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### Peaceful Times.

Fashion no more bloody weapons. Armorer : stay your active hand : Rest now from your murderous labor Calm and tranquil is the land.

You shall beat the swords to plowshares, Into pruning-hooks the spears, For among the troubled nations Peace her glorious standard rears

Stealing over land and ocean Like a stranger from afar ; Quiet is the wild commotion, Silenced is the cry of war.

Tumult, strife, and discord ending, Shrinking back before her glance ; Harmony from heaven descending As her gentle steps advance.

White-robed, she her watch is keeping, Olive branches in her hand, And the dogs of war are sleeping Throughout all the weary land.

Now the nation's mourning daughters Raise no more their bitter wails : Ships are sailing on the waters, Commerce spreads their snowy sails.

Doves are flitting round your dwelling, Armorer ; let your labors cease ; Music o'er the land is swelling,

Whispering words of joy and peace.

#### DOWN THE COLORADO.

The Story of a Trip Through the Canyons as Told by Major Powell.

When Major Powell and his party set out in their boats to descend the Colorado river, which dashed over falls and precipices and through a narrow channel, with walls of solid granite or marble, in some places fully a mile in height, on each bank, the expedition was looked npon as full of daugers. The Major and his party went through and the story is told by the leader of the party in *Scribner's* magazine. While told in a vein of exceeding modesty it is yet

full of thrilling interest. Major Powelltells us that they encountered dangers along the whole route, but the men of the party showed no signs of holding back, however dark and dismal or full of terrors the new canyon they were about to enter might be, until the perilous voyage was near its end. Then they came to one canyon that was evidently more full of dangers than any they had passed. Capt. Howland, of the party, and

three men declared that they would not attempt its passage. Major Powell fully comprehended the danger before him, but he felt that unless the passage of this canyon was attempt-ed his long and perilous trip was not accomplished, and he determined to go on. The night before the leader did not and could not sleep, so important seemed the occasion, and so great the excitement within him.

He made his preparations as though feeling that he and his party were not to

her from striking against the foot of the cliffs. Now she shot out into the stream and up as far as the line would permit, and then wheeling, drove headlong against the rock; then out and back again, now straining on the line, now striking against the cliff. As soon as the second line was brought we passed it down to him, but his attention was all taken up with his own situation, and he did not see what we were doing. I stood on a projecting rock waving my hat to gain his attention, for my voice was drowned by the roaring of the falls, when just at that moment I saw him take his knife from its sheath and step forward to cut the line. He had evi-dently decided that it was better to go over with his boat as it was, than to wait for her to be broken to pieces. As he leaned over, the boat sheered again into the stream, the stern-post broke away, and she was loose. With perfect composure Bradley seized the great scall placed it in the stern row-lock, and oar. pulled with all his power-and he was a strong fellow-to turn the bow of the boat down stream, for he wished to go bow down rather than to drift broadside on. One, two strokes were made, a third just as she went over, and the boat was fairly turned; she went down almost beyond our sight, though we were more than a hundred feet above the river. sion of the wealthy. An upper house-maid would die at the stake before she Then she came up again on a great wave, and down and up, then around behind some great rocks, and was lest in the tumultuous foam below. We stood speechless with fear; we saw

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English Servants.

Mr. Conway, in his last Commercial letter, says: There is no doubt that the

side of the servants is the chief thing.

If the coachman or footman is good look-

in the face of the Lord Chancellor himno boat; Bradley was gone. But now, self if he were expected to black his own away below, we saw something coming out of the waves. It was evidently a boat; a moment more and we saw Bradboots. There are many boys of thirteen kept in brass buttons, and in many an instance the sole duty of this boy is to ley standing on deck swinging his hat to brush the clothes and boots of the butshow that he was all right. But he was in a whirlpool. The stern-post of his boat remained attached to the line which ler, the master of the house having his own separate valet. Of course it is not pride which has made the inflexible laws was in our possession. How badly she was disabled we knew not. I directed which they refuse to step out of an offi-Summer and my brother to run along the cial groove of function. It is the deter-mination of their class to preserve the cliff and see if they could reach him from below. Rhodes, Hall and myself conventional number of the servants reran to the other boat, jumped aboard, quired for any first-class household. pushed out, and away we went over the falls. A wave rolled over us and our other countries, especially the Germans, craft became unmanageable; another because if well paid and well treated great wave struck us, the boat rolled they will do anything requested of over, and tumbled, and tossed, I know not how. All I know is, that Bradley was soon picking us up. Before long we them.

