Somebody somewhere is laughing to-night, Somebody's singing while somebody Somebody somewhere is quaffing the bright Fruit of the grape—while somebody dies,

Somebody's heart is bursting with joy, Somebody's starving somewhere al Somebody's praying for somebody's boy-Somebody suffers and maketh no moan. Somebody's hand is lifted on high— Somebody's heart is riven in twain; Somebody somewhere hears somebody cry-

And the river flows smoothly again. Somebody's dirge is sung by the waves, Somebody nevermore sorrow will know: Somebody Dame For une's fickleness

braves-Somebody's soul's as pure as the snow; Somebody's heart's as black as the night. Somebody's eyes are clo-ed-'neath the

Somebody's soul was too weak for the flight, And so it soared upward-to God?

THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGERS.

Miss Lydia Davidson was enjoying her cup of tea in her comfortable little house in Ravensbourne one Saturday afternoon, when her friend Miss Newman was announced. The lady was well known for the fervor and energy which she infused into her conduct of what inferior minds may regard as the minor events of life; also for a severity in her attire that may be described by one wishing to deal mildly with it as "gentlewomanlike."

She entered with even more than her wonted haste and dash, and cried: "How do you do, Lydia, I am most thankful to find you at home. I have come with a definite purpose, as talking over a thing is better than writing a dozen notes. Very strange and start-

ling events are happening here, and I' have arrived at the conclusion that it is my duty to lay them before you and other friends, in order to see what can be done.

'Dear! dear!' murmured Miss Davidson, in vague alarm; 'you don't mean it! Tell me all about it, dear Jane,' 'I will tell you as much as I at present

know," returned her friend. Well, to begin with. When I was coming down from London early last spring, a gentleman and a lady were in the some carriage with me, I took them for a honeymoon couple, and felt sorry to constrain their tete-a-tete. They made me most uncomfortable with all the private and confidential things they had to say; and they kept poring over a little book with their heads together-poetry, or some rubbish or other, I suppose. I've no patience with that sort of thing-

Miss Davidson, was, however, romantic, and could not get up a show or indignation in time to respond to her friend's glance; so she only look a little foolish and abashed.

'And for six months,' Miss Newman continued, have they been coming, regularly twice a week-Monday and Thursday. And they may have done it for six years, for aught I know, because it is only since I have been at my new lodgings, opposite the Bull, that I have noticed them carefully. They arrive early, -about 10 o'clock-have some nt, I fancy, for th stop in the hotel a while; then they drive or walk out, not always together -but often take different roads; stay out-oh! till 4, or 5, or 6, and sometimes they have a quanty of luggage, those nice dres-baskets and things, lady-like luggage—and then, after their dinner, off they go toward the railway

'Really!' cried Miss Davidson, in astonishment. 'And their appearsance? Do they look like-

'Gentle people?' put in Miss Newman.
'Yes, decidedly. That is a point on which I am never deceived. The lady dresses exquisitely and most becomingly. They're not young, nor, of course, very old. He is a handsome man with a military air. In fact, I am pretty sure he is an officer, for I saw so much of the military when I lived at Dover, and then, (lowering her voice) 'I heard so many sad things about garrison doings that I begin to teel anxious, The Bull is such a respectable hotel it would be quite a misfortune for the town if—if anything unpleasant were to come out,' concluded Miss Newman, forced by the vagueness of her subject into, for once, being herself vague.

'Dear me! What you say quite startles me, said Miss Davidson. 'If anything like that happens a hundred miles away, or even in London, it is not so bad; but here! It's a shock to me! I must comment on it to Eliza, she added, as that functionary entered, bent most unamiably on interrupting the

Til fimsh my tea, said Miss Newman, putting her fingers firmly on the saucer, 'It's an excellent cup-most refreshing, Lydia.'

Had it not been for the softening mfinence of the morsel of gossip, long. in pursuit of Mrs. Barton.

brewing hostilities might now have ripened in fierce strife between Eliza strangers should be the subject of and her mistress' but Miss Davidson's questions about the mysterious strang-ers claimed the confidential maid's attention. 'No, she hadn't heard nothing no one knew whence nor whither.'

