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Too Old for Kisses.

My uncle Philip, bale old man, Has children by the dozen ; Tom Ned, and Jack, and Kate and Am How many call me "cousin ? " Good boys and girls, the best was Bess I bore her on my shoulder ; A little bud of loveliness That never should grow older ! Her eyes had such a pleading way, They seemed to say, " Don't strike m Then, growing bold, another day, "I mean to make you like me." I liked my cousin, early, late, Who liked not little misses : She used to meet me at the gate, Just old enough for kisses !

"This was, I think, three years ago-Before I went to college : I learned one thing there-how to row. A healthy sort of knowledge. When I was plucked (we won the race), And all was at an end there, I thought of Uncle Philip's place, And every country friend there. My cousin met me at the gate ; She looked five, ten years older-A tall young woman, still, sedate, With manners coyer, colder. She gave her hand with stately pride "Why, what a greeting this is ! You used to kies me." She replied, "I am too old for kisses.'

I loved, I love my cousin Bess : She's always in my mind now : A full-blown bud of loveliness-The rost of womankind now ! She must have suitors ; old and young Must bow their heads before her ; Vows must be made and songs be sung By many a mad adorer ! But I must win her : she must give To me her youth and beauty ; And I-to love her while I live Will be my happy duty ; For she will love me soon or late, And be my blics of blisses, Will come to meet me at the gate, Nor be to's old for kisses!

MY DOG " NAP,"

"Lie down, lie down, sir !" "Oh, never mind him, Frank, he

"Oh, never mind him, Frank, he reon't hurt you; go right in." "Oh, yes," said I, "it is all well enough for you to say 'never mind him,' but, by George, he looks as if he would bear a great deal of minding. "Noncense," said Alick, laughing; "I tell you the dog will not touch you; but, if you will not believe me, wait a moment and I will ge along with you." moment and I will go along with you.' I certainly was afraid to go into the room alone, and I think you, my read-er, would have thought discretion the

better part had you been in my place. Alick was talking with his agent as I came to the hall door, and had walked toward his library to wait his leisure ;

signed my place, but my interest in the concern was too large to be trifled with, though I determined there would be a We commend the following authentic story to the attention of the innumerachange in that board of directors anble admirers of the French Zouaves, other year. who have won such a conspicuous place in military history. The Arabs of the Beni-Snassen tribe are great amateurs "About a week after this our secre tary returned from Boston on the evening train and brought with him fifty

thousand dollars, and all in greenbacks, the proceeds of our monthly bills re-ceivable. He brought the money in bills because the day following was our pay-day. "I was in a most perplexing state of mind when he handed me that money.

They pretend to be Arabs of the neigh-borhood, friendly to the French, and say they want powder for hunting. One day it was discovered that the zouaves had been selling their powder. To paint the fury of the officer in com-I knew the office safe was no protection whatever, and yet if I carried the money home with me I was assuming a great maud of the Arab bureau is an imposhome with me I was assuming a great responsibility. Without saying a word to any one I determined to keep the money with me. I found an old din-ner-basket in the office and I carried it

"You may be assured that I did not feel very comfortable that evening. I thought of every nook and corner in the house, and wonder a struck, but the sny instantia in was the house, and wondered where would be the safest. At last I determined upon dividing it, leaving half here and der. the rest in my own room. I had not mentioned the matter at home, not even

der. "Is it you then," cried the officer, "coward and knave, who would have your comrades assassinated by the to my wife, but plead a headache when reminded of my preoccupied air. "I came in hero and placed twenty-Benni-Snassens ?"

A Trick of the Zouaves,

"Yes, commandant, I did it." "You have committed a base action." "I admit it commandant; but with five thousand dollars in that ottoman at your feet. See! the top is on hinges, and is fastened by this hook on this same powder that I sold, I am going to blow my brains out; that will save the trouble of a court-martial, and the side. This ottoman I pushed near 'Nap.' The balance I carried to my own room and put it in the stove, thinkthe zouaves will not be dishonored by a ing that would be the last place where any one would look for it. I went to public sentence."

