WHOLESALE BUTCHERY.

A Story of the Bloody Deeds of Two Brothers.

They Vowed Vengeance Upon Confederate Deserters and Scores of Deaths Told of Their Deadly Work.

Near New Holland, Ga., there is a little swamp near the road. At its edge stands a large white oak tree. Years ago this spot was often pointed out as the scene of the murder of twelve men, and the place bore the reputation of being haunted. It was said the rattling of chains and groans and prayers for mercy could be distinctly heard by passersby. No one ever stopped to investigate, as we can testify from personal experience, says a writer in the New York Dispatch, having heard the groans some fourteen years ago, and having also done some of the most distinguished traveling in all our eventful career.

But to the story: Howard Thompson was a witness to the killing, which occurred in 1863, he being ten years old at the time. The killing was done by Bob and Ben Jordan, of Pickens county, and the murdered men were deserters who had been arrested in Gilmer county.

While the Jordan boys were in the confederate army a crowd of deserters visited the house of their father, assaulted their sister and the wife of Bob Jordan and carried their father, who was about seventy years old, through the mountains a distance of sixty miles, and subjected him to many shocking cruelties. Then the Jordan boys returned home and began their record of killing. Every man known to be a deserter or a skulker became a victim of their unerring rifles. Bob kept a list of the names and dates in a small book. He was pursued one day and in crossing a river lost his book. It contained one hundred and twenty-five names. After that he kept no record. This was before the killing near Gainesville.

Bob and Ben Jordan became recruiting officers and arrested twenty-six men in Gilman county, and started with them to the front. On the way two escaped and twenty-four were lodged in Gainesville jail. Next morning the Jordans picked out twelve whom they had the best reason to believe had been implicated in the outrages upon their family and chained them together and marched them to this white oak tree on the New Holland road. They stood them up in a row and Bob Jordan marched slowly along the line with a large army pistol and shot them with his own hand one at a time. Some fell on their knees and and prayed, while others looked their slayer square in the face and died with an oath on their lips. Among the number was a fragile boy about fifteen who was chained to a very large man.

The boy was shot first and the man supported him in a standing posture until he himself was shot, when they fell to the ground together.

Those twelve men were hastily buried in a trench, dug upon the spot, but after the war they were exhumed by the federal authorities and removed to the national cemetery at Chattanooga.

After the war Bob Jordan was shot to death in Florida by a weak, sickly young man upon whom he was imposing. Ben was stabbed to death in a barroom in Texas.

The spot where the killing occurred is now in cultivation, but the old tree still remains. The land is part of the tract which Tom Daniels bought about two years ago for eighteen hundred dollars and sold a few days ago for six thousand dollars.

STORY OF A DIAMOND.

It Was Obtained by a Surgeon from a Brazilian by Sharp Practice.

A rare diamond, weighing nearly four carats, now in New York, has a remarkable history. It was found, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, in the gold district of Brazil by a native who did not know its value, but kept it as a "luck" stone. One day while journeying to a camp of traders with his gold dust he was bitten by a serpent. Applying the antidote known to the people of that country, he proceeded on his way, but had not gone far when he was again bitten. He treated himself for the second wound and continued on his journey. While stooping to drink from a brook the fangs of a snake were fastened in the bag which contained the stone. On reaching the camp he was found to be succumbing rapidly to the effects of the venom, and when questioned by the camp surgeon told how the snake had seized the bag at his throat.

The surgeon was permitted to see the stone, and, suspecting its real character, he told the native that it was extremely dangerous to have it about him, as it attracted venomous reptiles, and advised him to sink it in the neighboring brook. The superstitious finder of the diamond acted upon the suggestion, and the covetous surgeon, having watched the proceeding, availed himself of the first opportunity to fish the gem from its hiding place. The diamond was purchased recently from the cutter in Europe by Edwin A. Thrall, of New York.

BRAZIL'S DOMESTIC PET.

A Boa Which Is Used in South American Houses to Kill Rats.

Rats have multiplied to such a degree in Brazil that the inhabitants rear a certain kind of snake for destroying them. The Brazilian domestic servant is the giboia, a small species of the boa about twelve feet in length and of the diameter of a man's arm. It is sold at from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents in the markets of Rio Janeiro, Pernambuco, Bahia, etc. This snake, which is entirely harmless and sluggish in its movements, passes the entire day asleep at the foot of the staircase of the house, scarcely deigning to raise its head at the approach of a visitor or when a strange noise is heard in the vestibule.