Dignity prevented Miss Newman's own. person should be set on the track.

'I'll tell you what I think about it," exclaimed Miss Davidson, a little later. I think, dear, that the gentleman is some very distinguished person indeed, and that the lady—she may be a perfect lady, you know, all the time—is beneath him, and that there's a morganatic marriage! There are such things nowadays, and always have been, you

But, if so, why shouldn't she have her own establishment? Why come to

man, unless it was one of the clergy. for I can't get anything out of him.

'Good by dear. I'll not ring for Euza I'll let you out.' Lydia had scarcely settled herself tention when Eliza appeared, cloaked and boaneted, at the sitting room door, remarking, 'I've been out a little while, ma'am. After what you said, just now, my duty was plain; and I went around to Bull at once, knowing as you'd not be wanting me.'

'O, dear me, E iza,' returned the doere mistress, 'I quite forgot that your niece, Mary, is barmaid at the Bull. And did you see the land-lady? And can she explain about the strangers?

'Of course, ma'am, I saw Mrs. Weston, returned Eliza, energetically. 'It's what I went for; but I could'nt get nothink out of her. I said to her as civil as possible: 'Will you tell me, Mrs. Weston, the names of those parties as comes here twice a week, a Mondays and Thursdays?' But she only | make?' said, very stiff and 'igh: '1 never give the names of any of my parties, not oven to the gentiemen from the Ravens-bourne Record.' And more than that but I'll make some excuse to be there events,' and with that Eliza withdrew to her own domain, leaving her mistress to spend the rest of the evening trying to recall all the instances she had heard of morganatic marriages and the'r results.

Miss Davidson had just taken her seat in church the following morning when Miss Newman, very "tant" and trim, hurried into a vacant place next to her, and, after burying her face for an instant in her hands, she turned, as she knelt, to her neighbor and said, in an undertone: "Have you seen your brother to-day? What does he think?"

"No, dear, no; he's not coming; but don't talk about it in church, please don't. And the good lady tried with feeble hurry to find her place. Miss Newman forebore further remark till Mr. Miniver Weekly ascended the pulpit. Then she betrayed a longing to speak and an inability to sit still, . But Lydia resolutely turned the crown of her bonnet toward her friend fearful opened, to the outrage of the decorous feelings of the congregation.

""Woe unto the world because of offenses, for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe unto the man by whom the offense cometh.' Or," continned the thin voice of the curate, "as a more literal version, though one less purely English, has it. 'Woe to the world because of scandals."

"There!" whispered Miss Newman, no longer repressible, "I knew I had ally chattered. I told him he must do pale and troubled face. something about the Bull people, and that he was responsible for all the evil 'I—I—don't feel quite well. I'm going them.

poor Miss Davidson, and Mr. Weekly turned on a question of church discipline, the preacher maintaining that those of his clerical brethren who were opposing his own particular view of the matter were clearly of the number of rules,' the anathematized referred to in the 'Mrs

"Mrs. Farmer," cried Miss Newman, as the congregation streamed out Newman, through the lychgate. "One word, I

glad to see you," responded pretty little Mrs. Farmer. "Iv's so many things to say. You know you asked me to think of a solution for the Mysterious Stranger's visit to Ravensbourne. Well, I think," and her pretty lace tre and necklet heaved with emo tion. "that the couple have loss a child vow to visit it's grave."