With these words the zonave took a cartridge, loaded a pistol with it, drop-ped a round ball in the barrel, and with bed, but it was nearly midnight before "I was awakened to find a man's haud on my mouth, and to be informed superb coolness, put the muzzle to his head and pulled the trigger. The wea-

that he did not intend to harm me if I pon missed fire, and the zouave burst kept quiet. My hands were then tied behind me, a towel fastened in my into a hoarse laugh. "The Judge has acquitted me," mouth, and the muzzle of a pistol placed he said. against my head. Another man was " How so ?" said the commandant. treating my wife in a similar manner. They had a dark-lantern and wore "Why, you see, commandant, that

"After securing us they began to search the room. First my clothes, then the bureau drawers, under the bed genuine cartridges. You have just everywhere but where the money was. I began to think I had outwitted them, when one said to the other' 'How's that stove?' Another minute and they

I fell asleep.

masks,

were pulling out the money. "Imagine my feelings if you can. Even if they left with this amount it was no small sum to lose. I could alpowder?" "Rather "-and the zouave exhibited most have cried right then and there. a formidable pipe, set with solid gold. Though the Arabs may be pretty One ran over the amount and said to the other, 'Only half here.' My heart grow colder than before. They sharp fellows, they are no match in went to the easy-chair and cut open the stuffed seat; they picked up the otto-man, examined it, and went out of the cunning for the zouaves.

room. "I was trying to get up when one came back—the other had the money; he pushed me back into the bed, saying he pushed me back into the bed, the pushed the back into the bed, saying he pushed me back into the "This 'ere case is a sad one," re-marked Bijah, as he brought out Cathofficer says he won't swear that he other man walk down stairs and I knew deed his house and lot to any one if he can't say that the echoes of her gentle voice reached him as he was leaning on a hitching post five blocks away. She was mad, ugly and stubborn, and she made awful threats against his life. was down stairs. "The fellow must have come straight She has, however, partly compensated to this door. I heard him turn the for them by weeping all night long, and by oft repeated promises that her fulatch, and then-a most unearthly scream ! I knew that 'Nap' was doing ture life should be as full of sobriety his duty. In a flash I jumped to the as a sunflower is full of seeds, floor, and in doing so gave a wrench to the band about my wrists that broke it, and then before the man on guard "I hope so, Catherine-I hope so, replied his Honor, as she made the same promise to him. "You are aged and gray, Mrs. Judy. You are rapidly traveling toward that last receptacle of He made a stroke at me, I dodged it, caught him by the legs and threw him. the human form, and it won't be long As he fell he gave up his hold on the before the sod closes over you for revolver. ever." "I believe the same," she answered, "I cared nothing for him, I wanted the man who had the money ; so I dashtrying to shed a tear. ed down the stairs, only to see him go-

The Hon. Albert G. Brown, of Mississippi, recently wrote a letter to a young lady friend, wherein he laments young hady friend, wherein he laments that he ever made a political speech or held an office. Ex-Governor Brown was for thirty-three years, previous to 1865, continually in high official and political station; and would therefore love that was devotion, and came near love that was devotion, and came near of gunpowder, and never neglect an op-portunity of prowling about the French camp, and offering the soldiers large seem to have had as extensive and fasums of money for the coveted article. vorable an experience as any of his contemporaries and associates. We quote

Perils of Office Seeking.

petent to administer a word of "cau-tion" to the young men of this generation. My young friend, do not be de-ceived by the glitter of office, I am now past my three-score years, and am fast traveling into the ten. I have held almost every office in the gift of the people, and I can truly say with the preacher, "it is all vanity and vexation of spirit."

held an office.

There is a fascination in office which beguiles men, but be assured my young friend, it is the fascination of a serpent; or to change the figure, it is the ignis jatuus which coaxes you on to inevitable ruin.

I speak of that which I do know. If my young friends will be governed by my advice, I have this to say, after all my successes as a public man, now, when my head is blossoming for the grave, I feel that it would have been better for me if I had followed the occupation of my father, and been a farmer.

