#### TOGETHER STILL.

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raiment."

The day declines, and fades the light.

And quiet lies at eve the sea; The first pale star peeps forth at night, As here I walk and think of thee; Where art thou now, dear love? I pender As beat the waves the beach above; My heart to thee turns as I wander

Along the dark plains—oh, my love! Together still, together still— Though parted, we're together still!

Sweetheart, sweetheart, it may be thou, Where'er thou art, dost think of me; As I of thee am thinking now, At twilight here, beside the sea. Ah, 'tis my life's true crowning glory, To know that I have thy true heart; One chapter more will end the story, And we shall meet no more to part, Together still, together still-For life shall be together still!

The red clouds mark the dying day, As low behind them falls the sun; I think of thee though far away, I know that our two souls are one. Though distance may a while divide us, Our star is gleaming o'er the sea; A beacon light it is to guide us To that blest time which soon shall be.

Together still, together still-When we shall be together still!

### A THIEF CHASE.

I once told an expectant public how I tell among thieves in London. I now propose to relate an incident of similar nature in which I took a somewhat active part. The occurrence, although it happened near Detroit, has never before been reported for a Detroit paper.

I was living at that time in Walkerville. There is no accounting for the eve of battle, but Gokey was as cool as freaks of a person who will live in Walkerville, so one Sunday night I went to church. Why I did so I have to myself, but anyhow the result taught me a lesson that I have never ceased to "Pounce on him," whispered the conprotit by

When I got back to my room I found everything in confusion. My trunk had been broken open, things "of no value except to the owner" were scattered around on the floor, and articles that were valuable to both owner and thief were taken. Unfortunately I boarded with a Christian family who were all thief had ample opportunity to select fastidious fancy without interruption.

While we had been laying up mothproof and thief-proof treasures he had been accumulating the wealth that perisheth. In the first few moments that I looked at my scattered goods and chattels I backslid more than I have ever been able to make up since.

One unpleasant phase of the thing was that I had carelessly left a roll of bills to the amount of \$300 done up in paper in a corner of the trunk, and this annoyed me more than the fact that I would probably have to wear my Sunday suit on week days for a while. I sought my friend and neighbor, who had a horse and buggy, and we started off in search of the thieves. It was a clear, moonlight night, with snow on | than being caught." the ground, but not enough for sleiging. Nobody had seen anything of the thieves, and we were at a loss what to While crossing the railroad track I noticed a newspaper fluttering in the \$300? breeze, and on going to it found it part of a Free Press that had been in my you." room. It was the weekly and had my He handed me the revolvers and went knowledged masters of kissing; and name on the corner printed on a bit of through the crowd. There was no the process of teaching the English name on the corner printed on a bit of through the crowd. It was evident that the party of the wrist to the wrist of the lame fellow. pleasant. the part had gone east on the Great He only had one pair of handcuffs. Western track. The road foltowed the railroad track for miles and we whipped along at a lively rate. It was nearly midnight when we reached Belle river and an inquiry at all the hotels gave us no information. On the way back we called in at the hotel kept by a constable whose name I can't spell, but it was pronounced Gokey, and such I will call him. As Mr. Gokey took a professional tride in this sort of thing he offered to take up the search, so he hitched up his cutter, as the sleighing seemed to get this. Wait till our friend brings his might be purchased with trees of four better as we went east, and we started sleigh. I believe the law don't compel score years of age. Walnuts in a landoff. Inquiry from people at the section | us to walk, eh boss?" house on the railroad gave us the information that four men had asked the way to the Southern railroad and had left the Western and started towards Essex Center on the other line.

A tall, strong fellow marched ahead, ed them, and kept them covered with Two followed arm in arm, and the the revolver muzzle. fourth limped along somewhat in the

It was soon so dark that I could hardly distinguish my prisoners, who remained as mute as statues. Once or "That first fellow has your revolver," said the constable in a whisper. "He's twice the tall man startingly broke the silence by shouting:

supper when we got to the Center.

sleigh bells and the sound of voices.

"All right?" shouted Gorkey.