"What!" said the matter-of-fact Miss Newman; "vow to visit a grave regularly twice a week, on Monday and you specially just now to beg you on their track, and a confederate has would be with me to-morrow afternoon given them notice.' the new doctor's wife. I want to catch her now. Good-bye, I am glad you think with me that it is a matter to telegram and read: look into, as a point of duty. You'll promise to come? All right." And the indefatigable Miss Newman started

many conversations that Sunday. Ar ously. first, some of the good folk of Ravens bourne declared themselves wholly indifferent to the matter; but finding about them—least-ways, nothing but a manifestly absurd explanations started stray word or two. But she'd soon as to the visits of this interesting confathom it, she would. She had no ple, they criticised the explanations, Miss Davidson. I said opinion of people as came and went, and in most cases found themselves in and I've done it, ma'am. the end committed to a theory of their

joining in the conversation while her foe Eliza was taking part in it; but she was glad in heart that that forcible her bony cheek upon her pillow—"I may congratulate myself on having raised the question in Ravensbourne to the rank it merits, that of a burning question." And she ran over the points she intended to dwall upon in the speech to be delivered on the mor-

row, when the ladies assembled in her Three o'clock on Monday afternoon saw Eliza installed in the bar of the hotel with her niece; while Miss Brown, But, if so, why shouldn't she have her own establishment? Why come to an hotel? objected Miss Newman. 'Btill, whe shall find out about it some way or another. It's a positive duty, however unpleasant, to clear it up. Perhaps you'll talk it over with yous brother tomorrow. I know he sometimes spends Sundays with you, and please let me. Sundays with you, and please let me. her elece; while Miss Brown, Miss Brown, Miss Davidson, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Farmer, and four or five other fadies, and all kinds of precious stones, antique plate, old china, and all kinds of precious stones, antique plate, old china, and all kinds of precious stones, antique plate, old china, and all kinds of ginseng used in China, namely, the Corean, Japanese, American and native.

New Mrs. Farmer, and four or five other ladies, Wrs. After the customary greetings, the hostess said: "Ladies, I have convened this meeting for a special purpose—not, let me explain at once, for the mere gratification of idle curiosity. I have asked you to meet here to con-

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know what he thinks. But don't send sider the suspicious conduct of the visi- to their visits, of which the nobility bim to talk about it to me, for it's not a subject I should go into with a young termine what steps should be taken in with regard to those of less experienced their regard. I have my own notion as I am off now to see the curate about it. to what should be done; but I will put As a specimen of the letters they are Our rector resents inquiry, I do believe, that aside until I have received your continually receiving, Mr. and Mrs. suggestions. There may be no disgraceful discoveries; but that remains to be proved. My watch warns me,' concluded Miss Newman in a different tone, compelled regretfully to excise Abrams to call upon her: Lady Bagain after performing this little at- some telling sentences, "that if they having always found Mrs. Abrams" come back in a fly, and they sometimes do so, they should be here in six minutes; later if they walk. So we have no time to waste. I simply repeat, therefore, what is to be done.

"I must confess, I only came to look at them," said Mrs. Farmer, after a or on Monday.' pause. 'I havn't any idea what to do,' said

several voices Would it be of any use to speak to Mrs. Weston, of the hotel?' timidly

asked Miss Smith. 'None!' replied Miss Newman, with severity. That has been tried. You might trust me to try all obvious plans like that

'And what is the suggestion, Miss Newman, that you said you had to Miss Brown inquired. That we should club together to employ a detective!' answered the

hostess, with decision. 'We must make sure of our facts. I find on inshe wouldn't say, so at last I came away; quiry, that the cost of a regular detective would be heavy; but there is an next Monday, and I'll see them at all ex-policeman who has been employed ted you that these old stumps, which on such missions, and his charge would | are gathered by the ton around the city, not exceed two guineas a day. In about two days he thinks he could ascertain the residences, occupations, (if any), and much of the past history of 'We must not get ourselves into any

scrape by prying,' said Mrs. Barton. "If there is money wanted, we ought to have had some of our menkind here," Miss Brown objected, "We women are such poor and needy crea-But the discussion was suddenly

stopped by a cry from Miss Newman 'There they come." of, "Why, she's very elegant looking," said one. "There's nothing more aristocratic than a hooked nose; but she must be 35 if she's a day. What a

lovely silk she has on!" "Bless me!" said Mrs. Barton, 'He's not so military-looking after all, And he's a good 55. But there's an air about him; and as for her, she might that a conversation might again be be a duchess. Look at the magnificent mantle she has on!"

