County Advocate, HENRY A. PARSONS, Jr., Editor and Publisher. NIL DESPERANDUM. Two Dollars per Annum. NO. 20. VOL. IV. RIDGWAY, ELK COUNTY, PA., THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1874. I declare, Isaac was almost ready to use Keeping Smoked Meats In Summer. Forewell It was useless to assert that the dam-ages were too high, for had they not fixed them themselves? It was useless Items of Interest. In a Gambling Den. Ben Spinner's Vacation, profane language. I'm not sure that he didn't say 'deuce,' and I'm not certain There are various plans and devices for keeping smoked meats for summer Fee simple-Giving a waiter ten cents Farewell to the home where in youth's giddy If there is a thing which at first I thought I would be glad of and am now dreadful sorry for, it is because The San Francisco Bulletin relates and expecting to have a good dinner. he did say 'darn;' and after all, I couldn't feel to reproach him very severely, for the pains he has taken the following : I revell'd and langhed 'neath it's ivy-topp'd "The demolition of the Mead House, use from the attacks of flies and beetles The elephant is said to be dying out. roof: at the corner of Montgomery and Pine Perhaps that's the reason why so many Where I grow in life's dawn, like a bright, insist on seeing him on every occasion,

smilling flower," And thought not of trouble, and knew not of

reproof. O ! sweet were the dreams then that came to

my pillow. When I rested at night is my soft tiny bed : "It is so," said Mr. Babcock. But now changed are those dreams to a trou

ble-toss'd billow, And painful the visions that flit thro' my

head.

Farewell to that hearth, where my dear mother taught me To pray to that Being, who guardeth the

weak. precinct. Where triffing presents my friends often

brought me. And whisper'd the path that was proper to

Babcock. seek "Well, I didn't observe them in par-No more shall I gaze on their sweet, beaming

faces. That smill'd on the laughing and venturesom

something like a cross, on her haunch." boy.

No more shall I feel their heart-warm'd embraces.

That made me each meeting so dearly enjoy.

Farewell to the room where the sun's early rising.

Oft I gazed on with pleasure and youthful delight.

To the stream's dashing waters, to me then surprising,

A tear for thee starts as thy beauties 1 write ; The old crumbled bower where oft in my gam

bols. I climb'd on each gable decaying with years.

No more shall I see thee, nor talk of those rambles

That have fill'd my fond-mother with doubtings and fears.

Letitia, Farewell! O, farewell, no more shall I view

ters." Mr. Babcock meditated a moment, thee. Dear scenes of my childhood, 1 bid the

and then said,-"Well, I wouldn't take a cent less adieu E'en friends are all fled, who once gladly knew

Alas! that their friendship should prove so initrate. good deal, Mr. Babcock? You know I

Farewell! ne'er again shall I gaze on thy

all I want is a fair compensation for the Thon home of my fathers, art gone to mischief done. decay:

No more shall I taste of those sweet, happy hours

have a herd of cattle and she p tramp-ing through my premises in that way for a hundred." I've spont 'neath thy roof 'mid the festive and gay. "There's one thing I forgot to state,

THE BOARD FENCE.

-the orchard gate was open or they couldn't have got in ; that may make a difference. "Shoo, shoo, get home, you plaguy critters !" cried Mr. Babcock, waving "Not a bit,-not a bit. You'd a right to have your gate open, but Small's cows had no right to run loose. his arms as he chased a dozen sheep and lambs through a gap in the fence. It was a wooden fence, and when he

