When the Revolution of 1830 set in, Alexander Dumas, then a very young man, seeing nothing in life but one series of tableaux, took his share in the more stirring scenes in the capacity of a skirmisher. He fe is the whole story in his more results and presented them. The startled party. "You are four," he startled, "gentlemen, but we are five. If that order is not signed in five seconds, I give you my word of honor, I will be moreover seems and presented them." anticipation of the best pertions of Rab-

will be found one of the most stirring bits of adventure of modern times.

He heard Lafsyette say that if the Eing were to advance on Paris there would be no powder to meet him with. Alexander conceived a bold scheme, and proposed to the General to set off for Soissons—a town he well knew—and seize on the magazine there. Lafsyette laughed at the idea, but consented to give him a pass to General Gerard, to which Dumas coolly added: "and we recommend his scheme to you." From Gerard he, with some difficulty, obtained a requisition addressed to the authorities of the town for the powder. In this he ingeniously interpolated the words "Minister of War"—a rank which no one but himself had conferred on the General.

With this official document have to the surface of the serves of laugheter these foolish. The truth was, he was seen seen blunted, and he was even unconscious.

him back for his double-berreled pistols accepted this proposal, and Alexander and his horse, set off himself in a cabrilet him bluntly declaring that no adasked. He went out to buy some pieces him, and Alexander, hurrying away, of calico--red, white and blue---which speedily returned with two or three of of calico---red, white and blue---which speedily returned with two or three of the were sewn in a tri-color flag fixed to a broom-stick, which latter was tied on to Opening the window, he bade them inthe chaise. With this ensign they started, in hopes of getting to Soissons about midnight. About 1 o'clock they had reached the gates of Soissons, through which they were allowed to pass, "the door-keeper little dreaming," says Alexander, "that he was ad-

together. By daylight the task was completed. The pole, of course, gave no trouble, as the one from which the Bourbon white flag was floating would answer. The flagstaff, as Dumas said,

ing all allowance for Dumas's bombast, it will be seen that, at the most, he had only been guilty of the novelist's exaggeration; though at the time the story of the adventure of the adventure of the adventure. of the adventure was all but scouted, it could not be disproved in its facts, which are given with the most minute seeing the sun rise from the tower. It the sacristan made any resistance he was to be flung over the parapet. Then, having I wered the white flag and set the tri-color floating from the tower. Bard was to hurry on to lend his aid to powder magazine. Such was the dash-

g plan of the three men. They started at daybreak, and Dumas made his way to the St. Jean, where a small pavilien, close to the gateway, was used as the megazine. He dered not attempt the gate, but, stealing and took a peep into the fort. He saw two soldiers busy hoeing in a little garfinally disappeared, and the tri-color his companions had done their part. im, and began to climb the wall. When he got to the top, he saw the them, presenting his piece, explaining who he was and his errand. He was as presented with one hand, holding his cocked gun in the other. The pair court, who was in command, was seen approaching. The matter was explained to him, and after many courteous phrases, the treaty was arranged, by which the three officers promised their neutrality, and engaged to keep within doors. Thus the powder magazine would seem to have been captured by Dumas single-handed. It has the air of a very brilliant achievement, and the picture of the hero alone in the fort, his fingers on the triggers of his gun, courteously but firmly controlling his three opponente, is a most dramatic scene. When writing the account of his adventure, from which we take these particulars, however, Dumas forgets that in the official report furnished to the Moniteur twenty-three years before he had stated that three of his facends

were waiting at the gate. Thus successful, he opened the gate handed over the charge of the magazine. and went away to deal with the Com mandant of the fort, Liniers. He found this officer just rising and discussing the news of the sudden appearance of the flag on the cathedral. Dumas laid down gun at the door, introduced himself. and made his demand for an order to edge General Gerard's order, and said that there was scarcely any power in the magazine. The Commandnt seemed, in fact, rather amused, and that the party at the magazine were his prisoners. Alexander, replying that he would go back at once and bring proof under their hand that the powder was here, made his bow and retired. He flew back, found that he was right, and proof that a large quantity of powder was in the magazine. But when he eached the Commandant's office he found that the party had been increased during his absence, and that Lenferna an officer of gendarmes, and Bonvilliers, Co.onel of the engineers, were there in full uniform, and armed. The Commandant addressed him in a sort of ban-tering tone, telling him that he had sent with the apparatus for extinguishing for these officers, who, with him, were in command of the town, in order that in command of the town, in order that they might have the pleasure of hearing M. Dumas explain his mission. The young man saw that boldness was his only resource, and cooly told him that resource, and cooly told him that bring the powder to Paris or Jose his life, and that he insisted on the Commandant handing over that powder to him. The officers passed on Gerard's order from one to the other with a sort of smiling contempt, "And so," said the Commandant, in "Yand so," said the Commandant, in the commandant of the oring the powder to Paris or lose his

