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My home's not in the crowd, Not where meet man's extremes of good and ill, Not where the reveller's orgies are, nor where The Passions craze and kill; Not where the pomp of pride, With its cold glitter all around it, chills, Where coins the slave, with nerve and bone, the gold His master's coffers fills.

My home's not in the crowd. Not in the garish glow of idle things, Not where the short-lived Ease lulls in false arms, And Syren luxury sings. Not where the loath-ome Plague,1 Fell sprite of airs fouled by the city's taint, his gloom-wing o'er the orphan spreads, and laughs To hear the widow's plaint.

No!-Where the woodbands wear their crown of mist. And where the black hills by the sinking clouds, Are in the gloaming, kissed, Where come the bat and owl, And barks the red fox, in the eventide Where rounds the full moon o'er my native wold,-

A THRILLING SKETCH.

CHARMED BY A RATTLESNAKE.

BY W. GILMORE SIMMS.

A writer in the United States Magazine progirl, charmed by a rattlesnake, one of the most

bushes-bright tangled leaves flaunting wide in glossiest green, with vines trailing over them, hickly decked with blue and crimson flowers. seeming to be their very eye and sending out a fluid luster that seemed to stream over the space between and find its way into her own eyes; gaze; but the star-like eye was ever stendfast, her

object had she heard that shrill note of warning, and she sees no more! Insensibility came to and to her mind the same vague consciousness of her aid, and she lay almost lifeless under the an evil presence. But the star-like eye was folds of the very monster." ing its sense of discrimination, and confusing reptile. trangely its sense of perception. She felt dizzy; lor as she looked, a cloud of colors, bright, gay, oured her attention, and spell-bound her feet. Her limbs felt momently more and more insethroughout her person. At that moment a rustbringing back to her a portion of that con- great deal more than if you were the son of a sciousness to he had babits. sciousness she had been nearly deprived of before. She strove to move from the beautiful in vain. The arch, star-like glance still riveted have no provision for the back.—Funyan.

her own, the subtle fascination kept her spellt bound. Her mental energies, however, in the moment of their greafest trial, now gathered suddenly to her aid, and with a desperate effort but with a feeling of most annoying uncertainty and dread, she succeeded partially in the attempt and threw her arms backwards, her hands grasping the neighboring free, feeble, tottering, and depending upon it for the support excessively vain, so that his whole substance which her own limbs almost entirely denied her was consumed in providing her with dresses, With her movements came, however, the full trinkets, and the luxuries of a miniature hadevelopment of the powerful spell and dreadful rem. mystery before her.