The mechanical arts are all honora-ble. To be a blacksmith, a carpenter or an artizan of any sort is no discredit fort. to any man. Better than to be a jackthe powder I sell to the Benni-Snas-sens is only ground charcoal; the balls are made of clay, the whole done up in er after office.

Of all pursuits in life that of a farmer is the most respectable. It may have It was true. The zonave had cheated its trials and its disappointments so do his customer, and he added with an air of triumph : "The first time the Benni-Snassens" man his fees; the editor may weep "The first time the Benni-Snassens come into action, all their pieces will miss fire, and you will gain the battle." man his fees; the editor may weep over delinquent subscribers, but the honest, industrious farmer is morally "Then you have sold a good deal of certain of a fair return for his labor. True, "Paul may plant and Appollos

water, but God must give the increase." But where is the faithful cultivator of the soil, God's heritage to man, who ever yet suffered for bread?

Allow me again to "cantion" my young friends against the beguiling influence of office, and to advise them most earnestly to stick to mother earth.

A Touching Incident.

What He Wanted.

Stephen Decatur was most emphati-cally a "sailor's man." When, on ship-board, we would say of an officer that Boston Journal writes : "We have here a banker who in a quiet way has been gathering for some time the speediest horses of the country. He has a quiet stable out of the city, about love that was devotion, and came near being adoration. In one of Decatur's actions before Tripoli, while engaged in a hand to Land conflict with a pow-

as follows: True, as you say, I held many offices. Indeed, I may say that I never knew defeat in any of my aspirations. And it is just because I had success which ready been severely wounded in the right arm, rushed in and received the blow of the Turk's sabre upon his head. Being so near to the striker, the blow did not penetrate the skull, and the honest fellow survived. When James had recovered from his wounds, and was able to come on deck, Decatur called him aft, and having, in the pres-ence of the crew, expressed the deepest gratitude for his heroic devotion, bade him say what reward he would have. Looking back over a long, and I hope not unsucessful life, I can say, with a clear conscience, my greatest regret is that I ever made a political speech or One advised him to ask for a boat swain's rate ; another for double pay ; another for a double allowance of grog and so on. But James elbowed them aside, and said he wanted none of their counsel. He would not lose entirely the privilege of being the commodore' creditor to the amount of his gratitude.

Still he would not venture a request. And he informed his commander, after much deliberation, that he would like to be excused from holy stoning and scrubbing deck. The whimsical re-quest was cheerfully granted, and from that time forward, when all hands were piped to "scrub deck," James perched himself clear of the sand and water, and looked on in dignified ease and com-He sailed with Decatur while they both lived, and upon the untimely death of his patron a goodly pension was granted him by the Government, and he was allowed to retire upon his

soldier who had been the means of his the governor sufficiently to procure his release, in consequence whereof he had been liberated from confinement. "You have caught me," said he, addressing and August, varies in different dis-the soldier. "this time : but before you tricts and with different plants. The

The Coming Horse, The New York correspondent of the

Advocate.

