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#### THE HOUSE OF CLAY.

There was a house of clay, Wherein the inmate sat all day. Merry and poor; For Hope sat with her, heart to heart, Fond and kin l. Vowing he n ver would depart-Till all at once he changed his mind : "Sweetheart, good by !" He skipped away And shut the door But Love came past, and looking in.

With smile that pierced like sunbeam thin Through wall, roof, floor, Stood in the midst of that poor room Grand and fair. Making a glory ont of gloom-Till at the window mocked grim Care; Love signed : "All lose, and nothing win?" He shut the door.

Then o'er the close-barred house of clay Kind clematis and woodbine gay Crept more and more; And bees hummed merrily outside, Loud and strong, The inner silentness to hide, The patient silence all day long; Till evening touched with finger gray The bolted door.

Most like the next steps passing by Will be the Angel's, whose calm eye Marks rich, marks poor; Who, fearing not, at any gate Stands and calls: At which the inmate opens straight-Whom, ere the crumbl ng clay house falls, He takes in kind arms silently, And shuts the door.

#### **Turning The Tables**.

Tom Hills, sometime huntsman of the Old Surrey Hounds, were once sent to buy a fox in Leadenhall Market for service the next day. The commission was not at all to Tom's liking ; but obeying orders, he rode to town, got his fox, and putting him, securely strapped, legs upward, in a capacious pocket in his overcost, turned his horse's head homeward. Somewhere about midnight he reached Streatham Common, to be suddenly stopped with the once by an elderly man with : "Doctor, if you familiar challenge "Your money or your please, I wish to speak to you." Asked if lite!"

"My money !" exclaimed Hills. "I replied that it was a matter upon his conhaven't got any; I am only a servant; and you wouldn't take my life, surely ?" The highwayman told him to look sharp,

emphasizing the injunction by pointing a pistol at the huntsman's head. "Well, my man," said the latter,

Persian advisers ; "but do not touch him." Sir John sent for a bricklayer, and gave the order: "Build a wall all round that the making of honey, and at many a howling beggar in my garden, and then breakfast table in distant Europe to-day

roof it in. The dervish looked on composedly while the wall slowly rose round him, and made more noise than before ; but when the roofing process commenced, and he awoke to ranch or apiary, whose owner grows the knowledge that it was really intended indolent and prosperous from the labors to entomb him abve, he clambered over the of his industrious subjects. Here there wall, and rushed away like a madman, are no long winters with dearth of never to trouble McNeill again.

Somé sixty years ago, a certain York- workers must be nursed and fed in shire living was held by a company-loving order that they may live until the opening of the next field season. These parson much in request at marriage merrymakings, whose clerk was equally welcome bee-ranches are models of neatness and at chri-tening tea-fights. These two wor- domestic comfort, and the profession of bee-keeping is rapidly becoming thies contrived to fall out : so it came to pass that when the clerk was due at a tea popular among persons of little physiparty, he found himself obliged to forego cal strength or small financial capital. or both ; such as maiden ladies, brokenthe anticipated muffin feast by reason of the down ministers, bachelor students, and parson requiring his attendance. He bore those dilettante farmers who fancy that the disappointment with tolerably good the royal road to bucolic happiness lies grace, hoping for an opportunity for re through the flowery beds of a bee-pastaliation. It was not long coming. On ture. Their expenses are as light as Sunday-morning advised that the clergythose of a hermit in his cage, and what man was going to dine with a newly wedded pair, instead of giving out only part of clear gain, as the bees board themselves the hundred and nineteenth psalm, the while they work, and work unceasingly wicked fellow said, "Let us sing to the in preparation for the winter which praise and glory of God the hundred-andnineteenth psalm-all on't." Before his the cakes of comb are removed, the victim was well aware of the treat in store the musicians were fairly on their way, re- the empty cups are replaced to be filled solved to go through their task, come what again and again. This economical promight. It was weary work, but they cess prevents a waste of labor and time

was to be heard; but singers and players were determined to do their duty, and held on somehow to the end; and the parson had to dine at home, inwardly confessing the tables had fairly been turned upon him. The Rev. Dr. Maclead, father of Dr. Norman Macleod, passing through the crowd gathered before the doors of a new church he was about to open, was stopped he could not wait until after worship, he not feel utterly lonesome and lost.

"Oh, since it is a matter of conscience, Duncan," said the good-natured minister, "I will hear what it is."

science.