At nightfall the giboia begins to hunt, crawling along here and there, and even penetrating the space above the ceiling and beneath the flooring. Springing swiftly forward it seizes the rat by the nape and crushes its cervical vertebræ. As serpents rarely eat, even when at liberty, the giboia kills only for the pleasure of killing. It becomes so accustomed to its master's house that if carried to a distance it escapes and finds its way back home. Every house in the warmest provinces where rats abound owns its giboia, a fixture by destination, and the owner of which praises its qualities when he wishes to sell or let his house.—Chicago Herald.

A Peculiar Way.

An old New Yorker, living not far from Gramercy park, has his own way of becoming acquainted with the life in distant cities. He is an invalid and cannot travel, but has plenty of leisure. His plan, says the Sun, is to subscribe for a year for the best daily paper in whatever city he wants to know about, and then he reads that paper carefully. As a result he vows he knows more about Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond than if he had traveled about each of them for a month. Just now he is mastering the peculiarities of Atlanta, and is greatly interested in its southern ways and views

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WEST.		EAST.	
Oyster Exp	2 55 A M	Day Exp	11 04 A M
Western Exp	4 43 A M	Mail	9 28 A M
Johnstown Exp	8 27 A M	Altoona Exp	1 00 P M
Pacific Exp	8 45 A M	Mail Exp	4 57 P M
Mail	4 26 P M	Phila Exp	8 16 P M
Fast Line	8 47 P M	Eastern Exp	10 17 P M
Way Pass	2 36 P M	Fast Line	11 22 P M

		STATIONS.			
NORTH.	Irvona Exp.†	9.00	Cresson	7 35	SOUTH.
	Church Train†	9.02	Wildwood	7 40	
	Fast Line*	9.06	Dawson	7 44	
	Mail*	9.14	Burnside	7 50	
			Clearfield	8 00	
			Leonard	8 05	
			Mileslite	8 08	
			Lanse	8 12	
			Bigler	8 16	
			Clearfield Jct.	8 20	
			Ramey	8 30	
			Penvelton	8 35	
			Munson	8 40	
			Frugality	8 45	
			Van Orner	8 50	
			Allen Timber	8 55	
			Coalport Jct.	9 00	
			Bonwood	9 05	
			Irvona	9 15	
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	Church Train†				
	Cresson Exp.†				

*Leave daily except Sunday.
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Black letters indicate telegraph stations.
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No. 1 connects at Cresson with Johnstown Express at 8 27 for points between Cresson and Johnstown, and with Pacific Express at 8 45 for points west of Johnstown. Also with Mail Train at 9 28 for points east of Cresson.

No. 5 connects with Mail Train at 4 26 for points West of Cresson, and Mail Express for points east of Cresson.

From points west of Cresson No. 4 connects with Mail train at 9 28, and from points east of Cresson with Johnstown Express at 8 27, and Pacific Express at 8 45.

No. 6 connects with Mail Train at 4 26 from points east of Cresson, and Mail Express at 4 57 from points west of Cresson.

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Johnstown Exp	8 27 a m	Altoona Exp	1 00 p m
Pacific Exp	8 45 a m	Mail Exp	4 57 p m
Mail	4 26 p m	Phila Exp	8 16 p m
Fast Line	8 47 p m	Eastern Exp	10 17 p m
Way Pass	2 36 p m	Fast Line	11 22 p m

SOUTHWARD.

	Distance.	No. 1. A M	No. 2. A M	No. 3. P M
Ebensburg		7 30	10 25	3 35
Bradley	3.0	7 40	10 31	3 44
Kaylor	4.8	7 46	10 35	3 50
Noel	6.1	7 51	10 38	3 55
Munster	7.5	7 56	10 41	4 00
Lucket	9.6	8 03	10 45	4 08
Cresson	11 3	8 10	10 50	4 15

NORTHWARD.

	Distance.	No. 1. A M	No. 2. A M	No. 3. P M
Cresson		9 45	11 10	5 05
Lucket	1.7	9 50	11 20	5 15
Munster	3 8	9 55	11 29	5 22
Noel	5.3	9 59	11 35	5 28
Kaylor	6.5	10 02	11 41	5 33
Bradley	8.3	10 07	11 47	5 42
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BRAZIL'S NEW IMMIGRANTS.

