SELECTIONS FROM THE WRITINGS OF ARTEMUS WARD.

Artemus Takes Part in the Celebration of the Completion of the Atlantic Cable-The Squire's Wife Shows Temper. Artemus Visits a Spiritualistic Circle.

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CRLEBRATION AT BALDINSVILLE IN HONOR



the Supervizers of Baldinsville, sayin as how grate things was on the Tappis in

that air town in refferense to sellebratin the compleshun of the Sub-Mershine Tellegraph & axin me to be Pressunt. Lockin up my Kangaroo and wax wurks in a sekure stile I took my departer for Baldinsville-"my own, my native lan," which I gut intwo at early kandle litin on the follerin night & just as the sellerbrashun and illumernashun ware com-Baldinsville was trooly in a blaze of

giory. The Tavern was lit up with tal-ler kandles all over & a grate bon fire was burnin in frunt thereof. A Transpirancy was tied onto the sine post with the follerin wurds-"Giv us Liberty or Deth." Old Tompkinsis grosery was illumernated with 5 tin lantuns and the follerin Transpirancy was in the winder "The Sub-Mershine Tellergraph & the Baldinsville and Stonefield Plank Road -the 2 grate eventz of the 19th centerry -may intestines strife never mar their grandjure." Simpkinsis shoe shop was all ablaze with kandles and lantuns.

A American Eagle was painted onto a

flag in a winder-also these words, viz. -"The Constitooshun must be Presarved." The Skool house was lited up in grate stile and the winders was filld with mottoes among which I notised the follerin-"Trooth smashed to erth shall rise agin-you can't stop HER." "The Boy stood on the Burnin Deck whense awl but him had Fled." "Prokrastinashun is the theaf of Time." "Be virtoous & you will be Happy." "Intemperunse has cawsed a heap of trubble—shun the Bole," an the follerin sentiment written by the skool master, who graduated at Hudson Kollige: "Baldinsville sends greetin to Her Magisty the Queen, & hopes all hard feelins which has here. & hopes all hard feelins which has heretofore previs bin felt between the Supervizers of Baldinsville and the British Parliment, if such there has been, may now be forever wiped frum our Escutchens. Baldinsville this night rejoises over the glorious event which sementz 2 grate nashuns onto one anuther by means of a elecktric wire under the roarin billers of the Nasty Deep. QUOSQUE TANTRUM, A BUTTER, CATERLINY, PATENT

Squire Smith's house was lited up re-gardlis of expense. His little sun William Henry stood upon the roof firin orf crackers. The old 'Squire hisself was dressed up in soljer clothes and stood on his door step, pintin his sword sollumly to a American flag which was suspendid on top of a pole in frunt of his house. Frequently he wood take orf his cocked hat & wave it round in a impressive stile. His oldest darter Miss Isabeller Smith, who has just cum home from the Perkinsville Female Instertoot, appeared at the frunt winder in the West room as the goddis of liberty, & sung "I see them on their windin way." Booteus 1, sed I to myself, you air a angil & nothin shorter. N. Boneparte Smith, the 'Squire's oldest sun, drest hisself up as Venus the God of Wars and red the Decleration of Inderpendunse from the

left chambir winder.

The 'Squire's wife didn't jine in the festiverties. She sed it was the tarnulest nonsense she ever seed. Sed she to the 'Squire, "Cum into the house and go to bed you old fool, you. Tomorrer you'll be goin round half-ded with the rumertism & won't gin us a minit's peace till you get well." Sez the 'Squire, "Betsy, you little appresiate the importance of the event which I this night commemorate." Sez she, "Commemorate a cat's tail-cum into the house this instant, you pesky old critter." "Betsy," sez the Squire, wavin his sword, "retire." This made her just as mad as she could stick. She retired, but cum out agin putty quick with a panfull of Bilin hot water which she throwed all over the Squire, & Surs, you wood have split your sides larfin to see the old man jump up and holler & run into the house.

