THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1937 THE BELLY STRAINED. TPLEMENTH PULL CONTRACTS THE DAILY EVENING

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Risdon's Story of the Lo-

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Risdon's Story of the Potten ploring Expedition degarded as a Hoax. From the Detroit Tri³, sume, July 5. as of the Powell Ex-

A few days dince the telegraph reported a startling rum a, from some point in the Far West, that Majo Powell and the whole of his party, engaged in an exploring and scientific expedition upon the Colorado river, and all been lost with the exception

an exploring and scientific expedition upon the Colorado river, find all been lost with the exception of a single individual. On Friday night the tele-graph furnished what purports to be the particulars of this loss, said to have been marrated by one John A. Risdon, the sole survivor of the expedition, at Springfield, III, to Governor Palmer, and so minute is he in the details of his statement as to have led to a general belief in their truthfuines. In the telegraphic reports as published in the Chi-cago papers of Saturday morning, purporting to give the statement as rendered to Governor Palmer, there are evidences of untrustworthiness which may be detected, and which become more glaring when real facts become known, so that we are justified in maying that the report of this man Risdon, teyond all reasonable doubt, is a tissue of fabrications from beginning to cud. Mrs. Powell, the wile of Major Powell, the head of the expedition, is no x in this city spending the sea-son of her husband's absence with her father, Mr. Dean, of the firm of Buhl & Co., and from her we gather facts that utterly faisify this story. The lead-ing features of Risdon's statement are as follows:--That he joined Major Powell's party July 10, 1805, at La Salle, III.; that on the 7th or 8th of May of this spring the party, consisting of about tweive indi-viduals, reached the Colorado river; that on the 16th or 18th of May the whole party, with the exception or Eichon, in sthe multic the colorado river.

ing air-tight compariments of six feet in length at each end, as a preventative against any founder-ing in case they should accidentally be thrown into any rapids. It is not, therefore, likely that he would have occasion to trust his whole party in a single "bark cance." Major Powell did not expect to make the Colorado until September. They were to embark at Green River Station, on the Pacific Railroad, and spend June, July, and August in explorations upon Green river, which is a branch of the Colorado. From these facts, and others that might be given, we think the friends of is a branch of the Colorado. From these facts, and others that might be given, we think the friends of those connected with the expedition need feel no uncasiness as to their safety. Neither need there be uneasiness for want of later news from the party themselves, as they took ten months' provisions, thinking it might be that time before they again emerged into the limits of dividing although emerged into the limits of civilization, although Major Powell thought they might come out late in the fail. Mrs. Powell says she shall feel no fear if she has no further word from her husband for ten months. The telegraph tells us that Major Powell's mother, who lives in Wheaton, Illinois, has a letter from him dated May 28, and does not credit the story at all.

Foreign Rtems.

-Some remarkable experiments have been made in France on the relative rapidity with which messages pass through a telegraphic wire and impressions are conveyed through the nerves to the brain; and the result established is that the electric message travels with a swiftness many thousand times greater than the physical sensation, which is transmitted only at the rate of thirty metres in a second. Thus, supposing a whale thirty metres (about 103 feet) in length to be wounded in the tail, a second would elapse before the brain would be informed by the nerves of the event, and another second would expire before the will of the brain could be conveyed to the caudal muscles and action be taken to resent the injury, thus leaving an appreciable interval for the escape of the offender. This theory is strongly opposed by Claude Bernard and other eminent physiologists, who affirm that the limbs can take care of themselves without instructions from the brain; and quote in support of their opinion the fact that if a recently decapitated frog be touched on the side with the point of a lancet, he will endeavor with the hind claw of the corresponding side to push away the offending instrument, which would appear to indicate the existence of nervous centres distinct from the brain. A still more curious and hitherto unexplained fact is that, if during the above experiment the claw be forcibly withheld from the part touched, the animal will endeavor to use the other claw for the same purpose. This experiment, which clearly shows that some process of reasoning is carried on in the decapitated body, and is an apparent contradiction of the unit versally admitted theory that the brain alone is the seat of intelligence, has excited great curiosity in scientific circles; and one shudders to think of the fearful massacre of frogs which is certain to ensue during the investigations now actively carried on with a view to clear up this physiological mystery.