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But his narrative of his expedi-Soissons to seize some powder "Take care," he went on; "I mean

blunted, and he was even unconscious this official document he re- of the roars of laughter these foolish turned to Lafayette, and persuaded the confidences produced. The Command-old patriot to write him a sort of letter of introduction to the citizens of Sois-wife. Alexander declared that he had sons, recommending them "Alexander infinite respect for the lady, but en-Dumas, one of our combatanta," as a fit treated her husband to send her away and proper person to whom they should hand over the powder. Then our herofor such he was on this occasionprepared himself for as spirited and dramstic an adventure as can be found

The poor Commandant protested that his self-respect must be respected. He could not decently yield to a single man. Alexander then offered to sign a

in the books of romance.

It was about 3 c'clock in the aftermoon of the 89th of July, 1830. As he was hurrying away he met a young painter named Bard, who was only 19.

He saked him to join. The other agreed with alacrity, and Alexander sending him back for his double-barreled pistols and his books are of himself in a cepted this proposal, and Alexander and his books are of himself in a cepted this proposal, and Alexander and his horse, set off himself in a cabriolet for Le Bourget, then the first post
on the road to Soissons, and which has
since obtained such a disastrous notoriety. Arrived there, he exhibited his
Lafayette and Gerard letters to the
Postmaster, and demanded a chaise and
horse for his mission. The Fostmaster
was friendly, and even empresee, and
supplied him at once with what he
asked. He want out to buy some pieces

ive and Alexander, hurrying away.

pass. "The door-geoper little dreaming," says Alexander, "that he was admitting the Revolution."

They went at orce straight to the house of Hutin's mother, where their first business was the manufacture of a huge tri-color flag. She contributed that he sank down on the grass, under a her blue and red curtains, with a table. her blue and red curtains, with a vible-cloth, and all the women of the house-holl were set to work to sew the pieces and by 8 o'clock reached Villers-Cot-ther blue and red curtains, with a vible-cloth, and all the women of the house-holl were set to work to sew the pieces and by 8 o'clock reached Villers-Cot-ther beautiful the support terets where they found the supper ready, which had been ordered to day before. After a jovial meal they set ou once more, and by 3 o'clock in the morning were close to Paris, at the post had no political opinions.

The plan they had arranged was really Quixotic in its extravagance, and, indeed, seems almost incredible. Makhadeed, seems almost incredible. having triumphantly accomplished the daring exploit he had undertaken.

At Williamsport, Penn., on Christmas evening, the Sabbath-school attached to the Baptist church at Newberry, in the Seventh ward of that city, assembled to was settled that Bard and Hutin were to take the flag and contrive to get it into the cathedral under the pretence of mas night. Some three hundred men, seeing the sup rise from the tower. It wemen and children were present, The ceremonies of the occasion had been in-augurated, and Mr. Kinsloe, of this city, proceeded to address the children, when a peculiar shake and quivering of timrs was felt that denoted a sudden downfall of the building. No sooner had the impression taken firm hold upon those present than the floor gave way, precipitating the whole assemblage into

The church was constructed with an in length. There was a centre girth, two soldiers busy hoeing in a little gar-den at the corner. He let himself down again and looked over at the distant and through the centre from above were de locked over at the distant. He saw distinctly against the dark outline of some figures; flag, after being tossed about traordinary fashion that could been owing to the wind, isappeared, and the tricolor isappeared. Now was the moment; benions had done their part. the centre girth, was bent double by the immense weight.