"Well, doctor," said Duncan, "the matter is this. Ye see the clock yonder on the new church. Now there is really no clock there, only the face of one; there is no truth there, only once in twelve hours; and in my mind that is wrong, very wrong, and should be a lie on the face of the house of the Lord."

Bee Ranching In California. ous victim is completely put off his guard by curiosity and familiarity. This is a famous country for bees and During this time, the gang, squatted on

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the waffle is spread with sweets that have been filched from the hearts of a thousand California flowers. In the mouth of almost every canon there is a bee flowers, through which the patient

stores of honey are laid up are so much never comes. When the hive is full liquid is strained from the cells, and

gravely persevered. Sometimes only one in the gathering of wax and the buildinstrument accompanying a single voice ing of new bins in the store-house. Walking out in the morning in the green brushwood of these canons you hear a loud and continuous buzzing of wings, and, although there may not be a flower in sight, it is as ceaseless and strong as in a buckwheat patch or clover field at home. This humming of bees is nature's tenor voice, as the roaring of water is her bass. There is a cure for homesickness in the bees' monotone, even though the authors thereof be perfectly wild, as, indeed, many of these are. In such a country you can-

> The Most Wonderful of Calculating Boys. When Bidder was ten years old he

answered in two minutes the following question: What is the interest of £4,444

their hind-quarters, look on at a distance. After some time spent in this way, the two assailants separate, when one approaches the horse's head, and the other his tail, with a shyness and cunning peculiar to themselves. At this stage of the attack their frolicsome approaches become very interesting-it is right good earnest; the former is a mere decoy, the latter is the real assailant, and keeps his eye steadily fixed on the hamstring or flank of the horse. The critical momement is then watched, and the attack is simultaneous: both wolves spring at their victim the same moment-one to the throat and the other to the flank-and if successful, which they generally are, the hind one never lets go his hold till the horse is completely disabled. Instead of springing forward or kicking to disengage himself, the horse turns round and round without attempting a defense. The wolf before then springs behind to assist the other. The sinews are cut. and in half the time 1 have been describing it the horse is on his side; his to the agave family of the order of struggles are fruitless-the victory is won. At this signal the lookers-on close in a gallop; but the small fry of point. It is one of the most useful followers keep at a respectful distance plants found in Mexico and Central until their superiors are gorged, and then they take their turn unmolested.

### Witches at the Lewes.

Now, my son Roderick-my youngest son, who is twenty-one next month -was last year at the herrin' fishery at Frazerberg. One night he went ashore, and met a strange woman and man walking. They did stop, and did ask who he was, and where he did come from. "From Loch Inver," says Large specimens of the century plant he. "And so do we," says they (which was singular, as he did never set eyes as much as several hundred dollars is on them before) "Come with us, and not uncommonly paid for a fine one. we will give you a drink-" of beer or

of rum, or of whisky, or of gin, I do not rightly mind which it was whateffer. You must know sir, that each boat, at the herrin' fishery time, takes a woman on board to cook meat and

women go to sea in this marner. Well, they ask my son at the tavern, an unknown man fell asleep in a saloon "Did you have any good luck with the the young man with an artificial fly was

The Century Plant.

The American aloe, or century plant -a rarely fine specimen of which is now growing in Brooklyn, and about to flower, seldom reaches that perfection which results in flowers, in temperate climates. Its growth here is so slow that its popular name is derived from the belief that a full term of 100 years is required before the blossoms appear But in its native soil, in tropical and semi-tropical climes, extending to the thirty-second parallel on either side of the equator, it comes to perfection in much less time; often in twenty or thirty years. The same plant never blooms more than once. When the time comes the flower-stalk shoots up with great rapidity from the centre of the crown, around which the leaves

radiate, growing often fifteen or eighteen inches a day, until a height of thirty and sometimes, in an exceptionally vigorous plant, of forty feet is reached. The arms of this stalk, like those of a branching candlestick, bear the cup-shaped flowers, which have no remarkable beauty. The aloe belongs Amaryllidacece. The leaves are thick at the base and terminate in a sharp America. From the fibres of the leaves a thread is obtained which can be woven into cloth and twisted into ropes, and these leaves make a substantial thatch roof. A part of the stalk is used for food, and the hard pithy centre at the base forms a good whetstone, as silica enters largely into its composition. while the fermented sap of the aloe, or maguey, as it is called, is an intoxicat-

ing beverage known as pulque, which is largely consumed by the natives. are valued highly by florlsts here, and

