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# ONLY A LOCKET.

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Only a little trinket I wear in my becom, my dear. Ah you would searcely think it. How long it has rested there

Night and day I have worn it. These thirty years and more, I did not think to have borne it So long with a hea't so sore.

It seems few days since we parted, He salled for a 'ar-off clime At first I kept brave-hearted, And patiently bore the time

And his lotters came to cheer me, Always tender and true. To read them brought him near me And his voice seemed near to me, ten,

At last came a tline of waiting. And silence hard to bear ; My heart would keep debating What charms might hold him there

Then I biamed myse f so thinking, And I feared he must be iil, And I felt my hopes keep shrinking. But I sustain'd them still.

News come-I would not repolice to They said that my love was dead ; I could not-would not-believe it No matter what was sold.

He would come, some golden morning. And take me to his side ; I would get my bride's adorning. Ready to be a bride

An, the weary months went over. The weary years draing'd by, int no mor. ing brought my lover And still alone was L.

Slowly I grew to think it. Grew to know it must be; From that day this little trinket, Itis farewell gift to me.

Has never been from my bosom And I wich that when I die, Like a sweet perenulal blossom It still on my breast may lie.

## THE STORY TELLER.

#### THE GENTEEL WIDOW.

Not very long ago a lady, in widow's weeds, accompanied by a gentleman said to be her brother, came to New York, and engaged a house in Fourth Street. Her rich dress and refinement of manner, combined with great personal attractions, rendered her neighbors most desirous of obtaining an introduetion to her, and curiosity was rife as to where she came from and who she was. Her brother, for he really stood in that relationship to her, was a young man enjoying the command of ready money to a considerable amount, who easily made acquaintances among others of his own age. His manners were very pleas-ing, and his demeanor was polished, while his attire, though extremely quiet traveller to a firm in the same line as and unpretending, wrs always in the best possible taste. So favorable was the impression which he created in the ew friends, that several of them invited him to their own homes, and in a short time his circle of intimates increased to such a degree that he, in his turn, was enabled to give receptions in Fourth Street. His name was Vaughan, and his sister had been married to a colonel in the Confederate army, who had been killed in action during the war. Young Vaughan succeeded to a handsome competence on the death of his father ; and Col. Wilson, who had also been a man of property, had left sufficient behind him to support his widow in a manner becoming his position. This tale was supported by the evidence of two or three other young men, frequently to be met in Vaughan's apartments, who were also from the South, and was so fully borne out by all the circumstances of the period and their mode of life, that the brother and sister were tacitly permitted to take their place in society as fashionable people. Among many others who visited Mrs. Wilson was a Mr. Johnson and his family, who possessed a large store on Broadway. To this gentleman the widow was especially attentive, and vowed that her purchases for the future should be made from no other person than himself. Day after day she visited his store and bought largely, invariably paying ready money, until his confidence in her was fully established, and he told her that he should be most happy to give her credit, if at any time it might be more agreeable to her. She replied that she was only a woman, and consequently knew nothing of business, so she preferred to pay at once, that she might know exactly how she was situated, but promised to avail herself of to be thorough gentlemen to those not this kind offer should she ever feel the conversant with their tricks, and menneed of it. One benefit there was, howtion that they have just come up from ever, which he could confer on her. the country, in order to account for Would he be so kind as to show her over their being about so early in the mornhis store ? She had never had an oping. You will hardly believe it, perportunity before of becoming acquainted with the resources of so large an establishment. Mr. Johnson, only too wilsion, which to a detective officer are ling to be polite to so excellent a customer, immediately acceded to her request, and haid his treasures bare before her, and exhibited some of the most costly goods. She asked at what hour are continually glancing on one side or business was commenced, at what hour concluded; and after thanking him watched. I would guarantee to pick a The detective, with sincerely for his courtesies, took her leave. It was not long before the worthy what it may." The detective then took his departure merchant had cause to regret this moment of weakness, and subsequent events proved to him how easy it is for a good-looking woman to cajole a man, nowever wide-awake he may be. New York at this time was infested by a gang of rogues who had introduced a new their general appearance had set them down in his own mind as thieves of system of shoplifting, and had successfully victimized many of the larger storekeepers in the city. As their course some sort or other, although he knew and from all accounts it seems they nothing positively against them. He of action was entirely fresh, a new name had to be invented for them, and they were christened "sneak" thieves by the the robbery in Broadway; and the depolice, from the cunning way in which they effected their depredations and the who conversed with him coincided re-In a momen difficulty experienced in detecting them. Mr. Johnson, who but a few days before had been boasting of his immunity from theft, was much annoyed when on arriving one morning at his store he was informed by his managing man ing to several matters of business, start-