didn't he ?" had succeeded in driving the animals heard him say he'd shut 'em un the other side of it, he lifted it from its somewhere, and didn't mean to let 'em reclining position, and propped it up cket-handkerchief plays with some out till the owner calls for 'em. But, with stakes. This was an operation he had found himself obliged to repeat eachers. One spreads it lengthwise Mr. Babcock, what if he should refuse in the Bible as if it were accessory or a help to his sermon. He makes it a kind to pay the damages? I should hate to many times in the course of the season, go to law about it." and not only of that season, but of sev-Elisha's mantle with which to divide "He won't refuse ; if he does, keep eral previous seasons. the critters till he will pay. As to law, I guess he's had about enough of that." the waters, to make a passage for his Yet Mr. Babcock was neither sluck ardent spirit, and he seems to rely on it nor thriftless ; in fact, he rather prided for that purpose. Another rolls it up I'm sure I thank you for your adhimself on the orderly appearance of as a compact argument, and gripes it rice," said Miss Letitia, " and I mean his farm, and not without reason. How and looks at it and talks to it, as much to act upon it to the very letter.' then shall we account for his neglias to say, "Now I've got you." An-other makes it into a ball, and seem-And Mr. Babcock took his leave with gence in this particular instance? very happy expression of counte-The truth was that this fence formed inaly hurls it at some stronghold he is nance. the boundary line between his estate bent on demolishing ; and still another Scarcely was he out of sight when and that of Mr. Small ; and three genmakes a ram's horn of it, not the "little Miss Letitia sent a summons for Mr. ations of men who owned these eshorn" which Professor Stearns so learn-Small, which he obeyed as promptly as es had been unable to decide to edly describes, but such as Joshua used his neighbor had done. n it belonged to rebuild and keep against Jericho, only he puts it to his She made to him precisely the same repair. If the owners had chanced se when he blows the demolishing statement she had made to Mr. Babmen of peaceable dispositions, blast. We cannot explain it, but there to be they had compromised the matter and avoided a quarrel; but if, on the con-trary, they belonged to that much cock, showed him the injured property, are some things done by small men and asked him to fix damages. that would excite mirthfulness, which It was remarkable that before he did in a large man would produce no such this, he should ask the same question larger class who would sooner sacrifice effect. And we do not wonder, when a Mr. Babcock had asked, namely, their own comfort and convenience a very small man rose to preach as a candidate in a certain place, whose whether she had any suspicion to whom than their so-called rights, this fence the animals belonged. head could scarcely be seen above the

She had balls on her horns, didn't she?"

"Seventy-five dollars ! Isn't that a

don't wish to be hard on the poor man,

"Yes, so Isnac said."

with that garden is something amazing; working in it, Mr. Babcock, early and had they not assured her that circumstance did not affect the case ? It was late, weeding and digging, and water-ing, and now to see it all torn and useless to say that she had no right to keep the cows in custody, for had they trampled so that you wouldn't know not counseled her to do so? As to which was beets and which was cucum-bers, it's enough to rouse anybody's thus become the sport of the whole town? "It is so," said Mr. Babcock. "And that isn't all, for by the looks of things they must have been rampag-ing a full hour in the orchard and ing a full hour in the orchard and minds as well as if they had spoken, for clover-field before they had got into the the light of Isaac's lantern fell full on bank.

garden. Just you come and see :" and putting on her sun-bonnet, Miss Letitia showed Mr. Babcock over the damaged you the debt." "You don't happen to know those "What is that?" Both looked the animals did the mischief ?" said Mr. question, but did not ask it.

"The condition is that you promise to put a good new fence in place of the ticular, myself, but Isaac said there was old one that separates your estates, one with a particular white mark; dividing the costs between you, and that henceforth you will live peaceable "Why, that's Small's old Brindle," cried Mr. Babcock. "I know the mark as well as I know the rose on my face." "Yes," together as far as in you lies. Do you

"Yes," muttered both, in a voice scarcely audible. "Shake hands upon it, then," said

Miss Letitia. They did so. "Now let the cows out, Isaac; it's

"And a kind of hump on her back ?" "A perfect dromedary," said Miss etitia. "I noticed that myself." Letitia. "I noticed that myself." "They were Small's cows, -no doubt about it at all," said Mr. Babcock, rub-bing his hands. "No sheep with them; "" hey?" "Well, now I think of it, there were of triumph with which they had last sheep,—they ran away as soon as they saw Isaac. Yes, c rtainly there were sheep," said Miss Letitia. quitted her presence. The fence was built, and the strife ceased when the cause was removed, but it was long before Miss Letitia's "I knew it,-they always go with the

wws; and what you wish of me—" "Is to fix the damages," said Miss Letitia, "As I said before, women part of the affair came to the public ear; for she herself maintained a strict si-lence concerning it, and enjoined the folks are no judges about such matsame upon her man-servant Isaac .--Youth's Companion.

