#### The Natives of Roumania.

Whatever the result of the conflict between the Russians and the Turks, the Rouman is having, and will have, a hard time of it. His country must have necessarily been occupied by one or the other army, and it probably made but little difference to him which, as far as his treatment was concerned. His chances now lie between virtual absorption by Russia and a continued state of semiindependence in connection with Turkey. Were the Rouman what our farmers call "a likely fellow," both powers might feel that he was worth fighting for; but, with some good points, he is really one of the most inferior and progressless types in Europe. He is very picturesque in his Astrakhan cap and gayly-embroidered fur mantle; athletic in his proportions, and rather handsome in feature. But he is lazy, unenterprising, and plainly betrays the mixed character of his blood in his want of marked individual traits. He is an epitome of the races, with no predominant quality of any one; he boasts of a Roman descent, and has managed to cling to the proud name of the conquerors of Europe; but he is, also, somewhat Slavic, and has a dash of the Gothic and the Magyar, and a pretty good modicum of Tartar blood in his veins; presenting thus a very sharp contrast to his neighbor, the Serb who is of very pure Salvic descent, and has kept his blood almost absolutely unmixed. The Rouman is, perhaps, the only national type in Europe which bur-rows in the earth for his dwelling. Ap-proaching a Rouman village, you fail to see it until you find yourself walking over the holes in the ground which are politely called its chimneys. He has an excellent soil, well watered, rich and capable of a very wide variety of products; but it is speaking within limits to say that the Bulgarian fields are made to yield more profitably. If the Rouman had any of the thrift or ambition of a commercial race at all, he would cut his splendid forests for timber; as it is, he is content to hack away at them to the extent of getting enough wood for casks and masks. On his side of the Carpathians, too, are hidden mines of silver and iron, and, for all that he knows, of gold also; but such is his sloth that they lie there quite unmolested. The Rouman country is, besides, one of the healthiest in the world: the cholera, when it invades Europe from the East, most often skips this favorite land with its sleepy denizens. Let us, however, say one good word for the Rouman—he is frugal, simple in tastes and sober; if he does the world little good, he is at least peaceable and harmless, - Appleton's Journal.

#### A Scene on the Danube.

Edward King writes from Orsova to the Boston Journal: The current rushwho endeavor to get over to this side in their little caique-boats, that do not 1,380 trees from ten to ninety feet in look unlike the Indian's bark canoe, and circumference. The Tuolumne grove that are paddled in exactly the same contains thirty trees, and the Mariposa fashion. Directly opposite Orsova arise the frowning mighty mountains of Servia, the frowning mighty mountains of Servia, trees (Sequoia gigantea) in existence which at early morning are wreathed in the world 2,214. folds of majestic mist, and over which, in the long May afternoons, waves of light and shadows sweep in quick succession and with magical effect. A tiny Servian village, with its Greek church, around which are grouped a few humble around which are grouped a few humble seed from the big trees can be easily up into the yawning valleys, under the shade of the vast forests, along the edges of the frightful ravines, and by the roads which, skirting the Danube control of the vast forests, along the edges of the frightful ravines, and by the roads which, skirting the Danube control of the vast forests, along the edges of the frightful ravines, and by the roads which, skirting the Danube control of the vast forests, along the edges of the frightful ravines, and by the roads which, skirting the Danube control of the vast forests, along the edges of the frightful ravines, and by the roads which, skirting the Danube control of the vast forests, along the edges of the frightful ravines, and by the roads which, skirting the Danube control of the vast forests, along the edges of the frightful ravines, and by the roads which, skirting the Danube control of the roads which, skirting the Danube control of the roads which is the roads which as the roads which is the road which is the roads which is the road which is the roa shore, lead away to other towns further growth—and they numbered 3,840. down—stray hundreds of goats, with the tree was 3,840 years old. We kids festively skipping about them; many big trees from 1,500 to 4,000 years sheep, meditatively cropping the plenti-old. We even find pines, cedars and guided hither and you at intervals by The last is not strange to me, for I reshepards clad in long sheepskin cloaks, and carrying the long traditional crook. The scene is thoroughly pastoral, ancient; one can imagine the little church to have been there a thousand years; that the flocks have walked leisurely homeward, as they do now, just at sundown, for half a dozen centuries; that the boatmen, in their just at sundown, for half a dozen Joaquin valley, the frosty winds howled centuries; that the boatmen, in their through the big trees, the frozen sleet round red skull caps, their short emfrosted the limbs of the big trees, and broidered jackets with long flowing sleeves, their loose trousers, with gaiters buttoned at the knee, and their girdles a foot of snow. with knives convenient for action-have been paddling across the stream from time immemorial, and that nothing ever has happened, or ever will happen, to disturb such a peaceful scene. Yet war swept over youder fair land opposite Orsova only last year, and may come again within a month.