that some very valuable articles had been abstracted during the night or carly in the morning. The goods were safe enough when the store was closed however, at Mr. Johnson's request, and "it's the old game, after all. I thought so; a clever woman is always to be found in conjunction with those fel-lows." on the proceeding evening, as he had listened attentively to his account of the himself seen them, but were missing when the clerks arrived in the morning. Mr. Johnson at once called in the po-tice. He did not seem very well pleased, hee, and an experienced detective was nevertheless, when he heard that the desent to gather all the information on the tective conceived that he already had subject he could. On hearing the cir-cumstances of the case, this gentleman agitation when his companion remarked ran off to your store, after setting a at once recognized the agency of a in a whisper: "Do you see that man? meak thief, and imported his suspicions he is the officer whom 1 have engaged; to the proprietors of the store, and his it is quite singular that we should meet reasons for them. "I should like to have a few words

"I should like to have a lew words with your porter," he said. "Certainly; but I hope you don't suspect him, as he is an old favorite, and has been in our employ for years." "Not in the least; but I fancy he can help us for all that. Did you ever hear of a sneak thief, sir ?" No. What are they ?"

stay here while I question him, you will of the most intense surprise. on understand that." The porter shortly entered the room, looking very much sharmed. He had heard of the robbery, and that a police you ask?" officer was eleseted with Mr. Johnson, and naturally feared that he had tallen under suspicion. The first words of the detective, however, relieved him from all apprehension on that score.

Now, my man, I want to ask you a few questions, and you must answer me carefully. Don't be frightened; we know that you have had nothing to do with this robbery, but I tancy you can help me in finding out who has." "Very good, sir; but I don't know how.

" Who closed the warehouse last night?" "I did, sir." " Are you certain that all was securely

fasten d ? " Exactly the same as every other night."

"And the fastenings had not been tampered with in any way when you undid them this morning ?

" No, sir." " Well, now, who was the first person whom you spoke to day ?" "I think it was Mr. \_\_\_\_."

me of the clerks.) "Ah, but thinking won't do. Did not any one speak to you, or ask any ques-

tion of you ?" "Yes, a gentleman did ask me what time Mr. Johnson usually came to the into the room, his clothes disordered, his store, as he wanted to see him about some ordera.'

"What sort of a man was he? Can ou describe him ?" "He was a young gentleman, very pleasant-spoken, dark, with a mous-tache, and very well dressed. He said he came from the country, and was ours, who were going to buy largely from us." " Was he alone ?"

him." Vsughan suddenly remembered that he had forgotten a commission entrust-

ed to him by his sister, and hastily bidding Mr. Johnson "Good-by," hurried off in an opposite direction. The detective immediately came up

and asked his employer who the gentleman was who had just left him ; and, on hearing that he was a friend of the fam-" If you will send for the porter, and ily, gave a long, low whistle expressive

"Where does he live, sir? I'm sure I have seen his face somewhere." "At No. - Fourth Street. Why do "O, simple curiosity ; it's a way we

have," and he, too, left the puzzled merchant. The latter slowly continued his jour-

ney, and racked his brain to elucidate the mystery of Vaughan's sudden departure, but it never occurred to him to attribute it to the coming in sight of the detective. As he was in good time, and was obliged to pass Fourth Street on his way, he made up his mind to call upon Mrs. Wilson, and, if he found her brother there, to ask him the cause, fearing that he had offended him.

