### Miscellaneous News.

The annual losses by fire in the United States amount to \$120,000,000. and the consumption of cigars, cigarett -\$326,000,000.

Here is a good word for the women, An English statistician has discovered that the married men live longer and live better lives than bachelors. Among every 1,000 bachelors there are thirtyeight criminals; among married men the ratio is only eighteen per 1,000.

According to the mint reports, California has dropped to the third place among the States and Territories as a producer of precious metals. It still ranks first in the production of gold, but is away behind Colorado and Montana in the production of silver and in the total value of the output.

A New York railroad man tells a Mail and Express reporter that the mile a minute speed a is myth. Occasionally, he saps, trains on a stretch of er cleanin' up some new ground fur er went up in the tree together, an' it did level track with an easy grade make a turnip patch,' said Zeb, 'an' told me er seem like Uncle Mose's legs wrapped er mile a minute, but the fastest express train in the United States, the New er bout goin'; but when he 'lowed pine wife riz like er turkey-hen an' went York and Philadelphia limited, on the blank that Liza Baker an' the Jimison over the fence, an' Uncle Mose's wife, Pennsylvania Railroad, averages 48 3-10 gals would be thar, I told him that ez good-hearted er ole soul ez ever lived, miles an hour. The average fast express of the United States reaches 36} miles an hour. The fastest train in the world is the "Flying Dutchman," which averages 59 1-8 miles an hour, between London and Bristol.

The Minneapolis Tribune tells of a The young men distinguished them. had been put in the yard under er low, started her off down the lane on er trot, selves by the preparation of a supper at spreadin' mulberry tree, that give a an' she hadn't mo'rn got started good the church parlors, including ices, ice thick shade. Thar wuz er right smart till er watermilon cotch up with her an' cream and charlotte russe. It was in cumbent upon each young man to make with his own hands a cake, and as a result nearly thirty specimens of these culinary triumphs were set out er hoe-handle, an' it do peer like that ler like she did. I run airter her an' before the throng in attendence. They were in all shapes and sizes, and some of them were tearstained and bore evidence of many weary hours of deep thought and anxiety. The men dansed attendance as waiters at the tables and wore colors correspondingorange yellow, pink and blue.

The New York Times says that the ry White, Secretary of the United States Legation in London, to Mrs. Sarah M. Caswell, of Aurora, Ill., one of the "heirs," who had the precaution to ask him for information. Secretary White says: I beg to inform you that there is no such 'estate' as the one you mentioned. Vast nymbers of people in our country are deceived and defrauded by designing persons, who repremericans claimants here, whereas, there ers that wuz cut that day. merican in this way." This, the Times | neighbor's wouldn't soon furgit. adds, should be conclusive as to the existence of the great Sands or Sandys estate in England. It does not, however, prove that there is no such estate in the moon, but the "heirs" will not care to retain lawyers for the prosecution of claims in that luminary.

### The Killing Car Coupler.

It is an undoubted fact that no instrument invented by man, not expressly designed as a man-destroyer, hasactually crippled and slain more men the car coupler. Accidents to railroad employes from this cause are the most common of occurrences. It is estimated that in the United States alone four every year while coupling cars, and munity. thousands are bruised, mained, or seriously injured. The question of been discussed, and numerous inven- fur it skeers me,' tions to secure safety, of more or less value have been proposed for adoption, but nothing practical has as yet resultcars, and one that could be recommended for universal use. It is gratifying to learn that an investigation by a committee representing thirty thousand miles of road is now on foot, with the object of finding a system of safetycoupling that may be adopted. When the car stove and the old fashioned link and pin coupling are ruled out of existence, the dangers of railroading will be reduced by a large degree -N. Y. Observer.

