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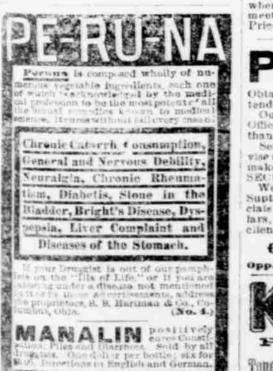


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view. The fly had scented the body through the crack in the floor. Sagacity of the Swan. On the banks of the river Idle, between Bawtry and Misson, a swan had built her

One of the difficulties in early attempts search. The book-cases had been move out from the wall, every volume had been to establish submarine telegraph opened and every drawer inspected, so was to secure an effective mode of insulthat no fresh place of concealment sugating the wires. The first substance uses gested itself. that seemed at all adequate to the pur-Pondering upon the mysterious matter pose was gutta-percha, and this it was

ound, must also be protected. A cable he fixed his eves abstractedly mon the ceiling, where he saw something that insulated with an outside cost of guttanade his heart thump. The ceiling was percha simply was laid between Dover ind Calais in 1850, and work-1 for one of the usual height, but was made of day only. In the following year another wood, put in long-trips about eight inches wide. It evidently had not been swept cable was had between the two places in off for years, and a layer of grimy dirt which the wires, after being institut clung to the boards. What attracted the with outta pencha, were protected by an detective's attention was a spot near the armor of ten heavy wires. This is still in working order. The general plan of makentre of the ceiling, on which the dust ing submarine cables is much the same did not appear to be as thick as on the rest of the boards. The difference in the In the first place, if more than one concolor of this spot was so slight that only ducting wire is used, each must be insulan experienced eye could have detected ated from the others. Copper wires are it, and on getting under this particular employed, and each one is coated with two or more concentric layers of guttaspot the detective noticed marks in the percha. These are then laid together to dust as though made by the tips of human orm a center strand, and about them all fingers. are laid at least three-more often four-

There was a solid old table in one corlayers of gutta-perchs, and besides, bener of the room, which, though used tween these layers, a peculiar insulating pretty roughly in the general ransacking, was still able to bear the officer's weight. compound, composed of melted guttapercha, wood-tar, and rosin, in applied Drawing this to the middle of the room which not only penetrates into the pores he found a slight abrasion of the veneer of the gutta-percha, but also by its ading near the centre of the table, like the hesiveness unites the layers with each marks that would be left by the feet of a other. Before these layers are put on chair. This additional proof was strengththa ened when the detective put a chair they are free from defects, and that their upon the table, and the feet exactly fitconductivity and insulation are perfect. ted the scratches on the surface of it. Around the gutta-percha layers a wrapdetting up on the chair, the searcher pressed the tips of his fingers in the faint ping of tarred hemp, technically called the bedding, is placed. This hemp is in strands, and by the use of a machine tracks in the dust, and a part of a board yielded to the touch like magic, leaving made for the purpose the strands are spun around the cable. After the core a hole about eight inches square. Inserting his hand through the opening the has been covered with hemp it passes detective feit around and drew forth a through the armoring, by which the out-side covering is put on. This is either of long narrow tin box. In this was discovered many thousands ot dollars in fine iron strands, spun into wires, or iron United States bonds and greenbacks. wires covered with hemp, or copper The detective pocketed a snug reward. bands. It is necessary that deep-sea cables should be a light and at the same

time as durable as possible. At first heavy iron sheathing was used, but it Grant's Horse. General Grant was particularly proud was apt to break in deep water, and of his stud of horses. His war charger therefore the wires were substituted. was an especial favorite. He took great Though cables must be made stronger delight in exhibiting his horses to his friends with whom he was intimate pressure upon them, in the shallower Once at his stables with a friend he said. vater near the coast they are more liable "Perhaps you would like to see the horse I rode during all the campaigns I com-manded ?" The animal was ordered to to injury from icebergs, the anchors of vessels, and the attacks of sea animals. be brought out. The gentleman was survided with a heavier armor than that prized to find the horse no larger than a lady's palfrey - small, slender, agile limbed, black as a coal, intelligent, mild.

an eye like a hawk, and a lick on the mane for all the world like a boy's cowlick. It was such an animal as women and children would make into a family

they destroy much matter which is in-The gentleman pronounced the animal a beauty, but expressed a doubt as to its endurance. "Endurance!" said the general; "this animal exceeds in endurprions to man. They lay their eggs in decaying animal substances, and these hatch out in a very short time. The young flies begin to eat as soon as they ance any horseflesh I ever saw. I have are hatched, and soon eat up the decayed taken him out at daylight and kept in the matter. It is said that the progeny of saddle till dark, and he came in as fresh two blue-bottle flies will eat up a dead when I dismounted as when I started in horse more quickly than one fion could the morning. There isn't enough gold in America to buy him. He is an imported Flies have a wonderful scent. If a horse of fine breed, and was once on Jeff Davis' plantation." This was just before nece of decayed meat is placed in an open place where there are no flies, it will Davis was caught, and the visitor said. "I presume you would exchange the horse for Jeff Davis?" "You have said it," exclaimed Grant; "I would exchange him for his master, but for nothing else not be long before a troop of flies will be crawling over it. An ingenious man once made a fly serve him. A poisoned rat had crawled under the floor of a centleman's dining-room, and died there. in the world." The room, which had been fitted up at