The widow was sitting in her draw-ing room, and displayed a great deal of pleasure at seeing her visitor, and sympathized most heartily with him when ie narrated his less to her. She asked him a great many questions as to the opinion of the detective, and was hardly less confused than her brother had been when Mr. Johnson alluded to the prob-

ability of a speedy capture of the offend-ers, and added that his porter could swear to one at least of the gang. Mrs. Wilson at this juncture became so alarmingly pale that he feared she was about to faint, and sprang up to

open the window and admit fresh air. As he rose from his chair the door was violently opened, and Vaughan burst face heated, and his whole aspect de-

" Well, I could forgive the sister; she may have been led away ; but as for her

brother-" Lord bless you sir, he is no more her brother than you are; all we have to do is to sit still, and we shall have the rest watch on the house, and brought the porter back with me. I was at a standstill for a moment, as to the best step to take next, when I was told that you had gone into the house. I then scribbled the note and sent it up, to enable your man to take a look at the prisoner, as I did not wish to make a mistake, and also to detain you in the room in case they should attempt to escape. He

swore positively to him, although he only saw his back, and on his doing so I came up myself, and the rest you know. as far as this house is concerned. I dispatched one of my men to make inquiparty meditated an emigration to some So we have only just had time to put the stopper upon them." Mr Johnson, burning with indigna-

the people he had been associating with, resolved to stay and see the end of the whole affair. In the course of an hour the front

oor-bell rang violently, and two young men, of eminently gentlemanly exterior, were ushered into the room. Seeing two strangers seated there, they we e considerably astonished, and muttered omething about expecting to find Mr. Vaughan.

"All right, sir," said the detective; 'I will lead you to him when I have had a moment's conversation with you. Be kind enough to allow me-" and he advanced with handcuffs in either hand. They attempted to bluster; but on being told that the "game was up," and Vaughan in enstody, they subsided and looked very blank indeed. In a few noments they were all conveyed to prison, before any intimation of the occur-rence had reached the ears of the neighborhood.

One thing remained to be done, and that was to ascertain the whereabouts of the stolen property. The amount must be, all agreed, very great, to have enabled the conspirator- to keep up so good noting great anxiety. Seeing Mr. John-son, he hesitated, and a look of intelli-gence and alarm was exchanged between him of the policemen on watch had ob-served the young men issue from a house himself and Mrs. Wilson. He then, by a great effort, partially recovered his composure, apologized for the mode of his entrance, and said that he had ex-pected to see his sister alone, and had semething of importance for the mode of the back place. It was found that Mrs. composure, apologized for the mode of the widow when the door again opened, Certain it is that the police when the bring matters to a crisis. At length, as searched the house discovered several and to his amazement his warehouse infants, and all the necessary appliances porter entered, with a letter in his hand. for many more. The nurse in charge (for the babies were well tended) imand gave it to him without saying a plied that a great number had been sent After obtaining leave from the lady Vaughan had moved to the window, and was looking out with his back to the probable solution of this strange matter rest-he broke the scal, and read the was that there existed in New York a was that there existed in New York a class of people who were able and willing to pay heavy premiums to any perthe room till I come !" written upon a son charitable enough to relieve them card bearing the detective's name. Though he could not for the life of him from the trouble of rearing their offspring. In the lower spartments valuguess at the meaning of the above, he ables of all kinds were brought to light, determined to do as he was bidden if such as silks, jewelry, gold ornaments, possible, and contented himself with &c., and for many of them owners were nodding to his porter, and saying, "Tell tound. the gentleman to be quick, then The three young this yes are all under-The porter vanished, and Mr. Johnson going long sentences, but the implicaalthough feeling acutely the awkward-ness of the situation, did the best thing born, and the widow of a colonel) was he could do under the circumstances no easy matter, with such consummate tact had she acted her part. She did not, however, escape scot-free, as Mr. Johnson, to his own chagrin, learned that the fair widow had availed herself of his kind offer a few days previously, and had succeeded in obtaining a quantity of goods on credit, that were lost to him forever. For obvious reasons we have

Bringing Matters to a Crisis.

tory : On a farm not many miles from Ashtabula there resided until recently

a brown-haired, blue-eyed, fair-com-plexioned, buxom country maiden, who abled to determine respecting this kind would have been happy as the day is long, but for the fact that Josiah —, respecting the more obvious thwart moa bashful country lad, the owner of a large farm and a little colored mous-tache, the admiration of the girls and by what is known of the nature of light. the envy of the boys for miles around, If a star is approaching, the light which comes to us from it will have its waves had been persistently courting her at the paternal mansion for two years, but closer together than if the star were at

could never be brought to propose. Yet Josiah wanted the girl as bad, if not worse, than the girl wanted him; and he was always on the point of say-ing something, but never yet had it got to his expectant listener's ears. At length, at the end of the two blue, indigo and violet light. So that, light; and the shorter waves producing

