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COOLING HER OFF. A Lesson for Much Enduring Heads of Only recently I was obliged to have a change of administration in the culinary department.

self or the cook. I couldn't exactly satisfy myself, but concluded, that as I paid the rent, I had a right to at least a voice in the matter. So I went down stairs, and consulted the cook herself on the subject.

could not help considering my imperti-tence. So I discharged her on the spot, fearing that if I did not, she might dismiss me. She would, no doubt, feel sore and disappointed, though, if she knew that the silver on the spoons she took with her is only skin deep. But it is not with the ex-steak de-

stroyer that this has to do. It is with her successor, who arrived a day or two

She was one of the most high-toned women I ever saw. I felt small and waving spoon.

She seemed so superior in every way that I felt it necessary for my general happiness to ascertain her limitations. So I said to her, on the day she ar-

"Can you make soup?" "Oh, yes," she replied,

"Can you make a bisque of crab?" "What's that?" Without replying, I asked: "Can you make lobster croquettes a la Kalamazoo?

She seemed dazed. " How are you on filet de bonf aux champignons ?" She replied not, but looked as though

see her wilt like a paper shirt-front in a thunder-shower. "S.p; ose I should ask you to get me

up an epigram, a salmi, or a fricandeau of tadger a la Montpeller-on-the-Onion, Tears were streaming out of her false eyes by this time. She seemed to be on

the point of accusing me of calling her "Can you roast beef?"

o Yes. "Can you cook steak?"

"Without a frying-pan?"

"Well, if you can do that, you're en-Then she took charge of us .- [Puck,

Reckless Eating of New Yorkers. Indigestion is said to be one of the most prevalent ailments. The person who take- a look about in any restaurant will not wonder at it. Cast iron stomachs only could stand some of the things that people deposit within them-

I was impelled to thoughts of indigestion by seeing a man put mustard on his pie. And, as if this were not enough, I saw another man put mus ard on watermeion. After that it would not have at all been surprising to have seen a person put Worcestershire sauce on his

Many persons eat pleat break ast, and once in a while the person is found who begins his meal with ice cream and tops

off with soup; but he is crazy.

The people who throw down a goodsized dinner in twenty minutes are countless. The ones who est in the middle of the day in New York have only a few minutes to do it in. An ostrich would become emaciated under the con-

ditions in which thousands of men live in New York, and history records that an ostrich can tackle anything from an ink bottle to a crowbar. Such divestible things as beefsteak

and roast beef do not find much of a to fill up" appears to be the motto.

constitutions as anything else. Ples and sandwiches are sold from baskets in the street. Messengers and newsboys buy them, and when doubled up in the throes of the colic, as a consequence, are accused by their parents of having spent their earnings in green ap-

tropolis is beset with danger into which the eaters madly plunge.-[Brooklyn

Union. The Bottom of the Sea.

One-half of the earth's solid surface is buried in the abysmal regions of the ocean, and exists at undulating plains beneath a watery covering from two to

five miles thick. On this land at the bottom of the deep sea, the director of the Challenger publications tells us, the conditions present-

ed are most uniform.

The temperature, near the freezing-point of fresh water, does not exceed seven degrees in range, and is constant throughout the year in any locality. Sunlight and plant life are absent, and, although animals of the larger types are present, there is no great variety of form or abundance of individuals. Change of

any kind is exceedingly slow. At the greatest depths deposits are chiefly a red clay mixed with fragments of volcanic matter, remains of deep sea animals, cosmic dust, manganese-iron nodules and zeolitic crystals. No analagous deposits have been traced on dry land, although the continents are mainly made up of rocks which must have formed under the sea near the coasts.

Throughout all geological time the deposits of the continent bordering waters appear to have been forced up into dry land through the contraction of the earth, while the abversal regions have remained the most permanent areas

To Capture Prairie Dogs.

A prairie dog trap is ingenious. Place a headless barrel over the prairie dog's hole and half till it with fine sand. The little burrower will soon scratch his way to the top of the same. But the fine sand falls into the hole and fills it up and it cannot dig another through the half fluid particles, neither can he climb up the sides of the barrel. All he can

The ascent to the upper air is easy, but to recall one's steps and re-enter Avernus; how hopeless the attempt!"
This is without doubt the way in which the prairie dogs in Central Park were captured .- [Jamestown Kansan.