> Pulpit Pranks. We are sometimes amused-that will

be better than to say anything severeat the posture of some preachers. They seem not to know what to do with their They were, doubtless, made to legs. all I want is a fair compensation for the mischief done." "Seventy-five dollars is fair, ma'am, -in fact, I may say it's low; I wouldn't stand on, to give the body a firm and commanding bearing, and impressive dignity. They stand on one leg and crook the other round it like a corkscrew, and keep up a perpetual twisting as if they were winding themselves up. Then they shift and wind up the ther side, and it seems all the time as if what they were saying was worked below. Of course such an unnatural and ungraceful posture as this de-

tracts very much from the effect of their preaching, because it excites your sympath or something else unpleasant, for Small's cows had no right to the pound, they seem to be in pain an enter a wk-I hope Isaac drove 'em all to the pound, In this position every gesture is awk-

streets, has developed some facts of startling interest. The Mead House was a rendezvous for the gambling fraternity from early in 1865 to December, 1871, when the police raided upon it and disturbed operations. Until this raid the game of faro was conducted in the building in a quiet and orderly manner and with profit, the net earn-ings reaching \$65,000 for a single year.

This was in reality a workingman's Here the working classes deposited large sums of money and were not troubled with bank books. A few days ago, while the workmen were taking down the walls a number of suspicious characters were observed hanging about the spot and watching the

proceedings with great interest. While knocking away the wall of one of the lower rooms the workmen were some-what puzzled by the manner of the strangers. Three of them suddenly walked up to the spot and watched every blow of the ax with the keenest because there is more of it. If they

scrutiny. Suddenly a gap was made in the wall, and the next blow of the ax think it's proper for me to have to bug caused a peculiar sound as if a musical instrument had been struck. On ex-amination it was discovered that three wires were running up through the wall

from floor to ceiling. In a few minutes no less than half a dozen were about the place examining the wire, the three strangers looking at each other significantly. An investigation of the walls Anyhow, that's my opinion, which I of the whole house was now commenced, and the revelations were, indeed, of the most startling character. In one of the rooms on the upper floor was an ar-rangement which enabled a player to the acre, and when a boy has to bend know exactly what his opponent held. Directly over the table in the centre of the other side, it's a kind of miserable the room was a small hole in the ceiling, through which the confederate watched occupation which I would like to get half a good chance for to slip out of.

To have to wade into the garden early the game. Wires ran along the ceiling to the floor, and terminated in levers in the morning when the dew is on in beneath the carpet, upon which the cheating gambler placed his foot; as these wires were pulled, the number of taps telegraphed the course of action to but when you have to do it there is no pursue. thing was in readiness for the drop. This was accomplished by two levers and a space beneath let into the floor. ball for a whole day. Late in the even-ing, when I came in home the back way, and desperate hungry, the governor to keep it safe from insect enemies. In a second the gamblers withdrew from gave me an abundance of stars and the table, each man of course grabbing stripes, which I have got them yet, and could show 'em if I was only in a swimhis checks and money, and by a motion of the levers the yawning floor opened, ming. I found out that it is a bad

and down went the whole 'lay out.'

ward, for the hands are needed to sup-port the body. Then what a part the ments. After the discovery an endeavor when will keep in the year round, it's hotel is to have a frontage of three Eng-the one that I want to go to. That's lish miles long, and a depth of six

now dreadful sorry for, it is because school is out for keeps till the next term. It is most unusually the way that when school don't keep there is plenty of work studied up for me to have to do. That's the way it fits me every time. It's my kind of bad luck to be raised to have industrious ways. The Cincinnati Gazette is curious to know what the brewers of that city do with the tobacco stems they purchase. the conclusion that growing pineapples

