to live through. I am eighty.

happy for months.

James Reeder.

but it made me happy. I had not been so

After we came kome from church there

me straight in the eyes. "Miss Maggie,"

he said, "do you think ——?" But before I knew what he wanted to know if I

"Here you are," said he, "Paul Cardell

Mrs. Walsingham wants you to drive

Grandma Thompson over home. She isn't

over well, and wants to go. I'll take care of Miss Maggie meanwhile."

Paul got up. He gave me a look

couldn't understand, and after he had gone

a dozen steps he came back and offered me

his hand. "Good-bye, Miss Maggie," he said, and I heard his breath come short and

And I and James Reeder were left alone.

It happened exactly as I knew it would.

Oh; now don't, lassie. It's all against

the women in this world. It always will

And now I said to myself: "I will b

content. I've made my own choice." I

they all call handsome. Madly in love

with me too. What more do I want?"
It wouldn't do. I hid the fox in my

"The sooner it is over the better," I said :

and as if that was the way to have it over,

I let James coax me to set the day very

soon-six weeks from that of our engage-

There was a busy time at our house, you

Reeder. So one day mother said to me

"You are the only idle one, Maggie, run

over to Mrs Walsingham's and borrow the

pattern of Kitty's traveling basque. It will

they thought. We stood talking, and she

"And James isn't jealous any more, I

"Oh, he was wild the day our Kitty was

'They are paired off together,' said he, 'and

with a girl it is the first who asks her. Paul

is as much in love as I, and you have lost

her to me.' So Granny and I set our wits

Paul, as you know, and gave Jem his

water. "No, no," I kept saying to my-

speak, and he did not." And while I said

around-it was Paul Cardell. I couldn't

move. I stood still and he came up to me.

wedding party, when he came to say

He held out his hand. "How do you do,

"You are to be married very soon, I

and as rich as he is handsome." And he

He had never called me Maggie before.

Only for what he had said to Lucy Swal-

thirty years with Paul Cardell!

world for him, and that was Maggie. Poor

Jem! He cried when I told him he must

And, you see, I never forgot Paul. I

He had never looked as he did then.

"good-bye."

near," he said.

bless vou, Maggie.'

Miss Maggie?" said he.

I didn't speak-I only bowed.

'They say so," I answered.

Now say 'thank you,' Maggie, as

a teasing, until all of a sudden she said:

"Leglong !" said I

bosom, but it gnawed me all the while.

I know. I've been both.

"Good-bye," and away he went.

Veaver

dewing . Machin

THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

Let us look in the glass for a moment, Let us brush off the mist from the face-The mirror of life that is broken When Death in our ear knells the token To crumble in space.

We must fall whether praying or pining, Whether fearing or mocking the blow, Brush the mist from the mirror, then tren

The grave is no place for dissembling-There vaunting lies low.

The eyes, as they gaze to earth's glory,

Peer into that mirror of pain Where the slain of our years lies all gory Bent over by grim shadows hoary

Recording each stain. Not a blot nor a blemish escapes them The sins of the lone and the crowd, The crime where we pandered or paltered, The dark things that lips never faltered There cry out aloud.

They are there, and no tempests can them; They glow with accusing and shame.

Tho' the years be all dead, they are living, 'Mid the silence they cry for forgiving With direful acclaim.

On the wreck-plank of life is there pardon When joy is worn hollow in sin 2 When the heart sees no l ght in the sparkle, Nor gloom where the drowsy waves darkle foeman and kin? Then brush the world's mist from the mi

And turn, with a love of the purest, O'er pathways the fairest and surest, The trace of our feet.

Aunt Maggie's Story.

Yes; what your grandfather came to tell me, lassie, was that Paul Cardell was dead. He was just 85. He'd lost sight and hearing both, they say, and was glad to go. It's not so bad with me; but I wouldn't mind going too. It stirred my memory to hear of Paul's death. I've loved a many in my life, but never any one as I did him. Ah! I'm not ashamed of it, lassie, if I am an old

maid. He was just lovely.