A Child's Wish.

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APPETIZERS.

Where There's a Will There's a Way. Many years ago, while Mr. Quincy, the junior, was on a visit to Washington, Mr. Justice Story entertained him with an account of the social life of himself

We usually dine together," he said, "at 6 o'clock, very quietly and simply. We have wine only when it rains." And, after pausing a little on his statement, he add d with judicial grav-

· But sometimes the Chief Justice will say before we rise from the table: Mr. Story, look out of the window and see whether it is raining,' and when

I report that the weather appears to be fair, he will say: 'So much the better! Our jurisdiction is so vast that, according to the doctrine of chances, if the weather is fair here it must be raining in some other part of the country; therefore, we will have a little wine to-day."-[Boston

Not long ago a family who resided in St. Paul removed to North Dakota. Its members include a little boy who can yet count his years on the fingers of

"Mamma, do they have trees in heaven?"

"Yes. my dear," replied the mother, "they have everything nice in heaven." "Then, mamma," said the little fellow

Spiritualistic mediums occasionally make inducements for business.

The other day Dr. P. H. Jameson was called upon by a visitor who told him that Dr .- (a physician who died not long since) was very aoxious to have him attend a certain " circle," as he had a communication to make.

he can call at my office. He knows well enough where it is."-[Indianapolis

Journal. \_\_\_\_ Disappointing. "Here is a book mentioned in this paper entitled 'Hints on Husbandry,'"

That evening at the supper table he inquired: · Did you get the book you spoke of to-day, Miranda?"

'Ye es," was the somewhat reluctant reply.
"And how did you enjoy it?"

"Well, I reckon it's a good enough book, but the title is kind o' disappointin'."-[Merchant Travelor.

A Wise Man.

F. Y. A.: "Then it is not by writing

S. Y. A.: "I am peddling fish."-[Boston Courier.

Crippling Depredatory Hawks and Owls.

A farmer tells us that he has for years we I his chickens from the depredation hawks and owls by sharpening a scythe ade and a sting it on the end of a pole, anding off at an angle of about 45%. The birds of prey will light on the lade, that rims off their toes so that

mey cannot carry off fowls. One of these blades will also rid a field of crows. - [Athens (Ga.) Banner. An Object of Pity.

N. (commiserating): "H'm! That sof ed, too, when I wuz a little feller, but I pulled up for it by goin to night school and learnin' to read."—[Boston Courier. ----

A Chestnut out of Season.

Mrs. Muldoon: "Mrs. Gilligan, cud ye tell me the maning of the word chistnut? Mrs. Gilligan: "No ma'am; Ol sud not. Whol?

Mrs. Muidoon: "Well, yer see dis

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And garlands with cedar the banner of Like dewdrops that fall on a meadow of grain, Or that shrivels the germ and destroys the And lies like a worm at the lifeless root? I saw a farmer at break of day

An enemy came with a drouth in his eye, Discouraged the worker and hurried by. The keen-edged blade of the faithful hoe Dulled on the earth in the long corn row; The weeds sprung up and their feathers tossed Over the field, and the crop was-lost.

When the heavens entombed the face of the The wind arose like a beast in pain, And shook on the billows his yellow mane; The storm beat down as if cursed the cloud, And the waves held up a dripping shroud-But, hark! o'er the waters that wildly raved Came a word of cheer, and he was saved.

Hid in his heart like a gem in a clod; His lips were framed to pronounce the thought, And the music of rhythm its magic wrought; Feeble at first was the happy trill, Low was the echo that answered the hill, But a jealous friend spoke near his side, And on his lips the sweet song-died.

