## THE GOLDEN ROD.

O, gaily raise your radiant heads, And wave your gold-fringed banners bright. While o'er the sun-browned hillside spreads Your charm that sweetly woos the sight!

The fairest ye of all the throng, Mild heralds of Autumnal days; In forests dim your light prolong, O'er fields shine through the mellow haze

Ye tell us that the trees shall stand All leafl iss 'gainst the sullen sky, And birds shall in some Southern land Renew the songs they here let die. How oft a rest the tofler finds By roadsides where your beauty blooms And feels his brow refreshed by winds That gently sway your glowing plumes !

Sometimes upon the mountain wild. Your watch and ward you fondly keep, O'er nature's waning life that smiled 'Ere storm winds burst with withering sweep.

How often the towering pines goes down Beneath the tempest's rushing gale That passes harmless o'er your crown, Still bright with yellew blossoms frail.

The splendor of the sun's gay hue, Gathered from summer's smiling skies, Ye throw upon the world anew When autumn's darkening clouds arise, The brave and generous heart thus sheds,

Where'er in time and earth it dwell, Beauty and blessing on the heads Of those who feel its magic spell.

### A DARING HEROINE.

will, my dear comrades, we can boast tance, who was here to learn farming, of something as extraordinary as a were on the way to the target-ground, tiger hunt. One need not go as far as which the baron had arranged at the India or elsewhere. Is it not so, extremity of his park, I had hung my Adele ?"

which the troops stationed in the Province of Pomerania were delegated, we young lad, likewise provided with a had passed the town of Coslin, and I, rifle, walked by her side. A stable-boy with the smaller half of the company and a younger comrade, wandering from the highway, had taken quarters at the in comfortable rocking-chairs, complakcking and laughing at us.

the event as I. Blooming and vivaher return from boarding school, had tions. She had her own riding horse, which she managed with great skill.

"The old forester had often taken her into the woods, and she understood very well how to handle the gun, so that she had already brought home many a buck or hare as a trophy of the chase. Yet to-day her father had refused her wish to engage in the next day's hunt, with only the brief words, 'this is not for women,' and pouting she had been forced to submit.

"I had already expressed the wish to choose from the excellent weapons of the baron, which I had already admired a gun to use on the following day. He himself recommended to me a magnificent rifle, which hung still loaded in the arm-chest, upon which, after a short trial, I decided, especially at Adele's suggestion.

"The other gentlemen had already departed. The old baron, too, had still to consult with the forester, and of his fore-feet make arrangements, so he consigned to his daughter the task of entertaining me.

"She proposed to subject the gun to which I was to trust on the morrow to a test. I consented, and soon we and "Yes, laugh as creduously as you a young pupil, the son of an acquainrifle and game-bag, in which my am-On the reconnoitering march, for munition was contained, about my neck and escorted Adele, while the whom we had taken with us to mark the shots carried the target.

"Behind the house, the path led manor of Lord B----. He had formerly through a garden, laid out in the Enbeen an officer himself, and took pains glish manner, along the lake, which to receive us as agreeably as possible. could be seen from the veranda, through After the excellent dinner, to which shady groves, and past broad, green our appetites, sharpened by the march, grass-plots, toward the dense forest, did ample justice, we were now sitting with its towering trunks, The scorchin the cool study of our amiable host, ing sun of August in the cloudless heavens, was slowly sinking toward cently enjoying the aromatic coffee the horizon, and a refreshing breeze which Lady B----, a slender, graceful from over the lake rustled gently among brunette, prepared us herself, while, at the sedge weed and rushes on the shore. tie same time, she would glance anx- At length we reached the place. While icusly toward her little, two-year-old the stable-boy fastened the target to a clubby-cheeked son, who, lying on his stand, to a promontory running into back on a mighty tiger skin before the lake, and our young companion his father's writing-table, was playfully gave him the necessary directions, Adele and I, after we had laid our guns We had entertained ourselves with on a bench that was there, proceeded this and that, when the conversation to a small, artificially-constructed emitirned to the tiger-skin, and Lord B. nence, from which was afforded a most had used the words above mentioned, magnificent prospect over the lake, to in length. My bullet had shattered his world resembling a town in which no among the trees. In the forest gradu- penetrated the flesh. The shot, at so ally awoke the voices of the birds, that short a distance, had entirely destroyed "Who knows," continued he earn- had been silent during the day, before his eyes, and to this fortunate accident etly, "whether I then should have us the frogs were croaking their even- alone could I attribute the fact that I succeeded, if my guardian angel here ingl songs in the rushes, while beneath had not been more injured than I was. us the murmuring waves were rippling | One blow of his mighty paw had almost At these words he had seized the on the pebbly strand, and now and then scalped my head, and throwing me to man, who had been rendered somehand of his wife, standing by him, an inquisitive fish would leap forth the ground had broken and lacerated which she blushingly strove to with- from his watery element, a picture of my left arm. With great presence of

