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SELECT POETRY.

THE NIGHT.

BY BARRY CORNWALL. Oh, the summer night, flas a smile of light, And she sits on a supphire throne, Whilst the sweet winds load her With garlands of odor. From the bud of the rose o'erblown!

But the autumn night Has a piercing sight, And a step both strong and free; And a voice for wonder, Like the wrath of thunder, When he shouts to the stormy sea.

And the winter night Is all cold and white, And she singeth a song of pain, Till the wild bee hummeth. And warm spring cometh, When she dies in a dream of rain!

O the night, the night ! Tis a lovely sight. Whatever the clime or time, For sorrow then soureth, And the lover outpoureth His soul is a star-bright rhyme.

To the forest deep The forest bird to its nest; To care, bright hours, And dreams of flowers, And that balm to the weary-rest!

Miscellancous Matter

An Adventure with Rattlesnakes.

I noticed a "sketch" in the Courier a ew days since, entitled "Taugkannuc Mountain," that recalled to my mind an incident that occurred to me on those mountains, some 25 or 30 years ago. I was at that time a resident of Sheffield. At the time to which I refer, I formed one of a party of young men who made an excursion to the summit of those mountains, to hunt partridges, &c. There are, or mere at that time, places there so infested with rattlesnakes that it was dangerous to approach them. To avoid these abodes, we relied on the acquaintance of one of our party with their locality. After chasing over the hills for six or eight hours, we were tired enough to think of returning to our homes. We were proceeding along in for Singing Schools. He is also opening at "Indian file," through a defile some four this time, a large assortment of Books, in every rods wide, one side of which was a mountain; the other some 40 feet high, composed of loose ledges that were overgrown mily, both with ivies, when a sharp rattle was heard that sent a chill to our hearts. The foremost of our line saw the reptile just ahead of him, and without thought raised his gun and fired. As the report of the gun echoed along the crags a most hideous rattling and hissing arose on all sides.

We were in the midst of the "den."-Each rock and bush seemed populous with rattlesnakes, and we could see them descending from the higher crags. We stood still, not knowing what to do. To go back remain where we were, as perilous as either, for several were moving in the bushes near us. The slightest touch of a fang was certain death, as we were too far from any habitation to enable us to reach it before the deadly virus would have taken effect. We feared to stir, lest we should attract their attention sooner than if we remained quiet. What passed in the minds of my companions I know not, but I remember that my own thoughts were of no very

agreeable nature. At this juncture, one of us perceived a large flat rock, some three rods from us, and proposed in a whisper that we should make for it. Having ascertained that none of our assailants were between us and it. we made a rush for it, and gained it unscathed. Our last movements notified our creeping foes of our whereabouts, as well as to irritate them more, and they made for our position.

Our weapons of defence were four guns, wo pistols and an axe. We were then so situated as to be able to defend ourselves, in some measure. We cut a couple of very Spinal Weakness, are informed that a competent slender spronts that grew close by the rock, and experienced Laux will be in attendance at stationed ourselves in the centre, and as the Rooms, (set apart for their exclusive use,) the snakes came to the edge of our citadel No. +14, Twelfth St., 1st door below Race. the attempt, and we pitched their mangled carcasses back to their comrades. It was evident that so long as we remained on the rock we were safe; but how to escape was more than we could predict. If we could have killed all of the reptiles on one side, with our guns and cudgels, we should have encountered more in scaling the ledge.

We remained quietly on the rock, and, in a short time the rattlesnakes ceased their attacks, but on our making any movement, they commenced hissing again .-These snakes emit a disagreeable odor when disturbed, and the air was filled with We had noticed a tall tree growing close by us, and one of our party proposed to cut it, so as to cause it to fall against the top of the tedge, and thereby form, if it did not break, a way by which we might extricate ourselves. We instantly com-menced cutting it, keeping a sharp look out for the spotted rascals, who were now doubly enraged by the resounding blows.

