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BY T. BUCHANAN REED.

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And fame shall never know her story, Her heart has shed a drop as dear As ever dewed the field of glory.

The wife who girds her husband's sword, 'Mid little ones who weep or wonder, And bravely speaks the cheering word, What though ber heart be rent assunder-Doomed nightly in her dreams to hear The bolts of war around him rattle. Has shed as sacred blood as e'er Was poured upon the plain of battle.

The mother who conceals her grief, While to her breast her son she presses Then breathes a few brave words and brief, Kissing the patriot brow she blesses, With no one but her secret God To know the pain that weighs opon her, Sheds hely blood as e'er the sod Received on Freedom's field of honor.

## Select Cale.

## SKATING A HUMBUG.

There is a quotation familiar to all school boys, where some old fellow of pious memory, on being requested by Queen Dido to give an account of his travels, replied : "Thou commandest me O Queen to relate the history

of my woes."

It is with feeling of the same description (only more so) that I address a discriminating public, in the hope that my example will prove a warning to all similarly tempted. But a few days since some one published

an article on "Skating as a fine art." The please." man must have been insane! Skating, I say, is a humbug! and what I say I know by sad experience. Listen for a moment and you will agree with me !

Last Spring, while walking with Araminta through the sylvan shades of the Central Park, that charming young female went into ecstacies over what (in her ignorance) she termed the elegance and gracefulness of the amusement of skating, and after avowing her determination to acquire its mysteries during the coming winter, or go down into an untimely grave, turned to me and exclaimed in a tone of melting sweetness: "And you,

Mr. Smith, (my name is Smith) you will teach me I am sure !" The voice, the glance, the caprice. pressure on my arm which accompanied it made my heart go pit pat, faster than a pleased rabbit's tail. Need I say that I at once embraced the proposal, and as much of public attention.

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of the somewhat trate Jones, "and don't get so (something or other) excited. You can learn easy enough if you will bey a pair of

"Jones," I returned, reinquishing his collar, as requested, 'You're my preserver. What will you take?" Jones took something, arranged his collar,

and we bought the best pair of parlor skates money could procure. Full directions were given by the skate

"Only have your floor smooth, and keep your skates well greased, and you will go like bird!" was his encouraging remark, as he handed them over to me with the change. "Grease! What do you use to grease them

"Oil!" he answered, solemnly. I bought half a gallon at once. Jones g v me his advice too. "Always go ahead, and if you don't get excited you will do the 'outside edge backward' in a week." "Outside edge backward!" I inquired.

What's that ?" "This style I" answered Jones, standing, as he spoke, on his right leg, and twisting himself as though trying to look at his right coat tail under his left elbow. I stood on my right leg and tried to catch a glimpse of my right coat tail under my elbow, but not suceeding, remarked, that "I did not see it " Thereat Jones laughed as though I had really said a great thing.

Next morning I started very quietly down

before breakfast, to try to do "the out side edge backward," as per instructions. Down I sat to put on my skates, but somehow the straps always got in a snarl, and they didn't seem to go on. Indeed, the breakfast bell rang just as I got the first to fit, which put a stop to skating for the present breakfast I started up again. This time it took me twenty minutes to get them both on. Off I went-right, left, right, left, according to the directions of the Skater's Manual which I had also purchashed; but, leaning too far forward, went down kerchunk !" looked in the book. Ab! skaters musn' lean too far forward ! Try it again. Right left, right --- I leaned too far backward this time. My heels went up, my head went down bang ! and smashed the haif gallon can 1 had brought to grease my skates, before i knew what was to pay. The concussion was terrific-the windows rattled all over the house-stars danced before my eyes-and instead of one, fifty oil cans seemed to be | scattered around. I was almost collasped; but energy, and a quart of oil that had got reviving sensation produced by the coolness of the oil cloth where I had split the seat of my unmentionables, brought me up in a few and everything is all right; but when he minutes nearly as good as new. The damage was all done and the oil gone, and I had him in 2.39, something immediately happens nothing to do but to mind Jones and not get to his harness, obliging him to pull up into a excited. Suddenly an idea struck me. The corner of the fence and fix it. This is a curi directions were to keep the floor smooth and ous coincidence, for which I acknowledge my my skates greased. Here was a chance to do self wholly unable to account. both. Olis the cheese, thinks I; and about I got up as soon as my skates were fixed five minutes, with the help of a broom, the and assisted Aramiota to her feet. As that the sforesaid oil was being repidly distribu-

