Democratic Matchman

him ?"

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not the child we lost."

forced to accept it.

Bellefonte, Pa., June 6, 1890.

SLEEP.

While children sleep They know not that their father toils ; They know not that their mether prays-Bending in blessing o'er their beds, Imploring grace for after days.

While children sleep They never dream that others work That they may have their daily bread; When morning comes they rise and eat, And never ask how they are fed.

While children sleep They do not see the shining sun— They do not see the gracious dew, In daily miracle of love Is ever making all things new.

Do we not sleep ? And know not that our Father works With watchful care about our way ; He bends in blessings from above— His love broods o'er us day by day.

Do we not sleep? And never dream that others work, Reaping the sheaves that might be ours : We see not how the shadows fall, Which mark the swift departing hours.

Ah, still we sleep Our drowsy eyes see not the light, See not the hands stretched out to bless, See not that waiting for us stands God's kingdom and His righteousness. —Good Words.

FREDDIE'S FORTUNE.

I was a young doctor, not over-burdenened with practice, when I sat half strange conduct. dozing in my surgery one stifling Au-gust afternoon, and was roused by a child," I said. bustle in the street and a cry, "Here's a doctor! Ring the bell!

By the time the ring was answered I was wide awake and had my "profesfear.' sional expression" on. Two men came in, and one held in his arms a limp, senseless figure, a boy, sbout 3 years as if he had claim of kinship. His old, covered with blood flowing from a rare beauty, his precocious intellect, gash in his head. I took the little fel- and his loving heart had completed low in my own arms and carried him the fascination commenced by our pity to a sofa, while the men brought me for his suffering, weakness and loneliwater and seemed deeply interested in ness. He called us "Grandma" and all my movements.

A broken arm and the deep cut on the most affectionate caresses. the head kept me busy some time, but at last my little patient was made as comfortable as possible, and was moaning with recovered consciousness.

"Have you far to carry him?" I our house. asked one of the men.

"We don't own him," was the answer. "He was a running across the not afraid to leave my little charge with street and a horse kicked him over. Jim, here," indicating his companion, him while I was indoors, and he was very happy chatting with the good natured Irishman and waiting my "he picked him up, and I come along to help find a doctor, 'cause Jim can't coming. read. It was early in November, and moth-

"Needn't a-shoved that in !" growled Jim turning red. "Poor little chap, how he groans!" dainty velvet cap over his brown curls,

"I will give him something to quiet him presently," I said, "and will send Dennis until I was ready to start. I was making my final preparation for departure when I heard a piercing word to the station house it his name is not on his clothes."

The men departed and I lifted my scream under my window and Dennis charge once more and went upstairs to saying, "By jabers, she's fainted, the my mother's room, over the surgery. crather !

It did not take many minutes to en-While Freddie cried, "Mammalist her sympathies, and we undressed pretty mamma !" the child and put him in her wide bed. I ran out hastily to see an odd tab-

and they would tell me nothing of but the older one said, "can we see where my boy was buried—nothing but the bare fact of his death I—I—oh, I asked permission to announce their coming to my mother, and left the do not blame me !-- I was on my way ladies alone. When I returned, after to the river to end it all, when I met some five minutes' absence, I was Freddie.'

It would be tedious to tell in detail struck by the change in their faces. all the long conversation that followed, The younger one was pale as ashes, and the elder one had a set, hard look of but, authorized by Mrs. West, I called determination, as if nerved by some upon her husband's lawyer, and there heard her story. "I think," said the lawyer, confidensudden resolution.

I led the way to my mother's bedroom, where Freddie was in a profound slumber. The younger lady shrank est people I ever knew—proud of their back in the shadow of the bed curtains, family, their money and their beauty. but the mother advanced and bent over Carroll West was the only son, Lucy the only daughter when the old man died. He left a considerable fortune, There was a moment of profound silence, then, in a hard voice the old but Carroll has increased his share of

lady said, "I am sorry to put you to so much trouble. Doctor Morrill. This is very desirous of having him make a much trouble, Doctor Morrill. This is great match, and proportionately furi-A heavy fall started us, and I turned ous when he married a dark-eyed to see the young stranger senseless on seamstress, of no family in particular, the floor. Her mother spoke quick- and working for a living.