whose escape from imprisonment has caused something of a sensation, has written a letter to the New York *Her-ald*, in which he speaks of the kindness an hour's ride away. Here he has a track, and without observation he is and sympathy he has experienced at the hands of American travelers in recording some marvellous speed. He says nothing about his stud on the Europe, who have gone out of their way to meet and express their kindly street, and will not be questioned. No one can get access to his horses without feelings. The Marshal says in his leta written permission from himself, and that is rarely given. Among his treas-ures is a brother of Dexter, a gamey, speedy horse, of which marvellous things are told. This out-of-the-way stable is just now the centre of a good deal of interest. Among horsemen it ter : I should not even have attempted to escape from prison had my former comrade seen fit to lessen the severities of my captivity. During my trial I should have employed the same wea-pons that MacMahon used against me. I should have shown in my dedeal of interest. Among horsemen it has been known for a long while that a fence how MacMahon had been beaten, and had evacuated Alsace without en-Methodist minister owned a colt of which marvellous things were told. The animal was black as a raven and deavoring to defend the Vosges, with-out resisting the march of the enemy, bore the name of Blackwood. The without utilizing the railroads, leaving my right uncovered and turned, not-withstanding the order he had received value of the horse, in the estimation of the owner, may be seen by the pleasant little price that was put upon him. The horsemen on the street laughed not to repass before Nancy. I have shown his ignorance of the nuthat a plain Methodist parson, in the wilds of Kentucky, offered his animal for \$60,000 ! The banker alluded to merical strength and the movements of the enemy; his presumption in accept-ing battle blindfolded; his impudence heard so much of this colt that he took in risking the reputation of the old Afa trip down to Kentucky to look at him. He saw him move. He describes him as a marvel. His nostrils become red as fire; his eyes dilate, and he seems transformed. The captivated New Yorker offered \$30,000 for the colt. The owner received the proposal with disasters. dain. He did not even reply ; ordered the horse back into the stable, and

went into his house. Another visit was made, and the horse changed owners, \$50,000, it is said, being the price,'

Japanese Tea Cultivation.

Tea culture is very simple. First the eed is deposited in hollows four or five nches deep and eighteen inches wide, made in the ground at intervals of four or five feet ; then the earth is sprinkled lightly over the seed. The sowing is usually done in November or Decem-

per, and after the spring rains have The chief of a very desperate gang of banditti who had amassed consider-able wealth was taken by a soldier and conducted to the governor of the province of Ekalerinoslaf. Great re-ward had been offered for the person of this man, and it is a soldier and the soldier and province of Ekalerinoslaf. Great re-ward had been offered for the person ward had been offered for the person of this man, and it was supposed that he would, of course, be immediately knouted. To the astonishment of the overgrowing each other. After seven apprehension, a few days only had or ten years they are cut down, so that elapsed when he received a visit from the young and tender shoots below may the robber. He had been able to bribe the governor sufficiently to procure his season in tea-culture is when the leaves

ove me

rican troops which he commanded in one battle. I could have shown clearly how, in forgetting the first duties of a general in order to play the part of a fighting soldier, he must be regarded as one of the first authors of our dis-The loss of Atsace has been imputed to me, but the truth is that Alsace was lost after Reichschoppen. Even after the disaster, and after the procipitate retreat of the army, Metz could have been saved when Thiers, who alone re-tained his common sense, came to protained his common sense, came to pro-

pose peace; but the struggle was con-tinued in order that the dictatorship might be retained and the organization of a definite government prevented. The enemy could never have been

crushed with raw levies without disci-pline or ardor ; defeat followed defeat, and when nothing remained we were completely in the power of Germany. The pretended motive was to save the national honor, but the Army of the Rhine had saved it before the dema-gogues thought of doing so. In one day it had inflicted more loss on the Germans than did all the force of Paris in four months.

MacMahon and I have been unfortunate, but never ridiculous. No Ger-man ever laughed while fighting me. Such sights as were seen at Paris and at Tours could only compromise the national honor. For myself, I am an old soldier, and do not understand politics. I make war, not speeches, and do not allow myself to be frightened by big words.

Jules Favre flattered me ; Gambetta called me a traitor ; but that did not

A LETTER FROM BAZAINE. He tells Why He Escaped--His Hopes for the Future.

Marshal Bazaine, the French General

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black dog that had evidently been lying on the floor started to his feet with a growl, and exhibited a row of teeth my money was gone. They evidently that would have made a good stock in knew how much money I had, and from trade for a first-class dentist. He was the way they had ripped open chairs a villations-looking brute, and I de-clined trusting myself to his mercy, as not be long searching for that which clined trusting myself to his mercy, as

I have told above. Alick finished his 'business; then took me by the arm and led me into the room-the dog slowly dropping on his haunches when he saw his master, and I usid no more attention to him until I had finished the business I had in hand.