Doctor Hutchinsis offiss was likewise lited up and a Transpirancy on which was painted the Queen in the act of drinkin sum of "Hutchinsis invigorater," as stuck into one of the winders. The Baldinsville Bugle of Liberty noospaper offiss was also illumernated, & the follerin mottoes stuck out-"The Press is the Arkermejian leaver which moves the world." "Vote Early." "Buckle on your Armer." "Now is the time to on your Armer. "Now is the time to Subscribe." "Franklin, Morse & Field." "Terms \$1.50 a year—liberal reducishuns to clubs." In short the villige of Baldinsville was in a perfect fewroar. I never seed so many peple thar befour in my born days. He not attemp to describe the seens of that grate night. Wurds

THE SHOWMAN AT HOME. wood fale me ef I shood try to do it. I shall stop here a few periods and enjoy my "Oatem cum dig the tates," as our skool master observes, in the buzzum of my famerly, & shall then resume the show bisnis, which I've bin into twentytwo (22) years and six (6) months.

AMONG THE SPIRITS.

My naburs is mourn harf crazy on the new-fangled idear about Sperrets. Sperretooul Sircles is held nitely & 4 or 5 long hared fellers has settled here and gone into the Sperret biznis exclossively. A atemt was made to git Mrs. A. Ward to embark into the Sperret biznis but the atemt faled. 1 of the long hared fellers told her she was a ethereal creeter & wood make a sweet mejium, whareupon she attact him with a mop handle and drove him out of the house. I will hear obsarve that Mrs. Ward is a invalerable woman-the partner of my goys & the shairer of my sorrers. In my absunse she watchis my interests & things with a Eagle Eye & when I return she welcoms me in afectionate stile. Trooly it is with us as it was with Mr. & Mrs. INGOMER in the Play, to whit,-

2 soles with but a single thawt 2 barts which beet as 1.

My naburs injooced me to attend a Sperretooul Sircle at Squire Smith's. When I arrove I found the east room chock full includin all the old maids in the villige & the long hared feller adsaid. When I went in I was salootid with "here cums the benited man"-"hear cums the hory-heded unbeleever"—"here cums the skoffer at trooth," etsettery,

Sez I, "my frens, it's troo I'm hear, & now bring on your Sperrets."

I of the long hared fellers riz up and sed he would state a few remarks. He sed man was a critter of intelleck & was movin on to a Gole. Sam men had big-ger intellecks than other men had and they wood git to the Gole the soonerest. Sum men were beests & wood never git into the Gole at all. He sed the Erth was material but man was immaterial, and hens was different from the Erth. The Erth, continuered the speaker, resolves round on its own axeltree once axeltree he can't resolve. He sed the ethereal essuace of the koordinate branchis of superhuman natur beenm mettymorfussed as man progrest in harhumanized theirselves & turned into you, old boy."]

The cumpany then drew round the table and the Sircle kommenst to go it They axed me if there was anybody in the Sperret land which I wood like to convarse with. I sed if Bill Tompkins, French naval authorities. It appears who was onct my partner in the show biznis, was sober, I should like to con-

varse with him a few periods.
"Is the Sperret of William Tompkins present?" sed 1 of the long hared chaps. and there was three knox on the table. Sez I, "William, how goes it. Old Sweetness?"

"Pretty ruff, old hoss," he replide.
"Air you in the show bizniz, William?"

Bunyan was travelin with a side show Occashunally Mr. Bunyan sung a comic | Philadelphia manufacturers have a song. The Circus was doin midlin well.

Sez I, "William, my luvly friend, can you pay me that 13 dollars you owe me?"

jis knox I ever experiunsed.

The Sircle sed he had gone. "Air you gone, William?" I axed. "Rayther," he replide, and I knowd it was no use to

pursoo the subjeck furder. I then called fur my farther. "How's things, daddy?"
"Middlin, my son, middlin."