had all right again, and rowed to the cliff and waited until Sumner and A paper published in Oswego tells this my brother came up. After a difficult climb they reached us, when we ran two story : A boy who lives in the extreme western part of the city spent nearly all or three miles further, and turned again afternoon and evening out in the snow, to the northwest, continuing until playing with a neighboring boy-rolling night, when we ran out of the granite in snow-banks, etc.-with the careless ness and disregard of clothes common to once more.

At twelve o'clock on August 29th we high-lifed boys. They played till after dark, and when this lad came to go home emerged from the Grand canyon of the Colorado, and entered a valley from his clothes were nearly soaked through. which low mountains were seen coming to the river below. We recognized this as the Grand Wash.

He had been severely punished a few days previous for coming home in that condition, and was told that if he came home in that shape again he would be At night we camped on the left bank in a mesquite thicket. The sense of relief from danger and the joy of suc-cess were great. When he who has as his word, and as he thought the mat- became intoxicated, was placed in his been chained by wounds to a hospital ter over, he made up his mind that he cot until his canvas tent seems like a would stay out till after the folks had dungeon, and the groans of those who gone to bed, and then crawlinto a neighlie about him are an increasing torture bor's wood-house and stay through the -when such a prisoner at last goes out night, and he carried out his plan. Some into the open field, what a world he sees time during the night the owner of th: How beautiful the sky, how bright the sunshine, what "floods of delicious house was awakened by a noise sounding something like groaps; he listened pour from the throats of the music and again heard the sound, which birds, how sweet the fragrance of earth, seemed to come from the woodshed, but and tree, and blossom. The first hour of convalescent freedom seems rich which he thought was probably a stray dog. The noise continuing, he finally recompense for all the pain, the gloom got up, partly dressed himself, took a and the terror. light, and on going into the shed dis-Something like this was the feeling covered the boy crouched in one corner, we experienced that night. Ever before partly covered with some old rags of us had been an unknown danger heavier carpeting or something of that sort, and than any immediate peril. Every wakinsensible with cold. He carried him ing hour passed in the Grand canyon had been one of toil. We had watched with deep solicitude the steady disapinto the house, sent for his family, and after several hours of incessant labor the boy revived. Upon being inquired of pearance of our scant supply of rations. why he went into the woodshed, he said and from time to time when we were it was because he was afraid to go home, hungry had seen the river snatch a por-That family must be ruled with a severe tion of the little left. Danger and toil were endured in those gloomy depths rod. where often the clouds hid the sky by Tribulations of an Editor. day, and but a narrow zone of stars could be seen at night. Only during The Charleston (Mo.) Courier says : the few hours of deep sleep consequent on hard labor had the roar of the mad Editing a newspaper is a pleasant thing. If it contains too much political matter people won't have it; if it contains too waters been hushed; now the danger ittle, they won't have it. If the type is was over, the toil had ceased, the gloom readtoo large it don't contain enough had disappeared, and the firmament was bounded only by the wide horizon. ing matter; if the type is too small, they can't read it. If we have a few jokes, The river rolled by in silent majesty olks say we are nothing but rattle the quict of the camp was sweet, our joy was almost ecstasy. We sat till long after midnight talking of Grand canyon, heads; if we omit jokes, they say we are old fossils; if we publish original matter, they blame us for not giving them of home, and, more than all, of original selections; if we publish origithree men who had left us. Were they al selections, folks say that we are too wandering in those depths, unable to find a way out t Were they searching lazy, for giving them what they have over the desert lands above for water read in some other paper. If we give a man a complimentary notice, we are Or were they nearing the settlements censured for being partial ; if we do not with the same feeling of relief that we all hands say we are a hog. If we speak ourselves experienced? well of any act, folks say we dare not do otherwise ; if we stay in our office and He Had His Revenge. attend to business, folks say we are too proud to mingle with our fellows. If we do not pay all bills promptly, folks say we are not to be trusted; if we do pay promptly, they say we stole the money

