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COMING BACK.

They say if our beloved dead Should seek the old, familiar place, Some stranger would be there instead, And they would find no welcome face.

I cannot tell how it might be In other homes, but this 1 know-Could my lost darling come to me, That she would never find it so.

Oftimes the flowers have come and gone, Oftimes the winter winds have blown; The while her peaceful rest went on, And I learned to live alone;

Have slowly learned from day to day, In all life's tasks to bear my part, But whether grave or whether gay I hide her memory in my heart.

Fond, faithful love has blessed my way, And friends are round me, true and tried They have their place, but hers to day Is empty as the day she died.

How would I spring with bated breath, And joy too deep for word or sign, To take my darling home from death And once again o eall her mine.

I dare not dream the blissful dream, Jt fills my heart with wild unrest, Where yonder cold, white marbles gleam, She still must slumber, God knows best.

MATTY'S COURTSHIP.

Things Were Mixed at First, But All Turned Out Well.

The picnic at Allen's Corners was haps, on account of a tremendous thunder-storm, accompanied by a tornado-like gust of wind and jagged streaks of blue lightning, that seemed to bury themselves in the ground. Horses and vehicles were brought hurriedly to the edge of the platform; the young people dispersed like a flock of sheep in various directions.

"I don't care," said Frank Warren, speaking between his teeth. "I wasn't having such a particularly pleasant time. Matty Vail was behaving very badly.

"It doesn't make much difference to me," said Miss Vail, with a toss of glaring at me like a Bluebeard the whole time. Such impudence, indeed ! And me not regularly engaged to him, after all. One thing is quite certain, I never shall be, now! And as for riding all the way home to Daisyville There's that little girl from the city; I'll just put her in my place. Her shoes are dreadfully thin, and she has Matilda I ry Dix or Sam Pratt?" 'Oh, Mat !!" cried Miss Dillon, Mat-

ty's chief confidante and bosom friend. what will he say?" "What he pleases-when he finds it

out." So, when Mr. Warren's handsome black horse was led up, shying and rearing in the uncertain glimmer of the lanterns and the flash of lightning, Matilda Howitt found herself, she scarcely knew how, in the seat beside the handsome young farmer. She sat quite silent, wondering if it was improper to ride kome with a gentleman to whom she had been formally introduced, and trembling, ever and anon, at boards at Ma'am Dunkley's! Matty the storm and her unwonted compan | Vail managed all that. You don't ionship, and the wild speed of "Black | mean to say you never found out?] Douglas," as he flew along the pitch- tell you, Mat and I had a good laugh dark, dripping roads. "Are you trightened ?" Mr. Warren asked, in a low voice, when they had gone a little way. "N-ot much !" faltered Matilda ;; and then she trembled more than ever, idly losing caste in his estimation. as an arm crept, slowly but surely, around her waist. But what was she what bitterly. to do. There was no back to the seat -and there was danger of her being said Sam, smiling broadly. "But jerked out, in one of those sudden they tell me the school-teacher takes it

gentle pressure around her waist. If said she. "Now, wasn't it !" "Well, rather so, I must admit," said the young husband. "However, Matty, all's well that ends well, you But there the current of ber reflect

know. And Matty Vail's practical joke has ended in a fine prospect of her being an old maid at last.—Amy Randolph, in N. Y. Ledger.

Saved By A Match.

Auful Plight of Two Prospectors in a Blizzard.

