And birds sang cheery: The honey bees were humming low-Gold spees on roses white as snow, Sweet roses—not so sweet, I know, As she was—Mary!

Her footstep seemed to wake a sound Of tinking music from the ground That thrilled the winds that whistied round With sweet caresses,

And on her forehead, white and sleek, The rarest blossoms fell to wreak Their love, and played at hide and seek In her gold tresses.

Down fell the scythe upon the grass.
And: "Mary, Mary, will you pass"
"You're in my way," she said. "Alas!
I must be going!"

Not till you pay the forfest sweet
Of coming this way through the wheat
Ah! Mary—lips were made to meet—
A kiss you're owing!"

Up went the dainty finger tips. To shield the rich and rosy lips. And all their red was in eclipse— My luck seemed missing. A moment only |- then, as she

Fied like a shaft of light from me
She cried: "I paid no forfeit—see!
You did the kissing!"
Frank L. Stanton, in Washington Home Man

EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

waying in a Bucket Four Hundred Feet Above the Earth.

In Denver it was recently reported at the Smuggler mine, of Telluride, ol, would close down, owing to the low rice of silver. This being one of the regest producing mines of the state, as natural inference was that many natural inference was that many the men employed therein would ave the country. In behalf of my mpany (the Rock Island) I started r Telluride, on the Rio Grande Southn railway, and arrived at my destina-on Wednesday evening. Mr. N. T. anafield, manager of the Smuggler, his coxy little office that night, told e the company had decided upon a rection of wages instead of closing wn, and that word had been sent to mine that day, but the men's answer d not yet been received. He further d me that at this season of the year ere was but one way to get to the ine, and that was by taking the bucktramway, as the trail was covered th snow and ice and practically imsible. The bucket tram, he added, itself far from a desirable method transportation and liable to try a m's nerve pretty well, but if I would dertake the trip he would accompany

what could a man say to proposition that kind but "Yes?" Accordingly. ght and early the next morning. h was one of the fairest and beauti-I have ever seen in the mountains. d by Mr. W. C. Green, who is con-ted with the San Miguel Mining apany of Telluride, we started out. ride of two miles to Pandora was d enjoyable, by reason of the fordof innumerable streams which d the road. Our horses displayed aderful sagacity in picking their way

ough many a treacherous spot. ing a faint idea of what was ahead seeing the buckets coming down dreds of feet above us and dischargtheir cargoes of ore into the imise shute, my courage almost failed but it required more nerve than i d muster to back out. I tried to ar as little disconcerted as possible. le Mr. Mansfield, who was to start carled up in his little bucket, necy-sized man in a most uncomberney. I cannot belp thinking much more perce he displayed other Mr. Green or I, but he had wer it before, and knew what was of him. Three hundred feet be-Mr. Mansfield's bucket came anand into this climbed Mr. Green. backet started up that incline I that I had lost my last friend, as was absolutely nothing left then en me and comfort but disgrace, men in attendance I saw were g me, as I was the first "tender be had ever undertaken the

Once more assuming a courage I of, I awaited my bucket amilinghen it came along I was obliged here my overcost in order to get eaching down in a sitting pos-milor fashion, there was just stay in and that was all, and parting injunction to "keep my the man in charge switched me the main line and I swung out of rway fifty feet above the ground. rate of speed was about two and miles per hour, and the total of the tram five thousand four feet-a little over a mile. In alle, however, we had to rise one and eight hundred and twenty little more than one foot in The endless cable to which the are attached passes over numerall wooden tresties, varying in

from fifty feet to one hundred sty, and placed at irregular inwherever the formations of the ain will permit. The height of ble above the ground increased very turn of the wheel, and as I re with eyes glued upon the two ing buckets and not particularly in the first few minutes to look or around or anywhere else exwe me, I began to realize that were going to be mighty long

d on we went and up and up until ne in sight yawning under me ble gorge, crossed by a single the cable over 1,400 feet in and soo feet above the ground. is would not be so bad were it t the next tower in front of me feet higher than the spot from was getting my first view.

ahead of me were the two containing Mansfield and and as I pulled myself together.

up, the thought came to me that never had I been in a position of such utter helplessness and dependence. Lest the figures given above should fall to sonvey the exact idea, let me suggest a comparison which occurred to me

while crossing this span. The Pulltzer building in New York is just about one mile from the Battery, and the height from the ground to the foot of the flag-staff is, if my memory serves, 330 feet. Now pile six Pulitzer buildings one stop the other and start' from the battery in a little bucket, smaller than an ordinary clotheshamper, and go to the top of that mass suspended on a single rope, and if you as a man will not recognize your insignificance nothing will ever bring you to that realizing sense.