### Laughing at Ma.

Miss Birdie McHennipin is one of the belies of Austin. Her intellect however, does not tower into the sublime heights reached by Susan B. Anthony, but, to use the cold language of truthfulness, she is very much the same kind of young lady that Gus De Smith is of a young man. Not long since he proposed matrimony. In good faith, in a solemn, impressive manner, upon which Miss Birdie inaugurated a giggle, until Gus was very much disgusted' and, arising from his knees, his anger found vent in words. He was mad-too mad almost to speak. Miss Hennipin," he finally ejaculated, "with me this is no laughing matter. Why should you see anything ridiculous about it ?" "You must excuse me, Mr. De Smith-really you must, for I am not laughing at you; really, now, I am not; ma's so funny, you know really, she is too funny for any use; yes, I was laughing at ma.',-"At your ma?""Yes, you see ma told me only this morning, Birdie, you are so green that some donkey will take you yet," and here you come-But he was gone. He was gone. He was in the past tense. It was he who banged the door so violently, "I wonder" said the suddenly deserted Birdie "I wonder now, really, if he is offended at what ma said ? But then ma always was too awfully funny for

any kind of use." -SUBSCRIBE for the JOURNAL.

SHUCK TROTTER'S FOURTH And How He Observed It-A Celebration Under Difficulties.

Shuck Trotter, having "laid by" his corn on the third of July, was lifted in- would have sartinly squez it. es and smoking tobacco amounts to to such exultation by his maturing \$206,000,000. Total destruction by fire prospects of a good crop, that he decidman is na italicized distinction.

The celebration at Shuck's house can doubtless be given most appropriately, and I am certain most entertainingly. In the exact words of Zeb Finch, the brown jeans beau of the "Lick Skillet" neighborhood.

'When Shuck came over whar I wuz even if Liza is fat, an'not ez pale ez the er' whicher way, an' put me in mine uy been made. It wuz too hot to stay in pick her up, turned her round er time new feature in Baptist merrymakings: the house, so a lot of cheers an' benches er two, fluttered her over the fence an' sprinklin' uv folks, 1 tell you. Ole I hope I may die dead ef I didn't jest Legislatur last year wuz thar. Uncle mazin' grace outen the dear creetur. when patur sot in to makin' his legs didn't ketch her till she got to the foot backs the ole fetler has got a way uy Lawd, Zeb, who woulder thought fatter woman than she is. W'y, she's even though we seed the white sow luded persons who have been led to be- so much thicker then she is high that make ernuther break fur the milon lieve that a fortune of \$76,000,000 a- when she wants to reach up on er shelf patch. I ain't axed him but I jest waits in England the pleasure of the after anything she lays down. The nachully think that Shuck has gone Sands family in this country may be Jimison gals wuz thar, sho nuff, an outen the cilybratin' business.' interested in a letter sent by Mr. Hen- ges, hol' my hat, somebody, while I think uy her-Miss Liza, bless her fat jaws, wuz thar bigger'n life, un er average hoss. Don't understan' me to mean any disrespect when I compar

> es up with the hoss. 'It mout not peer to be necessary to speak about the sizes uv these folks, but

are none such. One of these rascals 'Old Shuck wuz in his glcry, an' 'lowhas recently been sentenced to five ed that the country's birthday should

> 'How are you goin' to do it. Shuck? says I. 'We can't do nothin' but set er round an' stuff ourselves with watermilions an sich.'

"Don't fool yo'self,' says he. 'I'm goin' to have some 'splosions here airter awhile that'il lay all the firecrackers an' tawpeters you ever seed in the everlastin' shade. See this,' taken er package outen the pocket uy his duster. 'Here's two pounds uv the finest blastin' powder you ever come across. Airter we eat and drink er while we'll step out here and bore holes in logs, load em up and have the allfiredest bombardment you ever seed. Folks way over the creek will think that the biggest Fourth uv July this country ever seed hundred and fifty brakemen are killed has jest been turned loose on the com-

'Oh, Cousin Shuck,' said Miss Liza -and as I remarked jest now, bless her substituting a safety coupler has often fat jaws-'please don't have no shootin'

"Bless yo' soul and body, Lizy, Shuck replied, 'I wouldn't skeer you gelist. fur nothin' in the world, but on this ed. The trouble has been to find a occasion I'm jest nachully bound to safety coupler applicable to all kinds of turn the hills and hollers wrong side out'ard, er haw, haw-plumb wrong side out'ards. Uncle Mose,' he added, grinnic' at the lean old man.

