Sheridan's Ride-How the Famous Poem Came to be Written.

Col. F. A Burr has written for the Philadelphia Press, a very interest quarrelsome as the Kilkenny cats," and story of how the poem "Sheridan's two of the cats in which city are asserted," came to be written. Burr had it from the veteran actor and elo-

cutionist, James F. Murdoch : Murdoch said: "Soon after the battle of Cedar Creek I came up to Cincinnati and was visiting Mr. Cyrus
Garrett, whom we called "Old Cyclops.' He was T. Buchanan Read's brother-in-law and with him the poet made his home. The ladies of Cincinnati had arranged to give me a reception, that finally turned into an ovation. society, and they were going to present men until death ensued to one or both seut me with a silk flag. Pike's opera house had been secured, the largest quainted with the barbarous acts of Francisco that some of the Chinamen they had made every arrangement to have the reception a very dramatic event. The morning of the day it was to take place, Read and I were, as usual, taking our breakfast late. We had just finished, but were still sitting at the table chatting. Mr. Garrett, the harden who was a business of the officer. On one had just finished, but were still sitting at the table chatting. Mr. Garrett, the harden who was a business of the officer. On one had just finished, but were still sitting at the table chatting. brother-in-law, who was a business man and guided by business habits, came in while we were thus lounging. He wore an air of impatience and car-

covered with a striking picture repre-senting Sheridan seated on his black horse, just emerging from a cloud of dust that rolled up from the highway as he dashed along followed by a few

"There, said Mr. Garrett, addressing Read, 'see what you have missed. You ought to have drawn that picture yourself and gotten the credit of it; it is just in your line. The first thing you know some body will write a poem on that event and then you will be beaten all around."

"Read looked at the picture rather quizzically, a look which I interrupted by saying: "Old Cyclops is right, Read, the subject and the circumstan-

ces are worth a poem.'
"Oh no, said Read; that theme has

"Filled with the idea that this was

that will do either you or me any cred-it, he replied rather sharply."
"I turned to him and said; "Read, two or three thousand of the warmest hearts in Cincinnati will be in Pike's opera house to-night at that presenta It will be a very significant affair. Now, you go and give me any-thing in rhyme, and I will give it a de-liverance before that splendid audience, and you can then revise and polish it before it goes into print.' This

turbed unless the house was afire.' "Time wore on and in our talk on other matters in the family circle, we had almost forgotten the poet up stairs. Dinner had been announced and we were about to sit down, when Read came in and beckoned me to come.

When I reached the room, he said: " 'Murdoch, I think I have about what you want.' He read it to me, and with an enthusiasm that surround-

ed him, I said it is just the thing. "We dined, and at the proper time Read and I with the family, went to Pike's opera house. The building was crowded in every part. Upon the stage were sitting 200 maimed soldier's, each with an arm or a leg off. General Joe Hooker was to present me with the flag the ladies had made, and at the time appointed we marched down the stage towards the footlights, General Hooker pearing the flag, and I and on each side of us were the

rows of crippled soldiers, in front the vast audience, cheering to the echo. Hooker quailed before the warm reception and, growing nervous, said to me in an undertone :

"I can stand the storm of battle, but this is too much for me."

" 'Leave it to me,' said I ; 'I am an the silken flag and pressed it to my lips. This by-play created a fresh gracefully, which I accepted in fitting words. I then drew the poem Read had written from my pocket and leave the poem Read gladly pay the price?—Part 15. had written from my pocket, and with proper introduction, began reading it to the audience. The vast assemblage became as still as a church during prayer time, and I read the three first verses without a pause, and then read the fourth. As this yerse was finished the audience burst into a tumult of applause. Then I read with all the

spirit I could command. "The sound of my voice attering the last word had not died away when cheer after cheer went from the great concourse that shook the building to its very foundation. Ladies waved their handkerchiefs, and men their hats, until worn out with the fervor of the hour. They then demanded the author's name, and I pointed to Read, who was sitting in a box, and he acknowledged the verses. In such a sitting and such an occasion as I have been able only faintly to describe to you, the poem of Sheridan's ride was gvien to the world. It was written in about three hours, and not a word was ever changed after I read it from the manuscript, except by the additon of the third verse, which records the fifteen miles stage of the ride :

"But there's a road from Winchester town, A good, broad highway beading down; And there, thro'the flash of the morning light, A steed as black as the steeds of night. Was seen to pass as with oney dight; As if he knew the carrible need,

"This Mr. Read wrote while one his way, shortly after I first read the poem, to a birthday reception to Wiliam Culien Bryant.

