FATE.

"The sky is clouded, the rocks are bare; The spray of the tempest is white in air: The winds are out with the waves at play, And I shall not tempt the sea to-day.

"The trail is narrow, the wood is dim. The panther clings to the arching hinb: And the lion's whelps are abroad at play. And I shall not join in the chase lo-day."

But the ship sailed safely over the sea. And the hunters came from the chase in glee; And the town that was builded upon a rock Was swallowed up in the carthquine shock, Brete Barte

NYE'S COSTLY DINNER.

While Nye was not a mountain man to such an extent, there were frequent occasions when he got into the same horizon with "Sam" Davis, and when they associated there were hot times in the old towns.

After Nye had become famous and had taken to lecturing, he had an odd adventure with Davis, whom often before he had met joyously and parted from sadly. It was such an affair, narrates the Chicago Record, as the humorist used to delight to put into print, and it seems impossible that he has not told the story. If he has, the man who has read it heretofore can skip it in this column.

Davis was working on a San Francisco paper, and Nye meeting him, asked if it were true that one could get a royal banquet in the Golden Gate town for the ridiculous prices mentioned by men who had been there. Davis said the stories were overdrawn, but still one could manage to exist on what was set before him, even if he did not have a kegful of money in his possession.

"I'll tell you what," he said, "you come along with me to dinner this evening, and I'll take you to a rotisscrie-one of those French restaurants, you know, where you can get something for twenty-five cents. Of if you prefer a fifteen-cent meal-

'I guess not!" cried Nye, who was spending fifteen dollars a day for being allowed to breathe in the Palace Hotel. "A quarter meal's cheap enough.

After they parted Davis hurried to one of the finest eating-houses in all the Coast country, and had a brief but convincing conversation with the proprieto". He also called in to his aid man with whom he knew Nye bad some pleasant correspondence, and whom the lecturing knight desired to meet. In the evening the three gourmets approached the latr of good eatg. The menu card was presented, was about as long as the Canadian ing Positic's time-table, and made mention of wonderful things gastronomi-1. But Davis and the other San inciscoan behaved with illicuper cal. v en they saw it. There was no vacent meals provided on Kearney street, and here they were prepared to pay two bits a head. Finally these two impetiently directed the waiters to bring starything that was on the bill, and they would select something fit to eat out of the lot. Mr. Nye had very lit-tle halr, but what he had rose in a spiky way.

'Do you mean to say," he gasped, "that the price of such a meal as you are ordering is a quarter?"

"Well," said Davis, in confusion, "of course fifteen cents would be about the right price, but something seems to be wrong with the chef to-day. Try to make out a little, and we will go somewhere else to-morrow. 1 am really filled with shame at bringing you here to such a poor, dismal excuse for a dinner, but I hadn't been in here for

a month and

hat the court be cleared so that he migh confer with his distinguished olleague, Judge Nye, upon some abstruse point. Then, while the lawyers and others went down stairs by the front hallway, these two false pretenders would retire by the back stairway to the market of wet merchandise, When the last attorney had finished his oration another conference was held, after which Nye calmiy looked down upon the litigants, and said: "A serious doubt has arisen. This is

an assault case such as I have frequently dealt with for months past. 1 have fined some defendants and released some. But I find I am in the wrong. Judge Witherspoon tells me that by the common law of England that by the common law of England the defedant is subject to capital pun-ishment, banishment, fine, imprison-ment, or liberty. But he very properly says that there is doubt as to whether or not under Territorial government we are working in the purview of this law. Maybe we are; maybe not. He promires to look it up on his return home. in the meantime, if I have erred in previcus decisions, the county is liable to heavy damages as indemnity. I may have let some men go whom I ought to have hanged. I hope, therefore, that as taxpayers, upon whom such money loss would fall, you will agree with me that it is best to say nothing about it until we hear from Judge Witherspoon. I think, and the Juage concurs with me, that we would best dismiss the present action without prejudice. In the meantime the eminent judge requests that we all go down and take a drink on him." In Laramie they are still walting

for that decision of Judge Witherpoon's,

Amber.