"Carroll," continued the lawyer, y. "The disappointment is too much for "had sufficient good sense to keep up her. We so hoped to find my grandhis own establishment until he went into a heavy cotton speculation that I did not reply. The delirious ravcalled him to Liverpool. Then he ngs of the child were still ringing' in left his wife and child under his mothmy ears as he pleaded with the harsh er's care, and before he went he made grandmother and aunt. I did not behis will. Now, doctor," said the lawlieve the old lady's statement, but, having no proof to the contrary, was forced to accept it. yer, speaking very slowly, and with marked emphasis, 'that will leaves half his fortuge to his wife, half to his having no proof to the contrary, was Long after my visitors had departed, the beautiful blonde still trembling and white, mother and I talked of their child, but in case of the death of the child, the half that is his goes to Mrs. West and her daughter Lucy. If the mother dies all goes to the child, to re-vert again to the Wests, if he dies with-"It is evident they want to deny the

out direct heirs." "I am glad of it," mother replied. We could never tell whether the un-"We will keep him, John. He shall natural grandmother and aunt would have a grandma to love, not one to have risked a legal investigation. The recognition between mother and child

So the Summer and early Autumn was complete, and the clothing we had wore away and Freddie was dear to us carefully preserved was fully identified. Mrs. West did not return to her mother-in-law. For some weeks she was my mother's guest and my patient, being prostrated with low nervous fever, and then she took the house next to the claim," he went on wearily after a our own, her own claim and Freddie's "Uncle John," and clung to us with to Carroll West's property being undis-

puted. We were warm friends for two years, and Mrs. West, senior, with Being blessed with ample means. mother and I had quite decided to for-mally adopt pretty Freddie when he had been a little longer unclaimed in the beautiful blonde, were occasional visitors at the widow's house; but when the violet and white took the place of crape and bombazine, I ventured to Dennis, my coachman, was very ask Adelaide West if a second lover fond of Freddie, and careful; so I was could comfort her for the one she had

lost, and my mother became Freddie's grandmother in truth, when his "pretty mamma" became my wife. Mrs. West is dead, and Lucy mar-

ried to a titled Italian, who admired her blonde beauty, but unlike many of is compatriots, finds the lovely lady er had dressed Freddie for the first time in a jaunty suit of velvet, with a fully able to take care of her own interests and guard her money against when one morning I sent him out with profuse expenditure. - Evening World

> Secretary Rusk's Seeds. Where They Come From, and How They Are Stored.

A Washington letter to the Chicago Times says of Secretery Rusk's method of handling the Government seed but

ment represents a certain potato that it

is sending out as probably the most ex-

cellent article in the shape of a Hiber-

nian tuber ever obtained by cultivation.

It never offered potatoes before the sea-

son, by the way. The germs of this wonderful vegetable will be sent to you,

if you make the request-twenty-five

ready to plant. Of course, the notion

is that the farmer, observing that the po-

tatoes grown from the twenty-five eyes

and in this shape are piled in the storage

lepartment of Uncle Sam's barn, which

is a big brick building just back of the

main structure of the Department of

Agriculture An enormous room ad-

oining is filled with pretty women sit-

ting at little tables and measuring out

seeds from sacks into brown paper en-

velopes. Some of them use quart-pots,

others pints, and so on down to a mere

thimble with long handles for such lit-

tle seeds as carrots. Obviously, too, the

envelopes differ in size. Each envelope

having received its measure full, is seal-

ed up and a label is pasted on it, telling

what seed it contains, giving directions for planting them, and saying at the

the seeds turn out. Finally the pak-

ets are put in bundles of fives and tens,

and after being addressed they are sent

off in this shape. If you ask simply for "some vegetable and flower seeds" you

will probably receive ten envelopes of

ple bundle of ten vegetables would very likely contain a quart of corn, half a

pint of beans, half a pint of peas and

kin, tomato, pepper, radish, cucumber

and beet, Quarts are also given of buckwheat and lawn-grass. Separate

room in the barn is devoted to the put-

Vitriol-Throwing Fiends.

