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The Genius of the Roadside.

BP F. B. CALLOWAY.

It is marvelous that a boy's fortune should turn upon a horse shoe, and yet, drew the charcoal sketch which decided for many of us, some of the greatest events his fortune. of our lives have turned upon as small a pivot. Even in the humblest lives, little opportunities lie concealed all slong the a glorious future.

One fair summer day a distinguished riding in his carriage along a country road tered and cared for tenderly. in Ulster county, New York. Ilis name was Aaron Burr-not then the despised and haunted Aaron Eurr we read of now. He was then Senator Burr, and was one of the most talented and highly esteemed men in our country. He was not an evil looking man; on the contrary, his was a kindly, pleasant face, lit up with brilliant black eyes.

But, about the horse's shoe : As he was driving rapidly along, one of his horses less a shoe, and he stopped at the next blacksmith shop to have it replaced. It was a lonely country place, and while the blacksmith was at work Burr strolled through the woods and fields that lay around. Returning, he noticed on the side of the stable, near the blacksmith's shop, a sketch in charcoal of his own horses and carriage. He was startled at first, it was so wonderfully accurate and spirited. He knew, too, that it must have been executed in a very few minutes, and he stood for some time gazing at it in admiration. Turning around at last, he noticed a boy dressed in coarse homespun standing a little way off.

"Who did that ?" asked Burr, pointing at the picture.

"I did it," replied the boy.

The Senator was astorished. Entering into conversation, he discovered that the boy, although ignorant, was intellectual. He also found that this young artist had never had any instruction in drawing, and that he was apprenticed to the blacksmith business for six months.

Burr wrote a few lines on a piece of paper, saying as he wrote :

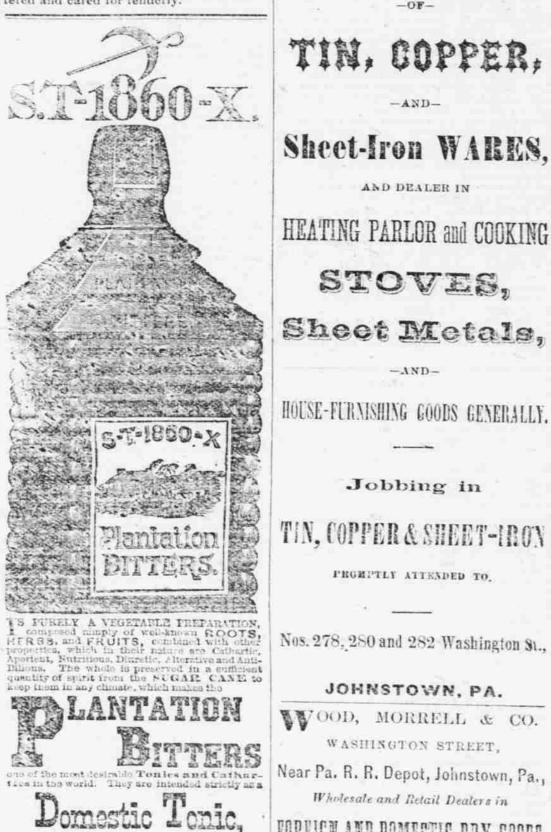
"My boy, you are too smart to stay here all your life. If ever you should want to change your employment and see the world, just put a clean shirt in your pocket, come to New York, and go straight to that address " handing the boy a paper.

A child's intuitions are quick, and as the boy gazed into his kindly face bent down to his, he felt that he had won a friend that he could love and trust.