The couple who were causing so much excitement were met at the hotel door by the obsequious waiter, who handed them a telegram. 'l'li run across to the postoffice and ask what was in that dispatch,' cried

Miss Newman, rushing out. Several pairs of eyes were turned from the window to follow the hostess' retreating figure.

no longer repressible, "I knew I had one some good with him. I never matter?" exclaimed Miss Davidson in left him yesterday till his teeth liter- alarm, catching sight of Mrs. Farmer's

that happens in the parish that he home, and she hurried from the room. could prevent. He'll preach about Something like a shriek rose at the same instant from Miss Brown's lips. She had been in the background, but had just taken Miss Newman's vacant began his discourse, which, to Miss place at the window. 'Why, Mrs. Newman's unutterable disappointment, Farmer! she exclaimed, but Mrs. Farmer was gone.

'Postoffice won't tell!' gasped Miss Newman, coming back in a very excited state. They say it's contrary to

'Mrs. Farmer has gone away,' said Mrs. Smith, 'without saying good-by, or leaving a message for you, Miss

'I think I can explain,' Miss Brown "Good morning, Miss Newman; I'm so cry from two or three others. Of look, look, they're going!' And there, sure enough, at the hotel door, evidentiy in a flurry, were the landlady. a waiter, and the mysterious stranger. A fly then whisked round from the yard gers took their places in it, and a housemaid come running down with

There's an up-train to London in eight minutes,' said Miss Newman, watch and time table in hand. 'They're going to catch that. The telegram was Thursday! But. Mrs. Farmer, I stopped to give them the alarm. Some one is

about 3. My windows command the 'Is Miss Daviason here?' cried Eliza, Bull, and these people never fail to rushing in, the corner of her shawled put in an appearance on Mondays; and filled with what seemed to be bundles mind you bring your sister-in-law too, of letters, and an open telegram in her won't you? I am going to ask Miss hand. 'Read that!' she exultantly ex-Brown, Miss Davidson and Mrs. Barton, claimed, at the same time giving her Obediently Miss Davidson took the

telegram and read:
'From Miss Isaacs, Duke street, Paddiugton. To the lady or gentleman, No. 3 sitting room, Bull Hotel, Ravensbourne. Return immediately. Premlses on fire.' 'Heavens,' cried Miss Davidson, pi-

'Gracious,' exclaimed Miss Brown; and a chorus of voices, 'Dear me,' 'Oh,' and 'Ah.'

'And now read that, resterated Eliza, as she handed the following circular to Miss Davidson, 'I said I'd fathom it,

BULL HOTEL, RAVENSBOURNE, Monday, —Madam: Owing to the ladies and gentlemen having objections to be seen entering wardrobe establishments, Mr. and Mrs., Abrams have been induced by numerous customers to take the upper part of a private house in Duke street, Paddington; and therefore la-dies of the highest rank need not hesidies of the highest rank need not hesi-tate to honor this emporium with a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Abrams continue to give the highest price for all kinds of ladies' and gentlemen's wearing as to give the highest price for all kinds of ladies' and gentlemen's wearing apparel, court dresses, regimentals officer's outfits, frinkets, gold and silver, diamonds, and all kinds of precious

and considerate wardrobe purchasers.

Abrams subjoin the following:

"La" y B— has just had great pleasure in recommending her friend, the Du thess of C-, to request Mrs. dealings with her characterized by the utmost liberality and punctuality

'Appointments may be made Thursday at the above a ldress, or Mr. and Mrs. Abrams will wait upon clients in the neighborhood on that day

Second Rand Tobacco. "Just see them go for them! I suppose they enjoy the 'old soldiers' as

much as we do our Havanas." Two gentlemen, one of them a reporter, had just cast their half smoked cigars into the street, and the above remark was called out by seeing a couple of gamins dive into the gutter for the

stumps. "Enjoy them? Well, I guess not, Do you imagine that they smoke all the old 'buts' they manage to scoop in around the city?"