ted, about half an inch deep, over the whole Just at this moment in rushed mother, els, and the governor, who had heard my unlucky tumble, and thought that I had hung myself and the rope had broken, or that something

"Ob James! what has hoppeded!" was

the cry-when up went their heels, and down stroke Araminta, without any earthly reason | place on the 13th of June, at Ferozepore went the old lady on one side, and sis on the that I could see, grasped my arm frantically, other, and the governor end over them both, threw her head back, and sat down, more like

my first experience on parlor skates. my shoulders and swinging my bands about considerably, although I will acknowledge that I never could stand on my right leg and look at my coat tail under my elbow, as Jones and Araminta screamed, but nothing was to

in the ball but Araminta, wrapped and and that the odor in question arose from my bundled and shawled, and cloaked, looking saturated packet! broke out again, and I thought with a cold followed as "afar off." shiver, what if I shouldn't be able to hold ber? The idea was so unpleasant that I public celebrity she had so suddenly attained,

been waiting since one o'clock, and we must my pocket, on which I brought up, stuck in start right off. You don't cere for dinner my leg in several places, and I bounced up in when you are taking care of me, do you, a burry, forgetting for a moment all about James, dear? So get your skates and hurry, Araminta.

wan't my dinner, after that, although I felt phasis on the Mr., "you have been drinking, in my inmost soul that such was the fact. I sir!" out his dinner is no man at all.

out the dining room, but in vain. Slowly and saddy I ascended to my room. I had Bridget knocked, to say that "the young sion and stumble—and their name was legion lady wished me to horry," and I had to start Finally, just as we were in front of the off, a melancholy sacrifice to a woman's

"James," said she, "please be careful to

the proposer as I could, without attracting before you commence. That's all. Good some fatality, had again seconded from the public attention.

"Sare enough." I replied, blushing, nover We went down right in the path of half a dotheless, up to the roots of my hair, "what | zen skaters, who piled over us in a perfect can she mean !" Nothwithstanding, I knew what she meant

and swore vengeance.
At length we arrived at the pond. It was sailing in air. It looked so easy that I felt I started up and rushed to the door. Where quite encouraged.

I put on Araminta's skates, and got a small boy, who bored a hole into the heel of ry small boy, "has gone off with that fancy my boot, (and half an inch further) to put on skater over there. My eyes! you ought to mine, and started off for a moment's practice, while she was fixing berself. I had not taken two strokes before I discovered that there apparently unimportant, yet was the cause of all my mishaps. Although of such vital importance, it may be summed up in the opeshort septence, that "parlor skates roll, while steel ones slip!" Between two little words lies a distinction not to be appreciated until

learned by experience! Before I had fairly realized the importance of the discovery, (which did not take a moment to find out.) I had returned in front of Araminta, who was arranging her manifold draperies preparatory to a start. Designing to produce a profound impression. I struck with assumed carelessness, a graceful attitude I had spent some time in acquiring on my parlor skates. Indeed, on them I could do it firstrate ; for, by putting the knees together thing ! and pressing the feet a little outwards, you

that I was standing on things very different from parlor skates.

Just as Araminta looked up, with an admiring glance, putting the final touch upon her multitudinous apparel by that indescribsble twitch with which ladies always announce themselves as "ready," and exclaimed, in a to the extension room, an hour and a balf tone of rapture, "Isn't it heavenly ?" I felt my legs slowly receding from each other, and starting off sideways, on their seperate and individual responsibility.