Another plan is to place the pieces in sacks well surrounded with cut hay, or that idleness is the parents of vice or sacks well surrounded with cut hay, or some of that sort of disagreeable Eng- in tight barrels, with cut hay or straw closely pressed around the pieces. By this latter plan, however, the meat is apt to mold. To prevent this, it should at something and not gad about with other indelent boys and race the streets from morning till night per-petual. Last vacation they put me into

but if I could only have my own way only just once I would rather sell pea-nuts on the railroad. But they have got me in the same hardships which I

apologized by saying that she was speaking to those just commencing their arithmetic. way to preserve meat is to have a smoke

The Chicago Times thinks the base ball club of that city can best serve Chicago by quitting their perambula-tions about the country, and taking waste, why, then, I suppose its all right that is necessary to secure this is a if I could only see it, but when a boy has studied diligently all winter I don't think it's exac'ly the fair thing to keep him too tenacious at work in vacation. positions as hod-carriers. house you may keep meat indefinitely throw in. There ain't a very great deal of real pleasure in digging potatoes where the bugs is about a barrel full to sects cannot get access to the place

his back down to try to pull up weeds where it is kept, they cannot lay their which grow clean through and clinch on eggs therein and consequently there cannot be either skippers or beetles or their larvæ.

variety of purposes when not filled with The first four feet should always meat. be built of brick, both as a protection your trousers leg, is a worse thing than the Erie Sipilis and the fever and ague; venient receptacle for ashes, in all districts where wood is burned for fuel. The faro room was the most use for to try to shirk out. I went back If our readers have no permanent ingeniously contrived thing in the on the job once, but I never went back smoke-house yet build in which to keep house. In the first place, wires ran from on it twice, because once was enough. the door so that a signal was given I was roped in and coaxed by some without delay. Where farmers depend when it opened, and inan instant every- boys to go off on the commons to play so much, as they necessarily must in ter Diana started to cross a marsh in Lake Charles parish, Louisiana. They

A Chicago Hotel,

huntsman was about to shoot, when he The following is a translation of an saw that it was a girl, nude and wild. article in a Berlin paper, which will convey an idea of the German estimates habit for a boy to get into, to leave his He reported his discovery, was told the story of Diana, and acting on the idea The carpet was then drawn over the spot, and when the officers hove in sight there was nothing in the shape of almost breaks your back. But I have latest American progress in building gamblers' implements to be seen. In got awful sick of this vacation business, will be the 'mammoth hotel,' soon to be the house there were taken out no less and if I can find a school next year erected in Chicago. This enormous than 150 wires and several contrivances which will keep in the year round, it's hotel is to have a frontage of three Eng-

Au Sable Chasm.

will endeavor to get a glimpse of her again.

My father is everlastingly telling me

lish language that I don't want to hear, and that I must keep busy at work

the garden, where, they said, I could when the trouble and expense is not obtain some habits which would do me grudged is to wrap each piece separatesome good when I became grown up into a useful citizen. Well, to have to fit. Sew them up and dip in thick be a useful citizen is all very fine silk, lime-wash, and hang in an airy but cool

was into last summer, only it is rougher because there is more of it. If they The best, and in the end cheapest,

the potatoes, and weed the onions, and thin out the roobarb, and raise up a lot of garden trash for to go to seed and the same time, be well ventilated. All

The number of pilgrims who visited the tomb of Mahomet at Mecca this year is said to have been 30,000, and owing to the precautions adopted by the Egyptian Government, their health has been unusually good. According to a local journal, the

The smoke-house may be used for a

families remain. Years ago an old man and his daugh-

rattlesnakes in the knobs of Lincoln county, Ky., have formed a "corner" in water, and the supply of some fami-lies is cut off. They gather in large numbers around the springs, and suffer

a few days ago for a \$10 note; and the furniture, which cost \$3,000, brought less than \$90. Six months after the city was founded it had seventy-four hotels and boarding.houses, and fifteen thousand inhabitants. Now only nine

The Cuban planters are arriving at

and bananas for the American market pays better than tobacco and coffee.

