation that was oblight to call two fishermen to help m , and they declared that they were two of the worst fish they ever killed, being worse than bulllogs. A fish called the laff exudes a de dly poison. A row of spines are conceal d in his back which, when Al if remelies are not applied

beria that year was seventy-two, of flesh, caus s the most Intense agony, which number, however, about half promptly, results fatally. This fish generally conceals itself in the sea-Russia. - Dr. Lansdell, in Harper's weed where it is apt to be stepped on by the bather. I saw a soldier once who had been unfortunate enough to step on one of these fish, and his cries ould be heard for half a mile his A Canarder put out from England foot swelled greatly, but he surgeon was successful in counteracting the effects of the poison and the man recovere l. O shore at Mauritius there were no da gers, but the moment you compass. You know how that nail ut your foot into the water you were would affect the compas . The ship's mer un ted by dangerous fishes and officers, deceived by that distracted eptiles."-Brook y a Eagle. compass, put the ship two hundred

A Pretty Work-Basket A very convenient and pretty workbasket may be made of two peachbaskets. The baskets are firmly glued together, bottom to bottom, somewhat in the shape of an hour-glass. Then the entire structure is covered with sateen of any desired color, laid in full plaits, tacked at top and bottom, and crushes the table, and would have at the p int of union of the baskets. crushed him. A minister in Jamaica. The top basket is lined with sateen. A piece of heavy pasteboard cut round and smoothly covered with sateen fits in snugly, covering the bottom and are sewed in below the top of the entered the ministry from a train of basket. The outer rim has a deep, circ imstances started by the backing lace flounce, headed by box-plaited of a dog. Had the wind blown one ribbon arranged to conceal the rim of way on a certain day the Spanish in- the basket. A broad piece of ribbon, quisition would have been established tied around where the bottoms of the England; but it blew the other way, baskets meet, is finished by a large and that dropped the institution, with bow. - Farm and Fireside. 75,000 tons of shipping, to the bottom

f the sea or flung the broken and

INSIGNIA OF MERIT.

Inquiry has been made as to the sig-"I never saw a sea-serpent," said nificance of the Iron Cross the late Colonel Nicholas Pike, formerly Con- Emperor William was so desirous to and to society, certain social and civil sul at Mauritius, "but a fish was seen have buried with him. The Iron Cross duties, in requital for the kind offices while I was stationed at Port Louis is the chief badge of military service, and protection which he receives and which answered very nearly to what and was conferred upon William when enjoys from the community of which is generally known as a sea-serpent. The keeper of the lighthouse several miles below the port and on a ledge dierly conduct. This was in 1849, when some distance out at sea sent me word he was given supreme command of the which these duties are performed will the first b at, but, unfortunately, when we reached the desired spot we were mable to land on account of the roughness of the sea, and were obliged by imperial order in 1848—and the order stand on and off until it calmed. to stand on and off until it calmed.
When we finally landed the huge fish
The order of the Iron Cross was about them to recall the sensational agreed as to its enormous size and unscription on the reverse; the upper scription on the reverse; the upper thinks it justifiable to use deceptive into the certain writers on Russian it was a sea-scripent, and that it came it was a sea-scripent. center is adorned with three oak leaves, inue of a part of the duties due upon "The island of Mauritius is thirty below which is the number 1813. When merchandise; while the salesman is miles long and twenty wide and con-

> Other European orders may be regold cross with white and black enamel, founded 1841; the order of in his neighbor. Louise, a small black enameled gold cross, founded in 1814, exclusively reserved for ladies; the Bavarian order of St. Hubert, founded 1444, to be admitted to which requires that one should have been six years a member of the civil order of merit of the Ba-

Austria shares with Spain, since the time of Charles V., the right of the order of the Golden Fleece, founded in Burgundy and Count of Flanders. The in 1802 as a reward of civil merit or military valor. The highest order of would all go to pieces, having no Russia is that of St. Andrew, founded 1698, and is conferred exclusively on persons of the most exalted rank. It Russia has a military order of St. George, founded in 1769, which is never conferred but for a gallantry at tidn't know what to do with hir. sea or in the horse with gold rim, on the obverse side of which is an image of St. George and the dragon.