A Stranger's Nose. Some of those chaps who wear their elbows down thin leaning on saloon counters have an artificial fly with a fine thread attached to the back, and wash for them; there will be many sometimes these toys can be handled to the amusement of a small crowd. When

the purchases of the man in the wagon Fast Horses and Personal Equations and knocked out. They had fallen on We hear much nowadays about the the boiler of the locomotive, and there extraordinary speed shown by this or they rested as gently as a dove sitting that horse at some race meeting. These in a cannon's mouth. A flood of recol- time tests are regarded as much a part lections of the little ones at home of the record as the winning of the race watching and waiting for their parents itself. But while the general public who would never come-thoughts, it may be satisfied with announced results may be, of the little feet at home-was some of us would like to know more too much for the true and tender heart about the contest than is told in the of the rough and hardy engineer, and brief statement that "Rarus trotted a he leaned on Charlie Bunnell's shoul- mile here to-day in 2 13," or whatever der and sobbed aloud. 'Just look at it may be. It has become so that a fracthem little shoes, Charlie,' he said, be- tion of a second makes a great differtween his tears, '1-I-didn't mind so ence in the record as well as well as in much running over that drunken fool the value of a horse; and yet it seldom who tried to cross ahead of us when he happens that two men in the timbers' couldn't, but the little one, Charlie, the stand agree as to the exact time made. little kid that's waitin' for 'em, that's While it is true that in the well regu-

too rough !" The Rattlesnake.

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lated mind of man, the will posesses supreme direction over the whole current of thought, policy and action, can

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It has been observed by some natur- it be said with positiveness that he who alists that if we withhold water from occupies the positson of a timing judge snakes when about to shed their epider- on a race course has a well-regulated mis, they are thereby prevented from mind? Sensation and perception are divesting themselves entirely of the old the two things most intimately conskin. I always kept a small bird,s nected with the proper timing of fast bathing cup, filled with clean water horses. The horse speeds around the cnce a day, in the case containing my course, he approaches "the wire," and crotalus. The first skin he cast off, in amid great excitement, passes under it. July, was entire and without a blem- The timer, who may or may not be imish. At the second change, however, bued with this same excitement, or about the last of September, I removed who may have an active or an inactive the cup one night, intending to replace brain, sees the horse and becomes conit shortly afterwards, but I forgot to do scious of the fact, but he is not done so. The next morning I found por- yet. There has to go back from the tions of loose skin all over the floor of brain, so to speak, an electric spark the case, and much more hanging in along the nerves, which produces a shreds from various parts of the body contraction of the muscles of the arm, of the snake. Other parts seemed not and a motion of the thumb and finger to be detached yet. I had not sup- follows. These press the spring, and posed that the ophidian was quite ready the hands of the watch are stopped. for a change. He was over two months But the activity with which all this is in divesting himself of his torn trousers accomplished differs in men materially. Was it due to the fact that water had At best, the nerves transmit their share been withheld at the last time? Both in the work at the rate of only seventy changes occurred in the night, and 1 feet a second, which is less than double failed to observe the interesting pro- the rate of speed at which the horse is cess of divestment. To test the ques- moving in the same period of time. tion of so-called blindness occurring There exists a phenomeuon called "perduring the time when the pupil is covsonal equation," and so long as quickered by a whitish film or thin mem- witted persons and slow-witted persons brane becoming detatched, and occlud- are to decide the speed at which raceing the sight of the eye, I placed some horses travel, just so long will the time very active mice repeatedly in the case test be an irresponsible one. In making during the period of change of epider- the common observation of the exact mis. The ophician attacked the mice moment when a star travels across the in quick turn, without even missing fine vertical wire intersecting the field

won't fall out. I want my life; so, as I've no money, I suppose you must have money's worth. You'll find something quite as good in my pocket here; so pray help yourself."

The robber's disengaged hand dived into Tom's pocket instanter, and Master Reyhis best pace, leaving his unwelcome ac- have a fine head of hair still." quaintance to bandage his hand and digest his disappointment at leisure.