Weary and footsore from journeying long, She had strayed unawares from the right to the wrong. Angels were beck'ning her back from the Hell and its domons were beck ning her in : The tone of an urchin, like one who forgives,

mighty and brave; They rescue a nation, an empire save apart. They fall on the path, like a ray of the sun,

#### A word that will comfort, oh! leave not ungalde

MARY'S DOUBLE It was a pleasant June morning in Returning to her hotel at precisely eight o'clock, after her morning "con-stitutional," Miss Mariana Robinson called at room thirty-two to see Miss Nisss for a moment, and then she would go out and rout the lazy girls-Miss

Rhodes and Miss Thurston-and make them go to breakfast with her. These three girls were spending a year in Germany, studying and traveling under the care of their friend and former teacher, Miss Niass. They had been abroad since October. For a month they had been staying at the Hotel Victoria in Baden-Baden, and for a week Miss Niass had been quite ill, and confined to her room. As Mariana entered Miss Niass's room,

the latter looked at her with evident anxiety, and said : "I was wishing very much to see you. Here is a cable dispatch, which I have just received from your father."
It was directed to "Miss Mary Robinson, Hotel Victoria, Baden-Baden," and

and on the Abyssinia she must go. This was the 6th, and no time was to be lost. You will have to take the ten o'cle train to Carlsruhe, Mary," said Miss Niass, "and there you can connect through to Cologne to-night. You have an hour and three-quarters to get ready. Miss Nia-s called the landlord.

sudden thought striking her, " that there is no other Miss Robinson in the hotel? served. I suppose it is all one name." all the long day. She reached Cologne after dark. The next day's journey brought her to Antwerp. Her cab stop ped at a stone curbing which extended the length of the street; beyond it was

a confusion of shipping, horses, drays, freight, and the like; on the other side blank warehouses. Mariana looked out anxiously. She alighted and gave the driver two three coins. At this he seemed

ance to you?" said a voice in French. Mariana turned and saw a gentleman standing at her side. She explained to the stranger that she wanted to find the steamer that was to start for Harwich in half an hour, and that she could not understand a word the driver said, and that he would not take the money she offered him. The gentleman called the driver, who

came up, looking sheepish and mortified.

He talked with him a moment, and then,

money. He can get it exchanged. I am going to the same steamer, and will show you the way. Mariana followed him, and the driver brought up the rear with her trunk. Under the care of her new friend, Mariana passed through the ordeal of the Harwich custom-house quickly, and made the trip to London without anxiety. After seeing her safe in a cab, and di-recting the driver to take her to the Langham Hotel, he bowed his most courteous adieu, and Mariana drove

on board the steamer. They weighed anchor at sunset. Mariana was standing at the vessel's stern. Turning, her attention was arrested by a glimpse of a gentleman pacing the quart-It was the French gentleman who had shown her politeness on her journey. She started toward the hatchway and met him. Recognizing her, his face

of her movements."

Mariana saw that she now held the matter in her own hands to a great extent. At a word from her De Rochefontin walked away, leaving her alone with Mr. Robinson. She proceeded to plead the cause of the two lovers. "Oh, you're like all women," he said:

you can't resist the beard and title." But as she went on he listened to her gravely, and by the time the tug was ready to return he assured her that he uld invite De Rochefontin to his house and take the matter into serious consideration. He insisted that Mariana should go home with him also to luncheon. By doing this the girl had a chance for a little talk with Mrs. Robinson, when the Frenchman's interests

were not neglected. On her arrival home Mariana found her mother ill. The presence of the oldest daughter was of all things desired. Within a week Mary Robinson, who had arrived in Baden-Baden the 7th of June, but had not gone to Hotel Vic-toria because it was full, and had called at the post-office for her mail, received the following cable dispatch:

"Come home at once. Your count not so bad after all. You owe everything to your double, who has premised to be first bridesmaid. For further particulars apply to Miss Niass, Hotel J. ROBINSON."

PEOPLE WHO EAT TOBACCO. Has the Comforting Weed Been the Sub-ject of Unjust Representation?