'Laws a massy,' cried Shuck's wife. the white sow is in the milon patch. Run, Shuck, and knock her fetch-taked

head off.' 'Shuck he drapped the package uy powder in er cheer and er way he went. and Liza snatched up the powder, fetched up and put it on the limb uv

'That'll never do in the world,' says without powder is like a set uv plow gear without er back-band-jest nachully won't go. Uncle Mose, whar's the powder ?'

"Ain't seed it, Shuck. B'leve you tuck it with you when you went airter the white sow.'

. 'That's jest erbout whut I did,' says Shuck, and he put out to look fur it. and when he couldn't find it he went up in the fence corner and cussed that old sow fur everything he could think day and they had all their waterproof uv and Liza-bless-but never mind, cloaks and head and feet covering. laughed fit to kill her sweet self. Then They were all by themselves when they Shuck fotch out his jug. It made the took aboat and went to fish, It was in gals grin might'ly when they tuck er Maine. With feminine earnest they pull at it jest to be sociable, you know. started off without anything to put the but I tell you it made ole Uncle Mose's fish in. They had an elegant time until mouth pop liker er hickory bark whip.

Jimison gals, "the black gnats is so bad er body cain't hardly live.' ' 'That's er fack,' said Liza, 'an' they

run me nearly stracted.' '1'll fix 'em.' Shuck 'lowed, and he went into the house, and soon come out with same fire in er big dinner pot He sot it on the ground and the ladies all thanked him fur his kine and 'plite

'Shuck,' says Uncle Mose-the ole feller is powerful frolicky-they tell

Liza-that's all right. 'Give it to us, fur I know we'll be so much edified.' That word settled it with me right than and ef I coulder got holt uv her hand I

"I ain't round thrown' my steps en

way,' says Shuck, 'but ez we'ye all met ed to hold a sort of celebration on the here to cilybrate the Fourth why here's Fourth. Throughout the neighborhood at you. Here, Zeb,' turnin' to me, 'pat of "Lick Skillet" Shuck enjoys that pe- fur me.' I commenced to pat and he culiar leadership which certain oddities hopped up and went at it. It wuz er of character frequently grant a man sort uv Ingun dance, with er lot uv who lives in a backwoods community. whoops scattered through it, and the Those oddities, however, are never of fust whoop Shuck fotch he leaped up an intellectual sort, for, in Shuck's and struck the limb whar Liza had hid neighborhood, a characteristic that is the powder, and down come the powder purely mental is always regarded as a and I wish I may die dead ef it didn't weakness, while a certain "prankish- come slap dab into the pot uy fire. ness," particularly an ability to jump Thar wuz er bout er second befo' anyhigher and dance faster than any other thing happened and then the cilybration tuck place sho nuff. The fust thing sperienced wuz the earth sorter shaken' itself, an' then thar come er noise that I ain't goin' ter furgit soon.

Somehow I wuz permitted ter see the performance without takin' much uv er hand in it. Shuck an' Uncle Mose peered to go into partnership, fur they bout the cilybration, I sorter hung fire bout Shuck erbout three times. Shuck's nothin' but er powerful mixture uv the wuz jest rolled erway like er bar'l. The rheumatiz an' cramp colic could keep pore ole lady squealed but kep' on er me er way, an' I meant whut I said, rollin'. The Jimison gals fluttered evmost uv folks like to see a gal. Well, er lot uv young patridges. But Lizawhen I arriv at Shuck's house I seed alas, bless her fat jaws, the powder, that all the necessary preparations had findin' that she wuz so heavy it couldn't Uncle Mose Gayner, that went to the nachually think it had knocked all the Mose ain't much bigger er round then Holler! I never hearn er pore sole holshe come mighty nigh not stoppin' er uv the hill. She flung her lovin' arms tall, but in spite uv all these here draw- round me an' sobinly cried: 'An, smackin' his mouth when the jug is that dinner pot woulder busted! When passed, that gest nachully keeps him we all got tergather ergin, Shuck, seefrum fallin' into obscurity, ez the in' that nobody wuz killed, lowed that preacher says. Ole Miz Gayner was the safest thing would be ter git down thar, too. I don't think I ever seed a an' pray, an' we jest nachully got down

#### A Chestnut Worth Retelling.

In one of the colleges a professor who dents was walking out with an intellithat lovely creetur with er hoss, for lemme tell you the human fam'ly will have to improve might'ly befo' it ketch-

years' penal servitude for 'robbing A- be cilybrated in er manner that the just put a dollar in the old man's shoes, see what he will do.'