Relating his Indian experiences, Colonel Mendows Taylor tells of his being beset by Dr. Macleod looked shocked, and annot only gave their customers short weight, of the Lord with a lie on your head ?" He but adulterated the flour so abominably heard no more of the lie on the face of the with sand that cakes made of it were utterly church. uncatable. The colonel determined to pun- A well-merited repartee was dealt by a ish the cheats; and this is how he did it. smart midshipman to the daughter of a K. "I told," says he, "some reliable men of C. B. at a ball given by the latter to the my escort to go quetly into the bazars, and naval officers on the North Pacific station. each buy flour at a separate shop, being The middy was bold enough to ask the careful to note whose shop it was. The young lady to accept him for her partner. flour was brought to me. I tested every ""Oh dear, no," said the supercilious sample, and found it full of sand as I beauty. "Ma never allows me to dance passed it under my teeth. I then desired with midshipmen." Somebody let her know all the persons named in my list to be sent the middy was a Lord, and she repented, to me, with their baskets of flour, their and reminded him that he was engaged to weights and scales. Shortly afterward they her for the next dance. arrived, evidently suspecting nothing, and The youngster however, was not so easily were placed in a row on the grass before mollified, and remembering the lady had my tent. 'Now,' said I, gravely, 'each of native blood in her veins, smilingly replied: you is to weigh out a seer [two pounds] of "Oh dear, no. Ma never allows me to your flour ;' which was done.

" 'Is it for the pilgrims ?' asked one. "No, said I, quietly, though I had much difficulty to keep my countenance. You sixteenth time, and took a look round the must eat it yourselves.

"They saw that I was in earnest, and offered to pay any fine I imposed.

"Not so,' I returned; 'you have made object to eat it yourselves ?'

"They were horribly frightened; and amid the screams of laughter and jeers of sian dame wno, answering a wet-tooted the by tanders some of them actually began visitor's request for the loan of a pair of to eat, sputtering out the half-moistened slippers, by saying, "Certainly, my dear, flour, which could be heard crunching be- if you think mine will fit you," received seeching pardon." And so, with a severe sole inside them." admonition, they were let off. No more was heard of the bad flour

It is a pity rascals at home can not biber. be served in the same way, pure food would be the rule, if the concocters and venders of vile make believers were liable to compulsory consumption of their own

Sir John McNeill, a shrewd Scotch diplomatist, gained the repute of being the only European who ever got the better of a dervish. During the New Year's festival the Persian religious mendicants ply their vocation most vigorously, not merely asking for alms but demanding such sums as they deem proper, according to the rank of the giver. A dervish tried to extract an extravagant tribute from Sir John, and the amhassador proving obstinate, proceeded to "sit upon him ;" that is to say, he established himself in Sir John's garden, just before his study windows, and relieved his feelings by making a hideous hullabaloo day and night. The diplomatist was in- are regularly booked." clined to make short work of the nuisance. but was warned that violent measures

The doctor promised to consider the mat-

ing Duncar, "now ve're joking. It's long since I had my hair."

hundreds of pilgrims and travelers, crying swered, in a tone of reproach: "Oh Dun- in about the same time. At twelve

over in 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minates, however, was his success, when 13 years old, in dealing with the question, I do not believe one arithmetician in a correctly, at a first trial, in less than a quarter of an hour. But 1 confess I have not tried the experiment, feeling, indeed, perfectly satisfied that I should

dance with squaws."

Said one play-going young fellow to an-"I was at the Gaiety last night for the pit to see if you were there."

but sixty years ago it was near enough But noways disconcerted by the insinuatothe accepted value], if light would take tion, the subject of his "chaff" retorted : six years and four months traveling at "What ! been so many times to the Gaiety, the same rate from the nearest fixed many eat your flour; why should you and not know that you can't see the pit star, how far is that from the earth, from the gallery?

reckoning 365 days and six hours to Fairly paid in her own coin was the Parieach year, and 28 days to each month ?" The correct answer was quickly given to this pleasing question, viz., 40,633,-840.000.000 miles. On one occasion we learn the proposer of a question was not t seen their teeth. At last some of them the clever rejoinder : "I dare say they will, satisfied with Bidder's answer. The fung themselves on their faces, abjectly be- dear, if you tell your maid to put a cork boy said the answer was correct, and "You have given me Scotch whisky; ]

asked for Irish," complained a hurried im-"Never mind," said the publican; "fancy

it's Irish.' The man drank up the liquor, and made for the door.

paid me." "Never mind; fancy I have," said his

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replied.

customer, and away he went. Too Trusting.

method. The Cunning Wolves.