I murmured "Beautiful !" at the same time making a frantic effort to bring them together with no more effect, however, than if they had belonged to different persons.

Parlor skates only roll backwards and for wards and a side movement not coming within the range of my previous experience found me wholly unprepared. My feet slid off further and further apart, and I stretched and stretched to accompany them, till actu ally every bone in my body seemed to sche, but to no avail. The human frame is not a pair of compasses, and I found myself obliged, when my feet were some distance spart, to tamble or split So I tambled.

Of course, the moment I touched the ice 1 immediately commenced to fix my skates .-Indeed, I have no recollection of ever seeing any one tumble who didn't commence to fix his skates. It is a singular circumstance, but down the back of my neck, together with the almost exactly the same thing may be seen on the road every day. A gentleman will be observed passing everybody at a 2 40 gait, reaches some one who starts after and passes him in 2. 39, comething immediately happens

> beautiful (but somewhat large) crestore entrusted herself confidingly to my protection. I felt her weight, which I roughly estimated at 265 pounds, as she leaned upon my arm for support, with the same sensations that the man must have experienced on taking on at a lottery.

all into the thickest part of the balf-gallon.
Two dresses and one suit of clothes went to thunder in less than two seconds. Dire was the confusion, during which I left. This was She looked heavy, but she felt twice as After a month's practice, however, I got so beavy as she looked, and my attempt to save I could go alone nicely by working well with beronly resulted in the downfall of both of us. We came down "solid," and a sharp crack,

had done, without sitting on it before I could | be so-n. Pratty soon a strong smell of whiskey obtain a single glimpse of its "fair propor- began to pervade the air. Araminta, who is "temperance" to the back-bone, sniffed the odor with intent disgust, and remarked that Winter was now at hand. Araminta had "any one who would come to any place with Winter was now at hand. Araminta had presented me with a gorgeous skating cap— I had reciprocated with a splendid pair of skates. We were engaged. I looked forward with rapture, not unmingled with anxiety, to the time when I should guide her lovely form through the slippery paths of the learner on skates. At last came a hard frost: up went the would have discovered it to a certainty. But red ball, so did the price of skates. I started on putting my hand into my pocket. I was bome early that day designing to fortify horrified to discover, by getting cot, that myself with a good dinner before making my that last "crack" had been the death knell of essay as an instructor. Who should I meet my flask, that it was reduced to fragments,

so large that I was appalled. She is only It was first-class Bourbon, and could be two inches taller than I am, but in the dim smelled a quarter of a mile! Every one turnlight of the hall she locked buge. The doubt ed as we passed, and smilled and stated to which had been bannting me all summer see what made "that smell!" and a policeman

My charmer was not greatly pleased at the basteded to change the subject.

"Araminta, my love," I tenderly inquired.

"We started again. This time she slipped.

"Why are you dressed? It is two hours hit my shin with her skate, in a way that before the time appointed. Come in to would have brought tears into the eyes of a teamster, tripping me op, and of course we "Never mind dinner. I have just had both went down together. I uttered a single lunch, and don't want any, and I know I shall sjaculation, more emphatic than is usual in die if I don't go skating at once. I have polite conversation, as the pieces of glass in

She looked up with indignation, "Mr. What could I do? I couldn't say I did Smith," said she, with great dignity and em-

yielded, and to that fatal compliance I trace Of course 1 swora I hadn't, and made all my subsequent misfortune—for man with possible excuses; but I could plainly see that possible excuses; but I could plainly see that my protestations did not receive much credit. The fames of the dinner were gently wafted | Nevertheless, the breach was salved over and

we started again. For a time all went smoothly, but I began only time to don my skating apparel pocket to think that Aramints, in one of her evols a pistol heavily charged with old Bourbon, tions, must have fallen on her temper, for it and half choke myself with a cracker, before | was getting more unpleasant with every colli Finally, just as we were in front of the ladies' room, a little brat of a boy, skating

