And each could tell his tale of youth : Would think its scenes of love evince More passion, more unearthly truths, Than any tale before or since : Yes, they could tell of tender lays, At midnight penned in classic shades : Of days more bright than modern days, Of maids more fair than modern maids.

The Old Grist Mill. By Willow brook, beneath the hill, Stands quaint and gray the old grist mill, Spring mosses on its steep roof grow Where broad their shade the willows throw The pond near by is clear and deep, And round its brink the alders sweep The lily pads spread gay and green The lilies white and gold between ; While grinds the mill with rumbling sound, The water-wheel turns round and round.

Among the reeds the musk-rat dives And swift !"the swallow homeward flies : The robin sits in cedars near Where Willow brook runs swift and clear The children by the school-house play, Where slumberous shadows softly stray And warm and low the summer breeze is whispering thro' the willow leaves; While grinds the mill with rumbling sound, The water-wheel turns round and round.

The crows now wing their southern way: The squirrels in the nut trees play ; With merry shouts the school boys run The mountains blush 'neath autumn's sun Their grain they bring adown the hill. The farmers, to the old grist mill ; And faint from far o'er hill and dale Falls on the ear the thresher's flail ; While grinds the mill with rumbling sound, The water-wheel turns round and round.

The mill with age is gount and gray ; The roof gaps wide to rain and sun : With cobwebs thick the walls are hung. The pond is overgrown with weeds : The night winds thro' the willows moan : The school-house gone, the children grown The farmers sleep where wild flowers grow, Who brought their grain so long ago, And the water-wheel turned round and round

HANDSOME JACK.

All was commotion this evening in Sandy Flat; the excitement was greatest, though, in the "Nugget," the gener-Sandy Flat; the excitement was greatest, though, in the "Nugget," the general rendezvous of the miners. In fact, the conversation became so interesting that conversation became so interesting that some of the most reliable and regular "Why, I asked him last evening, and "Why, I asked him last evening, and "he sand under the engine bed-plate, I was violently forced along the diminishing production, here are some of the most reliable and under the engine bed-plate, I was violently forced along the bottom by the under-tow. After being dashed in shore by a hage break-cipts so far, instead of being light are some of the most reliable and regular at once. There was a silence of a few added, slowly:

moments after a while, each face wearing "Well, mebbe he forgot," But it

The silence was broken by Jim Marfloated before him, and which spoke "volumes" in proof of the profound bught in which he had been absorbed. was approaching, but which caught him voice. "Boys," said he, "they're a mighty before he reached the door.

peither," added Bill Turner. for he was ready at all times to "go into" every new thing heard of or that happened to come his way. First in

had intended to say; stil he remained silent, and as the night was pretty far spent and adjournment in order, the convention disbanded.

There was a little scene that night, the confused when they looked at the girl in front of them. Her face was deathly

however, not witnessed by any of the pale.

miners, which took place outside of the "Die Jim Marshall and Bill Turner.

"Yes, 't
"Now, Bill, I want you to tell me plied Bill.

knew that he was wholly in earnest. "Now, see here, Bill, if ever you say

away toward his cabin, and Bill toward glimmered a faint light that, sent its some Jack—"
timid rays out through the little window,
"Do you which were soon lost in the surrounding the window, what do we see? Two ladies, evidently sisters, but not the least alike in appearance. One tall and wether alike in specific to the window of the cabin through the window, what do we see? Two ladies, heard of him."

"Yes, 'um; I know him" has a like in appearance. with long dark hair, that hangs carelessaffectionately at the sweet face before her—that of the one who had been christened by the miners the "little got his thumb and foreinger cut off."

"Yes," said she.

"Yes, "said she.

"Yes, "um, he's about five foot six."

Then turning to Bill. "And he ain't got his thumb and foreinger cut off."

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camp, trying to avoid the gaze of his getting the presence of any one else, companions; for well he knew that if kissed the white brow of the lovely girl. hittle cabin down in the chaparral his Jim, after putting some water to her peace of mind would suffer utter ruin. lips, excused himself, and, followed by So, unobserved as he thought, he Bill at a distance, moved away from the

he cautiously ventured :

a blush had it been of a fairer hue. Jim was sorry he had put that question, for, after a kind invitation to "call again,"

"But how did you find it out?" asked Sam Noyes, fearful lest the infuriated man should commit a rash deed.

"Say, Jim, where was you goin' to- a panther, and was the first to speak. shall, whose face was barely discernible behind the dense cloud of smoke that floated before him, and which spoke Jim. arose and made quick time for the door to escape the roar which he knew

The big 'un isn't to be succeed at, turned to the Nugget, and, after suffer-

Nagget. The actors were two, namely: sheriff?" said Miss Smith, timidly.