## A BURNING GAS WELL.

#### A Wonder of the Pennsylvanin Coal Regions --- Light for a County. The following interesting description

English nobility have a way of employ-ing servants which offers grand opportu-nities to rogues. In most cases the outof a burning well in Pennsylvania has like a knave, than to expend it like a been received by the United States Signal gentleman. gentleman. Office in Washington, from Mr. J. Cummings of Tarentum, one of the volunteer observers for the signal service: On the night of the 2d of February,

ing in his livery and of the required di-mensions his character is not inquired into. A well-known duke recently advertised for a footman of exactly five feet eleven and a half inches in height, whose sole business it would be to stand at the 1875, I, in company with several others, paid a visit to the great gas well, situated about nine miles from Tarentum and fifteen miles south of Butler, at a place back of his coach beside another of like station. A youth, now in the employ of called Larden's Mill, on the farm of Mr. a lady of my acquaintance, applied for the advertised position, and says that his character was not asked for; he was taken William Hervey, and owned by a com-pany consisting of Messrs. William Her-vey, J. S. Vandegrift, and J. McAllaster. The well was tapped recently, as I learn-ed from one of the proprietors, in their search after oil. They have gone down a distance of 1,145 feet, and have just into the servants' hall and measured, and dismissed for lacking the half inch demanded by the duke. There is a passion for tallness in servants, and of one noble family at least it is a rule to admit struck the first sand rock. The well is no man servant under six feet. There located in a holl ow about three hundred are six of these eminent personages in their fine mansion. The English serfeet wide, between abrupt hills. Our party came in the vicinity of the well solv about nine o'clock at night, having seen ing. vants are good looking, neat, and constitutional flunkeys and flunkeyesses. They are very shrewd, and have their class the vast light floating in the sky on many a dark night on previous occasions thirrules as well defined as trades-unions. teen miles distant, but when we came in Downing street does not possess more its immediate influence and saw the trees on either hand lit up, and their pigeon-holes and red tape than a mantrunks and branches silvered to their tops by this burning torch, the scene would do a bit of work that came within the province of the under housemaid. A swell butler would throw up his position like ourselves, flock nightly to see this great wonder. The first thing to strike the visitor on arriving is the great mass

of fine white flame of intense heat and brightness and the hollow rumbling noise heard as the out-rushing gas plunges into the atmosphere and lights all around by its imposing brilliancy. The flame of this natural torch is about forty feet long and fifteen wide, and keeps at these etiquette among these servants, by dimensions night and day with striking regularity. Hence the light is both regular and constant. The heat cmitted by so large a body of flame is very great. The trees all around, at proportional They particularly dislike servants from distances, are budding, and the grass that has not been trodden down by the throng of visitors is growing finely, and considering that this is mid-winter, this circumstance will give you some idea of

the great heat. I approached within sixty feet of the flame, and supposed it to be at that distance about 140 degrees. Death less Fearful than his Father. The place has the character of a camp meeting at night in consequence of the mighty crowds who congregate there. The light is grand. You can see to read with ease a quarter of a mile from this ing could be done at the distance of a wonderful.

> Damages from Salean Meepers. near Evansville, In., went to that town,

Dewdrops of Wisdom,

Most people would succeed in small things, if they were not troubled with There is a being who has caused more trouble to womankind than any other. It is the "fellow" who is always being

"met," and thereby keeps anxions females on the watch at windows at all

Advocate.

sorts of unholy hours. How many years of her life does a woman spend looking out of the window

a fellow.

& Hall

Never despise humble service-when large ships run aground, little boats may

mend you for your courage, it isn't of you they speak; they take you for another.