The most trivial circumstances sometimes changes, the entire current of a is room for reform, as hundreds of apman's life, and often the lives of men

can sleep together, and talk everything know how true this is, as one of them was saved from a horrible death by a wet much, and you needn't have saved match. The circumstance, as related tea for us. We had a lovely supper in by themselves, happened in the follow- his appointments are exconvicts, indicting manner:

One summer they concluded to devote and scalawags of every description. the whole of their attention to prospecting, and started, with pack-animals, for a section of country in Garfield County tain contingency of the campaign that that was at the time creating considerable comment among miningmen. They left the city at the beginning of summer, well equipped with all the necessaries the Republican workers in the State required by prospectors. The scene of were called to Indianapolis to meet Harction was reached without incident rison, Huston, New, worthy of any special mention, except, perhaps, the loss of one of their pack animals which was drowned on the Grand River while fording. They had

ing six weeks in the new country left, as they found nothing to suit them and, like a great many new countries, it that was reported to be in large quantities has, as yet, never been discovered. The two prospectors, on learning of the new fields, went in a westerly direction this way. and thoroughly looked the country over. Several good prospects were struck and the work done on them. It was now

The third day out they saw that a storm was brewing, and not wishing to be caught on the flat-tops, they rushed their animals through, but night came their animals through, but night came the storm was brewing and not wishing to be caught on the flat-tops, they rushed the storm was brewing and not wishing to be caught on the flat-tops, they rushed the storm was brewing and not wishing to the storm was brewing and not wishing to be caught on the flat-tops, they rushed the storm was brewing to the storm was brewing and not wishing to colonel Robinson, an old friend of Har-rison, became a candidate, and it is be-tinued for half an hour, Mrs. Bob before they reached a valley, and they were obliged to camp on the high ground. Everything was made snug Dodson gave \$250, for which his brothfor the night, and wishing that the er George was to be made postmaster at themselves in their blankets and laid were awakened from their sleep by the howling of the wind, which whistled through the trees under which they through the trees under which they son when the former got the office. camped. The heavens were black, and Some of Harrison's appointments are the two men knew the storm would disgraceful almost beyond belief. A soon descend. They had not long to wait before the first flake of snow fell, Indianapolis, was removed by the Demand the storm broke with terrific force. ocratic postmaster because he kept a No one who has never spent a night on the flat-tons during a snow-storm can form tre, Wallace, a Harrison appointee, has the mat-tons during assow-storm can torm the restored him to duty. Ben Bagely, a negro, convicted of the ruin of a young body. When Head Keeper Byrne walks that many families employ negro men comes. The two men were by this by Postmaster Wallace. Another aptime thoroughly aroused to the danger pointment is that of Ambrose Hamlin of their position, and longed for day- to be a letter carrier. He was arrested light to appear. By this time the for the betrayal of a fifteen-year-old snow was falling thickly, and was being girl, and only escaped punishment by By this time the for the betrayal of a fifteen-year-old whirled hither and thither by the ever-the payment of a large sum of money changing wind. Morning at last by his father. Harry McFarland, of dawned, and they started out in search Indianapolis, was appointed assistant of their animals in the face of the awful | foreman of the press room of the governblizzard determined to leave the country ment printing office. He has been no at all hazards. The progress was slow, torious in Indianapolis for years as the as the snow had drifted heavily, and husband of Mattie Douglass, the keeper when they came to where they had turn- of the most notorious bawdy house at ed their horses loose the previous even- the Hoosier capital. ng, the animals had left. A Captain Johnson, formerly an In-When the storm started the stock dianapolis bartender, has recently got started before it, and the time the pros- a nice, soft place in the treasury departbectors reached where they should have ment here. He was arrested some years been, the animals were some miles away. ago for the murder of a young physi-The men kept on trailing them, and, cian, but was acquitted on a technicaliwhen evening was approaching they were nearly played out, and made up ty, although many believe him guilty For many years he drew a pension for their minds to camp. It was a long and daisability which it was discovered he weary tramp, and when half the distance had before the