The traveler's horses now being ready, he mounted his carriage and was out of sight in a few minutes, while the bewildered boy returned to his work in the blacksmith shop. He treasured the piecious bit of paper, however, and many a day as he worked the blacksmith's bellows that fanned the glowing embers, he built up golden dream-castles, while brave, ambitious thoughts leaped up into his heart, as the flames leaped up from the livid coals. Months passed away and these circumstauces had nearly faded from the busy Senator's mind. In his beautiful home at Richmond Hill he was sitting at breakfast one morning with his daughter Theodosia. It was upon this daughter, so lovely, so pure, that Aaron Burr lavished the wealth of a soul overflowing with secret tenderness. Long after his fall from power, she, it is said, was the solitary star shining with beautiful lustre over the rough and darkened pathway of his life. It was on this memorable morning that a servant entered the breakfast room and placed in Col. Burr's hand a small paper parcel, saying it was brought by a boy who was waiting outside. Theodosia gazed on wonderingly as her father opened the parcel and found a coarse, country made, clean shirt. Of course they both laughed merrily over it, and Burr, supposing it to be some mistake, ordered the boy to be shown in. Who should enter but our genius of the roadside, blushing in confusion. By the elegance of the room and the presence of the beautiful daughter he was still more abashed, but the face of his friend reassured him. Very modestly he placed in Burr's hand a piece of worn paper, the one he had treasured for so many months. As Burr traced the almost illegible words he recognized his own handwriting, and a new light flashed over his face. Taking the lad's trembling hands in his own, he gave him such a welcome as only warm, generous hearts know how to give. Then presenting the lad to his daughter, he told her his story. She gave him her hand at once, for she was as much pleased with him as was her father. From that hour the boy was loved and cared for as one of the family. He was educated and placed under one of the best of masters in the art he had shown such a talent for. Young Vanderlyn, for that was the boy's name, was afterwards sent to Europe by Burr, where he spent five years in the study of painting, until he became, it is said, an artist worthy of the name. Years and years afterwards, when Burr was wandering in Europe, a poor, lonely exile, Vanderlyn was exhibiting pictures at the Louvre, Paris. He had not only been presented with a gold medal by Napoleon, but was receiving compliments and congratulations from the Emperor's own lips. His cup of joy seemed almost full. It was then that he heard that his benefactor was in Paris, and he hastened to give him as warm a welcome as he himself had received one winter's morning long ago. The poor old man, bowed down with disgrace, and the grateful and now famous young artist, whom he himself had uplifted from a blacksmith's drudge at the roadside, We only know that the meeting must have been most joyful and most sorrowful, and that Vanderlyn rendered to his old friend all the assistance he could.

well known "Landing of Columbus." He ESTABLISHED also painted portraits of Aaron Burr and his daughter. He died a few years ago at Kingston, not far from the spot where he FRANK W. HAY

As for Aaron Burr, the way of the transressor is hard, but the Lord is more merciful than man. In his old age, Burr was opportunities lie concealed all slong the way like fairy doors which, when the right spring is touched, will fly open, revealing but he was not left destitute. The bread cast upon the waters in his happier days all returned to him. As he had once loved to care for and shelter the poor and homelooking gentleman might have been seen less, so he himself in his last days was shel-



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. ANECDOTES OF RATES.

Many instances have been recorded of the display of intelligence by rats, to which we beg leave to add the following : A farmer's wife in the west of Scotland remarked that the cream on the surface of the milk in her dairy was often interfered with. At first, she suspected that some of her children had taken the unwarrantable