### ! Understanding of Animals.

nd workmen were called in to remove Bayard Taylor relates the following :he flooring. Rut one of them suggested Animals have much more capacity to that if a blue-bottle fly should be turned understand human speech than is generalinto the room, it would find the exact spot where the dead rat was lying. The ly supposed. The Hindoos invariably talk to their elephants, and it is amazing ly, being caught and turned in, buzzed about the room for some time. At last how much the latter comprehend. The it alighted upon a certain spot on the Arabs govern their camels with a few cries, and my associates in the African "There's where your dead rat is !" the sert were always amused whenever I the workman said. A single board was addressed a remark to the big dromedary removed, and the rat was exposed to who was my property for two months, yet at the end of that time the beast evidentknew the meaning of a number of simple sentencec. Some years ago, seeing the hippopotamus in Barnum's Museum looking very stolid and dejected, I spoke to him in English, but he did not even

Scattered throughout the gardens are cages containing monkeys, birds, etc., that add not a little to the picture-some ness of the scene. For over an hour our party studied through the well-kept grounds and gardens, fifty men being constantly employed in beautifying and keeping them in order. Amid a grove of rarest folioge, musical with birds, is a handsome Italian monument, crected to the memory of the late Queen, who was

drowned by the sinking of a yacht, erected by the King, and by his special direction kept in the neatest order. As our time was limited we could see but a portion of the beauties of this lovely place. It would take a column to speak at length of the various palaces that are scattered over the grounds, the Oriental watch and bell-tower that stands like a giant sentinel towering over all, the hand-some, wat, built like a Gothic cathedral,

with stained glass windows, but the shrill whistle of our steam launch reminds us that "time is up," and, with a sigh of re-gret, our party left the lovely Mango Gardens, its world of flowers, its fragrant atmosphere and paradisical beauty-an elysium where one could dream life away, the Nepenthe of the poet, where no raven will ever "sit on pallid bust of Pallas," but eternal sunshine gilds the velvet curtains and casts a glory on the glistening floors.

# Daniel Webster and Lord Brougham.

Mr. Webster was an admirable racon-teur, and some of his reminiscences of his visit to England were very entertaining One morning in London, after a breakfast with Rogers, the banker-post, he

left the house in company with the celebrated Sydney Smith, and as they passed the door of Lord Brougham Smith proposed to call, to which Mr. Webster assented. On entering, Smith introduced Mr. Webster as "Mr. Clay." Now Mr. Clay had not long before denounced Lord

Brougham in the United States Senate, so, to use Mr. Webster's words, "Lord Brougham did not say a word to Mr. Clay, nor did Mr. Clay to Lord Brough-Smith and Webster soon took their leave, and as they were crossing St. James

Park the former all at once became silent and then asked : "Did I not introduce you to Lord Brougham as Mr. Clay?"

"Certainly you did," replied Webster. No more was said on the subject, but Smith soon excused himself. That afternoon Mr. Webster found a card from Lord Brougham inscribed :

"For Mr. Webster," and they became intimate friends .- | Boston Budget.

## Cured of Being Angry.

Judge Murray, of Napierville, looks back on more then seventy years, though he seems to be less than sixty. The other day on one of the suburban

trains he sat in a game of whist when his partner said something that did not please him. Without a word of explanation the old

judge left the board, took a seat elsewhere, and began reading his newspaper as if nothing had happened. Soon afterward a gentleman said to him :

"Well, Judge, you left that game abruptly, but didn't appear to be angry. "Angry !" replied the judge; "I never get angry. I haven't been angry for

thirty years. That's the reason I am so well "Just about thirty years ago I got mad, terribly mad, at something-I don't re-member what-and I tore sround and raved and talked myself red, white and

blue in the face. "When I had blown off a little of my surplus steam I looked over the crowd of gentle en present for a little .vmpathy, and by thunder, th y were all grinning-grinning at me, too. They didn't seem to care how mad I got. It didn't hurt them any. They wern't mad a whit. "I was the only fellow in the crowd

who was making a fool of himself, and I concluded not to do it ag.dn. No, sir; and I never did. Inevergot mad again." - Chicago News.

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the decision of the Supreme Cou reference to her husband's fate.