This tree fell with its top against the summet of the ledge, and we ascended its trunk and escaped. Before we left we just took a farewell glance at our baffled selligerents, who had then taken possession his only daughter a cent. Her mother is also of our rock, and were engaged in snapping living. Pularky's splendid estate in Hungahandkerchief dropped by one of us.

Fatal as is the bite of a rattfeanake, yet there is a weed growing in our meadows, which being properly applied, renders it harmless. Many persons are not acquaintharmless. Many persons are not acquaintine following: Why would it be unchristianreigners except frish. Of 728 was received Begger Boy. She is that! She used to
known persons who, knowing antidotes for like for a woman to assume the part of a
known persons who, knowing antidotes for like for a woman to assume the part of a this poison, refuse to disclose them.

12 to 18 inches high, one stalk, leaves narrow, and grow singly from the stem from one to two inches apart. This weed is surrounded with small bluish blossoms that have five leaves; three on the lower portion and two above. I see one growing a short distance from me, which I inclose. If this weed be bruised in cold water and applied, the bite is harmless. Were I a botanist, I might give a better description. Boston Courier.

WOLF NURSES IN INDIA.

The wolf in India is looked upon, as it formerly was in northern Europe, as a sa-cred animal. Almost all Hindoos have a numbers of children are constantly carried off by them. Only one class of the population-the very lowest, leading a vagrant life and bivouacking among the jungleswill attempt to kill or catch them. Even these, however, although they have no superstitious fear of the wolf, are always found to be well acquainted with its usual and necklaces worn by the children whom the wolves have carried to their dens, and whose remains are left at the entrance. In all parts of India, it appears, numbers of children are daily murdered for the sake of

these dangerous ornaments. The wolf, however, is sometimes kinder than man. In the neighborhood of Sultanpoor, and among the ravines that intersect the banks of the Goomtee river, this animal abounds; and our first instance of a "wolf nurse" occurs in that district. A trooper, passing along the river bank near Chandour, saw a large female wolf leave her den, followed by three whelps and a little The boy went on all fours, apparently on the or possible terms with his fierce companions, and wolf protected with as much care as if he wolf protected with own whelps. All went down one of her and drank, without noticing the the river who, as they were about to turn back; pushed on in order to secure the boy. But the ground was uneven, and his horse could not overtake them. All re-entered the den; and the trooper then assembled dug into the den for eight feet, when the old wolf bolted, followed by her three cubs and the boy. The trooper, accompanied by the fleetest young men of the party, mounted and pursued and having at last headed them, he turned the whelps and boy (who ran quite as fast) back upon the men on foot. They secured the boy and allowed the others to

The boy thus taken was apparently about nine or ten years old, and had all the habwould be as dangerous as to advance; and to its of a wild animal. On his way to Chandour he struggled hard to rush into every hole or den he passed. The sight of a grown up person alarmed him, and he tried to steal away; but he rushed at a child with a fierce snarl, like that of a dog and tried to bite it. Cooked meat he would not cat, but he seized raw food with eagerness, putting it on the ground under his hands, and devouring it with evident pleasure. He growled angrily if any one approached him whilst eating, but made no objection to a dog's coming near and sharing his food. The trooper left him in charge of the Rajah of Husonpoor, who saw the boy immediately after he was taken. Very soon afterwards he was sent by the Rajah's order to Captain Nicholett's at Sultanpoor; for, although his parents are said to have recognised him when first captured, they abandoned him on finding that he displayed more of the wolf 's than

of human nature. He lived in the charge of Captain Nicholett's servants nearly three years, very inoffensive, except when teased, but still a complete animal. He could never be induced to keep on any kind of clothing, even in the coldest of weather; and, on one occasion, tore to pieces a quilt, stuffed with cotton, and ate a portion of it, cotton and all, every day with his bread. When his food was placed at a distance from him, he ran to it on all fours, like a wolf; and it was only on rare occasions that he walked upright. Human beings he always shunned, and never willingly remained near them. On the other hand, he seemed fond of dogs and jackals, and, indeed, all animals, and readily allowed them to feed with him. He was never known to laugh or smile, and was never heard to speak until within a few minutes of his death, when he put his hands to his head and said it ached, and asked for water, which he drank