"Yes, 'um; saw him shoot him," re "Say, Bill," put in Jim, "what kind what you was goin to say about that "Say, Bill," put in Jim, "what kind of a lookin' man was Handsome Jack?"

"I wasn't goin' to say anything, I swear I wasn't, gasped Bill, for by the sherce visage of the man before him he pretty fine-looking feller."

of a lookin man was Handsome Jack?
"Well," he answered, "he was about six feet, had a heavy beard, and was a pretty fine-looking feller." pretty fine-looking feller."
Did he have his thumb and fore-"Did he have his thumb and fore-finger on his left hand cut off?" asked great a collection of webs, placed at would fully realize all he hoped for

word agin them unpertected gais

Bill did not wait to hear the rest, but
'You can jest chaw me up, if I do," he
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"Do you?" broke in Miss Smith.

quickly.
"Yes 'um-do you?" "Yes, 'um; I know him," he went on, bor.—Travels in Africa.

lers I ever see,"
"Yes," said she.

he was seen making his way toward the She soon revived sufficiently to sit, and Diving for Lost Gold Amid Huge Surf Rot-

eing that no one in the camp had—so ing the kiss, and it was with much trepidation and misgiving that Jim surf along the coast where the vessel was "Hem, mum, how you spell your Marshall ventured to face the frequent-

very much confused; "rather—a—peculiar name;" and his tauned face grew
almost blue with what would have been which he had just stepped, and cried:

The first dive was made by Johnson,
which he had just stepped, and cried:
who went down outside the surf and "Where's Jim Marshall?

the Nugget, he "had held his own" till had just left, and the men waited breath- that divers use, and the waves made a and farmers generally realizing this, then. What added more to his confulessly for his return; and, in fact, some plaything of him. The big rollers going forsook barley and put their land into then. What added more to his coundsion was just the slightest ripple of
laughter from the adjoining room where
the ill lady was. He soon, however,
pleaded the lateness of the hour, and,
pleaded the lateness of the hour, and,
lateness of the more curious followed him, and
in would heave him along at race horse
then they saw a sight that made the
blood of at least one of their number
boil.

The objecting of his return, and, him, and
in would heave him along at race horse
the under-tow would seize
his bulk and roll him back to the surface, a badly scared and discouraged

But what was it? Through the win- man. after a kind invitation to "call again,"

But what was it? Through the windeparted toward his own cabin, where down in the cabin down in the chaparral cause had departed toward his own cabin, where down in the chaparral Cook made the next dive, for which heat, and this atmospheric cause had considered to the cabin down in the chaparral cause had the next dive, for which heat prepared himself according to his

'Handsome Jack!" said he.
'Jim Marshall!" was the reply.

tle-well"—catching the eye of Jim. and forced himself to listen to Bill's harm to men except to make the nervous rope. I thought every bone in my well, now, how does she look? Out stories until he heard him mention the and those that hate spiders very uncombody would be broken." "Well, now, how does she look? Out with it," said Jim.
"That's what I was goin' to say—she's a mighty fine lookin' gal," added Bill.
But Jim knew that was not what he had intended to say; stil he remained silent and as the night was pretty for the manner of a person who had been suspected the sheriff in the said silent and those that hat spiders very uncomfortable. This active little insect is very delever, for it imitates the mason-spider, delever, for it imitates the mason-spider, delever, for it imitates the mason-spider, with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a little said by some some silent and those that hate spiders very uncomfortable. This active little insect is very delever, for it imitates the mason-spider, with pearly would be broken."

One or two more boxes were found with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a might was a nest in the earth, lined with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a mand those that hate spiders very uncomfortable. This active little insect is very delever, for it imitates the mason-spider, of some \$100,000, which had been kept with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a mand makes a nest in the earth, lined with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a mand makes a nest in the earth, lined with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a mand makes a nest in the earth, lined with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a mand makes a nest in the earth, lined with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a mand makes a nest in the earth, lined with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a mand makes a nest in the earth, lined with beautiful, soft silk, covered with a mand makes a nest in the next day, making up a total value of some \$100,000, which had been kept with the next day, making up a total value of some \$100,000, which had been kept with the next day, making up a total value of some \$100,000, which had been kept with the next day making up a total value of some \$100,000, which had been kept with the next day making up a total value of some \$100,000, whic

every angle, that the trunks of trees cannot be seen through them. A piece of hedge is often so hidden that the branches are invisible. Another is seen branches are invisible, branches are invisible.