We met often, and for a while I thought he liked me pretty well. But soon I began to think I was mistaken. It makes a girl tremble to think that she may show a man who does not love her that she likes him over well. All that she can do is to wait. Ah! lassie, many a time the waiting is a weary thing, and the right one doesn't come, and the wrong one does, and even the wrong one seems better than none at all. I don't blame women for things that seem wrong often; they haven't much just fit you, and I want yours to be like it." chance to do right. It seems to me that Paul was my right one; but he didn't court ot court him. And James and she would tease me. No one knew Reeder, being a man, could do as he chose, and did. He loved me, and I loved Paul God help us all. I think if we women had no hearts the world would be a merrier place, lassie.

I put James Reeder off a while, and just kept my eye on Paul. I did not love him, and I did love Paul. Why couldn't I love the man that loved me?

Then said I to myself, "Be a sensible woman. It's better to marry a man who is fond of you, if he doesn't seem perfection, than to waste your youth and your strength and your hope pining for one you are nothing to." It's prettier in a poem to do the last, tiful that the whole world wanted me. I he did." guessed what life would be when I was a But I couldn't. I took the pattern, and onely old maid, handed about like a bad ran away. I ran until I came to the bridge, penny from Cousin Jack's to Uncle Ben's, and then I stopped, looking down into the nd from Sister Hannah's to Sister Jane's. Not much wanted anywhere. Better try to make a man who loved me happy, and about me. I gave him chance enough to so learn to love him. They say "love comes with the children"-some who have it I heard a step upon the bridge. I looked

I thought it all over before I went to bed one night, and I made up my mind that I had not seen him before since Kitty's James Reeder should have a "yes" when he asked for it. Then I cried-oh! how I "Oh, must I give you up, Paul?" said I; "and oh, must I give you up ?" and I knew I'd never had him to give up or to keep.

The girls envied me my handsome, dashing beau. But often, walking with him, or riding with him, I'd pass Paul Cardell in his shabby coat, and say to myself, "Oh, to be a man-just to be a man, and go a courting whom I choose, instead of taking what comes, as though matrimony were like the 'grab bag' at a church fair." I didn't want money, nor such beauty as James Reeder had so much of. I wanted -well, lassie, I wanted Paul, and no one what I said. Suddenly he took both my else; though why he was perfection to me, hands. heaven only knows, I do not, and never

What seemed a great deal to me isn't much to tell. There were picnic parties did that day, I should have told you so, where I met Paul, but where he let James carry me off when he pleased, and never tried to step between us.

At last Kitty Walsingham married, and quite as a past thing, I'm glad you know they gave her a great wedding party. They how I loved you. Better than my life, were rich, and did it in fine style. They had a fine house and fine furniture, and or make an idiot of myself. I shall marry. silver and china, such as no one else had Lucy Swallow has promised to be my wife. thereabout. And it was an all-day party. She would not care for such love as I have The wedding first, then breakfast and din- not now to give; and she's very good, and was a bridesmaid, and Paul stood up with you, and good-bye." me. After that, you know, it was his place to be my beau all day. I thought of that and more. A word from him and I'd Only fo give James Reeder the mitten. A word-

When I walked into church on his arm I kept thinking how it would seem to be the the bridge rail until he was out of sight; bride. I looked prettier than she--I know then I dropped, like one dead. I did. I was dark, and white became me. . I had roses in my hair and pearls in my ears. I did look pretty, lassie. You're not so pretty, vain as you are. It's all gone at eighty-all gone-all gone! What do we live to be eighty for? Lord forgive me-

and Paul. Do you love any man, lassie! Just think, then, how that man looks to you. You can't see his faults, or they grow to be think he has sharper eyes than any one else, and finds out charms no other can. Oh, my beautiful Paul. And brother Dick told me last night how very plain he was; and there I sat with my blood boiling—yes, boiling, lassie. My beautiful Paul plain! my exquisite, graceful, sweet-faced Paul plain! And I rocked and fidgeted. And go. And he was very handsome, so they says Dick, "You are nervous to-night, said—a very fine man, but I can't remem-Maggie. I hope you ain't a getting the ber much about his looks. And was I not old fool

Nay, was it to cry? No need of that breath, and the tone of his voice by heart.

either. Cry for the young that have it all He was very happy with Lucy Swallow, they say. I haven't been. But it was bet-Sometimes he looked at me that morning ter than marrying any one else, after all. as if he liked me. He told me how my dress became me. Any man may do that, ng worse. Good night, lassie.