and died .- English paper. Kossurii AND PULSEY are both residing in London with their families. Koscuth's two sons, aged 10 and 13 years, are attending school. The family live in a very plain and economical style. Pulszky and his wife, bytheir joint writings, it is stated to a London letter in the New York Times, have made this year about £400. They have five children. Madam Pulacky's father is a wealthy banker of Vienna, but is forbidden to give a handkerchief dropped by one of us. We formed a line, and shot at them, and then of his arrest, and his beautiful castle subsequently converted into a hospital.

THE LAYEST ATROCTTY .- The Pittsburg (Pa.) Democratic Union is answerable for man ! Because she would become a he, then. '720 were trish.

The weed to which I refer grows from | EXTRAORDINARY SERIES OF CALAMITIES -STRANGE LIFE OF A HOMICIDE.

A writer in the Thomaston Watchman gives the following singular biography of James Hightowet, recently convicted of manslaughter in that county. Three years in a dangeon, it seems, is nothing to what he has endured :

About twenty one years ago a young lady of this section of country, belonging to a respectable family, became the victim of a subject of our parrative. His mother, as is the case usually with those of her sex who are unfortunate, married a man of low breeding and in adverse circumstances, consesuperstitious dread of destroying or even quently her son was destined to receive but injuring it; and a village community, a limited share of education or moral trainwithin the boundary of whose lands a drop ing. At a tender age his character was peof wolf's blood has fallen, believes itself coliar, and in some respects very extraordidoomed to destruction. The natural con- nary. When only seven years old be was sequence is, that in the districts less fre- attending a sugar cane mill; by some means, quented by Europeans, these animals are his left arm and hand were crushed, by very numerous and destructive, and great which accident he forever lost the use of his hand

At the age of ten he was bitten by a rattle-snake, being nearly alone on the place, he had to call to his aid all the presence of capture ; in all probability from the profits cies of reptiles; by pursning the same course they make of the gold and silver bracelets as heretofore, he was again rescued from the menced a deadly discharge of arrows.

Between the age of twelve and fourteen, he made several attempts to take the life of not be imposed on. About that age he also

some people from Chandour, with pick- lightning, his path was smooth until nine- grat military honors; and around his lonely snakes, panthers, and even the high powers bidden. course. He procured his license, placed a my lot thus to die a glorious death." magistrate at a conspicuous point in the woods, and proceeded himself on foot to the house that sheltered her whom he loved-

woods, to the place of rendezvous. Before arriving at the place upon which says: the hymeneal altar had been temporarily 1. I made a small incision in a pigeon erected, illuminated by the blaze of light- leg, and applied to it the oil of tobacco; wood knots, and the pale rays of the moon less than ten minutes it lost the use of alone, our hero fell into his former path of foot. bad luck, for he was bitten by a moccasin snake; but he was too well used to snake bites to suffer that occurrence to retard his progress at such a momentous crisis, and like course, and in accordance with his anticipa- itself on its left foot. tions was lawfully married about 12 or I o'clock at night. His moccasin bite did not long keep him in bed, for he then possessed a natse of unceasing attention. After his of a pigeon, a small bit of wood covered with final recovery, he carried his wife to the the oil; in a few minutes it fell insensible. home which he had provided for her, hoping that his cup of misfortune was then full, and that he would enjoy that bliss attending a married life.