The student agreed to the proposal,

go home. He put on one shoe, and felt but the stenographer. and returned thanks to God for the may be allowed that expression.

'There' said the professor, 'how much better this is than to have hidden the old man's shoes.'- Southern Evan-

Starving the Teeth. Teeth are just as easily starved as the stomach, said a lecturer the other and con. night. The fact is that you and your fathers have from generation to generation been industriously starving your teeth. In one way it is a blessing to bones and teeth. It is the outside of the grains of all cerael food that conthe tree and begged us not to tell Shuck tains the carbonate and phosphate of whar it wuz which we all promised that lime, and traces of other earthly salts, we wouldn't. Shuck brought er big which nourish the bony tissues and milon back with him and we div into it build the frame up. If we do not furred-eyed. Then he axed fur his pow- nish the teeth of the young that pabuder. We all 'lowed that we hadn't seed | lum they require, they cannot possibly be built up. It is the outside of corn, oats, wheat, barley and the like or the he. Er fourth uv July cilybration bran, so called, that we sift away and feed to swine, that the teeth actually require for their proper nourishment. The wisdom of man has proven bis folly, shown in every succeeding generation of teeth, which become more and more fragile and weak.

### They Were Kind to the Fish.

There were four ladies once went fishing. They selected a very rainy they caught a pickerel. When they "My stairs erlive,' said one uv the caught the pickerel they didn't know what to do with it. It was alive flopping. They had it in the bottom of the boat. They wondered why it didn't lie quiet. At last a happy and benig n

thought struck one of them. 'Poor thing ! It's getting all wet lying in the raiu.'

And she whipped off her waterproof and wrapped it up it. Each of the four caught a pickerel, and each of the four wrapped it up in her waterproof and you went over to the Bran dance the other day. Give it to us.'

the rain wet them through to the skin, but they kept their fish dry all the same.

'Oh, yes, do, Cousin Shuck,' said Bill Nye Delivers a Characteristic and Patriotic Address.

FELLOW CITIZENS: It has now been one hundred and eleven years since the most successful and most prosperous republic known thus far to history, sent fourth upon the sultry air its first feeble cry. One hundred and eleven years ago this morning, the small red infant known as American Liberty, ammed her purple fists into her watery eyes and made a few desultory remarks which were heard in the uttermost parts of the earth.

To-day she is a full-grown person with a dignified mien, and has had a statue of herself taken, which stands in the harbor of New York, and although she lights up the country for miles around, with her tall torch, there is no one who has eyer been able to hold a candle to her in the Liberty business. Those who are to-day within the

sound of my voice, and who are over one hundred and eleven years of age, will perhaps recall to their minds the deplorable condition of things here in our young and struggling country at

ooked like toothpick-holders, and when Briton assessed us and crushed us be- his classmate was not looking. neath the iron heel of the despot.

Now, wherever the starry banner hangs out to greet the gentle breeze, all, all are free. Little do we know to-day, here in America, what it is to suffer for freedom. Liberty does a good business here in the United States now, and the man who runs out of freedom shows that he is a shiftless man and a poor provider.

Only a little over a century ago we dared not go out after dark without a chilled steel corset, for fear that the maroon-colored children of the forest might let the pale, shimmering moonlight in among our vital organs by means of their crude tomahawks. Then life was indeed uncertain and disagreeable. People remained at home rather than return to their houses with holes in themselves and wildly disheyeled

Now a man can start and go any. where if he will pay his fare.

And so we are marching on. What a grand stride it is from the despotism of ago, to the glorious sunlight of freedom which we enjoy now?

Where once the slow-going ox team and Belcher box wagon crept through the wilderness, liable to be seattered made himself friendly with the stu- over the greensward at any moment by the yelling Injun, now the patient newsgent scholar, when they saw an old man paper man, the member of Congress hoeing in a corn field. He was advanc- and the Associate Justice of the Suing with his work to ward the road, by preme Court, with their coats over their the side of which lay his shoes. As it arms, toil along the level sweep of railwas near sunset, the student proposed road which they assisted to build by to play the old man a joke. 'I will hide means of their land grants and moral I'il jest say that weight had er good his shoes; we will conceal ourselves be- encouragement, looking eyer and anon sent that great estates are awaiting A- deal to do with the tallness uv the capthe yelling modern Injun.