Tame Ostriches.

was the breakfast—and he beside me all the while—and then we all went into the garden. We sat under a great tree apart from the rest, and all of a sudden he looked These strange birds stalked at the head of the procession of domestic animals and appeared to be on most excellent terms with all of them. Occasionally one would deviate to the right or left of the track to peck a mouthful of grass, but as soon as the drover thought, some one came all in a hurry up the path and stopped beside me. It was would leave the road and shout at it, it would immediately fall into its proper place and march forward with the utmost demure gravity, as if to be guilty of an infringement of rules was the last thing it would think of. Ostriches aluninitiated would take them for; and although the most timid creatures on the earth when in a state of nature, in captivity or when domesticated, they are bold and dangerous, more especially He asked me to be his wife before we had the males. Horse or rider indiscrimibeen together half an hour, and said nately they will attack, walking up to the object of their indignation with a quiet, measured stride, never evincing be. Let the strong-minded bodies do what they may. You can't alter the hearts we are born with, We are bought and sold a that no one would imagine them capagood deal as Tarkish girls are, after all.

There is a kind of cold, pretty doll that is quick movement, done with great happy enough, but women who have hearts strength and velocity, they raise their suffer-suffer at eighteen and eighty. Don't foot and strike forward, the edges of the toes being so sharp that they will cut your clothes the whole length of the knew I hadn't all the while. "I am to stroke. As they are too valuable to be marry the richest man I know, and one knocked on the head, perhaps you turn to run from them, but their speed is such that an attempt thus to elude them is useless. The only plan then to be pursued is to throw your self down and lie still on your face or back. They cannot kick you in these positions, but they will jump on you and trample all over you. While this operation is going on you may give vent to your feelings may guess. All my things to make in a hurry. I couldn't sit down to sew. I was and satisfy your self-esteem by bestowing upon them a few reminders that like one wild. In a sort of fever all the time. They teased me, "In love," they said. So I was, lassie, but not with James

two can play the same game. Flowers as Food.

The number of flowers that are used mention the artichoke, the undeveloped raw. They are also sun dried and sold storms it will last much longer. in the bazars. A single tree affords from 200 ts 400 pounds of the flowers. to work to help him. And we sent for The flowers of another species are employed in a similar manner by the natives of Mysore and Malabar; they are either dried and roasted and then eaten, or bruised and boiled to a jelly and made into small balls to be traded for other food. The unopened flower buds self, "no, no; he never cared anything of the caper bush, a creeping plant of Southern Europe, when pickled in vinegar constitute the condiment known as capers. It was known to the ancient Greeks, and the renowned Phryne, at the first period of her resi dence in Athens, was a dealer in capers. Long pepper, which in chemical compositions and qualities resembles black pepper, and is used for the same purposes, consists of the immature spikes of flowers gathered and dried in the sun.