But he was not destined long to enjoy that repose which he so much sought. He soon became entangled in a quarrel with one Mr. Wheeler; the result was, Wheeler was killed, and our hero, after a regular trial in a of one minute. court of justice, was convicted of manslaughter, and now, at the age of twenty, has gone, leaving his wife, his anticipated babe and his sweet home, to the penitentiary, there to be incarcerated within its dismal walls for the space of three years, which to him must seem long, long. Who can contemplate his past life and not say, Surely he is the child of misfortune ! Have his misfortunes enited ? Alas! who can tell? That fact is yet concealed by the dark certain of futurity.

New Jenser Statistics. - The Jersey City Sentinel and Advertiser, of the 23d just. published statistics of crime and pauperism in Jersey city and Hudson county. Number of inhabitants in Jersey city, 21,000, viz :-tives, 75; Irish, 3550; other foreigners, 475. in the County Juit, 68, viz :- Natives, 2 he procured the liquor. trish, 58; other foreigners, 8. Of 188 persons who have been inmates of the Almshouse, none have been natives, and no fo.

INDIAN PIGHT-DEATH OF MEUT. MAXWELL

A letter from an officer of the army, dated
"Fort Union (New Mexico) July 2, 1854," tre, June 19th, Mr. Alba Sherman to Miss
gives the following touching account of the Mary Swan. gives the following touching account of the "last fight" and death of Lieut. Maxwells brevet 2d lieut, 3d U, S. infantry ;

On the morning of the 29th ult, Brevet Captain Sykes and Lient, Maxwell, with about sixty dragoons, (there being no dragoon officers on duty at the post,) started in vile seducer; the fruit was a boy, who is the pursuit of the party of Apaches, whose trail had been seen the day before, a short distance from the post. After a hard and vigattempting to gain difficult and almost im- other distinguished guests. pregnable passes of the mountains. Lieut they could pass a certain point above him.

snapped, several times, a loaded musket at a arm received another arrow, which pas- sizes; for wine, pure Platte water. neighbor. When fourteen years old, he was sed through, and glanced against his left Ye dainty dyspepties of crowded cities, knocked down by lightning, and did not breast. He still used his sabre, and when woods, by a very large panther. The pan- while his head was bowed to his horses native ease and gentility which showed she ther soon bore him down-he exhibited great mane, he fell-an arrow in his brain-and was worthy of the heart and hand she had presence of mind by feigning death. The fell like a knight of old, in his harness-his just received. Her graceful manners and canther then carried him into the swamp, sword grasped in his hand, and a smile upon sensible remarks drew forth the admiration covered him up with sticks and grass, after his face. The Ludians fled. Then came the of all, and showed she had been under the which he took his leave in search of more troops thundering up the hill-but too late, pupilage of that accomplished lady, Mrs. A. prey. Our hero, after the panther's depar- alas! for poor young Maxwell had fallen! ture, arose and made his escape home. He And as Capt. Sykes saw him, with upturned was badly torn -- two of his jaw teeth were face, laying stark dead, whom but a moment cevered, and verybus to die, for he soon re- manhood, he towed his head and went as with good wishes for love life, and bloom to be a with good wishes for love life, and bloom to be a with good wishes for love life, and bloom to be a with good wishes for love life, and bloom to be a with good wishes for love life, and bloom to be a with good wishes for love life, and bloom to be a with good wishes for love life.

when he became enamored of a young adown weather-beaten some though figuring in a higher though the control of the castern silk stocking mentry and retired to the castern silk stocking mentry and the castern silk stocking mentry and the castern silk stocking mentry and the lady; though figuring in a higher sphere, were strangers. I who had known how his superior in intellect and family, yet she boyhood, followed him to his long home; and was smitten by the boy of misfortune, and although tears were to me a stranger, still, resolved to marry him, not withstanding the when I heard the soldier's requiem and the opposition of her relatives, who made severe fusilade over his grave they did burst forth out for railroad runners, hotel porters and threats against our here. But what cared he, uncontrolled; and even now, while I pen who had successfully barried against rattle- this sad memorial of his fate, they come un-

of Heaven, for the threats of man ! Nothing | He died without an enemy. He died as a daunted, he continued to arge his claims; soldier should, and lies wrapt in his martial after finding all his efforts for a compromise shroud, as is a soldier's due. Peace to him. unavoiling, he commenced a determined my friend and brother soldier. May it be

