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red to Man

wax-life is too short.

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"HE IS A FREEMAN WHOM THE TRUTH MAKES FREE AND ALL ABE SLAVES BESIDE."

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larger than that of the sun, from which

says: "According to recent estimates

Sirius, while shining with perhaps

seventy times the light of our sun, is

only between two and three times as

massive, so that the intensity of its

radiation is enormously greater than

the sun's. Planets situated as close to

Sirius as the earth and the other inner

would be unable to endure, so far as

their life-bearing functions are con-

cerned, the gush of heat and blaze of

light poured upon them-unless, in-

deed, the organization of living beings

there were entirely different from that

prevailing here. We should then ex-

pect such stars as Sirius, if they are

the centers of the planetary systems

at all, to be surrounded by globes re-

volving at comparatively great dis-

The mind utterly fails to compre-

hend the immeasurable distance which

separates our earth from this immense

orb. Light, which travels with the al-

most inconceivable velocity of 186,000

miles per second, requires twenty-two

years to traverse the distance between

Sirius and our earth. We may justly

consider this brilliant sun as the center

of a system of revolving worlds, and

imagine them as being inhabited by

reatures far more advanced in intel-

lectual development than ourselves.

But we are at a loss to conceive of the

vast scale on which the system of such

an immense sun must necessarily be

constructed; and when, in addition to

the startling facts already mentioned,

we consider the recent discovery that

Sirius, with its entire family of planets

and comets, is rusbing through space

with enormous velocity, the mind is

bewildered in contemplating the won-

ders of this stupendous orb. By means

of the spectroscope, Prof. Huggins, the

eminent English astronomer, has

earth at the rate of twenty-six miles

per second; and yet, even with this al-

most incredible velocity the passage of

ceptible difference in the appearance

of this brilliant star, so immense is the

listance which separates it from our

One of the most interesting results

of the observations directed to this

wonderful star was the discovery that

it is attended by a companion or

long been suspected by astronomers.

and which was finally detected by

mere accident. The presence of this

object had been revealed by the effect

of its attraction upon Sirius, the mo-

tion of which varied in such a way as

to indicate a powerful disturbing influ-

ence in its vicinity. The famous Ger-

man astronomer, Bessel, nearly

fifty years ago expressed his belief

that the periodical variations in the

motion of Sirius were produced

by the attraction of an invisible

ompanion, revolving around the im-

mense orb. Several astronomers had

alculated the orbit of the attracting

body, and its direction from Sirius at

various times, and, though it was dili-

ently searched for, it continued to

lude detection, even by means of the

most powerful telescopes. But in Feb-

ruary, 1862, the eighteen and one-half

inch telescope which was being con-

structed for the Chicago observatory

by the late Alvan Clark, the famous

optician, was pointed to Sirius as a test

of its power, when the disturbing

companion came suddenly into view,

at a distance of about ten seconds from

the large star, and exactly in the direc-

tion which had been predicted for that

We find, then, that Sirius is a

'double star," the two components be-

ng physically connected, and forming

what is known as a "binary system.

the smaller star revolving around the

arger, or both around their common

center of gravity. Owing to certain

rregularities in the motion of the

maller star, which cannot be ex-

plained, some astronomers are of the

pinion that Sirius has another dis-

urbing companion, the existence of

which is indicated by its attraction

only, and which may eventually be dis-

In conclusion, we reproduce the in-

Kirkwood, regarding Sirius and its

Annual Cyclopedia for the year 1876:

From the discussion of the observa-

ions of the companion of Sirius, Dr.

Auwers has found the period of revo-

lution to be 49 years 146 days; the

the sun, and the eccentricity 0.6148-

omet. The mass of the companion is

half that of the principal star, or more

exactly, the mass of Sirius is 13.76, and

People Who Wear Celluloid.

"Is there much celluloid worn now?"

Impurity of Melted Sno

Writers in English papers have been

again pointing out the fallacy of the

very common idea that melted snow is

an ideally pure water. The reverse of

this is true. So far from being pure,

snow is practically a great purifier of

the atmosphere from floating particles

and noxious gases. These the flakes of

snow imprison or absorb as they fall.

and, as a matter of course, when the

snow melts it is loaded with this rub-

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than ever before."

satellite, the existence of which had

thousand years will make no per-

und that Sirius is receding from our

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She had entered the golden city

And though in the mending basket

There still were steckings small

There were none for a tiny baby

Yet musin from the open Heaven

Is heard again in our home.