"I hope you may be very happy," he A Miraculous Escape at Niagara Falls. said. "James Reeder is a splendid fellow, A gentleman and his wife arrived at Niagara Falls, on the 16th of July. They caught his breath in a little sigh. "God were on their way from New London, Conn., to their home in Minnesota, and deviated a little from their direct route in order to visit the great falls. Arriving so late I tried to thank him, but I didn't know hotel, and waited in the Erie depot until deck and left us under bare poles! Yes, tical outcome of the second great comtown to see the sights. They strayed first as your hand. That was just at "I'd like you to know it. I was very fond of you, Maggie. I-I loved you, my down to the bank of the river just below dear. If James hadn't called me when he Witmer's mill. Here the gentleman atand had my 'No,' from you. I always felt ly became dizzy and fell helplessly into the afraid you liked James best. No wonder. It's better for you-altogether better. Only, tied his horses to a tree and rushed after the Maggie. I'm not going to pine to death, woman, who was running toward the Cataract House. Dinan says that he could just distinguish the form of the man in the rapids, and he told the terrified woman that ner, and a dance and supper, of course. I pretty, and she shall be happy. God bless he would certainly go over the falls. The woman ran through the gate leading to the He took my hand and put it to his lips little park between the Cataract House and the old River Hotel, and hurried down the bank to the raceway below. Dinan follow, I'd have called him back. But if they were to be married, better let matters ment can hardly be imagined when he saw ed off greatly since 1836." stand as they were. I held myself up by the dripping stranger sitting on the steps in the embrace of his weeping wife. After falling into the water the gentleman said I did not marry on the day set for me, that he hardly realized where he was for a for I was ill of a fever then and not exmoment. He could not swim, but he pected to live; and afterward I knew my struggled as best he could to reach the about four feet square, and we had to the period for which one is invited is to heart too well. I could not forgive James shore. As good luck would have it the use shovels before we got through. He perpetrate a social robbery. for cutting short the words that would have drowning man was hurled against the bulk- was a good young man and a perfect made Paul and me happy for life, and I told him plainly that I never could love But Paul and Lucy Swallow married, and she lived thirty years with him-thirty beauties. Don't they say Love is blind? I long years! What a happy woman to live from death was little less than miraculous. board," He hardly realized at first the magnitude I never married-never, as you know. of the danger he had escaped. He had not And James Reeder never did, either. seen the falls, and he asked Mr. Dinan When he was sixty he told brother Dick whether he would have been killed to a there never had been but one woman in the

-The failures of farmers are becoming alarmingly frequent in England. In 1870 they numbered 229; in 1875. 254; in 1876, 480; in 1877, 577; in 1878, You didn't look away to laugh, lassie? touch of his hand, and the perfume of his fewer than 614.

Hanging a Hammock.

Swinging in a hammock is the very luxury of repose. It is restful, just to A wasted life and a wasted heart, but noth- think of it; and to pass by a clump of shade trees, or a vine curtained veranda, and watch the lazy swing of one of these aerial couches without envy is an example of virtue that is not often vouchsafed to one with generous capacity for resting. The general idea is that hammocks are only for the wealthy, the "stylish," or professional timekillers. It is a great mistake. Every well-to-do-farmer-every owner of a cozy village home-every member of a stay-at-home club who commands a spot big enough to swing one-should have a hammock. A very good one may be bought for \$1.50 to \$4, or as much higher as you choose to go. It ways have an intensely stupid look, but should be hung where there is a good they are not nearly such fools as the afternoon shade, and, if intended in part for children's use, so low that small children can get into it by the aid of a box or low stool, and over soft ground, so that the numerous tumbles that are probable will be harmless. If no other place is available, it may be hung between the pillars of a shady veranda, a place well enough for the older people who use it, but undesirafor a moment the slightest evidence of hostility—in fact, looking such fools that no one would imagine them capa. ble of inimical ideas-when, with a youngsters. When children only are to use the hammock the manner of hanging is not important, but if provided for the use of grown persons it should then be so suspended that the head will always be considerably higher than the feet, and much of the comfort of one who uses it depends upon a proper observance of the fact. If you have no more suitable place, suspend it from the columns of a veranga. The hook which supports the head end should be six and a quarter feet from the floor, and that for the foot end three and three quarters feet, and these proportions should be observed wherever it may be hung, to secure the most desirable curve for the ease of the occupant. Another point to be observed: the head end should be fastened to the hook by a rope less than a foot longjust enough to properly attach it, while at the foot is a rope four and one-half artichoke, occurs abundantly in Pales- think more of it as a swing than as a