minutes perhaps, which seemed an cious, her father, since she had lost her | eternity to me; but the animal did not mother in her early youth, just after flinch, perhaps because he had been accustomed to see persons, or because placed no restraint upon her inclina- hunger urged him. I saw him creep slowly forward till I could distinguish the gleaming spots on his back. He seemed ready for the fatal leap. I felt more and more that it was now or never.

> "Slowly, without taking my eyes from the tiger, I raised the gun. At first my hand trembled, but the thought that another dear life beside my own was at stake, restored my coolness. "I had only one barrel for bullets,

> the other was loaded with coarse shot Calmly I felt for the trigger to the first took aim at the head of the monster, and-fired!

"A horrible roar of rage was the echo to my shot; and when, a moment after, the smoke had cleared away, I perceived that the animal had made a spring forward, and lay at his whole gigantic length not fifty paces from us. I had struck him, but the bullet, by going too low, had shattered his under jaw, and seemed to have disabled one

"I saw that the beast was retreating for a second leap, and I had no longer time to seize the other gun, which still lay on the table. My young companion could not spring to my rescue, as he was still some thirty paces distant, and must remain an inactive spectator of the scene.

"A renewed roar ! Instantly I fired my second barrel loaded only with shot. For a brief moment I saw a mighty mass just before me. Then I felt myself thrown to the earth-a sharp pain in my left arm-a heavy weight pressed upon my breast. I heard a loud report close at my ear. Then my senses leave me-I swoon.

"How long I lay thus I know not. When I at last recovered consciousness I was gazing into the face of Miss Adele, who was occupied in drying, with her handkerchief, the blood that streamed over my face from a wound in my head. My left arm was powerless, and I experienced the most violent pains when I endeavored to raise it. Stretched beside me lay the savage form of the terrible monster, hfeless.

"Adele was uninjured, but her face was pale and her beautiful dress completely smeared with blood.

"''Heaven be thanked, he lives!' were the first words I heard her say to the young pupil, who had brought fresh its kind is to be found at Mount Athos. water in the hat from the lake for her There is but one village, where a fluc-Samaritan-like service.

Mount Athos.

"Haggion Oros," the holy mountain of all who prefess the Greek faith, octhe western shore of the Ægeau Sea. Rising abruptly from the water to a height of 6,200 feet, at the extremity of a long narrow peninsula, it seems to be keeping watch and ward over the

sea path to and from Salonica and the approach to the Dardanelles, much as Gibraltar does over the straits leading to the Mediterranean. The peninsula is about forty miles long, and has an average breadth of six. It is connected with the great Chalcedonian Peninsula by a narrow neck of sand, through which the Persian monarch Xerxes cut a canal for vessels of light draught vestiges of which yet remain. Beside "Haggion Oros" is Mount Athos. Even before the days of Christianity Mount Athos had its recluses, for the solemn grandeur of the great bare peak and the wierd aspect of its surrounding are well calculated to harmonize with minds given up to wild and mystic thoughts. The new doctrines gave a great impulse to this desire to withdraw from the world, and in the course of time the whole' peninsula came to be occupied by Greek monks, who, under the Byzantine Emperors, enjoyed the privilege of governing themselves and their possessions without the interference of any secular control whatever.