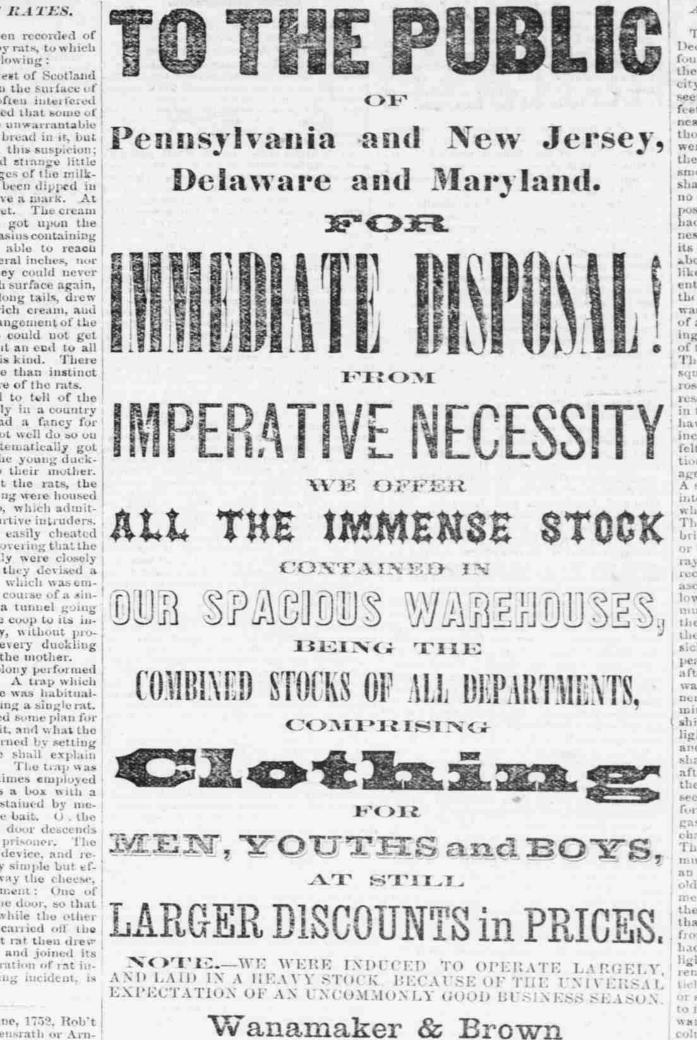
liberty of dipping pieces of bread in it, but she had nothing to confirm this suspicion. and, by-and-by, she noticed strange little streaks of cream on the edges of the milk-basins, as if a string had been dipped in WNOLESALE AND RETAIL, and draws out, so as to leave a mark. At last she discovered the secret. The cream was stelen by rats, which got upon the edges of the earthenware basins containing the milk, and not being able to reacu down to it, a depth of several inches, nor daring to go down, as they could never have climbed up the smooth surface again, dipped in the tips of their long tails, drew them up loaded with the rich cream, and then licked them. An arrangement of the basins, such that the rats could not get upon the edges of them, put an end to all further depredations of this kind. There was surely something more than instinct in this case in the procedure of the rats.

Sheet-Iron WARES. We have something still to tell of the ingenuity of rats. A family in a country house in Hertfordshine had a fancy for rearing ducks, but could not well do so on

account of rats, which systematically got HEATING PARLOR and COOKING hold of and carried away the young duck-lings, even from close to their mother. With a view to circumvent the rats, the maternal duck and her young were housed for the night under a coop, which admit-ted of no opening for the furtive intruders. The rats were not to be so easily cheated out of their pray. On discovering that the mother duck and her family were closely shrouded from intrusion, they devised a pretty plan of engineering, which was em-imently successful. In the course of a sin-Sheet Metals, gle night they excavated a tunnel going below the outer edge of the coop to its in-terior, and thus very neatly, without pro-ducing any alarm, stole every duckling under the guardianship of the mother. HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS GENERALLY.

Two rats of the same colony performed a feat quite as ingenious. A trap which was baited for their capture was habitually plundered without securing a single rat. They had evidently invented some plan for safely stealing away the bait, and what the plan was, could only be learned by setting a watch on the trap. We shall explain how the theft was effected. The trap was of the kind which is some times employed for catching mice. It was a box with a sliding door, which was sustained by mechanism connected with the bait. O , the bait being nibbled at, the door descends and makes the mouse a prisoner. The two rats saw through the device, and resorted to the following very simple but effectual method to take away the cheese. and yet escape imprisonment: One of them placed itself under the door, so that it might fall on its back, while the other crept in and successfully carried off the morsel of cheese. The first rat then drew itself from under the door, and joined its companion. This demonstration of rat intelligence, like the preceding incident, is of recent occurience,