"What in the world do you want with such a vicious dog ?" I inquired, as I could fire, I caught his revolver. lit the eigar my friend gave me. made a stroke at me, I dodge "I don't think much of your judg-

ment if you call him a vicious-looking dog," was the answer. "What breed is he?"

"He's a cross of several breeds."

"Yes, I should think from the way he showed me his teeth that he was all "cross.'"

run down old 'Nap.' He has been too good a friend for me to listen to any-thing but praises of him." thing but praises of him.

"What did he ever do that was particularly friendly?" I inquired. "Nap? I'll tell you what he did;

he saved me fifty thousand dollars dur- the robbers had first gone to the office, and came to my house only when they ing war-times."

I was about to give an unbelieving chuckle, but a glance of Alick's face lation that the morning brought was a confession from my prisoner that our book-keeper was one of their gang and told me that he was in earnest, so I begged for the story. "It was about the middle of the

war," said Alick, "when I was treasurer of the Grafton Drilling Company. Our office safe was as unsafe as a pine since. box would have been, and I disliked to leave a dollar in it. There were several burglaries about the place and all of them were skilfully planned and executed.

"One night our office was visited, the safe pried open with wedges, and the contents carried off. The burglars found but a few hundred dollars, but the worst feature of it was that they not care much for a dog." had hit upon a night when there ought "I guess he never saw quite such

to have been a large amount of money there. We had received a large cash payment the day before, but instead of trusting it to our old safe I had taken but not in the strong spring. I don't it home with me. plame the fellow for imagining the evil "We wondered if the burglars had one was before him."

any knowledge of this payment. If they had, then they must have extraor- I exclaimed ; "what are you talking dinary means of gaining intelligence, about ?" and would know whenever we received any large amounts again, and would they not come at once to my house, or have I?" now that they had seen I did not trust "Why, o the safe? The question was a very perplexing one, and I had an angry debate over it with some of our directors. I was in favor of getting a reliable safe and employing a night-watchman, but | and long at my sheepish face. I was out-voted.

"Old Evans, indeed, went so far as asked. to say that, as lightning never struck burglars visit old safes the second time. I bought 'Nap' when I was in Paris, I have springs fixed on the door and in And he was inclined to think ourmoney would be safer if left in the office than if carried to my residence. And he he is up there is an arrangement in his talked so many of the others into his throat that makes the growl you heard. way of thinking that a resolution was passed declaring it against their wishes mad to have any of the company's funds and that jump was what frightened the kept anywhere except in the office safe ! burglars,

Of course, the effect of this was that if I carried the money home and lost it, the loss would fall on me indi-professional brethren, for certainly the vidually, and not upon the company. dog was a villainous-looking brute "I was angry enough to have re- well as a most unmitigated swindle.

"I believe you want to be good," he continued. "I believe so because you have said so fifteen or twenty times at ing out the hall door. I fired, but missed him; I fired again and heard a this bar. You have promised and promised, and coaxed and begged, and my heart has every time been touchdow and escaped. "Of course I secured my man, re-

"That's nice," she said, smiling covered my money, and old Evans had to admit that he had been wrong for lovingly at Bijah.

In a Western Court,

"I want to let you off this morn-ing," he went on. "I am certain that you would never get drunk again, and found the safe empty. Another revelathat I should never behold you at this bar as a prisoner. But I can't do it. The people of the great State of Michigan are at my back ; they demand that The you be sent up for two months. It's

posted them about our affairs. book-keeper did not come to work that an awful thing to see a woman fifty morning, nor have we ever seen him years old going to the House of Cor-rection, but I can't help it, I am only a middleman, and I must obey the law.

And the dog ?" I asked. "Yes, the dog had all the credit. "Couldn't make it half an hour," she You see, the thief supposed by the si-ence that there was no dog about the premises, and he thought he was done asked, anxiously. "Couldn't be less than sixty day/

he answered, and she went back and sat for when he opened the door and 'Nap' down on the stove hearth, and shid she would be dead ere the rosy hues of sunset had commenced to gild the western skies.

New England Independence.

