Taomas A. Becket is recorded in history as being very rich. On one occasion when entering a French town his prossession was headed by 250 singing boys; then came his hounds in couples; then eight wagons, each drawn by five horses driven by five drivers; two of the wagous filled with ale to be given away to the people; four, with his gold and silver plates and stately clothes; two with the dresses of his numerous servants. Then came twelve horses, each with a monkey on his back; then a train of people bearing shields and leading fine war horses nicely equipped ; then falconers with hawks upon their wrists; then a host of knights, gentlemen and priests; then the Chancellor with his brilliant garments flashing in the eun, and all the people capering and shouting with delight. After this he suddenly changed his whole manner of life. He are coarse food, drank bitter waters, and wore next to his skin sackcloth covered with dirt and vermin. (for it was then thought very religious to be very dirly), flogged his back to punish himself, lived chiefly in a little cell, washed the feet of thirteen poor people every day, and looked as miserable as he p ssible could.

Sosostris was the most distinguished of all the Egyptian kings. He formed the idea of conquering the world, so set out with an army of 600,000 footmen. 25,000 horsemen, and 27,000 armed chariots. His conquests were extensive, and he returned home laden with the spoils of various subjugated nations. He is said to have caused the captured princes, four abreast, harnessed to his car instead of horses, that they might draw him to his temple. In his old age he lost his sight, he became despondent and took his own life.

Cadmus was the first who introduced the use of letters into Greece, though some maintained that the same alphabet was in existence among the native inhabitants. This alphabet consisted of sixteen letters, to which eight were afterward added.

Hermes Trismegiste is celebrated for his philosophical writings. He added five days to the year, which before consisted of only three hundred and sixty.

Homer flourished about 900 years before Christ. He was a poor, blind man and used to travel from place to place singing his verses. But his genius was transcendent. All succeeding ages have bowed to it; and his poems have been taken as the model of all epic productions of any note written since his day.

Eurysthenes and Trocles were two brothers; their father Arostodemus having been killed in battle, they being twins, their mother was unable to tell which of them was the first born. The Sparians consequently agreed that they be joint kings.

Sardanapalus was considered to be the most effeminate of markind. He never left his palace, but spent all his time with his women and his eunuchs-He imitated them in dress and painting. and span with them at the distaff. Baing beseiged in his city by Arbaces. governor of Medes, he at length set fire to his palace, and consumed himself. with his women, eunuchs, and treas-

Xerxes had under him 2 000 000 fighting men, besides vast numbers of wamen and domestics, the largest aimy and assemblage of persons recorded in

Quinctus Cincinnatus was called from the plough to the office of Dictator. He was considered to be the wisest and bravest man belonging to the commonwealth. He cultivated a small farm of four neres with his own hands. The deputies of the Senate found him following the plow in one of his fields. They begged him to put on his gown and hear the message from the Senate. Cincinnatus anxiously asked "if all was weil ?" He then desired his wife to fetch his gown from his cottage. After wiping off the dust and with which he was covered, he put on his robe and went with the deputies. They saluted him Dictator, and bid him hasten to the city, which was in the greatest peril. He saved Rome from destruction by his wisdom and valor.

A singular occurrence, showing the providence of God in the government of the world attended the siege of Rome. The city was at one time nearly taken by surprise; a number of Gauls having climbed up the steep rock on which it stood, were about to kill the sentinels and make themselves masters of the place, when some geese, kept near the post, being awakened by the noise, began to flutter their wings and cackle loudly, so as to arouse the soldiers. This little incident saved the capital, and perhaps the Roman name from extinction.

Asistotle said when dying, "I entered this world in impurity, I have lived in anxiety, I depart in perturbation. Cause of causes pity me."