In seeming opposition to the natural course of things, some men rise by their gravity, and others sink by their levity. Buy not, sell not, where self-respect is bartered, for that once lost, the mainspring of honor is rusted and decayed. It is so ungenial to the human mind to do nothing, that if a good occupation be not provided, men will occupy themsolves perilously, as in gaming and drink-

want passion, and plain women think young men want politeness; dull writers think all readers devoid of taste, and dull readers think witty writers devoid

If you love others, they will love you. was beyond description. On arriving at the ground we were met by hundreds of people from all parts of the country who, with love, and hatred with hatred. Would you hear a sweet and pleasing echo, speak sweetly and pleasantly your-

guessed at.

reach.

A Paris correspondent tells the following anecdote: Dupuytren was a famons surgeon, but brusque and unpolished a outrance. One day, as he re-entered his house, he found installed in the anteroom an old priest who had long been waiting his return. "What do you want of me?" growled Dupuytren. "I wish you to look at this," meekly replied the priest, taking off an old woolen cravat, which revealed upon the nape of his neck a hideous tumor. Dupuytreu looked at it. "You'll have to die with that," he coolly remarked. "Thanks, doctor," simply replied the priest, replacing his enormous gas jet, and if uninterrupted by trees and the wind of the road read-warning me, as I can prear used to you for warning me, as I can prepare myself, as ing could be done at the distance of a well as my poor parishioners, who love me and a half. The noise as the gas me very much." The surgeon, who was rushes out and is consumed is never astonished at great things, looked upon this pricet, who received his death

sentence unmoved, with annazement, Damages from Saleze Receptor. A German named Heilman, who lived ear Evansville, In., went to that town, name interview of the base of the in the hospital, and in a month's time the man went out cured. When leaving he took out of a sack thirty francs in small change, " It is all I can offer you, doctor," he said; "I came here on foot from R-— in order to save this.' The doctor looked at the money, smiled, and, drawing a handful of gold from his pocket, put it in the bag along with the thirty franes, saying: "It is for your poor;" and the priest went away. years later the celebrated doctor, feeling leath to be near, bethought himself of the good cure and wrote to him. He came, and Dupuytreu received from him the "last consolations" and died in his

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Items of Interest.

Old time rocks-Rocking the era-

How to signal a bark-Pull a deg's

A good excuse for borrowers-It's

Lent. Benjamin Franklin was a printer, and he said: " My son, deal only with men who advertise.

> A young man has sued his barber for cutting off his mustache. The barber says he didn't see it.

the ones who make the largest fuss if ed, that men, like the peasant woman's they are not reported correctly.

to be the greatest hordsman in the world His ranch is eighty miles long, and he owns 225,000 head of cattle.

all the agonies of hope deferred, become morning. angry, get over your anger to plunge into the depths of woe, make sure that port, III. The other day the town clerk of Fairport, Iil., advertised that "all persons not having licensed dogs must call on the you are bereaved of your best-beloved relative, and wait in calm despair to know the worst, and when he comes, be undersigned within thirty days and obtain one.

he brother, husband, or son, grandfather, The commerce of France is passing uncle, or consin, perchance a lover, he beyond any period in its history. The hasn't the slightest idea of your suffer-ings, and inquires, "Well, Polly, what's the matter? You look solemn?" Solemn! Well, you know enough not to exports and imports of 1874 amounted to over \$1,500,000,000, largely exceeding any former year.

Since the suspension of specie pay ments in 1862, the State of Massachusetts has paid for premium on gold to meet its habilities up to January 1, 1875, the sum of \$2,917,763.67.

"dinner was burnt to a crisp four hours ago;" or that you have "sat with your around Boston, was born deaf and dumb. bonnet on ready for the concert from a bonn did bonnet of the seven until nine," and wait for some explauation. It is sometimes vouchsafed, til now there are only a few letters which and then generally proves to be-" Met she cannot utter distinctly.

> thigh-bones on the plains is reported to be very profitable business. The skulls are worth \$1.25 for combs, and the thigh of the red man makes knife-handles that are equal to ivory in appearance.

is important enough to upset a house-A French traveler arrived in Paris the hold, to keep meals waiting, to keep other day from the Cape of Good Hope, people up until midnight; to have met him is ample excuse for anything forbringing with him a diamond larger and more beautiful than the celebrated Regent's diamond. It is of the purest water, and is worth more than \$1,400,000.

There was a minister deprived for in-It is said that kerosene and rats have conformity, who said to some of his tion for each other.