There was thus formed an ecclesiastical autonomy that has endured to the present day. The only indication of Turkish authority in Mount Athos is the presence of a "caimakam," who, however, enjoys not the slightest power, his functions being limited to that of a mere observer. This official has two "zaptieths" (gendarmes) under his orders, but they are more to do honor to his position than to represent any force at his command, the community having its own police in the shape of a body of stout Albanian guards. The administration is carried on by a council of Representatives presided over by one of their number, who is termed "Proteros," or "the first man of Athos." This office is held by each of the members of the Council in succession for a period of three months. The months follow the rule of Basilius. No woman is allowed on any pretense whatever to set foot in the district. The prohibition extends even to temale creatures of every kind,

so that not a hen, cow, she-goat, or any other animal capable of giving birth to tuating body of seculars reside, who as-

east, which measured over seven feet other labors. It is the only place in the

He lighted his cigarette, however, said boys would be boys, and then laid his cigarette on the edge of the table while

cupies a most commanding position on a small man who had been regarding it and full of interest. It is engaged in curiously, The host carefully and lighted end in his mouth,

By this time he had grown a bit flustwait until he had told a story. Six gratification is very great. host to a bumper.

This was the first chance the commo- various matters of seeming slight ingulp. The effect was extraordinary. there are who are unable to tell and His eyes closed and opened with the give any satisfactory information conrapidity and precision of a trip ham- cerning their grandfathers and grandhum in solemn admiration.

# A Wallaby Hunt in New Guinea,

Recently it was given out that a large tract of country about six miles from here was to be hunted. About 7 o'clock the natives began to move, the men with nets first. These are coarsemeshed, strong nets, about four feet deep, of various lengths. Far away to the leeward of the grass to be burned these nets are stood up with short stakes, each man's net joined to his neighbor's. The grass is pulled up in front of the nets to prevent their catching fire. The owners of the nets stand ous bulk in her orbit, rencounters by with spears in silence and awaiting about the 13th the November meteor "The young lad examined the dead sist the monks in their agricultural and their prey. It is the fashion for all zone. This gigantic hoop or eclipse

## Family Genealogies ..

The study of family ancestry and he rescued his hat from the hands of genealogy is one at once fascinating more to-day than in times previous. thoughtfully turned the commodores The oldest book on an American famcigarette around, so that when he pick- ily is not yet a hundred years old, and ed it up again he naturally put the this book was without a rival for many years. Within a score of years have been published very many genealogies ered, but he still smiled and said he en- of the early New England families. joyed good company as well as any body | These can be made very large books, if he could have an occasional drink. A but as the sale of the books is limited glass of champagne was handed to him, almost to the family name, the price is and he raised it to his lips. Before he obliged to be much higher than ordicould drink, however, one of the men dary books. But still the pleasure of clutched his arm and begged him to pursuing the investigations for private

times the commodore raised the glass This study can be pursued by any one to his lips and six times he was obliged having any taste for such things. A to put it down, until finally an other blank book can be obtained, in which glass was substituted without his to transcribe the records of the family, knowledge, which contained some to- of connections near and far. This bacco and castor oil, with a dash of record should embrace the name in sweet oil on top to give it a flavor. full, giving date of birth, marriage and Here an eloquent member of the party death, where born, married and died, rose to his feet and commanded every- with as many particulars as possible of body to rise and drink the healh of the trade, profession, schooling, church connection, labors of public benefit, and

dore had had, and he jumped up and terest. but which will be of great worth tossed off the contents of his glass at a to those who live after. How many mer running at extraordinary speed, mothers saying nothing of their anhis jaw dropped, and he gave a yell that cestors more remote. The children of would have done credit to a drunken to-day from strictly American families Sloux. Then he put on his hat, which are of the ninth or tenth generation did not fit well in consequence of four from the first who came in the early pats of butter which the small man had ages of colonial history. If a person put under the lining, said, "Gentlemen | can trace his ancestry on paternal and I have had a very large time," dashed | maternal sides back four generations, through the door, and ran up Broad- and this is especially so of the New way with an exhibition of speed which | England families, the probabilities are caused the yellow cab drivers to turn that they are descended from these who around in their seats and look after came to America previous to 1642. Bancroft, Savage and Hildreth unite in saying that at the outbreak of the Revolution there was no purer blood known than was possessed by the American families. During the one hundred and fifty years previous there was more emigration than immigration. Hence, knowing one's ancestry to the outbreak of the Revolution, with little pains and expense even the youth of our homes may engage themselves in the pleasurable task of trac-

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ing their line of descent,

November Meteors.