When the crash came there went up When he got to the top, he saw the two soldiers staring with wonder at the strange flag on the cathedral, then, cocking both barrels of his gun, he leaped down and stood before them. One was named Capt. Mollard, the other Sergeant Ragon. He advanced on their parents and the groans of the wounded and dying filled the air. To add to the horror, the oil lamps of the cettifice ignited and bid fair to destroy all in a general conflagration. Those all in a general conflagration. Those outside worked with a will and used Monsieur Alexander Dumas, son of every possible effort to rescue the liv-Monseur Alexander Dumas, son of General Dumas, etc. He came in the name of General Gerard to demand the surrender of the powder, and there was his order signed by the General, which his presented with one hand, holding within were able to reach the windows his cocked gun in the other. The pair were much taken back, and knew not what to do, when the Colonel, D'Orcourt, who was in common to the court who was and leaped to the ground, a distance of the court who was a common to the court who was in common to the court who was a common to the court who was in common to the court who was a common to the court who was in common to the court who was a common to the court when the court who was a common to the court who was a common to the court when the court who was a common to the court who was a common to the court when the cour At eleven o'clock p. m., the d bodies were removed and were ide fied as follows: John Riche, Boyd Mehaffy, Mrs. Duncan Campbell and two children, a child of C. V. S. McGinnis, Miss Ladie Moffit, Miss Mary Fisher, Miss Lizzie Boskin, Miss Grace Seaman, Miss Tillie, a boy named Shuman, a child of John Budd and Mrs. John

Wilkinson. There were some forty or fifty wou ed, some of whom will probably die. Many of them were immediately removed to their houses in different parts of the city.

The Fire at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, The Fire Marshal of New York, after an exhaustive camination of many witesses, is of the opinion that the recent fire at the Fifth Avenue Hotel was caused by accident. The testimony clearly shows that the flames originated in one of the servant women's chambers, through which passed the laundry elevator, the opening therefor being a square aperture, cased with dry wood, extending from top to bottom of the building, about ninety feet. This elevator opening formed, in effect, an imwater operang formed, in effect, an immense chimney for the rapid progress of the fiames. The woman who occupied the chamber testified that she was in bed, sound asleep, and awoke to find herself surrounded by flames. Herelothing was destroyed, the bed clothing on fire, and she herself was badly burned. She escaped into the hallway, and gave an alarm; but the fire had already traveled to the attic, and an alarm been given. The Marshal thinks that been given. The Marshal thinks that the woman, in getting into bed, pro-bably stepped upon a match, which ig-nited her clothing; the fire smoldered for a while, but at last increased, the flames entered the elevator, the draft carried dense smoke to the attic, which there suffocated the eleven unfortunate females, who lost their lives long before the flames could have reached their

resource, and cooly told him that d been engaged by Lafayette to the powder to Paris or lose his the powder to Paris or lose his case it was not half a minute after the

Farm, Garden and Household.

Mr. James Gowen, of Maryland, in 1838, imported the Short-Horn cow Dairy Maid, bred by J. Whitaker, of Yorkshire, England. In 1839, when four years old, she gave 225 1-2 quarts of milk in one week, and the next year ent. Rich shawls, tieketed "Cheap-cast of the could possibly desire as a holiday present. Rich shawls, tieketed "Cheap-cast of the could possibly desire as a holiday present."

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The Prince Courter of Marginetics of the Court of the Cou The church was constructed with an upper audience room, and it was in this that the congregation had assembled. The interior dimensions of the floor are twenty-six feet in width and forty feet to the struggle. In three or four instances the struggle. In three or four instances westward, along the thirty-ninth parallel, "Of the struggle of the strug body was bereft of its limbs.

unrecognizable. It is supposed that in addition to the bodies recovered a number of others were consumed in the burning car, and that nothing but their blackened bones will be discovered when the fire is extinguished and the ashes raked over. Adding these to the number of injured that will die, it is estimated the total number of lives lost will not fall short of thirty—the whole number of persons in the two cars at the time of the aecident being about forty-five.

After the accident Frank Taylor, of Corry, one of the rescued passengers,

saw Taylor spparently uninjured, but suddenly he said, "tell my wife" and fell over dead. He must have died from gravity. nternal injury, but the inmates of the rning cars were shricking for aid and Mr. Taylor's friend did not see him again until his corpse was brought in nd placed with the others. After the roans of the dying were stilled in eath the stench arising from the burnng bodies is said to have been sicker

With no means of extinguishing the flames, and the heat being too intense to admit of all the bodies being extracted, nothing could be done by the spec-tators but to stand quietly by and see

the remains slowly consumed.

The bodies thus far identified are The bodies thus far identified are Mark Haight, of Brocton, N.Y.; William H. Osborne, of Westfield, N.Y.; Herman Ryan, of Farnham, N.Y.; Edwin H. Bell, of Sherman, N.Y.; Con Maloney, of Brocton, N.Y.; Frank Taylor, of Corry, Pa.; John White, of Lancaster, N.Y.; August Cardat, of Arkwright, N.Y.; Charles Metz, of Eden Corners, near Angola, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Rice, Titusville, Pa.; E. Joseph Curbin, of Titusville: William Joseph Curtin, of Titusville; William Bankin, a laborer, from Canada; James lass, a Canadian, has his left shoulder and breast broken, but he may recover. Barney Cook, of Lancaster, bad internal injuries; his recovery is very doubtful. There were thirty-eight paying

passengers on the train, and five employes back of the tender.