The supper they enjoyed hugely. It put spirit in them. When we started

for Windsor it was as light as day O.:e

of the uncuffed made a break for liberty

and climbed the fence. Gokey fired and

the bullet hit the rail a foot from him.

The thrill seemed to paralyze him, for

he fell back in the snow. I may say

The late Judge Caron, of Windsor,

gave the four thieves three years each.

we sat up together by the Central

A Class in Kissing.

Sweden is no longer governed by a

That most gallant of ambassa-

Southern culvert.

"All right?" I answered.

"There's a train, boss;" but there "He's got my overcoat on, too-yes, was no train and the rest were too desby jingo and a pair of my trousers, as was no train and well. They're all decked out in my pondent to laugh.

night," he said. "but to-night we to their uncle's estate near the village wouldn't fight a mouse. We've had of Cedar Keys, Florida. "They found them easier to carry in that way than bundles. Now I'll take the big fellow in front, you seize the nothing to eat since we stole your man behind-trip him up. If neither things.' Then he told me of their tramp with

has the revolver the man who does have a good deal of pathos and I began to feel it will dive in his pocket for it. Then sorry for the fellows and a little ashamed I'll attend to him, and if we surprise them I'll get in the first shot." of guarding them so rigidly at the pistol's mouth. I promised them a good "Don't shoot around reckless, Gokey.

Remember your partner."

By this time the thieves were abreast of us, They traveled in a tired, listess, silent manner as if utterly disgusted with the way of the transgressor. All fear of pursuit had evidently left them. "Lord, boss," said the tall man get-Our plans for the attack were changed, ting stifly up, "it's a good thing you for when the foremost man came to the came. This man's hair was getting culvert he sat down and let his legs gray watching us." dangle into the excavation. Taking

off his cap-or mine rather-he drew his sleeve wearily across his brow and cursed his luck. As the other two came up they also sat down on the edge of the culvert, and the fourth limped along and also took his place beside them. Their backs were toward us as we warily and noiselessly climbed the fence I found my roll of bills all right when I and sank knee deep in the snowdrift. I got home. felt as a raw recruit must feel on the

an old campaigner. The thieves know- at the Central prison, Toronto. I hope ing nothing of their danger lounged on | if they read this, as they are out now. the culvert's edge. The tall man rested they will admit that I have given a never been able to satisfactorily explain on his elbow. The last man actually faithful report of the pleasant evening lay on his back gazing up to the zenith,

stable. The next instant we were on

them. I pinned my man where he lay Gokey put the muzzle of his sevenlady, otherwise the minister at Stockshooter to the tall man's ear and quick- holm might signalize the advent of May ly thrust his other hand into the over- by a recurrence to the diplomatic coat pocket and pulled out my revolver. | courtesies of Bulstrode Whitelocke, My man made no struggle, but it seem- which proved so successful in their ed to me gave a sigh of relief. None time. addicted to church-going, and so the of the rest moved. There was no redors relates in his journal how he insistance, Gokey with the two revolvers, vited Queen Christine to accompany such belongings of mine as suited his stood the master of the situation. Fi- him into England on May day. He exnally seeing the ludicrousness of firmly plained that it was a great day in his holding down a man who evidently had own country, "when the gertlemen not the slightest intention of rising I used to wait upon their mistresses got up and stood opposite them with abroad, to bid the spring welcome, and the constable. They all preserved the to have some collation or entertainment same attitude of absolute indifference. for them. Now, (he pursued), your "Which of you has my \$300?" I cried. majesty being my mistress, if you will

An instant change came over them. | do me the honor that, after the custom They sprang up and cried: "What!" as of England, I may wait on you on May simultaneously as if they had rehearsed | day and have a little treatment for you after the manner of England, this I

"There was \$300 in that trunk. call going into England; and shall Where is it?" A wail of absolute, heartrending de-take it as a very great favor from your Majesty." The Queen replied that, if Where is it?"

spair went up from the thieves. The this were the ambassador's meaning, tall man said:

"Don't! Don't tell us there was \$300 tress, to go with him and see the Eng-in that trunk. My God, this is worse lish mode." The fete seems to give

"Didn't you get it?"