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Farm Notes.

may not be immediately noticed. It is an old maxim that the safest investment is in land, for the reason that land cannot be stolen or destroyed, remaining permanently as deposited wealth until it passes into other hands. But the land is also the receptacle for more wealth and locks up within itself valuable material that may at some time be converted into marketable products. Every farmer who grows crops, raises stock, aims to improve his farm, will, in the face of all obstacles, store up in the soil, as plant food, wealth that cannot be utilized immediately, but which in the future will place him in a more independent position and offer fourfold that which it rescived by changing the unsalable commodity of the farm into forms by which it becomes articles of demand. The fertility of the soil is the treasure of the farmer buried until he digs for it at the proper time.

Though nature is at work she requires materials, and the farmer simply utilizes the forces at his command to change the material, and place them in positions of advantage. The source of the farmers' increase is the manure. The manure heap is a real factory, a chemical laboratory, in which a porcion of the products of the farm are worked over and changed and the more perfect the work performed in this labratory the greater the sid and assistance afforded the crops during the growing season. The farmer every year becomes wealthier because he is converting waste material into plant food, which is added to the soil, and whether droughts entail failure, or prices fall, his mine of wealth remains, which is itself a thing of value over and above that which he may derive from the sales of his produce in market.

Life in "Malberry Bend."

It is upon "The Bend," in Mulberry street, New York, that this Italian blight has fallen chiefly. It is here the sanitary policeman locates the bulk of his Four Hundred, and the reformer gives, up the task in despair. Where Mulberry street crooks like an elbow, within hail of the old depravity of the Five Points, are the miserable homes of the ragpickers. The law of kaleidoscopic change that rules life in the lower strata of that city long since put the swarthy, stunted emigrant from southern Italy in exclusive possession of this field, just as his black-eyed boy has monopolyzed the boot-black's trade, and the Chinam n the laundry. Here is the back alley in its foulest development -naturally enough, for there is scarcely a lot that has not two, three or four tenements upon it, swarming with unwholesome crowds. What squalor and degradation inhabit these dens the health officers know. Through the long summer days their carts patrol The Bend, scattering disinfectants in streets B. J. LYNCH. and lanes, in sinks and cellars, and hidden hovels where the tramp burrows. From midnight till far into the small hours of the morning the policeman's thundering rap on closed doors is heard. with his stern command, "Apri port !" on his rounds gathering evidence of illegal overcrowding. The doors are opened unwillingly enough-but the order means business and the tenant knows it even it he understands no word of English. In a room not thirteen feet either way slept two men and women. two or three in bunks set in a sort of alcove, the rest on the floor. A kerosene lamp burned dimly in the fearful atmosphere, probably to guide other and later arrivals to their "beds," for 15 was only just past midnight. A baby's fretful wail came from an adjoining hall-room, where, in the semi darkness

What Produces Death.

Some one says that few men die of age. A'most all persons die of dissapointment, personal, mental or bodily toil or accident. The passions kill men sometimes even suddenly. The common expression "chocked with passion," has little exageration in it, for even though not suddenly fatal, strong passions shorten life. Strong bodied men often die voung-weak men live longer than the strong, for the strong use their strength and the weak have none to use. The latter take care of themselves, the former do not, as it is with the body, so it is with the mind and temper. The strong are apt to break, or, like the candle, run; the

weak born out. The interior animals, which live temperate lives, have nearly their prescribed term of years. The horse lives twenty-five years, the ox fifteen or twenty, the hog ten or twelve, the rabbit eight, the guinea pig six or seven. The numbers all bear proportion to the time the animal takes to grow its full size. But man, of all animale, is one that seldom comes up to the average. He ought to live a hundred years, according to the physiological law, for rein kept perfectly | five times twenty are 100 ; but, instead of that, he scarcely reaches an average

> of four times the growing period. The reason is obvious-man is not only the most irregular and most intemperate, but the most laborious and hard working of all animals, and there is reason to believe, though we cannot tell what an animal secretly feels, that more than any other animal, man cherishes wrath to keep it warm and consumes himself with the fire of his

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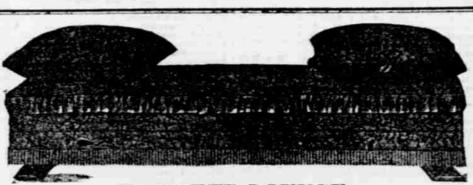
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The strange case of William Jackson, whose breath was inflammable, excited a great deal of interest in medical and scientific circles two years ago. At that scientific circles two years ago. At that time, says a prominent writer, Mr.