A Pointer's Contempt.

no real web but the soft, silky carpet, and is a harmless though an ugly neigh-

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HEROIC TOHL AND DARING.

lers and Through Fifteen Feet of Sand-Nearly \$1.300,000 Won from a Wreck. opened by the "little 'un," who invited him in and spoke in the kindest and, as he thought, sweetest manner he had ever heard; and she offered her sister's excuses for not being present, she pleading illness. During the conversation which followed he plied questions, but no way did he make himself effeusive; in such as he thought, sweetest manner he had ing illness. Buring the conversation which followed he plied questions, either the return to San Francisco to refit, and as and five for icing.

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Mock Mince of icing. which followed he piled questions, but in no way did he make himself offensive; but, adroit as were his questions, he elicited little more information than Bill Turner had. He was ashamed to let the fair creature before him know that he previous evening, at the Nugget, the boxes, the contents of which varied in gold and bullion, sauk to the bottom. The treasure was it closed in ninety-six boxes, the contents of which varied in gold and bullion, sauk to the bottom. The treasure was it closed in ninety-six boxes, the contents of which varied in gold and bullion, sauk to the bottom. The treasure was it closed in ninety-six boxes, the contents of which varied in gold and bullion, sauk to the bottom. The treasure was it closed in ninety-six boxes, the contents of which varied in gold and bullion, sauk to the bottom. The treasure was it closed in ninety-six boxe

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as he expressed it several weeks after in
beekoned him into the room which he
worked his way in as well as he count on
the bottom, to the wreck. But he only
wheat ports, and assuring for this
country high wheat prices in such case,

and put on more comfortable ones, appearing in his accustomed place in the breast of a man, his arms encircling sion. Two hundred pounds of lead were Nugget, looking as innocent as a lamb, only an hour late. That night every miner in town knew what the name of the two young ladies was, which information Jim Marshall had the honor and indiscretion to impart.

"Foller him, boys, foller him, boys "Shortly after reaching the locality of the broken end of the keel—which was look for a movement, at centres like Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis of a character in keeping with

some of the most reliable and regular players pushed their chairs back near players pushed their chairs back near to the stove, and, assuming a comfortable position, determined to discuss the subject thoroughly and have it settled the subject them Jim at once. There was a short silence; them Jim at once There was a silence of a jew added, slowly: at once. There was a silence of a lew moments after a while, each face wearing the moments after a while, each face wearing at thoughtful expression, as though each man was at his very wits' ends what next to say.

The was a silence of a lew winds added, slowly:

Well, meld a way.

When I again to make them I classped both arms around them, while the surf and under-tow would mode difference it commands over the interpretation in significantly:

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When I again to make them I classped both arms around them, while the surf and under-tow would may be made a way. the under-tow running under my arms cut the sand away around the boxes so they tell us that barley is always marketthat they tilted over. I then realized that they tilted over. I then realized they tell us that barley is always marketed early and that this year the incentive "Who is she?" gasped Jim, pointing. that they tilted over. I then realized "My wife!" came in a firm, manly what I held clasped in my arms. I shouted and cheered to myself, as I The next morning there were two de- knew all would do when the boxes "Boys," said he, "they're a mighty before he reached the door.

For a week after this disastrous night jim Marshall was not seen at the Nuglik representation of winter, or at all events, for the time of winter, or at all events and the winter wint rival of the two ladies by the evening stage, and every time he reiterated it he added more stress to "specially the little "un."

Turner were now untenanted, and at afraid to leave one lest the Mexican might, when Sam Noyes looked out of this back window toward the little cabin down in the chaparrel, all was darkness.

Turner were now untenanted, and at afraid to leave one lest the Mexican divers might find it, or it might become buried before I could return for it. I finally took one in my arms and gave a also those of Bill Turner. Jim soon require, so the large deliveries of winter wheat states. In looking over statistics of buried before I could return for it. I finally took one in my arms and gave a also those of Bill Turner. Jim soon require, strong pull on my life-line which quick, strong pull on my life-line, which is a signal of distress, and is never given except when the diver wants to be 1878 that the average price of No. 2 "The big 'un isn't to be succeed at, either," added Bill Turner.

Bill Turner's name fitted him exactly, or he was ready at all times to "go nto" every new thing heard of or that "the was passed on into months; The big 'un isn't to be succeed at, either, "added Bill Turner.

African Spiders.

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Livingstone was once bitten, when half asleep, by a light-colored spider.