A Californian who ties one end of a

rope around his waist and lassoes a cow with the other can generally tell, at the

end of the first half mile, whether he's

No recommendation .-- Gushing Par-

ty-"There's a view now ! Magnificent ! Surely you'll admit that deserves praise !" Practical Self-made man.-

effort to deserve it-didn't make itself !"

called her pupils a set of young adders,

upon being reproved for her language,

Well, I don't know. It has made no

A teacher, who, in a fit of vexation,

got the cow or the cow's got him.

no one to approach. The famous, and at the time popular,

hotel, the Danforth House, Pithole City, Pa., which cost \$28,000, was sold

were never afterward heard from. A

short time since a hunter's dogs started

a wild animal in the marsh, and the

had been a source of unending bickerings and strife.

And of this class were the present Again and again they had owners. consulted their respective lawyers on the subject, and dragged from their hiding-places musty old deeds and records, but always with the same result.

"I say it belongs to you to keep it in repair ; that's as plain as a pike-staff. Mr. Babcock would say.

"And I say it belongs to you,--any fool might see that," Mr. Small would reply, and then high words would follow, and they would part in anger, more determined and obstinate than get off with."

before. The lawyer's fees and the loss by damages from each others' cattle had already amounted to a sum sufficient to have built a fence round their entire estates, but what was that compared to the satisfaction of having their

own way ? There was not wanting in the neigh borhood peace-makers who would gladly have settled the affair by arbitration but to this neither of the belligerents

would listen for a moment. At last, one day, Miss Letitia Gill, a woman much respected in the village, and of some weight as a land-owner and tax-payer, sent for Mr. Babcock to come and see her on business ; a summons which he made haste to obey, as how could be do otherwise where a lady was concerned.

Miss Letitia sat at her window sewing up a seam, but she dropped her work and took off her spectacles when was missing ! Mr. Babcock made his appearance.

"So you got my message; thank you for coming, I'm sure. Sit down, do. I suppose my man Isaac told you I wanted to consult you on a matter of found !

A horrible suspicion seized business, --- a matter of equity, I may both, --- a suspicion which they would say. It can't be expected that we not have made known to each other for women folks should be the best judges the world. They waited till it was dark, and then

their heads in confusion.

about such things, you know ; there's Isaac, to be sure, but then he lives on Mr. Babcock stole round to Miss the place, and maybe he wouldn't be Letitia's, and meekly asked leave to look at the animals which had commit-ted the trespass. He would have done exactly impartial in his judgment about our affairs." "Jes' so," said Mr. Babcock.

"Well, the state of the case is this

barn doors at night. When Isaac came up from the long meadow to dinner,-they're mowing the meadow to-day, and an uncommonly good yield there is, —when he came up to dinner, he found that certain stray for the release of the heifer, along came cows had broken into the vegetable garden.

"He did, hey ?" "You can fancy the riot they made,

"Well, one of them I observed had a pulpit, and gave out his text, "It is I, be not afraid," that the whole congreterribly crooked horn." "Precisely-it's Babecck's heifer. gation were moved to laughter.

should know her among a thousand. She was black and white, wasn't she?" "Well, now I think of it, she was; A Thrilling Situation. one seldom sees so clear a black and The following story, which is given

as a fact, can hardly be surpassed even white on a cow." "To be sure, they're Babcock's ani-mals fast enough. Well, let me seeby the imaginary situations that mark many specimens of the modern drama : what you want is just about a fair esti-Near the city of Detroit, a man by the name of McArthur was crossing the mate, I suppose ?"

railroad track in the night time, when "Certainly." "Well, I should say ninety dollars his foot caught fast in a "frog," and was as low as he ought to be allowed to his efforts to extricate it were of no avail. His boot fitted so closely that "O, but I fear that will seem as if I he could not draw his foot out, and at meant to take advantage. Suppose we length he could hardly move his leg from pain. He found that he must "Just as you please, of course ; but either be run over by the next train or hanged if I'd let him off for less than a make known his situation. He should himself hoarse, but no one came. After

hundred, if 'twas my case." ' And if he refuses to pay ?" "Why, keep his animals till becomes round, that's all."

