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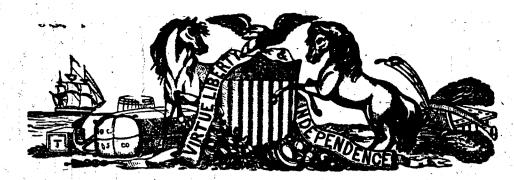
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And silent peace, a constant guest, Be with me while I roam. True friendship in return; With eye so meck and smile so sweet,

My heart for them shall mourn. For friendship true I fain would grieve. Though found in lonely cell. Or mountain cot, or lonely spot, Where sorrow 's made to dwell.

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THE MYSTERIOUS ORGANIST.

A LEGEND OF THE RHINE. "Kind hearts are more than coronets,

And simple faith than Norman blood.' Years and years ago, at a grand old "Yes," sobbed the girl. "Oh, Bercathedral overlooking the Rhine, there aptram, what a trial it will be to stand at peared a mysterious organist. The great youder alter, and take upon me vows which composer who had played the organ so will doom me to living death!" long had suddenly died, and everybody He was a tall, graceful man, with a pale but strikingly handsome face, great black, melancholy eyes, and hair like the raven's seem to notice the sexton, but went on playing, and such music as he drew from the instrument no words of mine can describe. The astonished listener declared that the organ seemed to have grown human-that it wailed, and sighed, and clamored, as if a tortured human heart were throbbing through its pipes. When the music at length ceased, the sexton has-

tened to the stranger and said-"Pray, who are you sir?" "Do not ask my name," he replied; "I have heard that you are in want of an or-

ganist, and came here on trial." "You'll be sure to get the place," ex-claimed the sexton. "Why, you surpass him that's dead and gone sir !"

"No, no; you overrate me," resumed the stranger, with a sad smile; and then, as if disinclined to conversation, he turned from old Hans, and began to play again. And now the music changed from a sorrowful strain to a grand preon, and the mysterious organist-

"Looking upward full of grace,

Prayed till from a happy place, God's glory smote him on the face," and his countenance seemed not unlike March 21-6m. No. 132 N. 4th street, Philadelphia. eyes like the violet in hue, and lips like with his retinue, stood the royal bridetacked to his store, in which he will serve on ICE CREAM
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The mysterious organist

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the melody lost its joyous notes, and once more wailed, and sighed, and clamored. "By my faith," whispered the King to his daughter, "this organist has a masteryour wedding!"

grief. Like one in a painful dream, she saw the pale man at the organ, and heard the melody which filled the vast edifices. Ave. full well she knew who he was, and why the instrument seemed breathing out the agony of a tortured heart.

When the service was over, and the away as mysteriously as he had come.-He was not seen again by the sexton till the vesper hour, and then he appeared in the organ loft, and commenced his task. remained till the worshippers had dispers- lage. ed, when the sexton touched her on the shoulder and said-

"Madam, everybody has gone but you and me, and I wish to close the doors."

"I am not ready to go yet," was the re-ply; "leave me—leave me?" The sexton drew back into a shadowy niche, and watched and listened. The mysterious organist still kept his post, but his head was bowed upon the instrument, and he could not see the lone devotee. At length she rose from the aisle, and moving to the organ-loft, paused beside the mu-

" Bertram," she murmured. Quick as thought the organist raised his head. There with the light of a lamp suspended to the arch above falling full upon her, stood the Princess who had graced the royal pew that day. The court dress of velvet, with its soft ermine trimmings, the tira, the necklace, the bracelets, had been exchanged for a grey serge robe and a long, thick veil, which was now pushed back from the fair, girlish face.

"Oh! Elizabeth, Elizabeth?" exclaimed the organist, and he sank at her feet, and gazed wistfully into her troubled eyes. "Why are you here, Bertram?" asked the Princess.