We give below a few extracts for the bensecretly forced the door of her chamber, and efit of tobacco chewers. . They are worth conducted her about five miles through the reading and pondering upon. They are made by Fontann, a distinguished chemist. He

2. I repeated this experiment on another. and the result was exactly the same. 3. I made a small wound in the pectoral

muscle of a pigeon, and applied the oil to it; brave and undaunted boy, pursued his in three minutes it could no longer support 4. This experiment was repeated on an-

other, and resulted in the same way. 5 1 introduced into the pectoral muscles

this oil, vomited all they had eaten. 7. Two others, with empty stomachs treat-

ed as above, made all possible efforts to 8. One single drop of this tobacco oil put upon the tongue of a cat, has produced violent convulsions, and killed her in the space

9. A thread dipped in the oil and drawn through a flesh wound of a cat, dog, or any other animal of their sizes, will it in seven

CONSECTION LIQUOR LAW .- The new gues law provides that if a man be found in toxicated he may be arrested and kept until he becomes soher, when, if he shall testify fully, freely and fairly, regarding the receipt or procurement of the liquor upon which he became intoxicated, he shall be discharged -atherwise he shall be fined \$20, &c. Under this clause, a man that was intoxicated was recently arrested in Greenville, near Norwich, and he testified that the liquer was given to him -that he drank it from a bottle Natives, 12,000 ; Irish, 5000 ; other foreigners in the dwelling of a friend, whom he named. father's rule, happened to see one day sitting 4000. Number of persons who have been He was discharged-the Grand Jusy and Atconfined in the City Prison, 4100, viz :- Na. torney at once deciding that no fine or ponishment could be inflicted on him, so long as Number of persons confined at the present he had testified fairly as to the place where

HEAVY FAILURE .- Charitable Lady .- So

your mother is very poor.

PIONEER WEDDING-ROMANCE IN

The hall was a delightful portion of the Platte Valley, with the canopy of the skies adorned by twinkling stars, shaded by light clouds. The music, the contring, tumbling ripples of the Platte, on one side, and, far in the distance, on the other, low rumbling

thunder, with faint flashes of livid lightning. The Hon, A. W. Babbitt, Secretary of Utah, dressed in his pioneers fuit of buckskin. orous trail, the command came in sight of made a very happy and appropriate speech the savinges early on the morning of the 30th | to the assembled spectators, (scated around Captain Sykes sent Lieut. Maxwell, with on the bosom of Mother Earth, within the twenty dragoons, up a precipitate "mesa,"; corrill,) among whom were the Hon. George or small mountain, to cut off the retreat of a P. Stiles, Associate Justice of Utah, Dr. Clark, band of about twenty Indians, who were the pioneer of Platte Valley, and several

The ceremony being over, Judge Stiles, in Maxwell being well mounted, charged at the his usual agreeable manner, peculiar to himhead of his men, to cut off the enemy ere self, made a brief congratulary speech. He remarked in conclusion : "We pioneers and Unfortunately-possibly from being better our posterity must plant the stars and stripes mounted-himself and one sergeant and two on the eastern continent," which was receimen arrived at the summit of the mesa some | ved with much applause. The bridegroom mind of which he was master. Fortunately few moments ere the rest of his troops had proposed three times three for the passage of he used the proper antidote and threby saved closed up. As soon as Lient. Maxwell, the Nebraska bill, Judge Donglas and Gen. his life. In the short space of a few months (who was ahead,) with the three men, at. A. C. Dodge, which made the welkin ring dens and haunts, very seldom attempt its he was again bitten by one of the same spedians showed themselves above, and com. as none but pioneers can do. Next came the supper, not on mahogany tables covered with Lieut. Maxwell, with revolver in hand, rich service of silver, but on two Mackinaw emptied it with deadly effect; but ere he blankets spread on the ground. The bill of had done so, he had received an arrow fare included dried buffalo tongues, dried his step father, which shows that he would through his body-completely through. He venison, boiled antelope, boiled ham, wild drew his sabre, and in doing so his bridle duck, penola soup, cakes of all sorts and