years, Mary Ann got so excited over it that she could hardly wipe her mother's dishes, while Josh would stop and lean upon his hoe in the corn-field and think rate of approach; while, if a star were trate of approach; while, if a star were tr I really think she'd have me if I only shining with pure indigo light, it might had gumption enough to ask her." by receding very rapidly be caused to

would hire a livery rig and go in style, ored light, but with a mixture of all the but the expense deterred him. "Darned if dad's shay and our nag won't do, she to estimate a stars rate of approach or Mr Johnson, burning with indigna-tion at discovering the real character of threw down his hoe, put on his coat and though we knew the star's real color, started to the house, to hitch up old "Nancy," and get his sweetheart. The chaise, which had done service

for many centuries, was drawn out; and delicate means of dealing with the mat-Josiah, arrayed in ruffled shirt front, ter. The rainbow-tinted streak forming scarlet neektie, dark blue vest and white a star's spectrum is crossed by known linen pants, with swallow-tailed coat dark lines; and these serve as veritable and stove-pipe hat, the colored mous- mile-marks for the spectroscopist. If tache displayed to the best advantage, stepped in behind the fiery steed and star is seen to be shifted toward the red drove for his dulcinex. She seemed co-quettish about "going out in the hot sun with a man she wasn't engaged to, even if he had gone with her so long;" the star is swiftly approaching. Now, Dr. Huggins had been able but she was pursuaded, and Josh helped

her into the "shay." Without a word of conversation benearly four years ago to apply this method to the case of the bright star tween them, the first mile was passed. Sirius, though his instrumental means Mary Ann sat in one corner of the vewere not then sufficient to render him hiele blushing red as a peony, while quite certain as to the result. Still he Josiah was hesitating whether to pop was able to atnounce with some degree Josiah was hesitating whether to pop the question now or wait awhile. A second half mile was passed and still intra exceeding twenty miles per second. the aparting lick, that that would teach him to be more careful for the fusilence reigned, broken only occasional- In order that he might extend the ly by the crack of Josiah's whip against method to other stars, the Royal Society ing heart. placed at his disposal a fine telescope Nancy's" lean sides.

They now entered a forest bordering fifteen inches in aperture, and specially on Josiah's domain, and out of the sun- adapted to gather as much light as possilight Josiah grew bolder. He began to ble with that aperture. Suitable spectalk about his crops, and another mile troscopic appliances were so provided was passed; still he could not muster up for the delicate work Dr. Huggins was sufficient courage to say the word which to undertake. It was but last winter must decide his fate. that the instrument was ready for work ;

For two long and weary years the las-sie had also waited and watched for the the most wonderful news from the stars

dvocate,

The Motions of the Stars.

It will seem utterly incredible that

stronomers have learned not merely

whether certain stars are receding or ap-

The Coal Supply of England.

Fucts and Figures.

How to prevent your wife from scolding you-Don't marry.

The boys in Des Moines perfume their stockings before walking to church with their sweethearts.

Only think of Delaware for a peachgrowing State, and big one at that. One million five hundred thousand bask-ets this season, and only half the amount of last year's crop. Commend us kindly to Deluware.

There is a well in Indiana which keeps time like clockwork. At precisely two o'clock, night and day, it throws up a jet of water. It is now over a thoasand feet deep, and is still being bored with a view to ultimate oil.

"That man," said a wag "came to for the basket."

"How many are there ov ycz down there ?" shouted an Irish overseer to some men in a coal-pit. "Five," was the answer. "Well, then the half of yez come up here," said he. When they did come up he found that the quantity exceeded the demand by a fraction.

The foot-and-mouth disease among cattle, sheep, and swine in England does not abate, but from last accounts seems to be on the increase, both as to the number of animals attacked and in respect to virulence. Pleuro-pneumonia has also appeared in localities, and seems to be steadily spreading.

It is said that the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon will visit Brooklyn in the autumn as the guest of Dr. Talmage, and will probab'y preach for him in the Tabernacle. That would be an event in current religious history which would cause an excitement similar to that which attended the visit of Dr. Newman Hall to this country.

A young lady at Council Bluffs, being informed by her "feller" that he in-tended to cease his attentions, cowhided him round the room, and, as he sprang ture not to trifle with a gentle and lov-

A Bangor, Me., prohibitionist was recently discussing the liquor law, and strongly urged its strict enforcement. To emphasize his remarks he gesticu-lated with his umbrella; whereupon a black bottle fell to the pavement with a crash, and the odor of "Old Bourbon" was diffused around. That closed the remnent.