"Mary Jane Marsh, didn't I say to mischief, in the German forests and last week that the next time you came their neighberhood, there is always a here under the charge of drunkenness numerous train of smaller ones to fol-I should send you up for sixty days?" low in the rear, and act as auxiliaries asked his Honor of a five-and-forty fe- in the work of destruction. Two large every drop down his throat without stopped, and when it was finally "I think you said so, Judge, but I most powerful horse, and seldom more think I had too much faith in you to than two ever begin the assault, al-

believe you'd do any such thing," she though there may be a score in the gang. It is no less curious than amus-"Well, you trusted too much. You ing to witness this ingenious mode of attack. If there is no snow, or but lit-

"And I'm regularly sorry, Your the on the ground, two wolves approach Honor, because I can never believe in in the most playful and caressing man- poison and saved his life. For a day or the scene of the accident, his eyes you again. It's a sad day when a man

for 4,444 days at 41/2 per cent. per an- herrin' to day?" "No, very bad." there. He took position behind his num. The answer is £2,434 16s 514d. "Did you yesterday?" "No worse victum, who was lying back on his A fewmonths later, when he wasyet elev- again." "Ah! but," says she, "you will chair, and presently the fly alighted on en years old, he was asked, how long have to moreow " Well sure enough the chair, and presently the hy anguled on would a cistern one mile cube be filling he did fill his boat next may with very bridge and down, and settied for a more quite against the conscience, that there if receiving from a river 120 gallons many crans of herrin', and did get £15 ment on the tip end. The sleeper nevper minute, without intermission? In for his share that one day. It was a er moved a finger. The fly went over two minutes he gave the correct an- wonderful thing. But he did tell me the old route, dove into the corner of swer, 14,300 years 285 days 12 hours that that gold did do him no good; he the left eye, galloped over to the right, nard's teeth closed as quickly upon it, caus-ter. "But," said he, 'I'm glad to see you and 46 minutes. A year later he divid-had no idea how it did get spent what-and came down to the grand stand on ing the fellow to yell in dismay, and drop looking so well, man. "You're not young. ed correctly in less than a minute effer. That day he did go looking the dead run, but the sleeper slept on. pistol and reins; while Tom galloped off at I remember you for many years; but you 468,592,413,563 by 9,076. I have tried about after the man and woman all It began to appear that he was used to how long this takes me with pen and over, but he did never see them again; flies, and so the game was changed. By "Eh, doctor !" exclaimed the unsuspect paper; and, after getting an incorrect I did not here of his ever again seeing sticking a pin through one of these

result in one and a quarter minute, them. "Roderick! I do hope you will tops you can make quite a bee of it, the went through the sum again, with cornever again have anything to do with pin being the stinger. rect result, (51,629,838 and 5,875 over.) out against the bunias, or flour-sellers, who can ! Duncan ! are you going into the house years of age he answered in less than a is away to Frazerberg this year again. see a sudden start, but it did not come. minute the question, if a distance of I did hear of another witch in the After a jab at the tip end the "bee" 914 inches is passed over in a second of

time, how many inches will be passed Stornoway, and did sell winds to sail- ments, and getting in an occasional ors. One of our Loch Inver boats did sting, but not even a sigh escaped the 55 seconds? Much more surprising, not get away that autumn for weeks. sleeper. The young man with the inthem. Well, hey did go to her, and ger lazily opened his eyes, slowly rose what is the cube root of 897,339,273,874,what they paid her I did not hear, but up from his chair, and coolly remarked 002,153? He obtained the answer in she gave them a black string tied with two and a half minutes, viz., 964,537. three knots, and said, "Ye'll be getting fooling with my nose, I'll fool with awa' to morrow. Now, if the wind is yours for awhile !" thousand would get out this answer not strong enough, loose one knot; if It isn't likely that particular young even then it is not enough, loose the man will ever dangle artificial flies any second; but on your life! on your life! more. He was doubled up, straightendinna loose the third !" Well, they ed out, choked, mopped and slammed not get the answer correctly in half a dozen trials. No date is given to the following case: "The question was put by Sir William Herschel, at Slough.

second, and they tore over the waves, and were very soon over the Minch near Loch Inver. They got to the en-trance of the harbor near the store house call around and let me know !" -ye ken it? on the right-and the skipper says, "We're a' richt now; if

the deal himself withstands me. I will loose the third!" He did loose it, and though so near home, the boat was only got ashore in little bits! She was alsaved.