like the wind, came up against Araminta Just as we got into the street, sis came with a force that carried him off about two ronding out apparently in great baste, and bundled words, making a hole through the called me back. remove all the oil can's from the vicinity her up, only just at that time my left leg, by "Oil cans!" said Araminta, "what can she Anyhow, over I went, and Araminta sat on take him to Camp Beauregard in place of me more like a nile driver than a vonne lads

pyramid. The way the drapery flew was tre sendous, and then-all was a blank. I came to my senses in one of the eating booths, by having hot coffee ponted down my a beautiful day! The ice, shiping like silver, throat by a gentleman who stirred a little was covered with thousands, who wheeled whiskey into it occasionally, with a sansage, and turned over its glassy surface as though in the absence of a spoon, to strengthen me.

was Araminta? "Your big gal," confidently remarked a very small boy, "has gone off with that fancy

see bim do the 'onteide edge backard ' I looked over, and saw Jones! Yes Jones! standing on one leg and looking at his coat was a great difference between parlor skates tail, under his elbow, in atter defiance of all and steel ones; a difference which, although the laws of gravitation, and not sitting down; and there also was Araminta gazing at him in silent admiration.

At this moment the policeman, who had followed us on the ice, tapped me on the shoulder and arrested me for being drunk on skirmishers came in and says: the pond. I plead and protested without avail-the guardian of the public virtue was inflexible. I had to go to head quarters, followed by a train of admiring spectators, like door, calling our furiously: lowed by a train of admiring spectators, like the "tail" of a Highland chief and attracting he attention of every one on the pond

After balf an bour's expostulation, with the powers that be." I succeeded in convincing them that I was not intoxicated, and obtained my release, with an admonition "not to do so again." Just as if I had ever done any

But by this time it was dark ; my clothes can maintain almost any position you may were spoiled; my feelings were too many desire. But, alss! I was speedily reminded for me, and I left.

That evening I received all my fetters. locks of bair, &c. (but not the skates) I had presented to Araminta, with a short note that she "felt compelled to break off all relations with one who would so far forget him self in public as I bad done,"

I haven't seen her since, but have been informed that she is to be Mrs Jones at the end of the skating season. Since then I say "skating is a humbug." Am I not justified ?

## Miscellancous.

priush "Humanity" in War. In 1857 the natives of British India whose religious instruction of your men!" "Well, grounds of discontent with their Government, don't know," replied the Colonel. "A lively unlike those of the Southern rebels, were sub for their freedom. The British Government. at first unsuccessful in its struggles with the rebellion, at length gathered up its energes and put them down. How it dealt with the prisoners of war taken in fight is well remembered. The following extrects from British journals contain the parrative of a couple of executions:
"A late mail from India brought accounts

of two such executions. On the 12 h June, at Pashawar, forty men were tried, convicted and sentenced to be blown from the guns .-The execution was a dreadful sight. sides of a square were formed by British troops, and in the centre ten guns were plant ed, pointing outward. In dead silence the decree of the Court was read, and this ceremony being concluded, a prisoner was bound to each gue, his back placed against the muzzle, and his arms fastened firmly to the wheels The signals is now given, and the salvo fired. The discharge of course cuts the body in two; and human trunks, heads, legs and arms may be seen for an instant flying about in all directions. As there were only ten guns used on this occasion, the mutilated remains had to be removed four times. All of these forty criminals met their fate with firmpess, with the exception of two, and to