-Miss Winifred Edgerton, who received the degree of Ph. D. from Colum bia College last year, is the teacher of mathematics in the New York school of which Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland has become the associate principal.

-Under the new rules of precedent at the White House Miss Bayard, although she is the youngest, will next year outrank all the other ladies of the Cabinet. This is because she is daughter of the Secretary of State and presides over his bouse-hold.

-Two Venetian ladies named Silvestri have formed at Vienna a school for young girls to learn the art of mosaics, and have given them the Palazzo Sceriman in which to work. They execute orders of all kinds, sending the work in sections to any part of the world.

-Mrs. L. F. Baldy, of California, is about to establish a colony of silk culturists in Maryland. A tract of one hundred acres near Odenton will be divided among ten colonists, and by next spring she hopes to have the experiment fully under way. She proposes to raise grapes along with the silk-worms, as the worms require but six weeks of care. Mrs. Baldy is a member of the Woman's Silk Culture Association of the United States. -Dr. Mary F. Thomas, of Richmond, Indiana, sent a very able paper on "Heredity" to the recent annual meeting of the Indiana State Medical Society at Indianapolis. Dr. Thomas could not be present, and the paper was read by Mrs. Mary E. Haggart, of Indianapolis. The character of the paper, and the excellent manner in which it was read, secured the earnest attention of the members of the Medical Society.

-Miss Helen Gray Cone, whose poems have given her a prominent place among our young women of letters, and Miss Jennette L. Gilder of the "Critic," are at work on a book in two volumes, to be called, "Pen Portraits of Literary Women." The portraits are drawn by the women themselves, and by their comtemporaries. With two exceptions, George Sand and Harriet Beecher Stowe, these portraits are of English literary women, from Hannah Moore to George Elliot. A concise biographical sketch of each, written by Miss Cone, is followed by descriptive anecdotes culled from every conceivable source. -

The Alps.

terin Alps cuts the heavens, and drink-

ing in the influence of the silent scene

to move; it breaks from the toppling out-

most mountain ridge of snow, where it is

hundreds of feet in depth, and in its first

fall of perhaps 2000 feet, is broken into

millions of fragments. As you first see

hear the roar, so here you may see the

white flashing mass majestically bowing,

and hear the astounding din. A cloud of

dusty, misty, dry snow rises into the air

from the concussion, forming a white

from the bosom of which thunders forth

the ice torrent in its second prodigious

fall over the rocky battlements. The eve

follows it delighted, as it ploughs through

the path which preceding avalanches

have worn, till it comes to the brink of a

vast ridge of bare rock, perhaps more

than 2000 feet perpendicular. Then flows

the whole cataract over the gulf with a

still louder roar of echoing thun ier.

Another fall of still greater depth ensites,

over a second similar castellated rideo or

reef in the face of the mountain, with an

awful majestic slowness, and a tremen-

dous crash in its concussion, awakening

again the reverberating peals of thunder

Then the torrent roars on to another simi-

lar fall, till at length it reaches a mighty

groove of snow and ice, like the slide

given so powerfully and graphic descrip-

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down the Pilatus, of which Plavfair has

cence.

surah, with velvet vest, collar and calls. The skirt has a very deep, full sideplaited fan set in, over whoch is a doubler punel, arthur sheldte at the tor and the panel, parting slightly at the top and clas-ing toward the bottom, apparently held together by large buttous. are so drawn as to give a bias effect across the bottom of the skirt. Three yards of velvet and entreen yards of sumh is required.

-A suit of plain Bengaline, with beaded trimming, is made with a plain waist, with wide revers decounted with large buttons at the outer edge, plain vest, with beaded collar and pendent pattern ; plain sleeves with straight coat cull, and one button on the outside, very full skirt draped over beaded panel; unique and

stylish. -Dresses of faille and brocaded velvet has beaded points over the front of the skirt. Brocade fronts open over a pla,n oreadth ; very full puffed draperies over the hips: side plaiting back of the brocade panels; close-fitting waist, with wide cuffs, collar and revers of brocade. Chemisette of silk in wide middle plait

with buttons; straight round collar, -Transparent French muslins are exhibited with strawberries, laurel blossoms, sweet-brier roses and foliage, arbntus blossoms, and half-opened buds, scatered on vari-colored geounds; usually the backgrounds are of pale tints-a very delicate tea rose or primrose being a favorite shade, but the bright-colored fruits and flowers look very well against a background of olive, pale golden-brown

\_\_\_\_ - Use of the Cent,

or moss-green.