Burleigh writes to the Boston Jour-"In New York the restaurant nal: keeper greets you with his coat off, sleeves rolled up, face red, and a breath indicative of lager. In New England, your caterer is probably a man sub-stance. He is willing to accommodate

you. He reads the paper while the coffee is boiling. The Atlantic Month-ly lays on the book-shelf, and he can tell you all about the subjects discussed at the last scientific convention.

young woman who hands you coffee is his daughter. She took the medal in algebra, and has been two

I jumped to the dog, and sure enough I had been badly sold-the dog was India-rubber ! Alick laughed loud quarters at the academy. It would be just as well if her tongue was not quite so sharp, but then she is as good as

" Is the story as true as the dog ?" I "Oh, the story is true as preaching.

"'Phosphorus' and 'strong spring !'

"Glass ! Have you been drinking,

"Why, old fellow, don't you see that

"His eyes are glass, you know."

'Nap' is a fraud ?"

anybody, and only waits on you fer your accommodation. I have been amazed to see a New Yorker give his order. He has been waited on in New York by girls-German, Irish, French, and Italian; but this is his first exthe floor, so that when the door is opened the dog stands up, and when he is up there is an arrangement in his perience with a Yankee girl. She hands the guest a bill-of-fare, and waits like a By putting on that upper lever he is school-teacher who has given a dull boy a hard problem. 'Can I have some hard boiled eggs?' 'I presume you can.' 'Have you buttered toast?' 'I e to jump as high as a man's head,

I sympathize with that burglar, and believe it is on the bill-of-fare.' you get me a glass of milk ?' professional brethren, for certainly the In this matter-of-fact way the colloquy dog was a villainous-looking brute as proceeded, to the utter astonishment of well as a most unmitigated swindle.

The The Chicago Times, has the follow- the soldier, ing : A little incident like the follow- set out on another expedition in search smelled whisky, but he is willing to ing will tend more toward bringing of me, I will accommodate you with a about a healthy feeling of kindness be-tween the North and the South than all the formal reconciliations that officious ly worn in the Ukraine; but to give a and ingenious minds can devise. A man a pair of red boots, according to

New York lady, noticing that Major Jones, of Montgomery, Ala., in pro-nouncing an oration over the Confed-and then cause it to be torn off by the erate dead, had none but kindly words for those who fell on the other side, revenge; in the same manner the and expressed himself eloquently and feelingly in favor of reconciliation,

commissioned a jewelry firm to send him a silver cup, suitably engraved, as expressive of her appreciation of the entiments he expressed and the regard for him which they gave rise to. Her name was withheld, at her desire, but her letter to the jeweller was forwarded with the testimonial. In it she said,

"The war widowed me and took away my two sons. For a long time I felt as if I could never forgive those who slew the defenders of the 'Stars and Stripes,' but when I think of the war-widowed mothers of the South, and see such lan-guage as this, it makes me tenderer and juster to the South. I feel that men like this Major Jones must be no-

ble and true in heart, and fought and died because they thought it was right. I want them to feel that such sentispot, returned to his quarters. ments echo in the Northern heart, and

in truth 'tend to draw the whole coun-try together for its sealing.'" The cup, as received by the major, was inscribed as follows : To

MAJOR THOMAS G. JONES. The Orator on Confederate Memorial Day,

April, 1874; from Northern woman, widowed and bereft

of her two sons by the War, As a token of her appreciation of the Soldierly words, spoken in kindness of The Northern Dead,

The Gardener's Lesson,

Two gardeners had their crops of peas

killed by the frost. One of them was very impatient under the loss, and fret-ted about it very much. The other went patiently to work at once to plant a new crop. After a while the im-patient, fretting man went to his neighbor. To his surprise he found another crop of peas growing finely. He asked how it could be. "These are what I sowed while you

were fretting," said his neighbor. "But don't you ever fret?" he asked. "Yes, I do, but I put it off till I have repaired the mischief that has been The

"Why then you have no need to fret follows :

at all. "True," said the friend, " and that's

the reason I put it off."