A Boy's DREAM .- In June, 1752, Rob't Aikenhead, a farmer in Densrath or Arnhall, England, went to a market called Terrenty Fair, where he had a large sum



Another Nevada Phenon

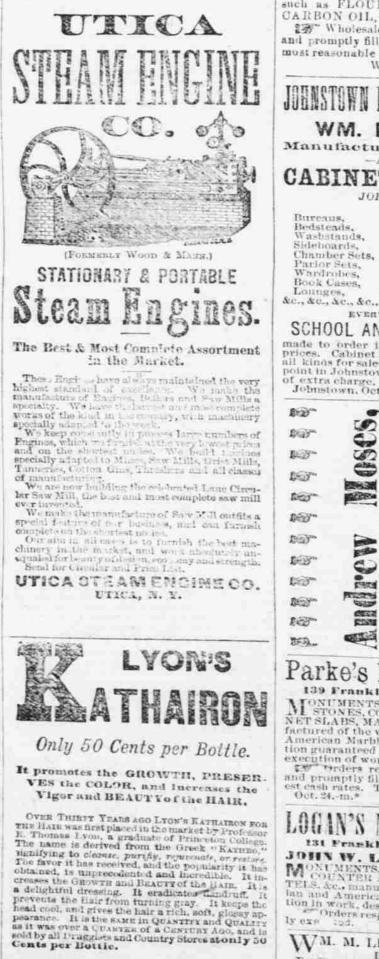
ek yesterd he residents in the city were startled seemed a column of feet in height shoe near the Ophir work. thought that the old were on fire, and three the spot to see what co smothering the flames. shaft, however, they fo no smell of smoke, he posed fire was a light had ever before seen. ness and in the strang its component particle. about, the faces of the like pallor. Two or ent were miners retur their dinner pails was observed that th of a brilliant steel. ing and hair also to of the same ghastly an The light came up the square shaft, and sport rose up through the resembled one of the in the aurora boscalis. have something of the nconstant motion. felt creeping over them tions awe. they still 1 age to approach A strange sight was here interior of the shaft so white heat, and glowed The timbers on the side brilliant, and each side or bit of fungue seemed rays that streamed stead rections. A warm, steam ascended from the swell low, and there was also musty smell. All thus the shaft afterward fels the temples, and two sick at the stomach. pearance lasted for new after it was first observe was all over eight or ten n ners, returning from their v mines (it being about the tin shifts) had collected about light died out from the and protuberances for shaft continued to glow after the light was no h the top of the shaft. seem to have been camforth of some kind of 1 a gas from some of the chambers in the old The rush of gas-for gas must have been-was proan extensive cave in some old timbers had rotted men who had the good for the strange phenomena is that the mixing or mingling from the mine with the an and something to do with light, as he observed in the asce rent of pseudo flame myriada ticles of some substance, globales or something of the kind, while in to flash and scintilate as they o ward, and which presented i column of light much the same te as motes moving about in light was observed by a f street, but was supposed stream of light thrown reflected from the fall.

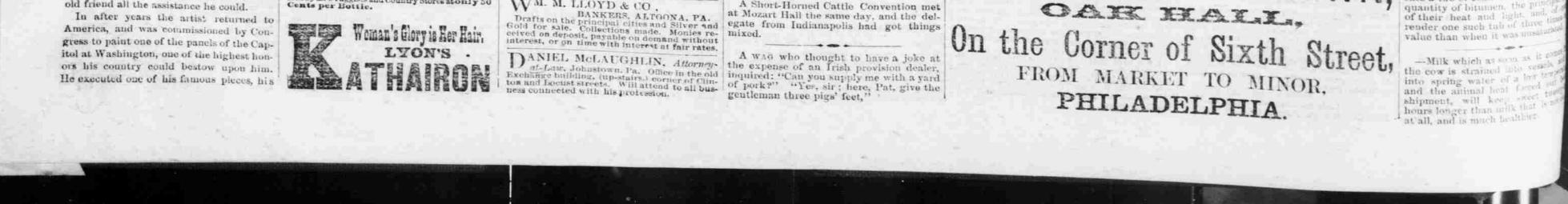
In after years the artist returned to America, and was commissioned by Con-

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of money to receive. His eldest son, Robert, a boy between seven and eight years old, was sent to take care of the cattle, and happened to lie down upon a grassy knoll, and before sunset was fast asleep.