"I came to bid you farewell, and as I dared not venture into the palace, I gained access to the cathedral by bribing the bell-ringer, and having taken the vacant seat of the dead organist, let my music breathe out the adieu I could not trust my

he continued-"You are to be married on the mor-

"Think of me," rejoined the organist. from the king to the peasant, was wondering who could be found to fill his place,
play at the wedding, and I have promised when, one bright Sabbath morn, as the to be here. If I were your equal, I could sexton entered the church, he saw a stran- be the bridegroom instead of the organist; ger sitting at the crape shrouded organ .- but a poor musician must give you up! "It is like rending soul and body as-

sunder to part with you," said the girl.— "To-night I may tell you this-tell you wing for gloss and color, sweeping in dark how fondly I love you, but in a few hours it to be made between fat people and lean waves over his shoulders. He did not will be a sin! Go, go, and God bless you!" She waved him from her, as if she would banish him while she had strength to do twice as much freight as one weighing only so, and he-how was it with him! He rose to leave her, then came back, held

her to his heart in a long embrace, and with a half smothered farewell, left her. The next morning dawned in cloudless splendor, and at an early hour the cathe-

dral was thrown open, and the sexton began to prepare for the brilliant wedding. Flame colored flowers nodded by the wayside, flame colored leaves came rushing down from the trees and lay in light heaps upon the ground; the ripe wheat waved like a golden sea, and berries drooped in red and purple clusters over the rocks along the Rhine. At length the palace-gates were unclosed, and the royal party appeared, es-corting the Princess Elizabeth to the cathedral where her marriage was to be

solemnized. It was a brave pageant; far brighter than the untwined foliage and blossoms were the tufts of plumes which floated from stately heads, and the festal robes that streamed down over the housings of the superb steeds. But the Princess, mounted on a snow-white palfrey, and clad in snow-white velvet, looked pale around him, he sat with his "far-seeing" and sad; and when, on nearing the church, gaze fixed on the distant sky, a glimpse of she heard a gush of organ-music, which, which he had caught through an open though jubilant in sound, struck on her window, when there was a stir about the ear like a funeral knell, she trembled, and church door, and a royal party came sweep- would have fallen to the earth had not a ing in. Among them might be seen a page supported her. A few moments afous organist fixed his gaze upon her, and and she was obliged to return the gracewent on playing. No sooner had the mu- ful bow of the King, to whom she had sic reached her ears, than she started, as been betrothed from motives of policy. if a ghost had crossed her path. The Mechanically she knelt at his side on the bloom faded from her cheek, her lip quiv- alter-stone-mechanically listened to the ered, her whole frame grew tremulous. - service and made the responses. Then Office nearly opposite C. Jaggard's Store, Virginia st., Allin a long, long, yearning look, and then sive embrace, and whispered—

"Elizabeth, my Queen, my wife, look

Trembling in every limb, she obeyed Why did those dark eyes thrill her so? hand. Hark ye, child, he shall play at Why did that smile bring a glow to her cheek? Ah? though the King wore the The pale lips of the Princess parted, but royal purple, and many a jeweled order she could not speak-she was dumb with glittering on his breast, he seemed the same humble person who had been employed to teach her organ music, and had

taught her the lore of love. "Elizabeth," murmured the monarch, "Bertram Hoffman, the mysterious organist, and King Oscar are one! Forgive my stratagem. I wished to marry royal party had left the cathedral, he stole you, but I would not drag to the alter an unwilling bribe. Your father was in the

secret." While tears of joy rained from her blue eyes, the new-made Queen returned her While he played, a veiled figure glided in, husband's fond kiss, and for once two and knelt near a side shrine. There she hearts were made happy by a royal man

A Queer People.

Chambers' Journal, discussing a recent book of missionary travels in Africa, thus alludes to one of the tribes which are found in that terra incognitia.

But the strangest of all are the stories told of the Dokos, who lived among the moist, warm bamboo woods to the south of Kaffa and Susa. Only four feet high, of a dark olive color, savage and naked, they have neither houses nor temples, neither fire nor human food. They live only on auts, mice and serpents, diversified by a few roots and fruits; they let their nails grow long like tatons, the better to dig for ants and the more easily to tear in pieces

their favorite snakes. They do not marry, but live indiscriminative lives of animals, multiplying very rapidly, and with very little maternal instinct. The mother nurses her child for only a short time, accustoming it to eat ants and serpents as soon as possible; and when it can help itself it wanders away where it will, and the mother thinks no more about it. The Dokos are invaluable as slaves, and are taken in large numbers. The slave-hunters hold up bright colored clothes as soon as they come to the moist bamboo woods where these human monkeys live, and the poor: Dokos cannot resist the attractions offered by such superior people. They crowd around them, and

are taken in thousands. In slavery they are docile, attached obedient, with few wants and excellent health. A low mean was his only answer, and They have only one fault-a love for ants, mice and scrpents, and a habit of speak-ing to Yer with their heads on the ground, and their heels in the air. Yer is their idea of a superior power, to whom ther talk in this comical nature when they are dispirited or angry, or tired of ants and snakes, and longing for unknown food .-The Doko seem to come nearest of all people yet discovered to that terrible cousin of humanity-" the ape."