All the available troops and public establish ments were convened to witness the scene and the proceeedings of the general Court Martial was read. Upon being informed that if they would become Queen's evidence they would be reprieved, twelve of the criminals accepted the offer and were marched to the

rear. Two were taken to the gallows. They

ascended the ladder with firm steps, and to the last moment betrayed no emotion of lear. "The remaining ten were now led away to the artillery guns, and while their irons were being struck off some cried, 'Do not sacrifice the innocent for the guilty!' Two others rejoined, 'Hold your sniveling ; die men and not cowards-you defended your religion, why then do you crave your lives? Sahiba! they are not Sahiba, they are dogs!" Others then began to upbraid their commanding officer. The wretched beings were quickly fastened to the muzzles of ten guns, charged with blank cartridge. The commanding officer directed port fires to be lit. 'Ready ! Fire!' and the dramma was played out. An eye witness says: 'The scene and stench were overpowering. I felt myself terribly convoluted, and could observe that the numerous native spectators were awastricken-that they not only trembled like aspen leaves, but also changed into unnatural hoes. Precaution was not taken to remove the sponge-andload men from the muzzles of the gons ; the

ular received a stunning blow from a shivered In connection with the British protests against the stone blockade, on the ground of humanity, these reminiscences are instructive.

consequence was that they were greatly be-

spattered with blood, and one man in partic-

#### A Heroic Kentucky Union Girl. A Paducah correspondent of the Louisville lournal, writing under date of February 11,

In these times of terror and peril in this district, some of the most beroic acts have been performed; but perhaps the noblest of all was perpetrated a few days since by a young lady of tiraves county, well known to the writer, Miss Anna Bassford. Her father and family are devotedly for the Union. The old man having information that H. C. King (expelled from our Legislature for treason) and his robber band intended to visit the house for the purpose of taking borses, guns, &c., hid his gun and brought his borses to this place. Whilst here three of King's robber band visited the house, demanded the gun, and alarmed Mrs. Bassford, who ordered a son of fifteen years old to fire the gan and deliver it over. The boy, after considerable search, found the gun; the robbers then de-manded a pistol, which they were informed belonged in the family, whereupon the daughter, some seventeen years old, told them she knew where the pistol was, but they could not get it. The robbers insisted, with loud I seized her, and I know I would have held volgar ouths, but the girl was determined, and, seeing that they were foiled in this, they ordered the feeble, sickly boy to mount up behind one of their clan, as they intended to his d-d Lincolnite fathe ther, in tears, protested, but to no effect, and the boy was in the act of mounting, when the beroic sister stepped between her brother and the robbers, and, drawing, cocking and presenting a pistol, ordered her brother back to the house, and, with eagle piercing eye fastened on the robbers, and death dealing deermination in her countenance, dared them to hinder or touch her brother, and she would lay the robber dead at her feet. Suffice it to say, the three brigands scampered off and left the family without further molestation.

A BRANDT INCIDENT .- "E. I." a soldier in Colonel Robert McCook's Regiment, (the 9th Ohio Vols.) in a communication to the Cincinnati Daily "Commercial," since the recent battle near Somerset, Ky., relates the following amus-

ing incident : Being among the first who entered the rebel fortifications, I discovered a barrel which proved to contain apple brandy. Pulling out the corn cob from the bunghole. I turned it up and filled a ennteen. While doing this one of Bob McCook's

"Vat you gets there !" I replied that it appeared to be pretty fair apple "Hans! Henrick! Schnapps! See, come

Whereupon a dozen Dutchmen came in, and the brandy which was not spilled upon the ground was soon transferred to their canteens. I said. "Boys, you had better look out; this is a doctor's shop, and there may be strychoine in that bran-They paused a moment to look at each other, when one of them exclaimed :

"Py Got, Hans, I tell you vat I do: I drinks some, and if it don't kill me, den you trinks!" He then took a long and hearty pull at his canteen, and smacking his lips, said: "All right, Hans, go ahead !"

