#### WARD M'ALLISTER'S PICNIC.

A tall, thin man, with a red nose, grey side whiskers and a melancholy expression, drifted into the office of a chaste family newspaper last week and asked in a subdued voice if there was a member of the staff at liberty just then.

"Because," said the stranger, "a very

"Because," said the stranger, a very peculiar thing happened up our way— I live out by Shantytown—this morn-ing that I think you might work up into a slashing good article, somehow." "What sort of thing?" said the man-aging editor, winking at the fighting reporter to get his club ready in case the sad man pulled out a poem or oth-er dangerous contrivance. er dangerous contrivance.

Well, in the first place." said the stranger, abstractedly, "do you happen to know the effect of beer on animals?" "Can't say I do." "It's exactly the reverse of what it is

on men. Instead of soothing 'em, it excites their nervous organization to the highest pitch, actually makes 'em insane.

"Does, eh?"

"Yes, sir; and this morning, as it

"It was foundered, or the glanced "Precisely. The goat then glanced off, broke the driver's leg and tele-scoped the car. I was sitting at my window about this time, and my at-tention was attracted by Ward McAl-lister prancing down the street, hades bent for election." The picture accom-tantify a second tele-scoped the car. I was sitting at my anying this article represents Mrs. Siowe as she appeared at the time "Un-cle Tom's Cabin" was written. A D. T. Whitney, author of "Faith Gartney's Girlhood." "We Girls," and "The Other Girls" so dear to thousands

ciety editor, turning pale. "That's the goat's name. You see McGinty's goat is the biggest of the four hundred and odd out our way, so they call him after McAllister. "Is this goat story in one act?" asked owner of Boston in

the fighting edtor, blowing inte his der- the days when ship-'In one scene and four tableaux." a profitable source of

said the stranger, solemnly, "On the next block Wardie-we call him Wardie, for short -- came across a Dutch picnic headed by a brass band. The Teutons were tootin' 'Listen to the highly cultivated as The Teutons were tootin' Listen to the Mocking Bird,' just beautifully, and and beneficent woretty soon the band changed to man. She married MRS. A, D. T. WHIT-Come Where My Love Lies Dream-Mr. Seth D. Whit-NEY.

ing."" "Did the goat come?"

"You bet he did. He didn't fancy "You bet he did. He didn't fancy the new tune, somehow, and the first riage. Her writings are marked by a thing the drum major knew Ward took him square in the stomach-most broke him clean in two; then went through the rest of the band with the brass drum round his neck, and so on clear down to the end of the picnic, which was four squares long. I think there were twenty-one killed and ninety-six wounded. Pretty good for McAllister when you consider the entire driving power was only one gallon of cheap beer. Now, it occurred -----" "Hold on!" said the editor, signal-

ing for the staff to roll up their sleeves; "allow me to explain what occurred to you. You concluded to eatch the goat when he got sobered up and bring him down here for our benefit. You have him now tied to a fire plug around the corner, and if we will only chip in 50 cents for beer you will get the animal started up and we can watch the fun,

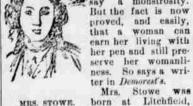
"Precisely!" said the stranger, warmly; "exactly. I will now take up a

## OUR WOMEN IN FICTION

NAMES THAT ARE FAMILIAR IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN AMERICA.

The Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Heads the List, of Course-Mrs. Whitney, Who Wrote "We Girls" and Others.

few years ago & Wo-man nov dist was regarded as something (PER) of a curiosity, not to 3 say a monstrosity. But the fact is now 1 P 88 .15 Sel M



born at Litchfield, Conv., June 14, 1812, and is, therefore, now in her 78th year. She came of the "Does, eh?" "Yes, sir; and this morning, as it was rather sultry, I sent my youngest boy for a gallon of beer. He stopped on the way back and put the can down to play marbles. McGinty's old black billy goat came along and drank up "Great Cæsar!" exclaimed the boss artist, regretfully. "He drank every drop, and nearly choked to death trying to swallow the can. He sorter staggered round for a little while; then he started for a street car with all sails set, and hit the horse square amidships." "It was foundered of course?" said

rise square amidships." course?" said "It was foundered, of course?" said feebled by age and infimities, and is caimly awaiting the end of a loog and