Jackson was a photographer in Fayetteville, N. Y. More recently he has been engaged in this same business in Middlebury, Vt. One evening at ten Middlebury, Vt. One evening at ten o'clock he lighted a lamp with a match. Then with a breath of air sought to MASON "blow out the match." Instantly his breath took fire with a slight explosion, Jackson gasped with fright, and the flame of the combustible air entered his mouth and blistered his tongue. His lips and face also suffered, and his mustache, eyebrows and the hair above his eyebrows were singed to a marked degree. The man was at first badly frightened, and his wife, who was a witness of occurrence, screamed with alarm.

After waiting an hour to see if there would be a repetition of the phenomenon, Jackson went to bed. The next morning he consulted his physician, Dr. T. E. Quinly, who recognized the case as a singular one, and eng ged the writer of this article to report it for the medical journals. The truth of the reports was at first questioned on all sides, but, after the matter was thor. oroughly investigated, it was admitted that such a case might possibly occur. Then in 1874 it was learned that an European medical journal had published a report of a similar phenomenon, and musty scientific tomes were searched, and one item discovered that substantiated the present. Then Jackson discovered that he could reproduce the phenonmenon almost at will, but as the experiment sometimes resulted in unple asant burns he would exhibit his peculiarity only on special occasions. At last medical men figured out a theory to explain the freak. They came to the conclusion that it was not the breath from Jackson's lungs, but air belched from his stomach, that would take fire. The patient had never been a drinking man, so the gas was not rendered infiammable by the presence of alcoholic vapor, but for years he had suffered from a peculiar kind of dyspepsia. Dr. William Manifus Smith, professor of chemistry in the Syracuse Medical College, after careful study concluded that food in Jackson's stomach underwent a bu'yric acid fermentation, one of the products of which was carbureted hydrogen, sometimes called "marsh gas," the "firedamp" of mines, Jackson understood a little about chemistry and one day be and the witer ect to an old, stagnant pond and collicted a bottle full of "marsh gas." When lighted it exploded, and burned precisely as did Jackson's breath. The gas was collected by holding the bottle under the surface of the pond, stirring up the mad in the bottom of the pond, and catching in the bottle the bubbles of gas as they arose. Jackson is about thirty years old and a genuine Yankee. He is a bright humorist, and as genial a fellow as one ever has the pleasure of meeting. He has been a newspaper man, Indian fighter, photographer and balf s doz-n other things. He is also at artist of no mean ability. His wife was formerly his shood-teacher.

Germany's Royal Children.

The young Emperor of Germany, William II, has five little boys. The eldest is seven years old. He is the Crown Prince and the heir to the throne. He will some day be E.operor of Germany. He is a fine, manly little fellow. Germany is a very mulitary country, and the Emperor William is such a thorough soldier that strict military discipline to the order of the day in the nurseries of his little people. As soon as petticoats are left off the tiny boys are dressed in baby uniforms, and the young Crown Prince looks quite like a

little soldier. When their father visits them in their own quarters, as I suppose I ought to call such a military nursery, the Crown Prince commands his military brothers to "fall in." Then Frederick and Albert, who are scarcely more than babies, "fall in." Little Prince Albert is such a mite that he is not able to keep his position for long and he soon trots away to his nurse's side. But the Crown Prince and Prince Frederick stand suff and starched like real soldiers till their father returns their salute in proper

When the little Crown Prince was six years old he was given a bedroom to bimself, instead of sleeping in the nursery with the others. He was very pleased, and said : "Oh, that is nice ; now I need not be with the children any more."

