Miscellaneous.

Troubles of a Post.

BY MAX ADEL ..

While Col, Bangs, the editor of the Argus was sitting in his office one day a man whose brow was clothed with thunder entered. Fiercely seizing a chair he slammed his hat on the table, hurling his umbrella on the floor, and sat down.

"Are you the editor?" he rak

"Can you read writing?" "Of course,"

the Colonel an envelope with an inscription "B -- " said the Colonel, trying to

spell it. "That's not B; its au S," said the man, S? Oh, yes, I see. Well, the word look a little like 'Salt for Dinner,' or 'Souls

of sinners," " said the Colonel. "No, sir," replied the man, "nothing of the kind," Taat's my name, - Samuel H. Brunner. I knew you couldn't read. 1 called to see you about that poem of mine you printed the other day on the "Surcease of Spream. "

"I don't remember it," said the Colonel. "Of course you don't, because it went in sleeping, is squatting on the heels of his to the paper under e title of 'Smear c se

"A stupid blunder of the compositor's, I no bardship, but to the European the agony "Yes, ser; and that's what I want to see

you abo . The way in which that poem was mutilated was simply scandalors. I to derision. People think I am au . Le. me show you."

"Go ahead," said the colonel. " "The first line, when I wrote it read this

"Lying by a weeping willow, underveath a gentle "That 's beautiful, poetic, affecting. Now how did you- vile sheet present it to the pub-

lie? There it is! Look at it! Made it Lad t' 's way : Lying to a weeping w ow, to induce her - elope "Weeping widow, mind you! A widow! O, thunder and lightning! This is too much? It's enough to drive any person crazy."
"I am very sorry, said the Colonel, "but

"But look a here at the fourth verse," said the poet. "That's worse 'yet. What I said Cast your pearls before the sv me and lose them in the dirt.

"I wrote that out clearly and distinctly,in a plain round hand. Now what does your compositor do? Does he catch the sense of Cast my pi's before the sunrise and love them

they he wisn't that a cold blooded outrage on a man's feelings? I'll leave it to you if it n't."

"And then take the Brab verse. In the original me suscript it said, as plain as day Take away the j' gling money ; it's only gitte. n

"A man with only one eye, and a cataract over that would have read the words correctly. But your pirate unst a,-do you know what he did? He made it read: Take away your jeer on monkeys, on a sorely glan-ded hess! "By George, I felt like braining him with

"It was natural, too," said the Colonel.

"There, for instance, was the sixth verse I wrote: "It is a lovely line, too; but imagine my horror and the anguish of my family when I opened your paper and saw the line trans-

I'm wearing out my trouser, tol eyes open at "That's a little too much! That seems to

me like carrying the thing an inch or two too far. I think I have a constitutional right to murder that compositor; don't

"I think you have." "Let me read you one more verse. I swe the fl ng echoes as they roam among the And I feel my sout awaken to the ecstasy "lat

"Now what do you s'pose your miserable outcast turned 'at into? Why, sir, into

"And I peel my soul mistaken to the erertary that "Gibberish, sir! Awfel gibberish.

must slay that man. Where is he?" "He is out just now," said the Colonel. "Come in to morrow."

"I will," said the poet; "and I will come Then he put on 1's hat, shoulder d his umbrella, and drif ed off down stair.

A Diamond and two Cigars.

A story is going the rounds respecting a Sout., American gentleman, in Paris, who lost the other evening at the house of one of our countrymen a diamond valued at 12,000 francs (2,400). The next morning a groom found it in the court-yard and carried it back to its owner. The personage sent for the honest groom into his smoking room and showed himself very much pleased at getting the jewel back again. He laid it tenderly ir the drawer of his toilet table. and, then putting his hand in his pocket, ha

Th chonest fellow accepted them, but went off somewhat discomfited. He told the story on getting home. His me er heard it and sent for him. 'Have you moked the two cigers ?' said he, 'No monsieur,' 'I'll give you 500 francs tor them.' Will you indeed, str?' Yes; here is the sum. You are as honest lad, and I am glad to pay a premium for having you in my service. Now go back to the gentleman who owns the diamond and say to him, 'Monsieur, I told my master of more durable than common whitewash. your generosity, but he is a' .. d you may deprive yourself of the pleasure of smoking to-day to make up for the two cigars you have given me. 'He told me, therefore t bring them back again.' 'May I mention the 500 france, sir?' Certainly not.'

The servant brought back to his master sorry to lose one of them. As to the cigar, I can well afford to give two to your servant for I have 5000 drying in my secretary.