who attend bridal parties in costly palaces of recover for some time. At the age of six- he received his last shot, he was in the American mould, think you ever enjoyed teen, he was attacked, while hunting in the act of sabring an Indian; but in the that act, such a repast? The bride presided with a W. Babbitt. The amusements commenced by an Indian

dance, fellowed by country figures, Platte But he and many wounds were inflicted. since he viewed in the prime and bloom of Valley cotilion, and closed with the tempest, left bim. Excepting another slight and Lieut. Maxwell was buried at his post, tre. The party gave hearty cheers for the up the Platte Valley with the Iron Horse, instead of the slow patient ox, and instead of Pawnee difficulties, they would have to look hack drivers, that they did not get into the wrong car, go to a poor hotel, or get fleeced out of double fees by the cunning hackmen. The whole bridal party, with a single cyclopean exception, started the next morning for Utah and California. Ye home-loving denizens of the east, what think ye of a marriage tour of a thousand miles in an ox wagon 1-Council Bluff's Bugle.

PEMALE LORSVINTS.

The testimony in relation to the extension of the Colt patent, taken by a committee of Congress, to ascertain whether undue or improper influence had been brought to bear on the votes of the members, is coming out 7673 patents have been granted. These indisgraceful character relative to the conduct of ladies who visit Washington, for the purpose of influencing legislation, and getting pet projects through congress by their flattering attentions to susceptible members. It appears that these "ladies" take all the doubtful and disputed projects in hand which promise to pay well if successful, and then bring all their charms of person and of fascinating conversation to bear on the members, either to exact promises of support, or to detain them from their seuts while the vote is being taken. The members appear to understand these ladies tolerably well, and the 6. Two others to whose muscles I applied testimony shows more virtue in Congress than it generally gets credit for. It is recorded that several members, counted upon as secure for one of these projects, either from age or a sense of duty were able to overcome the blendishments of female beauty, and voted "dead against it."

> "Maison Rouge," the Washington correspendent of the New Orleans Bee, thus writes to that Journal :

A good story has lately been told, and it is rapidly circulating here now at the expense of the Little Giant," Gen'l Sam Houston meeting Reverdy Johnson in the Capitol, the seed dates as far back as Sesostris or at least Senator and ex-Senator very naturally enter. Cicopatra. ed into conversation about public men, when speaking of Douglass, the Gen'l said he had been "sot back," "Sot back," said Mr. J., "what do you mean by that? Why, said Gen'l H, did you never hear the story ! Well, there was a man in my neighborhood were seventeen years old. He had a boy, whom a neighbor, who was aware of the at a side table, knowing, however, that the boy was more than seventeen, he asked how happened that he was still prohibited from coming to the table ! "Why laid he, when I was seventeen, father let me come, but I was so hungry, and in such a hurry to help muself, that I stood up and reached so for that a sad assidest happened; whereupon my fashes ammediately and me back two years."