"Get it? What do you take us for? was even pleased, "among other frolics Do you think we would be tramping to command Whitelocke to teach her through this infernal country if we got ladies the English salutation, which

"Stand up, boys," I'll have to search obeyed, and Whitelocke most readily."

A Turtle Hunt in Florida.

It was a strange sight to Tom and Will Howard, two Yankee boys, who had been used to snow and ice and heavy wraps at this season of the year, to see on this bland, genial day in midwinter fields rich in verdure, trees cov- him. At this instant Bob came rushered with leaves and flowers blooming all around them. They were standing "You might have got up a fight last in the magnificent pine grove belonging

Uncle Charles lay in his he mmock watching the astonishment of the boys with an amusing interest.

"Why, Uncle Charles," said Tom, "this reminds me of the stories of fairy land. It never snows here, does it?" "No," replied Uncle Charles, "our

boys have no use for skates and sleds, Then came the welcome jingle of the but find amusement in gunning, fishing and turtle hunting-not the little fellows you see exposed for sale in your market, but real glants."

"Do they hunt them with lines or do they shoot them?" asked Will.

"They use their hands mostly. Sometimes they use sharp hooks." "Their hands?" shouted the astonish-

ed boys.

"Why, of course, and I tell you it is excellent sport. I will tell you something of the history of the turtle. It is protected top and bottom by a hollow shield, which is open at each end, for the issuing of the head and fore feet at one time, and the tail and hind feet at another. The power of contracting this shield is great and turtle-hunters have had their fingers crushed by indiscreetly thrusting them between the shields. The upper shield is called the back-plate or bockler, and the lower shield is known as the breastplate. The feet are large, and the toes are united by a membrane, which enables them to swim rapidly. The green turtle such as abound here, attain an enormous size, some measuring six feet in length from the tip of the nose to the extremity of the tail, and some have been caught which weighed from 150 to 200 pounds. "The females deposit their eggs in the sand on the shore, and trust to the influence of the sun's rays to hatch out

the young. Sometimes they will travel two hundred miles from their feeding grounds to find a suitable place to lay their eggs. By means of her fore feet she digs two and sometimes three holes a foot wide and two feet deep, into which she deposits as high as one hundred eggs. They hatch in four weeks, but only part of the young ever reach their native element, as they are de-voured by marine animals that float in with the tides. Some people hunt these turtles with boat and harpoon, but that is dangerous sport for inexperienced boys; so now that I have given you a brief history of our game, we will hunt mong the sands of the beach.""

When night had come and old colored Bob had brought out their rough clothing and ropes. etc., in the wagon the boys laughed and shouled in high glee. A ride of about four miles along the the North," as Milton styles her. She hard, sandy beach in the moonlight brought them to a little cove, where Bob said "de turtles was big as elephants," after some pretty defenses their lips

"Now, boys," said Uncle Charles by In those days the English were the ac-

#### while Tom and Will (the latter having recovered his footing) were making

strenuous efforts to capture him. "Uncle Charles! Bob!" shouted Will.

'Come quick!' The turtle had reached deeper water and Tom's strength was fast failing ing up, and drawing his knife severed the rope; and while the turtle swam away in triumph with the hook and part of the rope, he pulled the half-

fainting and frightened boy ashore. When they had recovered from their fright at Tom's narrow escape, they laughed heartily at his lamentations over the escape of his prize; and as they loaded the two captured turtles into the wagon and started homeward, Will said he would write to his friends in the North how a turtle had mastered Tom | those kind of fellows who stumble on to on the Florida beach.