Since the war the Methodist Episcopal Church has established ten conferences in the Southern states, with a membership of 162,000 persons, and 707 travelling and 1,600 local preachers. They have expended about \$1,200,000, and the his thwart-motion is fully as great (fo value of the church and school property there amounts to \$1,300,000. The conferences have paid \$7,000 into the Freedmen's Aid Fund. Bessemer, the inventor of the process of making cheap steel, now proposes to revolutionize naval warfare by making a cannon twenty yards long, with a bore of thirty inches and walls eight inches thick, and with this he will fire a shell Since the exhaustion of the English weighing five tons. Instead of setting coal fields is an accepted fact, within the fire to all the powder in his gun at compass of three centuries at least, and once, he divides his charge into differsince the present cost of coal mining is ent calls and explodes them successively already affecting the price of iron in all all going off before the ball leaves the the markets of the world, a few stategun, and each giving it a new impulse. ments in regard to the difficulty of pro-Here is the love ditty of a Georgian, curing coal at greater depths than those which he dropped and was picked up on the road: "To miss Sudy: behole a now reached will be of interest. At a on the road : depth of 50 feet below the surface of the stranger at the doore of thy heart he earth there is a zone of equable temperagentely nox has nox before, has waited ture where the thermometer marks 50 long is waiting still. miss Sudy you trete no other friend so ill. I luv you legrees. Observation shows that this temperature increases at the uniform now and will forever you may change fifty-five but I will never. for even one be our feet. So at the depth of 1,700 feet the lot derest won forget me not miss Sudy I must confess that I luv you the best One mine in England, 1.640 feet deep. of all the girls I ever new there is nun s already worked at a great disadvantto be Compared with you." age owing to the failure of the miners This is one of the newest descriptions to endure the steady heat. In one col-liery the shaft is 2,376 feet deep, and the of a Dolly Vnrden: "The starboard sleeve bore a yellow hop-vine in full temperature is 92 degrees. At a depth leaf, on a red ground, with numbers of of 2,690 feet the temperature is 98 degray birds, badly mutilated by the seams, flying hither and yon in wild grees, or blood heat, and there prolonged labor is impossible. The limit of profitdismay, at the approach of a red and black hunter. Calvary Mission infant class was depicted on the back, the making up of the garment scattering truant cholars up the sides and on the skirt, while a country poultry fair and a group of American hunting dogs, badly demoralized by the gathers, gave the front a remarkable appearance. The left sleeve had on it the alphabet in five different languages. An English test case as to laborers' yonder; well, scatter a little gypsum already worked, and how much from time was recently tried in Berkshire, over it and it is no longer dirty. Every- measures yet untruched, stated that at England. The 24th of June a farmer time was recently tried in Berkshire, had a good deal of hay down and thirty men at work. At 91 o'clock at night there remained an hour and a hatr's work to be done in order to secure the hay. A portion of the workmen refused to wor's longer, unless paid extra for it. This was refused, the hay was not secured, a rain came on, the hay was damaged, and the farmer sued two lathat depth, and, indeed, below 1,700 feet, borers whom he was paying by the where miners are forced to work shorter week, to recover. The magistrates de cided that the defendants were not bound by their contract to go on with the work at that time of night, and the case was

# RIDGWAY, PA., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1872.

A correspondent tells the following

" No, there were two others with him. ir, both nice looking young gents." · Did he come in ? "O, yes, he came in; I had just

pened the door, and was sweeping the word floor, so he walked straight up to me, and -

" Did his friends come in, too ?" "I'm not quite sure of that, but 1 think they must have, as it was raining, following line in percil, "Don't leave and they wouldn't stand out in the wet."

" Should you know them again, if you ow them? "I should know two of them-the one

who spoke to me and another, who had a carpet-bag in his hand. He walked a little lame.

"That'll do, porter ; you need not say my thing outside, but I'm afraid we have not learned much."

" All right, sir."