The earth as she swings her ponderthe young men to wear their head- consists of a swarm of particles followdresses and finery to the hunt. They ing Temple's comet in the orbit.

tiat he had captured the trophy on his oyn premises.

had not lent me assistance ?"

driw.

"Yes, yes, you must tell us that," side me, an enchanting youthful viswe besought. After affectionately em. ion. bracing his fair companion he began as follows :

jolly lieutenant in a regiment of hus- mons. house.

"We were just sitting down to din- from the thick coppice, about forty since the baron had an excellent wine | way to the castle. cellar, we were in a highly excited state), when the servant announced a clapping her hands. in considerable excitement.

" 'The governor invites us,' said he, morrow."

eagerly.

a place in the road, which was being to make an explanatory remark, when grown specimen had taken refuge in a was the escaped tiger ! lense wood adjoining. He had already "My brain reeled with a giddy, attacked, the day before, a flock of growing terror. The danger had come barely escaped with his life, and no one the time to act to keep cool and clearwould longer venture into the fields for sighted. fear of falling victim to the furious "I could not utter a word. Adele, beast. To-morrow, therefore, a great too, who stood near me at the other bunt of extermination was to be under- side of the narrow table, was silent.

"The boy had now finished setting up the target, of which fact his young stantly. 'It will soon be six years since I, a director informed us by a loud sum-

sars was ordered to lead a detachment "We were just upon the point of to Siettin. I was quartered with Baron going down to the place, which was marshing, during which I had fre- ly a flock of daws rose above the forest, again. I was carried on a litter to the a light business suit, and might be anyquertly had miserable accommodations, whose shrill cawing and inharmonious fever. to spend my furlough in this hospitable cries filled the air. At the same time we saw a light-footed deer break forth

"Bella! Bella!' cried Adele, briskly

tinued its flight the more hastily.

"What was that?' cried Adele, while as he met our questioning glances, 'to she gazed in a listening attitude toward my recovery, and at which many a glass "He then told us that the owner of a never saw her so shy before."

ket at Coslin, had met with an accident which our guns lay and from which we and since then I have myself become on the highway not far from town. At were to practice; and I was just about the happy possessor of this estate." repaired, one of the wagons had gone a crackling of dry branches caused me glanced at her husband as he ended his too near the ditch and overturned. At to look toward the place where Bella thrilling narrative. A delightful walk The leopard had been immediately re- glittering. blood - thirsty gaze of a lovely wife, whom I shall ever rememcovered, but the tiger, a strong, full- monster only too well known to me. It ber as the daring herorine of that terri- his ear. Still the western man smiled Gainesville, Fla. The entrance is sold cash inscriptions of credit on its

sheep in the vicinity, the shepherd had upon us too suddenly. Yet, now was

taken by the neighboring landholders. But she had observed the tiger, as I "We were naturally very much excl- could perceive by her deep breathing. dust can be used as fuel. Various proted at the unusual event. All prom- Instinctively I had seized the rifle ed to participate in the hunt; I, too, which stood beside me and cocked it. could not better employ my furlough. "I had read somewhere that wild into picture-frames, ornaments for furtherefore requested my amiable host animals cannot endure to look into the to furnish me with the necessary outfit eye of a human being. I therefore of the refuse. The latest idea is to or the chase, which his sister, too, my gazed firmly and fixedly into the glow- make gas from it, and this, it is said, is eighbor at table, readily promised. ing, motionless eyes before me. Our carried out at a village in Ontario with struggle, and when he pulled out his away by the running stream, the bed into this region, of which the town of Miss Adele was almost as excited at | mutual staring might have lasted a few | excellent results.

after telling us, to our astonishment, the park and the castle, half-hidden jaw and left fore-foot, and had then marriage or birth takes place. Suppressing a Bore.