"As her foe receded, though but a single presence, in the form of a monster rattlesnake, band now but a few feet before her, Tying coiled at had been associated. She was at length consci- ble business of a barber, and adopted that of asous enough to perceive and feel her danger; but trology. In vain did he represent to her that gleamed the eye, beautifully bright and pier- sisted, and the unfortunate man, infatuated by cing, fixed upon her own, and, seemingly in the spirit of sport, the insidious reptile slowly So, observing the eccentric unwound himself from his coil, but only to wind astrologers, he took a brass basin and a pestle his promise to Abdallah. himself up again into his muscular rings, his of steel into the bazaar, and, smiting his basin, great flat head rising in the midst, and slowly cried aloud that he would calculate nativities. nodding, as it were, towards her, the eye sun nodding, as it were, towards her, the eye sun peering into her own, the rattle ringing at and recover lost property. His neighbors were intervals, and giving forth that paralyzing astonished, and one and all said, "Abdallah, astonished, and one and all said, "Abdallah, the barber, is certainly mad!" But it chanceds the barber, is certainly mad!" on sporting with, while seeking to excite her walked through the bazaar with her veil torn. terrors. Now with its flat head, distended She appeared in great distress, and upon hear the Divinity whom he preaches. He prays mouth, and curving neck, would it dart forth ing the cry of Abdallah, sent one of her slaves its long form toward her - its fatal teeth unfol- to him with this message : ding on either side of its upper jaws, seeming to threaten her with instantaneous death, while its powerful eye shot forth glances of that fatal astrologer, inform me where I shall find a neckfascination, malignantly bright, which by par- lace of pearls which I have lost this day." alyzing with a novel form of terror and of it possesses of binding the feet of the timid, and said: denying even to fear the privilege of flight. Could she have fled? She felt the necessity, for the veil is torn." nounces the following description of a young but the power of her limbs was gone; and there it still lay, coiling and uncoiling, its arched slave, and she uttered a cry of joy. remarkable and beautiful descriptions ever pen- neck glittering like a ring of bronzed copper, bright and lurid, and the dreadful beauty of its eye still fastened, eagerly contemplating the victim, while the pendulous rattle still rang the death note, as if to prepare the conscious mind gold. for the fatal blow which is momentarily approa-Her eyes communed excaptly with these; fasching blow. Meanwhile, the stillness became
that the stillness became
baths there are screens, the name of which is
eyes while he shears them. ray that shot out from the circle of green leaves, bird had gone with its scream and rush. The breeze was silent. The vines ceased to wave. The leaves faintly quivered on their stem, had gained forty pieces of gold. The serpent once more lay still, but the eye very piercing and beautiful was that subtle was never turned away from the victim. Its treasurer, made her appearance, and just at that float away only to return, and the vines waved will be upon her, in full length, and the fatal him. The lady stood close by, and listened. and swyng away in fantastic maze, unfolding teeth will strike, and the deadly venom which How beautiful with what wondrous intensity did terrible reptile is at an end. She cannot now it gleam and didate, growing larger and more lastens with every beam it sent forth. And the voice dies away to a her own glance became intense, fixed, also, but feeble gurgling in her throat. Her tongue is with a decoming control of the world. lastened with strange fondness upon her own, all her danger. She sees that the sport of the to be hastinadoed." with a dreaming sense which conjured up the paralyzed her lips sealed; once more she wildest sancies, terribly beautiful, that took her strives for flight, but her limbs refuse their office. soul away from her and wrapt it about as with She has nothing left of life but its f-arful a spell. She would have fled, she would have consciousness. It is in her despair, that as a flown, but she had no power to move. The last effort she succeeds to scream, a single wild will was wanting to her flight. She felt that cry forced from her by this accumulated agony: she could have bent forward to pluck the gene she sinks down upon the grass before her enemy, ike thing from the bosom of the leaf in which her eyes, however, still open, and still looking it seemed to grow, and was irradiated with its on those which are directed upon them. She sees bright, white gleam; but ever, as she stretched bim approach, now advancing, now receding forth her hand, and bent forward, she heard a now swelling in every part with something like histof wings and a shrill scream from the tree anger, while his neck arches beautifully like above her such a scream as the mocking bird that of a wild horse under the curb, until at makes, when angrily it raises its dusky chest length tired as it were at play, like the cat with and flaps its slender sides. Such a scream seemed her victim, she sees the neck growing larger like a warning; though yet unwakened to a and becoming completely blown as if to strike full consciousness, it startled and forbade her -the huge jaws unclosed almost directly above her; the long, bifurcated fang charged with "More than once in her survey of this strange venom, protruding from the cavernous mouth-

still upon her own-a small, bright eye, quick Nothing in ancient, or modern literature, it the that of a bird; now steady in its place, and more strikingly conceived, or vividly described bervant seemingly of hers; now darting for- than this scene. At this moment, when we ward with all the clustering leaves about it, and feel that the summer air is surcharged with this shooting up toward her, as if wooing her to evil presence, and nature aghast in her solitudes At another moment riveted to the vine under those human pangs, the arrow of a which lay around it, it would whirl round and young savage transfixes the neck of the reptile round, dazzlingly bright and beautiful, even as a and thus turns aside the deadly fang. The hurriedly by night in the hands accessories are all in keeping-the snake-like in his face, "art thou truly able to read the sinner!"-St. Louis Republican. Playful boys; but in all this time the vine, the golden and crimson blooms, the shadwas never taken from her own-there ows of the old woods, the cry of the birds, while grew fixed, a very principle of light a the general outline heightens the ef-who was now prepared for the worst. gleam, such as gathers in vapors above old beast, and its terrible fascination rise to the which have been stolen, as well as the crimi-Staves and blinds us as we look, shooting, darting mind, and we see how all the benignities nals. Succeed, and thou shalt marry a prin-

THE POOR BOY

Do not be ashamed, my good lad, if you have various colors, floated and hung like so much a patch on your elbow. It is no mark of disdiapery around the single object that had so se- grace. It speaks well for your industrious mother. For our part, we would rather see a dozen patches on your jacket than hear one pro cure; her bloud grew cold, and she seemed fane or vulgar word escape from your lips, or ultered a single cry above her, as it were of nothing, my good lad, but walk on. We know warning, flew away from her station with a many a rich and good man who was once as scream more piercing than ever. This movement had the effect for which it was intended, of
bringing than ever. This movement had the effect for which it was intended, of
are poor, but honest, you will be respected—a

tringing the son of a rich man and were addicted to bad habits.