So the weeks passed on into months; Feeling something running across his inning parallel with the shore. Over the contract of the Nugget, and, after since turned to the Nugget, and happened to come his way. First in starting off to any new diggings that were heard of, and first to return with a big disgust; first to get into a row, and first to beat a disgraceful retreat. So to-night he was, as ever, ready to take part in the discussion; and, in fact, he had east more than a friendly eye on the "little 'un" as she alighted from the "little 'un" as she alighted from the stage, and, true to his fickle nature, he was immediately a captive to her charms; for indeed she was very pretty, as in fact was the larger one. The cause are first, may as in fact was the larger one. The cause appeared. This seemed singular to Jim starting off to any new diggings that the same impenetrable mystery for chead, he put up his hand to wipe it off, when he was sharply stung on the black and the pain was very large to defin the country whose bite mitted that he and the larger one were. One evening Jim called at the cabin, and as it was no unusual occurrence, he was immediately a captive to her charms; for indeed she was very pretty, as in fact was the larger one. The cause appeared. This seemed singular to Jim starting off the same impenetrable mystery lung shard to wipe it off, when he was sharply stung on the black and head, and the pain was very large black and head, and the pain was very large black pin in the country whose bite is fatal, but the great traveler did not meet with an instance in which death could be traced to this insect, though he saw a very large black hairy spider an the could faintly hear excited words—that I could startly hear excited words—that I could faintly hear excited words—that I was dragged as fast as four men could haul me with an inch office the pain was very large black spider in the country whose bite is fatal, but the great traveler did not stately back came out of the was traveler and the country whose bite is fatal, but the great traveler did not save a very large black hairy spider and the end of the each and head, and the ead at the cabin, and head, and the ead at the cab as in fact was the larger one. The cause of his remark in reference to this latter was that made by Jim Marshall. Bill had a wholesome dread of James; and well he might, for their natures were as unlike as the stately pine and the scrubby chaparral, which difference had often been proved to Bill's shame; so when he heard Jim Marshall express such a decided preference for the smaller of the two ladies, he, true to his name and nature, immediately transferred his affections to the larger one; still he felt a little nettled, and ventured a deprecatory remark:

appeared. This seemed singular to Jim that at the end of the scorpion's tail. When these hooks were pressed the poison came out. There are spiders in Botth Africa which seize their prey by leaping upon it from a distance of seventant and stance of seventant adventures, he started in with the heard Jim Marshall express such a decided preference for the smaller of the two ladies, he, true to his name and nature, immediately transferred his affections to the larger one; still he felt a little nettled, and ventured a deprecatory remark:

The cause were pressed the poison came out. There are spiders in South Africa which seize their prey by leaping upon it from a distance of seventant and strong about a foot away from the object of fear. A large reddish spider obtains its food in a different manner bush, or by catching it with a bound. It runs about with great velocity, in and out, behind and around, every object, boot to this lequacious gentlems and adventured and also disappear; but this evening he saw fit to reason that the end of the scorpion's tail.

When these hooks were pressed the poison came out. There are spiders in South Africa which seize their prey by leaping upon it from a distance of seventant and three cheers went up for the diver. After being relieved of my burden I waved my hand to be low-ordered the box in maker the poison came out. There are spiders in South Africa which seize their prey by leaping upon it from a distance of sevence and in the as in fact was the larger one. The cause appeared. This seemed singular to Jim that at the end of the scorpion's tail. I was dead. One of them reached a deprecatory remark:

"But, boys, yon know she looks a before him, So he smothered his wrath, sittle—well"—catching the eye of Jim.

"But, boys, yon know she looks a before him, So he smothered his wrath, such control of the smothered himself to listen to Bill's harm to men except to make the perconstruction.

nicely fitting trap door about the size of a shilling. When this is shut, it is so closely covered with hard earth that it cannot be distinguished from the rest.

In some parts of the country there are great numbers of a large, besutiful, yellow-spotted spider, the webs of which are about a yard across. The lines on which these webs are spun are hung from one tree to another, and are as explore. The carpenters constructed a from one tree to another, and are as explore. The carpenters constructed a large as coarse thread. The fibers of rude wooden force-pump. A hose was large as coarse thread. The fibers of the web itself are so thick that it is a common thing in walking through the forest to get one's face covered by them like a lady's veil. Another kind of the strength o

rork of 3,300,000 bushels.

You can jest chaw me up, if I do," he replied.

Jin thirsted for blood; so, seeing his branches are invisible. Another is seen chance, he bore down upon his enemy.

With an approving nod, Jim walked way toward his cabin, and Bill toward is,

"Beggin' your pardon, mum," said he, this feller has been lyin' all this brown in color, and the body is half an long as the stream of water from the brown in color, and the body is half an long as the stream of water from the long as smooth spot for itself on the wall, covered with a white, silky stuff. There it is seen standing the whole day. It is

stream of water directly against me, thus

washing me out."