### Grasshoppers in California.

It would not be pitching the present that they amount to nothing short of a a lace overskirt or a neighbor's baby. plague. The line of march has been

state. All authorities and reports appear to agree in fixing the desolate place of the insects. There among the stones and scrubs the eggs lie hidden divorce:

year after year, until some peculiar cliroad. They annhillated 80 acres of she said she was young and foolish when grain in short order. Grasshoppers she married the fellow; that she never numbers as to amount to a scourge. The grain crop, which only promised half a lived a cat and dog life for a year, and yield before, is now likely to be utterly robe and White Rock the stench arising folks ever since, and that her husband the worst aggregation of slaughterhouses. The country for miles around, any husband present to deny any ered with long grass and bedecked with plied with the law the judge entered a wild flowers, presents a most desolate appearance and looks as though it had been swept by fire. The large farmers in that neighborhood have lost their entire crops and the feed on their pasture. Those in the neighborhood of ered equally as bad. The grasshoppers are eating the foliage from the orange, peach and apple trees about Wyandotte, and are also destroying the vegetables in the gardens. The Natoma vineyard is said to be suffering severely. A gentleman from Rocklin states that the California raisin company's vineyard near the place has been entirely denuded by the grasshoppers. Captain Westcott, the manager of the company's property, says that while the raisin ble life. crop of last year was many thousands

of dollars, the fruit of the entire 160 acres of bearing vines will not this year be over \$500. The destruction is almost complete.

A Sacramento paper states that a 10,000 acrestock ranch in the southern part of that whatever she did she wouldn't disway of instruction, "you had better El Dorado county has been entirely de- grace his name. allow Bob and myself to tackle the first nuded of . everything green, pine and one and show you how it is done. But willow trees stripped of their foliage, by-the-by, let me warn you to be care- and in nearly every instance the trees, ful of the fins or flippers, for if you vines and the shrubs have been entirely approach them the wrong way they killed. The springs, wells, reservoirs, will resist your attacks by throwing ditches and watering troughs and streams are filled with myriads of the insects in a putrid state, the water has your hands between the shields, but put become poisoned, stock refuse to drink it and the stench arising therefrom is nauseating in the extreme. In Grass Valley the insects are eating peaches down to the pits. In attacking a vineyard they commence with the nearest the house. That was a stunner to his row, and after eating the vine down to wife. She did not know what to make the old wood proceed to the next one. of it. Chauncey didn't come back. and so on. The California freight train of 35 cars got stalled about a mile from Roseville, Wednesday night, in consequence of the large number of grasshoppers that had collected on the track. It was found necessary to cut the train in two, take part to Roseville and then go back after the remainder. They are so thick all along the line of the railroad that the officials are planning a kind of plow or scraper to clear them off the rails. In one of their attacks on an orchard near Gal: they not only cleared off the leaves and green fruit from the tender twigs, but also delved down below the surface and ate up the young roots. Away up on the Sierra, on the mountain meadow pastures, grasshoppers are cleaning off the herbage and are crowding up to the retreating snow line in the advance of the arrival of migatory flocks of sheep. Near Stockton a farmer was so overrun well as that, so I would suggest with them that they not only filled up that you use the hook and line. You his well, but also forced their way into with them that they not only filled up must approach cautiously, and thrust his house, which in despair and disgust the sharp hook through its head and he was finally obliged to shut up and leave.

A Colorado Colonet

Jim Appleton, or "Colonel" Jim Ap-pleton, is in Denver. The "Colonel" is an old timer. He had crossed the plains several times before the '59er tender-feet, who are now barnacles, thought of the wild, West. The "Colonel" has had many ups and downs in life, and was always plain Jim until the Leadville excitement broke out. He went to Leadville with the rest of the gang, and while in the carbonate camp displayed such wonderful ability in helping to make the place a temperance town by removing the cause that he was breveted "Colonel," and afterwards promoted to the title he now holds. The oldest "Colonel" in Colorado.