Amber, in the process of hardening, imprisoned the flies and other creatures in its gummy embrace, and there are to-day, perfectly preserved and looking very much alive, although imprisoned. I ence saw and tried to purchase a beautiful specimen which ontained a lizard with five legs, lookng as much alive as a living lizard could look in a teaspoonful of syrup. but it had been dead for thousands of years. That specimen is in a private collection, and no amount of money will buy it.

Amber was at one time more valuthe than gold, because it was scarcer, in the fourteenth century and previous to that time amber was made nto knives and forks with one prong or the use of princes and dignituries of the church. In those days nobody knew the real amber fields, and a great deal of it was found by the seashores, where ft was washed by the waves. It has been discovered however that the atlact cone-bearing trees flourished in mmense forests on the plains of north ermany, and amber is there discoved in large quantities by miners, arge quantities of it are also found i the yellow sands to re along the Balic shores. There are regularly opeated amber mines in east Prussia at almicken, and it is also picked from he cliffs, much as placer miner find fold in California pocke's. Conseushtly amber is no longer more valusie than gold, but on the contrary, it on the market at from \$2 to \$50 per ound, according to its quality. It is b) longer one of the mysteries of the orid, but one of the commodities. ut the speciments found in various aces in peculiar conditions still find cir way into the cabinets of the colectors of curios .- Smith D. Fry, in

Queer Letters to Officials.

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SELFISH ALL.

How Abraham Lincoln Secured Peace of Mind on a Trip Mr. Lincoln once remarked to a fel-

low-passenger on the old-time mudwagon coach, on the corduroy road which ante-dated railraods, that all men were prompted by selfishness in doing good or evil. His fellow-passenger was antagonizing his position, when they were passing over a corduroy bridge that spanned a slough. As they crossed this bridge and the mudwagon was shaking like a Sucker with chills, they espled an old razor-backed sow on the bank of the slough, making a terrible noise because her pigs had got into the slough and were unable to get out; and in danger of drowning. As the old coach began to climb the hillside Mr. Lincoln called out "Driver, can't you stop just a moment?" The driver replied. "If the other fellow don't object." The "other feller"-who was no less a personage than at that time "Colonel" E. D. Baker, the gallant general who gave has hire in defense of Old Glory at Bail's inuff-did not "chject," when Mr. Lincoln jumped out, ran back to the slough and began to lift the little pigs cat of the mud and water, and place them on the bank. When he returned Colonel Baker remarked: "Now, Abs, where does a ltfishness come in on this little episode?" "Why, bless your soul, Ed, that was very essence of gelfishness. the would have had no place of mind all day had I gout and 'e't that suffering old sow worring over those pigs. I did it to get peace of mind, don't you see?' -Springfield (III.) Monitor.

Wasted Indiguation.

The man with the florid face and the bald head grew more and more uneasy as he sat at the restaurant table. He tried to read a newspaper, but every now and then would drop it, adjust his glasses and glare up and down the room to find the waiter to whom he had given his order. At last he man-aged to detain him, at the risk of being scalded by the soup he carried, and inquired:

'How about that dinner I ordered?' "It will be here immediately, sir," was the answer.

The guest tried to read his new spaper once more, but as the time passed his uncasiness increased until he was glaring up and down the room as fiercely as ever. He found his waiter again and the same conversation was repeated. After two or three more similar attemps he arose and went over to another waiter, who was gracefully lean-

ing aganist a pillar. "Look here," said the guest, want to know something."

"Yes," responded the waiter, "What I want to know is this, Am I ever going to get any dinner, and if

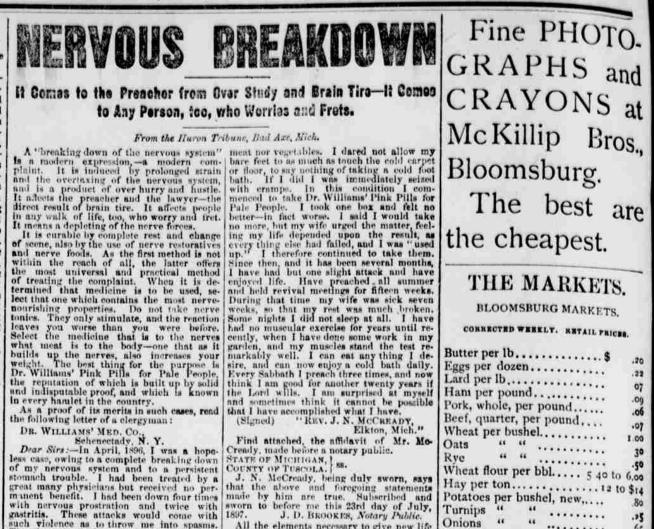
I do get it when will it be?" The languid young man looked at