war. The pension was was traveled they had to give it up, and cut off, but since his appointment made camp for the night under a shel- Blocks-of-Five Dudley has had him retering pine tree. One of the men was stored to the pension roll and secured for completely played out and could not go him \$1600 back pay. a step further, and, although it was bit-terly cold when the spot to camp was selected, he stretched himself out on the man, having associated with a low wom-Eli C. Homaday has been appointed ground thoroughly exhausted and cared an named Fanny Bates in the operation not whether he died or lived. His com- of a disorderly house in Terra Haute panion, being stronger, started to get some wood tegether, and encouraged his ceeded in swindling an old farmer of companion with cheering words. He Hau ilton out of several thousand dol-Howitt. Matty came to him with knew that if he did not get a fire started lars. For this he is still under indictpretty soon his partner would freeze to ment in Hamilton county. Dan Rans-It did not take long to collect dell, Marshal of the District of Columthe firewood, cut some shavings and bia, has appointed his younger brother have everything in readiness to start the to a position. The latter was convicted fire. He put his hand in his pocket, of robbing the mails, but was saved when to his horror the match-safe was from the penitentiary by a pardon from President Arthur, secured by Senator Every pocket was searched, but not a Harrison. Young Ransdell gave as an match could he find. He rifled the excuse for his knavery that he was keepockets of his friend with the same re- ing a woman and his salary was not ufficient to support her. A man named Rochester F. Robb has to \$900,000 towards the relief of the hall to its darkest corner, and then No. sult. The realization of the awful po- sufficient to support her. tition he was placed in struck him, and he knew that without a fire certain death been appointed a chief of division in the sufferers stared his companion in the face, if not Teasury department at a salary of imself. Once more he searched, and, \$2200 a year by Treasurer Huston. to his joy. found one solitary match in Some years ago, while Robb was a Bee his vest-pocket. The wind was still Line ticket agent at Terre Haute, he blowing and snow drifting. Would he succeed in kindling the fire? was the from the penitentiary. Soon afterquestion he asked himself. ward, Robb turned up at St. Louis, and Under a failen log he found some dry Colonel Ford, now general passenger withered grass and twigs, which he care- agent of the Pennsylvania lines, got fully put in his hat; he whittled some claims to Congress. him an uptown ticket office for the more shavings, procured more small Iron Mauntain road. In less than three twigs, and with a prayer on his lips months he stole over \$1500, which months he stole over \$1500, which knelt down, lit the match, applied it to Colonel Ford had to pay. He gets his The Kentucky courts have just de-cided aquestion which may be of interest the grass, saw it suddenly blaze up and as suddenly go out; but before it did one of the shavings had ignited, the present appointment as a reward for me dirty political work last fall. These are but samples of the kind of to many young men who are contemmen that have been appointed to office plating swearing off smoking ind have in Indiana and from Indiana. It not yet decided to take the moral plunge flame extended to the rest and to the twigs. When they blazed up he knew that they were saved. Logs were piled would be unjust to Indianians to assume that the appointments made in that lady of Lexington promised her grand- and left the other to follow at his leisure. on, and the hardy prospector turned his attention to his friend, whom he lifted State are any worse than those made son \$500 if he would stop smoting for a up and carried to the fire. The warmth soon revived him, and all that dreary in other States. Therefore the civil certain specified period. He accepted ervice appointments made by Harrison the conditions, but in the meantime the is a whole ought to be judged by those old lady died and left no provision for night the two sat before the fire, every now and again throwing a fresh log on, of Indiana. afraid to sleep for fear of being frozen When morning came the strom had APPLE CREAM .-- Six large apples; together certain of that. But he was Matilda Howitt made him the best of passed, and they started out after their stock, which, fortunately for them, they cold add the whites of six eggs well awarded him on the ground that the this is a sign of a hard winter, but it heart gave not an altogether uppleas-ant jump when she remembered that tional, that wooing of yours, Frank," found not far from their inprovised point in the wind of the goal and the wind of the

they enjoyed a substanial meal, and Animal Babies in the Philadelphia Zoo. after bucking snow a whole after oon they succeeded in getting off the flat-

Their awful experience they never will forget, and they are firmly convinced that a match saved their lives.