Spain has numerous orders, the oldest being that of Calatrava, founded in 1158, and is now a court distinction rarely conferred. The order of Alcantara was founded in 1177, and is limited to those who can prove nobl descent through at least four generations. The orders of Great Britain are more or less famous. The first in dignity is that of the Garter, founded in 1849. The next that of the Thistle. founded in 1540, the motto of which is "Nemo me impune beessit:" that of St. Patrick, 1783, "Quis Separabit?" that of the Bath, 1389, "Tria juncta in uno;" the Star of India, 1861, motto, "Heaven's Light Our Guide;" St. Michael and St. George, 1818. The chief order of Brazil is that of Pedro,

founded in 1822. Denmark has one of the most illustrious orders of chivalry, the order of that of the Garter, founded at an uncertain date, but probably in the twelfth century. It is limited to thirty the Annunciada, reorganized in 1518, which took place recently. Sweden has the nobler order of the Seraph, founded 1280, and limited to twenty-three natives and eight foreigners. - Chicago Inter-Ocean.

## RAILROAD ENGINEERS.

An Old Knight of the Throttle Talk

There is a a general belief among the uninitiated that all good enginees are practical machinists. This belief is entirely erroneous, for the rule has alexcited, he erects. These spines are ways been that the best engineers comfilled with a milky-looking substance up from the ranks of the firemen and which, when injected into the human not from the machine shops. While an engineer of experience can repair a break in the machinery of his charge he could not build a locomotive or any part of it at all intricate in construction. Instances can be cited where machinists have totally lacked the nerve, gained by long experience, to run an express train at the high rate of speed necessary to make schedule time, and in the majority of cases where a man is taken from the shops and placed on a locomotive he make a better freight engine driver than when put in charge of a passenger. once knew a popular engineer who had worked in the machine shops until into middle-life, and had then been given a desirab e run on the limited express. His train was always behind time, and in a few months he looked terribly aged. One day he threw up his job, and none too soon, for he would inevitably have lost the place anyway, and he afterward told me that he lacked the nerve to pull the throttle out and give her the full headway needed to make the time on his run. He said that when running at a rapid rate he felt like a man gazing downward from a dizzy height, and nothing could induce him to step within the cab again. He went back to the There are exceptions, of shops. making a neat finish. Full pockets course, but they are few and far between. -St. Louis Globe-Democrat. -The latest Maine romance comes

from Biddeford, where an honest, awkward farmer, who had been pestered for years with a suit for sending indecent letters to the girl he loved, has just been able to prove that their author was none other than her rascally brother, who hoped, by preventing INDIVIDUAL DUTIES.

BASE-BALL LITERATURE.

Bill Nye Grappies with the New Style of

teporting Games.

I am extremely sorry that Matthew

troold did not live to read more of

ur American base-ball literature. I

hink he would have liked it better if

he had done so. In saying that we

vere a vulgar people and that the

emerican humorist was a National mis-

fortune, I think he criticised us hastily,

for he was only in this country a little

while and judged our humor largely

by the supply he read while here and

which he brought with him in his

runk, but if he could have seen the

base-ball word-painting of our glo-

rious country he would have loved us.

If he could have read that Richard-

ton went out, Irwin to Farrar, that

Foster hit safely and stole second,

that Welch flied out to Wood, and all

about Tiernan's "scratch hit, and Ew-

ng's failure to sacrifice, and Ward's

miss of a grounder that went through

him, Mr. Arnold would have said that

We do not claim much for our long

ine of ancestry, and those of us who

ame over in the Mayflower try to con-

eal it as quietly as possible, but here

n this wild and savage land we are

trying to build up a classic style of

writing up our National game that

I admit that I can not understan lit

I sometimes wish that Lord Tenny-

son could come here for one summer

and sit with me on a bleaching-board.

with his numerous hair hanging over

his top-coat, while I explained to him

that it looked rather squally for the

Giants, for instance, till Stattery joited

nerry thunder out of the horsehide.

tore the tar out of the willow, smashed

the leather, and then, while the Phillie

fumblers were pulling dandelion greens.

evend the Harlen, the Metropolitan

-fielder lit out like future punishment

beating tan-bark, accumulated a one-

bagger, a two-bagger and a three-bag-

er, straightened himself out like a

ng-waisted jack-raobit across the

date and made his royal red home run

ust as the New York Central got in

with the ball and the band played

Tommy Make Room for Your

I think that Alfred would like that.