BEDFORD, PA., FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6, 1857.

Mistellaneons THE FORTUNES OF ABBALLAH.

A PERSIAN STORY.

Abdallah was a prosperous barber of Shiraz; e married a woman of surpassing beauty, but

Above all other women the wife of Hassan

terror had deprived her of the strength necessa- trimming beards was his habit, while of astro-

"If you are an impostor, my husband will

"Poor Abdallah, bewildered, guzed upon the beauty, may readily account for the spell which lady, and in gaining time to invent an answer,

"She can win the pearls, when they are near,

These words were reported to her by the

"Admirable prophet," she exclaimed, "I placed my pearls, for safety, in a rent that is the veil of the bath;" and she ordered Abdallah to be presented with forty pieces of

Now, it should be known that in the Persian cinated by a star-like shining glance; a subtle deathlike, with all surrounding objects. The the same as the native word for eveil." So Abdallah, by a lucky accident of speech, had not only saved himself from the bastinado, but At length another lady, the wife of the king's

rightness, of the sweetest, strongest powers. corded muscles are all in a coil. They have moment a messenger from the Treasurer came and now the leaves quivered and seemed to but to unclass suddenly, and the dreadful fold up to Abdallah, in the bazaar, and spoke to up to Abdallah, in the bazsar, and spoke to Eve was drawn from Adam, by throwing him "Abdallah." said the slave, "my master has

ever charming varieties of form and color to the they secrete will mingle with the life blood in lost the king's great ruby : if thou hast the wisveins. The terrified damsel, her full dom of the stars, thou canst find it: if not, thou

Rieved that the astrologer was aware of her crime a three-story competence, finished with brown a verse that begins with 'Peace,' will you read So, when the messenger had departed, heaving stone, all the modern conveniences, and a spathe barber petrified with perplexity, she ap- cions basement.

ord's Georgian slave."

Abdallah hastened to the palace, was reward.

But the moment arrives: the popular preachlord's Georgian slave."

"Pot me to the proof!" answered the barber

"Then discover the forty chests of money hang thee!"

"Forty days thou shalt have," said the king,

how many days I have to live." forty of them !"

What was his astonishment, when, at that instant, a violent knocking was heard at the How dear to this heart are the scenes of my childhood. door A crowd of men were admitted, and one

of them evidently the chief, said.
"O, Abdallah, wise astrologer, thou shalt receive the forty chests of gold untouched, but

spare our lives!" In supreme bewilderment, he answered.

"This night I should have seized thee and thy wretched companions; but tell me, on thy head, how knowest thou that I possessed this knowledge ?"

the King's astrologer, was envied by the wife of "that the king had sent for thee. Therefore, wheel. pace from the tree against which she now rested, Abdallah, the unostentatious barber; for this one of is came, at the hour of sunset, to listen the hurriedly articulated ring, like that of a watch lady affected great grandeur, and could afford at thy door, and heard thee say, There is one when wound up with the verge broke, announit, on account of the large salary and hand- of them.' We would not believe his story, and ced the nature of the splendid, feet dangerous some presents bestowed upon her by her hus- sent two to ascertain it, and thou wast heard to and.
Say, 'There are two of them;' and this night,
One day the discontented beauty announced' O wonderful! thou did'st exclaim, 'There are the bottom of a beautiful shrab, with which, to be day the discontented beauty announced the whole forty;" but restore the king's monher dreaming eye many of its own glorious hues to live with him, unless he gave up the misera- ey, and do not deliver us unto the execution-

Abdallah promised to do what he could .-Being admitted to the palace, he declared that ry to fly from her dreadful enemy. There still logical predictions he knew nothing. She in- owing to some mystery of the stars, it was givtreasure, but not both. The monarch, at length, So, observing the eccentric practices of the consented to take the forty chests, and fulfilled

A FASHIONABLE SERMON.

A NEW YORK SKETCH.