The wells of Saco, Me., are dry

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ANECDOTE OF GRISTA We remember, by the way, a scene amungly sketched to us by a lady in Paris, when we were last abroad, which is very illustrative of Grisi's natural self-possession; and, indeed, Eve-like imperturbability. She (thd la 'y narrating) had been out driving, the day before, in company with an English lady who entertained a great deal, but who thought much admired for her style and hespitality, was eccentrically self-willed and unceremonious. One of her errands, for the morning, was to call and pay Grisi twenty Napoleons for singing at one of her parties. The cariage stopped at the prima donna's lodgings: La Signora was "not at home." "But I know she is," exclaimed the imperious lady, "1 68 madam, but she is now just in her bath." "Pooh! that makes no difference-just the lime to see her-come, my dear! (slie said to her companion, getting out of her carriage] let us go straight to her foom-I know the way,17 And, in another moment, the two ladies pushed by the astonished dressing maid who met them at the bed-room door, and

penetrated to the dressing-room beyond, where lay the magnificent Grisi-in her tub! The reception and transaction of business was a scene of undisturbed self-possession. on both sides. The greetings of the morning were familiarly exchanged, without the fair singer's rising from the water; but with the announcement of the errand, she grace: fully drew in her masses of jet black hair, which fell nearly to her knees as she rose, and stepping out upon the oil-cloth, aprened completely with the profuse ringlets, she dried her hands with a towel, took the money and gave a receipt. This done, she stood, perfectly self-possessed, (like a Naiad Queen who had received pearl-rent for a grotto, in dripping unconsciousness of her beauty,) and with her dark veil held before her, curtised out her visitors most dignifiedly and gracefully-giving to one of them only, (the lady who told us the story;) a ludicrous first realization of the machinery with which curteies are made. She declared, however, that she had more admired Grisi for her behavior during that call, than for the finest triumphs of her professional acting -Home Journal.

FROM OREGON-MORE GOLD DISCOVERED

From the Oregonian, published at Portlands steamer Lot Whitcomb, the gold mines had been discovered near Shoalwater Bay, and that the citizens had all abandoned their "filthy lucre." There appears to be an unusoal excitement among the people hereabouts, in relation to the gold mines. Many have left, and others are daily leaving for the newly-discovered mines, leaving behind crops unharrested and business unsettled, which will prove a greater loss than all they will get in the mines.

The farmers are now engaged in their harvests. Wheat crops were never better.

AMERICAN PATENTS .- Last year the applitions for patents numbered 2673, the expeats filed were 901, the patents issued 957. The extent of the field and the variety of the production to which this species of skill is applied are shown in the number, nature and character of the productions. In the last ten years, 18,440 applications for patents have been made, 6674 caveats have been filed, and piecement. Some disclosures are made of a clude improvents in every branch and division of labor that human skill is applied to, or that human necessities recoire.

> CHILD BITTEN BY A RAT .- On Thursday night a little son of Mr. S. S. Myers, of Flatbush, Long Island, felt something creeping upon his bed, which he brushed off, supposing it to be a cat. This he repeated several times, being at the time only half awake, but falling sound asleep, he was suddealy awakened by the bite of a rat, in the centre of his forehead. He arese with his face covered with blood, and succeeded in destroying his assailant. The lad was only nine years old.

Some time since, some grains of wheat which had been taken from an old Egyptian sarcophagus at Cairo, were given to the Agricultural Society of Compeigne, by whom they were sown with the most surprising tesulis. The stems which have risen from this seed are as large as a feed, the leaves are more than an inch in breadth, and the cars have each one hundred grains of very large size so that several of the original seeds have multiplied 2,000 fold. It is thought that the

A fashionable lady, a would-be somebody, said to a friend :

"My new house, now 'directing,' is to be 'sublimated' and 'spiendiferous.' There is to be a 'Porto Rice' in front, a 'Pigarre' in the when I was a boy, who made it a rule not to rear, and a 'lemonadu' all around it. The allow his boys to come to the table till they water is to come in at the side of the house in an 'ancedote,' and tas lawn is to be 'degraded, and some large trees are to be Capplanted' in the 'critic' in the rear.";

> A FEAT .- William B. Francis swam the Mississippi, from the lows shore to Phelps' wharf, in Quincy, in righteen minutes. Die tance, a mile and a half .- Exchange By Five miles an bour is rather fast tor any thing short of a steamer.

Discusting Custums .- The matried wemen in Japan shave off their eye brows and