The tobacco habit has many curious phases, and the conflict between experts and authorities as to its effects has create I considerable confusion in the pub-Some physicians declare that the weed is a poison, while others, equally as worthy of belief, declare that it is a med-

icine. They all a ree, however, that its excessive use is calculated to injure some temperaments. I am reminded o. the tobacco question by the following from the Athens Caron-"A gentleman in Athens commenced

the use of tobacco at fourteen years of

age. When twenty-two years old the excessive flow of saliva had caused indigestion and stricture, or constant pain across the breast, threatening life. "Ad ised by an eminent physician, he commenced swallowing all the juice of the tobacco (call it by what name you please), and for fifty-four years has per-"The pain ceased very soon, digestion

was restored, nerves became steady, for the last twenty-five years no headache, although had previously suffered greatly; has also smoked all the time, and now at seventy-six his nerves are steady and can write as well as at twenty digestion perfect, vision good, knows nothing of nausea, except in the dim recollection of upward of half a century ago, has had no use for a doctor for upward of twenty-five years, and if afflicted with softening of the brain will

not acknowledge it. . He knows of others who have adopted this course with beneficial results, as far as health is concerned, without injury, as far as he knows, mentally or

morally."
Now the average reader would suppose that the foregoing is merely the invention of a newspaper reporter, but there are parallel cases right here in Atlanta. One of the most distinguished citizens of the town-indeed one of the most distinguished citizens of the State in his calling-has for years been in the habit of eating tobacco instead of simply

chewing it.

age and is in the most robust health, with a complexion as clear as that of an infant, and an eye as keen as that of a hawk. He has none of the ailments of his age-no pains, no aches, no indiges-Nor is this all. Sitting close to my elbow as I write is a gentleman who has been eating tobacco for thirteen

This gentleman is sixty-odd years of

years. He is a young man and has led a sedentary life for many years, taking little or no exercise and but little recreation in any shape. But his health is perfect. His digestion is good and his appetite just what he would have i to be. He doesn't know what the headache is, and the only feeling of lassitude he ever experiences is when he drinks a little too much butter-

milk for dinner.-[Atlanta Constitution. CHEERFUL IN UTTER DARKNESS.

Some Notes Taken at a Party of Blind People. I may be wrong, but it appeared to me that the most cheerful of our blind party were those who were born so, or had lost their sight at an age too early to have any remembrance of seeing.

I came on one such, a middle-aged

him. to act as his guide. He was sitting on a gate, with his face toward the fields, and the boy was squatting on the grass. The blind man was No doubt on account of its appropriateness to the occasion, the song of his choice was the "Warbling Wagoner,"

the chorus. He was singing the last verse as I came near, and at its conclusion I ap-plauded the performance, whereon he laughed, and, slapping his thigh, called to his son for the chorus over again for the last time, and this being accomplished he put out his hand to give mine the grasp of friendship. Goodness knows how he discovered it,

"I beg pardon, sir," said he; "I thought it was one of our own people I was singing and laughing with. But it is a poor heart that never rejoices, and you, having your precious eyesight, won't be offended with us, I know." "I am only too glad," I replied, "that you find yourself to-day with a rich heart in place of a poor one, and that

never could. But, thank the Lord, I've got my sense of smelling and tasting and hearing; and I'll make out with them if you'll bring me in o the country to enjoy myself a bit. And, as for eyes,

hain't my boy Ben here got two of 'em

and sharp ones, too. And, in a manner of speaking, I can borrow them whenever

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## Newly-Discovered Correspondence Writ-ten by that Astute Politician.

LETTERS FROM AARON BURR.

Remarkable interest attaches to the discovery, in Kingston, N. Y., of a bun-die of letters addressed by Aaron Burr to Peter Van Gaasbeek, of that city. One of the letters throws light upon the notable contest for the Presidency between Burr and Jefferson in 1801, when the matter of choice was thrown in the House of Representatives.