style he would find it here. I am only

s new to me, but I think I can ulti-

the third base, but now I would say

that O'Rourke, the Gothic extended

catcher for the Giants, strove to belt

the blooming ball to windward, mauled

eg of Umpire Daniels, was presented

with one base as a mark of esteem, and

where he had tried to bisect the orbit

of a hot ball with the bosom of his

inickerbookers, he bungled a second,

and white Hallman was muffing the

orb, catching invisible crabs, fluking

very thing in sight and corking hi uself

generally. O'Rourke lit out like a

cared-to-death bobtail cornet, fell f

y feet horizontally, and with his ear

full of hot ball, a blister across his

meridian, a fractured thich and his

nouth full of sand, hoarsely ejaculated

There is a description that appeals

o every heart. There is a literary

oss agate that ought to tickle a man

ike Tennyson, unless he has a foolish

My ambition is some day to write

the lurid description of a base-ball

came which will go snorting down the

ava, Marco Bozzaris and the stubborn

youth who stool on the burning deck.

want to write it so that it will be

bright and jaunt in style, and yet I

it, a description that should be rich in

tion, a carefully and professionally

prepared gem of literature that would

else whatever.

N. Y. World.

"No.

ontain about a column and nothing

The London Saturday Review says

that "what America wants is a liter-

ature that shall smack of the soil."

pire take down the remarks of a

Giant who has tried to reach nine feet

and catch hold of the third base with

his front teeth, and then demand

indgment before spitting out the north

Not One of That Sort.

"I suppose you are a fatherless boy?"

he observed, as they made change for

"But your father gets drunk and you

"But you give all your money to your

have to support the family?"

"Not a red of it."

troit Free Press.

for a public library.

"Well; you are poor?"

ould like to sock a little sadness in

loring, and yet free from informa-

ejudice against American writers.

at all yet, but I am striving to do so

will make the mother country tired.

nd I am willing to work hard.

be had done us an injustice.

European Orders of Knighthood of More How to Iusure Self-Approbation and Self-Than Ordinary interest. Every person of common reflection must be aware that he owes to others, materially depend his reputation with good men, and the measure of his pure mjoyments in life. Hence it is of the irst importance that he should fix upon scale of morals in early life, which shall govern in his business transactions, and in his intercourse with society. Every class in society seems to have

a scale of morals peculiar to itself, in

its business affairs, none of which are valued and rewarded according to his consider that -- "all is fair in politics" -that "the end justifies the means." The ferred to with interest. The Royal lawyer encourages litigation because it Prussian order of the Black Eagle, is his vocation-his dependence for the founded in 1701 by Frederick, is a blue wants and the superfluities of life. The enameled cross, each arm of which is physician knows when he gets hold of forked with a center gold monogram a rich patient, and deems it no breach "F. R." (Fredrieus Rex) and a crowned of morals to make him pay well-to black eagle with spread wings. The pay something for his poor neighbor. motto is "Suum Cique" (every one his The parson, even, feels no compune due). The order is never conferred tion in abandoning his flock to the upon persons below thirty years of wolves, and accepting a higher salary. age. Germany has also the order of the when he is persuaded he can be more Red Eagle, the second order of the eminently useful to the cause of vital kingdom, founded 1705; the royal or- piety. And the farmer practices a der of the House of Hohenzollern, a thousand little devices to multiply his pence which he would hardly appland

We do not mean to charge these practices upon the whole of the different professions-for there are many conorabie exceptions in all-we would merely intimate that they are besetting sins, human propensities which it repoires fixed principles and inflexible fortitude to re-ist and overcome. If mee successfully indulged in, they are pt to obtain an ascendancy, and to beome more and more difficult of restraint.

But there is a precept, of the highest authority, applicable to all classes and conditions of life-which all commend. hough few practice it. It is to "do into others what you would that they should do unt , you." This constitutes the highest rule of moral conduct, and it as a rule of life. It will insure you the respect and love of all who cherish virtue-it will do more-it will insure self-approbation and self-respect. -- N. Y. Ledger.

## DELICATE FEELINGS.

Why Young Men Who Nurse Sensitiveness Are Itarely Successful.

Many talented persons miss the road fortune by want of humility and atience. They think every thing must epend on "a good start," and unless hey can make "a good engagement" hey will remain out of employment for recks and months. They miss three hings-support for that time, the practice that keeps talents improving, and the furnishing of the best evidence that they are willing to work.