Honest at Last,

A countrywoman went into a store on A countrywoman went into a store on Hanover street, Boston, the other day, and putting, four dollars on the coun-ter, remarked to a clerk: "There: fourteen years ago, 'twill be fifteen this fall, I bought something next door and gave them a dollar bill, but they could't give me the abanger so the couldn't give me the change ; so they sent a boy into the next shop, and he brought me back the change for five dollars instead of one dollar. I took it ; 'Can

but 'taint no use, I ain't agoing to keep it any longer; so there it is, all back again." And before the astonished 'I can.' again." And before the astonished clerk had time to make any inquiries she was gone.

picking is generally done by women, children, and old men working in gange of ten or twelve each, hired for the har-vest, and paid according to the amount of tea picked. With hard work forty pair of red boots for the journey. Boots made of red leather are common pounds per day may be gathered, which quantity will yield ten pounds of tea when dried. First, the leaves are placed in broad sunlight; they are then brownfeet. This species of torture the band and roasted over a furnace. ditti are said to practice, as an act of

Locusts in China.

American Indians scalp the heads of their enemies. With this terrible In China, where locusts are wont to their enemies. With this terrible threat he made his escape, and no further inquiry was made after him on the ponsible for the stamping out of these and that Lafayette passed part of the police. The undaunted soldier finding the little confidence that nsects as soon as their appearance has ordeals more tarrible than mine. could be placed in the commander, determined to take the administration of justice into his own hands, and once more ventured in pursuit of the robber. whose flight had spread terror through the country. After an undertaking full supplied by the Provincial Treasury. of danger, he found him in one of the Should the local authorities succeed in little subterranean huts in the midst of stamping out the locusts within a limthe Steppes. Entering the place with ited time their services are favorably pistols in hand, "You promised me," reported to the Emperor; but should said he, "a pair of red boots; I am hey fail, and the locusts spread and do come to be measured for them." With these words he discharged one of his damage, they are liable to be deprived pistols, and killing the robber on the ment. A certain sum per bushel is paid to the peasants bringing in un-

winged locusts, and half that sum when the locusts are able to fly, while com-

pensation is given for crops trodden down in the chase. The locusts are Two Kansas farmers, guileless of city ways, arrived at Chicago loaded with money, and were speedily enticed into swept with besoms into trenches dug a gambling house, where they were at the sides of the corn field, in which deceed. They had the gamblers arrested a vigorous fire is kept up. The best and fined. But the gay "knights of the card" appealed from the judgment, and the farmers were required to fur-bodies being heavy with dy, when their wings wet, they are unable to jump or fly.

How the Carlists Get War Material

A letter in the London Times gives were informed that the man whose pun some curious information as to the mode in which war material is smugishment they wished to secure "was said gled into Spain by the Carlists. far the greater portion of arms that enter Spain bp the seacoast proceed from Bordeaux, concealed in wine bar-rels, or from Nantes, hidden among sardine boxes, and consigned to merchants dealing in wine and sardines at Bayonne, St. Jean de Lux, Passages and San Sebastian. The largest con-signments are effected by land, and are tice of the Chicago city authorities, received by merchants and private persons. The writer has seen thousands of cartridges arrive at a hotel packed up as Swiss cheese, boxes of rifle bar-

rels labelled macaroni, hollow iron pil The Indianapolis correspondent of lars, stuffed with bayonets, and last, the Cincinnati Commercial writes as but not least, bales of dry cod, con-"In appearance, Dr. Gatling taining considerably more steel than fish.

A Cancer Cure.

And now another cancer cure is heralded. A Bavarian physician, observing that cancer patients on drinking the mineral waters of the Tyrol, became much worse, made an examination and found that the mountains whence the streams flowed were principally composed of gneiss, and minute particles of that rock were also found in the water. On the homeopathic principle, was a discovery, not an invention. Now that like cures like, he trind the exthe Gatling gun is recognized as the greatest invention of the age, and what plied it as a dressing, the results being plied it as a dressing, the results being eminently satisfactory, as of his patients erally adopted, the Doctor can turn his attention to the motive-power of com-recovered, while all the others have improved noticeably.