And tiny feet are moving

Along the nursery Have

And dainty baby stockings

Are needed now once more

Is it strange that I find a pleasure

They speak of our newest treasure.

And of one in the Fatherians.

-Mary J. Porter, in Harper's Bazar.

ONE OF THE MISSING.

An Old Soldier Who Wandered

Back to His Boyhood Home.

A man was walking along the high-

way that belted with white the green

Little puffs of white dust rose at each

footfall, and hung behind him in a lengthening wall. He came heavily,

slowly, the impersonation of weari-

ness, yet steadily. There was that in

his guit which associates itself in the

mind with bodies of men in column. He

seemed the material part of an invisi-

ble whole. His gaze was fixed ahead,

as though on the back of a front-rank

ile, and the momentum of marching

Yet the meadow farmers and the

iwellers in the village, whose church

steeple rose beyond a fringe of trees.

irregular army of foragers against

whom, as reputable citizens, they were

arrayed. They would have given no

attention to such fine individual dis-

been educated to it, and it was not

Thirty years had gone by since they

had been enlivened by the presence of

the military; and then it had been for

but a few days and their materialized

petriotism marched away in blue to

the southern war. No. Tramps were

life and property. And to be in very

bad odor in the village, a stranger had

but to present himself travel-stained

He murched up the road in that un-

seen column, a man of defeats. Some-

times he leaned so far forward that his

balance became uncertain, and he

wavered to the plumb. Men at work

affeld leaned on their boos as he

passed, to regard him with hostile eyes,

With some his unsteadiness was the

eension for derisive mirth. But the

elder ones grimly forecast his deten-

tion in the calaboose, the cost of his

maintenance, the tax it brought upon

them, and resumed work with a fierce

sense of personal injury. And the

tramp, after each wearled lapse, com-

pelled himself to attention, and

and then along the road. As he came

abreast of one a woman appeared at

the door, but, seeing him, she hastily

reentered and fastened the door. The

tramping man turned into the door-

vard, but he halted as the woman ap-

seared at a chamber window, flutter-

ing her arms as though scaring chick-

"Go right away. I've got nothing

At once he turned and took up his

line of murch along the dusty road.

The woman observed the heavy, me-

chanical way in which he put his legs

successively forward, his arms hanging

like sticks of wood at his sides, and

"I'm almost sorry I sent him away,"

she said. But she did not call him

back, and he passed out of her sight,

leaving, however, the cadence of his

monotonous, sing-song step, to which

her mind set itself for the rest of that

a girl was singing shrilly a Sunday

"But sweeter than theflig's breath,"

And than the rose more fair. The tender love of human hearts

Then the song broke off, and the

singer called, warningly: "Mother,

And the voice of the mother came

sharply out to him: "See if the front

He plodded past, watched furtively

from behind window blinds. He swung

along painfully, for his joints were

merely worn out, rusty hinges by

which his limbs hung. The hot sun

sweltered him; the fine dust choked

him: his heart was gone out of him.

Still he went on, like a tired soldier

expecting the welcome "Halt! Rest!"

until he reached a tree by the roadside.

On the grass beneath he stretched him-

Slowly his fatigue lessened. By and

by he sat up. The dust of the march

had settled thickly in the deep lines

and wrinkles of his face, and gave it a

drawn, sharpened look. His mouth

was firmly set, and his dim eyes looked

out resentfully at the bright world.

He felt the utter friendliness of a lone-

"They think me capable of any-

thing," said he, bitterly. "It's not

a tran p-they judge me by. A war

record don't count, nor three more en-

listments, nor knocking about in the

out of this town, there were cheers and

wavings. There's wavings enough

now, and they mean 'go,' same as then.

Only there's a curse with it now, in-

He pulled a square of hard bread

from his pocket, moistened it in the

runlet at the foot of the tree, and bit it

savagely. He heard a door at the next

farmhouse shut, and knew a woman

had come out towards him. He ex-

pected a sharp order to move on. She

had nearly reached hun, when he

in her hand, extended towards him.

looked up and saw that she held a cup

"Would you like this milk?" said she.