Large Numbers Are Prosperous and Contented.

There are satisfactory reports from Rio de Janeiro about the condition of the one hundred thousand Italian, Polish, German and Hebrew immigrants who have settled in Brazil within the last two or three years. They are exceedingly well treated by the authorities and the new republic, and by the native citizens of localities in which they may be pleased to take up their abode. Those of them who desire land have no difficulty in procuring it, and those who seek employment in the mines, or in trades, or at unskilled labor do not need to remain idle.

Such of the immigrants as have taken up the work of cultivating the soil, says the Chicago Tribune, find that they can raise many kinds of fruits and other natural products which they never saw in Europe; that the fertility of the soil surpasses the reports they had heard of it, and that the climate in many regions of the republic is entirely satisfactory to them. They find also that free public schools have been established by the central and provisional governments, and that a system of universal education will soon be adopted.

So favorable are the accounts that the immigrants have sent back to the countries whence they came that the Brazilian authorities look for a vast increase of immigration during the coming year, especially from Italy and Prussian Poland. The great landlords in the last-named country are alarmed by the flight of thousands of their laborers to Brazil, but there is no likelihood of the success of their efforts to prevent it. Italy can spare several millions of her people, who are sure to improve their condition by settlement in Brazil.

Furthermore, it is known that the rich Jew, Baron Hirsch, has offered to transport half a million Russian Jews to any part of the South American continent, and the probability is that Brazil will be the country chosen for them. The Brazilian government is doing all that it can do under the circumstances to encourage immigration, but it will do much more as soon as its affairs are in perfect order, so that the funds needed for the work can be appropriated.

SLANG AND ITS DERIVATIONS.

Facts Relating to the Origin of Certain Words and Phrases.

Within the present century (probably) a good many Hebrew words have come into English slang through the medium of "Yiddish," e. g., showful, (low Hebrew, "shaphel";) "gonoph," a thief, (Hebrew, "gannabh," pronounced "gonnof" by Polish Jews; Mr. Leland writes incorrectly "ganef.") The greater part says the Anthenaeum, of the vocabulary of slang, however, is purely of English origin, consisting of humorously-metaphorical uses of ordinary words, the metaphor being often so far-fetched as to be of the nature of a riddle. Slang words of this type have often passed into standard use; the ordinary French words for "head," "cheek," "leg," for instance, represent the vulgar Latin words for "pot," "porringer," and "knee-cap."

Of course, a humorous metaphorical expression may acquire a considerable degree of proverbial currency without thereby becoming slang. It passes into slang when the original point of the joke is no longer distinctly remembered, and the expression continues to be used merely as an eccentric substitute for the recognized term. At a later stage sometimes the word or phrase has become so general that all its grotesque associations have disappeared, and it becomes a permanent addition to the resources of the literary language. A good example of these three stages of development may be found in the history of the word "budget," as denoting the financial proposals of the chancellor of the exchequer. In the reign of George II. the word was used with conscious allusion to the celebrated pamphlet which ridiculed Sir R. Walpole as a conjurer, opening his "budget" or "bag of tricks." Afterward it must, for a time, have been current as slang; but, as it supplied a want, it was soon taken into the ordinary vocabulary, and at the present time a chancellor of the exchequer would, as a matter of course, speak of his own "budget" without any thought of the uncomplimentary sense which the word originally expressed.

CHARLEY'S NECK.

What Reft Two Fond Young Hearts Asunder Perhaps Forever.

A prominent young doctor living in the West End, in a very fashionable portion of St. Louis, is the possessor of a bright mind, which is above a conspicuously long neck, says the St. Louis Star-Sayings. Now, this elongated peculiarity of the doctor is a particularly touchy subject to allude to in the bright young M. D.'s presence. The doctor will arise to such an occasion and fire a man into space who criticises this physical peculiarity. Most young men either have or soon acquire what is known as a sweetheart. The doctor had one, and this lovely composite quantity unconsciously called her affiant's attention to his deformity in a very practical and heartrending way. Not many months ago the young couple were in New York for the first time, and of course went about seeing the sights of that metropolis.