A man is far more likely to be called rom an humble to a more advantageous position than from idleness to the place he desires.

The trouble with many young men is foolish pride which seems to say that idleness is more honorable than work. They have very delicate feelings-it the Elephant, which ranks even with goes "against their feelings" to do this and that, when there is nothing whatever of immorality or debasement connected with the employment. To give knights. Italy's chief order is that of an instance, we will repeat a dialogue

A young man, nicely brushed up and very genteel, entered an office, and. with a polite air, addressed the gentleman with-"Sir, you want a young nan here, I believe?"

"Yes," was the reply. "Here are my recommendations," said the young man, as he handed a paper certifying that he was worthy of

The gentleman read the paper, and Here is the opportunity. Let the umlooked up, remarking: "We should be glad to do your friends the compliment of engaging you, and therefore you will please let me say something in regard to fitness,"

"What shall I be expected to do?" asked the young man. "To aid in the office as opportunity

nay present, and to pay flotes and colect drafts, etc.," was the answer. "I don't think collecting draf s would igree with my feelings," replied the oung man. "Well," quietly responded the gentle-

nan. "I would not advise you to any thing against your feelings. Good morning."-Worth and Wealth.

## No Wonder They Were Fresh.

"Not much! I'm just doing this for "These fish, my dear Mrs. Henrecreation, while my brothers are cutdricks," remarked the minister, who ting the coupons off father's bonds. Say, was discussing a Sunday dinner with f you go up as far a the coupe office the family, "are deliciously fresh. I tell 'em to send me down a turnout to am enjoying them very much. roll me up home. It must be gettin "They ought to be fresh," volunnear our dinner hour, and we have teered Bobby, who was also enjoying ourteen invitations out to-day."-De

them. "Pa caught 'em only this morning."-N. Y. Sun. -It is related of the ex-president o the Press Club, John C. Hennessey, who is a devout Catholic, that on a fast day recently he went into the club restaurant and called for boiled sal-

mon. "We have no salmon to-day-

only steak, roast beef and some game, said the waiter. "Well," said John A citizen stood in an unsteady way meekly, "you may bring me a steak, he other night, and another belated but God knows I asked for fish."-N. V. Sun "Looking for the key-hole, old fel--Sunday School Teacher-"What loes it mean, Johnny, in the prayer where it says "Lead us not into temp-"Chee-hole!" tation." Johnny-"W'y I guess it

"No, zur. I've goz way beyond zhat, fate; still achieving, still pursuing, as silver-tonged messengers to some means, they needn't trouble theirselves The wonderful growth of music in the churches can not but be remarked. The churches can not but be remarked. Sheems to be too many of 'em here." Sheems to be too many of 'em here." son (Kan.) Globe.

Not the Key-Hole.

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THE SIBERIAN ROAL.

road from the Ural Mountains to

Tiumen. They are small four-wheeled,

barren arctie waste.

liarly Russian picture.

lage gate-keepers are almost always

old and broken-down men, and in

none of the village cattle stray out of

the inclosure, and to open the gates

day and night. From the village com-

mune they receive for their services

a mere pittance of three or four rubles

a month, and live in a wretched hovel

made of boughs and earth, which

throughout the year is warmed, light-

ed and filled with smoke by an open

fire on the ground. - George Kennan, in

THE HAMMOCK'S MISSION.

How Two L ves Were Severed and Two

It was but a shy, retiring hammock

covered with dust; it had lain for

months in a secluded garret where the

silence was broken only by the scam-

pering of the mice or the noisy odor of

a mission in life, and when the bired

man came up and yanked it forth from

sentless chairs it knew that its time

Soon was it oscillating gently be-

trees, awaiting the coming of Algernon

ing down from the front porch. Soon

trace of listlessness out of the most in-

for action had come.

of two pairs of eyes.

her children on her bosom

of Algernon's coat collar.

fulfilled .- Merchant Traveler.