## An Episode.

Quite a laughable episode occurred on the river bank below the iron works, the other evening as the City of Troy was on her trip down the river, says the Troy (N. Y.) Press. Sitting on the beach was a pair of young lovers intent on nothing but whispering their sweet nothings to each other. The steamboat drew near, but they scarce condescended a glance toward it. Their blissful reverie was short, however, for as the boat passed on its way the ground swell which followed rushing along shore manifest any anxiety before so many eyes (all the passengers were watching them) arose leisurely to his feet and moved toward a higher point. He round his feet, rising nearly to his kness, sending the spray over him, wetting him thoroughly and dampening his ardor effectually. The pair were seen an instant later wending their way slowly and sadly up the railroad track,

## A Battle in the Water.

Jerry Lonergan and John McCutchem, levee laborers, had a dispute at the foot of Washington avenue, St. Louis, and determined that the only fair way of settling it was to fight it out. Fearful of being interfered with by the police, they adopted the novel plan of repairing to the river as a place for battle. They waded out till about up to their waists, waded out till about up to their waists, and then went to pounding away at each other, to the great entertainment of the till a body erry? crowd that gathered on the boat. Finally they clinched, and in a twinkling both went under. They were a stubborn, desperate pair, and each seemed determined to drown the other if possible. They floundered under water for quite a time, and there can be little doubt that both would have been drowned had not the spectators interfered and taken them out. Neither had any wind to spare when they got to shore, and the fight

GIANTS OF THE FOREST.

Something About the Blg Trees of Call-

A correspondent of the New York Sun has been visiting the groves of trees in California about which so much has been written on account of their immense size,

It was estimated by a lumber mer-chant that one of the big trees, "The Mother of the Forest," contains 537,000 feet of lumber. This at \$40 per thousand would be worth \$21,480. This tree is 321 feet high, and 137 feet to the first limb. The bark is twelve inches thick, and the tree is eighty-six feet in circumference at the base, and forty-three feet in circumference seventy feet from the base.

In the Calayeras grove five men worked twenty-two days boring a tree down with pump augers. After boring the tree until every fiber was severed it still stood upright. To fall it two days were spent with ropes, and wedges driven in with the butts of trees. Finally the grand old monarch fell after standing the blasts of 3,000 years. Then they smoothed off the stump, and on the fourth of July thirty-two persons danced on it. Our party, consisting of about fifteen, chassed around on this stump, but to me it was with a painful feeling. It was like dancing around the tomb of the dead Napoleon; yes, like dancing on the fallen monument to a dead god! This stump is twenty-eight feet across three feet wider than a New York building lot-and sound to the center. It would take sixty-four yards of carpet to cover it. This tree was 302 feet highhigher than the dome of the capitol or

than Trinity steeple.

The "Father of the Forest" is another grand old fallen monarch. This tree fell many years ago. It was 375 feet high and twenty-eight feet thick. It being hollow, we rode our horses into its hollow trunk eighty-two feet. The height of the horseback entrance is ten feet, The diameter of the trunk 150 feet from the roots is ten feet four inches.