"Ain't you proud of your orfurn

'Scacely.'

"Why not, my parient?"
"Becawz you hav gone to writin for the noospapers, my son. Bimeby you'll and lose all your character for trooth and verrasserty. When I helpt you into the show biznis I told you to dignerfy that there profeshun. Litteratoor is low."

He also statid that he was doin middlin well in the peanut biznis & liked it putty well, tho' the climit was rather

When the Sircle stopt thay axed me what I thawt of it.

Sez I, "My frens, I've bin into the show bignis now goin on 23 years. Theres a artikil in the Constitooshun of the United States which sez in effeck that everybody may think just as he darn pleazes, & them is my sentiments to a hare. You dowtlis believe this Sperret doctrin while I think it is a little mixt. Just as soon as a man becums a reglar out & out Sperret rapper he leeves orf workin, lets his hare grow all over his fase & commensis spungin his livin out of other peple. He eats all the dickshunaries he can find & goze round chock full of big words, searin the wimmin folks & little children & destroyin the piece of mind of evry famerle he enters. He don't do nobody no good & is a cuss to society & a pirit on honest peple's corn beef barrils. Admittin all you say abowt the doctrin to be troo, I must say the reglar perfessional Sperrit rappers—them as makes a biznis on it-

Put on my sures.

Respectfully Yures.

ARTEMUS WARD. I put on my surtoot and went home.

Sometimes the Case.

air abowt the most ornery set of cusses

I ever enhountered in my life. So sayin

Depositor-I thought your company was a building and loan association?

President-So it is. Depositor-But I ask for a loan and

don't get it. How's that? President-You don't understand our plan. You loan us the money and build castles in the air. See?—Chicago Times.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

The largest barometer yet made has been put in working order in the St. Jacques Tower, in Paris. It is 41 feet 5 inches high.

Indian ink is made in some unknown way from burnt camphor. The secret is known only to the Chinese, and they refuse to reveal it.

It has been proposed to make the upper half of war balloons of very thin steel and the lower portion of ordinary balloon material, the whole so constructed as to hold hydrogen instead of ordinary gas,

Blacking the nose and cheeks under the eyes has been found an effectual preventive of snow blindness, or the injurious effect of the glare from illuminated snow upon eyes unaccustomed to it. - [Scientific American.

A certain amount of air admitted to the furnace above the live coal is advantageous rather than otherwise, if the supply be regulated. The oxygen of the air, thus introduced, assists in the more effective combustion of the gases,

M. Faye, member of the French Academy of Science, thinks that it is feasible to predict storms twelve hours in advance of their coming by the sounds which the changing atmospheric conditions produce and which the telephone will trau-mit.

. A druggist in St. Petersburg has invented a method of tipping cigars with a preparation, so that they are lighted, like a match, by rubbing against any hard surface. A manufacturing company is said to have paid him 60,000 roubles for the patent.

An illuminated cat is among the curiosities of the Patent Office at Washington, D. C. It is made of pasteboard or tin painted over with phosphorus, and it is intended to frighten away "rats and mice and such small deer," in the darkness of cellars and garrets.

Among the new inventions seen at the Mechanics' Fair at Boston is a method of making ice by simply dropping a few crystals in water—the secret of whose composition is only known to the inventor. Not only is the ice made in a in 24 hours, but as man haint gut no remarkably short space of time, but ice cream is also manufactured and eaten by those who stand and wait.

There is a proposition to construct an atmospheric railway 34 miles long up monial coexistunce & eventocally anty the Jungfrau. According to the plans there will be two parallel tunnels nearly reglar sperretuellers. [This was versif- 10 feet in diameter, finished cylindrical, ferusly applauded by the cumpany, and and provided with rails for the cars; as I make it a pint to get along as pleas- the cars will be cylindrical, and will be ant as possible, I sung out, "bully for forced up the incline by compressed air operating against their end - [American M. chinist.