It is far easier to acquire a fortune

Where true fortitude dwells, loyalty, bounty, friendship and fidelity may be found.

great ambitions.

pull them off. If you are a coward, and friends com-

Plain men think handsome women

of brilliancy.

solf. Fortune and futurity are not to be

A wise man aims at nothing out of his

A flow of words is no proof of wisdom. Begin nothing until you have conin an offended tone, or an unnaturally sidered how it is to be finished. calm one, and perhaps remark that

A Famous French Surgeon.

getful or neglectful.

Met a Fellow.

for men who are overdue ! the Ledger says. I have not lived half of my three score and ten years yet, and I am sure I have wasted time enough in the fruitless operation to have made myself mis-tress of all the hieroglyphics ever dis-covered. One thing only have I learn-

Gentlemen who talk incorrectly are

"watched pot that never boils," never comes when he is looked for; and that Samuel W. Allen of Nevada is believed hasn't done me any good; for, still, whenever I have occasion, I invite the

influenza by sitting in a strong draught The Sultan of Turkey is in the onjoywith my eyes fixed on the furthest point possible, with visions of hospital ment of an income of ten millions of dollars a year, and his entertainments are ambulances and woeful telegrams before fabulous for their splendor, variety and my eyes, whenever any one from my quantity. grandfather to my little nephew doesn't

"arrive himself" in proper time. All woman do it, and many thanks they get The man who predicted a mild and open winter, because the hair on squir for their anxiety. You may cry your rels' tails were not as thick as usual, had eyes weak and your nose red, go through his ears frozen four inches deep the other

fling yourself into his arms and ery, "The sea has given up its dead," or anything of that sort. You say "Ah!"

Mrs. Jepson, who lectures in and

Seldom in the national history has Yes, meeting "a fellow" is reason there been so general a release of old enough for any amount of staying out. Who is "a fellow," I wonder, that he should outweigh wife, mother, and stagers from the cares of public life. Of the twenty-five Legislatures in which elections have been held, only four have sweetheart, daughter, niece, and aant ? Why should "a fellow" have such inreturned the present Senators.

The hunting for Indians' skulls and fluence? No one ever sees "a fellow," or hears his whole name. He is never produced. Ask after him, and you hear that he is not the sort of fellew to be in-troduced. He is never brought home. Apparently he is not good enough; but

catled the Devil's Table.

come out of the abyss alive. One set of the records was given to Capt. Howland and his men, who were to go around by land. Letters were given them to friends at home, and keepsakes were intrusted to Capt. Howland. Major Powellsays, too, that some tears were shed at parting, each party believing that the other was taking the most dangerous way, and that they would not meet again Now let Major Powell tell the story of the trip: My old boat having been deserted, I

went on board "The Maid of the Can-The three men climbed a crag YOD. that overhung the river, to watch us off. The "Maid" pushed out, we glided rapidly along the foot of the wall, just grazing one great rock, pulled out a little nto the chute of the second fall, and plunged over it. The open compartment was filled when we struck the first wave below, but we cut through it, and then the men pulled with all their power toward the left wall and swung clear of the dangerous rock below.

We were scarcely a minute in running it, and found that, although it looked bad from above, we had passed many places that were worse, The other boat followed without more difficulty.

We landed at the first practicable point below, fired our guns as a signal to the men above that we had gone over in safety, and remained a couple of hours, hoping they would take the smaller boat and follow us. We were behind a curve in the canyon and could not see up to where we left them. As they did not come we pushed on again. Until noon we had a succession of rapids and falls all of which we ran in safety.