He put his hand out slowly, and with

"Thirty years ago, when we marched

what I have been, it's what I am

ly man, and he talked to himself:

self, and lay motionless.

mines. I'm a tramp.

stead of a cheer."

there's a tramp coming up the road!"

Upspringing everywhere.

In another house, as he approached.

ens. She called to him, nervously, ap-

for you."

felt pity for him.

school song:

door's locked."

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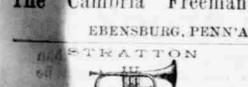
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But if you think that it can bear the weight Of fiery trials as they come and go, We can take heart and boldly meet the fate That gives impartially of joy and woe: And be it summer fair or wintry weather, We can be brave, and meet all, love, together. - Eva MacDonagh, in Harper's Weekly.

### THE KING OF SUNS.

Wonderful Facts Regarding Sirius, the Dog Star.

A Mighty Giant Among Suns, Compared With Which Our Own Sinks Into Insignificance-The Brightest Star in the Heavens.

brilliancy and superior magnitude, must have attracted the attention of "dog star" of the ancients.

the first magnitude, with which it is lassed by astronomers.

the history of mankind. Sirius belongs to the little constellation, Canis Major, a group of thirtyone stars situated just south and east of Orion, and almost universally known from the unrivaled brilliancy of its

When it is near the horizon, or when the atmosphere is very unsteady, Sirius

this splendid star." years ago it was said to be pure white,

eral ancient authors, but it seems to be pretty well established that these decriptions are most of them due to a blunder made by Cicero in his translation of the astronomical poem of Aratus. It is not impossible, though it is highly improbable, that Sirius has changed color.'

stars, but its distance is in reality so face is the same as the sun's, the sur-

### THE KNIGHT.

it fellows that the diameter of Sirius is about eighteen times that of the sun, praise, and its volume about 2,200 times greater! Prof. Garrett P. Serviss, referring to Sirius in a recent magazine article,

> Of fierce encounters met with beasts of prey Of vanquished foes, with which they strewed

st bear his arms-must lead life's battle

Till hearts bowed down with wee grow brave And souls set free send out a glad new song! Engraved fine upon its bannered shield,

A stamp that stands for purpose, and for aim, That rescues race from sellishness and shame That leads man up to truth's high, hely place

### THE "INDIAN DEVIL."

A Greatly Feared Denizen of the Maine Woods.

Lumbermen with Superstitious Awe -How the Great Cat Was Hunted Down.

A "spotted line" led off to the camps,

travel by simply following the spots. In the course of a week we had made the round of all the gangs, save two, which were at work up on the Cancomgomac stream; and after a long march through the "black growth" we of the same name.

Here a queer report came to our ears from the upper camp, located some ten something!"

was decidedly sensational.

Firearms, for reasons above hinted at, had not been provided at the upper Curiosity broke loose at the sight of

"Well, well, Mr. Murch!" exclaimed Uncle Wash, "what's this I hear of

eresting remarks of Prof. Daniel Billy O'Nun out of a great spruce!"

> "Have you ever seen anything of this-creature, yourself?" asked Uncle

startling and peculiar sort of a cry."

Perhaps we can find out what it is."

The minstrels sang their songs of knightly Of martial deeds, well-wrought and full of skill,

And echoes chased the echoes round and round? Whilst courtiers brave unsheathed their scab-And plaudits loud rang out for knightly real! And now no less, the knight earth needs to-day.

right.

A stamp is set, in richest hues revealed-

And crowns him there-a knight of God-like -Ella Durc, in Inter Ocean.

Washburn to "make the round" of the

Up through the wilderness, a disthe "head of Chesuncock," where there is a supply depot for the lumbermen, there had been a beaten road, all about us. But at the "head" the

the nearest of which was some twentyline, perhaps I should explain, is made a compass to keep the direction, and

or twelve miles above. It was to the effect that the men had got scared. They had seen an "Indian devil," or Now, it would have been no very

Such was the story, however. And during the evening the "boss" from the scared camp-every gang has its boss or overseer-came down to get a gun.