REGIMENTAL RIVALUE.-It is related that a rivairy existed be ween two regiments encamped the Potomse, which is sometimes carried to the most absurd extremes. As an instance of this, it is stated that on one occasion the Colonel of one of the regiment was waited on by a zealous thickly. This will be found in proper condichaplain who wished to promote the religous interests of the regiment. The chaplain was this latter is better to be cut early on account politely received and beckened to a seat on a of the stems getting coarse and woody, if chest. 'Colonel," said he, elevating his eyebrows, "you have one of the anest regiments in the army. "I think so," replied the Colonel. "Do you think you pay sufficient attention to the interest has been awakened in thestantial and grievous, rose in arms to strike ment; the Land has blessed the labors of his servants, and ten men have been baptised." [This was the rival regiment ] "Is that so, pon honor 4" asked the Colonel. "Sergeant," said the Celonel to an attendir g Orderly, "have fifteen men detailed issuediately to be haptised. I'll be d-d if they shall get ahead of us any way."-The Chaplain made a note of the interview, and

> voods to deliberate, came in with the verdict Guilty of hog stealing in the fast degree." The Judge informed them that they should have assessed the value of the hog, there were no degree in hog steeling, and they must bring a verdict in "proper form."

Again they took to the woods, and after mature deliberation, old Sim Turner made out the following "form" which on their return be handed with much pomposity to the clerk, who read aloud - We, the Jury possillannermously, toth find the defendant guilty in the sum of one dollar end a half in favor of the hog."

Young folks, when falling in love with each other, must take care not to full out. Something not bad for an empty stomach

-A good fill it (fillet.)

# Poetry.

Courting Now-a-Days. BY NAT WINDHAM.

We've always had a great dislike For all the foolish ways, The silly rules which folks have got For courting now a days. They've cast seide the good old style Of "Hug me if you can," And imitate, like senseless apes, Some bateful foreign plan. O how it makes our dander raise To see them courting now a days!

O times sin't as they used to was, As one can easy tell, For when a fellow sees a gal That soits him pretty well, He's got to be first "introduced," And then be pens her notes, And pretty soon he "calls around," "To see the kind OLD FOLKS!" By jinks, we don't believe it pays The way boys court gals now a days !

His "addresses" then be 'gins to pay, (They dou't "spark" any more.) And every night you see him pull The white knob at the door, And soon a "servant" ushers bim Into the parlor gloom : Then comes his duck and takes a seat On tother side the room ! And there they sit and sigh and gaze !

They call that courting now.a-days! Sometimes they talk 'bout story books; Sometimes the "lady" sings; Sometimes she plays the organ, too, To show her finger rings; Sometimes they take a pleasure walk ; Sometimes they take a ride, And by and by the fellow groups-"Oh! won't you be my bride?" To bow and scrape a thousand ways,

They think that's courting now a days ! They set a day and hire a priest, And rent a church or two, So every boy about the town Can have a separate pew; And when the hour at last arrives,

In gorgeous array, They move up to the waiting priest, Who "ties the knot" straightway; Congratulations, words of praise, Wind up their courting now a days!

O give us back the good old style

Of merry days gone by, When we could "go" with any gal That chanced to take our eye; Still took her home from spelling school, 'Bout nine o'clock at night, Then by the old stone hearth's warm side

We sparked till broad daylight! We bugg'd and kiss'd and laugh'd till break of day, Never beard the old clock toll the hours away! We tell you, chum, such courting pays-

# Farmers' Department.

It went ahead of now a days !

Clover and Timothy.

As the sesson at which most farmers sow clover seed, that is, on a late snow, or in the month of March, at the very latest, and as good farmers usually supply themselves with seed before the time of using it, so as to take advantage of the market, or to secure a good, clean article, when such can be found, the following suggestion may prove not only of new milk, the whites of three eggs, three

seasonable but also of service : Notwithstanding that it had been long found very inconvenient at having time, when the smaller kinds of red clover and timothy are grown together, that the clover arrives at maturity a considerable while before the timothy, and that, in consequence of this diversity in the time of their ripening, either the timothy must be cut before it is fully ready, or the clover must stand until it is altogether too ripe; still it continues to be the general practice, in several districts known to the writer, to make use of the smaller kind of clover when seeding down for hay. Very few within the writer's knowledge have been at the pains to send for or procure in some way the larger kind, whose period of maturity corresponds much more nearly with that of timothy, and this notwithstanding that all conversed with on the subject admit that both inconvenience, perplexity and loss result from the circumstance of the unequal ripening of the two plants now under notice. It is to be feared that much of this traveling in the old ruts, or continuing a practice that is far from satisness or laziness, or disinclination to depart from the custom among one's neighbors But whatever may be the cause, there is certainly a more excellent way, and those who desire to walk in it will cure seed of the large variety of red clover and sow it rather tion to cut at the same time with timothy, as left to go to seed.