Harrison's Civil Service Shan

WASHINGTON, November 20 .- Day by day the hypocrisy of the Harrison Garden just now. The large cage in administration in regard to civil service the lion-house where Mr. and Mrs. Bob is being disclosed. It is reported that reside is divided by a partition of iron the president will attempt to keep up the deception in his forthcoming me but his protestations will not hoodwink anybody unless it is himself. But there pointments already made are simply disgraceful. To show this it is only necessary to glance at Harrison's own State, Indiana, where it may be presumed that he knows more of the personality of officeseekers than elsewhere. Among ed thieves, bawdy house keepers, scamps

These rotten and disgraceful Indiana appointments are explained by a cer-

elected Harrison. At one time in the contest it looked as if he was going to lose his own State. In great haste all Michener and others. The presidential candidate came before the meeting with tears in his eves and in a pathetic way told his hearers of the danger and made them under-County chairmen were told to go

they ticket through. In the event of success

Philadelphia Record.

Probably the proudest creature in the

Zoological Garden is Bob, leopard, who s now enjoying his first taste of the pleasures of paternity, and the fashion in which he displays his joy at the sight of his two tiny infant children is one of the most amusing sights to be seen in the bars, and husband and wife occupy separate quarters. In Mrs. Bob's apartment an opening in the floor communicates with a nest underneath, where the lady of the family and her two children spend most of their time in a bed of hay. Bob himself is exiled to the other apartment of the cage for the time being, much to his surprise and disgust, as he is manifestly of the opinion that a father should be entitled to the society of his

wife and children at all times. PAPA BOB WAS VERY ANXIOUS.

During all the days of waiting there since he was a mere kitten. His wife is ten years his senior. The twins just born are their first children.

FIRST GLIMPSE AT HIS CHILDREN. While Bob was perched upon his shelf last Friday afternoon, gazing inpostoffice that was not provided for in tently at the opening over the nest, Mrs. Bob's graceful head and neck appeared bowed ificiaries were in high glee, but some of to her spouse, who stretched out his claws them have been disappointed. Almost and swished his long tail violently. She the middle of October, and they con- the first appointment in Indiana was then disappeared. A moment later her the middle of October, and they con-cluded that it was time to return home. The jacks were packed, and they started across country for home. The route that they laid out took them over the flat-tops, as it was the nearest road to Leadville. The third day out they saw that a Then she retired for the day, and it was in the Garden. When tired of his acro-

back and claws the air. BABY SEAL IS A LITTLE FRESH.

The little seal that was born on the cook on the railway dining cars receive day of Johnstown's great flood has \$60 a month. In private families \$30 rown rapidly, and is now as fat as butter. The youngster is very frolicsome, are paid as much as \$100. The girl expast the pool the little fellow disports and Chinamen. The way to get a himself in great glee and makes a tre- Chinaman is to tellanother Chinaman mendous splashing. Although nearly six months old the seal is still an infant the trouble and expense of dealing with and is fed by its mother. The little an employment agency. An officer at chap, however, evidently thinks he is Fort Custer who had imported girl after cld enough to enjoy more independence, and he endeavors now and then to eat the within a month or two and simper out food that his father and mother teed up-on. Their diet consists of fish, which was at last advised by a friend to proare thrown to them in the water, and to cure a Mongolian. "I have one, prevent the little seal from helping him- said the friend, "and is a perfect jewel. self the father and mother drive him If you like, I'll tell him to find one for from the water at meal-time every day. you. Lest the winter should be too severe up-The officer gladly consented, and in on the young and tender child a neat little house has been built in one corner wife went to the kitchen to prepare dinof the inclosure, where he can retire in ner, she found a Chinaman, cued and extreme cold weather. The infant has white-vested, already at work among not yet been named, although scores of the pots and pans. She cheerfully regentlemen who have visited the Garden tired in his favor. About a week later, have suggested their daughters' names when the officer and his wife sat down to Head Keeper Byrne. The latter has to dinner, they observed that the heabeen obliged to tell them that names of that kind would not fit. for the past week, but an entirely new Pennsylvania's War Claims. and different one. They also observed that the dinner before them was much super-They Aggregate \$3,000,000, Which Unior to the dinners their late heathen had cle Sam Will Be Asked to Pay. supplied. They presently inquired of eir new heathen what had become of CHAMBERSBURG, Nov. 21 .-- Gover- their old one.