With his crude hydraulic machinery he was enabled to recover \$675,000 more

Tanious St. Louis Kat-Catcher Captures the Rodents. he was enabled to recover \$675,000 more in gold, making a total of \$775,000.

So, unobserved as he thought, he reached the door of the cabin, and, in answer to his knock, the door was opened by the "little 'un," who invited him in and spoke in the kindest and houses when the might and the next day. They have not the season was then advanced nothing.

per cent., 50 per cent., and as high as 90 per cent decreased area planted to barley, due, as then stated, to unpro-A slight twinkle was visible around are eyes as she slowly spelled "S-m-i-t-h."

"Thankee, mum, thankee," he said, moriced.

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"Thankee, mum, thankee," he sa seemingly assumed a stand from which neither could back down without a loss who went down outside the surf and of honor, and not to do so was to deluge worked his way in as well as he could on Europe with a war, thus closing Russian

hallway, or a hole in the floor put in constant and general use by the rate Well, on the occasion referred to, Cos tello looked around and found that a wheat. It is now generally admitted that the spring wheat crop through the dumb waiter, or hand elevator, leading from the basement of the building up-ward, was the boulevard, the main west is almost a failure, having been struck at its critical period by excessive street, as it were, of this rat colony. heat, and this atmospheric cause had very materially, and to add to the misortune was, almost over the entire west,

look for a movement, at centres like Chicago, Milwaukee and St. would flee before him as from a pesti-ence. He had calculated correctly. The noise became like that of the ratreally ahead of last year, the largest balley year we ever had. It is true that fled in their terror.

The reporter and Costello stood in a the inspection reports of both places show the damage above commented upon, in There was a rattling noise in the elevathe shape of light arrivals of the market grade No. 2, and this is shown by the tor. The room was darker than an Egyptian night. The noise increased and pervaded the room. Then the re porter realized that the rats were in the room in a myriad. He could hear their ceipts under the circumstances squealing, and at last observed the phoshave spoken to many well posted and phorescent gleam of their eyes. They crawled over his feet. The perspiration stood on him in drops and his hair raised to do so is strong, for it is the only cereal the farmers hold which brings He lost a year's growth right then. 'No danger; keep still; den't move, a fair price, the loss of their spring wheat being offset by the increased production and they won't bite you," said Costello. The reporter groaned in terror. Costel lo then lit a lamp. The floor was covered with the rodents. With a pair of tongs he picked up and bagged them all. There were 128 of them. When they were in the bag the reporter was very,

Saved by a Play-bill,

BELLING THE RAT.

Silently and cautiously the rookery was

rats was determined.

is the forter forter years past is \$1.02, or only three cents per bushel below the current value now. The official New York produce exchange circular competied from the agricultural department of the United States gives barley crops for several years as follows: 1873, 732, 700,000; there is no official estimate yet for 1877, but another authority places it at 37,000,000, the deficiency on the year previous being due to shortage in Pacific states. Our the both one may still be are the both one both the precious of the formation of the United States gives barley crops for several years as follows: 1873, 732, 700,000; there is no official estimate yet for 1877, but another authority places it at 37,000,000, the deficiency on the year previous being due to shortage in Pacific states. Our the both of the United States and Territories west officers from the settlement of the Syrvariation of the United States and Territories west of the Russian regime to the terrible Nashrullah Kahn, a small party of Russian engineer of the Syrvariation of the Syrvariation

effect in Canada, as did also the atmos-desperate, boldly assumed the character pheric influences which hurt our crop. of a special envoy from the czar to the The decrease in area in Canada is put ameer, and in this character made a at 33 to 40 per cent., and the yield at triumphal entry into the capital, escorted five bushels per acre below that of last year, to say nothing of amount rendered unfit for malting. The crop of 1877 was estimated at 10,000,000 bushels; accepting the theory of decreased area. product would be for 1878, all brother," and everything was product in a second in the crop of 3,500,000 bushes the ameer upset everything by suddenly the ameer upset everything was product to the control of the c ficiency for the crop of 3,500,000 bush-els. According to the department of agriculture, the crop through the states of Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, a letter of some kind along with his

Nebraska, Kansas and Nevada, was for the year 1877 equal to 17,200,000 bush-els. Assuming the decreased area and damage done is equal to 50 per cent, which does not seem an over estimate, beside him, however, with miraculous we have a deficiency representing 8,600,000 bushels. East of the Pacific coast, presence of mind, drew from his pocket-book an old play-bill of the Alexander the state of New York ranks highest as a barley producer. The agricultural theater at St. Petersburg, and coolly read from it an imaginary letter of condepartment reports put the crop for 1876 at 6,600,000 bushels; that of 1877 gratulation, winding up by handing with a low bow to the ameer. The b was larger, it is estimated, by 1,400,000 bushels, giving a net product for 1877 of 8,000,000 bushels. The area planted in ter, who had already seen the czar's name appended to more than one official 1878 is estimated at 80 to 40 per cent. below 1877, or a deficiency for New document, was quite convinced by the sight of the huge "Alexander" along the tep of the paper in company with Apart from Pacific coast states and those given above, the quantity of Barthe Russian double eagle; and the posited among the royal archives of Bohkara, where it probably remains to lev raised is too small to materially af-

fect figures of production. We will, therefore, look at the deficiency as collected above, and it shows The Carpet Beetle.