By this time I had entered into the full grandeur of the scene and all nervousness disappeared, strange to say, right at the most dangerous part of the journey. Four hundred feet below me I could see a train of those most abused and yet invaluable little burros slowly and painfully climbing the narow trail laden with supplies and timbers for a neighboring mine. Two miles iown the valley lay Telluride, looking like a child's plaything, and still further away miles and miles of dazzling mountain peaks against the blue sky of Colorado-bluer than Italy ever treamed of, and about me the most anique and picturesque colorings peepng out from the uncovered patches of

the mountains. The day was absolutely perfect, the eun warm, and, despite the constant tanger of loaded buckets breaking way and dashing all of us to the abyss below and heedless of the possibility of many things which might happen, I thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful riew. I am free to confess however, to a feeling as though an intense strain and been removed when I finally crossed that gigantic tower and found myself only a hundred feet or so from erra firma, and only then did I discorr that my hands had been clutched on that bucket with a deathlike grip and were wet with perspiration, while with my feet I had been exerting a tremen-

lous pressure against the front end. . We soon came in sight of the upper terminal, and upon arrival there I found the men had decided to remain, accepting the slight reduction, and there would be no party to reward me for my trip-if indeed any reward other than the trip itself were necessary. Let me add, however, that the mouth of the mine was still a mile and a half further up the mountain, and that the ore is brought from the mine to the top of the tram by burros, each carrying two sacks weighing one hundred and twenty-five pounds each. Well, my mission being fruitless, we reentered our buckets on the down trip. I feel perfectly sure that had the order been reversed and the down trip come first I would have backed out at any cost, but my up-journey gave me confidence, and was with considerable equanimity that I gazed down to the tiny terminal two thousand feet below.

As Mr. Green entered his bucket I remarked to the man who fastened it in "Get that good and tight, my

He answered: "I am a thousand times more anxious about this thing than you, and will not breathe freely till you're down."

I then learned from him that since he opened the tram twenty-five thousand buckets had passed a given point, with only three runaways. I did not then go into the detail of the damage done, but climbed into my bucket once more, figuring the number of times three goes into twenty-five thousand. th was only large enough to hold Arriving at the high tower again, and entering upon the fourteen-hundredand commed position. The foot span, a horrible swaying of the os cable was then put in motion bucket commenced, and finally it came to dead stop right at the worst place on the line. The stoppage was but momentary, and was done purposely to give me the full benefit.

There on the same span, were the tiny buckets, with two other boys, and the thought came to me of the horrible results of a runaway at that par-ticular time, for, while the first bucket containing Mansfield was but six hunared feet ahead, it was at the same time over two hundred feet below me. and I could just see him waving his hand to me by poering over the front end of my cab. Well, we reached the ground again safely, and then looking back once more I fully understood where we had been and wondered at the foolhardiness of it all, but I wouldn't take a great deal for the ex-perience, just the same.—D. J. Flynn. n N. Y. Railroad Men.

THE MOON'S FAULT.

He Was Guided by the Almanac and Not by the Weather. In a small Vermont town the street lamps, which are few and far between, are under the charge of one of the oldest residents of the place. "Why in the world weren't the lamps lighted to-night, Mr. Jacobs?" inquired a sum-

mer resident, who had stumbled down to the post office one July evening in the pitchy darkness of a heavy rain-"They ain't ever lighted on moonlight nights," responded the old man calmly. 'That's the rule, and the moon fulled

last night an' this is one of the best nights in the hull month." Best nights" echoed the other, in considerable irritation. "What good loes the moon do in a pouring rain like

"I can't help that," said Mr. Jacobs. "Accordin' to the almanac this is a enty minutes necessary for the moonshine night an' the lamps have no call to be lit. I rec'on the almanac's a

good thing to go by.
"Why," continued the old lamplighter surveying his critic with sudden awakened surprise and disgust, "where Tyou s'spose I sh'd fetch up ef I was 'go by the weather stid o' the almanac? I persume t'say likely I might her t'go my round ev'ry night for a month in dog days, I don't callate to her no sech works as that! Ef the moon don't do her duty it's unfort'nit, but it ain't eny

o' my lookaout." The by-standers murmured assent, ned to take every advantage of and the summer resident was silenced which now opened -Youth's Companion.

A SCALPER'S SCHEME. How He Manipulated World's Fair Bail-

way Tickets. NEW YORK, Aug. 1 .- The origin of the reports that have been in circulation for several days that the Lackawanna was selling cut rate tickets to Chicago for \$10 was explained yesterday. It appears that a certain Froadway "scalper" has been selling Lackswanns special excursion tick-

ets to the Fair for \$10, arranging with the purchasers for the surrender of the return coupons to his agent in Chicago.