As soon as he had gone, the detective and asked Vaughan wherefore he Teft turned to Mr. Johnson and said : " You him so abruptly in the street. The former endeavored to make some reply, but will soon get your property back, I expect, sir. Those three men are sneak his nervousness increased so painfully thieves, and if they are the same I be-lieve them to be, I think I know them. that it was incoherent. Once again the door opened, but this They always pursue the same plan. time it was the detective who appeared, First of all they discover from a confedclosely followed by a couple of policeerate, generally a female, the place Advancing straight to where men. where the best booty is to be most eas-Vaughan stood, apparently transfixed with fear, he laid his hand on his shoulily obtained. They then rise early in der and said : " Will you come quietly ? the morning, and wait outside until the porter opens-the door, taking great care or must I use force ?" To the dismay of Mr. Johnson, that no one is observing them. One then

enters, and addresses the porter, telling expected an outburst of passion, Vaughhim some such tale as this fellow told an as':ed, in a trembling voice :

"What is it you want me for ?" yours, and while he is talking the other two adroitly slip whatever they can into "Robbery of nine thousand dollars a bag which they have with them, and worth of goods from this gentleman's decamp as soon as it is filled. They are store. Have you any thing to say always well dressed, and would appear about it ?"

"Not to you." And he held out his hands for the handcuffs. During this scene no one had thought

of Mrs. Wilson, but their attention was now called to her by a heavy tall upon ing. You will hardly believe it, per-haps; but thieves carry about with unfortunate lady had fainted away. them external marks of their profes- Mr. Johnson, as soon as he could breathe again, demanded from the police officer unmistakable. For instance, they have a peculiar walk, and movement of the upon it that there was some mistake, arms; they are generally ungloved, and and attributed the agitation of Vaughan carry nothing in their hands, while they and his sister to the horror they felt at a charge of this sort being brought

The detective, without saying a word. thief out from among one hundred hon-est men, let his general appearance be wrists, and signed to the policeman to remove both from the room. As soon

as the door closed behind them (Mrs. romising to communicate again with Wilson was carried out) he smiled and Mr. Johnson as soon as he had any said: "I know well enough what I am thing of importance to tell him, and about, sir, but did not like to arrest thing of importance to tell him, and proceeded to headquarters to report. He friends of yours until I had satisfied had observed three young men frequent- myself that I was not wrong in my susly walking about together, and from picions. Vaughan is the man who held your porter in conversation while his confederates were securing the plunder, knew where to go. Mrs. Wilson was often was irresistibly reminded of the trio by in your store, I am told ; can you tell me whether she seemed to examine the In a moment a light broke over the

markably with one of them who had mind of Mr. Johnson, and he rememattracted his especial notice. He deter- bered his interview with the widow a mined, therefore, to keep a sharp look- few days before.

"Why," he said, "I showed her all out and trace them home, should he again run against them. Mr. Johnson, meanwhile, after attend-must have been ?" over the store myself. What a fool I "Ab," said the detective, laughing,

pressed the real names of the chief actors in this little comedy ; but our readers may rest assured that in every other ed." respect the tale is strictly true.

Human Skill.

Two curious needles are owned respec ively by the King of Prussia and the Queen of England. The first was manufactured in the presence of its present owner, the King of Prussia, while he was visiting a needle manufactory in his kingdom, in order to see what machinery, combined with the human hand, could produce. He was shown a number of superfine needles, thousands of which together did not weigh half an ounce, and marvelled how such minute articles could be pierced with an eye But he was to see that in this respec even something still finer, and more perfect, could be created. The borerhat is, the workman whose business it is to bore the eye in the needle-asked for a hair from the monarch's head. It was readily given, and with a smile. He placed it at once under the boring machine, and then handed the singular needle to the astonished king. The second curious needle, now in

ossession of Queen Victoria, was made at the celebrated needle factory at Redditch, and represents the column of Trajan in miniature. This well-known Roman column is adorned with numerous scenes, in sculpture, which will immortalize Trajan's heroic actions in war. On this diminutive needle, scenes in the life of Queen Victoria are represented in relief, but so finely cut, and so small, that it requires a magnifying glass to The Victoria needle, moresee them. over, can be opened. It contains a number of smaller needles which are equally adorned with scenes in relief.