which he would gradually sink. As long as the stream of water from the pump was kept up it would keep the hole open around him, and the rising current from it would maintain a strong current, laden full with sand, boiling and bubbling up around him. But if the stream slackened for an instant, the heavy sand would immediately pack in about him, confining him as tightly as if he had been in a mold. It such an event he would, of course, have been beyond all possibility of human help, and every moment thus employed by him was fraught with deadliest peril, left had been on a mold, and every moment thus employed by him was fraught with deadliest peril, left had been on a mold, fleen feet deep, to reach the desired point, To do so would sometimes occupy anhour. Often, when some the would gradually sink. As long as the stream of water from the would gradually sink. As long as the stream of water from the would keep the hole open around him, and the rising current, from it would maintain a strong current, from it would maintain a strong current, laden full with sand, boiling and bubbling up around him. But if the stream slackened for an instant, the heavy sand would immediately pack in about him, confining him as tightly as if he had been in a mold, I such an even the would, of course, have been been such that the crop of 1877 was equal to heavy such that the crop of 1877 was equal to heavy such that the crop of 1877 was equal to heavy such that the crop of 1877 was equal to heavy such that the crop of 1877,600,000 bushels, and take this year's should are the feeling of the confining him as tightly as if he had been in a mold, I such an even facts concerning this peat. He says don't the Washing Housends. As is well known, the plant of the Washing Housends. As is well known, the law through the continuous of the Western States.

In an article in the American Naturally and the American Naturally and the through t

STARCH CAKE .- Two cups of sugar,

wretched and worm-eaten hotel, fairly alive with the vermin, and gives the following account of his experience:
The arrival was made after midnight.

en; add one cup of sugar and one cup of water; beat well together and bake in a examined until the circuit run by the water; beat well together and bake in a dish with one crust. When done, beat the whites of three eggs with half a cup of fine sugar and pour over the top and set it in the oven to brown.

more mental vigor, while no great design on the properties of the sugar and pour over the top and set it in the oven to brown. Rats in a building are as the inhabi-tants of a city or the inmates of a large building. Certain holes in floors and of fine sugar and pour over the top and set it in the oven to brown. wainscoting, drain-pipes, dark-halls, BEEF PICKLE.—To prepare pickle for beef, take one and a half pounds of brown sugar, two ounces of saleratus, passages in the walls, etc., are to rats what streets in the city are to pedes-trians, and hallways in buildings to the and nine pounds of salt, and boil in four gallons of water. Skim and cool, and inmates. Just as one avenue, by reason of superior width or light, is raised by

as some alley-way, by reason of being a short cut between two points, is made a thoroughfare, is a drain-pipe, a noisome hallway, or a hole in the flow way. POTATO SOUP. - Take six large, mealy potatoes, sliced and soaked an hour. Add one onion sliced and tie in a rag, a

quart of milk, and a quarter of a pound of salt pork cut in slices. Boil them three-quarters of an hour and then add a tablespoonful of melted butter and a He laid for a rat and caught him. A small bell was tied about the captive's neck by means of a ribbon, and then the rodent was released. It was off like

To Boil Fish.—Split the fish down

flash. Minutes passed by without results. At last the skurrying of rats through the walls and upper passages of the house was heard. It gradually increased. The principle the rat-catcher worked on was that the bell would scarce the rat. His terror would communicate to his fellows, and they in turn would flee before him as from a pesticute. He had calculated correctly.

To Boil Fish.—Split the fish down flash. It over with melted butter with melted butter with melted butter in the daytine; increase the time upon in the daytine; increase the time upon second and third days, then let it remain haltered all night; go and see it a few turbing the fish. When done slip it on a hot platter, and season to taste with pepper, salt, and melted butter; springly the some chopped parsley over the top and garnish with sliced lemon.

A Bridal Feast.

Colt to lie down, lest it should become changled. Halter it about half an bour in the daytine; increase the time upon second and third days, then let it remain haltered all night; go and see it a few turbing the fish. When done slip it on the back and rub it over with melted beaten this. He "jumped the town," and hasn't been seen since. Some of his employers funds went with him.