Just after dinner we came to another bad place. A little stream came in from the left, and below there was a fall, and still below another. Above, the river tumbled down over and among the rocks in whirlpools and great waves, and the waters were white with foam. We ran along the left, above this, and soon saw that we could not get down on that side, but it seemed possible to let down on the other, so we pulled up stream for two or three hundred yards and crossed. There was a bed of basalt on this north ern side of the canyon, with a bold escarpment that seemed to be a hundred feet high. We could climb it and walk along its summit to a point where we were just at the head of the fall. Here the basalt seemed to be broken down again, and I directed the men to take a line to the top of the cliff and let the boats down along the wall. One man remained in the boat to keep her clear of the rocks and prevent her line from being caught on the projecting angles. I climbed the cliff and passed along to a point just over the fall, and descended by broken rocks, and found that the break of the fall was above the break of the wall, so that we could not land, and that still below the river was very bad, and there was no possibility of a portage, Without waiting further to examine and determine

what should be done, I hastened back to the top of the cliff to stop the boats from coming down. When I arrived I found the men had let one of them down to the head of the fall; she was in swift water and they were not able to pull her back, nor were they able to go on with the line, as it was not long enough to reach the higher part of the cliff which was just before them; so they took a bight around a crag, and I sent two men back for the other line.

The boat was in very swift water, and Bradley was standing in the open com-partment holding out his car to prevent emption out of the skin. The boat was in very swift water, and catnip tea freely for several days to keep ersption out of the skin.

Many years ago a rich man foreclosed a mortgage on a poor man, and, with contemptuous words and gestures, turned the poor man into the street. The poor man came to Chicago and became a lionaire; the rich man went to St. Louis and bought a newspaper. Time at last made all things even, and the St. Louis journalist came to Chicago last week with linen duster, and by accident met his debtor of many years ago. The latter recognized his heartless creditor, but did ot jeer at his misery or refuse to help him. "Smith," he said kindly, "let by gones be bygones. I will do what I cau for you. Take this note to Mr. Webb and he will find you a berth on the Van Buren street cars as driver." And Mr. Webb did, and Smith froze nine toes eight fingers, two thumbs, his nose, and both cheeks, that night. The debtor was avenged.

#### A Scarlet Fever Remedy.

and the larve of similar pests, but it will, A Buffalo physician offers the following method of treating scarlet fever, which he asserts is reliable, and if faithfully carried out will prevent deaths in fourfifths of the cases that might prove fatal

Scarlet fever should be treated by administering to adults one teaspoonful of ADVERTISING.-Newspaper advertising brewer's yeast in three tablespoonfuls of water, sweetened, three times daily; and if the throat is much swollen gargle with yeast, and as often as necessary they should apply yeast mixed with corn

#### Destroying Insects in Frosty Weather.

It is generally thought that a severe winter is destructive to insect life, and so it probably is to some extent; but by far the greater number of our worst garden pests get sufficiently deep down in the earth to be out of the reach of frost. There is, however, a means of effectually dealing with such as have taken up their winter quarters in uncropped ground. On a hard, frosty day let it be broken up with a pick to the depth to which it is frozen, turning the umps up as large as possible, so as to juite open, and thereby expose the unler surface still further to the influence of frost. This will not only destroy thousands of slugs, snails, wire-worms,

at the same time, acrate and pulverize the ground to a depth that cannot be reached by any other means, thereby improving its condition for cropping.

may be compared to a vigilant and watchful salesman, who not only invites business relations, but goes after the public, into its private walks and ways, and its effectiveness must depend largely

wagon by the saloon keepers, and a neighbor hired to drive the team. Standing upright in the wagon was a barrel of salt that Heilman had purchased in the city and was taking home. While driving along the road, the night being dark, the wagon was driven over a log that lay in the road, causing it to jolt, and overturning the barrel of salt upon the prostrate form of Heilman. some means a hoop became detached rom the barrel, and the end of it entered Heilman's ear. The constant jolting of the wagon only helped to drive it in deeper, and when they had reached Heilman's house it was found necessary arms. to draw it forth by main force. Heilman lay in the wagon, insensible from pain and loss of blood. He was carried into the house, and placed in bed, from which

he never rose alive, the wound causing his death in about a month after the occurrence. The widow was then thrown marks : upon her own resources for a livelihood.

The farm, with no one to look after it, became valueless, and was sold at a sacrifice. By the advice of friends she

brought suit against the parties who had tinnes the boy, carelessly, sold her husband the liquor, lying damages at \$5,000. The case, while being tried, attracted great attention, it being the first of the kind that has ever been tried in Indiana, and was considered a one way a test case. After consuming three days in hearing the testimony and listening to the arguments the case was submitted to the jury, who returned a verdict giving the widow three hundred twenty-five dollars. The advocates of temperance consider the verdict a victory

for their cause. Fashion Notes.