"Hardly know what to tell you, sir," said Murch. "It's a foolish affair. But the men have got a dreadful bugaboo started. Fact is, they've been telling about seeing and hearing something for more than a week. I slidn't pay before vesterday they all came running into camp pell-mell, scared half to death! Something had j. d at

there really is anything. I must get their courage up again somehow. You see, they're not Yankees."

"Not a thing. But I did hear a very singular cry this evening as I was oming down. I suppose it was rather oolish in me, but I stepped along pret-

"This is a fine sight!" cried Uncle camp all day?"

rescue: "Sure and indade, and your honor

"Seen! An' ye may well say that Seen 'im, as big as an ox, an' haard im shrick!"

It was no use talking with themthey were in perfect fear. Ir sed, it was not without the greatest difficulty that we prevailed upon Billy to go with us to the place where the creature had sprang upon him from the tree. He consented at last, very reluctantly, and came edging after us. "We shall be likely to find the animal's tracks, if there has really been anythin; of the sort about here," re-

marked Uncle Wash. And we did find rather larger ones than we had been looking for! Near the tree which Billy indicated as "the one," a heavy trail began, leading off into the forest. The snow was very deep and soft, and the beast had gone off with easy bounds, striking its feet altogether, and making linge plunges

some ten or twelve feet apart. "Whew! Must have been quite : cat!" cried Uncle Wash. "Guess we will follow this a little ways. Looks like big game."

On our snowshoes, we didn't mind the depth, the main thing being to keep out of the brush. But, after following for forty or fifty rods, we came to where the trail was crossed by a much more recent one. "Gone along here some time to-day. I should judge," said Murch. "May

overhaul him by following this. He wouldn't run far at one heap. Snow's too deep. Looking to the priming of our guns, we struck off upon the new track, and had gone twenty rods, perhaps, when the trail suddenly stopped. Beyond a certain point, where the last heavy

there were no more tracks! Here was a strange terminus, certainly; and we halted in considerable "Belike he's snaking under the

plange had been made into the snow,

snow!" cried Billy, coming up. "An' he'll be laping out on us!" And we were laughing at Billy's hysis when a strange cry-a wild shrill scream-rang out, seemingly over our heads! Our eyes followed the sound, and there, on the limb of a great vellow birch, up full thirty feet from the snow, crouched a large, lightgray animal, with its ears laid back and its long tail beating time on the limb behind, ready to spring down. A fellow can't turn round very quick on snowshoes; but I assure you I wasn't long performing that evolution. As I hadn't been intrusted with either of the guns. I felt anxious to put the fighting men in the rear. Billy was already ahead of me. And just then there came another screech. Both guns were fired; and, glancing over my shoulder, I saw

"We haven't hit him! He's coming!" velled Murch. No time for reloading

the catamount bound from the limb,

and heard a heavy thud down into the

"Run! for heaven's sake run!" shouted Uncle Wash, puffing up be-And, we did run. A man can run on snowshoes-after a fashion-and pretty tolerably fast at a pinch. But the depth and softness of the snow alone prevented us from being overtaken. Screech after screech followed us as we flopped along, but at every bound the creature went in even with its back. On we went for dear life, and were not many minutes getting over the seventy-five or eighty rods between us and the camp. The men had heard the guns, and were out around the

them full tilt, with the catamount not four rods behind us. The door was hastily slammed to, and held. "Now load-quick!" cried Murch. Peeping out between the logs I could see the panther before the camp lashing itself and glaring about. Rearing up against a tree standing near, it began sharpening its claws, making the bark fly in a very suggestive manner. "Fix him this time," muttered Uncle

door, but seeing us coming they all

dove in again, and we rushed in after

Wash, poking the muzzle of the rifle out between the logs. "All ready!" exclaimed Murch, who had thrust out his gun over the door. They fired together. With the reports the creature sprang up with a savage growl, and, as if intending to get into the tree, leaped upward upon the trunk fifteen or twenty feet; but falling back into the snow, turned and

bounded away. "After him!" shouted Murch, pulling open the door and rushing out. "After him with your axes!"

We ran out. There was blood where the creature had stood and the trail he was making was marked with great red

blotches. The whole gang now turned out after us to hunt him down; but the fighting part was over. At a distance of a quarter of a mile we came up with the old fellow lying panting and exhausted in the snow. Another shot with a few knocks from an ax, did the job, and it was amusing to see how brave the whole gang became in the course of a few minutes.-N. Y. Advertiser.