Cultivation of Beans. Spring is rapidly approaching and it is now ime that farmers should be aware of their duties, and among the most important duties is the proper selections of the various kinds of seed he is to plant. See that the garden seeds are good and have them ready to plant as the proper time .- if you like; line the basin with crust, rolled about Many are the dollars annually saved by observing the command to put in "the stitch in time." and the labor of spring is greatly promoted by careful forethoughts in winter. On account of the present war white beans will be sure to bring a fair price next season, and therefore every far mer will probably have a patch of beans. There just enough to cook, a lomp of butter the size of Hos Vaunicy.—They lately tried a man in Alare many varieties, but the "navy bean" is more abama for stealing hogs. The Jury retire to the extensively cultivated on account of its always bringing the highest market price.

In regard to the selection, I would like to refer to the practice of planting seed that are mixed tienerally, there are a few beans among those that are planted differing in variety from those which the grower wishes to cultivate. If there is only a pirt of larger or latter beans in one bushel of the navy, that will be sufficient to lessen their in prosouncing it an effectual cure, which, if they value, as most other varieties require a longer period to mature than the navy, and therefore, when the crop is harvested the latter or larger variety is not matured, but must be thrashed out with the others, when they afterwards mold and thereby greatly injure the value of all. But there is a remedy for this. It will well repay every person who grows the navy bean to pick them over as if hey were to be cooked, i. e., take out all the extra-sized ones and those that are not likely to sprout. If planted in drills, which is "Hell hath no fary like a woman corned." the most profitable method, about fifteen quarts and their braics blown out by musketry.

"Another execution of a similar nature took thinks the line reads very well without the s. Daltimore Sun.

#### The Maxatawny Grape. In response to several inquiries recently made of us, from a distance as well as near ome, relative to the origin of the Maxatawuy grape, we reprint its true bistory, as we received it directly from our friend Dr. Wm. D. Brinkle, the distinguished pomologist, just two years ago, through Mr. Peter Crans,

who first introduced this fine grape to public STATEMENT OF DR. BRINKLE.

"In 1843 several banches of grapes grown at Maxatawary, Berks county, about twenty miles above Zeiglersville, were sent to a friend residing at Engleville, Montgomery county, Pa., six miles above Norristown. The seed of all these grapes were planted at once; only one, however, vegetated the fol-lowing spring. This plant, after remaining three years where it had come up, was trans-planted near the summit on the north slope of Camp Hill, in the same county, where it still stands, and is in a flourishing coudition. The only protection it has is a dwelling-house on the west side of it, about five feet from the vine. It has been permitted to run wildly over a plum tree standing near it. Specimens of this grape were received by me in September, 1858, from Peter Crans, Esq., of Springfield township, Montgomery county, who deserves the credit of bringing this grape into notice. and who will have a good supply of wood

next winter for gratuitons distribution.
"Bunch—five inches long, loosely formed, asually not shouldered, and occasionally quite compact. Berry-greenish white, sometimes with an amber tint when fully ripe, roundish-ly oval, 11-16ths of an inch long by 10 16ths in width. Flesh-tender, not pulpy; flavor -saccharine and delicious; quality-best; maturity-eaten 23d of September. The original vine bore one and a half bushels of fruit

"During the past season specimens were sent to me even finer than those received in 1858. My friend L. E. Berckmans, Esq., has seen the fruit, and fully agrees with me in regard to its excellence, having himself a choice lant of this desirable variety."- Germantouch

Telegraph. GRAFTING THE GRAPE - We have printed donsiderable information in our columns, respecting the grafting of the grape; and we now add the substance of the statement of Mr. George Husman, which recently appeared in the Valley Farmer -- not because it contains anything new, but with a view to keep the matter fresh before the public that all who have opportunity may avail them-

selves of its advantages.