In the Mariposa grove we came to a large hollow tree called the "Keystone." Eight of us rode our horses through it at one time. It had been burned out and lived in by the Indians, but still looked fresh and vigorous at the top. In the South Park grove our party all disappeared in a big tree called the "Grand Hotel," the hollow trunk of which will hold forty persons. Near by is "Noah's Ark," now fallen, but which measures ninety feet in circumference and 320 feet in length, and just beyond is an unnamed tree, in the hollow trunk of which sixteen horses can

How many of those big trees are there? es by here with such velocity as one sees elsewhere only on the Missouri in groves of big trees. The Calaveras grove, north of the Yosemite, contains grove, north of the Yosemite, contains

stand.

six miles nearer the Yosemite, contains 700, making the total number of big

Will the number of big trees increase? There is no reason why they should one-story stone cottages, with white-washed walls and thatched roofs, clings gathered. Indeed, I gathered, perhaps, to the base of one of the mountains, Away from the hamlet, on either hand, in different parts of the country.

How old are these trees? We find herbage; cattle and horses, all balsams here from 500 to 1,500 years old. member how a guide once showed me the elms in Oxford, England, and told

me they were upward of 700 years old. The altitude of the big trees makes them grow in almost perpetual snow. On the first of June, when we could see them cradling their wheat in the San we defiled our horses down the jagged mountain side toward the Yosemite in

## A Trio of Sharpers Foiled.

A man about twenty-seven years of age named Charles Dixon, whose home is in Hamilton, O., arrived in Detroit Mich., with \$380 in his pocket. Men arrive there daily with more or less money in their wallets, the *Free Press* remarks, but in this case Mr. Dixon would have arrived without greenbacks enough to have paid for a boiled egg but for his courage and the liberal use of a revolver, He was coming west from Buffalo when he made the acquaintance of three traveling rascals. They first tried the threecard monte game on him, but he won five dollars and then quit. They then wanted to sell him a bogus \$1,000 bond for half the face value, but he wasn't in the bond-buying business. A little further on he was asked to give one of the men small bills for a ten. He pulled out his "wad" of greenbacks to comply, when aroused them, and the young lady, seeing the situation at a glance, seized her drapery and held it so that it would not wait long before deciding to follow. He impede her flight and rushed for the was armed with a large sized revolver, bank, reaching it barely in time to and as he landed in the ditch, the train escape with a pair of wet feet. Not so still being in good motion, the three lucky, however, was the swain, who rogues made cross a field for the woods, perhaps thinking it undignified to Dixon followed at a sharp gait, opening fire as soon as within range. the fellows had a single barreled pistol, and with this he returned one shot. When they discovered that Dixon could quickened his pace an instant later, not be distanced, the man with the money but too late. The curling wave broke threw it down and called out: threw it down and called out:

"Here's your money! You've hit one of us, and that's enough." Money was what the Buckeye wanted, and he halted when he recovered his greenbacks. He is strong in his belief that one of his bullets did hit one of the rascals in the leg, for when he last saw the trio two of them were assisting the third along. Mr. Dixon is a quiet, pleasant-looking man, but has the nerve of an

## "If a Body."

old warrior.

a feller could?

If a body see a body 'propriate his hat, should a body kick a body just for doing

that?

If a body spy a body creeping 'round his lot, shouldn't a body treat a body to a load of shot? If a feller catch a feller carrying off his wood, should a feller whale a feller if

When you have nothing to say, say nothing; a weak defense strengthens your opponent, and silence is less in-jurious than a bad reply,

#### Mr. Parker Buys a Broom,

Mr. Parker was not thinking of whiskbrooms at all; he had no need of a whiskbroom, and in fact he had always said that he should never buy a whisk-broom, as he thought a clothes-brush much

"A whisk-broom," said he last evening, "is all very well when you consider it as a whisk-broom, but viewed in any other light it is a failure. Who ever heard of one's brushing his hat, smoothing his hair or polishing his boots with a whisk-broom? Now, with a clothesbrush one can perform all these operations of the toilet; therefore," concluded Mr. Parker, "I shall never buy a whisk-broom, but, on the other hand, I shall broom, but, on the other hand, I shall be shal ing his hair or polishing his boots with a invest my surplus capital in

clothes brushes. Just as Mr. Parker had concluded his philosophical remarks an Italian count (in disguise, no doubt) entered the room with an Elizabethan ruff of whisk-brooms about his neck. "Buy a broom?" chanted he like an

echo from the once popular song.

"Get out," said Mr. Parker.