The fashionable preacher is a mortal always adored by his congregation—the female portion particularly. He is a mortal, but sometimes deemed an unwinged immortal, and eclipses resoundingly (to the congregation) and his men!" sounds like the tap on a bass drum. He s meek, exceedingly so-in the pulpit; he oves his hearers collectively, and sometimes ndividually: he bates sin and the devil-professionally. Discourses eloquently on charity, om a mahogany pulpit, but forgets his charity pray, "Our Father, who art in Heaven." for those who differ with him. Gives liberally his advice,) in resonant sermons, but always has his purse in his pantaloons' pockets when

he meets a mendicant. perfumes his white hankerchief with eau de Col- sacrilegions ? Speaks yearningly of that other world, but would doubtless prefer staying where he is better acquainted. Calls his congregation the

Studies atitudes as he sttudies his sermons from a three-story pulpit-where he is elevated comrades who were carrying him : above his hearers-persuasive harangues upon moral propriety. Acts as though sin any further; I am dying." ould be drawn from man as that beautiful rich into a gentle slumber; or as the dentist extracts the man weltering in his blood and asked him | "Very well; I will pay you a thousand a tooth by administering chloroformal discourses if he could do anything for him. and most ethereal sermons. Of morality he falks in the aggregate, but never descends to Shall I get you particulars. If one of his congregation, by kind hearted officer.

She herselfhad stolen the king's ring, and be but only for a competence, by which he means and near the end of that chapter you will find

proached him and said, in a soft tone:

If he preaches at night, always arrives after
On astrologer! I confess that, in an hour of the audience is seated and waiting; sometimes, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. through a trap door in the pulpit, as many have fraid." Abdatlah sternly replied - Woman, I knew seen Parson Beecher do ; this always produces y guilt. Where is the jewel?"

a fine effect—so theatrical and striking. Before She answered, "Under the fourth cushion his entrance, the gas is turned down to a moonhis entrance, the gas is turned down to a moonfrom the door, in the apartment of Kashem, my light mellowness, and a dim obscurity broods expired.

ed with a robe of honor, a thousand gold pieces, er enters : the gas blooms into a magnificent and a costly ornament.

Urged by his wife, Abdallah essayed once a murmurous expectancy permeates the air; made in this District, a gentleman from a neighmore. The king's treasury had been broken silks rustle and feathers and fans wave; the oropen, and forty chests of money had been car- gan peals a grand voluntary, and the minister.

which was now spoken of in all Shiraz, had asked my friend Buralton, whom I had accomreached the ear of the king, who sent for him panied to the exhibition. I do not know-I and gave him audience in the Hall of Kalnet cannot answer him-but I think of the poor Serponchideh.

"Abdallah," he said, with a severe expression breast, and cried, "God be merciful to me

A RECEIPT FOR HAPPINESS .- It is simply when you rise in the morning to form a reso lution to make the day a happy one for a fellow creature. It is easily done, a left-off garment to the man who needs it; a kind word to directly into her eye, dazzling her gaze, defeat of nature are at war with the spirit of the cess, and become my minister; fail, and I will the sorrowful; an encouraging expression to the thriving ; trifles, in themselves light as air, "There must have been forty thieves!" said will do it, at least for the twenty-four hours Abdallah, making a fortunate and not very diffi- & if you are young, depend upon it, it will tell you when you are old; and if you are old, rest assured it will send you gently and happily "norty days thou shalt then die, or live for riches and down the stream of time to eternity. Look at the result. You send one person, only one hap-So the barber went home and told his wife, pily through the day; that is three hundred to be the gradual freezing of vein by vein, smell the fumes of tobaco in your breath. No and said, "I have gradual freezing of vein by vein, smell the fumes of tobaco in your breath. No and said, "I have gradual freezing of vein by vein, smell the fumes of tobaco in your breath. smell the fumes of tobaco in your breath. No and said, "I have forty days to the and supposing you live forty years only after versing with a young lady some few evenings good boy will shun you because you cannot sit upon my prayer mat, and meditate on the and supposing you live forty years only after versing with a young lady some few evenings ling was heard in the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and if a bad of the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companioas; and the branches of the trees dress as well as your companions. At the hour of the trees dress as well as your companions, and as the had been the trees dress as well as your companions. At the hour of the trees dress as well as your companions, and as the had been the trees dress as well as your companions. At the hour of the hour of the trees dress as well as your companions. At the hour of the hour of the trees dress as well as your companions. At the hour of the h evening prayer, daily, I will give thee one, that, events for a time. Now, reader, is this not by counting the remainder, I may remember simple? And is it not worth accomplishing! We do not often indulge in a moral dose, but authors, when she concluded with Byron, asser-She complied; and, every day at the exact this is so small a pill that one needs no red curting her conviction that he was the greatest poet She complied; and, every day at the state of the complied; and, every day at the state of the st hour f sunset, Abdallan gave her a to be taken but once in a day; we, therefore, preferred Shakspeare, upon which, with an unsaid, with great firmness and solemotty, "I had, on the last day, he said, feel warranted in prescribing it. It is most affected laugh at our simplicity, she cried but terrible presence, but for a while she strove in vain. The arch of the description of the Christian armor, we in an excited manner, "There are the whole excellent for digestion, and a producer of pleasin vain. The arch of the description of the Christian armor, we in an excited manner, "There are the whole excellent for digestion, and a producer of pleasin vain. 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THE HOMESTEAD.