A peculiar phase of the use of powerful projectors in naval warfare has been brought out in some tests made by the that in misty weather the reflection and glare of the light from the projecters served only to blind the ship, and the torpedo boats were able to approach within easy distance and discharge their torpedoes without being discovered.

The ordnance bureau is correct in its determination not to decide upon a smokeless powder until European experiments have decided which is the best for our purposes. The delicacy of He sed he was. He sed he & John the chemical combinations which these powders necessitate is so great that dein connection with Shakspere, Jonson & terioration rapidly ensues when they Co.'s Circus. He sed old Bun (meanin are stored in bulk, and the experience Mr. Bunyan,) stired up the animils & of the French in this regard is quite ground the organ while he tended door. sufficient to caution us.

process for ceating all kinds of metallic Bill Shakspeer had made a grate hit with substances with lead, thereby making old Bob Ridley, and Ben Jonson was them rust proof. They exhibit a numdelitin the peple with his trooly grate ax ber of articles coated with lead that of hossmanship without saddul or bridal. have been exposed to the weather and immersed in acids, that do not show any change, either from the action of He sed no with one of the most tremen-jis knox I ever experiunsed. the weather or the acids. Some shingle nails, so treated, placed side by side with galvauized nails and exposed for a long time, show no appreciable change, while the galvanized nails show signs of rust.

It seems probable that the great, at least the immediate, future of astronomy lies in the judicious use of spectroscopy and photog a; hy, rather than in the increase of optical power by the con-struction of large telescopes. Give a small telescope with a plate attached to it time enough and it will see as much as a big one will show to the most sensitive eye. As dry plates will retain their sensitiveness, exposure can be con-tinued as long as desired, and such a plate will show stars that are not visible through the most powerful telescope to the naked eye.

WOMAN'S WORK AND WORLD.

Women are exclusively employed in the hand weaving of Turkey carpets. There is a milliner in Brooklyn whose sign announces that she is a "bonnet

The employment of women on night work in the government arms factories in Germany has been forbidden.

A traveler has discovered that brunettes are not the rule in Spain. Many Spanish women are fair, with blue eyes, A contemporary asserts, with how much accuracy is not positively known, that there are 18,000 newspaper women

in London. At the funeral of an aged lady at Woolwich, England, her seven sons, all clergymen of the Church of England, were present.

Chief Justice Fuller has commissioned Mrs. Ida J. Bergen to decorate the music room in his new mansion, She is the first American woman to attempt mural decoration.

In Chicago the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has a foundlings home that owns \$125,000 worth of property, day nurseries, and kindergatens that have cared for 15,929 children during the past year, an Anchorage Mission for homeless women that sheltered 4,000 girls last year, a Bethesda Inn, a cheap lodging house for men that accommodated 52,540 men last year, free medical dispensaries, etc.

In the London Spectotor it is stated that Mr. E. T. Chapin by hypnotizing a laying hen induced her to sit on a num-ber of eggs until chickens were hatched.

WRY THIS IS THUS.

He kissed me, oh, how often! in the happy days of yore. He'd kiss until I'd quite refuse to let him kiss

me more. And looking back through weary years those

blissful moments seem Like some glad, golden chapter from a fairy's flossy dream.

Alas! The sweetest joys are ever shortest in their stay.
And all unkissed remain the lips he used to

press.
To-day I do not feel his soft mustache upon
my cheek and brow.
When did he die? He isn't dead, but he's my

husband now.

-[Chicago Evening Post.