> A few nights ago a party of six men sat at a corner table of an up-town restaurant, taking supper with a seventh what conspicuous among men about town by his sudden resolve to renounce the most peaceful repose-and she be- mind-a heroine at this critical moment his former easy-going and luxurious -Adele had seized the gun lying on style of life for the purpose of marrythe table, and while the tiger was oc. ing a young woman who lived in Brookcupied with me had fired the bullet lyn. The dinner was about half over through his head, killing him in- when a man drifted in through the lower door of the cafe and made his

brought assistance, since from my ried his cane under his arm and a cigar-

out me. My wounds were not trifling. he ears and bald at the top. ing and holders had been invited (and, rapid bounds along the well-known grave. At length my good constitution waving his hand toward the new comand the careful nursing that my deliv- er, "is the most stupendous bore in New ed, the dogs yelped, and the poor, dazed stellation Leo, and there is always a erers unwearily bestowed upon me con- York. In the course of fifteen years I wallabies rushed here and there, some possibility that an unexpected number quered the disease. My wounds healed. have found it impossible to sit down at escaping spears and dogs, but most fail- of fallen stars may make the heaver messenger who earnestly desired to "The deer stopped a moment and Yet besides the scars that I shall bear a meal in a cafe or in a decent up-town ing. It requires a good deal of practice resplendent with their fiery trains. spear with our host. After the latter glanced back at us; but then, as if it all my life in memory of that adventure, bar without being bored by this cheer- to spear a wallaby going full speed. had received the message he returned had already hesitated too long, it con- I won another precious treasure, the ful imbecile. Of course you all know him. He will ring in on us now."

> "At the festival which solemnized He did.

The stranger bowed with great affatake part in the great tiger hunt to- the forest. 'Have our neighbor's was emptied to our common weal, I bility to every body including, the waithounds been pursuing Bella again? But could embrace the lovely Adele as my er, continued to smile effusively, drag- is only very plucky men who will face its origin in 1171 from a forced public "A tiger hunt !" cried every one, I hear no bark. She is usually so tame betrothed, and not long after she be- ged up a chair witout invitation, and and comes so readily at my call. I came my beloved wife. After the wedged himself in between the host death of my old father-in-law, two and a tall young man with a gigantic menagerie, which had visited the mar- "We had reached the table upon years ago I resigned my commission, mustache who had just come from Keokuk, and newer before met the "Commodore," as the bore was called. With an effectionate smile Lady B. The stranger immediately pretended to be deaf, and smiled vacantly hut pleasantly upon the commodore. That the same time its carelessly-fastened had appeared. The thick bushes at evening brought us to the scene of worthy toyed with his mustache for a cover had broken, at which a tiger and which inclosed the border of the that perilous adventure. The follow- moment, and then began to talk to him. a young leopard had improved the op- lofty forest parted and my blood ing morning, on departing, we took a The Keckukian insisted upon a repetiportunity to escape from their cages. froze to ice as my eyes met the cordial farewell of Lord B- and his tion of every word until ho had the commodore upon his feet bawling into discovered about nine miles from

champagne glass full of vinegar and for about one hundred feet to a ledge then he put his hand into his vest pock- recess, and one to the left, which is of et to get a match and brought out a large size, has its walls almost entirely pat of butter which one of the party covered with names cut in the solid

handkerchief he sneezed seven times, of which is a dangerous quicksand

shave the hair, too, off their temples, unfortunate visitor from the star depths two or three spears hanging from him and a bevy of dogs after him. There was a good deal of slaughter and some

gets very ugly wounds.