"Now," said the Italian gentleman, not disconcerted in the least, "here ve haf von uf de best brooms for onlee

seventee feet cent. Buy a broom?"
"I wont," said Mr. Parker; "seventyfive cents is too much, besides you
couldn't give me one if you tried." "He is sheep at seventee feef cent. I cannot sell him sheeper as dat," said the

man, preparing to go.

Just then another disguised nobleman entered, wearing another Elizabethan ruff of whisk-brooms, and chanting in another key: "Buy a broom?" The first comer glared at his rival, who returned

the compliment.

"Get out," said Mr. Parker to the new-comer. That gentleman smiled pensively, and, unhooking one of his rooms, remarked: "Here is you uf de best brooms for onlee feefty cent. Buy a broom? Mr. Parker glanced at the broom. It

was just such a one as the first man wanted seventy-five cents for.
"Go way," said Mr. Parker, stoically resisting the temptation to make a bargain; "get out, I don't want your

"Dot man is yon tief," said Italian number one. "I will sell you my broom for thirtee-feef cent," and he cast a glance of triumph at the opposition. Mr. Parker hesitated, and went so far as to examine the brooms.

"You sall haf de broom for thirtee cent; dat robber sall not sell you de broom," shouted Italian number two. Mr. Parker fingered the two brooms. Meanwhile the Italians shook their fists at each other and exchanged personalities. "You tief!" said one. "You robber!" said the other. "Liar!" "Scoundrel!" "Villain!" "Wretch!" Mr. Parker began to grow excited. "I'm sure to get a bargain out of these fellows," said he, "they're so mad." Then he spoke in a musing way: "I don't know but I might give twenty-five cents for

one of these brooms,"
"It is ruin," said the first, rolling up his eyes with pathos, "it is starfation, it is death, but you shall haf de broom for is death, but you shall had de broom for twentee-feef cent." The second man gnashed his teeth as Mr. Parker handed over the money, and then followed number one out of the door. When the two got around the corner they leaned up

against the area railings to laugh.
"Dat vas a good idee, my brother, dat
you haf to get the old man excite," said the second nobleman. "Vat vas de broom wort?"

"Feefteen cent," said the first man, chuckling, and the partners in iniquity went off together to work upon the susceptibilities of some other philan-

## New York Clergyman's History.

One of the most popular Fifth avenue pastors has a singular history, says a New York letter. He is a graduate of Harvard college, and twenty-seven years ago was among the "Forty-niners" who immigrated to California via Cape Horn. Here he became an "honest miner," and afterward went to Sacramento, where he entered into the newspaper service as reporter and editor, and utility-man in general. Wielding a Wheat: fluent pen and readily acquiring jour-nalistic habits, he was a decided success. Among his earliest employers were the present proprietors of the San Francisco Bulletin and Call. In 1852 they removed to S:n Francisco, whither our present clerical friend followed them. He shortly after accepted a situation in the government service, and, though it was not wholly a sinecure, it left considerable spare time upon his hands, which he turned to practical account by making contributions to the then only magazine on the Pacific coast. His religious opinions ta that period were very different from those he entertains now -in fact, he was a reputed infidel-but Cheese: his attention was attracted to Spiritualism, and, finding that so unsatisfactory, he found rest at last in the Episcopal church. His early life, devoted to journalism and literary pursuits, led him to study stenography, and his present sermons are written in shorthand, which he reads off as glibly as if it were a printed page.

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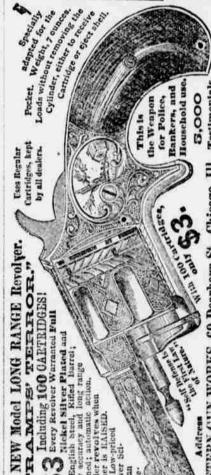
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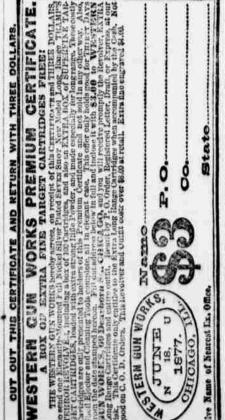
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