### Adventure With a Snake,

Robert G. Pillow, a son of the late ex-Confederate General Pillow, lives on an Arkansas plantation. across the river from Memphis. A few days ago, accompanied by Aleck, one of the colored men on the place, he was out hunting a wild hog that had been seen in the vicinity. Pillow had a gun and Aleck had armed himself with a pint bottle filled with whiskey. The hog was found and shot, and just as Pillow it was his wife with him. The man went up to the writhing animal an immense "cotton-mouth" snake, whose the train was so close upon him that no bite is fatal as that of a rattlesnake, fas- one dreamed of his attempting to cross, tened its fangs on the calf of his leg. but making a sudden turn to the left, Pillow is not easily frightened. He he endeavored to cross the railroad took in the situation in a moment, and track. By the time the wagon was instead of exhibiting alarm he turned fairly on the track, the locomotive to his companion and quietly remarked : struck it, smashed the wagon to splin-"Aleck, I think I'll try a little of that ters, killed the horses, and mangled to whiskey now," whiskey being consid- death the man and woman. The train ered an infallible remedy. He poured ran some distance before it could be wolves are sufficient to destroy the stopping to venture any remarks as to checked Bunneli went forward and its quality. Then shouldering his gun found Engineer Jack Mills, swearing he rapidly walked to the house, a half like a trooper, his engine all 'mussed,' mile distant, where he drank the con- and he was damning the drunken fool tents of three ordinary glass tumblers in the wagon for his criminal carelessfilled with whiskey. He was soon in ness which brought on the accident. what he calls a "Niagara Falls of a per- Jack was hot. As he turned to get on spiration," which rapidly expelled the his engine to reverse her and return to

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these witches." "No, father, I will When the "bee" descended on the never again, so long as I do live." He stranger's nose everybody expected to Lewes, 15 year agone. She lived at crawled along up, waiting for develop-The wind was almost dead against sect was getting tired, when the stran-"Now, then, if you have got through

got off sure enough next morning with so thoroughly that his appetite will run a fair breeze; and then the skipper to chicken broth and arnica for some loosed one knot. On the boat sprang, days to come. When the cyclone had and the wind rose. Soon he loosed the passed the stranger called for gin, drank it, and said to the white-faced crowd on the bench :

"Gentlemen, it any more of you see

Two Little Shoes.

Charley Bunnell was running messenger on the J. M. and I. R. R. and tells this story: "Bluff old Jack Mills, rough, but kind hearted, was the enthough broken up! The men were all gineer. About a mile and a half this side of Columbus there is a fine stretch strictly followed, will always insure success. of road, and Jack had 'pulled her wide open" to make up lost time, and the old engine and train were rocking along at a rate of about thirty miles an hour. A country road runs parallel with the track here for some distance, and finally crosses it. But a short distance, and finally crosses it. But a short distance from the crossing, on the day referred to, there was suddenly discovered a man, evidently half drunk in a two horse country wagon, and in was standing up driving like mad, but

his first victim. On other occasious, of view of a telescope some astronomers however, when his sight was unob- always anticipate the event, and others structed, I hav seen him strike at and allow it to pass before they succeed in miss the mark repeatedly. After mak- noting it. This is by no means the efabout with intensified fury. The snake but is a persistent characteristic of each

never without first striking his victim. individual, however practiced in the He did not eat more than two mice at a art of making observations he may be. meal, and sometimes an hour lapsed be- The difference between the time of a fore eating the second one He never man's noticing the event and that of its actual occurrence is called his perkilled his prey wantonly; on the con- sonal equation, and is carefully ascertrary he permitted mice to keep his tained for every assistant in every labcompany while his appetite was ap- oratory. The adoption of a similar plan on our race courses can alone give