That was all.

hearts forever blasted.

poured his whole soul into those few

"Algernon, I can never be any thing

to you more than a sister," she said,

gently, as she pulled her back hair out

The mission of the hammock was

he atmosphere two times and con- S.beria they are generally criminal

cussed the life preserver on the right exiles. It is their duty to see that

with a blister as big as a bornet's nest for passing vehicles at all hours of the

Century.

pridors of time, along with Balak- its lair of old linament bottles and

JOB

SCOTCH OIL MINES. The Curious Petroleum Field at West Calder, Scotland. Description of the Historic Highway from the trai Mountains to Tiumen. William Fadley, of West Calder. These transport wagons, or "obozes," Scotland, which is the snelent oil form a characteristic feature of almost every landscape on the great Siberian

shale region of that country, has been making a tour of the Pennsylvania petroleum fields during the last few weeks, and was in New York this "I am more than amazed," said he, "at what I have seen. The petroleum

Executed in good style and at lowest living pulses

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one-horse vehicles, rude and heavy in construction, piled high with Siberian products, and covered with coarse natting securely held in place by large of Scotland is mined like coal, and alwooden pins. Every horse is fastened though I had read of the oil-wells of by a long halter to the preceding America, I was not prepared for such wagon, so that a train of fifty or a a vast difference in the methods of oil hundred obozes forms one unbroken production. The Scotch petroleum is caravan from a quarter of a mile to not in the fluid state, but in a shale half a mile in length. We passed 588 formation. The extracting of the of these loaded wagons in less than products of this shale was for many two hours, and I counted 1,445 in the years a most important industry, and course of our first day's journey. No is quite an extensive one yet; but the further evidence was needed of the fact | American oil, both illuminating and that Siberia is not a land of desolation. Inbrienting, is now set down in our Commercial products at the rate of markets cheaper than the Scotch oil 1,500 tons a day do not come from a can be produced, and how long our oil pr. duction will last is only a ques-As it gradually drew dark towards tion of how long national pride will midnight, these caravans began to resist considerations of economy.

stop for rest and refreshment by the The Scotch oil shale is black, a d roadside, and every mile or two we lies at a depth of about four hundred came upon a picturesque bivouse on feet beneath the surfac . The shalethe edge of the forest, where a dozer. producing regions are all be wee : E ior more oboze drivers were gathered inburgh and Giasgow, and are known around a cheerful camp-fire in the as the oil fields of West Calder. They midst of their wagons, while their lib- are very extensive and literally in xerated but hoppled horses grazed and baustible. That is one hope we have. jumped awkwardly here and there The fluid oil of this country will unalong the road or among the trees doubtedly become exhausted or great-The gloomy evergreen forest, lighted by curtailed in production some time up from beneath by the flickering in the future. It would not be kind blaze and faintly tinged above by the in me to say that I hope so, but, well, glow of the northern twilight, the red I am interested in West Calder. and black Rembrandt outlines of the When your fields cease to pour out a wagons, and the group of men in long quantity of oil that enables you to kaftans and scarlet or bine shirts gath- refine it, export it, and sell it in Scotered about the camp-fire drinking tea, | land at a less figure than it costs us to formed a strange, striking and peen- extract the oil from the shales at the very threshold of Scotch markets we will come to the front with our oil We traveled without stop throughout the night, changing horses a every mines again, and know whatever happost station, and making about eight

when the oil fields of West Calder miles an hour over a fairly good road. The sun did not set until half-past were being operated to a full capacity the shale refinery there known as the nine, and rose again about half-past Addiswell oil works, and which cover two, so that it was not at any time eventy-five acres of ground, gave emvery dark. The villages through ployment to over two thousand men. which we passed were sometimes of in various parts of the field there were great extent, but consisted almost inshale crushing works, not unlike your varibly of two lines of log houses cal breakers where the shale is run standing with their gables to the road, on being taken from the mines. It is and separated one from another by in-If me Lord likes a vivid and scarehing closed yards without a sign anywhere broken up into small pieces, and the rude oil extracted at the crushers. of vegetation or trees. One of these What we call crude oil, you would call beginning to write in this way, and it villages formed a double row five ar over here. The refiners take it miles in length of separate houses, mately give a description of a ball all fronting on the Tsar's highway. in that condition, and from it extract game that will appeal to every heart. Around every village there was an influminating and lubricating oil, am-When I began I would have said, for closed area of pasture land, varying ionia and wax. The latter is called instance, that O Rourke swatted at the in extent from 200 to 500 acres, within parafine in the oil trade of this counry. The tar from a ton of shale will ball and missed it, till the pitcher hit which were kept the inhabitants' cat-O'Rourke's person with it and then he tle; and at the point where the inclosyield fourteen gallons of illuminating vent to the first and gradually got to ing fence crossed the road, on each erent acid distillations, each one side of the village, there was a gate much heavier than any the Amerand a gate-keeper's hut. These vilican fluid petroleum requires. The