State of the second 39 25 ping interests were income. She was educated in the best

Boston schools and

Mr. Seth D. Whit- NEX. ney of Milton, Mass., and has lived in that pleasant old town (ten miles from rare spiritual element and purity of pur-pose, and it is impossible for a young girl to read her stories of other natural and womanly girls without imbibing therewith new and elevating impulses, or to close her charming books without high minded resolves to lead better and

worthier lives. Augusta C. Evans, the author of "Beulah" and other works, made a fine reputation and quite a fortune from them. Near the outbreak of the war she published "Maca-

ria," a novel of exact? cellent literary mer-its, but too strongly imbued with South-3 ern principles and sympathies to become at all popular in the Northern States. Sectional feeling, however, has died away in a great measure; and when she pub-lished a new novel J- lished a new novel

venged himself, however, schoolboy fashion, by "plaving a trick on some other fellow," and invited three promi-nent Boston literary men to meet "Charles Egbert Craddock" that evening at a dinver, and by seeing all three struck speechless with sur, rise. One of them actually could not for a moment acknowledge the introduction.

All the world now knows, however, that the real name of the writer is Mary Nonilles Murfree, and that she is a descendant of the old and well known Murfree family of North Carolina and Tennessee. Her birthplace was the bat-tlefield of Murfreesboro. Her home is in St. Louis.

A literary critic wrote a few years ago: "We have a Gaborian (we were almost tempted to say a greater than This

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Gaboriau) in our own tongue." was just after the appearance of "The Leavenworth Case"; Leavenworth Case ; and public opinion, agreeing with the critics for once, still estimates at that standard the powers of Anna Katharine Green. "The Leav-enworth Case" is universally consider-

S Contraction ered to be one of the ANNA KATHARINE best detective stories GREEN.

ever written. The technical knowledge of law and its intricacies displayed therein is pronounced by our best law-yers something wonderful; and the most remarkable fact of all is that the book was written by a woman, unassisted by

Among the many previous lives sacrificed in the War of the Rebellion was one which at a time darkened the whole

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pen again, wrote her conceptions of the world whose gates had been left

ELIZABETH STUART years in the pub-PHELPS lisher's hands, but treme northwest.

pronounced morbid, unhealthy, unor-thodox, and even "heathenish," by carping critics. But, nevertheless, it has reached a sale of over 100,000 copies, and been translated into German, French, Dutch and Italian; and it has brought comfort to many a lonely, bereaved heart, to whom the old crude and meager idea of Heaven seemed unsatisfying. There is no doubt that it touched sympathies of humanity at large, and is one of the books which will live for many decades to come. Afterward Miss Phelps wrote "Beyond the Gates" and "The Gates Between," both of which were well received and ran through numerous editons. Her other best works are "Men, Women, and Ghosts," "The Story of Avis," "Hedged In," "The Old Maid's Paradise," and "Burglars in Paradise. Her first story was written when she was 13 years old. "Gates Ajar" is what brought her first to notice. She

What young girl has not read and de-lighted in "Nelly Kinnard's Kingdom,"

years passed on a farm a few miles above Newark, she spent her



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MISS DOUGLAS. childhood and school day

One of the oldest and certainly the

## EXTREMES IN TEMPERATURE.

From 130 Above in San Francisco to 90 Degrees Below in Russia.

Capt. R. E. Kerkam, signal officer at this station is something of an enthusiast in his profession, and from the voluminous data in his office is able to answer almost any sort of a conundrum

a visitor may care to propound, so long as it relates to meteorological records says the New Orleans Times-Democrat "You have heard no doubt," said Capt. Kerkam the other day to one of his vieltane "that the climate of Louisiana is one of its weak points. Now, if you were look up the records you will see that the

range of temperature here is one of the narrowest to be found anywhere on this continent. Here are the extremes that have been recorded here, and though the range between them is not wide, it is wider than may be recorded again for thirty years. On Jan. 9, 1886, the mercury fell to 15 degrees above zero, and on June 22, 1881, it rose as high as 97 degrees, giving a range between ex-tremes of 82 degrees, but, as every Louisianian knows, the former ligure is one to which the mercury is not likely to fall once in thirty years.