In order to protect himself the "scalper" expected to send a representative on the train with his customers to collect the coupons at the end of the journey. This man was not allowed by the railroad officials to go with the party, but the tickets looked all right and were accepted as far as Scranton. There, on closer inspection, it was seen that the return cupons from Chicago to Buffalo had been cut off and

the rest of the ticket pasted together again.
The "scalper" evidently was afraid to trust his customers and had taken this means to make sure of getting the cost price of the tickets back by the sale of the coupon extracted, even if the rest were not returned to him according to agreement.

The passengers who held these mutilated tickets were put off the train at Scranton and are now demanding satisfaction from the road. As they are believed to be innocent holders they will probably not be allowed to suffer from the "scalper's"

A Lypching in Denver.

DENVER, July 27.—A mob last night broke in the jail, took the Italian murder-er of a Grand Army man out and lynched him and riddled his body with bullets.

A STRING OF FAILURES.

Several Banks in the West Forced to Suspend Yesterday.

Many Other Institutions Go Down-A Summary of Bank Failures Shows that 301 Suspended From May I to July 22.

BALTIMORE, July 28 .- A summary of the bank failures from May 1 to July 22 inclusive, shows that 301 banking institutions with a capital of \$38,951,033 sus-

The Manufacturers' Record publishes a complete list of the closed banks by States, a table which shows that five-sixths of the failures and four-fifths of the capital involved were in the Western and Pacific States, while 10 per cent, of the failures and 11 per cent, of the capital involved were in the South.

In Colorado alone the capital involved was nearly \$2,000,000 greater than the aggregrate capital of all the banks that falled in the South.

The number of failures in the Southern States was 37, involving \$4,392,000; in the Western and Pacific States the number was 351, involving \$81,258,983, and in the Eastern and Northern States 18, with \$12,600,000 capital.

Tube Company Suspends,

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 98.—The American Tube and Iron Company, located at Middletown, has gone into the hands of a receiver. The Company has no mortgages, judgments or bonded indebtedness against it, but could not raise funds owing to the stringency of the money market. It is one of the largest concerns of the kind in the country.

Cotton Mills Shut Down.

CINCINNATI, July 28.—The Deer Creek cotton mills on Fifth street and Eggleston avenue, and a belting factory at Plum and Canal streets controlled by the Henry Pearce Sons Company, have shut down indefinitely throwing 500 hands out of employment. Dull trade is the cause

Receiver for a Dental Company.

WHARNOTON, Del., July 28 .- A receiver has been appointed for the Wilmington Dental Manufacturing Company of this city. The company is perfectly solvent. Its Habilities are about \$200,000 and its assess \$615,000.

Philadelphia Lumberman Assigns

PRILADELPHIA July 28 -8. H. Morrison, an extensive lumber merchant, has suspended business and asked for an ex-tension of time from his creditors. His liabilities are said to be \$100,000.

Solling Mills Shut Down

HANNOND, Ind., July 28. — The East Chicago Rolling mill has shut down, and in consequence of this a large force of men and boys are thrown out of employment. Reports of failure cannot be verified.

Loslie & Co., of Cincinnati Fall. CENTERNATI, July 98.—Robert Louis & Co., real estate dealers, assigned yester-day. The names are \$120,000; limbilities \$68,000. Lack of ready capital is the

Portage Wis., Bank Suspends. PORTAGE, Wia, July 28.—The City Bank closed its doors pesterday. The sus-pension is due to the condition of the money market.

The new Farmers' bank of Mount Ster-ling, Ky., closed its doors yesterday.

Two banks failed yesterday in Helena, Mont., two in Spokane, Wash., and two in

The American Waltham Watch com-pany, of Waltham, Mass., will start up Aug. 7, with but half of its usual force.

Storm Damage at Hartford.

Hantronn, Com., July 27.—The violent wind and rain storm yesterday demolished a frame dwelling house on Spring street in process of erection. Several barns in West Hartford were blown down and a now belonging to W. L. Andrews of Elimwood was killed by a stroke of lightning. Trees were uprooted in all parts of the city and vicinity but no one was injured.

Want to Lose Their Money.

PARIS, July \$1.—It is reported that Baron de Rothschild and Jucques Laboudy. a millionaire sugar refiner, will start shortly a one-cent sporting daily named "The Jockey Club."

Bicycle Manufacturers Mad.

CRICAGO, July Si -The manufacturers of bicyclesannounce that they will withdraw reason that Irvine Miller, who was ap-pointed as jurer of awards, is employed by a rival concern.

Choises Extinet at Alexandria ALEXANDERA July 27.—The cholers is extinct at the filter quarantine station asks on the boulevards and which represent the States beating Consumption

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