"Mr. Read read the poem, thus com-pleted, at Mr. Bryant's birthday party. The great old man listened to every line of it, and then taking the younger poet by the hand, said with a great

"That poem will live as long as

The Kilkenny Cat Story.

The story has been so long current that it has become a proverb, "As quarrelsome as the Kilkenny cats," serted to have fought so long and so furiously that nought was found of them but two tails. The correct ver-

tion, that finally turned into an ovation. line generally used for drying clothes. I had given a great many readings to The cats naturally became infuriated, raise funds to assist their soldiers' aid and scratched each other in the abdoplace of amusement in the city, and cruelty, and resolved to put an end to there are owned, and have been bought they had made every arrangement to them. For this purpose an officer was and sold as slaves.

occasion he neglected his duty, and the officer was heard ascending the stairs customary torture. Ore of the troopried a paper in his hand. He walked directly up to Read, unfolded a copy of Harper's Weekly and held it up before the man so singularly gifted as both poet and painter.

"The whole front of the paper was covered with a striking picture represented by the officer, who inquired what was the cause of the bleeding cats' tails being suspended on the line, and was told in reply that "two cats had been fighting in the room; that it was found impossible to separate them, and they

lought so desperately that they had de-

voured each other with the exception

of their two tails."-Boston Herald. Age of ORANGE TREES.—The great age to which the orange tree lives and bears is an important consideration for the colonist, who might, by a little self denial, and judicious first selection and expenditure upon an orange grove, virtually endow his posterity with an annually increased income. Risso, in the work alluded to mentions that in factory. the Convent of St. Sabina, at Rome, "Oh no, said Read; that theme has been written to death. There is 'Paul Revere's Ride, 'Lochinvar,' Tom Hood's 'Wild Steed of the Plains,' and half a dozen other poems of a like characters. was more than 50 feet from the ground, and its age was lost in antiquity. Even a good chance for the gifted man, I in England, orange rearing, during a said: 'Read, you are losing a great considerable part of the year in the opportunity. If I had such a poem to open air, has not been attended with read at my reception to night, it would make a great hit.'

"But Murdoch, you can't order a poem as you would a new coat. I can't write anything in a few hours that will do give anything Hampton Court orange trees, some of which are stated to be more than 300 years old, and various gardens in South Devonshire, where, trained against the walls, and only protected with straw mats during winter, are specimens which have flourished for at least a century.—Chamber's Journal.

It Was Contempt.

In the days gone by a citizen of De- A Toronto mandied of small-pox twenview seemed to strike him favorably, troit who has lately been gathered to and he finally said: 'Well! Well! bis fathers was a Justice of the Peace We'll see what can be done, and he went up stairs to his room.

"A half hour later Hettie, his wife, a nothing to do a friend came along with the time. brilliant woman, who is now residing a young horse. The Squar' was some-in Philadelphia, came down and said: what conceited on the horse question, told me to get it for him and then he would lock the door and must not be disturbed unless the door and must not be disturbed unless the door and must not be disbrought, and his Honor presently found himself astride of the beast. The next thing he knew he was lying in a muddy ditch, and a dozen men were laughing

> to kill. "I declare this court in session ? velled his Honor as he struggled up. At this there was a fresh burst laughter, and he continued :

"And each and every one of you is fined \$3 for contempt of court." They laughed harder than ever, but the fines were recorded and collected, and for years after it was understood that court was in session except when the Squar' was in bed and asleep .-Detroit Free Press.

Life In Siberia.

Life in the Siberian mines is not such an altogether unmitigated curse as popwith my arm in his. Such a storm of ular imagination pictures it. From appliause as greeted the appearance, I some of the greatest evils which men have courage in our struggle, if we never heard before or since. Behind elsewhere have to suffer, the convicts in Eastern Siberia are (it appears from a local newspaper quoted by The Tablet) happily delivered. There is indeed marriage and giving in marriage, but there is no courtship, nor need any man complain that he is "mated to a savage" or a shrew. When a prisoner wishes to get married; all he has to do is to send in an application to the overold hand behind the footlights. I will seer who straitway allows him a wife. divert the strain from you. So quickly Three days probation is then allowed, I droped upon my knee, took a fold of and if any incompatibility of temper seems likely to arise the man receives twenty-five lashes and another wife,

WHAT DRAINAGE DOES .- The late John H. Klippart condenses the advan-tages of tile drainage under the follow-

ing twelve heads :

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under the surface. 3. It lengthens tee seasons. 4. It deepens the soil. 5. It warms the soil.

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'freezing out." 9. I. prevents injury from drought. 10. It improves the quality and quantity of the crop.

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12. It prevents rust in wheat and rot in potatoes.