Mr. Husman says—"I graft the vine below the surface of the ground at the first smooth place, just when the sap begins to move, say row the 15th to the 30th of March. I graft the same as apple or pear, commonly called cleft grafting, the scion being of last year's wood, which should be cut in winter and buried. Insert two scious, where the stock is large enough, one on each side, and press moist earth firmly down on the wound; then cover up the whole with finely pulver zed earth. Put sawdust over it as a mulch to keep the soil moist and loose. There is a difference in varieties. The Concord, Cassidy and Herbemont will take easy; the I)elamore dificult to graft."

## same period, and waxed up, with nearly or quite the same degree of certainty .- Germantown Telegraph. Recipes,

No doubt this way succeeds well; but the

grape can be grafted above ground, at the

RICE FROTE -- A cheap and ornamental dish ounces of loaf sugar, finely pounded, a stick of cinnamon, or eight or ten drops of almord flavor-ing, or six or eight young lautel leaves. and a quarter of a pound of raspberry jam. Boil the rice in a pint or rather less of water; when the water is absorbed add the milk and let it go on boiling till quite tender, keeping it stirred to pre vent burning. If cinnamon or laurel leaves are used, boil them with the milk, and remove them when the rice is sufficiently done; if essence of almonds be used for flavoring, it may be dropped among the sugar; when the rice milk is cold, put it in a glass dish of or china bowl. Beat up the egg whites and sugar to a froth, cover the rice with it, and stick bits of raspberry jam over the

FRIED CAKES .- One pint basin of sweet milk ; one teacup, heaping full, of butter or lard; one tenspoon of sait; two eggs; nearly a teacup of hop yeast: two tablespoons of cinnamon. enough to mix to the consistency of biscuit. Let rise till very ligh then knead and cut out into cakes. I et them rise again and then try .--These will not absorb lard while cooking.

NICE BREAKPART BUNS .- Rake a quart of warm water, mix with it half a teacup of butter, factory or profitable, is the result of remiss. one leacup of lively yeast, two tempoons of salt, and as much flour as you can stir in. Set it in a marm place over night, and in the morning take it out and knead it into biscuit; set it to rise once more, then bake. If all the processes are rightly gone through with, this will be found very light and delicate.

MILK Tossr.-Place the milk to heat, mix a teaspoonful of floor smoothly with a little milk, stir it in, and let it come just to a boil, with a piece of butter the size of an egg to a quart of milk and some salt. Place your toast in a deep di-h. and cover it with this gravy. This cream, omitting the butter, makes a nicer dish for those who are so fortunate as to have it to use. BEER Pix - Make a nice crust, a little richer han for biscuit; chop up some pieces of the boil-

ed round of beef, wehn you have them cold;

season with salt, pepper, and butter and onions

half an inch thick : fill the beef, moistened with gravy or water; dredge in a little flour, cover; bake half an hour. How to Cock Tunvirs .- Take eight medium a hen's egg, one spoonful brown sugar and pepper

and sait sufficient to season. Add the ingre

ents when you put them on to cook. -----A CURE FOR PROSTED FREE -It is said that frozen feet can be speedily cured by being bathed and well ru' bed with kerosene or coal oil, for a few times at night before retiring to bed. Several persons have already tried it, all of whom unite are correct, is an easy and cheap method of getting rid of every sore and troublesome affliction. Those who have tried it inform us that the feet should be well warmed by a hot stove during and after application of the oil, and it will certainly effect a speedy cure. Persons suffering from the pain of fro-ted feet will no doubt do well in giving a trial, for it is surely a very cheap ointment, and one which is very easily applied.

Fame is a flower upon a dead man's heart Why is a good poem like a good railroad? Because, in both, the lines ron smoothly.