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Your worship, that I mane ye, While I confiss, 'twas ra'al bliss,

A moment to have sane ye! That you should see the likes o' me. The while I stood adjacent. I don't suppose, although me clo'es

Was mighty clane and dacent. Av coorse, ye know 'twas long ago, I looked at jukes and such men, And longer since, an English Prince Begotten by a Dutchman!

Wid all me Irish shyness, I've passed the word wid many a lord, Much taller than your Highness! In token of allagiance.

But by my troth, and bible-oath!

As good a cup as ye could sup, Among them black Canajans; And wha'-d'-ye thi ik of christian dhrink, Now tell me that, me tulip! When thro' a sthraw your Highness saw,

The flavor of a julep?

And, what is more, we've got, galore, Such oysters-none can bate 'em! Ye'll bliss the day ye crossed the sav. When ye sit down to ate 'em!

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Thim haythen chaps, the nayger Japs, Wid all their curst expinses, Just tuk their fill, and left a bill At which the paple winces:

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Of dimmeratic fraydem! A privilege, be Jabers; Ye couldn't hope, were ye the Pope,

Until ye've got the papers! Well, mighty Prince, accept these hints; Most frayly I indite 'em; 'Tis luck, indade, if ye can rade As alsy as I write 'em!

And when the throne is all yer own, At which ye're daily steerin', Wid all the care that ye can spare, Remember poor ould Erin.

## Select Miscellany.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

"Come, Joe, tell'us what made you turn pale a while ago when Jack told us he had seen a grave, and asked whose it was?" "Bah, boys! turn pale, did I? There are circomstances in the lives of most men who live on the frontier, which, to have them recalled, will make them turn pale. And mentioning that grave and asking whose it was, recalled a fearful eyeut in my experience. But as the night is young yet, I will tell you about it; and perhaps it will be a warning to you never to trust too much to a stranger, or throw temptation in his way."

Thus spoke your humble servant some months ago, to a party of prospectors, of whom he was one. The following is the story to which I alluded above : Several years ago, I was out with a party

prospecting for silver, high up the Gila river.— We had been sometime without meeting with any success, and were returning to Fort Yuma, disgusted with the country. We had left the Pimos village a day's journey behind us, when we fell in with a man travelling the same way that we were. He was without grub or blankets, and said he was going to California. -As we had some spare males, we told him that if he could ride a pack saddle he could go with us as far as Fort Yuma. None of us liked the looks of the fellow. He had such a thoroughly villainous expression. But as he seemed so badly used up, we took pity on him and made him the offer that we did. He accepted without any hesitation. We found him taciturn, never speaking unless he way snoken to When we he would take the saddle off his mule and go off by himself, never helping to get the grub ready; and when it was ready he would come and pitch

in with the rest of us: am about to tell you occurred. We had camp- Then I quit the business in disgust."

ed at noon, and as the weather was very warm, some one proposed that we should all take a bath. All had felt that it would be a delicious amusement, bathing in the shade of the cottonwood trees which hung over the banks of the river. We stripped instanter, and were soon enjoying ourselves gloriously. I had a belt around me with several twenties in it, and took it off to give me free play in the water. I laid it down on my clothes carelessly, never thinking of hiding it from any of the company, as they all knew that I had the money, and I had no idea that the stranger would be tempted to

take it. As I came out of the water, I noticed the stranger looking very longingly at my belt, but thought no more about it. That night, from some cause, I could not sleep well, and when I would fall into a state of unconsciousness I was troubled with such wild-like dreams, that I would rather I had remained broad awake. At last, about midnight, I went to sleep soundly; how long I lay I do not know but I wakened suddenly to find some one kneeling over me and very carefully cutting my shirt open. Now I have always had the power (call it presence of mind, or anything else) of comprenending in an instant all that is going on around me, no matter from how sound a sleep I you are out.' may be waked. It is anything but pleasant to

wake and find one's self in the power of a desa knife into your heart. I felt myself in anything but an enviable situation, knowing that the slightest indication on my part of being awake would cause the villian to give me between the ribs the length of his bowie, or the contents of his pistol. For, although I could not see his pistol, I felt sure he had it handy. To secure my pistol without letting him know that I was awake, was a very delicate operation, and I attempted to accomplish it in the followmanner: my pistol and bowie-knife were both under my saddle, which I used for a pillow, I unusual tenderness, and said, threw my right arm up over my head, taking care not to touch the robber, and vawned as if I was half awake, but ready with my left hand to catch his arm in the event of his attempting to stab me. I had my eyes partly shut so that he could not easily see them glisten, but sufficiently open to see his every movement, which I could easily do, as it was a clear star-light night, | never will."