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I accustom one to the halter at six months old with success.

A Bridal Feast.

Old gentlemen to troublesome boy: Sours and Broths,-Cool broth

The noise became like that of the rat-tling of a heavy rain. The bright-eyed flat-bottom kettle, as less likely to vermin shrieked and squealed as they scratch. Soft water is best for soups;

into it five beaten eggs and the juice of

a little over milk-warm, then mix them thoroughly into enough sifted flour "No, sir. The marriage is all set-

them. Bake about three-quarters of an hour, and serve with milk and sugar, flavored with vanilla. HARD WATER. - When hard water is used for cooking or washing it is best to boil it for a few minutes before using it, as then the fur or sediment is thrown down on the sides of the boiler, and not on the food or clothes. Hard water isn't good for making tea, as the strength of the tea leaves is very slowly extracted. The bad effects of hard water in cooking may be parily remedied by using a small quantity of carbonate of soda, or even common washing soda, which

a quart when chopped - chop half as much celery as cabbage and mix well with the chickens; then boil four eggs very hard, work the yelks to a paste with a wooden spoon; half a gill of good sweet olive oil or one gill of melted butter : mix gradually with the egg antil all is united; add one tablespoon of finely ground best black pepper, two tablespoons of mixed mustard stirred thoroughly into the paste, and add one teacup of vinegar and one tablespoon of salt; mix all together half an hour before using. If you like, add half a cup

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD. Once a month at least wash the stem and branches of all the hard-wood plants with a soft sponge dipped in lukewarm water; this prevents the lodgment of insects and contributes to the health of

the plant. - American Cultivator. Many children are best nourished on Shver Pie.—One large potato, peeled and grated; add the juice and rind of a lemon to the white of an egg, well beat more substantial food, it is said, than more substantial food, it is said, than veal, pork or lamb, giving as much or more mental vigor, while its great desibutter, as hasty pudding, or with cream and sugar, like rice. It is especially and sugar, like rice. It is especially good for young mothers, upon whose nervons forces too great a demand has been made, by which they lose the equilibrium of the system and become delibrium of the system and become delibriu

red in. A pinch or two of salt improves it.—British Workwoman. How; to Accustom Colts to the Halter. neck, because when frightened it is apto pull the neck out of place, which has
happened in many instances. Secure
the halter to the manger; allow no more
length of halter than will permit the
colt to lie down, lest it should become
entangled. Halter it about half an hour
in the daytime; increase the time upon

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"Some folks are just mean enough to two and a half per ceut, interest, and the per ceut, interest, and th "Some folks are just mean enough to
turn a bridal party away hungry," resumed the old man, "but that isn't my
style. Sweet cake and peppermint
caudy and ice cream are well enough for
consumptives, but after a person has
hung around for three or four hours to
tsee a marriage go off he's apt to feel a
goneness. Now, if it was me, the found
fation of the bridal feast should be meat
and 'tatters'"

in a delighted way.

"Yes, mest and taters. Fd have They were sitting on eit

plate of winter squash at the foot. The edges of the plates can be ornamented with slices of onions placed half an inch with slices of onions placed half an inch and I was the moon," was her sweet reapart."
"I hadn't thought of that, but I'll would have required an awfully clever have 'em—have 'em, or bust the wed-

ding!"
"Well, then, the side-dishes may con-

A hermit in the woodlands (lo. An empty nest in withered hands!) Counting, bead-like, the leaves that fall, Sometimes October stands : Sometimes, a joyous harvester In sun-browned fields of blowing grain, He laughs and shouts to children blith

Who laugh and shout again. -John James Piatt, in Wide Awake Items of Interest. Edison is neglecting the waste power A plain speaker—One who is the re-verse of handsome,

The Invisible Land. There was a land that lay beyond roy sight

For which I vainly searched the great earth

Explored all portious of the globe, we great

But once, when evening her duck saids had spread,

And I was sleeping, a swift dream came o'er

Now is the country mine long sought

And lo! the land stretched just beside my

October.

Thither, right often, my companious flew

At daybreak, or at noontide, or at night.

And never came again. I took my flish

No nearer where that mighty retire-

Had fied into the stately fields of light.

And one I heard lament that I was dead

My spirit, and in it I, rising, said :

door!

Best things with which to open a dead lock—A skeleton key. There are twenty-five different kinds of springs in Saratoga.