"But there's one thing I neglected to ention: our gate was standing open; "But the idea came to him to signal the train. Tearing the paper off mention: our gate was standing open ; that may alter the case." his bundle, and getting at some letters, "Not at all,-there's no law against he rolled them into a heap, and for fear

your keeping your gate open ; there is that the flames would die out too suddenly he added his clothes. The bun-dle was then made fast to the end of his against stray animals."

"Very well,-thank you for your ad-vice," said Miss Letitia; and Mr. Small walking stick, and he waited until the headlight of the locomotive should apdeparted with as smiling a countenance pear. It finally greeted his vision and as Mr. Babcock had worn. But at milking time that night he he struck his match, but a gust of wind made a strange discovery-old Brindle blew it out. Another match was struck. and in an instant he waved his signal

back and forth, and just when he At about the same hour Mr. Babcock made a similar discovery-the black thought death was certain he heard the whistle for brakes. He was saved, but the engine had only thirty feet more to and white heifer was nowhere to be go to crush him.

In Prison.

Young Walworth, who is now in the Auburn prison, is of no use to the con-tractors. He has developed epileptic symptoms and is employed in the hospital to wait on patients. Ingersoll, the Tammany Ring swindler, has from the it without asking leave, only that first been a well-behaved, tractable and thrifty Miss Letitia always locked her willing prisoner. He is employed in a that first been a well-behaved, tractable and shop where rush horse collars are made. While he stood looking over into the At first he was assigned the ordinary pen where the cows were confined, and tasks, but the contractor soon found trying to negotiate with Miss Letitia that he was more valuable as an overseer or general clerk, and he now fills Mr. Small, in quest of Brindle. The two men stared at each other for an instant in blank dismay, and then hung their heads in confusion.

was made by the three strangers to hush the matter up, but the affair had become noised abroad, and already a good many strangers were about the place, drawn thither by curiosity. The developments are creating some stir with the gambling fraternity, but the leading sports of the

city denied all knowledge of the existence of the peculiar arrangements by which the unwary were fleeced.

Plucky Girls,

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Decovey, of Akron, O., being absent from home, their two elder daughters, Gertrude, sixteen, and Eva, fourteen years of age, keep their house and have the care of three young children. On Tuesday night, or rather Wednesday morning one o'clock, Gertrude about Wits awakened by a noise outside the house, and, on going to the window, dis-covered a man working at the blinds of the bedroom below, occupied by Eva and the youngest child. On finding that he his old friend. When they parted, after several days' companionship, the window and partially concealed him. Osborn gave Hitchcock a sealed packself behind some objects a few feet distant from the house. Gertrude several times called to him that, if he did not There Hitchcock found that it con-want to get shot, he had better "clear tained a deed for one-sixth of a rich out," but he maintained his position.

By this time Eva had become awakened, and, seizing a loaded revolver, in the use of which she had had some practice, ship. for \$80,000. rushed up stairs. Gertrude again

alled upon the rascal to leave if he didn't want to get shot, and as he did not stir, she pointed out his whereabouts to Eva, who held the pistol in the direction indicated and blazed The fellow fell forward on away. his hands and knees, and then raising himself, apparently with great diffiulty, made off into an adjoining field. After daylight the girls made a reconnoisance of the premises and the ad-joing field, and not only the tracks of having been prisoner for upward of an wounded fugitive were plainly he hour he heard the whistle. He had a traced, but one place was found where he had evidently lain down and rolled upon the grass as if in great agony.

Blue Sky and White Clouds.