On the instant that I moved, he raised his arm to strike, and I was nearly betraying him my total abstinence from intoxicating drinks, in a and affinities of the soul, will mould the plastic being awake by throwing off my left hand, but | village where intemperance has ravaged as much | boy into a corresponding likeness. The body is some strong inpulse prevented me from doing hand over my head, with the same movement I | the doctor himself, when on a visit to my native placed it under the saddle end on the butt of my | village, not long since. pistol, which was cocked, ready for use. I lay in that position for about half a minute. but it seemed like an hour. By that time I had power over my breathing, which on first waking came very quick. As soon as he thought that I was sound asleep again he lowered his hand

and commenced operating on my shirt, clearing it away from the belt. Then I thought my opportunity had come, and tried to jerk my six shooter, but it was foul some way and it would not come. I thought my time had arrived, for as quick as thought he drew and struck with his knife. He struck at my throat. My eyes were wide open then, and I saw where the knife was coming. By a quick involuntary movement threw myself aside, and he must have overreached himself, for the knife struck into the saddle, and so tight that he could not get it out. In trying to get my pistol my hand touched the

cold silver hilt of my bowie. Instinctively I took hold of it, abandoning the low." caped I do not know; my face was blackened the safety of his property. He soon stuck his ed off, but that was all the damage done to me. the was progressing, and saw the English com-My blow, though struck at random, had proved mander swinging his hat and cheering his men. knife must have reached his heart, for as I drew his appearance again. Taking good aim at the it out to strike again, he fell on me with his whole | British captain, dropped him and again retreatgave one quiver, and stretched out his whole turning on the Yankee, he came on deck, and length, and lay perfectly still—stone dead! The stepping up to his mate, he said: whole transaction did not take three-quarters of a minute.

The report of the pistol had aroused the company, every man sprung to his arms. Some were looking for the mules, while others were you shot him!" asking who fired the shot, and where the Indiman off of me, for I was as weak as a child. A | but thought the mate did wrong to fight. couple of them did as I requested, while others threw fresh sage brush on the half smouldering camp fire, and we soon had plenty of light to see what had happened. I told the boys all about what had occurred. We found all the mules in their places, but mine, which was staked off the boy's saddle and bridle on her. I went in- from observations, must be remembered: to the river and cleansed myself from his blood, and then sat down by the camp fire, where I remained until morning, unable to sleep.

THE UNBURIED DEAD OF SYRIA. -Our Syrian correspondent writes that more than ten thousand human bodies still lie upon the side of Mt. Hermon, in full view from the Sen of Galilee and the Mediterranean, upon the Plains of Sidon, the ancient Phœnicia blackening in the sun, and their blood still cries out to heaven for vengeance. It is an Oriental custom to leave the murdered dead unburied until justice has been eatisfied, and although in Syria the effect of the climate upon a dead body requires its burial within twenty-four hours from the departure of the spirit from its earthly tenement, these bodies have remained unburied and in a complete state of preservation.

In the court-yards of the palaces, in the baracks, and wherever the Christian has fallen, there lies the body now, still awaiting the vengeance of heaven upon the oppressors and slayers of the Christians at Mt. Lebanon. Without entering into an explanation of the physical causes which have produced this mummyfication, t is suficient to say that the testimony of all confirms the statement. Wolves and hyenns have of course done their work, but in all enclosed premises the presence of the unburied dead remains a silent appeal to Him who declared, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." Boston Traveller, Sept. 22d.

The customers of a certain cooper in a town out West, caused him a vast deal of vexation by their saying habits and persistence in getting all their old tubs and casks repaired, However, though we did not like him or his and buying but little new work. "I stood it, actions, we said nothing, thinking that he had however," said he, "until one day old Sam some secret sorrow that we had no right to pry Crabtree brought in an old "bung-hole," to into. We had traveled two days when what I which he said he wanted a new barrel made.

MY WIFE IS THE CAUSE OF IT. It is now more than forty years ago, that Mr. L-called at the house of Dr. B. one very cold morning on his way to H-"Sir," said the doctor, "the weather is very

frosty-will you not 'take something to drink,' before you start?" In that early day, ardent spirits were deemed indispensable to warmth in winter. When commencing a journey, and at every stopping place

along the road, the traveler always used intoxicating drinks to keep him warm.