It was claimed by Burr, after Jefferson had been chosen President, that I he had had an equal number of votes with Jefferson he would have utterly disclaimed all competition, as he had no desire to be instrumental in counteracting the wishes and expectations of the people of the United States. These sentiments were for the public. The other side appears from a lett r. upon the back of which was written,

of considerable influence. He was a member of Congress. The "Private Instructions" in Burr's handwriting, read as follows: "From the returns in Pennsylvania it is certain that Adams cannot be elected. The President and Vice-President must therefore be taken from Jefferson, Pinck-

"You know, I suppose, that no distinction can be made by the Electors. They vote for two men without declaring the offices for which they intend

"You see how important and critical the thing is, and must therefore spare no pains. It will be surprising, indeed, as Vice-President for the present.

ally and without delay." With the "Private Instructions" was found a paper containing a sort of cipher, by which letters of the alphabet were to be used to indicate certain

E | Abram Van Vechten R F Adams G Jefferson H Pinckney Charles Newkirk O Vice-President Peter Smith P

Burr then adds: Speak of yourself in the third person when you wish it to be concealed that you are the Person in Question, W & X, to be used differently. The paper also has evidence of having been written with "invisible ink," which

not now be read easily after the lapse of so many years. It is all in the handwriting of Burr. Major Van Gaasbeek is mentioned in one of the letters written by Mrs. Burr to her husband from New York, in 1791, in this way:

"Neither the package you left at Kingston nor the money and great coat by Colonel Gausbeck have yet reached Burr, in his letters to his wife, during those days when he traveled on the circuit of the courts at Poughkeepsle, Albany, Catskill, and Kingston, speaks

Ruinebeck. I shall be then at Kingston. Much love to the smiling little girl The "little girl" was his daughter, Theodosia. Burr's correspondence with Van Gaasbeek was mostly regarding money mat-

attachment. In this connection, as a matter of interest in the history of Kingston, it might be said Burr refers, in one of his

letters to hie wife, to Vanderlyn. John Vanderiyn, who became celebrated as a painter, was a protege of Burr. Vanderlyn was a resident of Kingston, and Burr having seen several of his sketches, became interested in him, which resulted in Vanderlyn's going to Europe to study painting. In a letter, written in New York, 1801,

man, who, being a widower, had brought his young son, about 10 years old, with about six years ago to Parls, has re cently returned, having improved his time and talent in a manner that does very great honor to himself, his friends, and his country.
"Proposing to return to France in the S, ring, he wishes to take with him some American views, and for this purpose he

is now on his way through your country and dangling his legs in the lightness of to Niagara, I beg your advice and prohis spirits he saug it loud and hearty, his son not joining in except to help with

but at first touch with his fingers he found out that I was not blind.

you can rejoice."
"Well, I should be a pretty ungrateful sort of a chap if I didn't. It's fairly beautiful. That's how I reckon it up, master, and I can't say more than that. And he raised himself a bit higher on the gate, and slowly turned his head this way and that, loudly sniffing the while, and finishing up with a sounding smack of his lips.
"It's de-licious!" said he. "But you can't see it," I remarked. "But I can smell it," he responded cheerily and with another prolonged sniff, "and I can taste it. I can't see; I

I want to; so I hain't got much to grum-I don't know how it is, but it would seem that when a person loses his eyes he is straightway deprived as well of It had long been a question in my mind who was running the house, my-

She seemed greatly offended at what I

mean when obliged to ask her to perform a menial service. She seemed like one born to govern a kitchen a mile long, and to ride up and down the same on horseback, and give orders with a large

"What kind?" "Every kind," she replied. "Can you make mulligatawny?" " Never heard of it," she said.

she had been hit with the tall of a cyclone. She seemed overcome with grief, and every moment I expected to

then what would you do? names, when I said:

market. The "ready-to-serve" dishes are called for to the greatest extent. These are meats and vegetables which have been boiled and stewed until they would serve better for door hinges and building materials than for food. "Anything The coffee and cake saloons which flourish all over the city furnish " mud ' and "sinkers" (coffee and cakes) at night, and do as much to undermine

The whole mastication line of the me-

do is to reverse the familiar lines of Virgil and exclaim:

and his associates on the Supreme

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both hands. "One day, after thay had resided in their new home a short time, the little fellow, who had been gazing out on the treeless prairie around, approached his mother very soberly and asked:

eagerly, "let's sell out here and move to heaven right away."-[St. Paul Ploneer Press. \_\_\_\_ The Medium's Services Quite Unnecessary.