By Rail Across The Andes. A Duplicate of Our Union Pacific Road

in South America.

The year 1892 will probably be signalized in South America by a most interesting event in civil engineering and in international overland commerce. This will be nothing less than the completion of the trans-Andean railway, forming another railroad line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the first across the continent of South America. and it is now confidently expected that it will be finished by the beginning of 1892. The road is to run from Buenos Ayers to Valparaiso, a distance of 871 miles. There are now 640 miles of it finished at the Buenos Ayers end, and 82 at the Valparaiso end. Of the remaining 149 miles about one-third is practically complete, the rails being

The passage of the Andes is accomplished at the Cumber Pass, which is The two little leopards were born 13,015 feet above the sea level. The about a week ago, but it was not until railroad, however, does not reach the last Friday afternoon that either the summit of the pass, but pierces the mother or her offspring were seen. But mountains by means of a tunnel more meanwhile the kitten-like squealing than three miles long, at an elevation of that came from the nest made it known 10,450 feet above the sea. This makes to the keepers that there were some it one of the highest, if not the highest, small specimens of the leopard family railroad in the world. There is nothing in Europe to compare with it. The St Bob displayed the greatest anxiety and Gothard railroad is 3788 feet high, curiosity concerning his absent wife and and that on the Rigi only attains an the strange sounds that came from the elevation of 5753 feet. The grades are, nest. He climbed to the top of his cage of course, very steep. For a considerand peered down into the hole; he sat able distance the rise is more than 422 for hours upon the shelf in his cage with feet to the mile, or one foot in every his eyes riveted upon the nest, and in all $12\frac{1}{2}$. On this portion of the line a rack his antics he kept a sharp watch upon the adjoining cage. Bob is about five years old, having been in the Garden York Star.

Snapped Up For Wives.

It is Almost Impossible to Keep a Servant Girl in Montana.

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Perhaps the demand for domestic ervants is as generally unsatisfied in the Northwest as in any other section. writes a Montana correspondent. have yet to visit the happy, happy land where the servant girl problem does not exist as the principal source of domestic gloom, but here it is certainly to be found at its worst. It is utterly impossible to keep a girl. The female half of the population,

while large and growing, is still in a considerable measure the smaller half, and young women of every degree are quoted higher than they would fetch east of the Alleghanies. This remark may not be gallant, and yet it ought to be valuable to such young women in the East who feel themselves unappreciated. The cases are counted in hundreds

If they are worth their salt they go off batic performances, he lies upon his and get married often before they have earned the price of their railway fare Servants' wages are 100 per cent. higher

in Montana than in New York. The

are saved by the merest chance. Two gentlemen in Leadville, Col.,

"I'll tell you after the lamp is out,"

"You don't mean-

her lip. "You must have misunderstood him.

over. Rather prematurely over, per- Miss Howitt. "I'm sure he spoke plain enough.' "But you wouldn't accept a man who was caught in such a trap as that?" "A tra, ?" stammered Miss Howitt. "Yes-of course. He thought it was me. "Do you suppose he did ?" (in falter-

"There can't be a doubt about it." "Then, of course, there's an end of this matter," said Matilda, with a little uiver in her voice.

"No; I certainly shall not betray his

her curly head. "I've danced all I Matty Vail. "A pretty confidence ! wanted to, and Frank Warren has been | but do tell me just for the jose of the Leadville.