"No," said Mr. L\_\_\_\_, "I never touch anything of that kind; my wife is the cause of our neighbors every evening for the purpose of with glaring eyes and cheeks deeply furrowed playing cards. We assembled at each other's with lust and crime. The artist remembered shops, and liquors were introduced. After a his vow, and immediately painted a picture of while we met, not so much for playing as drink- this loathsome form to hang beside the portrait ing, and I used to return home late in the even- of the lovely boy. The contrast was perfect. ing more or less intoxicated. My wife always His dream was realized. The two of the moral

ly replied, "'I prefer doing so, for I cannot sleep when "This always troubled me. I wished in my heart she would only begin to scold me, for

perado who will have no hesitation in plunging | then I could have retorted, and relieved my conscience. But she always met me with the same gentle and loving spirit. "Things passed on thus for months, when I at last resolved that I would, by returning much intoxicated, provoke her displeasure so much as

to cause her to lecture me, when I meant to answer her with severity, and thus by creating another issue between us unburthen my bosom of its present trouble. " I returned in such a plight about four o'clock

in the morning. She met me at the door with are sitting for their portraits. The demon-ar-"Come in husband; I have just been making a warm fire for you, for I knew you would be cold. Take off your boots and warm your feet, and here is a cup of hot coffee."

"Doctor, that was too much. I could not endure it any longer, and I resolved that I would never touch another drop while I live, and I He never did. He lived and died practising | will find expression. The inmost loves, desires

it, and he held his knife suspended to give the That man was my father, and that woman my countenance of flesh and feeling. An old post blow had I made another move. When I threw my | mother. The fact above related I received from | has said:

## A QUAKER CAPTAIN.

At the time of the Revolutionary war, when it was very dangerous for a merchant ship to phia, had a ship which was loaded with a very valuable cargo, and he was very anxious to have with a fine leather ruffle; three pair of pearew, and taken care to get a mate on whom he could depend to manage the ship, our friend set sail to Boston. After being at sea six or eight hours, the mate espied an English privateer in chase and fast coming up to them. He informed his Quaker commander of the appearance of the English craft, and the danger of the ship.

"What shall we do ?" asked our friend. " I shall fight the rascal," said the mate. "Oh, no, I should advise thee not to fight. But thee must do as thee pleases I shall go be-

pistol and was nerving my arm when I felt the The commander accordingly went below and cold muzzle of his pistol against my forehead.— soon the clashing of musketry and the shouting for sale. I struck out blindly, and, as I did so there was of the combatants, and nothwithstanding his the stunning report of his pistol. How I es- friendly disposition, began to be interested for with the powder, and my whiskers nearly burn- head up the companion way to see how the bata severe one. My knife had gone into the left Our hero could stand this no longer, and stepside of his neck, inside of the collar bone. The ping back, he loaded his gun, and soon made weight, his blood spirting all over my face. He ed. Soon after, finding that the victory was

> "Has thee seen anything of the little noisy fellow lately, that was making such a fuss after I went below?

"No," says the mate, "he has been still since Our friend justified himself in quieting a noisy ans were. I called to the boys to take the dead fellow, and arrived safely with ship and cargo,

## PHILOSOPHY OF RAIN.

To understand the philosophy of this beautiful and often sublime phenomenon, so often witnessed since the creation; and essential to the about twenty yards from the camp with one of very existence of animals, a few facts, derived 1. Were the atmosphere, everywhere at all

> ed by it in evaporation from the sea and the earth's surface, would descend in an imperceptible vapor, or cease to be absorbed by the air when once fully saturated. 2. The absorbing power of the atmosphere, and consequently its capability to retain the

> humidity, proportionately greater in cold than

8. The air near the surface of the earth is warmer than it is in the region of the clouds. The higher we ascend from the earth the colder do we find the atmosphere. Hence the perpetual snow on the very high mountains in the hottest climates. Now, when by continual evaporation the air is heavily saturated with vapor, though it be invisible and the sky cloudless, if clothes in getting them, spoil many teeth in its temperature be suddenly reduced by cold cracking them, and fill no belly in enting them. currents of air rushing from above, or from a igher to a lower latitude, its capacity to retain moisture is dismissed, clouds are formed, and the result is rain. Air condenses as it cools, and, like a sponge filled with water and compressed, pours out the water which its dimin-

How singular, yet how simple, the philosophy of rain! What but Omniscience could have devised such an admirable arrangement for watering the earth. - Scientific American. The following is a very significant epistle to be presented to the present degenerate age,

shed capacity cannot hold.

which, if answered correctly, would be found t contain more truth than poetry: Is there a heart that never sighed Is there a tongue that never lied? Is there an eye that never blinked? Is there a man that never drinked? Is there a woman that never fainted? Is there a woman that never painted? If so, then heart, and tongue, and eye Must tell a most confounded lie.