In time the couple found themselves at the Zoological gardens, inspecting the animals. The relict of Mr. Crowley was there, the young lion cubs and the rest of the beasts for which the garden is famed. There is also a very beautiful pet giraffe that enjoys the liberty of the surroundings, and the very thing which caused the wide chasm between the young people's love. The lady became a little tired after a time, and, seeing the shadow of a long neck beside her, said: "Let's go home, Charley," and proceeded toward the exit. Realizing after a time that her companion was unusually quiet, she observed closer and found that she was going home with the giraffe. This incident is vouched for by a number of the young couple's friends, who are trying hard to get peace restored.

The Englishman's Breakfast.

An American should always understand what is meant by a breakfast in London. He will probably take breakfast in his lodgings, or, if he lives in the hotel, in the coffee room at a fixed charge. There are two distinct classes of breakfast, says the Chicago Herald, the light and the substantial, with prices to match. The first is one cup of coffee, one boiled egg and three slices of toast; the latter is one small chop, one egg, a penny loaf of bread, one buttered muffin and coffee. The principal dish of this latter menu is varied in lodging houses from day to day, the chop becoming sausage on Tuesday, ham on Wednesday, fried sole on Thursday, and then the lonely chop again, with the subsequent rotation kept up ad infinitum.

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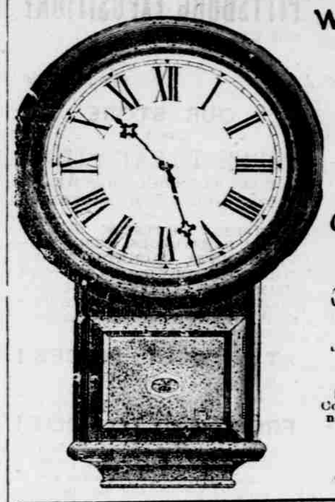

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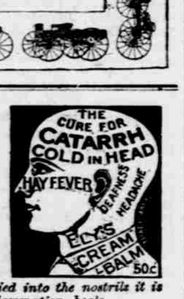

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THEOSOPHY IN MISSOURI.

A Pair of Star-Gazers Dilate on Love, Poetry and the Pole Star.

He was an eavesdropper, but one upon whom the office had been thrust, says the Kansas City Star. He had ensconced himself in a corner of the vine-clad veranda to smoke the cigar of reflection when these theosophical lovers strolled out to sniff the evening air. They seated themselves on the topmost step and while his arm encircled her waist she remarked:

"I particularly love that star."

"Which one?"

"That one," said she, pointing to the outermost lower star of the dipper's bowl.

"A very natural preference."

"Why?"

"Two thousand years ago that was the north star," said he, "and doubtless in your life that you then lived you were wont to refer to it as you now refer to Polaris, the present north star. Who knows," continued he, in his growing enthusiasm, "but that you were an Egyptian trader, and that as your caravan wended its long-drawn way across the trackless desert you looked to that star for guidance, and that the habit thus formed has penetrated your present life in the form of an indefinable preference?"

"But where were you then?" she tremulously inquired as she seized his disengaged hand, she being but a recent convert to the doctrines of Karma, and her feminine soul, with its pleasant dreams of wedding finery, suffering a slight shock at the thought of any condition in life in which there was neither prospect nor propriety of a husband figuring.

But the lover was now lost in the astronomer. He was a teacher, and, true to his pedagogic instinct, he proceeded, while he looked reflectively toward the east:

"Yes, indeed, and in twelve thousand years that star Lyra, in the constellation of the harp, that you may see just rising through the trees, will be the north star, for the earth's motions, you must know, are precisely like those of a top. It revolves on its axis, and at the same time this axis describes a wide circle of its own. It is this latter motion that causes the change in the north star, since the orb so named is always the one toward which the earth's pole is then pointing."

She sighed, and after a little pause said in a discouraged tone:

"I wonder what you and I will be doing when Lyra is the north star?"

Promptly the professor quoted:

"I vex me not with brooding on the years
That were ere I drew breath; why should I then
Distrust the darkness that may fall again
When life is done? Perchance in othe spheres—"

"Poetry and theosophic poetry a that!" muttered the eavesdropper. "This is too much."

There was a loud rustling among the vines. The professor's quotation ceased abruptly, and his arm took a more conventional posture.

HOW TO WEAR SHOES.

A Dealer Gives a Recipe for Prolonging Their Usefulness.