"Now, if you compare this range-82 degrees - with those in other portions of the United States you will not find any less, except it might be at some of the sea-coast stations in middle and southern latitudes on the Pacific,

"But when you come to look for wide ranges between the minimum and maximum temperatures go into northern Dakota and Montana. What do

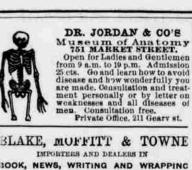
you think of 169 degrees? future and nearly ended the life of Elizabeth Stuart 1881, and on Dec. 29, 1880, saw the Phelps. But by the temperature 59 degrees below zero, strength of her own and in July of 1881 saw it at 110 denature she was com-pelled to rise from grees. These temperatures are from standard instruments used by the sigher seeming defeat, nal service, and to prove that the record is correct the stations at Fort Benton, Mont., and Pembina, Dak. recorded the same minimum tempera-ture on the same day, making it apsjar for her, and her pear as though there were a belt of idea of her lover's country about 600 miles long and about country about 600 miles long and about 150 miles wide along the forty-ninth parallel that has a temperature lower than that recorded elsewhere in the ex-

> "In conversation with any southerner regarding low temperature Bismarck, Dak., appears to be the zero of his cal culations. If Bismarek has a temperature below zero, be it 10, 15 or 20 degrees below, the cry is 'look out for a cold wave.' Now, in that stretch of country north and northwest of Bis-marck, where the minimums occur, the temperature is invariably 10 to 45 degrees lower than at the latter place.

"The summer temperature also ap-pears to be somewhat higher along the forty-ninth parallel. At the time the maximum was 110 degrees where I was located in July, 1881. Bismarck had but 102 degrees as a maximum for the same date.

stirred your heart. "These are the extreme occurrence of heat and cold in the northwest, but wildly. the average range is probably fully 150 degrees, and an additional range of 19 degrees would not make much differ-

"The Pacific coast is not usually a hot place, but exceedingly high temperatures have occured in California on several occasions. On June 17, 1859, temperature at San Francisco the registered 133 degrees, rising suddenly from 77 degrees; a burning northwest field scientific-but not with him. desert wind prevailed for several hours, and at 7 p. m. of the same date, the temperature had again fallen to 77 deof '85?" he went on, referring to a letter in his hand. grees. At Santa Barbara, on the same afternoon, a strong burning desert wind blew for a few hours, destroying pleaded. all fruit, and animal life exposed to the hot wind died from the effect. The temperature at Santa Barbara is also 133 degree moistures 0



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and, leaning his elbows on the mantel

piece, gazed darkly into the empty

"Then it is true?" he said

"Yes," she murmured.

"And with Graham of '85?"

"Yes."

He turned sternly from the slight. quivering figure, convulsed with sobs,

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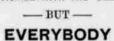
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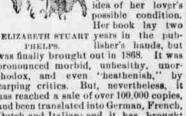
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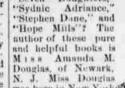


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was born in Massachusetts in 1844.

French Huguenot blood.



'Seven Daughters,'

was born in New York 200 City, and, with the exception of a few



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That afternoon delinquent subscribers, as they toiled up into the business office of the Traveller, wondered at the number of fresh blood-stains on the stairs, -Drake's Magazine.

#### Telephone Ear.

You have a telephone car. You may not know it, but you have all the same It is the left ear, for it is on record that only a very small percentage of men or women use the right ear at the telephone. As a matter of fact, the telephone has suddenly come into the common place and prosaic in such a way as to teach us their underlying inprominence as a medical proposition, and unless the scientists are mistaken terest and charms, and the bulk of men and women who use the truth and sincerithe telephone within a few years may ty of the simple counexpect to find themselves rather hard try hearts. Miss Jeweit was born at South Ber-wick, Me., Sept. 3, 1849, and still lives at of hearing in the left ear. This is be-cause when using the telephone every muscle and nerve of the ear is strained to eatch the faintest sound from the to catch the faintest sound from the person speaking at the other end. Dr. Oliver W. Moore, the eminent eye and ear specialist, was asked the other day if he had heard of any of the cases of during the summer months of every year. Her winters are passdeafness from the telephone. "It is rather difficult to state exact-