"Wants to see me, does he?" inquired the doctor. "Yes," was the answer; "It's something important he wants to tell you."
Well, said the doctor, in his shrewd, dry, practical way, "if he wants to see

said Miss Smiggle. "I think I'll go down town and buy me a copy. Her brother to whom the remark was addressed smiled and said nothing

First Young Author: "I hear you are making money." Second Young Author: "Yes. I am F. Y. A.: "Then your writings are paying you at last." S. Y. A.: "On, no. I've dropped writ-

S. Y. A.: "Certainly not."
F. Y. A.: "What are you doing,

Newsboy: "Paper, sir?" Irascible old gentleman: "No, I don't read the papers." Too bad. My editeation wuz nerglect-

mornin' Oi told me bye, Mickey, to fitch in some wood, an sez he : Dat's a chist-nut, mudder.' Oh, but didn't Oi give

him chistnuts wid a hickory club. Begorra he'll moind that fer awhile."-[Judge. Defending His Reputation. "I'm afraid that son of mine will bring my gray hairs in sorrow to the grave, if I live so long," said a lady to a sympathetic friend. Don't be afraid, ma," said her young hopeful, poking his head in at the door.

Sooner than have that happen I'll take

your hair out of the drawer some night and burn it up."

The Proper Place for 'Em. "What shall we do with these hard, dry sandwiches that were left over from the p culc?" one deacon asked another; om to the poor?" "I don't know as the poor would thank us for 'em," was the reply, "I think we had better sell 'em to some rallroad sandwich counter."-[Boston

"Oh, doctor, my husband is very sick with the fever, and I'm afraid he will not live till night. I want something for him." "Well, I'll send him my preparation."

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"O, no, doctor, he is already prepared, for he told us so this morning, so he doesn't need that; it is some medicine we want to break the fever." A Flattering Parrot. A down town druggist has a parrot which he has taught to say, "What a pretty girl!" whenever a woman, young

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or old, enters his store, and they do say

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floring his corn in a careful way;

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A woman pansed where a chandelier Threw in the darkness its poisoned spear;

Drew her back, and in heaven that sweet Words! Words! They are little, yet They close up the gaps in a fresh bleeding That sickness and sorrow have severed Where the shadows of death lay so heavy They lighten the earth ever our blessed dead,

"Come home immediately. secured state-room for you on the Abyssinia, leaving Liverpool the 10th. "J. Robinson." "What can it mean?" said Mariana. "I cannot understand it. If any of them are sick, or anything, it would have been so much better to have told One thing was clear; her passage was engaged on the Abyssinia for the 10th,

After sending Mariana to her breakfast, You are sure," asked Miss Niass, a Yes, madam, there is no other person by that name. The letters to Miss Robinson are sometimes addressed to Miss Mary and at other times to Miss Mariana Robinson. This I have ob-'Yes," replied the lady, and remembered as she spoke that Mr. Robinson always called his daughter Mary. With a heavy heart Mariana traveled

to become very angry, put the money back in her hand, and started to get back on the box, as if he intended driving off with her trunk. Mademoiselle, can I be of any assist-

turning to Mariana, said : "The fellow says it was Rhenish away with a little feeling of regret that she had seen the last of him. The morning of the 10th she went to

"They must have expected her to be Liverpool, and in the afternoon she went at the Hotel Victoria, in Baden, the 6th of June," said Mariana half sorrowfully; for they sent the dispatch there, and as I was the only Mary Robinson at the hotel, and as the dispatch was dated New York-father would of course go to New of its being for any one but me. ighted up with unaffected pleasure. From that moment the two were

dauguter is engaged, and he has crossed the ocean simply to beg you to recon-Then he can cross back again double quick," said the old gentleman.

Mariana looked long and steadily at the picture, half fascinated by it, the count meanwhile standing at her side scanning her face with pride and eagerness in his own. Finally he exclaimed: Eh been! And what is it that you will say in regard to that portrait? "It is exquisitely lovely," said Mariana, still looking at the portrait. " N'est-ce pas" he cried, forgetting his English, and then with a truly French

it is the lady of my heart. Mariana had an open heart for a love story, and in a few words of cordial interest drew out that of De Roch fondin. The young lady who, strange in say, was, like herself, named Mary Robinson, had been for a year in Paris. had a few months ago offered his hand to her in marriage.