The ethereal blue color of the sky is due to minute particles of matter which float in the air. Were these particles removed the appearance of the sky would be dead black. It is a fact in optics that exceedingly fine particles of matter disperse or scatter the blue rays of light, coarser portions scatter red so accompanied. rays, still coarser portions scatter all the rays, making white light. An atmosphere is full of acqueous vapor, the particles of which diffuse white light in all directions. When these particles are enlarged they become visible in the form of clouds. The vapor particles of the white clouds are supposed to be finer and lighter than those of the dark clouds. That the diffusion of light in our atmosphere, the blue coloring of the sky and the colors of the clouds, are due to the presence of matter floating in the air, has been conclusively proven by Tyndall. On passing a beam of sunlight through a glass tube the beam is rendered bril-liantly visible by the reflection of light from the dust particles floating in the air contained in the tube. But on re-moving the dust particles, which is done by filtering the air by cotton wool, or causing the air to pass over a flame, the beam of light is no longer visible in the tube,

Interest on Friendship.

In 1850 a young man named Osborn, who had recently arrived at the mines from the East, penniless and friendless, was taken sick. He told his condition to a fellow adventurer named Hitchcock, who was a little better off, and when, after two months of illness, Osborn arose from his bed, his friend handed him \$250 to bear his expenses and to procure tools, saying to him, "If ever you get able you can pay me back, but do not worry yourself and injure your health in trying to make the money too quick." One year and a half from that time Osborn sent Hitchcock \$1,250, with the following note : "I'll pay interest on friendship." His His labors proved remunerative, and by 1873 he was worth \$350,000. While in 1873 he was worth \$350,000. San Francisco he met and recognized age, with the injunction that it was not to be opened until he was on the cars. tained a deed for one-sixth of a rich silver mine, with a small note containing the words : "Interest on friend-" Hitchcock has sold his interest

Waterspouts,

When a whirlwind occurs out at sea, it agitates the waters contained within its diameter to such a degree as frequently to cause a column of spray to rise in the air. If the sky is cloudy, the upper strata of the whirlwind acts upon the lower clouds in the same man-ner in which the lower strata acts upon the surface of the water, and thus causes a column of vapor to descend immediately above the ascending one. These two columns will, if the whirling motion of the air continues for any considerable period, become lengthened by the pressure of the atmosphere, and will ultimately join to-What are termed watersponts gether. in island districts are quite a distinct phenomena. They are simply very heavy showers of rain confined within narrow limits. These showers may or may not be accompanied with a whirlwind motion of the atmosphere, but will, of course, come nearer our idea of what a waterspout may be when it is

Scolding.

Scolding is a habit very easily formed. It is astonishing how soon one who indulges in it at all becomes addicted to it, and confirmed in it. It is an unreasonable habit. Persons who once get in the way of scolding always find something to scold about. If there were nothing else, they would fall a scolding, at the mere absence of any-thing to scold at. It is an extremely disagreeable habit. The constant rumbling of distant thunder, caterwauling, or a hand-organ under one's window, would be less unpleasant. The habit is contagious. Once introduced into a family, it is pretty certain in a short time, to affect all the members. If one of them begins finding fault about something or nothing, the others are apt very soon to take it up, and very unnecessary bedlam is

stories will measure 3,480 feet from the the glen are well authenticated : Until ground floor to the roof. The hotel a few years ago a bridge spanned the will have no stairs, but 500 balloons Chasm at the point where it is narrowwill always be ready to take visitors up est. This bridge was suffered to decay, to their rooms. No coom-waiters are to be employed, but visitors will be served mained of it at last only a single by a newly patented automatic, put up in every bedroom, who will do all shav-ing, shampooing, etc., to the guests by the latter promised to "see him through." The promise was kept, and Supposing the guest requires hot wa-insanity of youth. One dark night a ter, the automatic will be able to call down stairs : 'A bucket of water up to He had been absent abroad for several room number one million three thou- years. When he had been familiar sand one hundred and seven,' and the with this section of country, the Au water will be up in seven seconds by a Sable Bridge was the usual avenue of patented elevator. Half an hour fore table d'hote, instead of the ringing of bells, a gun (24 pounder) will be fired on each floor to call the guests to fidently spurred his horse onward. get ready for their meals. The tables in the dining-rooms will measure four miles each, attendance to be performed by twelve waiters on horseback on either side of the table. Music during table d'hote will be played—gratis—by eight bands of seventy-five men each. For the con-venience of visitors a railroad will be acquainted in youth and early manonilt on each floor as well as telegraph offices. The price for one bedroom will be from \$1 to \$10. The cost of this building is estimated to be \$680,000,000. for the easy access of the timorous visi-The billiard room will contain 900 American, 99 French, and 1 English table, and, most of the visitors expected to be Americans, the billiard room will be fitted out with a spittoon of 100 feet in circumference."