Servant.

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sincerity of the offer. Then his hand closed on the cup and he drained it. His eyes were on the woman's face, expressing wonder, incredulity, astonishment. He had had so little use for the sense of gratitude that he hardly rec-

and as she took the cup she smiled at his satisfaction. "It's more filling than water," said she. "I saw you here, and that you was not one of the begging kind, so I outs to you."

"I stopped at one house down here," he replied, "but not to beg. I don't beg. I wanted to ask a question. The sec ond house," he added, tentatively.

sald, suddenly. But the tramp shook his head. "A little tired, that's all, and disappointed. I've come a good ways to see Hiram Ames. I could have told him something about his brother. "What, Joil" He went to war and

"He is as good as dead," said the tramp, rising He thanked the woman again, and

"I declare if it don't seem like a lot of men, all keeping step together." In the heart of the village a large, official-looking man roughly took the tramp by the shoulder, and said:

"Here, you come with me." "I've done nothing," he protested day. I'll put a lock on you for tonight, and to morrow you leave town." there. The tramp went to the single window and looked out. He saw roofs and places that memory made familiar. The spars of the church steeple rose tapering, and through the trees be singlet glimpses of white marbles in the burial place. There lay the man he had tramped for to see. His mind reverted to the kindly old woman who had gossiped to him, and then to the

graves ngain. That monument to the missing soldier, now. Could be see it? That tall one, perhaps—no, it was too pretenions. The epitaph of a private of the line would be lost on it. It would be envious reading, that epituph. Something like this: "Jeduthun Ames. Born 1840. A soldier. Missing after diloh." There could be nothing more. He could have told a longer story had Hiram lived. He could have told it in the glance of an eye. Then he could have spoken of wounds, hospital,

The past seemed insignificant to this tramp. The years of his wandering were but a point of time, and the present day never-ending. His mind dwelt

The sun had set, and a rain commenced the teamp shivered. He rose restlessly, and returned to the window, but the atside was lost in blackness. From time to time jagged lightning tore the clouds apart, and through the rents

He stood there and muttered something to himself-it may have been a prayer-after which he swallowed the contents of a little vial. Then he lay down again. He mouned

a little, and shivered as with cold, Presently he breathed heavily; he was As it was rainy, the constable did not

"Come, get up!" cried the constable, tions terror he then saw the man was

### THINGS NEAR AT HOME.

Or the 1,900 policemen in Chicago 1,555 are Irishmen. In will cost \$950,000 to put the desired wings on the white house. Near Caspar, Wyo., a valuable vein of coal has been found just beneath the grass roots.

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of the tea. The best tea tasters never smoke or eat highly-seasoned food. Ir has been found that a dog in Salem, Mass., is responsible for the mysterious disappearance of articles from a grocery. He was watched and seen to

LAWYERS still predominate in congress, as probably they always will. There are two hundred and twelve members of the present session who have at one time or another practiced law, while sixty-five are farmers.

Prepared to Hear the Worst. Old Lady-Doctor, do you think there anything the matter with my lungs?

on) -I find, madam, that your lungs are in a normal condition. Old Lady (with a sigh of resignation) -And about how long can I expect to live with them in that condition?the cautious alertuess of a dog that

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Or when, like the inconstant skies of spring Our lives are clouded as her suppy air. And we know pain that summer could not bring. Will you not find it all too hard to bear And when these storms and weary hours have Can we live on and let no power divide us?

Would it not say 'twas frighted of the night? f it must break, and we must humby bow, s pity for my weakness, break it now.