result is a clear, white high-flash lluminant as good as American kerosene, but four times as expensive. If the American product simply came in competition with our illuminating oil. the effect on our trade would not be of much consequence, as in that branch of the Scotch oil business is not where the profit lies. The lubricant, the ammonia, and the wax ar the products which make the shale nines valuable. The American lubricating oil is cheaper, and those who use it say better than any. The latter altogether I can't agree with. Of course the American oil does not inerfere with our ammonia produc s. or with our wax trade, but we can't Ford to produce kerosene and lubrieating oil to throw away in order that se n ay get at the ammonia and wax that the shale contains. I am forced to say, therefore, to use an Americanism, that the Scotch oil business is not booming at the present time. - N. the cockroach. Yet this hammock had

# THE POPE'S PRESENTS.

Will Carleton Sees Them and Gives a Hint As a mark of special favor I was

taken by one of the attendants at the neath the shadows of the great oak Vatican to see the Pope's presents. What warehouses full of wealth have been sent for this aged man to look at and Mabel, who were soon seen strolljust before he steps into the grave; the folds of the hammock no longer They are all his own; have been given swung listless. Three hundred pounds him absolutely; he has had them inof avoirdupois is likely to take any sured for over a million dollars. But those who look upon his frail form and white face know that the possession of them must consist merely of a glance.

The turtle doves ceased their gentle music, listened and hung their heads in Here are some of the queerest as well shame to find that after years of pracas the grandest things that could ever be sent to a ruler, temporal or spiritual. tice they had not mastered the Erst principles, of the art of cooing. A Gold and silver have been hewn by the single star came out twinkled for a smith's cunning knife into every sort tew moments, then hid itself behind of jewel that the enthusiastic mind a moonbeam, discouraged at finding could invent. Diamonds flashed their and of the Polo ground. - Bill Nye, in itself out-dazzled by the love-lit luster | way here from every direction. Kings and Queens could not have sent more magnificence if they had drawn upon Suddenly the hammock's overstrained nerves gave way. A single their stock of crown jewels. In the report like the snapping of a toy pis- midst of these gleaming signals to the tol, and mother earth received tow of senses is a plain though richly bound copy of the Constitution of the United States-refreshing in its grand sim-"Confound that -! -!! -!!! - hammock," said Algernon simply, yet pheity, and full of instruction for any

potentate who will read it. Here are slippers, enough to have clad the feet of every Pope that has lived, and more pontifical robes than Leo can ever wear. Here are topboots, embroidered sofa pillows, muskets, medicine cases, sets of carpen-Two hearts were severed and two ters' tools and enough clocks to make green with envy the Philadelphia collection of a certain unwilling candidate for the Presidency. Among the things which people wonder what the Pope will do with are a lot of baby

clothes and rattle boxes. Here are tokens from Catholic missionaries all over the world. War costumes, stuffed monkeys and birds, carved ivory, pictorial histories of Buddha and Confucius, the teeth of the beasts and the stings of the reptiles which the Pope's messengers have to encounter in the torrid zones and on the islands of the sea. Many of these seem to say to Leo: "See what your missionaries suffer for the cause!" There are also hundreds of knapsacks ready packed for missionaries who are yet to go. Each of these contains an altar service and a relic of some saint, without which mass could not be said. Hundreds of new church bells are in the adjacent garden waiting to be seni

A Booming Psalm of Life. Tell me not in mouraful numbers

that the town is full of gloom-that the -Spencer, Mass., has public-spirited man's a crank who slumbers in these citizens. The other day one of them bursting days of boom. Life is real, gave fourteen acres of land for a pub- life is earnest, and the grave is not its ic park, another gave \$30,000 for a goal, every dollar that thou turnest high school and another gave \$25,000 helps to make the old town roll. But enjoyment, and not sorrow, is our destined end or way; if you have no money, borrow-buy a corner lot each day! Lives of great men all remind us gazing at a front door on First street | we can win immortal fame; let us leave the chumps behind us, and we'll get who passed that way halted and asked: there just the same. In this world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, let us make the dry bones rattlebuy a corner lot for wife! Let us, then, be up and doing, with a heart for any