> Matilda was silent. To her it was no joke.

with him to-night, I won't do it. "That ridiculous Pratt. Of course, I

ing engaged was very pleasant. It was a pity that it had been so brief! "As good as engaged to Matty Vail, are you ?" said Mr. Warren, who had met Sam Pratt at the post-office next

ed ?"

ions was interrupted by the arrival of Matty Vail herself-"Martha Alida" was her christened named-in the company of Mr. Sam Pratt, a dashing cavalier of another village.

"It's not late," said Sam. "Can't I come in? Just for a little while."

"Nonsense, Sam," said the belle. "Oh, now, Matty !" "Nonsense, I say.', And Miss Vail

shut the door in Mr. Pratt's face with a laugh.

"He's not half so pleasant as Frank, after all," said Matty to herself; and then followed an interview with her unexpected guest.

"How nice" cried Matty. "We over, can't we? Oh, no, ma, I'm not

the woods. "Oh !" cried Matilda Howitt, clasping Miss Vail's hand, "I've so much to tell you !"

Matty's eyes sparkled. "What did he say ?'

this was love-

said Miss Howitt hanging down her lead.

"Yes, I do," whispered Miss How-

"He really and actually did-propose l'

"Nonsense !" said Matty Vail, biting

"Misunderstood, indeed !" retorted

ng accents.)

"But you tell me just what he said ?"

confidence. "Confidence, indeed !" flashed out

matter"

"I'd have you know that I have had a proposal, too," added Matty, brushing out her luxuriant blonde tressess. only put him off. I do think all men

Matilda Howitt made no answer, but no umbrella. She'll be glad of a she shed a few silent bitter tears after chance to ride. And I'll go with Har-she was in bed. The sensation of be-

day. "May I ask when this happen-

"Last night coming home from the

the usual experience that prospectors stand that it was to their interest as well have, and also the usual amount of as his own that they should bestir themtrouble with their pack animals. selves. After the first week they got used to

all the petty annoyances and took them, home, raise all the money they could in a matter of-fact manner. After spend- and make desperate efforts to carry the

they were to have the control of the patronage in their respective counties. proved to be a fizzle, and the mineral Carrying out this policy, every government office in the State was literally

sold, and there was not a crossroads After the election the promised ben- cautiously above the floor. She

"Don't be afraid," soothed Warren. "You know you are safe with me-in spite of everything !"

'Y.e.es," murmured Matilda Howitt.

"Matty !"

She was silent. This growing intimacy was beginning to be appalling.

"Matty !" accompanied with a gen-"Don't be cross with me, Matty. You tell me know how much I love you, my own one!'

"Oh, gracious me?" thought Miss Hewitt, "what will he besaying next?" "You will promise me to be my wife, Matty? It may seem sudden, but-Whoa, you villain !"

For "Black Douglas" had given a tremendous sideways jump, and required all his master's will and energy to subdue him; and by the time they had reached the Vail farm house, Matilda Howitt found herself engaged, the shade. by implication, to a young man she never had seen before in her life until tered. that day.

She jumped out, and ran quickly in- what I don't mean. I am here to conto the house. Mrs. Vail met her in firm my last night's words. Will you the hall.

"Where's Matty ?" she cried. "Who are you !

"I'm Matilda Howitt," said the girl. haved so badly, and the place where I hand. board is three miles beyond the swamp. Please, can't I stay all night ?"

"You're the city school ma'am, ain't her practical joke had turned into reyou, that boards to Widow Dunkley's ? ality. For, in her secret heart, she had Come in, and sit down and dry your loved Frank Warren as much as it was clothes. Dreadful shower, ain't it? in her to love anybody.