Orville Swift, of Corry, was on the train, and his body has not been recognized. Two of the four bodies unclaimed are shapeless masses. Mr. Douglass, who was in the car twentyfive minutes, says several passengers were killed outright, others were writhwere conscious until burned to death.

A Diffident youth was paying his addresses to a gay lass of the country, who had long despaired of bringing concealment, and is never ready to have things to a crisis. He called one day alarm was given before some of the darm was given before some of the hose had been stretched and water directed upon the flames. But the fire had evidently been burning for some imiling contempt.

Ind so," said the Commandant, in the tone, "so, single-handed, Monser Dumas, I think yen said that was name, you propose to force me to his. You see that we are four."

It is the man who determines the dignity of the procupation, not the occupation, not the occupation which measures the dignity of the stillness, and a few weeks after they were married.

The called one day when she was alone. After settling the merits of the weather, the girl said looking slyly into his face: "I dreamt of you last night." Why, now!" "I dreamed that you kissed me." "Why, now!" "I dreamed that you kissed me." "Why, now!" "I dreamed that you kissed me." "Why, now!" "I dreamed she wasn't at home." A light dawned on the youth's intellect, a singular sound broke the stillness, and a few weeks after they were married.

Two Holiday Pictures.

milk in one week, and the next year milk in one week, and the next year milk in one week, and the next year milk in one week. In each the Commandant there!"

He owned he felt a little nervous, but the owned he felt a little nervous, but as. But his narrative of his expedition.

An Illinois correspondent of the fashion, and held at a hundred dollars fashion, and held at a hundred dollars.

the head was thus separated from the trunk, and in as many more cases the year, and that it neither goes so fast nor have been impossible to identify it. The bodies of three other ladies were further west is quite as great, if not taken out, neither of which, it is be- greater, than that of the population east lieved, can be recognized. In all it is of that point to the west of it, then the estimated that four cut of the nineteen change in the future will be slower than forms removed from the burning car are in the past. A mere shifting of popula-unrecognizable. It is supposed that in After the accident Frank Taylor, of Corry, one of the rescued passengers, was leaning against some object, and seeing an acquaintance passing, called him by name. The friend turned round, saw Taylor apparently uninjured, but suddenly he said, "tell my wife" and fell over dead. He must have died from coverent westward of the centre of fell over dead. He must have died from coverent westward of the centre of

People will have their little jokes, most of them, however, perfectly good-natured, about Mr. Barnum and the habit which he has of becoming involved in conflagrations. The gentleman him-self seems no more to mind the fun than he does the fires, and even if he should be compared to a salamander, it would probably awaken in line no other feelng than a desire to add that rare creature to his next collection of birds and easties. It is well enough understood y this time that Mr. Barnum is, morally considered, perfectly incombustible, and that nothing but the destruction of the whole world can prevent him from being the possessor of lions, tigers, and elephants, of monkeys, anacondas, and whales. The dodoes are extinct, but if Nature should take it into her head to issue a second series of that big bird. have one of the earliest specimens here in New York for our inspection. It is a way of his, and we beg leave to say that H. McCarten, of Miller Station, N. Y.;
Four bodies only remain unrecognized.
All the wounded, but Maggie Curtin,
W. H. Tickner, Mrs. Cornelia McCarten
and Fayette Flanders left Prospect station for their homes. At the Chantauqua House, Mayville, one John Douglass, a Canadian, has his left shoulder.

Way of his, and we beg leave to say that
it is a very good way. Considered
merely as a first-rate example of the
never-say-die quality of human nature,
Mr. Barnum is an invaluable example
to a community greatly given to exaltation for their homes. At the Chantauqua House, Mayville, one John Douglass, a Canadian, has his left shoulder.

As a purveyor of innocent amusement,
and snuff, cost \$250,000,000; about \$7 and as a satisfier of a good deal of cur osity, Mr. Barnum is really one of the public favorites; and we incline to the bered long after he has issued his last announcement and has gone, we sin-cerely hope, to a place of which Fire is

A woman should never consent to be married secretly. Her marriage should be solemnized in the light of publicity. and not in the shadow of cor ing about until suffocated, and others She should distrust a man whe has any reason for shrouding in darkness the act which---in his estimation, at least--should be the crowning glory of his life.