In the entire firmament, embracing both hemispheres, there are about six thousand stars visible to the naked eye, and among this immense number, one in particular, owing to its remarkable all persons who enjoy an occasional survey of the heavens in the winter season. From time immemorial this star has been observed with the greatest solicitude by poets, divines and philosophers, and is known to astronomers by the name of Sirius -the famous

There is no other star in the heavens that has been more universally observed, and around which there cluster so many aucient associations and superstitions, or has received more attention from astronomers in all ages of the world. Whoever has looked upon this beautiful star, located in the brightest region of the heavens and seen it glowing and scintillating on a clear and frosty night in winter, must have beheld with awe and admiration ts indescribable splendor; and one seed not be an astronomer to admire its radiant glory, or to conclude that this charming ore possesses characterises distinguishing it from any other star in the firmament, even those of

It is true that "one star differeth from another star in glory," and among the 50,000,000 stars revealed by the great telescopes of the present day, the most surpassing glory unquestionably surrounds the peerless ''dog star," which has been a prominent celestial bject from the earliest ages, and has played a somewhat important part in

leading orb, but which otherwise possesses no noteworthy attraction. When observed through a large te'escope. Sirius presents a charming appearance and shines with a brilliancy that is startling to the beholder. The light of this star is so strong that when the glorious orb is entering the field of a powerful telescope, its approach is announced by a bright dawn, like that which precedes the rising sun; and when the star itself enters the field of vision it shines with a dazzling splendor, and its brilliancy is so great as to require a colored glass to protect the eye. Sirius is not only the brightest

star in the heavens, but is more than three times brighter than an ordinary first-magnitude star, and is believed to se 500 times as bright as a star of the sixth magnitude-the faintest visible to the naked eye. The author of a recent work on astronomy says: "Everybody has heard of Sirius, or the dog star, and everybody must have seen it flash-THIS well-known and tong established Shaving Parlor is now located on Centre street, opposite the livery stable of O'Hara, Pavis & Luther, where the business will be carried on in the inture, SHAVING, HAIR CUITING AND ing and scintillating so splendidly in the winter heavens, that to call it a first-magnitude star does it injustice, since no other star of that magnitude SHAMPOOING done in the heatest and most artistic manner. Clean Towels a specialty. #8. Ladies waited on at their residences. s at all comparable with it. Sirius, in fact, stands in a class by itself as the brightest star in the sky. Its light is white, with a shade of green, which requires close watching to be detected.

> fiamond, and your eyes will be fairly dazzled when you turn your glass upon It is believed that remarkable hanges have taken place in the color of Sirius since it was first observed by istronomers. Whether or not this is the case, it is now a well established fact that the stars change their color, and many instances of the kind have been noticed in various parts of the neavens. Sirius was described by the ancients as a fiery red star. Many but it is now becoming of a decided green color, as a careful observer will readily perceive when this star is visible on a clear winter evening. Yet, many eminent astronomers do not beieve that Sirius has changed in color, and a recent writer on the subject says: The question has been much discussed as to whether Sirius was formerly a red star. It is described as red by sev-

flashes prismatic colors like a great

Owing to the remarkable size and brilliancy of Sirius, it was once naturally regarded as the nearest of the great that it has never been satisfactorily determined. The most reliable authorities, however, assign to Sirius a distance of 100,000,000,000,000 miles, which is five times the distance of Alpho Centauri -the nearest star known to astronomers-and a million times the sun's distance from our earth! It has been estimated that the brilliancy of Sirius is 300 times greater than that of the sun, and if we assume that the intrinsic brightness of its sur-

face of this star must be 300 times

In ancient halls-long since-in old-time days.

Of daring deeds, to serve some sweet maid's will:

Till vaulted roofs sent back the swelling sound planets of our system are to the sun

> For truth, and for its laws, and power, and Must stay the wrong, and crown the reign of

The Mysterious Animal That Filled the

I had gone up north with my Uncle lumbering camps or "gangs" established by the firm of which he was a

tance of one hundred and thirty miles, and we had traveled with a doublehorse sled, putting the horses tandem as the track grew more narrow, for it was toward the last of January and the snow lay from three to four feet deep beaten trail terminated and snowshoes

five miles to the westward. A spotted by first going through the woods, with spotting a tree every few rods with an After this has been done anyone can

came out to the lowermost depths of these, situated at the foot of the lake

strange thing to hear there had been a row in camp; but to hear that a whole gang of lumbermen had got frightened