ERIE, May 26 .- A few weeks ago vit-

Fischer, and, when Miss Anna Fischer

ting up of flower-seeds, which are pur-

ome small envelopes of cabbage, pump-

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you

À sam-

It is desired to know, you see,

bottom : "Please report results."

the former and five of the latter.

'eves" in a wooden box-all cut up and

Back to Her Side.

the Committee on Credentials when ap-An old, dilapidated prairie schoorer pointed by the Convention, which Co or camper's wagon came cracking through the December wind, bound mittee, after hearing the statements and through evidence offered on behalf of the delewestward. As it came nearer in its gate and contestant, shall make report slow course across the plain I saw that to the Convention for its consideration the horses were thin and spiritless, and and action. Each person furnishing a the driver, who sat on the rough board certificate of election attested by the seat beneath the faded and torn canvas County Committee which is recognized cover, was as woe-begone as they. as legal and regular by the State Central He had once been a good-looking

man, but his sad face and unkept clothrights and privileges of a delegate to or ing told too well the tale of sorrow or member of the Convention until he disappointment. shall have been unseated by the action of the Convention upon the report of "How far is it to the next town ?" he

asked as he came opposite me. "About five miles "How is the road ? Can I get there

pefore night ?"

"I am afraid not, without hurrying. tion directly affecting the title to his The clouds were skimming across the own seat to the Convention. Contestsky and a storm seemed riding on the back of the north wind that blew fierceants shall not be permitted to participate in the proceedings of the Convention, ly over the prairie. unless declared elected or seated by the "Guess I'll go on, though" he ejacuaction of the Convention upon the related after having considered a moment. Then he alighted from the wagon and port of the Committee on Credentials .--Hazelton Plain Speaker, May 20. 1890. commenced fixing a broken strap of the

harness with some cord he drew from the wagon box. "What's your hurry? Where are you

going ?" were my inquiries. "I'm goin' to Smith county," he replied, wearily, as he thought of the long trip, almost to the foot of the Rockies,

"an' I must get there before the first of the month.

"Why, got some land there ? "No, not exactly, but something better. I lived there two years ago-Mary

and I. The hot winds came and the sketches, showing the "festive bivalve" times were hard for us. We worked in its various stages of evolution, as well night and day, but there wasn't no use -the sun dried up the ground and we alincuding starfish, drills, boring sponges, crabs and the like. The society also had an exhibition of most gave up. Then Mary died, she wes my wife, you know," he said, in half apologetic words. "She helped all she

could but her strength wouldn't hold out.' "And you were left alone ?"

"Yes, so much alone that I buried her all myself on our little claim an' then

started for the old home back east to try an' make a livin'. I lost my right to pause, "but I didn't care much, except that she was there." "Now I must go through and see to it.

"Do you expect to get it back ?" "Not all of it ; I don't want it. But they tell me the land is all bein' plowed up in that neighborhood, an' I'm afraid they'll plow over her grave." "And so you'll buy the land ?"

"A little of it -that-that holds her. I kin make a livin' I know, an' I'll stay by her side till the end. It seemed like the sun went out when she left me here." He resisted all my efforts to induce

hurry, he said. And the last I saw of him he was urgon the tired horses toward the angry western sky, eager to reach the grave o the one he loved so well.

Humble in station though he, was rude though his surroundings, his lonely vigil on the far western prairies, with the wide spreading sea of grass around and only the tiny mound of earth to attract his lonely heart, has often seemed a picture worthy of a true artist's touch.

> of oyster food. en an ovste

The Summer at Atlantic City.