She was willing to give it, but on writ-

gesture he added: "Ah, mademoiselie,

she sat on deck, and remarking in Eng-

Robinson," he handed her a photograph

of a girl of her own age.

I have something to show you, Mees

forth with no satisfactory result, and he had finally determined to go to America and plead his own cause.

He had been obliged to go to his chateau in Normandy for several weeks before embarking, and Miss Robinson had oined friends with whom she was to It seemed to be a great affliction to

ing to her parents in America they made strong of jections apparently for the

Several letters had passed back and

sole reason that he was a foreigner.

whereabouts. The plans of the people with whom she was to travel were not fully made, and all his letters had to be addressed to her Paris bankers and forwarded by them. Mariana asked if the young lady's father knew that he was coming to America.

"Ah, no, mademoiselle, it is a secret

most profound. I am informed that he

him that he could not know her exact

is a gentleman of slightly eccentric tem-per, and it would not be best to excite him beforehand. More than that, he might see fit to be away from home. He resides in New York." Seeing the man as she did every day and all day long, Mariana had a fine op-portunity of studying his character. He seemed to her a high-bred, cultivated gentleman, of singular simplicity and nonesty of character, and that he was thoroughly in love was beyond question. Having formed this opinion of the man, and being strongly interested in his mission to America, Mariana determined to do all in her power to favor it. When the Abyssinia anchored in New York harbor, Count de Rochefontin proposed that she should wait on the steamer while the tugboat made its first trip

her father, and bring him back with him

to the steamer. In that way she would

have a chance for a little quiet talk alone

on first seeing him, instead of meeting

him in all the noise and confusion of the

dock and Custom House.

expected did not appear.

old gentleman say to him :

Count de Rochefontin, on landing from the tug, stationed himself near the line of waiting friends, watching them narrowly for Mr. Robinson. His eyes soon fell upon a stout elderly gentleman in light gray clothes. He vore a heavy gray mustache, and had an important, business-like air. He was evidently on the alert to see a friend among the passengers, and beginning to knit his heavy eyebrows and

grow very red when, the tug having

landed all her passengers, the person he

The second officer of the Abyssinia had

'Young lady by the name of Robinson

landed, and De Rochefontin heard the

on the boat, sir?" This was enough. De Rochefontin advanced; and, as Mariana had told him that her father did not understand French, said, in the best English he could command, bowing very low as he "Allow me, monsieur. Mademoiselle, your daughter, remains upon ze ship. "Heh?" The old gentleman glared rather fiercely at De Rochefontin, who bowed courteously and remarked: "Miss Robinson walts for you on the

ship, monsieur. She is slightly discom-

"Oh, she is," interrupted the other.

Well, I should thing she ought to be;"

and he laughed with a deep and not very

The tug was now ready to return to

posed at the prospect of seeing you.

mirthful "haw, haw, haw."

the steamer, and the two gentlemon stepped aboard. Who are you, anyhow, sir?" asked Mr. Robinson, facing about abruptly on his companion. De Rochefontin handed him his card. The old gentleman grew very red and Theodore de Rochefontin! What, you are the man who wants to marry my ughter?" "Ah no, monsieur, pardon me, I haf

not that honor. Mademoiselle, your daughter, is a young lady very amiable. I admire, oh, very well; but my heart, monsieur, he belongs to another," and De Rochefontin bowed again. "It does? Then what in the name of wonder are you traveling around with my daughter for, sir? I demand an explanation!" 'I make the journey with mademofselle simply as a compagnon de royage."
"Now, see here, young man, your name
is Theodore de Rochefontin, and you belong to the Bourbon noblesse, what-

ever that is, and own a chateau in Nor-

of honor and chivalry, aren't you? Hold

on! I believe I've got the inventory of

began taking a handful of letters out of

your attractions right here;" and he

his pocket.

mandy, don't you? and you're the sou

Mais, monsiour!-that affair becomes now hopeless; let us, de bonne grace, I pray you, advise mademoiselle your daughter with it." They now stepped on board the Abyssinia. Mariana was waiting for them on deck, pale and anxious. " Voici, monsieur! — mademoiselle, your daughter, will make right all that affair." "My daughter!" exclaimed the old gentleman, staring at Mariana. "Never saw the young lady in my life!"
"This is not my father," said Mariana.