Bismarck as a Lover. Prince Bismarck began his wooing in a rather stern manner. As he alway favored energetic measures, he wrote direct to the young lady's parents, will whom he was not acquainted, and d manded their daughter in marria They were very simple folk, leading : very quiet life, and they were rather frightened at the reputation for high living which the candidate enjoyed Their daughter, however, intimated in di creet terms that she did not look upon the young gentleman with an un favorable eye, as there was no doubt the young man's parents had a good

C as quently the young lady's parents invited Bismarck to come and sethem. Everyone did their best to give the visitor a suitable reception. Franlein von Puttkammer's parents put en an air of grave solemnity, and the young lady stood with her eyes medesily bent upon the ground, when Bismarck, on alighting, threw his arms around his sweetheart's neck and enbraced her vigorously before anyone had time to tell him that his conduct was hardly proper and correct. The resu't was, however, an immediate be trothal. Prince Bismarck is very fond of telling this tale, and he is careful always to finish the story with this reflections

"And you have no idea what this II. de lady has made of me. "

"Overboard Went Barnabas."

That the incident told of in the fellowing paragraph actually happened or one of the lakes the other day is vouch a for by the veracious Free Press, o D troit:

On a certain small boat the crow cosisted of the captain, Barnabas, who was first mate, and John, the cask John was a stutterer, but he could sing

One day the captain was below taking t nap, while Barnabas and Jo'm were running the boat. A sud len squall hepsened to come up, and a puff of wind rought the boom around with such unexpected violence as to knock the unwary Barnabas overboart, Thereupon John rushed into the cabin in the wildest excitement to inform the captain of what had occurred, but, as usual, he was unable to get out a coherent sentence.

"B-b-b-b" he stuttered, until the capta'n, in a rage, shouted: "Thunderation! man, sing it if you

can't say it," and John, catching at the happy suggestion, sang: Overboard is Barnabas, Half a mile astern of us. The boat was immediately put about

and the luckless Barnabas recovered. Who Buys Diamonds. During a trial in which it was neces-

sary to call in some expert testimony as to the value and quality of diamonds, a certain pawnbroker took the stand.

" asked the attorney, you sell diamonds?" "Yes, when I can," was the reply.

"Is trade very good now?" "Not much.

"Who buys the most diamonds?" "The biggest fools, sir, who have the

money. The testimony was considered decidedly expert. -[Texas Siftings.

Peculiar Collaterals.

Sam Johnsing—Say, niggah, can't you lend me two dollahs for a few days? Uncle Mose-I mout do it, but what s'curity am yer gwinter gimme dat yer don't : kedaddle jess as soon as yer has got de money?

Sam Johnsing-What s'curity! I'le gib you as s'curity my sacred word of honor as a gennerman and a pa'r of ledder britches almos' as good as new, [Texas Siftings.

A Strange Coincidence. Mrs. Wood B. McAllister—Dear, isn't it lovely? I see here by a little article that the Vanderbilt children are sent to bed regularly every evening before 8 o'clock, and are made to rise before 7. Isn't it cute?

Mrs. Habber Dasher-Yes-so like my own little darlings!-[Light,

A Question in Mathematics.

The other day in a well known private school in this city the teacher of mathematics asked one of the pupils; What is the square root of 400?" and before he had time to answer the ques tion a boy sitting next to him whispered in a loud aside, "Ward McAllister,"-New York Tribune.

Beozely's an Alderman. Brown Smith-That's a big diamond

Boozely sports. Robinson Jones-Yes; it's one of those

hosphorescent diamonds which absorb

B. S.—Ah, I suppose it has absorbed the light of his intellect - [Jewelers' Circular.

My Typewriter.

Whene'er I see her pretty face, Low o'er the key-board bending, And watch her winning, girlish grace To this old office lending

A brighter gleam of sun and light, I can't think, I declare, That she's the girl with whom I fight About my work and swear.

And as I watch her fingers pink Fast flying o'er the keys, Half tenderly I sit and think Of what my fancy sees.

And at the end of every day.
When she, with whom I've battled,
Has gone, to her machine I say:
"No wonder you get "attled!"

—[Puc

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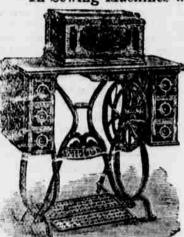
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