A College for Wild Beasts.

We strolled along a gay thoroughfare Mr. Jamusch conducts it. A newspaper notice of a young tigress, which had broken loose, ran into the streets, main-

cobras --- and am not adverse to handling but retreat from the latter. In either

We have not a pair of either on the

the country for chewing, and smoking, and snuff, cost \$250,000,000; about \$7 for every man, woman and child.

This is bad enough, but the cost of intoxicating liquors consumed in 1870 cost source when it ends, and care something behind besides ashes.

Tough she only half understood them, the intoxicating liquors consumed in 1870 cost and made her look auxiously at the eager young face rating

intoxicating liquors consumed in 1870 \$600;001,000, averaging nearly \$20 for every man, woman and child. A large amount of this is used in poor families, and reduces them to want and wretchedness.

If the young people of the land would nefuse to touch tobacco ro liquor this fearful extravagance would soon cease, and the wealth of the country increase with marvellous rapidity.

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"A good smart blowin up with the belusses as the dry one after a spell. I guess contented as the dry one after a spell. I guess contented only think so."

"I dareasy you are right, aunty; but I want to try for myself; and if I fail, I'll come back and follow your advice. Young folks always have discontented fits, you know. Didn't you when you were a girl'"

"Shouldn't wonder of I did; but Enos came and I forrot em."

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"Please, don't say that to me; I can't bear ; for I shall never think her life a failure, beines she tried to help herself, and married a good man in spate of poverty, when she love

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"How do you catch them, then?" I chiratic repeated her request, and was much releved when, after a meditative stare, the old man briefly answered:
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"I think a woman is a tremendous being," said Jenkins. "When she's right, she's the rightest thing that floats. When she's wrong, she's the biggest When she's wrong, she's the biggest nuisance that plows the sea, even if she's little and don't draw two feet of water. Perhaps it isn't just the thing to say to a boy like you, but you'll never speak of it if I tell you a little something."

"Oh, never!" I assared him.

"Well, I s'pose I might have been a married man," and Jenkins avoided my eves by pretending to discover a horse-shoe in the road.

"You don't say so!" I exclaimed in undisguised astonishment, for it had never occurred to me that a man like Jenkins could marry.

"Yes, I waited on a girl once."

"Was she beautiful?" I inquired.

"Well, I should say fair to middling." responded Jenkins, pursing his lips as

responded Jenkins, pursing his lips as if he determined to make a candid judg-ment. "Fair to middling, barring a ment, "Fair to middling, barring a few freckles.
"But you didn't leave her for the freckles?" I said.
"No, I didn't leave her for the freckles. She was a good girl, and I waited on her. It don't seem possible now that I ra'aly waited on a girl, but I did!"

"And why didn't you marry her?" inquired, warnaly.
"It wasn't her fault," said Jenkins.
"She was a good girl."

"Then why didn't you marry her?" I Well, there was another fellow got well, there was another lenew go to hanging round, and—you know hov such things go. I was busy, and-didn't tend up very well, I s'pose—and—she got tired waiting for me—or some thing—and the other fellow married her, but I've never blamed her. She's Jenkins gave a sigh of mingled regret and pity, and the subject was dropped. —"Scribner's Magazine."

Mr. W. H. Dickson, who lives near be Des Arc, Ark., while passing through an old field grown up with weeds, had his attention attracted by a noise a few rods distant, and went to see what caused it. He discovered two large rather snakes fighting, and watching the batt for some time. They would raise their heads nearly three feet from the ground and strike at each other, inserting their poisonous fangs in the bodies of each, and release themselves and do the same thing over again. thing over again. During the fight they would occasionally emit a white-looking fluid from their mouths. Mr. Dickson He afterwards found the other dead nea seventeen rattles. The other was six feet long, slender, and had twenty-six rattles. This is the first time he ever death to the victor as well as to the van

A boy, about ten years eid, named Lait, entered the Detroit police-station, with anxious countenance, and to the interrogations of the sergeant, he replied: "Oh, it's the old folks again, pounding and mauling each other, and smashing up the dishes. I've talked to 'em, and rea soned with 'em, but they keep right on. It's getting dreary up there, and I guess you'd better bring 'em both in, and give 'em three months each, and let 'em be put in separate cells."