> One of the ordinances of the city of Paris fixes the legal weight of a passenger at 150 pounds. All who weigh over that have to pay double fare. We have always thought that some distinction ought ones, in our public conveyances. A bullock weighing 1,000 pounds always pays 500. Now, there is no more reason why an omnibus or car should carry a 300 pound passenger for the same fare as one who weighs only-100, than that the freight should be carried at'a uniform rate per package, without regard to size or weight.

We find the following in a late number of the St. Louis Democrat: "We learned last evening from reliable sources that the State of California has offered the Government 50,000 troops, and that the War Department has accepted all the furies. He is the concentration of them. The first order from the War Dopartment went out last night by the pony express. It directs four regiments of infantry and one of cavalry to proceed to Western Texas. It is stated in official quarters that the 50,000 men will reach the Mississippi valley within forty days."

An English lady, who went to make purchases in Jamacca, accompanied by her black maid, was repeatedly addressed by the negro shopman as "massa;" whereupon her sable follower exclaimed, with a look of infinite contempt, "Why for you speak such bad grammar Sabby? Why for you call my missus massa? Stupid ellah—him's a she!"

"India, my boy," said an Irishman to a friend on his arrival at Calcutta,

As we stand by the sea-shore and watch the huge tides come in, we retreat, thinking we will be overwhelmed; soon. however, they flow back. So with the waves of trouble in the world ; they threaten us, but a firm resistance makes them break at our feet.

A TALK ABOUT CATS.

Cats are ubiquitious! Every body has one. A household would be without one of its most important outfits if there were have become a demestic necessity and a were seated on a tavern porch talking, social blessing. In either aspect they may when an old toper named John Dbe regarded among the most interesting a person who is very loquacious when quadrupedal phenomena of the age. The corned but exactly the opposite when sowhile the irrepressible warfare she wages told him to "fire ahead," whereupon he with those pests of the house, rats and spoke as follows: mice, makes her an invaluable treasure.—

frolics of a kitten, that no one can wonder

childhood, and becomes an element of king reprimanded the philosopher severemore important moment in after years .- | ly and said-Surround the children with pictures, flowers, or even kittens, and you foster and strengthen the noblest traits of their nature. All these affinities are displayed, or brought out by but one branch of the race. The male animal, however, posesses none of the attractive peculiarities that distinguish his more gentle companion .-

He is a character of a far different type, and by no means so amiable. You find him an out door lodger, a sort of rover at jackass told me." large, regardless of all the laws that govern his feline partner, and a foe alike of all human and quadruped kind. His notes pitched in every key of the caterreached its culmination, and amid nocturnal schreechings, the yelling herd keep king made a very great mistake." up, the let-to-bed gentry get no rest. If "How so?" inquired the auditor anathemas dire invoked upon their heads ly.
would exterminate the race, there would "Why ever since that time, every jacksoon be no specimens of the genus alive. ass wants an office!"

return to afflict their authors, and in these veil hung low." he never dreamed of the awful perversion of its quiet hours by the shocking cadences of a legion of the squalling, screaming, snarling crew that make night hideous by their unearthly sounds. The most effective antidote for them when thus robbing the night of its dreams for the weary, is the logic of a shower of brickbats; a single application of ten, suffices. The house-dog is no match for him, unless he be a huge mastiff, for the cat's superior agility enables him to keep the most active our at bay. He needs but a fence to separate him from his foe, and

at any advance of the latter, ho is sure to give him a touch of his claws. The voice of Tom is like that of Sempronius, ever for war! His daguerreotype, taken at fever heat, would be the impersonation of a Bengal tiger in small clothes, and bears about the same relation to other quadrupeds of his weight, as does a pint of brimstone to a barrel of chaff. But it would require the pen of a Goldsmith or a Buffon to do justice to all the qualities of this rara avis-a few of them only being the

> In the Italian war, it is said, officers went into the army armed like privates; this being deemed necessary, on account of the introduction of rifles, to prevent the commanders from being picked off. Why should not this practice e initiated with us?