A Detroit gentleman, one hun tred and five years old, has lately been troubled ator telegraphs only the numerals dewith a failing in his eyesight, and his signating these blocks, which enable the doctor thinks it is the result of smoking receiving operator to select to excess for the last ninety years or so. blocks at his end of the line.

the horse stopped for an instant on the this star's distance has been estimated), brow of the hill to nibble a bit of grass, the actual velocity with which he is she bethought herself of a plan; she speeding through space cannot be less begged her lover to go to a farm-house than seventy miles per second. Other not far distant, and bring her a cup of stars are moving with corresponding away at various times, and the only cold water. Then the sly creature kept velocities .- Popular Science Monthly for watch until he was half way back to the September. carriage with the cup, and partially hidden from view by a grove of trees, when she seized the whip and punched it into the horse's ribs with such force as al most to cause them to crack.

"Nancy" gave a spring forward and cushed madly down the hill, Josh hastily dropping his cup of water, and flying in hot pursuit. At length he reached them, after

hard run; the "shay" lay overturned and broken in the middle of the road, tion of Mrs. Wilson (who was really well the horse was quietly browsing the grass near by, while Mary Ann, her face as pale as marble, and her beautiful white dress soiled with dust, lay apparently insensible a short distance off. rate of one degree for every Josh's attempts to rouse her were of no avail, until, becoming thoroughly frighttemperature is about 78 degrees. ened, he began to cover her cheeks with impassioned kisses, calling upon her to live for him. Then, and not till then, did the beautiful being deign to open her eyes, when, with tears gushing forth, she said, "O, Josh! if you'd only said it afore, this never would have happen-

What is Dirt ?

able mining is therefore about 1,700 feet, Old Dr. Cooper, of South Carolins, used to say to his students: "Don't be At the depth of 4,000 feet the temperaand at 2,700 mining is impracticable. afraid of dirt, young gentlemen. What ture would be 122 degrees, and at 10,000 is durt? Why nothing at all offensive, feet it would be at the boiling point, if when chemically viewed. Rub a little not even higher, as it is probable that alkali upon a dirty grease spot on your the rate accelerates as the descent is coat, and it undergoes a chemical change made.

and becomes soap; now rub it with a It is curious to note that the Commislittle water and it disappears. It is sion of sixteen eminent men of science neither grease, soap, water nor dirt. That which was appointed to ascertain how is not a very odorous pile of dirt you see much coal could be raised from seams thing like dirt is worthy our notice as the present rate of consumption there students of chemistry. Analyze it; it was a supply of coal in Great Britain will separate into very clean elements. for 1,273 years, but at the ratio of in-Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and crease the supply would last only 276 meat, and that makes a very sweet young years. Our figures show that coal canlady, that I saw one of you kissing last not be mined at a depth of 4,000 feet, lady, that I saw one of you straing task night. So after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her face with chalk or fuller's earth ; though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice Pearl powder I think is hours and where the temperature is of bismuth, nothing but dirt. nearly 80 degrees, must remain untouch-Lord Palmerston's fine definition of dirt ed. is 'matter in the wrong place.' Put it in the right place and we cease to think look the situation in the face, and their of it as dirt." report is in reality little better than a

TELEGRAPHING IN CHINA .- The problem of telegraphing in the Chinese language, to write which requires some 50,000 different characters, has been solved in this way : A few thousands of the characters most used are cut upon wooden blocks. On the opposite side of each block is its number. Duplicates of such numbered blocks are at each telegraph station. The China merchant selects the blocks which express the

thoughts to be transmitted. The oper-A Detroit journal says an old man of that city has played ninety thousand games of checkers. What a checkered similar career that old man must have had !

-and then out goes Great Britain !

The Commissioners hardly dared to dismissed.

The extreme danger of permitting children to play with the toy steam enjuggle. Already nearly all the coal above the depth of 1,700 feet has been raised, and that below can only be reachgines which are sold for one dollar was painfully illustrated last Saturday by a earful accident which occurred t ed at a cost not pleasant to contemplate. child of Mr. C. L. Van Zandt, Vice The British Quarterly estimates the quantity of coal above 1,700 feet at 39,-President of the American Bank Note Company. The child was dreadfally burned by upsetting the fluid lamp 000,000,000,tons, and that in the next 1,000 feet at 22,000,000,000, and at the used to generate steam, and before aspresent rates of increase, the last ton of sistance could be obtained she was so the 39,000,000,000 will be raised in 1945 badly injured by the flames that sh died in a few hours. Parents should be careful not to allow their children to play with these engines, for however harmless they may seem to be, there is

great risk attending their use as a toy, and in the hands of a child.