-A few weeks ago a great "Turkestan ex-hibition" took place at St. Petersburg-great, not in respect of its value, but rather in respect of the sensation produced by it in governmental circles, as well as among the middle classes, the mass of the people in Russia being completely indifferent to Asiatic conquests. The exhibition had been arranged, under the superintendence of the Governor of Turkestan, General Kaufmann, by several of the official as well as unofficial representatives of the new settlement. Everything that could give an idea of the character of the country was brought together-zoological and mineralogical collecfions, military trophies, specimens of Asiatic costumes, writings, and paintings, photographic views of the most important cities, etc. The general impression produced by the exhibition was that Russia has made a splendid acquisition as regards the natural productions of the new country. Specimens of coal and raw silk attracted general attention, as being articles of which Russia is most in want. Coal is, in fact, the main question for the Russian settlement in Central Asia. Only a few years ago the Government paid as much as 20 roubles (£3) for the conveyance of each bag of flour weighing about 3 cwt, from Orenburg to the military posts on the Syr-Daria, a distance of 350 miles. Under such circumstances the maintenance of the Russian dominion in Central Asia would be quite impossible. Collieries give them the means of establishing communication by rail through the Steppes as well as by steamer along the Syr-Daria and Amou-Daria in con-nection with the Aral and Caspian seas. Consequently the Imperial family, who went to this exhibition en mosse, and who usually pay attention only to military trophies and curiosities, showed quite an unexpected interest in the various specimens of coal. The Em-



A FEMALE POISONER.

A Hotel Servant Girl Tries to Kill Her Fellow-

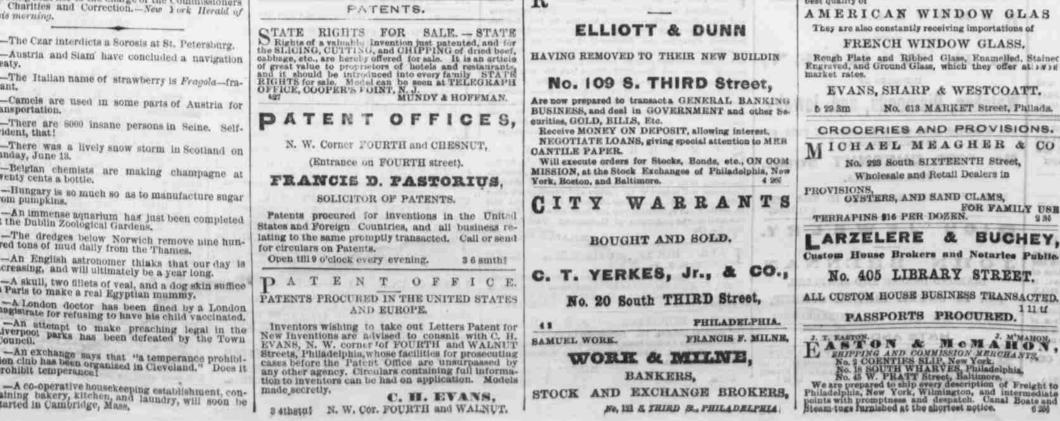
A fearful tragedy came very near being enacted vesterday afternoon at the United States Hotel, corner of Fulton and Water streets. One of the serwant girls having an antipathy to the other servants, undertook, it is alleged, to murder them by the wholesale through the subtle agency of poison mixed in the sauce prepared for their after dinner dessert. The following are the particulars of the case as they transpired yesterday afternoon before Judge Dowing at the Tombs, before whom the accused pol-

who gives the city of Boston as the place of her nativity and residence until a few weeks ago,

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neglected of late.

this morning.