"Well, it's purty hot," answered lake captain in one of the ferry dock saloons, "but it isn't nothing to the summer of 1836. We had it at least along for six weeks. I was running Buffalo then, and I've seen the thermiddle of Lake Huron."

sitters. "Well, it was fairish, but we didn't call it hot till we got into the St. Clair river, and the mercury ran up to 150 degrees when hanging against the water-butt. The boys used up 728 paim leaf fans on one trip that year. On one of our trips down we were becalmed for three days on Lake Huron. We

got it there and no mistake." "Purty hot, eh?" care to go to lying at this day, but I'll to govern them. tell you a few solemn facts. Every they concluded that they would not go to a smouldered till they fell to pieces on code known to the world and a pracafter 4 o'clock, when they started down sir, we hadn't a rag aloft as big mandment. sunrise in the morning, and within an house whose presence requires any contempted to bathe his face, when he sudden- hour we had to wet down decks to pre- siderable change in the domestic econovent them from burning. I went my. boiling rapids. The screams of his wife down stairs to consult the thermometer who was watering his horses near by. Dinan a chunk of glass and tin! Then I be-

frightened." "What could you do?" sail yard came down and killed the been his always.

"And about the cook?" "Nothing about him. When we picked the body up to heave it over- self as when he entertains a friend. board it had spread out into a mass

"And it was much cooler?" off my coat and vest and show you my | 1.ot as private hotel keepers.

back. The flesh was actually cooked to a depth of two inches, and for over two years the dogs used to scent cooked meat when I walked out, and follow me by dozens. Five surgeons fainted away in a heap at the sight of my left shoulder, and the only man I could get to dress my back was a butcher under sentence of death."

"It must have been terrible. How

lid you come out of the calm?" "Well, while I was squirming in the water a white squall struck the schooner and dowd she went. It was all over in a minute, and air and water were notter than ever. I struck out for the Canada shore, over a hundred miles way, knowing that it was sink or wim, but in half an hour I was safe."

"Picked up?" "Well, no," replied the captain, as ne scratched his leg, "I struck an Iceberg and climbed up into a cave near the top! I tell you it was a grateful change to me, and that's one reason I cannot see a hunk of ice and a lemon without feeling grateful to the man who invented both-with a very little gin in mine, if you please."

First Guard Duty. The first tour of guard duty at West Point was performed by the late Major General T. W. Sherman, on one of the most terrible nights I ever witnessed. A storm of wind and rain arose soon after nightfall and raged during the greater part of the night with unabated fury, while frequent flashes of lightning disclosed the old forts and other picturesque surroundings of the point only to render it more appalling. Add to this frequent peals of thunder echoing among the surrounding peaks as if the world was coming to an end, and you can form some idea of the scene that comes up so vividly to my memory after the lapse of nearly half a century. In the midst of this terrible war of the elements it occurred to three of our cadets-one of them, perhaps, the corporal of the guard-that this would be a favorable time to test the metal of the young "pleb" from Newport. I I shall never forget Sherman's appearance as he entered our tent the next morning, his gun cut and scarred in feet long. This gives the greatest free- various places, his clothes wet and as food is small; among these we may dom for swinging the lower part of the dripping and covered with mud. body, while the head moves but little. Whithorn (also from Newport) and I went, of course, and got the pattern of flower heads of which furnish a much This is a point which cannot be ob-Mrs. Walsingham. She was a merry soul, prized dish. A thistle similar to the served in a hammock for children, who of his plight, and were informed that tine, and its undeveloped flower heads place for comfortable repose. When not know nor care which-had apare brought to the markets of Jerusalem | trees serve for supports, ample provis- | proached his post in the midst of the under the name of cardi, and are much ion should be made to prevent injury storm, covered with "white sheets," of an ancient fortification about foursought after as a vegetable. In many to the bark, by means of stout canvas or and endeavored to pass without giving teen miles from Tyrone, near Moshanparts of India the flowers of a sapota- heavy bagging between the ropes to the countersign. One of them, armed non Creek, Centre County, Pa. The enceous tree form a really important arti- which it is suspended and the bark. with a musket and a fixed bayonet, at- tire site covers about two acres of married," said she, "wild with jealousy of cle of food. The blossoms are very lf the hanging be so arranged that the tempted to force his way; "but," said ground, a portion of the outer walls. ploy. numerous and succulent, and are eaten hammock can be taken in during long he, I stood my ground, and would have however, being entirely demolished. skill in using the weapon." As soon as the young trio found that young Sherseries of parapets, and faces of the embreautes they discovered breautes running at various angles