The prospect for a brilliant summer eason at Atlantic City were never so bright as at the present time. The extraordinarily liberal patronage which it has gained during the winter and spring eason, largely due to the magnificent transportation facilities maintained by the Pennsylvania Railroad, is still manifesting itself in the well-filled hotels, which bid fair to hold their visitors Committee, shail be entitled to all the well through the early summer season. The city by the sea is in better condition to entertain and amuse its friends than ever before.

the Committee on Credentials, Provided, New hotels have been built, and older however, that no delegate shall be perones remodeled and enlarged. The mitted to vote upon the report of the great ocean boulevard has been com-Committee on Credentials or any quespleted, so that Atlantic City now posesses the handsomest and most atiractive ocean front of any seaside resort in America. All indications point to the argest summer season in the history of the place.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has kept well in line with the spirit of improvement which has pervaded the eashore. Its facilities for promptly and comfortably handling large numbers of people have been increased so as to sup-ply any possible demand; the road-bed of its double line has been improved

greatly, and the terminal facilities both at Philadelphia and Atlantic City have been enlarged and improved. The bet-A very able paper was read recently by Professor Bashford, dean of the Col-lege of the City of New York, before the Microscopical Society, on the Long Isterment of the tracks will enable the management to materially reduce the time between the Delaware River and land oyster. The Professor illustrated his lecture by a series of blackboard sketches, showing the "festive bivalve" the sea, and the summer schedule will present the quickest, best equipped, safest, and most satisfactory service of trains for everybody, ever enjoyed by the host of Atlantic City's summer paas the numerous ills to which he is heir, trons. The comprehensive system of excursion tickets leading from all points on the Pennsylvania System will be oysters in great variety from various available, as in the past years, at the exceptionally low rates that have herequarters of the globe. An oyster from Calcutta was shown measuring two feet in length. There was also shown a fishtofore prevailed. It would be well for our readers to remember that a summer erman's rubber boot, to which there trip that does not include Atlantic City were attached some five hundred small acks the spice that would make it memoysters in various stages of development. The oyster, according to Professor Bashford, is provided with a heart, orable

Remedy For Sour Stomach.

sorbing its food constantly day and night. In its infancy the frolicsome The domestic remedy for "sour stomch" is soda or saleratus. These agents pivalve is unsettled and giddy, floating are considered harmless, and oftentimes about in an uncertain way until it finds quite large doses are taken. The habit of taking them or other alkalies after eat some congenial spot in the way of a rock or a water-logged boat on which to fasting is a questionable one. The digestive en. It then settles down and passes the ingredient of the gastric juice is active remainder of its days in reflection and only in the presence of an acid. If al-kalies are taken into the stomach in considerable quantities the acid fluids therein are nutralized and the natural consequence is, digestion stops for a time. Experiments made by Dr. Bourget, of France, has shown that the use of pepsin, the once popular remedy for digestive disturbances, is of little val-ue. Instead of using soda or other alkalies in sour stomach, it is best to drink hot water, or to take five or ten drops of diluted hydrochloric acid in a glass of water. Both of these stimulate he mucus membrane of the stomach and prevent the formation of troubleome acids

The Census Inquisition.

-Detroit Free Press.

the gratification of its abnormal appetite. Oysters that are dipped in fresh water after being taken from their beds are prone to dropsy. They are fat and juicy and command high prices. But this is a delusion and a snare, as they have

him to remain for the night. He must merely absorbed a lot of water in thelr fresh water bath. In France oysters are fed on a green plant which causes them to assume a greenish tint. These ovsters are highly prized by the Parisians. The oysters of the Great South Bay, Long Island, the "Blue Points," are the

prize winners in the way of quality. This is owing to certain conditions which only a thorough scientist could ever hope to understand. One reason is that South Bay water has the correct proportion of salt for the propagation of

clothing. There was none, and when I saw this I spoke frankly, "Mother, there is just one chance for the little fellow's life, and that is perfect quiet. He will have fever, probably be delirious, and to carry him to a hospital. or even to his own home, may be fatal. I will send to the station house and then-

"You know I will nurse him. John." my mother said. "If his mother comes she must do as she thinks best, but, until she does come, le we him to me.'