The usual pay of a Sepoy is about fourteen buy his own food. When on active service wares shall show the best they are capable Neatly and continued to the continued of the capable of t his pay is about doubled.

Miscellaneous.

Travelin Japan.

BIDING OVER BOUGH ROADS ON HORS SHOD WITH STRAW,

A long ride on a Japanese pack-horse is an epoch in the life of any traveller. As the animals are shod with straw, and as the roads are very rough, they never attempt anything Leyond a walk even with the most violent inducement. The traveller is perched high up in a hard pillion, in a sort of a valley, the sides of which are composed of his luggage, spare bats, shoes, girths, and straps rolled into bundles; his legs are doubled up so that his knees touch his chin, and

the sensation is like that of being on the "Read that, then," said he, th. sting at back of a camel. Thus placed he must perform his journey, or as an alternative be may be driven to the Kago, or litter. This may either be a basket slung on a pole, or a regular box with doors and sliding shutters. The litters of men of rank, such is once were frequent enough in the streets of Yeddo but which have gone the way of so many empants of old Japan, were often small rooms gorgeously decorated and painted, and requiring a score of coolies to carry them but the litters which the ordinary traveller must use are of the basket type, and as pro vocants of suffering and misery are second aly to the pack-horse. To the native, whose normal position when not standing o feet, a confinement of several hours in a

of sitting cramped up in the space of an armchair, with legs carled up, tucked in or haddled together, for an indefinite period, must be actually soffered to be appreciated. Temhaven't slep, a night since. It expects me porary relief may be obtained by sitting with the legs hanging over the sides; but in this case they either graze the ground or come in contact with the huge boulders with which the road is littered; by stretching them out in front, when they kick against the coolie; or by stopping altogether and walking, which means loss of time, but which is the only efficacious method of escaping the pains of cramp. The Kago is nowever, much more rapid than the packhorse, and far more economical. The coolies are well trained sure footed, stalwart fellows as a rule, four to a litter covering easily their five or six miles an hour, and resting but rarely. The motion, however, is very unpleasant, and is apt, like that of a swing, to make the unaccustomed feel sick.

Kago, with scarcely a change of position, is

Sword Swallowing.

START ING PEATS OF A LONDON JUGGLER. A servant brings a table on to the stage and upon it he places a box containing th various swords to be swallowed. He then retires and brings from behing the scen a that beautiful sentiment? Does it sink into musket. Upon its summit is placed a for-his soul? No, sir! He sets it up in this midable looking bayonet. All being ready, Mr. Benedetti appears with a very bright sword in his hand. Arriving at the front of the stage, he drives the point of the sword into the floor, and the force of the ir action of the sword into the wood cause a it to sway backward and forward. Mr. Benedetti then goes to his box and produces a sword made of a non lustrous metal. Holding it in the air between his two hands he opens his mouth and simply thrusts it down his throat in the same manner as cavalry soldiers would replace his sword in the sheath. That is feat No. 1. Mr. Benedetti next takes up six or eight

of these swords, and having put them one behind the other, he opens his mouth again, and, presto, down goes the lot into what is Superintendent Eastern Pennsylvania Experiment called by children "he "red lane." These swords being well down into his throat, he then plucks them out one by one and throws them on the stage, where they fall with a clash that indicates to the commonest ob server that they really are metal. This done, he rests a minute and then comes the musket and bayonet. He lifts up the musket and holds it with bayouet downward above his head, and then slightly steadying the weapon he allows the bayonet to gently glide down his throat. Just at the moment when it seems dou'tful whether he is not going to swallow musket and all, it sudden ly stops, and then the bayonet is hidden all but the pare near where it joins on to the musket itself. But this is not enough; he leans forward, and holding the bayonet horizontally between his teeth, turns round and round, swinging the musket. He con cludes the performance by a very marvelous feat. He goes directly to the sword that is sti" vibrating in the boards of the stage, and pulls it out with a jerk. One cannot imagine what he is going to do with it as it appears to the eye that the sword, from hilt to point, is longer than the man's body He then proceeds to the middle of the stage back goes his head, and down his throat goes his sword. Several eminent medical men, among whom is Mr. Frank Buckland,

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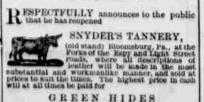
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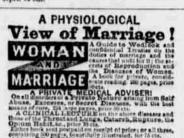
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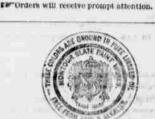
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