For some years many of the prominent Southern cities have been trying to bring cents into circulation, and desperate indeed have been the efforts to accomplisthis. Several houses have declared i

favor of cents, to find their introduction far more difficult than was imagined. One publisher imported barrels of the coins and put them forth, only to find out that they returned in a very short time. The idea of carrying the measure through by one grand movement, all acting together, failed. The people were not acquainted with cents and refused them; and many dealers, particularly the small ones, with whom have come into play and who would be most benefited by their circulation, held back. But although these spasmodic efforts failed, the end sought for is being slowly but surely accomplished. The One cannot command any language to cent, which could not be forced suddenly. convey an adequate idea of this magnifion the community, is growing into favor. You are standing far below, gaz-A large number of houses are now wi ing up to where the great disc of the glitling to accept it and make their change accordingly, and the public is beginning to recognize that the cent is of some value around. Suddenly an enormous mass of after all. Strange to say, as at the snow and ice, in itself a mountain, seems ginning of this movement, the small dear ers still hold back. Coppers will be taken n payment by almost any largedry goods house, but the candy or banana peddler on the corner opposite is very much afraid of the copper currency. There the flash of distant artillery by night, then need be no fear, however, that the cent will not succed. The new coin has been could suddenly spring it upon the courvolume of fleecy smoke, or mist light,

introduced. It is no longer a novelty or a surprise. Those who thought they munity did not recognize the conservative nature of the people; did not appreciate the fact that even so small revolutions as this can only be accomplished with time and patience.

#### ------ Contracts.

A merchant wanted a milliner. Mis-Maclay was open to an engagement of this kind. The merchant hearing of her, dispatched a letter offering the situation, and asking for her answer by return mail. Directly she had read the letter, she wrote her acceptance on a postal card, But instead of mailing this herself, she gave it to a small boy to mail for her, which small boy carried it in his pocket, with his pegtop sand marbles, for four days before he posted it. Meanwhile the merchan tmade other arrangements, and when Miss Maclay reached his store tasty tombstone has just been erected to according to the terms of the card which

tatis. The result. them in place of chickens;

strike, striker lookel out." In Wall "thert-"Ion sitikes, broker out."

-Below marriage the question a girl asks her lover most oftain is. "Do you really love me<sup>ner</sup> After marriage the "Dis your query becomes : "Is my hat on straight?"

-Over two hundred million cans of vegetables are used by families in this country and the cans thrown away. No wonder the goats of the country are so

-Charles D. Keep, the rich and dead editor of a four-page daily part called the Wall Stort News, made his dingy little print famous by the publication of ODe joke a day.

-John G. Saxe's will has been admitted to probate in Albany. It was made four years ago, and leaves half the estate to the poet's only son, Charles G. Saxe, and an interest in the remaining half to his grandson, John G. Saxe.

-It seems strange that the Irish in America, who claim the largest liberty in holding public meetings and making pandes should exhibit such intolerance toward other nationalities attempting the same thing, as was the case in Boston when the English residents were celeatting the Queen's Jubilee at Fanceil Hall. Such exhibitions will not help the Irish cause in this country.

A Spadeful More or Less.

The most trivial and careless action of even the least able and influential of men may have consequences which science itself can hardly calculate. Here, for instance, is a laborer who may dig twenty more spadefuls before dinner, or only nineteen. That surely is a point which he is free to determine, a point which is determined for him by no physical force or law. But how much may depend on even this trivial determination of his will !

On whether or not he digs that twentieth spadeful it may depend whether a sing if turned up or not ; on the sing may depend the dinner of a young swallow who is faable on the wing ; on this single meal may depend whether the bird shall join the migratory flock, and reach Africa in safety; but on this dedgling's arrival or non-arrival may depend whether a ceriain inacct shall be snapped up by him, or left to lay a million eggs, which in that case will next month be each a locust, laying a million more; and on this billion of locusts and their progeny it may depend whether by Christmas a vast tract of country shall be green as Eden or a leafless wilderness, and its mean temperature 100 degrees or only 70 degrees; and on such an area being the hottest or coolest portion of the tropics may well depend the winds and the drought or rain of a sension over half or the whole of Europe. All these events, and many more, may depend on the single, unstudied, momentary act of a man who is quite free to do that act or to leave it undone !

#### Her Color Chauged.

A young lady who was much worried about her complexion, asked the advice of a vegetarian friend as to the best means of improving her appearance. "Take to vegetarianism," said the

friend. She took wildly; and fed on nothing but parsnips, washed down with copious draughts of dandelion tes, for one month. Toward the end of the twenty-eighth day she was nearly as pretty in color as buttering. Yet, somehow or other, the tint didn't please her, and after consulting her vegetarian friend again, the young lady subsisted for two monitor on pickled each bage and raspberry vinegar neat. Slowly but surely her color changed, till she be-came a good copy of red sunset. Still not satisfied, she varied her nonrisionent more, and existed on strawberry ice and turnips for six months, when she assumed a lovely pink and white line. A very her memory by her vegetarian friend.