> The greatest pleasure of life is love; the greatest treasure, contentment;

say "what did you gain by it?" asked a gentleman of a Chelses pensioner. "Single blessedness, sir," he replied; "for aftor that, no woman would marry me."

his master need not be astonished if the hen with a wing and a hen without one servant lies for himself.

A more difference of a minion. servant lies for himself.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

Some of our exchanges have revived

the following old but good story: A number of politicians, some of whom none to caper with the little folks. They were seeking office under the Government, gentle nature of the female commends her ber, said, that if the company had no obto the highest respect of the housewife, jection he would tell them a story. They

A certain king-I don't recollect his Among the inmates of the treasury she is name—had a philosopher upon whose an especial favorite, and the young misses judgment he always depended. Now it are very apt to hug the little pets almost so happened that one day the king took it to death. There is something so sympa- into his head to go a hunting, and after thetic, so harmless and refreshing, in the summoning his nobles, and making the necessary preparations, he summoned the at the hold they get upon childhood. A philosopher and asked him if it would kitten in one hand and a doll in the other rain. The philosopher told him it would make the little girls happy beyond expres- not, and he and his nobles departed .-sion. Indulgencies of the social affections though in this small and comparatively insignificant direction, is attended with many advantages. The natural graces said he. They smiled contemptuously on nced cultivation as well as the intellecthim and passed on. Before they had tual, and whatever tends to enlarge and gone many miles, however, they had reastrengthen either, is worthy of considera- son to regret not having taken the coun-The tenderness exhibited towards tryman's advice as a heavy shower coming these cunning and lively creatures draws up, they were drenched to the skin.—out and developes the characteristics of When they had returned to the palace the

> "I met a countryman and he knows a great deal more than you, for he told me it would rain, whereas you told me it would not."

The king then gave him his walking papers and sent for the countryman, who soon made his appearance.

"Tell me," said the king, how did you know it was going to rain? "I didn't know," said the rustic, "my

"How, pray, did your jackass tell you?" asked the king.

"By pricking up his ears, your magesty," replied the rustic.

The king sent the countryman away. wauling gamut, ring out through all the hours of the night. They wont go home and procuring the jackass of him he placed till morning folks generally retire at about him (the jackass) in the office the philosthe period when Grimalkin's howl has opher had filled. "And here, observed John, looking very wise, is where the

"How so ?" inquired the auditors eager

A RECEIPT FOR CONTENTMENT .-- Try instances, the more they are expostulated to compute your artificial wants-the with, the more intense becomes their carnival. Gentleman Tom seems to possess under the list of "must haves" merely bea sort of highway commission. Having cause other people possess them, and not no home, he makes one wherever he can because you would not be quite as well off find a door open, or a larder unlocked .- and as happy in their absence. Try it for Regardless as he is of the rights of others, one week whenever your fingers are it can be no wonder that every hand is tempted to dally with your purse strings. raised against him. Hunted from society Record in your memorandum book what for his lawlessness he makes reprisals up- in view of this, you sensibly resolve not to on anything that falls in his way. He is buy, and see what a nice little sum will be an Ishmael among the brutes. When the left you for real necessaries. It is seldom poet penned those lines, "Night's silvery by these last that one is hampered and annoyed. Make the experiment, and see if it is not see. A just economy is not niggardliness; and need not be a miser in avoiding the extravagance of a spendthrift.

> It is said that while Senator Wilson was making his masterly retreat in Virginia, on being repulsed by a teamster whose wagon he sought to occupy, he protested in plaintive accents, that he was Henry Wilson of Massachusetts. The response of the teamster was to the point "Henry Wilson be d-d. I have kicked him off this wagon six times already."-Boston Post.

> A wag says he knows only one thing better than love, and that is to be thrown into a pond of mush and milk with the privilege of eating your way to shere. Our devil says "ditto."

ma. In most quarrels, there is a fault on both sides. Both flint and steel are necessary to the production of a spark; either of them may hammer on wood forburthen of this article.—N. Y. Express. ever, and no fire will follow.

-The less a man knows, the wider he wears his mouth open. It is as impossible for a fool to keep his jaws shut as it is for a sick oyster to keep his shelf closed.

-Dr. Holmes tells of "men se utterly mean, that if the archangel should offer to save their souls for a sixpence, they would give a sixpence with a hole in

There are two classes of disappointed lovers, those who are disappointed before marriage, and the more unhappy ones who are disappointed after it.

the virtues of mothers shall committee be visited upon the children, as well as the sine of the father.