any attention to it, though. But day

"What did it look like?" asked Uncle ompanion, published in Appleton's "Well, they tell so many different tories, it's impossible to find out. They all declared it was an Indian devil! though what an Indian devil can be is more than I know. I had all emi-axis of the orbit thirty-seven I could do to get them back to their imes the distance of the earth from work. And last night, as they were coming in to supper, there was another omewhat greater than that of Fave's scare! Something screeched and rushed out from a clump of cedar. Mike Shea had the back of his coat all slit to ieces! He says the creature did it; that of the telescopic star 6.71, the mass ut perhaps it was the brush he ran of the sun being unity. As the light through. And this morning not one of f Sirius, according to Sir John Herthem could I get to stir out from the schel, is 324 times that of an average amp. There they stuck, and there star of the sixth magnitude, and as the hey've been all day. I thought I satellite discovered by Clark is of the would come down and get a gun-1 ninth or tenth magnitude, the light of may be able to shoot the creature, if the latter must be much less than

1-1,000 part of that received from the principal star. The facts seem to indicate a remarkable difference between the physical constitution of Sirius and its satellite."-Arthur K. Bartlett, in

n it what is known as the celluloid ty fast after that. 'Twas a very counter. On the counter is a large showcase that contains nothing but cel-"Ah, well!" laughed Uncle Wash, luloid collars, cuffs and shirt fronts. we will go up with you to-morrow. asked the writer of the proprietor. "A The next morning, loading up the great deal," was the answer. "I have old camp musket, as a reinforcement trade in it which keeps one man busy to our rifle, we set out. It was toward at this showcase. The people who noon when we came in sight of the mostly purchase celluloid are traveling log camp. A number of the men were men, railroad conductors, physician, standing about the door, and, seeing and military men. In fact, it is worn us coming, the others came out-there nearly altogether in the army. I should say there is more celluloid worn now

ing baste as lapes from the tops o' the trees." manded Uncle Wash.

JAPANESE ENGLISH. The Unique Complaint of an Outraged

officers: "To-day I went to the club to get my wages. The steward, Mr. John, dered me to leave, with many repeti tions of abominable oaths which a man of some honor can't restrain his passion from revolt on such a violent shower of curse. Anger was beyond my control, and involuntarily I returned my share compliments, upon which he snatched the potato masher and was brutal enough to give me two severe blows on my person, and inflicting quite painful injury. Through all this affair was never offensive. When I went there to demand the money to which I was entitled he unjustly enjoined me to get out. That is an unreasonawere twenty-three or twenty-four of | ble movement and cannot fail to hurt a man's feelings. What! Without being satisfied with that insult made my blood Wash, as we came up. "Why aren't | boil and the veins burst with successive you out at work? Do I pay you forty onslaught of ignominous swear. My dollars a month to lay around this returning was completely excusable, for to be indifferent to such an ignoble The men looked a little foolish, but | treatment denotes that one is a the fluent Billy O'Nun came to the stranger to the sense of honor; and so he ought to have relished it with abashed submission. And what again! couldn't blame us. Such a murther- The tongue-the countenance was capable enough to wreak his sayars

ognized and expressed it; but at last he said: "Thank you." There was no one to wear them, you know.

She was a large, strong farm wife,

"Oh, yes. The old Ames place. guess you didn't stop long. It Hiram Ames had been alive there, he'd have kept you a week. But he's dead." She talked on garrulously, pleased to have a new listener. She did not know many people. "Why, you're sick," she

was missing after one of those buttles They gave up all hopes of him, and now there's a beautiful monument to him in the burying-ground, right beside of Hiram's. You don't mean to tell me he so't dead?"

made her a half-military salute. Then he moved on, in a rising cloud of dust, till in the distance his figure appeared vaguely large and multiplied. And the old wife, shading her eyes and looking after him, cried:

western service. It was not worth

upon it-how, with the sun, he had entered upon familiar scenes and knew that his journey's end was reached. That sunrise was far in the past now, and the day was eternity By and by he lay down on the floor. It made the air damp and chilly, and

the torrents poured.

provide the tramp with supper; and the next morning he found him still lying on the floor. and with his foot he turned the tramp over to awaken him. With supersti-

Afterwards they interred the body of the tramp in the Ames burial lot, and cut the date of his death on the monument of the missing soldier .-Geo. I. Putnam, in Harper's Weekly.

acres of rice land has broken loose in a river near Depere, Wis., and is floating

carry off the articles one by one to the house of his master.

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