A Strong Witness.

Some years ago a law suit occurred out West, growing out of the destruction of a quantity of growing corn, be-longing to a Mr. Wilson, by hogs owned by a Mr. Brown. The latter owned eight hogs, and Wilson declared that they were all in his field, and that, consequently, the havoc was immense. Brown protested that he didn't believe any of his hogs were in Wilson's field, but if any at all, certainly not more than one or two, and therefore the damages could not have been so great as represented.

Wilson had a witness on his side named Jerry Parker, not a very bright young man, but noted for having a wonderful imagination. He came in late, and had not a very distinct idea season from the bridge over Au Sable as to how the case stood, but he had a very vague notion that it was for Wil-inflicted. The cure proved effectual, son's interest to make the number of but the thief's morals were reformed at hogs appear as large as possible.

When he took the witness-stand he was questioned by Wilson's lawyer, who asked :*

"Jerry, did you see the hogs in Mr. Wilson's corn-field, on the day in question ?"

"Yes, sir; I did," replied Jerry. "Do you know exactly how many there were ?

"No, I didn't count 'em ; but I'll take my oath there warn't less than thirty !"

The consternation of Wilson and his lawyer, at this unexpected reply, may in his handwriting. He was closely be imagined ; and it was not lessene ! when Brown's lawyer arose and said : "Your honor, as my client has only eight hogs, it is very evident that those which destroyed Mr. Wilson's corn be-longed to some one else, and I ask

judgment for the defendant." The court granted this request, and poor Wilson, by having too strong a witness, lost the case.

miles; the height of seventy-seven The following stories connected with clergyman on horseback approached it approach to his home. He knew nothing of its subsequent ruin. Upon drawing near it in the darkness he con-When the horse's hoofs struck the single beam which remained of the bridge, the rider sought to penetrate the darkness, but could not. Dropping the reins upon the neck of his brave steed, he abandoned his thoughts to reverie. hood, and where he had indulged in many a perilous adventure, long before the Chasm had been prepared by art tor. How many changes he might find upon his return-old faces buried, old landmarks removed, old houses fallen into decay. Before he had concluded this waking dream the hoofs of his trusty animal no longer echoed upon the bridge, but struck-the solid ground upon the other side. He was safely over, without an intimation that he had risked the smallest danger. Not until he had reached his home, and was told by what route he had come, did he learn of his tremendous peril. The next morning, when he reviewed, by the light of day, the threadlike pathway over which he had gone, his knees smote together, and he uttered a prayer of thanksgiving for

deliverance from a horrible death. A good-for-nothing character in the neighborhood was once caught in the act of theft, near the bridge just described, in the days when it was the usual avenue of travel. It having been the expense of his intellect, for he became a confirmed, though inoffensive idiot.

Within a few months, says the Boston Traveler, a paper purporting to be a mortgage of personal property was handed a prominent legal gentleman on the witness stand in the Supreme Court, and he, under oath, stated that he saw the person sign the paper, and that his name was attached as witness pressed by the opposing counsel to carefully examine and see if he did see the person sign it, and specially if his (the witness's) name was written there-on by himself. He examined and re-plied to both in the affirmative. It afterwards appeared, in uncontradicted evidence, that the paper submitted was a copy of the original mortgage fur-nished by the City Clerk,

Human Testimony.