he replied. "I have seen where the repeated sound of an instrument or the repetion of any sound has caused deafness. Telegraph operators are in danger of injuring their sense of hear-Boiler-makers often suffer from ing. deafness. In the construction of boilers it is necessary for one man to be inside the boiler and the other outside, and the incessant noise caused by the riveting of the boiler always causes either deafness or an affection of the ear. As to the telephone, it no doubt has the same effect. It is natural and

reasonable to suppose that a person listening for a sound, and not knowing the moment when it will come, may injure the membrane of the car, and in time this might affect the hearing power."

#### A Big Fossil.

While the proprietor of flour-mill at St. James, Neb., was digging to make repairs to his dam last week he unearthed the remains of a monster that probably roamed the prairies some thousands of years ago. About thirtysix feet of the spinal column and ribs, with one shoulder-blade and part of the forelegs, have thus far been brought Sections of the backbone measured six inches across. Some are in a fair state of preservation, while others crumble when exposed to the air. It is estimated that the monster must have stood fifteen feet high.

AUGUSTA EVANS about a year ago, the WILSON. old friends and ad-

withow on rice and it with cordial approval. All of us who read "Beulah" and "St. Elmo" accord their author her full need of appreciation, both on account of her literary style and skill and her thorough scholarship

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and culture. Mrs. Evans Wilson has lived for many 82 years in Mobile, Ala. She was torn near Columbus, Ga., in 1836. During her childhood her parents moved to and twenty three more as scrinis, making six-b) ty-seven in all. Mrs. Souther Texas, and from there removed to Mo-bile. She married L. M. Wilson in 1868. Mrs. Saran Orme Jewett, more than most authors, knows how to deal with

rives a handsome in-come from the products MRS. SOUTH-

wonth, come from the products of her pen, the sum being estimated as high as \$10,000 per annum. "Ishmael" is her own favorite among her books,

although there is no doubt that "The Hidden Hand" had the greatest "run"

ed in Boston with MISS JEWETT. Mrs. James T. Fields, the widow of the (Mrs. Chanler) there need be little said now. She is a recent light in the lit-

#### Hoist by His Own Petard.

men. Her father was a physician, and so was her mother's father. Her best known novels are "A Marsh Island," "A Country Doctor" and "Deeplayen." "Will you kindly allow me to stand?" asked a gentlemañ as he got into a railway carriage, which carriage alcontained the specified number. "Certainly not, sir," exclaimed a assenger occupying a corner seat near the door. "The way these trains are overcroweded is shameful."

'As you appear to be the only person who objects to my presence," re-plied the gentleman, "I shall remain chere I am.

"Then I shall call the guard and have you removed, sir.'

Suiting the action to the word the aggrieved passenger rose and, putting his head out of the window, vociferous-ly summoned the guard. The newcomer saw his opportunity and quietly slipped into the corner seat. "Wh t's up?" inquired the guard as

he opened the carriage door. "One over the numi er," replied the w-comer, coolly.

"You must come out, sir; the train's going on," and without waiting for further explanation the guard pulled out the aggrieved passenger, who was left wildly gesticulating on the platpresence he was so taken aback that for left wildly gesticulating on the moment he could not speak. He re-

She came of the best old Scotch and the same day the temperature was 102 degrees at San Diego and 117 degrees

at Fort Yuma, Cal. "In June, 1887, from the 8th to the most voluminous of woman writers is Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth. Prob-12th, excessively high temperatures oc cured in California, ranging from 93 degrees at San Diego to 111 degrees at Yuma and 122 degrees at Spring Valley. It is an interesting fact that ice formed within 600 miles of this temperature, at Cheyenne. Wyo., on same dates. During this heated the spell the daily maximum temperature at Fort Yuma did not fall below 103 degrees and the mean for the month was 110 degrees, the highest day temperatures ranging from 103 degrees to 118 degrees, with minimums at night never below 77 degrees.

'On July 17, 1879, in Onargia, 'Algeria, the thermometer registered 127.4 legrees. At Werehojausk, Siberia, Jan. 15, 1885, the minimum temperature was 90.4 degrees below zero.