breautes running at various angles man meant business, they disappeared brasures running at various angles. under the cover of the darkness, leavtwenty degrees hotter than this right this day a profound secret. The inci- This cement facing is of a red color, ple brandy, will be put in operation. dent, however, is too good to be lost, about half an inch thick, and hard, al-

A Rute of Hospitality.

tional history.

touches the heart and never goes beyond the circle of generous impulses. Entertainment with the truly hospitable man means more than the feeding stone. This formation, when found in at Boston, by the great man's grandof the body; it means an interchange of soul gifts. Still it should have its County region. At the time of its de52,394 cases of champagne were impor-"Well, I'm an old man, and I don't laws, as all things good must have laws posit no human being existed on the ted, an increase of 11,105 cases as com-

The obligation to be hospitable is a sail on that schooner smoked and sacred one, emphasized by every moral

There should never be a guest in the

However much the circumstances of attracted the attention of William Dinan, and it lay on the floor, all melted into business or mutual interests may demand in entertaining a stranger, he gan to realize how hot it was, and I got should never be taken into the family circle unless he is known to be wholly worthy a place in that sanctum sanc-"Well, not much. We had begun to torum of social life; but when once a it was of no use to attempt the rescue, that rig lines over the lee side, so that all man is admitted to the home fireside he could take to the water, when the top- should be treated as if the place had

cook. The links in the chain had melt- The fact of an invitation gives neithed right out! I never knew a case like er host er guest right to be master of lowed a moment later, and his astonish- it since, but then the weather has cool- the other's time, and does not require even a temporary sacrifice of one's entire individuality or pursuits.

A man should never be so much him-To stay at a friend's house beyond

To abide uninvited in a friend's home head of the pier enclosing the raceway back gentleman, and his mother never is as much a dismeanor as borrowing of the Cataract House, and was carried in-blamed me in the least for scoop-shov- his coat without his permission. It is secure a hold on the masonry, and climbed elling his remains over the rail. We debasing the coin of friendship to mere out upon terra firma. The man's escape finally rigged our lines and got over- dross when a man attempts to make it pay his hotel bills.

Thei 4.0 of two men having the same "Ah! young man, how little you re_ occupation and interests in life gives to porters know of the great lakes spread noither a social right to the other's bed certainty if he had been carried over the out before you on the maps! Cooler! and board. A traveling minister has no Why, the minute we struck the water more right to go uninvited to a fellowwe began squirming like so many eels. preacher's house than a traveling shop-The lake was red hot. The water keeper or shoemaker has to go uninvitwould have cooked an egg in four min- ed to the house of his fellow craftsman. utes. I was blistered from head to Men are ordained to the ministry as enough to tell him I was angry, and why? could draw his picture now. I know the 815; and in the first half of 1879, no heel in no time. Some day I will take preachers, teachers and pastors, and

She's All Right.

M. C. Shakespeare, a farmer, residing in the north western part of Texas, and possibly a distant relative of the renowned bard of that name, called on the Rev. J. H. Richey, at two o'clock,

"Parson, do you know all the ladies

in Waco?" "No," replied Mr, Richey, "I don't know half of them."

"Do you know a widow lady named Mrs. Ward, who is employed in the family of Dr. McGregor?"

"I have not," said Mr. Richey, "the honor of her acquaintance; but why do you ask ?"