A Florida Cave,

every hair from their eyebrows, and on arriving within the solar domain unany others about their face. All carry warily ventured too near the planet several spears, roughly made from a Uranus. The plannet captured the hard white wood. The points are comet, and forced it henceforth to resharpened and everyone has a boar's volve within the boundaries of the sotusk or piece of glass bottle to scrape | lar system, the event occurring probathem as often as they require it. Little bly in the second century of the Christboys 3 and 4 years old, with their orna- ian era. The perihelion of the comet's ments on, faces painted and sqears on orbit rests on the earth's orbit where their shoulders, march along with the she passes on the 13th of November, crowd. Young girls go, too, to carry and its aphelion extends beyond the orwater for the men. It being a grand bit of Uranus, A process of disintehunt, we foreigners joined the company gration is going on, and the debris of on horseback. The natives always the comet and the swarm of meteors walk in single file, and the hunting are gradually scattering through the way with a flamboyant smile toward the procession was a very long one. The whole zone, only one-tenth of which is immediately sent to the castle, soon supper party. Hs walked daintily, car- meeting was at a creek half way to now filled densely with the meteor the Laroge River. This was the ren- swarms. The period of revolution it great loss of blood, I had swooned ette in his left hand. He was dressed in dezvous, where all rested and waited about thirity-three years, and a grand manor, where I fell into a violent where from thirty to seventy years of had gone on and were in position. The when the earth passes a portion of the age. He had a gray mustache, patchy grass was set fire to in many places and zone. The last memorable display was "My detachment had to march with- whiskers, and wore his hair full over was soon crackling, hissing and blazing in 1866-7; the next is expected in 1899 away before the wind. The air was Observers on the nights of the 11th. "This gentleman," said the host, full of sparks, and a dense cloud of 12th, 13th, and 14th will be sure to see The First Bank.

> It is one of the most remarkable of phenomena that the first bank ever esscores of wallaby were carried in. One tablished won a success unequaled ir man was badly gored by a wild boar. It later times. The bank of Venice had these. They carry a circle of stout loan, raised to fit out a fleet, and is the cane, in which is lashed some strong first appearance of a public funded debt. cord, so as to form several large Every citizen was obliged to contribute meshes. This is held so that the pig the one-hundredth part of his possess rushes in and gets muzzled by it; then ions. The persons assessed were ther a man throws himself on the pig and organized as a Chamber of loans for grips him tight until he is dispatched, their common protection and for the when they have tusks the hunter often receipt of the yearly interest of 4 per centum. Subsequently its creditors were permitted to transfer their claims in whole or in part. The government. finding that these transfers were in de-A mysterious cave has lately been mand, reduced the rates of interest until no interest was paid. Afterward it vacantly, and suddenly conceiving that small, but the cave soon becomes quite books. These inscriptions cost gold, he had been insulted, gravely filled a large, and extends, by gradual inchne, but were not convertible into gold. As a matter of fact, although termed s insisted upon the comodore drinking it. of rock. Here there is a steep descent bank, its issue were Government paper. There was a great deal of simulated of about sixty feet, which has to and its business was carried on solely excitement, but in the end, in order, be effected by means of a rope, to a for the benefit of the public treasury. as he said, to avoid a row in the restau- large, rocky hall, through which a This bank is still one of the foremost rant, the commodore succumbed, and stream of deep, cold water runs. Other financial institutions in the world. For drahk the glass to the bitter dregs, small caves radiate from this great two hundred years the Bank of Venice stood alone.

The development of the lumber-manfying the dust, so that it can be molded had placed there during the excitement. stone, some of them dating back fifty ufacturing business in many parts of Another member of the group had years. Several years ago two men were the south is remarkable. From Southpoured half the contents of the cruet of seen to enter the cavern, and as they ern Kentucky to Chattanooga, Tenn., is cayenne pepper into the pocket of the never came out, it is supposed that they an extended and vast line of saw-mills and stave, spoke and handle factories. unfortunate commodore during the fell off the precipice and were swept Large numbers of people are crowding Dayton, Tenn., is the business center,

Well backed up-The dromedary. It has always been a problem in large lumber-producing districts what to do with the sawdust. In some places they

heart of my Adele.

be stopped by a complaint from people down the river, who use the water for various purposes in which cleanliness is a requisite. In others there have been arranged boiler-furnaces in which the cesses have been introduced for solidiniture, and other particles where stucco work is practicable, to dispose of some

ble tiger hunt.

throw it into the stream, but this may