#### An Ideal Home.

My idea of good housekeeping is where a woman keeps her home sweet and orderly; provides simple, well-cooked food; makes her home so restful and cheerful that all who come into it shall be better for breathing the atmosphere of kindness and cheerfulness that pervades the place; and where the household machinery always runs smoothly because of the constant thoughtfulness of the mistress of the house. A place like this is truly a home, and the woman who makes such a home deserves the respect and admiration of everybody. I have seen such homes among the rich and among the poor, for neither wealth nor pover ty prevents the right person from filling with the atmosphere of comfort and happiness the house of which she is the mistress. - Good Housekeeping.

Baldness Cured by the Johnstown Flood. ior to the article manufactured by silk-

At least one good effect of the Johns town flood has been noted. It caused hair to grow for a man who has been bald for many years. His name is Marburg, and he battled with the rush-ing waters for soven hours before being rescued. Two days afterwards he noticed a downy substance all over his head. As time passed the down became hair, which grew rapidly, and is now an inch long.

#### Smokeless Powder.

of all kinds of gunpowder.

In consequence of the success of the smokeless powder, the Italian govern-ment has suspended the manufacture

to it if that were all. But you were also engaged to McHaffy of '84?" "Ah!" she cried, feebly, "do not spurn me from you!"

"What have you to say for your-self?" he demanded, hoarsely. "Speak, IS DELIGHTED WITH THE NEW STYLE woman!"

She rose to her full height and looked at him with a pathetic dignity in her glance. "Ah, George." she said, "you little

know the exigencies of a young girl's life in a college town." For an instant he hesitated, as if his

"Can you not forgive me?" she

"I could, Clara," he said after a

better nature moved him, and then he turned toward the door. "Farwell!" he said, and walked rap-idly away. In another second the

street door clashed behind him. With one heart-breaking cry the girl

flung herself on her knees and buried her face in the cushions of the parlor sofa

"All is over!" she cried, brokenly, "He was my last hold. Henceforth 1 am reduced to freshmen!"-Puck.

The Silkworm's Job Gone.

If Moussa Effendi Khouri is right, the value of silkworms will soon be very much depreciated. This gentleman is a Syrian and a native of Beyrout. For years he has been trying to manufac-ture silk without the aid of silkworms, and now he claims that he has succeed ed. He has patented his invention in the east and in all the countries of Europe. In this country he has also filed an application for a patent.

After studying for a long time the manner in which silkworms do their work Moussa Effendi Khouri came to the conclusion that quite as fine a silk could be made out of the twigs and bark of the mulberry tree as is made at present from the leaves. He therefore experimented with the bark and twigs, discarding the services of the worms altogether, and after years of labor he succeeded in producing a silk which has been pronounced by European experts to be no whit infer-

#### worms.

In appreciation of Moussa Effendi Khouri's devotion to science the Turkish government has granted him certain rights over all the mulberry trees in the Sultan's dominions. "So long as I have enough mulberry trees," says Khouri, "I can produce silk at less than half what it costs when produced by the silkworms. - New York Herald.

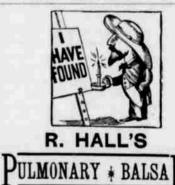
The Lost Euclids Found Again.

An interesting discovery is said to have been made in India. This is nothing less than the lost books of Euclid, of which a Sanskrit translation is said to have been found at Jeypore.



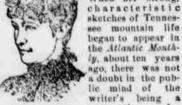


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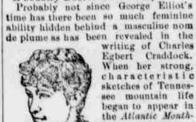
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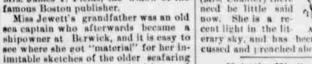


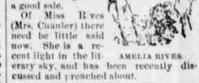
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lic mind of the MISS MURFREE, man, and one of a strong musculine individuality. Even

her handwriting carried out the deception, and the editor of the Atlantic never mistrusted that his new contributor was a woman. Finally one pleasant winter morning a card was brought into his editorial sanctum with "Charles Egbert Craddock" inscribed thereon. When the new author was ushered into his









AMELIA RIVES.