> Times have indeed changed be right. You have money enough, past century. A hundred years ago cooking, baking or heating purposes whisky was sold at forty cents per gal- will find it to their interest to call at then we will hide behind the bushes and lon, and every other man you met was the shop or sale room, under D. I. a statesman. Now you have to pay Brown's residence, Main St, tifteen cents for enough whisky to wet and they concealed themselves accord- the bottom of a small tumbler, and there hasn't been a speech made in the When the laborer had finished his House of Representatives for three row of corn he came out of the field to years that was listened to by anybody

something hard, took it off, and found So liberty, while enlarging her field. the dollar. He looked around him, but has not always ameliorated the condisaw no one, and looked gratefully to- tion of mankind. We are prone to ward heaven. He put on the other boast over the enormous mass of freeshoe and found another dollar. He dom which we have accumulated here looked all around him, but saw no in America, and yet the freedom of the one. He then knelt upon the ground press has been greatly impaired, if I

blessings which had been conferred up- Too much caste has been the result on him. The listeners learned from the of recent laws. A year ago I held up prayer that the old man's wife and one my head and mingled with a class of of his children were sick, and that they men who to-day refuse to recognize me. were very poor ; so that the two dollars | They were then, and are now, of course. were a great relief sent to them from men of wealth and social position; but so am I.

I allude to the railway conductors of the United States.

A year ago I knew them from New York to San Francisco, and associated with them frequently, allowing myself to be drawn forward into the smoking car to mingle with them and visit pro

But what do I find to-day? I find the same men running on the same trains, but they are arrogant, haughty and reserved. One of them placed me have been born of poor parents. What on a side track last spring in the night. food the poor give their children is of in the milst of a pitiless storm, bea variety that goes to make strong cause I tried to renew a former acquaintance with him, and ride into Chicago with him.

Chicago with him.

He said that I could not ride on my acquaintance with him by any means, but that I would soon be riding on the small of my back if I did not pay my

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And so I remained that night in the midst of some ancient ruins called Monmouth. I was not acquainted in Monmouth, and I had no business there. Nobody ever had any business there that I ever heard of, and yet I remained there through what was left of that terrible night.

I often think that our forefathers did not suffer any more hardships than we do, and if I had fitted myself for it I would just as soon be a forefather as to be the pampered child of weaith that I BILL NYE. am to-day.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria,

### A Fourth of July Demand.

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A PLACE OF REST .- 'W here shall we go this summer, dear ?' asked Mrs. Flyaway, 'Well, let's see,' replies her husband, 'last winter we got malaria in Florida.' 'Yes, and the alligator got your pointer dog.' 'And the preceding summer we got rheumatism in the mountains?' 'We did, and the bears got my little Skye terrier.' 'And the summer before that we went to the seashore and got bled by the mosquitoes and the landlord ?' 'Yes.' 'And the summer before that we went into the country, and the children were laid up all summer with ivy poison?' 'I rcmember.' 'Well, if I felt as strong as I used to, I'd like first rate to take a vacation this summer, but I'm feeling kind of weak and listless, and I'm afraid I couldn't stand it. Let's stay at home and rest this year.'-Burdette,

#### in Brooklyn Eagle. Sir Walter Scott at School.

Sir Walter Scott, when he was a boy, had a hard time getting to the head of his class. He could get up next to the head, but the lad above him was too good a scholar to pass. Scott, however, If we moved out West in order to se- kept his eyes open, and one day he nocure more freedom, the venturesome ticed that the lad, when reciting, kept savage filled us full of arrows till we tugging at a certain button on his jacket. This he soon saw was a habit, so we came back for protection, the haughty | Walter quietly cut off the button when

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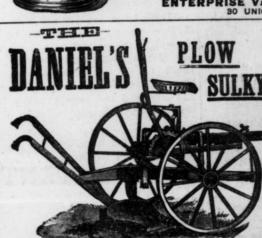
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