The cool, fresh-looking linen lawns, says a fashion journal, are the lowest priced, most durable and tasteful of all heap fabrics. These cost from twentyfive cents to forty cents a yard. The designs are waved stripes of coral, blue, or black. There are also many plaids in color, and the usual dots, dashes, stars and lozenges. ant into the interior. The same mark drawn on the edges of shelves will also

Pin-head checks cut to form bias bands will be much used for trimming goods of solid color. This will be especially popular for blue and white summer silks, brown and white, and

black with white. When the dress is are used for borders. Brown and white morning dip it quickly and carefully into check silks, trimmed with larger checks, a bowl of boiling water. I tried the ex-will make pretty traveling dresses for periment in my jelly closet, and killed at brides. New square shawls for early spring

days have plain centres, with lighter band for borders, and are reversible. Thus a light gray shawl with dark gray border on one side will have the other center of dark gray with light border.

The fringe is richly tasseled. The broad-barred Mexicaines introduced last summer became very popular, and now re-appear in wider open squares and stripes. These are of thin, wiry silk, and are to be made up over blue,

marine blue with ecru, or mauve and ceru, or else pale pink.

The twilled plaid silks introduced by exclusive modistes last summer are now largely imported for sea-side costumes,

### An Unhappy Coroner,

He is a solemn looking boy about ten years of age, and he wears a long face as he drops into the coroner's office and re-"Shocking murder, wasn't it?"

"What ! What's that !" exclaims the coroner, springing up. "Chopped her head clean off

"Where-when-what street?" "And she was a perfectly lady !"

the boy. "Come on-half a dollar-other coronor-get a hack !" calls the coroner, getting into his overcoat.

"I was speaking of Marie Antoinette, Queen of France in 1793-regular put up job !" demurely replies the lad. you want to read the particulars of the case I'll fetch over the book."

The coroner sits down and contemplates the steaming end of the stick of cordwood protruding from the stove, and the clock on the desk goes ahead with its labor of ticking time into eternity.

#### How to Destroy Auts.

A chalk mark at least half an inch in depth, around the upper edge of sugar buckets, barrels, etc., will not admit one prevent the approach of an ant, as they are not able to grawl over the chalk. But if they are numerous among jam and

jelly pots, take a large sponge, wet it in cold water, squeeze it nearly dry, and then sprinkle fine white sugar over it. made of these small checks, large blocks Place it on the infested shelf, and next east a hundred the first morning. Have set the trap again, and shall continue to

do so while one ant remains. Red pep-per dusted over their haunts will also destroy them, but the sponge is the surest method.

At a meeting of the directors of a ferry company in New York, Mr. Cyrus P. Smith read an editorial from the New York Journal of Commerce, in which the management of the ferries during eeru, pink, black, violet, and, indeed, the recent ice blockade was severely cardinal red silks, for watering-place criticised. After the reading, Mr. Smith dresses. These Mexicaine goods are also offered a resolution requesting that the shown in plaids of two colors, such as writer of that article be invited to take any position he thought best, at either side of the ferry, and that he should take charge of one of the boats, and that during his stay the pilot of the boat should take the editorial chair of the

The pretiest patterns are lavender grounds barred with ruby, ecru with navy blue or prune, pale pink with dark brown plaids. Journal of Compserve. It was also re-solved that a similar offer should be made to the editorial corps generally. The resolutions were passed unanimously.

friends: "That if they deprived him it should cost an hundred men's lives, The party understood it as if, being a turbulent fellow, he would have moved sedition, and complained of Whereupon being convented and apposed upon the sneech, he said : "His meaning was, that if he lost his benefice, he would practice physic; and then thought he should kill an hundred men in time."