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to hit him just right. "Take a buttlefield relic," said Mr Burke, after a pause, "I go home say, and get my wife to mark a half. doz-n pieces of ribbon as I want it Then I pound two bullets together and fasten to the ribbon. They are bullets, you know, which met in midsir on the Kinnesaw field. I put one in the show. case with the card, and the others in a drawer. A relic-hunter buys the only one, but as soon as he is gone the drawer is opened and another takes its place. They cost about a dime and bring in five."

The Author of "Nancy Lee.

There is a man living quietly in London who is one of the most successful writers of yerse set to music that is in England to day, yet he is not very widely known by name. It is Erederick E. Weatherley, and is the author of 'Nancy Lee," a song that has been sung in every quarter of the globe, and has brought to the author an amount of fame and money that makes him practically independent. The song was written at Oxford in an hour. Weatherly had made an appointment for a pupil who he was coaching for the annual commencement. The pupil failed to keep his appointment and while waiting for him the p ece came suddenly to his mird, and R. was written then and there. One of "ADHESIVE COUNTERS" the strange things about the song was that it was in the heydry of is now larity about the time of the Princip Alice disaster. It was being surg deck just before the vessel went d The fact was printed in all E g papers, and the song suffered a temprary check in its popularity, but shows ands of copies of it are now sold, coonly in Great Britain, but brough Australia, Canada, and in fue wherever the English is going spoken. Mr. Weathery is the suffice of scores of other songs that are not so well known. He has been writing songs ever since he was an undergrad uate, twen y-five years ago.

How Iowa was Carried.

He sat in the door at noonday, lonely

and glum and sad ; brooding over the price of his corn crop and figuring how much be had. He had worked from early spring ime, early and late and hard and now he was counting his assets and figuring out his reward. He figured that it took two acres to buy his two boys new boots; and ten acres more on top of this to fit them out with new suits. To buy his wife a protected dress took one hundred bushe's more: while five acres went in a solid lump for the carpet on the floor. His taxes and his grocery bill absorbed his crop of oats; while the interest on his farm mortgage took all his fattened shoats. The shingles for his cow sheds and the lumber for his barn had eaten up his beef steers and the balance of his com-So he sat in his door at noonday, love ly and glum and sore ; so he figured m his wealth a little less than it was the year before. By gum ! they say I am protected, but I know there is something wrong; Iv'e been deceived and gulied and boodwinked by this high protection song. They told of rebellions traitors and held up the bloods rag; and I followed along like a pump kin and now I'm holding the bag. Box from this time on I'll investigate and get to the bottom of facts; and I'll bel

Quaint Sayings.

\$1 to begin with that the tariff is a tax

News of the season-Neuralgia and Pneumpoia After a man has a bout on ale he geli

out on bail.

Who kills all the dead letters? Mis-Direction. The sick man wants a constitutions amendment.

Isn't the man whe paints a feuce ! hue-er of wood. A sewing bee can't sting, but it does lots of buzzing.

The man who tore his coat this rents are increasing. The chief symtoms of a cold to it

head is a handkerchief. A gen lemanty fool is more endurable than a boorish sage. It doesn't take much of a marksmil

to draw a head on beer. ticians are generally on band.

When schemes are on foot the pal-There is said to be a remarkable

movement on foot in some par s of the "Butter," says a learned willed "was unknown to the ancients. Then some of it cannot be as old as it

Ob, What a Cough. Will you beed the warning. The significant

perhaps of the sure approach of that most terrible disease, Consumption. Ask votte selves if you can afford for the sake of say ng 50 cents, to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience the Shilob's Cure will Cure your Cough. never falls. This explains why more that a Million Bottles were sold the past year It relieves Croup and Whooping Cough is once. Oothers do not be without it. Lame Back, Side or Chest use Stilled's