eror also examined some specimens of Eng-NO. 910 CHESNUT STREET, lish printed calico for the markets of Central AT CLOSEST MARKET RATES, 3 15 Fifth door above the Continental, Phila. Asia, which had been imported by one of the Russian merchants, conversing at consider-OHN SMITH, N.W. Corner THIRD and CHESNUT Sts. able length with the importer about the LOOKING-GLASS AND PICTURE FRAME means which might be taken to supplant this material by Russian chintz, and expressing Special attention given to COMMISSION ORDERS MANUFACTURER, his opinion "that English calico is far too n New York and Philadelphia Stock Boards, etc. BIBLE AND PRINT PUELISHER, good and too dear for Asiatics." etc. 6 5 t12 31 And Wholesale Dealer in -The North German consuls in Japan re-AMERICAN AND FRENCH CLOCKS AND REGU-CLENDINNING, DAVIS & CO port that the establishment of a central gov-LATORS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. ernment, and the transfer of all the sovereign Also, General Agent for the sale of the "Eureka" Patent Condensing Coffee and Tea Poits—something that every family should have, and by which they can save fifty per cent. Trade supplied at a liberal discount. 415 Sm No. 916 ARCH STREET. powers to the Mikado, have not had the bene-NO. 48 SOUTH THIRD STREET. ficial effect on trade which was expected. PHILADELPHIA. "The total absence of rules regarding the circulation of money," says the consul at Yoko-GLENDINNING, DAVIS & AMORY, hama, "and of means of communication, press WILLIAM HOFMANN, J. on foreign commerce more heavily than ever, STRICTLY MUTUAL. At the close of the year 1868 peace seemed to NO. 2 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK be assured and the revolutionary movement Provident Life and Trust Co. No. 9 N. EIGHTH Street, Philadelphia, crushed; but already the large demand for BANKERS AND BROKERS. OF PHILADELPHIA. steamers, arms, and war material of all kinds gives plenty of ground for suspicion as to the OFFICE, No. 111 S. FOURTH STREET. Dealer in Hosiery Coods, supposed love of peace of the various princes, Direct telegraphic communication with the New Organized to promote LIFE INSURANCE among nembers of the Society of Friends, and make the approach of new conflicts high-ly probable." The consul at Hakodadi York Stock Boards from the Philadelphia Good risks of any class accepted. Policies issued on approved plans, at the lowest Office. Offers for sale a large assortment of Hosiery, for 12 25 reports that the constant riots and the unset-Policies issued on approved a Spiroton and S Ladies', "Gents', and Children's wear; Socks, three-EDYARD & BARLOW rales. tled state of Japanese politics have entirely quarter Soeks, and Long Hose, of English and Gerparalyzed trade in that town, and even man manufacture, agriculture and mining have been very much HAVE REMOVED THEIR UNDERWEAR LAW AND COLLECTION OFFICE -We have no wish to be too censorious, TNSURE AT HOME, more especially with reference to foreign parts, but there is a district in the Austrian IN THE Of Cartwright & Warner's manufacture, acknow-310 empire in which the most tolerant must adledged to be the bes imported. Penn Mutual Life Insurance mit there is room for improvement. It ap-Also, the Norfolk and New Brunswick, acknow-No. 19 South THIRD Street, pears that in the province of Carinthia last ledged to be the bes of American Goods. COMPANY. year the number of legitimate children born PHILADELPHIA, These Goods in all sizes, for 47 wely NO. 921 CHESNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA. amounted to 5858. So far so good; but we regret to add that the illegitimate births ASSETS, \$2,000,000. And will continue to give careful attention to collectamounted to 4410. It is, however, fair to Spring and Summer Wear. ing and securing CLAIMS throughout the United ICHARTERED BY OUR OWN STATE. add that no other portion of the Austrian WINDOW CLASS States, British Provinces, and Europe. empire, with the exception of the capital, MANAGED BY OUR OWN CITIZENS. Sight Drafts and Maturing Paper collected at shows a number of illegitimate births equal LOSSES PROMPTLY PAID. Bankers' Rates. 1 28 6m or even approaching the above. POLICIES ISSUED ON VARIOUS PLANS. The subscribers are manufacturing daily, 10,000 feet E MOV R A L. best quality of Applications may be made at the Home Office, and AMERICAN WINDOW GLAS at the Agencies throughout the State. [2 184 They are also constantly receiving importations of

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-Austria and Siam' have concluded a navigation treaty. -The Italian name of strawberry is Fragola-fragrant.

-Camels are used in some parts of Austria for transportation.

-There are 8000 insane persons in Seine, Selfevident, that!

-There was a lively snow storm in Scotland on Sunday, June 13.

-Belgian chemists are making champagne at twenty cents a bottle.

-Hungary is so much so as to manufacture sugar from pumpkins.

-An immense aquarium has just been completed at the Dublin Zoological Gardens.

The dredges below Norwich remove nine hunfired tons of mud daily from the Thames.

-An English astronomer thiaks that our day is increasing, and will ultimately be a year long.

-A skull, two fillets of veal, and a dog skin suffice in Paris to make a real Egyptian mummy.

-A London doctor has been fined by a London magistrate for refusing to have his child vaccinated. -An attempt to make preaching legal in the Liverpool parks has been defeated by the Town

-An exchange mays that "a temperance prohibi-tion club has been organized in Cleveland." Does it prohibit temperance!

-A co-operative housekeeping establishment, con-taining bakery, kitchen, and laundry, will soon be started in Cambridge, Mass.

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