Twins Who Married Twins.

There are two families living near

Gainesville, Ga., the members of which are so much alike that many amusing mistakes take place. The heads of the respective households are John and Lane Pasco. They are twins and dress and look exactly alike. Two or three years ago they married twin sis-ters, who look and dress exactly alike. The boys built two cottages that look exactly alike, and each lady has a child about the same age who look very nearly exactly alike. All are in excellent health, and recently the whole party drove to town behind a span of beautiful mules that were nearly exact matches. The boys are partners in the mercantile business and are in prosperous circumstances.

ODD ITEMS.

This is the best country in the world for a poor man. Except when he is married, he has a right here to do as he pleases with what he makes.

Women among savages is a beast of burden, in Asia she is a piece of furni-ture, in Europe she is a spoiled child, in America she is a boss. The girl who when walking, kicks

weighed nearly 500 pounds, was nearly

nine feet high, and measured round

The smallest pony in the world is the pet of the Baroness Burdett-Courtts-Bartlett. He is 5 years of age and stands thirteen inches high.

If the anatomy of such people were constructed upon the proportion of what they say to what they do, there while the cats were undergoing their wouldn't be anything of them but

> Statistics just issued by the Dutch Government show that an area of at least 92,000 acres has been recovered from the sea during the last three cen-

The camel is the only animal that cannot swim. It is an extraordinary fact that the moment it loses is footing it turns over and makes no effort to save itself from drowning.

The most recent case of absence of mind is that of an editor of a society ournal who recently copied from a hos tile paper one of his own paragraphs and headed it "Wretched attempt at

Next in cheek to the stealing of a redbot stove was the recent theft of a large steam boiler in Denver. It was conveyed away in a transfer wagon, and was found doing duty for a velocipede

The century plant, which takes 100 years to ripen in the North, takes but twelve years to mature in California, and takes only five years in Mexico. True good breeding is nothing more

than the practice of the common principles of humanity and good nature, extended to all the concerns of commo From the location of Eagle City,

With a stick held in his teeth Manly Shotwell, of Ann Arbor, sends telegraphic messages at the rate of seven-teen words a minute. He has lost the

A German professor has figured it out that man came from the bear, and while we can scarcely bear to think of such a thing, it may be so, for surely men and women love to hug as bears

grandchild slept upon the same bed and took the disease. The doctor says the germs of the disease were there all

To keep sheets and table-cloths from folded, by the corners-two opposite feat. A crowd gathered, a saddle was corners together. They will not dry quite so quickly, but much will be gained in the preservation of the fab-

Noble Courage.

A poor boy was attending school one day with a large patch on the knees of one of his trousers. One of his schoolmates made fun of him for this, and called him "Old Patch."

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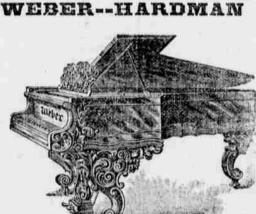
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1.55 p. m.—Day express (daily except Sunday), for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, Lancaster, Pulladelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington, arriving at Philadelphia 7.25 p. m.; New York, 16.29 p. m.; Baltimore, 7.50 p. m.; Washington, 84 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through to Philadelphia and passenger coach through to Philadelphia and passenger coach through to Philadelphia and Battieore.

8.20 p. m.—Williamsport Accommodation (daily) for Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, Lancaster, Philadelphia and New York, arriving at Philadelphia and New York 6.10 n. m. Steeping car accommodations can be secured at Harrisburg for Philadelphia and New York on Sundays a through securing car will be run; on this train from Rehovo to Philadelphia, Philadelphia passengers can remain in alocaer undisturbed until 7 a. m.

WESTWARD.

6.20 a. m.—Erie Mail (thilly) for Erie and all intermediate stations with through Pullonan Palace
car and through passenger coaches to Erie, and
through Pullonan Palace cars to Buffalo via Emportum. On Sundaya this train will run only to Renovo.

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5.35 p. m. Fast line daily except Sunday for Renovo and intermediate stations, and Elmira, Waishins and Intermediate stations, with through passenger coaches to Renovo and Watkins.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR SUNBURY FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

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Philadelphia, 7.40 a. m.; Baltimore 7.30 a. m. (daily
except sunday) arriving at Sunbury, 1.65 p. m.
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Sunbury, 5.20 p. m., with through passenger
coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore,
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at Bloom Ferry 1.01 p. m., Sunbury 12.55 p. m.,
Express West leaves Wilkes-barre 5.39 p. m., arriving
at Bloom Ferry 7.07 p. m., Sunbury 12.55 p. m.,
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