I wrote a description of the child's long brown curls and brown eyes, of the delicate suit of clothes in which he was dressed, and sent it to the station house. No call being made in three days I advertised him for a week, and still he was not claimed. It was very strange, for the child's pure, delicate skin and dainty clothing seemed to mark him as the child of wealth.

patient was struggling hard for life sible. against fever and injuries. He was ly for "Mamma-pretty mamma!" begging her not to go away, and making our hearts ache by often crying, "Oh, Aunt Lucy; don't beat Freddie! Freddie will be good !" or, "Grand-ma, grandma, don't !" in cries of extreme terror.

the child had won a fond place in her warm heart.

"He has been ill-treated, John, the pretty darling !" she would say. "I hope the cruel people who could hurt such a baby will never find him again."

The second week of his stay with us was closing and Freddie had regained his reason and was on the road to recovery, when one morning a carriage dashed up to my door and two ladies alighted.

They wore rustling silks of the latest fashion and were evidently mother and daughter. The younger lady was very beautiful, a perfect blonde and dressed in exquisite taste.

"Dr. Morrill?" inquired the elder lady. I bowed.

"We called in answer to an advertisement regarding a child, my grandson. You will probably think it strange we have not been here before, but we were obliged to leave town the day before he was lost and have just returned. The nurse who had him in charge ran away, and while we supposed him safe at home he has been lying in a hospital,

perhaps dving.' "We were nearly distracted on our

return," said the young lady, "when him at once, leaving my boy with my we missed our darling; but an inquiry at the station house sent us here. The officer also showed us your advertisement. Where is our dear child ?"

"He is here," I answered, "under he had a relapse. During all his ill-my mother's care, and, I am happy to ness I heard only twice of Freddie say, doing well."

An unmistakable look of disappoint- had been killed in the street. ment crossed the faces of my visitors,

hoping to find some mark upon his leau. Dennis was supporting in his strong arms a slender figure in mourning, half leaning on the shafts, while Freddie clung to her skirts, sobbing, "Mamma-mamma." "Bring her in, Dennis," I said. "I'll do that same, sur," was the re-

dy, as Dennis lifted the liftle figure like a feather weight, and crossing the pavement came into the surgery. I shut out the curious people who followed, and Freddie clung fast to the black dress, never ceasing his load cries of "Oh, mamma! It is my mamma !'

are superior to any others of his crop, will keep them for seed, and other agri The sound rang through the house. cultural persons in his neighborhood will reaching my mother's ears as she sat obtain from him specimens of the vegeta in her room. She came hurrying down ble for planting, the product of all that particular district being in this way imthe stairs and entered the surgery just as Dennis deposited his burden in an proved. Such, indeed, is the whole arm chair. Comprehending the situaidea and purpose of the seed distribution tion at a glance, mother tenderly re--that the vegetables and flowers grown moved the heavy crape veil and bonin this country shall be as good and pretty of their kinds as possible. net, loosening a shower of brown curls But while he lay unknown, my little round a marble-white face, still insen-The seeds bought of the farmers by the agent are sent to Washington in bags

At that moment the stranger opened delirious for many days, calling pitiful- a pair of large brown eyes, as brown and as soft as Freddie's own, and murmured, in a faint voice : "Freddie! Did I see my boy?"

Then her eyes fell upon the child and in a moment she was on her knees before him clasping him to her heart, kissing him, sobbing over him till Mother would get so excited with in- mother broke out crying too, and I was dignation over those cries, that I saw obliged to assume my "professional expression" by sheer force of will.

"Come, come," I said gently, "Freddie has been very ill, and can not bear so much excitement." This quieted the mother in an in-

stant, and she rose, still holding the child's hand in her own.

"It is my boy !" she said, looking into my face "Freddie," I asked, "is this mam-

ma?" "Yes," said the little fellow, decidedly; "of course it is. My own pretty

mamma come from heaven !" "Come from heaven !" she repeated with ashy lips and gasping breath. "They told me he was dead, my boy, my Freddie-that he was run over and

killed! The nurse saw him fall under the horse's feet." "But you see he was not killed,'

mother said in a gentle tone; "but is well and strong again. And then motioning me to keep si-

chased from the big seed houses. lent, mother told the widow of the child's injuries and recovery, of his winning ways, and our love for him.