"I never gave it a thought, but I don't what else they want them for." You will be surprised then when I from hotel enspiders, saloon ash-boxes, railway waiting-rooms, and public pla ces generally, as well as from the gutters, are manufactured into cigars and tobacco, but I am informed that such is the case, and this 'second hand, business is becoming quite an industry. Why a dealer was explaining the pro-cess to me the other day. Of course you don't see any large concerns en-gaged in the business. The trade is carried on in obscure shops and tenement houses, and hence few people outside of those engaged in it have any idea of its extent. There are probably hundreds of people engaged in the

business right here in Boston. "The process of transforming the filthy accumulations of gutters and cuspidors into bright, finely flavored smoking tobacco is thus explained: The old cigar stumps, after the charred are cut off, are soaked in a solution of amtakes nearly all the nicotine out of the tobacco and removes all trace of smoke and creosote. 'The mass of pulpy tobacco is then pressed into cakes and sliced by a cutting machine, after which it is given a bath in some kind of a bleaching solution which removes nearly all the properties of which the weed is possessed when it comes from the plantation. It is now taken to the roof in trays and left to dry in the sun. When thoroughly dry it is carefully ta ken up in the trays and carried below, where it is passed under an atomizer, by which it is dampened with a preparation of glycerine and some flavoring extract, after which it is in shape to be made into cigarettes or put up in packages as smoking tobacco. The business is said to be perfectly legidmate, as the manufacturers comply vith the reven

thus pays a double tax." "It is a good thing that those who smoke this second hand tobacco, do not realize what it is, or its use might

be lessened," "I don't know about that. Those who ought to know say that the cigar-ettes are far less harmful than many of those put up in more attractive shape, and that it would be a good thing for the youth of the country if all cigarettes were made of second hand tobaceo prepared by this process."

Curious Ancient Marriage Vow.

One of these standing pillars of stone "The Stones of Stennes," in the Orkney Island) seems to have had a romantic history. Through the upper part and pulled up with a jerk. The stran. a round hole was cut, to which it is presumed the sacrificial victim was tied; but in later times it was put to other —a dear little baby perhaps—and that some wraps, the lady's umbrella, and uses. Hither many a pair of love sick this buried here, and they've made a other small things in ner hands. swains resorted, and by joining hands through this magic ring plighted their troths for ever—a pledge of love which was to them as sacred as a marriage vow. The Scottish Society of Autiquarians gives the following explanation of the ceremony: "When the parties had agreed to marry they repaired to the Temple of the Moon, where the woman, in presence of the man, fell down on her knees and prayed the Woden (for such was the name of the god whom they addressed on this occasion) that he would enable her to perform all the promises and obligations she had made, and was to make, to the young man presnt; after which they both went to the Temple of the Sun, where the man prayed, in like manner before the woman. They then went to the stone of Odin; and the man being on one side and the woman on the other, they took hold of each other's right hand through the hole in it, and three swore to be constant to each other,"

This is supposed by the Chinese to be possessed of wonderful medicinal virtues, especially in the way of miraculously prolonging the life of the dying, seng has the power of going from one place to another under the ground, like a living animal. There are various kinds of ginseng used in China, namely,

The Stars,

Venus is morning star during the month. She is slowly approaching the sun, and her superior conjunction, which does not occur until May. But she is still yery beautiful in the morning sky, as any one may see who commands a view of the southeastern heavens, and makes an observation an hour before sunrise. She contributes an interesting incident to the planetary annals of the month by her conjunction with Mercury on the 24th, when she acts as guide for those who desire a glimpse of the sparkling planet, who, however, will not deign to show his face unless atmospheric and cloud conditions are the very best. Although Venus and Mercury, as we see them at conjunction, are apparently very near each other, they are in reality far apart. Venus is approaching the sun and moving eastward, being, when in conjunction with Mercury, 22 degrees west of the sun. Mercury is receding from the sun moving westward, and is, when in conjunction, at the same distance from the sun. The former is approaching superior conjunction, the latter is very near western elongation; and yet they seem, as viewed from the earth, to be projected on the sky side by side,