How sacred the recollections that cluster around the spot where we were born-the spot where first we learned to look upon the beauties of nature—the green sward—the waving some editors find in meaning what they say. corn—the stately tree—and the little, clear A certain witness, in an assault and battery bubbling spring at its root, from which, during suit, we once heard, mixed up things considerathe long, long days of summer school, we slaked bly, in giving his account, of the affair. After our thirst, or sought a short relief from the tiresome, straight-backed school house bench; the be proceeded." "We heard," said the chief of the robbers, led trout, and little falls that turned the tiny

> The place where we first chased the gay buterfly and timid "chipmunc," where we first tangled the grass of the mower by searching or the delicious strawberry, and where first we blucked the bright tempting cherry, the luscious each, the dainty pear, and the always enduring and ever grateful apple.

Where, with brothers and sisters, and the little visiting friends, we had our playhouses our ovens of sand-our acorn cups and saucers, and plates of broken china, and made the minfature stately calls and formal tea parties; and with what stately stride we imitated the walk of our elders in doing it; where we played "keep school" and "preach," and anon with hard-back blossoms or cockerel's feather in our caps, we strutted forth, the embryo defenders of our country's riihts, the gallant volun-

The place where first we learned to listen to the rapturous notes of the free bappy orchard melodist-the robin and her associates, the chattering swallow, and the plaintive whippoor-

The place where first we learned to lisp the names of father and mother; and to utter the first pure sentiments of fraternal love for brother, and for "sister dear."

But above all, and more than all, the spot where first the holy love of mother taught our infant thoughts to revere, and our infant lips to

How intimately and indissolubly connected with, how holy enshrined upon, the spot where we were born-the old homestead-are all recollections of the pure gushing joys of early Sends the gospel to Borrioboola Gha, and years! And who, in after life, can see a stransends the heathen at home-to the gutter. ger lord of that manor, without a pang of sor-Perfumes his sermons with sacred poetry, and row? Who would not then feel that such is

"Give, Oh! give me back my home, My own dear NATIVE home."

A STORY OF THE BATTLE FIELD.

A soldier was wounded in one of the battles of the Crimea, and was carried out of the field; and lifts his arms with inimitable grace, to be- he felt that his wound was mortal-that his life victim of some mystification. Re-assured by seech the Divine grace-of heaven! Delivers was quickly ebbing away-and he said to his his examination, and like a clever man, under-

· Put me down; do not trouble to carry me

They put him down and returned to the field. A few minutes afterwards an officer saw

"Nothing, thank you."

Shall I get you a little water" asked the

there is one thing for which I would be much treasurer, who stood by, imagined he referred Prays to God, not for wealth, which he wants to her. Guilt is always pale, the poet says.— not, neither for poverty, which he cannot bear, ment—will you open it at the 14th of John, there is the niche by the door-way. But I see

The officer did so, and read the words, "Peace avarice. I took the jewel. Restore it without if there is a rush, he has to rise mysteriously not your heart be troubled, neither let it be a-

> "Thank you, sir," said the dying man : "I have that peace; I am going to that Saviour; God is with me; I want no more," and instantly

RATHER AN EXPRESSIVE IDEA.

Some days ago, before the Republican nomi-

boring county who was desirous of securing the nomination, was here to look after his in open, and forty chests of money had been discovered. Not a trace of the thieves had been discovered. The royal astrologer had tried every sort of divination and failed, and was therefore in disgrace. But the fame of Abdallah, fore in disgrace in the fame of Abdallah, fore in disgrace. But the fame of Abdallah, fore in disgrace in the fame of Abdallah, fore in discrete in the fame of Abdallah, fore in disgrace in the fame of Abdallah, fore in the fame of Ab to the delegate from this county, a fast horse that could go out and back, twelve miles in an hour. The horse came as ordered, but instead of being a 2. 40 nag, he proved to be of the slowest possible description, testing the patience of his distinguished drivers to the utmost extent. But he got around finally, and as they moped up to the livery stable the ostler stood in the door, between whom and our aspirant for Judicial honors something like the following conversation ensued:

Candidate-"Is Mr. J fitting this horse for the New York Market ?"