"Well," said Mr. Shakespeare, "I to \$1200. don't know her either; never saw her in my life, but thinking as maybe you knew all about her I thought I'd come and ask you. I'm thinking about marrying her."

"I should think," remarked Mr. Richey, "that you would refer the matter to the young lady herself."

"I will, so I will," said Mr. Shakespeare, "but not until I have first seen £900,000,000 to £712,000,000. Dr. McGregor," and, so saying, he turned and walked away.

About three-quarters of an hour later year. in the day Mr. Shakespeare again stood in the presence of Mr. Richey.

"I've seen Dr. McGregor," said he, "and he says he has known the lady for sixteen years, and she's all right." Then exacting from Mr. Richey a promise that he would wait in the office "a little while," Mr. S. walked off, saying ning from Brindisi and Bologna. he would "call on the lady."

And he did. "It's all right, parson," said he, on walking into Mr. Richey's office, less than an hour afterward. "I've seen the lady, and she says it's erected at Erie, Pa.

the knot." At twenty minutes past four o'clock M. C. Shakespeare was married to Mrs. Nancy Ward, Rev. J. H. Richey officiating, and the newly wedded pair left at once for their rural home. Mr. Shakespeare has a good farm and is Mrs. Shakespeare is a good houskeeper and is otherwise well qualified to make a good wife. Two hours and twenty hundred freight cars and twenty pasminutes, dating from the moment the would-be bridegroom's first inquiries

anything about it; and also because it rocks is also worn away by time and schools, containing \$55 scholars. "That was awful," sighed one of the gave unmistakable promise of the the action of the elements, leaving the beyond all possibility of computation. were 175 536,523. True hospitality is a thing that The composition of the cement is not -The famous solid silver vase, twoknown, but the building material te- and-a-half feet high, and elaborately longs to that class of rocks known fabricated, presented by the Whigs to among geologists as Mahoning sand- Henry Clay, in 1844, is offered for sale place, caps the Clearfield and Centre son. face of the earth, nor until long periods pared with the same months of 1878; thereafter. Large trees now stand on 736,020 gallons and 45,708 cases of the old masonry, and these are but the French still wines were imported, an successors of other generations of trees that decayed many centuries ago.

A Big Alligator Story.

Mr. W. W. Ocain, living in the neighborhood of Huntsville, six ation. miles northeast of Lake City, Fla., has been troubled for years by the depre- near Detroit was fatally poisoned, redations of a large alligator. His track cently, by washing a pair of overalls, as he made his way through the fields which he had worn while putting Paris has been often seen, and the frequent a cut or two on her hands, into which disappearance of hogs occasioned this the poison penetrated. gentleman to make offers for his teeth. baited, but bait and hook were taken, this country. the latter by gnawing the rope which held it. Things were becoming des- Board of Richmond, Va., that all lady perate, and the recent dry weather fa- teachers in the public school of that vored Mr. Ocain Recently the city who shall marry during their alligator was trailed to his hole, and torms of service shall thereafter be infinding it muddy, it was concluded their places shall be supplied by the that he had just sought retreat. A ne- Superintendent of Schools. gro was sent in, but was immediately seized by the leg, and with difficulty clubs, with 72,000 active members, and was rescued badly bitten. However, library books to the number of 21,000. the party succeeded in killing the alli- In the United States there are nearly gator, which measured ten and a half 2,000 agricultural societies, with 58,000 feet. He was skinned and opened, and volumes in their libraries, and with acin him was found the hook, a large pig, cations, all exerting a direct influence and several other things. Having been on the intelligence and future prospects fed so well it was thought a good time of the tillers of the soil. to try alligator steak, but this was prevented by the suggestion that the meat to relate, in a short time was dead.

BRIEFS.

-Nashville boasts of \$300,000 worth of improvements in six months.

-The dividends paid in Boston in August aggregated \$2,533,06s. -The soil on which timber is grown increases or deteriorates its value.

-In Cambria ceunty, Pa., butter sells at eight cents per pound. -Senator Wade Hampton's leg still gives him a great deal of trouble -London has a police force of 10,474 men, costing \$6,250,000 to maintain it.