Japiter is morning star throughout the month. Although thus ranked in astronomical classification, he will be near enough to opposition to be a superb object in the evening sky, being visible nearly the entire night. He now makes his appearance above the horizon at 9 o'clock in the evening in the northeast, and on moonless nights shines forth with exceeding splendor. He remains almost stationary during the whole month, moving a little farther north, and being carried westward for the same reasons that the stars are. that is, by the earth's eastward motion in her orbit. This makes him appear to rise earlier every night, so that, when January closes, he comes looming majestically above the horizon shortly before 7 o'clock. No lover of the stars can help feeling the imposing presence of this leader of the planetary host.

Uranus is morning star. He pursues his slow course without making the least contribution to planetary records. He is leaving the neighborhood of the sun, and consequently drawing near to the earth. He makes slow progress among the stars, for it takes him seven monia and some other chemical which years to pass through a zodiacal con-

Neptune is evening star. He pursues his snafl-like course just now far away from any of his brother planets. He is thirteen years in passing through a constellation, and therefore it is easy to keep the run of his place in the

heavens. Saturn is evening star. He is second to Jupiter in brilliancy and size, and moves serenely on his celestial path with nothing noteworthy to record conrises in the early part of the month, Saturn is nearly on the meridian, and when Jupiter has reached the zenith. Saturn is sinking below the western horizon. Nothing new has transpired | Then, too, he very frequently visits the in regard to this fascinating planet, rink. There is to be a grand march at but we have faith that something the rink to-night, I'll warrant you he'll worth knowing will be revealed con- be there, and if you want to see him cerning the complex Saturnian system | skate*i before the 27th of September ushers in the long anticipated Saturnian peri-

helion. The moon. The first month of the new year holds two full moons in her bountiful hand. The moon fulls on the 1st, 26 minutes after midnight; and also, on the 30th, 19 minutes after 11 o'clock in the morning. On the 4th, the moon is in conjunction with Jupiter, and on the 6th with Uranus. On the 13th she pays her respects to Venus, and on the 14th to Mercury. On the 16th she is at her nearest point to Mars, and as this is the day of her change it shows how near Mars is to the sun. Those who watch the course of the moon will find it easy to keep in

mind the relative position of the planets. On the 24th the moon is in conjunction with Neptune, and on the 26th with Saturn. She thus completes her circuit, and at the same time gives the order of succession of the planets, drawing near to the morning stars Jupiter, Uranus, Venus and Mercury, and after her change to new moon swinging her ponderous sphere near the evening stars, Mars, Neptune and Saturn. rience in the navy. He is a quiet and There are compensations in things studious young fellow with a strong celestial as well as terrestrial. One of these is the full-orbed winter moon as she "runs high" in the heavens and his countenance, while marked with the pours over the ice-bound earth a flood of silvery light that makes the winter nights beautiful as a dream.

Madagascar's Topography.

Madagascar consists of a central plateau or highlands rising from 4.000 feet to 5,000 feet above the lowlands of the coast, and from this plateau rise occasional volcanic cones, the highest, Ankaratra, being 8,950 feet above the twentieth paralled of south latitude. stone of Odin, and when visiting it were in the habit of depositing some present in the shape of bread and cheese, or a rag. It was believed that if a young child was passed through this hole it would never shake with the palsy in old age. regards building stones, besides the granite which is so general, there are vast beds of sandstone and slate between the district of Ankaratra and the fossil regions in the southwest of the

> The new glass invented in Vienna is The new glass invented in Vienna is transparent and more brilliant than common crystal, can be cut and polished, and, when fused, adheres to iron, bronze and zinc. Singularly enough, this glass differs from all others, new or old, in that its composition includes none of the usual ingredients—silex, potash, soda, lime, or borax.

A Gay Old Box.

Among the most interested and active students at the University of Vermont, at Burlington, this term, is an old man with white hair and wrinkled face but erect and active as any freshman. An interview with a student revealed many interesting facts concerning his aged

"Why, is it possible you haven't heard of him?" was the reply to the reporter's inquiry. "That's the Rev. Mr. Wilder; he's a rara avis, I can tell you; just back to finish his course, which was interrupted in 1831. He was a member of the class of '22, but was obliged to leave the University on account of some trouble in his fat er's family,"

"He must be seventy-five years of age?"