him and replied: "Excuse me. I'm afraid you have made a mistake. I am only a walter; not a prophet."

Blanketed the Cow.

well known citizen of the East End tecently purchased a high-bred horse. He did not object to his son using the animal until a few nights ago, The son went to the stable, ordered the horse hitched up, and went out for a drive.

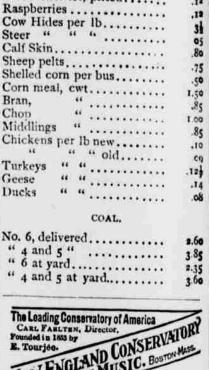
Returning home in the early morning, he put the horse in the stable and called to the hostler not to get up as he would attend to matters. At the usual time in the morning the father arose and strolled out to the stable, before the hired man had made his appear-To his suprise he saw that he owned heavily blanketed, and in the stall the horse he prized so highly was in a terrible condition. son had been racing and had brought the horse home, white with prespiration. In the excitement he had blanketed the cow and left the horse stand unprotected. He will never be permitted to use the horse again, as the animal was almost ruined .-- Pittsburg Chronicle.



STATE OF MICHIGAN, 58. COUNTY OF TUSCOLA. 58. J. N. McCready, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statements made by him are true. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of July, 1897. J. D. BROOKES, Notary Public. All the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves are contained in a condensed form with hervous prostration and twice with gastritis. These attacks would come with such violence as to throw me into spasms. The time came when physicians said I must stop preaching or die. I would be so ex-hausted after the last service on Sunday that

stop preaching or die. I would be so ex-hausted after the last service on Sunday that I could scarcely get from the pulpit. Many a time I have had to sit down and rest be-fore 1 could leave the church in order to gain a little strength. I could cat neither

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didn't know it had run down so.'

The two coastwise men objected to everything. The wine was not more than twenty years old, whereas they were paying money enough to get good stuff. The lobsters were wrong in some way, the salads were faulty, they insisted; the bird, the fish, the sirloin -everything clear through to the fruit and ice cream and pastry and coffee and cognac was criticized. It might be considered passable at a twentycent place, but at a shop where the price was twenty-five cents it was inexcusable. The worst of it was that they had a guest with them, and he would carry away a poor opinion of San Francisco hospitality. They again called the proprietor over, and forced him to apologize to the visitor for the wretched food he had served. Then Davis paid the checks, which were for wenty-five cents aplece, and Nye nearty fainted when the cashier humbly thanked him.

The next day Nye alipped away from all friendly hands and secretly went around to that restaurant. He wantad to have just one more of those stusendous twenty-five-cent dinners. So he ordered about one-third what he and taken on the previous day, 'There's no use wasting food just besause it is provided so generously and at such a price," he reasoned. And ae called for his check.

Somewhat to his surprise, the check was for twenty-two dollars and sevanty cents.

The Davis dinner had been a nice. oleasant little prearranged swindle put up by "Sam" and his friend and the stauranteur.

It was the same "Sam" Davis who, arevious to this, had been for one day Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina, though he had never been in North Carolina. Going East one winter, the man from the Coast stopped off at Laramie

to renew his troubles with Nye, who was then Justice of the Peace. The Dott t was busy with a legal hearing, and when Davis appeared in the doorway Nye immediately called him forward.

"Gentlemen of the bar." he said, ad-Cressing the two attorneys. "it affords me pleasure to introduce Chief Justice Witherspoon of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Judge, your arrival is facsi opportune, and I want you to sit here with me and advise me on this case. Join fac on the bench." Then, in a whisper, "Back me up, you outlaw, or 1'll commit you for ten days as a vagrant."