I do wish our Matty was safe at home !" But, then, thought little Miss Howitt, dare you to say such a thing? I country life is unconventional. In New wouldn't marry you if there wasn't an-York it would have taken a month, at other man in the world !' the very least, for a young man to And Mr. Pratt departed, inconsolscrew himself up to the proposing point. able. Did she love this man well enough to As for Mr. Warren, he never had certainly very handsome, and her gentle little wives.

picnic.' "As it happened, she came home with me" said Warren. Sam Pratt rubbed his hands gleeful-

"All that was a joke, old fellow, said he. "You brought home the little New York school teacher, who over it going home.

Frank Warren set his teeth tightly together. The girl who could enjoy "a good laugh" with Sam Pratt over such a practical joke as this was rap

"I congratulate you," said he, some

"Knew you'd be pleased, old fellow," terribly hard. Cried all night. Went home before daylight on foot, all the way to the swamp. Thought that you were dead in love with her. Didn't like the idea of its being a put up job.'

Frank Warren turned upon him with a sudden flash in his eyes.

"And who told you," said he "that it was a put up job?" "Eh?" Sam's gooseberry colored

tle pressure of the encircling arm. orbs dilated with surprise. "You don't Frank Warren went straight to the

Widow Dunkley's, and asked for Miss cheeks unnaturally red, and a restless sparkle in her dark gray eyes.

"I-I am very sorry,"she began "Sorry for what? Not that I asked you to be my wife, I hope" said the young man cheerily. She was not as pretty as Matty Vail. he thought, but she was dainty and delicate, like a violet blossoming in

"But you didn't mean it?" she fal-

"I am not in the habit of saying confirm yours. Miss Howitt?

"But I know so little of you, Mr. Warren "That's a disability which can easi-

"I'm here because he left me. I-I ly be remedied by time. Won't you don't quite know; but the horse be- trust me, Matty ?" and he held out his

And she decided to trust him. The village belle was discomfitted "Why of course," said Mrs. Vail. beyond measure when she heard that

"Engaged to you, indeed," she cried All this was very unconvectional. to Sam Pratt, with blazing eyes. "How

marry him? Well she was not al- cause to repent his sudden resolve.

or Beaver, Auditor-General McCamant, Attorney-General Kirkpatrick and everal members of the State Legislature, who constitute a Commission to lav before Congress the claims of the border counties of Pennsylvania for extraordinary losses incurred by rebel invasion during the late war, and to demand their payment by the Government, met here yesterday to organize and to consult with epresentatives of the border counties. The claims for the burning of Chambersburg and for the losses in other ounties aggregate about \$5,000,000. The State of Pennsylvania las made the reply. "Come up-stairs."

It is the intention of the Commission, backed by the united Pennsylvania delegation in Congress, to ask that the State be reimbursed for its outlay and that the balance of the claims be paid. The Commission effected a temporary organization. It will meet again at Harrisburg early in December and pro- am I not ?' ceed to Washington to present the

A Valid Contract.

in the matter. Some time since an old

"He no good," answered John. "He some washee, but no cookee. Wing Ting tell him go and he say me come.

It Was Raining.

Yesterday afternoon while the rain was pouring down a citizen left the post office to encounter an acquaintance who was also sheltered by an umbrella.

"Raining, isn't it ?" queried the first. "Hev? "Raining, isn't it ?"

"I'd like to see you a moment," was

The two passed up, traversed the dark

2 turned on No. 1 with;

"Do vou take me for an infernal idiot?" "Why, no, of course not."

"Do you suppose I'm carrying an umbrella around to keep the sun off at this time of year?'

"I'm carrying it to keep the rain off, "Of course.

"Well, then, it rains. You know it rains. Everybody in town knows it rains. Now you go on and let people alone

"But-but-" "That's all. You let it rain. She knows her business. You just attend to your own affairs and let the weather

alone. Good day, sir. And he went clumping down stairs -- Detroit Free Press.

A SIGN OF SOMETHING ELSE. -- Muskpayment of the debt. The yoing man rats in the Northwest are building fulfilled his contract to the leter and houses three stories high, with mansard then sued her estate for the \$500, which roof and bay-windows, and steam heat