"I must tell you first who I am," our visitor said. "I am the widow of

Carroll West, who died of cholera in Liverpool oaly two weeks ago. "When I heard he was ill I went to

neck and breast. The young lady was badly disfigured, but her affianced hushusband's mother and sister. I knew band was shot the same night by the they were not very found of him, but I fiends, whom he was running down. had no choice. I found my husband The young lady's father has been warnvery ill, but he was recovering, when ed by the "White Caps" that the vitriol

was intended for him and that he must leave the country. once that he was well, once that he

excitement and the authorities have tak-"I came home only two days ago, en the matter in hand.

How Contests are Determined. nees. All the seeds now being distribut. ed are exceedingly fine, and the depart-

The officers of the Democratic State ommittee complain that proper attenion has not been paid to the rules regulating the making out of credentials and notices of contest. We publish rule 12 at their request and would advise all other Democratic paper to do the same. Section 1.- Each person, elected a delegate to the State Convention, shall, ob tain, in duplicate, a certificate of his election, signed by the officers (or a ma-jority of them) of the County Convenion, County Committee, Representative Convention, or other body duly authorzed and recognized as having jurisdic ion of the election of delegates of the

State Convention, certify that they were the officers of the Convention. Committee, or other duly authorized body; to the time and place of the elec-

tion; and that the person named therein as delegate was fairly, regularly and duly elected. Such certificate shall be duly executed and sworn to by said officers before a notary public, magistrate or justice of the peace, and certified to under his official seal in the presence of the Convention, Committee, or other duly authorized body.

Section 2.-When a delegate is selected by any other duly authorized body than the County Committee, it shall be necessary for him to procure, in addition to the foregoing and it shall be the duty of the County Committee to furnish a certificate, in duplicate, executed and sworn to by the officers (or a majority of them) of the County Committee, be fore a notary public, magistrate or justice of the peace, certifying that to the best of their information, knowledge and belief, such delegate was fairly, regularly, and duly elected according to the rules of the Democratic Party, and that he was elected by the County Convention, Representative Convention, or other duly authorized body which is

recognized as legal and regular by the State Central Committee of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania. When such delegate is selected by the County Committee, the certificate of election must also state that the delegate was selected by the County Committee which is recognized as legal and regular by the State Central Committee. Section 3 .- It shall be the duty of

the State Central Committee as soon as the duplicate as his credentials as a member of the Convention. The Chairman of the State Central Committee shall not place the name of any person upon the roll of delegates until furnished with

riol fiends visited the home of John such certificate; and no certificate shall be received, filed or recognized, except responded to the bell, she received a those duly executed and sworn to quantity of oil of vitriol on her face, the officers of the County Committee which is recognized as legal and regular

by the State Central Committee. Section 1.-Any person desiring to contest the seat of a delegate, shall be required to give notice, in writing, of such intention, together with the grounds of contest, to the Chairman of the State Central Committee, within ten The affair has created a great deal of days of the date upon which the election was held; and such person shall, upon giving such notice, be accorded an op-

mud it becomes disgusted with life, and after several days of a mud diet it finalv shuffles off this mortal coil and lays the foundation of an "ancient oysten

portunity of having his claims heard by

Habits of the Oyster.

How He Lives and Breathes-Youthful

Wanderings and Destiny.

tomach, muscles and a breathing ap-

paratus. It is an incessant feeder, ab-

The lot of the oyster is not a happy ne. It is not spiteful and is always be ng imposed upon. The starfish doses it with poisonous acid, the boring sponges fill its shell full of holes : small rabs crawl into its shell and make hemselves at home; other denizens of the deep smoother it. and finally man comes along, jabs a fork into its live and unresisting body and swallows it whole.

The Connemara Girl.