-A new directory of Minneapolis. Minnesota, indicates that the population of the city is about 52,000. -The pensions granted last year, from the English Civil List, amounted

-Mr. Tennyson has been requested to write the inaugural ode for the Australian International Exhibition.

-The cotton mills of Columbus, Ga., consume annually 18,256 bales of the staple. -In a Bombay cotton factory a man receives \$8 a month, a woman \$4, and a

child \$2.50. -Since the Crimean war England has reduced her national debt from -Nearly 300 miles of railroad have

been built in California so far this -Split timber is more durable and stronger than that which is hewn, from the continuity of the fibres.

-Red ink is a solution of alum, colored with Brazil wood, or an ammonical solution of cochineal. -The Puliman palace cars have been introduced on the Italian routes run-

-The crop of pineapples this season is estimated at double that of former

-Ground has been broken for the monument to General Wayne, to be

all right. Quick as I can get a pair of —The Ragged School Union of Lon-licenses I want you to go up and tie don expends about \$130,000 a year in efforts to elevate the lowest and poor--Meissonier will soon finish's por-

trait of the late Louis Napoleon, begun in 1870, but delayed by the war and the -Mrs, Mary Howitt has received from the English Government a pen-

well able to make his wife comfortable. sion of \$500, in consideration of her literary services. -The Pennsylvania Railroad Company have ordered the building of eight

> senger cars at the Altoona shops -The President begins work shortly

stenographer behind his chair. -In a thunderstorm in Appenzil Switzerland, a tew days ago, a farmer There remains to this day the ruins and ten of his cows, one of which he was milking, were killed by lightning. -The \$500 won by Courtney the other day at Silver Lake has been presented by him to the widow of a man who lost his life while In the sculler's em-

-Chief Justice Chase's grave at Oak run him through, but for his superior What seems now to have been the inte- Hill, near Washington, is marked sim-

-The apple crop in Kent county, ing him master of the situation, and I the embrasures, are still covered with usual, and it is expected that fifteen disdoubt not, have kept their deteat to some kind of durable plaster or cement. tilleries, producing 8,000 gallons of ap-

-At a general Conference of the Afthe Mary Jane between Chicago and and I now put it on record because I most as flint. Where it is broken the rican Methodist churches of New Engam probably the only living man, Whit- rock has crumbled away to the depth land, recently held at New Bedford, reports showed a membership of 1.317. mometer stand at 130 degrees in the horn having died early, that knows of several inches, and the tep of the The denomination has twelve Sunday-

> -For the six months ending June brilliant career now a part of our na- edges of the cement project like flanges 30th, 1879, there were thirty failures in set perpendicular to the plane of the Boston, with liabilities of \$2,594,000, rock. The age of this old fortress is while for the same time last year there were 175 failures, with liabilities of \$6,-

increase of 264,560 gallons.

-Dear Stanley has granted a site for a memorial of the late Prince Louis Napoleon in Westminster Abbey. It is in a recess in Henry VII's Chapei, near the spot where Cromwell's remains lay till they were disturbed at the Restor-

-A woman working for a farmer

-The English Wesleyan Association With the hope of destroying this pest, of Local Preachers, organized in 1849, he put out bait and poison several has paid to the "sick, the aged, and for weeks ago. The bait was taken but death," among its own members, over still the alligator took in additional \$275,000. There is a proposal to estabshotes. A large hook was obtained and lish fraternal intercourse with the Methodist Local Preachers' Association in

-It has been determined by the School

-New England has over 230 farmers

-The Employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad Ferry Company, in Jersey might be poisoned. A dog, however, City, have organized a fire department. was permitted to eat his fill, and, strange The department is divided into twelve stations, connected by signals with the managers room in the depot. The organization is composed of twenty-four -There are 6,503,600 Jews in the men, who are divided into two watches, world, according to the Jewish Messengers one watch being in the daytime and the other at night.