As regards Mexico, the Emperor had to choose between evacuation and a war with the United States. To avoid a conflict he gave the order to return ; but Maximilian was unwilling either to teturn to Austria or to abdicate, alrhough he well understood that Napoleon could not sustain a struggle with the United States. Maximilian, in spite of wise counsels, preferred to seek an honorable death. That is the

truth, and that is the extent of each one's responsibility. For my consolaravage the country, the authorities, tion the thought remains that even whether civil or military, are held re- Washington did not escape injustice through

I am far from being rich; but, bebeen reported. They are required to summon a large body of men, and at once surround and destroy the locusts; I am far from being rich; but, be-sides my liberty, there still remain to me immeasurable treasures. For comthe expenses of the maintenance of the panions I have an American lady who men and compensation for the crops gives me the strongest proofs of devo-trodden down during the chase being tion; I have children I adore, a brother and some friends who have remained faithful. My position is not hopeless; if need should be I would follow the example of the conquered Richmond and take refuge in labor. Simple soldier, I carried a musket; labor does not dishonor. I do not look on my of their posts, arrested, and handed military career as ended; I enjoy over to the proper board for punish- health and bodily vigor. Some duties remain to be fulfilled, and I shall fulfil them when the time comes ; I hope fortune will grant me a last smile, as she oft in does to old soldiers.

Thoughts from the Talmud.

The thought of the sin is worse than he sin. The older the wise man gets the wiser he grows ; the fool, when he ages, becomes but an old fool. He who studies for a good purpose, to him his study becomes a blessing; to him who does not, it grows into a poison. A bad wife is like a hail-storm. Do

not' dwell too long on your friend's praises ; you will end in saying things against him. Do much or little, so that you do it for a good purpose. Refined music is liked by refined people; weavers do not much care for it. Three By cry out, but get no pity, viz : He who lends out his money without witness, the henpecked husband, and he who cannot get in one place and does not try another. Even the common talk of the wise should be pondered over. One goose generally follows another. Bad servants first ask only when they have committed a blunder. The load is laid upon the camel according to its strength. If a word is worth a pound, silence is worth two. A pig is the richest animal, everything is a piece of good to him. Whoever does too much does too little. The greater a man, the greater his passions. He who presses the hour, the hour will press him. May our fu-ture reward be like that of him who remains silent under a false imputation. One peppercorn is better than a hundred gourds. A learned man whose deeds are evil is like a man who has a door and no house. He who prays for his neighbor will be heard first for himself. He who marries his daughter to an uneducated man throws her before a wild beast. He who throws out suspicions should at once be suspected himself. Three keep good fellowship -strangers, slaves, and ravens. A fool always rushes to the fore. Do not cry out before the calamity has really happened. If a man says something strange, beware to mock at it wantonly.

Passion is at first like a thin reed ; by and by it becomes like a cable.

pressed air as a motive-power to machinery. His applications for a patent were defeated on the grounds that it is of more account to the inventor, gen-

pressed air.

would be taken for a Prussian officer. He has unusual precision of gait and manner, joined to strong indications of keen perceptive powers. The eyes are particularly fine, and there is a pleasing show of humor and kindness in the ines about his mouth. He is in the prime of life, and there is no sign of his inventive genius being on the wane. As much as twenty-five years ago he

invented a method of applying com-

and, while the Kansas farmers were sweltering in jail, was probably haunting his accustomed corner in New York. Mild Man and Terrible Inventor.

to have left Chicago," and that the loss of their money, their two weeks' im-prisonment, and their chagrin, were looked upon as good jokes by the city authorities. The gambler had taken advantage of his acquaintance with a "professional bailer" to place himself eyond the reach of the reluctant jus-

nish bail as witnesses. They, having no friends in town, of course could not secure the proper bail, and were there-fore sent to jail, where they were kept two weeks. When they emerged, they

Hard for the Farmer.