## NO. 37. THE ALCHEMY OF VICE.

You have heard of the story of the Italian artist, who, meeting with a child of exquisite beauty, wished to preserve its beauty for fear he should never see such loveliness again. So he painted the charming face upon canvass and hung it upon the walls of his studio. In his somberest hours that sweet, gentle countenance was like an angel of light to him. Its presence filled his soul with the purest aspirations. If ever I find, he said, a perfect contrast to this beautiful face, I will paint that also, and hang them side by side, an ideal of heaven and hell. Years passed. At length in a distant land, he saw in a prison he visited the most hideous ob-"I had been in the habit of meeting some of | ject he ever gazed upon -a flerce, haggard flend. met me at the door affectionately, and when I universe were before him. What was the surchided her for sitting up so late for me, she kind- prise of this artist, on inquiry into the history of this horrid wretch, to find that he was once that levely little boy. Both of these pictures, the angel and the demon of the same soul, now hang side by side in a Tuscan galley. Kind reader, you need not travel to a foreign gallery to see the transforming power of vice upon the body. The broken-faced, wanton looking wretch of womanhood, was once a sweet, modest little girl, that blushed at the slightest indelicate allusion. That obese, bloated, brandy-burnt visage was once a joyous-hearted boy. What strange alchemy has wrought this bestial transformation? They have been in the hard battle

> tist of lust and intemperance is gradually moulding them into fiends. You may, our young reader, steal secretly into these hells of harlotry. Your kind parents and friends may little suspect your wayward proclivities. But be assured your sin will find you out.' Vice cannot long remain concealed. The soul has no place to hide it. Soon the foul flame, through some rent or fissure of the body, a flesh and blood statue of the spirit, and the

of appetite, and carry the scars of many com-

pains. In the basement cells of inebriety and

saloons of licentiousness many youthful forms

"For of the soul the body form do take,
For coul is form, and doth the body make."

## AUCTION | AUCTION | 1

To be sold on Monday, the forty-eleventh inst., by me, Joseph Annes, Esq , at Col. Bang's tavern in Bath-sale to begin at 2 o'clock, afternoon, or soon after breakfast.

straw breeches, a woolen frying pan and a dali- . 1 co wheelbarrow. Lor. 2 .- An excellent fur hat made entirely of sheeph's wool and hog's bristles, containing a complete history of my life, from my youth ap

written by my own hand and by my own self-Lor 3 -A handsome pair of steel stockings; six pairs of brass boots ready greased, and a superfine handkerchief, made of the very best swinging tow, with a great pudding almost as big as myself, composed of pea-straw and sawdust. Aye, this reminds me of a leather handsaw and a steel nightcap, which I likewise offer

Lor 4.—An iron feather bed, three silk hog yokes ready smoked and dried, and a lambskin grindstone-also three pairs of flit wiegs, four birch pudding bags, and a wheat-straw timamel, a muslin hatchet, and a pinchback swill tub; a mahogany poker, and a leather tea kettle; a canvass gridiron, a sheepskin warming pan, and a diminity hog-trough; also one pewter waistcoat, and a leather looking glass that I made for myself-faith.

To which I may add three satin chambers printed on the best type, with a pair of pigs ears. Going—going! OLD JIM BLAB,

Auctioneer As a weary traveler was wending his way through the mud in a far-west region of the country, he discovered a young maiden seated in the front door of a small log house. He rode up in front of the cabin, and asked the girl for a drink of water. He drank it, and she being the first woman he had seen for several days. offered her a dime for a kiss. The young maiden accepted the offer, and received both the kiss and the dime. The traveler was about to resume his journey, but the girl, never before having seen a dime, asked: "What am I to do with the dime?" "You may use it any way times, at uniform temperature, we should never you wish," he replied; "it is yours." "If that's the case," said she, "I'll give you back the dime and take another kiss." have rain, or hail, or snow. The water absorb-

> The following sermon, which is brief and to the point, comprises in five lines the entire truth, and nothing less: Our ingress in life is naked and bare;

Our egress out of it, we know nor where: But doing well here, we shall do well there. I could not tell more by preaching a year. CONTENTMENT. - Contentment consists not in adding more fire, but in taking away some; not in multiplying wealth, but in subtracting men's desires. Worldly riches, like nuts, tear many

Our progress through life is trouble and care;

-Andrew Fuller. BRENTFORD ROLLS.—2lbs. flour, 4 of butter. eggs, well beaten, 2 spoorfuls of yeast, about pint of milk. Make a soft dough and set it to rise. When light, make it into small rolls, and bake about 20 minutes.

Suffering others to think for us, when leaven has supplied us with reason and a conscience, for the express purpose of enabling us to think for ourselves, is the greatest fountain of all human error.

How many a man, by throwing himself to the ground in despair, crushes out and destroys forever a thousand flowers of hope that were ready to spring up and gladden all his pathway.

If you wish to learn all your defeats, quarrel with your best friend, and you will be surprised to find what a villain you are in the estimation of pour friend.