Her Dress, Her Food, Her Charm and Her One Dream in Life.

en petticoats woven by herself, and over coat reachs only half way down her calves. The stride of this child of the bog is amazonian, yet very graceful. for manure, turf for the fire, and water. Sometimes she carries the turf a distance of two miles on her back in a wicker basket. Her load usually weighs about 100 pounds. Her stockings have no soles and she is too poor to buy shoes. But she wears the legs to protect her coat, wet with sea water, slaps against

them. Her hand resemble tanned leather, they are so hardened by toil. The brown cow that browses in the such vigorous health are not seen in infirmities. America. In the evening after this maiden has worken like a donkey, she (boiled potatoes), nothing else. Her father and mother may drink a cup of Connemara girl heaps on the turf, for each person elected a delegate to file there is plenty of it there, and nods hersuch certificate with the Chairman of self to sleep in the chimney nook. Or, it may be, if there are visitors or neighpracticable after his election retaining bors in the house, she will lilt or hum for them to dance by on the hearthstone. This lilt is one of the quaintest things heard in Ireland. The sounds resemble closely those of an Irish pipe. They are produced by the vocal organs in conjunction with the tongue. They are usually very rapid, and the lilter catches her breath frequently.

And what do you suppose the Conne-mara girl's dream by night and by day 'Tis that she may gather \$20 together so that she can go to America. the land of catarrh and pneumonia; of indoor work, where she will lose her satiny skin and splendid vigor; where here eyes will ache for a sight of the Twelve Pinns of Connemara; wherebut, pshaw ! she'll cross the sea when she gets her passage money .- New York Sun.

Philadelphia Record.

Before many days the census-takers will make their rounds and ask the peo-ple the names of the acute or chronic liseases with which they may be afflicted; whether they be defective in mind, sight hearing or speech; whether crippled, maimed or deformed, with the name of the defect ; whether a prisoner, convict. nomeless child or pauper; and if their lands and homes be mortgaged, for what purpose the money obtained on mortgage was spent. It may be 'aken for grant-ed that multitudes of persons of both sexes will flatly refuse, for various reasons, to answer these impertinent ques-tions; and, therefore, the statistics that will have been gathered with so much pains will be absolutely worthless for any good purpose. Imagine a delicate and sensitive maiden revealing, under penalty of the inquisition, the nature of ome secret and malignant disease which

The Connemara girl! She weighs she has sought to hide from all the bout 180 pounds. She wears two wool- | world ! What answer could an idiot make to an idiotic questionas to his mental sanher head and serving the purpose of ity? Who is going to tell whether he h: a both as shawl and hood, is a white some secret deformity of person, with its petticoat, held in place with her left nature and cause? In nine cases out of hand under her chin. The red petti- ten in which such mental and physical defects may exist the answer, if given. would be talse; and the census would be a vast monument of misleading Her days are spent in carrying seaweed statistics, far worse than no statistics at all.

There is no doubt that most American people might answer all these questions without hesitation and without shame. But there are many who could not, and who will not; and it is these who are entitled to protection from the Paul Pry calves when the edge of the heavy petti- methods of the Census Bureau. If they do not want to tell the census enumer ator the number of their chronic debts and diseases there is no legitimate power in this Goverment to wring from them bog is no more innocent than this maid their secrets or to punish them for not of the crag and bog land. Such a furnishing an inventory of their financiwealth of color, such satiny skin and al obligations and physical or mental

Even if everybody should be perfectly willing to answer these questions, they goes home and eats a supper of potatoes are not such as a good Goverment ought to ask. They belong to that system of "regimentation" (to use Mr. Hurley's tea, but this luxury is denied the girl. The tea costs too much. When the po-tato skins have been feed to the pig the people. Should the public submit to more upon the private affairs of the this inquisition into the most personal secrets there is no predicting to what lengths it might not be deemed proper to go in succeeding census enumerations Instead of merely asking prying questions, it might be considered expedient to subject the people to personal inspection in order to ascertain the precise nature of the diseases with which they might be filaicted. The personal habits of the citizen, the kind and amount of food which he consumes in his family, the quanity of beer he drinks, where he spends his evenings, and what the average cost of his breeches, might all be treated as legitimate objects of census investigation. Many of the questions in the coming census exceeds this extreme in their inquisitorial spirit. Power and the abuse of power grow and if the with what they feed upon; people should tamely submit to this inquisition other and worse intrusions of officialism into their private affairsmight follow.