Cutting Glass With Scissors,

Many persons may not be aware that glass can be cut under water with great ease to almost any shape by simply using a pair of shears or strong scissors. In order to insure success two points must be attended to. First and most important, the glass must be kept quite level in the water while the scissors are applied, and, secondly, to avoid risk,

it is better to begin the cutting by liel Bailey and his lovely family found taking off small pieces at the corners and along the edges, and so reduce the shape gradually to that required, as if any attempt is made to cut the glass all at once to the shape as we could cut a Whalley's, lineal descendant of Whalpiece of card board, it will most likely break where it is not wan ed Some kinds of glass cut much better than others, the softer glasses being the best those days one left the railroad at for this purpose. The scissors need not be at all sharp, as their action does not appear to depend on the state of the edges presented to the glass. When the operation goes on well the glass breaks away from the scissors in small pieces in a straight line with the blades. This method of cutting glass has often been of service when a diamond has not been at hand for cutting ovals and segments, and though the edges are not so smooth as might be desired for some purposes, yet it will answer in a great many cases. The hints given above, if

## Tame Hornets.

There is no accounting for tastes Mrs. Lincoln, of Boston keeps two big pet lions, and now we hear of a Western farmer who has domesticated a lot of creatures that belong quite as approthem, for they find in my house plenty of food, and I have left a little hole in one of the panes of glass that an-

swers all purposes. By this kind usage they have become quite harmless. They live on the flies, which are very trouble- sia, the longest day has sixteen and a half some to us through the summer. They are constantly busy catching them, Hamburg, Germany, and Dantzic, Prussia, even on the eyel'ds of my children. By the longest day has nineteen hours and the their assistance I am but little troubled shortest five hours. At Borneo, Finland, with flies. All my family are so ac- the longest day has twenty-one and a half customed to their strong buzzing that and the shortest two and a half. At Wardhuy no one takes any notice of them, and though they are flerce and vindictive. In Norway, the day lasts from the 21st of May to the 23d of July, without interyet kindness has made them useful and harmless.

When a person is overheated and ex- and fifty-six minutes; at Montreal fifteen hausted, both the hands and feet should be bathed in cold water, and something all, though one never seen by a civilized warm should be taken at once-hot person, is that at the poles, where it lasts

us the correct time made by fast horses. Too Polite for Boarders. The dull beaches of this sandy coast have been considerably stirred over an event that will be heard around the world. You know what Narragenset is-at least you know what it has been, for the place, I believe is yours by discovery. I would not like to say how many years ago you and Doctor Gamaby mere accident, that opposite Newport was a beach quite as favorable to bathing, and adjoining it was one hotel and one boarding house. The one was ley; the other a crude little place, half tavern and half boarding house, filled Kingston, and wended his weary way

to the Pier by an old fashioned coach. At the Pier there was one horse, known as Old Smooth Tooth, that could be hired at a dollar a day, with a vehicle thrown in, that impressed one with the belief that it had been Noah's family carriage, and had yet clinging to its wheels, some of the mud left from the flood. Primitive days and primitive people. I remember the Taylor people took on airs and pretended to look down on the Whalley's. They were poor snobs, whose pocket books would not permit life at Newport, so they aped Newport at Taylor's . A good story was told of General

Schenck anent this tavern. He was out bathing one day, when he encoun tered a couple of females splashing in the breakers, and very courteously offered his services to them. After a priately out of door. In a letter he lively time the General escorted his says :-- "In the middle of my parlor I damsels to the bathing houses, and have a curious republic of industrious ning friend. "I say, Schenck, we have hornets; their nest hangs to the ceil- enjoyed a laugh at your expense," he . ing by the same twig on which it was cried. "How so?" responded the grim so admirably built and contrived in the M. C. "Why dont you know you have woods. Its removal did not displease been bathing two of Taylor's servant them for they find in my house plane girls?" "Well, responded S., "I thought they were too polite for boarders.

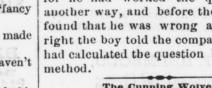
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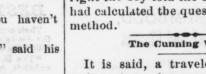
At London, England, and Bremen, Prushours. At Stockholm, Sweden, the longest day has eighteen and a half hours. At ruption; and at Spitzbergen the longest day is three months and a half. At New York, the longest day, June 18, has fourteen hours

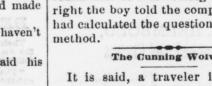
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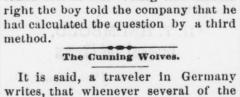
requested the proposer to work his sum over again. During the operation, Bidder said he felt certain he was right, for he had worked the question in another way, and before the proposer found that he was wrong and Bidder

"Stop !" cried Boniface; "you haven't









near Windsor. to Master Bidder, and an-

swered in one minute: Light travels

from the sun to the earth in eight min-

utes, and the sun being 98,000,000 of

miles off, [of course, this is quite wrong,