People who feel that their shoes wear out too quickly should heed the words of a dealer in Chicago, who tells the Mail: "Do you know there isn't one man in five hundred who knows how to wear shoes? The average man buys a pair of shoes, wears them until they are no longer presentable, and then throws them away and buys another pair. A man ought to have at least two pairs of shoes for everyday wear, and no pair should be worn two days in succession. At first thought this may strike you as a scheme to benefit the shoe dealer, but it is nothing of the kind. In fact, such a plan would injure the shoe business. Two pairs of shoes worn alternately will last three times as long as a single pair. The saving, of course, is made in the wearing of the leather. A pair of shoes worn every day goes to pieces more than twice as fast as a pair worn every second day. No two pair fit your feet in exactly the same way. In one pair the strain and wear of the leather falls heaviest upon one particular part of the shoe and in another the greatest wear and tear falls upon another part altogether. I took a trip through Europe last summer and in several places I was surprised to find the shoes worn by peasants have no 'right' and 'left' distinctions, but are worn on either foot. I was told that such shoes were preferred to those which more closely conform to the shape of the foot, because they last longer, since the strain upon any part of the shoe to-day is changed to another part to-morrow."

IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?

THE trouble is that people do not tell enough truth before they are married, and too much after.—Atchison Globe.

"MY wife is so clever. She knows all my wishes just by looking into my eyes, and does them—the exact opposite of all of them."—Fliegende Blatter.

DESIGNATED.—Elsie—"Did I understand you to call your husband Lily?" Mrs. Golightly—"Yes; you see he toils not, neither does he spin."—Princeton.

A DEMURRER ENTERED.—Hostess—"Now, Mr. Barrows, I want you to make yourself perfectly at home." Mrs. Barrows—"Well, I hope he won't, Mrs. Hicks; it wouldn't be polite in him to swear at your cold coffee and servants."—N. Y. Sun.

MRS. LOOKEDBACK—"Didn't you frequently vow, sir, when you courted me, that you loved me to distraction?" Mr. Lookedback—"Yes, and I never discovered until after our marriage how thoroughly distracted I was at the time."—Boston Courier.

HEALTH AND DISEASE.

RECENT experiments by German physicians indicate that cancer is contagious.

DR. LANNELONGUE'S treatment of chloride of zinc for tuberculosis has received a good deal of praise from Dr. L'Abbe and Dr. Poyet, the latter a specialist, regarding it as a great discovery.

THE serious effects upon the eyes of miners from the use of the modern safety lamp has been a subject of investigation in England, the result being that increased lighting power in such lamps will cause such troubles to disappear.

THE ripening process makes cheese more digestible and nutritious. The curing (refining the French call it) develops fat in the cheese. A well-cured skim-milk cheese contains more digestible nutriment than a fresh whole-milk cheese.

SCRAPS OF INFORMATION.

A POUND of phosphorus is sufficient to tip 1,000,000 matches.

AN expert says that the average carpet is about one-fifth dust.

OUR Indian wars from 1776 to 1886 cost the government $606,339,200.

THE largest bay in the world is Hudson bay, which measures 850 mile north and south by 600 miles in width.

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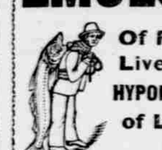

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Recent Plan of Another Arctic Expedition.

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In Paris, not in Laputa, there is, it appears, a college of aerial navigation, and the vaulting ambition of the members of the body in question might fairly arouse the admiring envy of our unmodest little Balloon Society, which, when there is nothing of particular interest going on in the world of aeronaution is content to discuss such extraneous topics as Shakespeare and the musical glasses, says the London Telegraph. The collegiate aerial navigators of Lutetia aim at far more exalted things than mere theoretical dilettantism. They are nothing if not practical; and two of their alumni, an aeronaut and the other an astronomer, propose at an early date to make an attempt to reach the North Pole by means of a balloon. They have been kind as to explain to their colleagues their intended mode of procedure in order to reach—and perhaps pass—the Ultima Thule of Arctic explorers. The North Polar balloon is to be made of a double thickness of Chinese silk, which will be indued with an impermeable varnish; and the machine will be capable of holding about forty-five thousand feet of pure hydrogen gas, having a sustaining force of eight thousand pounds. Accompanying this, from "piece de resistance" will be a few "pretty tiny kickshaws" in the shape of small pilot balloons, which are to be sent up as soon as the adventurous voyagers reach the North Pole, to test the currents prevailing in that distant region; and there will also be attached to the machine four huge bags full of hydrogen to replenish the main reservoir in case of need. Of course these "huge bags" will all be provided with valves, else the