" My name is Robinson," declared the

"And mine is Mariana Robinson, of

old gentleman. James Robinson, of the firm of Robinson and Sharpe, wool-

Mamaroneck," exclaimed the girl. "My

father's name is Joseph Robinson; he is

brokers, New York City."

"Know him well-know him well," said Mr. Robinson cheerfully, "but I didn't see him on the dock." " I received a telegram from him two weeks ago telling me to come home by this steamer. I cannot understand his not meeting me. "You received that telegram! How in the world did that happen? I sent it to Drexels, in Paris, to be forwarded to Mary. She was to keep them informed

York to telegraph to me-I never dreamed have taken this journey all for nothing!"
"Well, well," said Mr. Robinson, "I'll take you out to Mamaroneck this afternoon. I ordered my daughter to come home because in her last letter she got pretty independent about some French

"Private Instructions," which shows that, secretly, he had other designs. Peter Van Gaasbeek was a pointician

ney, and Burr. Six or seven votes for Burr in this State will make him President, whether intended for him as President or Vice-President.

> you, Addison Vivier, and others can not influence Miller and Cantine so far as to induce them to do what is righ . Burr must be spoken of, however, only This caution must not be neglected for cogent reasons, which will in due time be communicated. Somebody must confer with Miller and Cantine person-

names. It reads as follows: Lewis Morris Rich' Thorne A. Hammond R. Van Rensselaer K F. L. Witbeck Wm. Root L J. Addison J. Miller Abram Ten Broeck M P. Van Gaasbe John Honeywood N | President

could only be made legible by being brought out by heat. The writing can-

of Kingston often. In one of his letters, written at Poughkeepsie in 1788, to Mrs. Burr, he said : "I go, this evening, to Rhinebeck. You can write me by Monday's stage, directed to be forwarded to me from

ters. In nearly all his letters he speaks of pecuniary embarrassments. In one letter, in 1795, he wrote to Peter Van Gaasbeek, that he (Burr) must decline the nomination, that he (Van Gaasbeek) must inform the committee, and that "I shall bear a lasting remembrance of this Instance of their confidence and

to Thomos Morris, Burr said: "Mr. Vanderlyn, the young painter from Esopus, Ulster County, who went

" He is a perfect stranger to the roads. the country, and the customs of the people, and, in short, knows nothing but what immediately concerns painting. From some samples which he has left here he is pronounced to be the first painter that now is or ever has been in America.

"Your affectionate friend,

The Telephone of 1664.

A quotation, not much known, from

the works of Robert Hooke, published

in 1664, would seem to show that the tel-

ephone is not such a modern invention as is generally thought. Hooke says : " And as glasses have highly promo our seeing, so 'tis not improbable but that there may be found many mechanical inventors to improve our other senses, of hearing, smelling, ta-ting and touching. 'Tis not impossible to hear a whisper a furlong's distance, it having been already done, and perhaps the nature of the thing would not make it more impossible though that furlong should be ten times multiplied. "And though some famous authors have affirmed it impossible to hear through the thinnest plate of Muscovy

glass, yet I know a way by which it is

easy enough to speak through a wall a

" It has not yet been thoroughly exam-

ined how far oct consticons may be

yard thick,

"I can assure the reader that I have by the help of a distended wire, propa-gated the sound to a very considerable distance in an instant, or with as seem ingly quick a motion as that of light, at least incomparably swifter than that which at the same time was propagated through the sir; and this not only in a

improved, nor what other ways there may be of quickening our hearing, or conveying sound through other bodies than the air; for that is not the only

said for my scrap-book.

"Mamma, I wish I could have that