Ostler-"Not that I am aware of. Why do you ask the question?" Candidate - Because I didn't know but he intended to sell him to go before a hearse. I wish to say that he won't answer the purpose.

He never would get the corpse around in time for the Resurrection."-Elmira Advertiser. A LITERARY YOUNG LADY .- We were conintroduced as a poetess, we, of course, touched on poetry. It was not many minutes before she had run through the stereotyped list of favorite

A rhyme ! - Toledo Blade.

humorons.

MIXED GRAMMAR. A great many people find great difficulty in

relating how Dennis came up to him and struck, "So, yer honor, I just hauled off and wiped his jaw. Just then his dog came along, and I hit him again and dropped him.

"Hit the dog?" "No, yer honor, Dennis. And then I up with

a stun and throwed it at him, and it rolled him over and over."

"Throwed a stone at Dennis?" "At the dog, yer honor. And he got up and hit me again?'

"The dog ?" "No, Dennis. And wid that he stuck his

tail between his legs and run off." "Dennis ?" "No, the dog. And when he come back at

ne, he got me down and pounded me, yer honor." "The dog came back at you?"

"No, Dennis, yer honor, and that's all I did o him, yer honor, and he isn't hurt any at all." "Who isn't hurt ?" "The dog, yer honor."

THE ENGLISHMAN'S SNUFF BOX.

The French papers have not, under the influence of the alliance, ceased to have their jokes upon Englishmen, and one of the drollest is told as follows, by the Union Bretonne, from which we translate it :

Lord C-, well known for his eccentricities, went lately to the establishment of one of our most celebrated workers in fancy arti-

"I want you to make me," said he "a snuff box, with a view of my chateau on the lid." "It is very easily done," was the reply, "if my lord will furnish me with the design."

"I will; but I want also, at the entrance of my chateau, a niche in which there shall be a

"That, too, shall be provided," answered the workman.

"But I want also that some means should be contrived by which, as soon as any one looks at the dog, he shall go back into the niche, and only re-appear when he is no longer looked

The workman looked inquiringly, as if to ascertain whether his customer was not the standing how to take advantage of the affair, he

said to the Englishman: "What you ask of me is very hard to comply with; such a snuff box will be very expensive; it will cost a thousand crowns."

crowns. "Then, my lord, it shall be made according ur wishes, and in a month I shall have

the honor of delivering it to you." A month later the workman presented himself to Lord C-

"My lord," said he, "there is your snuff

Lord C- took it, examined it, and

"Did not your lordship," said the workman, say that you wished the dog to disappear when be was looked at 2"

"I did," replied his lordship.

"And that he should re-appear when he was no longer looked at ?" "That is true, also," was the reply.

"Well," said the workman, "you are looking at it, and the dog has gone into the niche. Put the box in your pocket, and the dog will reappear immediately."

Lord C reflected a moment, and then

exclaimed, "All right, all right." He put the box in his pocket, and taking from his pocket book three bank bills of a thousand francs each, handed them to the skilful workman

Gambo-"Is yer good at spellin', Buck!" Buck-"Well, darkey, sagaciate; what de interrogatory ?" Gumbo-"I see ver's larned-but can ver

spell know nuffin without no letters at all? Buck-"You mean know nothing, you darkey, you ?" Gumbo-"Yes, know nuffin-can yer duz

Buck-"I surrender it, as Yorktown said to Corncob, caze it can't be did with no letters at

(Gumbo takes a piece of chalk, gets down upon his knees and makes a big cypher on the floor, and rolling up his white eyes, asks Buck, if that aint a nuffin? Takes out of his hat an old handkerchief and rubs the cypher out clean.)

Gumbo-"Now, nigger, dare's no nuffin dar, as plain as day, to dis darkey." Buck-"Good! Gum, Good! Yah, Yah. Yah,-jis like de party itself-gone! used up!-rubbed out!"

Counting Wipows .- Some Western editor who evidently has no sympathy with Mr. Weller, sen'r, in his horror for "live vidders," thus reveals his experience:

"For the other half of a courting match, there is as much difference between courting a damsel and an attractive widow as there is between ciphering in addition and the double rule of three. Courting a girl is like eating a fruit, all very nice as far as it extends, but doing the amiable to a blue-eyed bereaved one, in black crape, comes under the head of preserves rich, pungent, syrup. For delicious courting, we say, give us a live " vidder."

WHAT utility is there in killing hogs, if they are cured directly afterwards?