Why is a cornetist always poor? Because he is continually blowing his notes away, and the report of his wealth is all in a horn. "In speaking of a person's faults,
Pray don't forget your own;
Bemember those with homes of glass
Should never throw a stone."
Mrs. Janville has "put up" twelv

Mules are credited with being stub-born. Their obstinacy, however, is no circumstance to that of the strip of card

board one endeavors to coax into posi-tion in an overgrown soft felt hat. A correspondent from Delaware gives the following directions for breaking colts to the halter: Put a head-halter on the colt. Never halter it around the neck, because when frightened it is apt to pull the neck out of place, which has

A tall woman, having a troubled countenance, took the easy-chair and led off with:

"Mr. Joy, people are getting mar"Mr. Joy, people are getting mar"Mr. Joy, people are getting mar"Mr. Joy, people are getting mar"No, sir." Old gentlemen to troublesome boy:
"Look here, my boy, can you tell me why you may be said to be playing at hide-and-seek?" Troublesome boy:
"No, sir." Old gentlemen to troublesome boy. Old gentlemen to troublesome boy

scratch. Soft water is best for soups, a little sodia improves hard water. All kinds of bones should be smashed and boiled five or sir hours, to take out all the nutriment, the liquor then strained, and kept in earthenware or stone, not in tin. Take off the fat when cool.

Lemon Butter, —Melt one pound of sugar and half a pound of butter together, and when this begins to boil stir gether, and when this begins to boil stir described by the sugar and half a pound of butter together, and when this begins to boil stir described by the sugar and half a pound of butter together, and when this begins to boil stir described by the sugar and half a pound of butter together, and when this begins to boil stir described by the sugar and half a pound of butter together, and when this begins to boil stir described by the sugar and half a pound of butter together, and when this begins to boil stir described by the sugar and half a pound of butter together, and when this begins to boil stir blessings?"

"Mr. Joy, people are getting and "No, sir." Old gettieman: cause you are seeking a good hiding."

This is a boy's composition on girls: "Girls are only folks that has their own way every time. Girls is of several thousands kinds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousands winds a pool of such a strain of the several thousands winds and thousands winds a solution of the several thousands winds a solution of the several thousands w "Y-c-s, though I think she could less I know about them the better off

into it five beaten eggs and the juice of five lemons; add the eggs very slowly, removing the mixture from the fire for that purpose and beating it constantly with an egg-whisk or a fork; return again to the fire and let it boil up again for a minute, stirring all the time.

Apple Bread.—Peel and core eight good-sized apples and boil them in water till tender. Let them cool until or duke to come along?"

"Y.-s., though I think she could less I know woods them the constitution have done better. However, they fell I am."

A man may sneer at a woman all he will because she cannot sharpen a lead pencil, but she has the smile on him when he stands holding an unoccupied suspender button in his hand, and wondering whether it will hart less to pull the engagement and wait for some prince or duke to come along?"

Hawkeye. Hawkeye.

a little over milk-warm, then mix them thoroughly into enough sifted flour to make a thick paste. Put into a crock, set in a warm place and let stend over night. In the morning take this sponge and make bread in the usual manner. It is very palatable and light.

Arrowroot Custarm.—Arrowroot is a little out of fashion, but it is very nice.

Arrowroot of fashion, but it is very nice.

and 'taters."

"Just what I told Emeline!" ex claimed the woman, rubbing her hands in a delighted way.

They were sitting on either side of the or even common washing sods, which softens the water, though if much be added it gives a soapy unpleasant taste.

CHICKEN SALAD.—Boil tender two nice chickens, mince well the meat, removing every scrap of fat, gristle and skin; take the best part of a small cabbage, chopped fine—there should be less than a quart when chopped—chop half as a class of the souler as eablest as a little of winter squash at the beat of the table, and a plate of winter squash at the foot. The

> "Well, then, the side-dishes may consist of—of—let's see? Buckwheat pancakes are awful nice, madam, for one thing. A pickled pig's foot, placed on a plate by itself and half hidden under stalks of celery, looks romantic and tastes first rate. Then cut your pumpkin pie up in small pieces and serve it with sweet cake. Then—"
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> "But isn't that about enough?" nervously inquired the woman,
> "All but some more onions madam. There's where they make a great mistake at bridal feasts. The guest \cdot comes with his mouth watering for more onions goes away a disappointed and crushed man, I' have 'em raw, stewed, baked and hashed up. Those who don't like 'em won't touch 'em; those who hanker for them will ble ss you."
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> "Uthink I'll he it is in foot I know I A curious incident is related in a Lon

Born on Monday,
Wart on the note:
Horn on Treesday.
Corns on the toes;
Born on Wednesday,
Hair will be red;
Born on Thursday,
Weak in the head
Born on Friday,
Freekly skin;
Born on Saturday,
Mole on the chin;
Born on Sanday,
Born to sin.
—81. Louis Journal.