"Seventy-five! Well. I should say he was. He has just passed his eighty-third birthday: but he cuts up like sixty." "What degree is this youthful student working for?"

"I think he has not arrived at a definite conclusion as to that; he is prospecting as it were. He visits the room of nearly every Profess r in the University at intervals, and makes it mighty interesting for them. He teels young but he has all the conceit of his years, and while in the normal attitude of a pupil he occasionally assumes the roll of instructor. As a consequence the Professors are often placed in embarrassing situations. But the old gentlemen means all right; he is thoroughly good at heart, and they know it would grieve him to interfere with him, so rather than hurt his feelings they submit quietly, and then most of the time he is as dutiful as could be 'desired, and pays the strictest attention to the study in hand. He is as enthusiastic over his work as the most ambitious boy could be, and never tires of talking

"Where are his people, or hasn't he any friends?" "Oh, yes he has children married and living in Charlotte, and he has a sister living in Connecticut, who has attained a very high social position. Mr. Wilder has lived for a number of years at Charlotte, but last fall he announced his intention of coming to the University to complete his course. His wife, who I think is his third, then went to California on account of her bealth. I understand he has had a great deal of sickness and trouble in his family. After his wife went West Mr. Wilder came here and engaged rooms and board, and has been here ever since. He is conscientious and all that, but he can stand more harmless fun than any boy in the University. He is sure to be present at every entertainment that comes along, and if there are any games he is foremost and the most enthusiastic participant. The young folks take pains to see that he has every opportunity for enjoying himself and he does it, too. cerning his progress. When Jupiter Why, the other night he took in two socials running, and came out the next day as spry as a bird. At one of them they played drop the handkerchief, and he was the liveliest player in the game.

The Ceming Royal Visitor.

Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, was 21 years of age on January 8th 1885. His attainment of his majority were celebrated, after which he will visit on this continent and acquaint himself in some measure with the United States and Canada.

Queen Victoria, his worthy grand-mother, continues to be in good health, generally speaking, and may live many years yet, even long enough to survive the Prince of Wales, who is said to be possessed of the belief that he will never be king of Great Britain and Ireland. His heir, and failing the Prince of Wales, the heir to the crown, is the young prince to be with us shortly, who, whether his grim apprehension will prove true or not, will almost cer-tainly become the ruler of an empire comprising a population considerably exceeding three millions ot souls,

Albert Victor has been carefully educated and given considerable expebias toward the cultivation of learning. The observant reader will notice that characteristics of the Guelph family, at the same time strongly resembles the more refined lineaments of his amiable mother, the Princess Alexandra of Denmark. After his holiday on this side of the Atlantic, Prince Victor will study law at the Middle Temple, London.

Origin of the Amulet.

A kind of odorifus amulet, said to be made in Persia, is sold in New York bazars and is becoming very popular sea. The volcanoes extend rrom the among New York ladies. A Turk in northern extremity of the island to the twentieth paralled of south latitude, of the amulet: "The legend of the amu-South of this appear granite rocks, at let is well known by all women in the central plateau. These fossils accord-necks, which proved quite successful, ing to M. Grandidier, the recent French The hieroglyphics on the obverse side of traveler of the interior, are referable to the charm are supposed to represent the to the Jurassic system, and comprise Khan's signature and his proclamation to the Jurassic system, and comprise remains of hippopotami, gigantic tortoises, and an extinct bird of the ostrich species. The coasts of the country are rich in timber, and it would also appear rich in timber, and it would also appear the interior is a good mineral field.

When the Turkish race became the control of the East they captured these charms and put on the reverse side the crescent, star and the word kismet, Then after many years the Shah per-mitted the charms to be manufactured and sold as a boon to the human race.

It is the first little step that loses all. After that the road is slippery, and we are down before we know it.