Para Diablure in "Coethnor "

Cicero was at dinner, where there was an ancient lady that spake of her years, and said: "She was but forty years old. One that sat by Cicero rounded him in the ear and said: "She talks of forty years old, and she is far more, out of question." Cicero answered him again: "I must believe her, for I have heard

her say so any time these ten years." There was a soldier that vaunted be

fore Julius Clesar of hurts he had re ceived in his face. Julius Casar, know ing him to be but a coward, told him: "You were best take heed, next time you run away, how you look back.' One of the fathers saith: "That there is but this difference between the death

of old men and young men; that old men go to death, and death comes to adds young men.

Augustus Ciesar would say: "That he wondered that Alexander feared he should want work, having no more to conquer; as if it were not as hard a matter to keep as to conquer."

#### No Statue While in Debt.

It is rather hazardous to name a child after or to build a monument to a living man. He may not turn out as well as was expected, and then the name and failed. monument will be somewhat mortifying.

But there is a village in France where with halters. they will not build a monument to a great man even when he is dead, unless horse, or you may soon be looking after his debts are paid. A recent French the bits of your wagon.

traveler who visited Milly says: A pedestal which awaits its monumer stands at the entrance of a square in hors Milly village. I asked, "What is that?"

I was told, "It is the pedestal of Mons. de Lamartine's statue.

"I inquired, "Has that statue not been made yet?" The question was scarcely out of my

when an old peasant, with a month weazel-shaped face, came up to me and said, with the dryness of a legal writ:

"Business has not yet been settled. Lamartine still owes money; he owes to workmen and to farmers, and they are waiting for all those accounts to be liquidated, because it is not desirable to crect a statue to a man in debt.'

## A Man who Always Finds Water.

Capt. John S. Godfrey of New Hampshire will shortly visit California on professional tour for the purpose of lo-

cating living streams and springs of water, and also mineral bodies of every description, Capt. Godfrey claims no supernatural power in the accomplishment of his work, but declares it to be simply a sensitive organism or powerful ing streams and mineral deposits beneath the surface. During the late war he located all the wells for the use of the a my under Gen. Howard's command.

and at Hampton Falls, N. H., where

sene is not particularly sensitive, but the rats are, and refuse to live in the same cellar or shed where kerosene is kept. A great quantity of kerosene is not neces sary, as they only require a steady odos of it for a brief season to be looking up another boarding-house.

David Crockett, after returning home from his first trip to New York, gave his backwoods audience his idea of the first gentleman in the metropolis: "Philip Hone is the most gentlemanly man in New York, boys, and I'll tell you how I know it. When he asks you to drink he don't hand you a glass-he puts the de canter on the table, and walks off to the window and looks out until you have tinished.

Gibbs, of Helena, Colorado, is a murderer who has escaped conviction through a legal quibble. Thirty vigilantes surrounded his house in the night and com manded him to come out to be hung. He refused. They set fire to the When the flames had grown too close for longer stay inside, Gibbs sprang and dealy out of a window with a revolver ju each band, and began tiring rapidly at his assailants. Three of killed, two wounded, and the rest fled, leaving a coil of rope bekind them.

#### Hints to Horse Fanciers,

If your horse is in the habit of kicking, use a low board and your horse will oon get over it.

Keep your horse fat; don't allow any one to get a lien on him.

When your horse refuses to take an oat, consider him as having

To make your horse very fast, tie him

Look carefully after the bits of your

If you have the proper address you may receive a couple of lines from a se, but on no account drop a line.

However well you may be attached to your horse, you must be certain that your horse is well attached to your car-

When you tell a horse to "get up," look well to his "get up." Some horses get up within the buggy, but, like deep sorrow, "leave their traces behind.

#### Lands Giving Out.

The inhabitants of the United States have thought the vast territories of the West almost boundless, and capable of giving homes to immigrants for a century to come. It is startling, therefore, to be told that the boundary for profitable immigration is nearly reached, and that the new-comers from Europe must

seek a home in the older States. Gen. Hazen, in an interesting article in the North American Review on The Great Middle Region of the Uni ted States," declares that a large part of this great middle region is worthless for cultivation, and can never support a set-tled population. It will not answer even current of electricity in himself, so pow-erful as to attract him irresistibly to livregion to be frauds on the public, as no large settlements can ever be formed along the routes. The chief difficulty lies in the want of water. There are no streams, springs are hard to find in dig-

An Invitation.