Although the boy had never been far from home, he was immediately carried in at a new and Lower Scale of Prices. imagination to Terrenty market, where he dreamed that his father, after receiving his money, set out on his return home, and was followed by two ill-looking fellows, who, when he had got to the western dykes of Enclismund, and a little more than a mile from home, attacked and attempted to rob him; whereupon the boy thought he ran to his assistance, and when he came within a gunshot of the place, called out to some people who were just going to bed, who put the robbers to flight. He immediately awoke in a fright, and without waiting to consider whether it was a vision or a reality, ran as fast as he could to the place he had dreamed of, and, no sooner

reached it, than he saw his father, in the very spot and situation he had seen in his dream, defending himself against the assassins.

own part of the visionary scene, by roaring out "murder" at the top of his voice, which soon brought the people, who, running up to Mr. Aikenhead's assistance, found him

victor over one of the villains, whom he had previously knocked down with a stope, after they had pulled him off his horse, but almost overpowered by the other, who repeatedly attempted to stab him with a sword, against which he had no other defense than his stick and his hands, which were considerably mangled by grasping the blade.

Upon sight of the country people, the villain who had the sword ran off, but the other, not being able, was apprehended and lodged in jail. Meantime there was a hue and cry after young Robert, whose mother, missing him and finding the cattle among the corn, was in the utmost anxiety, concluding he had failen into some water or peat moss. But her joy and surprise were equally great when her husband returned with the boy and told her how wonderfully both his money and his life had been saved by his son's dream.

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A SLIGHT MISTAKE .- The Cincinnati correspondent of the Cleveland Leader tells this story about the adventures of a stranger in the Constitutional Convention of Ohio

A spruce, trim fellow came into the Convention on Tuesday, before it began business. He seemed kind of restless, like a cat in a strange garret, and hung around the Clerk's desk in a timid manner, waiting for some one to ask him what he wanted, but no one asked him, and he finally mustered up courage to inquire of one of the Secretaries for the Chief Clerk, and Rhodes was pointed out to him : and the shadows of suspense left his anxious face delay. as he approached the solemn Secretary and said

"I believe you are the clerk ; well, I want to join this Convention."

Dud looked at him inquiringly, and said, "Want to do what?" "I want to join this Convention."

A look of pity and commiseration came over Dud's thoughtful face, as doubts of the fellow's sanity began to dawn upon him, and he said :

"Why my dear sir, I don't understand

"Why, I am from Indianapolis [and he grew four inches taller]; I am acquainted with Gen. Sol. Meredith and Gov. Hendricks [he straightened about four inches more]; and I want to join this Convention! This is the Short-horned Convention, ain't it ?"

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them whole corn, and Ind. ing the season she sold eggs of \$90, and from Septem uary 17th, she got ready 150 pair of chickens, wh \$260. She thinks the D the best for market, but the

6, 7, and 8 pounds each. by this statement what a proper attention to poulicy ing perhaps larger than farming. It also shows that is one in which females mu necess. The time occ. sixty to a hundred hens more than an hour or two a from household duties is 17 than otherwise. Indeed, w

profitable and interesting eggs, setting the hens, hatching and tending th

CASH INSTEAD OF CRE son could be permanent? cash system is better that pay for it.

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in cash. How much more anxiety. sleepless hours, how many head-la disappointments, and regrets avoided if this rule were always adhered to.

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