Never was a case argued with more vigor. This was the first time these Wyoming lawyers had ever confronted a real Chief Justice, and they made the most of it. At intervals of about thirty minutes the eminent forensic light from the South would request

The queer letters that are received y all public men in Washington, from he president down, have frequently been referred to, and, if complied, would make a curious and interesting olume. There are people in the Unitd States who do not hesitate to make ne most ridiculous requests, and pubte officials receive letters asking for nything from a postage stamp to a ow of brick houses.

Postmaster-General Gary is no exsep'ion among public officials, and he ous communications which he has reelved since taking onice. One which e received the other day is a fair ample of these letters.

A andy living in Jersey City gives er full name and address and writes all sincerity for the postmasterentral to find her husband, who deer ed her some years ago. She states n her letter that she has reason to here that her husband resides "in w York city or out West, either in .gan, Indiana or Illinois." She courses a specimen of her husband's writing and suggests that the dement can locate him from that and she will attend to him herwhen found .- Washington Corr .. ew York Mail and Express.

The Strongest Stones.

ft appears that from the town of Lee western Massachusetts come some the strongest marbles in the world. hey are found equal to bearing a abt of 13,400 pounds to the cubic one comes from Kingston, N. Y., howing a capacity to stand 13,900 ackahoe marble will bear 12,950 mands to the cubic inch, this being ore than the well known red granite of the Bay of Fundy region, the limit, this latter material being 11.812. The rap tocks of New Jersey and the dolomitts of Staten Island are rated the orgest stones in the United States. heir crushing resistance being 24,000 pounds to the cubic inch. Rhode Islnd granite crushes at 17,750 pounds to he cubic inch, that of Virginia will bear 21,500 pounds, and that from the superies of Maryland 19,750 pounds. New England granites in general vary mewhat from these standards .- New York Sun.

Fabrics for Winter.

The popular fabrics for winter cosamea will be satin cloth, serges, chev-Scotch homespuns and tweeds. eivet and velveteen will be more worn nan ever before.

A Fly Creature.

No bird can fly backward without turning; the dragon-fly, however, can do this, and can outstrip the swallow in speed.

That Sye.

A Minneapolis man once invited a friend to dine with him and neglected to telephone his wife to that effect. To make matters worse, both host and visitor stopped in at the club on the way home, and consequently were late for dinner-very late. The dilatory husband undertook to explain his tardiness while dinner was being served, and put up a rather overplausible de-fense in the line of business complications coming up at the very last moment before he should have left the office. The hostess heard him with om-inous politeness, and then calmly "Perhaps; but you really can't raid: look me in the eye and tell that story." "No-no," stammered the culprit; and then, as a brilliant idea struck him, "but I'll tell you what I will do: tf John will kindly look you in the eye while I repeat what I have said, probably we can make it go."-Minneapolis Tribune.

Joking on the Klondyke.

The Klondyke gold miner held up a nugget which he had just found. It was as big as his list. "Isn't that a beauty ?" he asked.

The consensus of opinion was that the nugget was a beauty indeed. "Yes, indeed." said one of the old

hands, after the others had expressed their admiration, "that sugget is easily worth its weight in corned beef."-Harper's Bazar.

Value of Infultion. Sherlock Holmes (at buresque show) That if the man over there in the box is a professor of mathematics.

Dr. Cubebs-He is an acquaintance of YOULS?

Eherlock Holmes-No; I never caw htta before in my i.i.e.

Dr. Cutebs-Then how do you know he is a professional mathematician?? Sherlock Holmes-By the interest he takes in the figures on the stage.-Chicargo News.

Elements of Success.

Crimsonbeak-The two most success-ful business men ' know live in my town, one is a shoemaker and the

Yeast- To what do you atribute their success?

Why, one sells ladies' shoes two sizes too small for the wearer, and the other other takes pictures which never look like the originair."

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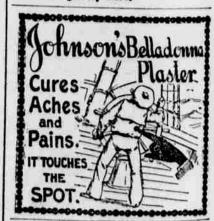
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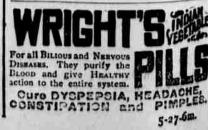
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