Jum has had money. He is one of a good thing once in a while, and doesn't know enough to keep it. The "colonel" made a strike in Leadville once, which netted him \$100,000 and afterwards made a strike in the San article to an alarmist key to say that a Juan country almost as large. He has large portion of the foothills of Califor- no money now, but he has a tongue and nia is not only threatened, but is being de- can tell an old time incident with the vasted by such swarms of grasshoppers garrulity of an old maid gushing over

The "colonel"-who, by the way, is westward across the centre of the credited with having a dozen Ute squaws for left-handed wives-was in the Jockey club rooms last night, and wastes of the Sierra slopes as the birth- was holding forth between drinks to an interested audience on the subject of

"I didn't have anything to do tomatic or physiological condition brings day," he said, "and took a walk to the them to hie. Last week an army of court house. When I got there and sat grasshoppers invaded the agricultural down I became interested in a divorce lands contigious to Wick's, eight or case that was going on. A woman was ten miles from Oroville, on the Chico seeking a divorce. On the witness stand have appeared in the Ione Valley in such | loved him and only married him because it was the fashion to marry. Well, they finally she deserted him and went home ruined. In the neighborhood of Lat to her ma, and had been living with her from the dead hoppers that clog up the had refused to contribute to her suprunning streams is more offensive than port, and that he was cruel and neglected her, and all such rot. "There wasn't usually at this time of the year cov- of her charges, and as she had comdecree in her favor, and gave her back her maiden name. She will pose now us a young and innocent girl and will rope some fellow in, and you bet that he will be wealthy. She wouldn't have any other kind of man. Talk about White Rock and Clarksville have suff- women getting fooled. Where one woman gets fooled three men do.

As I was going to say, I started out to tell about a friend of mine, Chauncey Ellsworth, who lived near Greencastle, Indiana, about thirty years ago. Chauncey wa a good big hearted fellow, and married a little flirt named Sally Gentry, although warned against it by his friends. He was all that a woman could wish of a man, yet she wasn't satisfied with him, and led him a terri-

The stories circulated around the neighborood were disgraceful, but poor Chauncey never heard anything of what was going on. His friends went to him, but Chauncey wouldn't believe anything they said. He said he knew Sally and

It went on that way for about two years, when Chauncey became the laughing stock of the neighborhood. This riled him, for if Chauncey was anything he was proud. His suspicions were aroused. He watched and finally became convinced that his Sally was not altogether right. He went home one night and found one of his wife's lovers-a fellow named Dick Lever. "He spoke pleasantly to Dick; chatted awhile with them pleasantly, and finally bade them good night and left After waiting several days and hearing nothing of her husband, she began to search for him and found him at a neighbor's. He hadn't said anything, and it would have been all right had she let him alone, He wouldn't have botherel her, but she wasn't satisfied. She would have him to go home with her, and he went. "The next morning the country was horrified on learning that Chauncey had left the country, after having taken a horrible revenge on his wife. He had cut off both her ears. "Of coarse there was a hue and a cry raised, but not much of a search made for Chauncey, as he was a favorite, and the general verdict was that he had served her right. She staid around there until she got well, and then left the country. She afterwards was heard of in Paris, France, and was killed by a jealous lover. She was known as the woman without ears, and figured in several French romances. She was a beautiful creature, and was a regular princess by right of her loveliness. "Well, poor Chauncey was never heard of afterward. It was supposed he went to California and died there. But boys," said Jim to the crowd who stood around listening to his lugubrious story, "it's a long time between drinks. Won't somebody be kind enough to lift the sluice-gates and turn on the juice?" As a sympathetic listner complied with Bill's request, he remarked as he set down the glass: "Them's my ideas of divorce. It a fellow can't get along with his wife let him cut her cars cff." After borrowing enough to get a night's lodging, Jim left.

"How about the four men, Gokey," I said. "Would you tackle them?"

"I'll tackle any number under seven," replied the constable. "I've a sevenshooter with me."

It is rather curious that the pains track we could see, a mile or two away, moon would not rise for an hour. anxious to overtake them before it got low. anxious to overtake them before it got dark. The road led into a dense forest that for miles borders the Canada South-ern track, and it was a lonesome place doing about the best thing for yourself old have been found in Africa, and a cypern track, and it was a lonesome place for two men on a salary to attack four men desperate and fighting for their favor." liberty. I forgot to say that one of the articles taken had been a seven-shooter that I at that time sported. I never had succeed in shooting anything with it, but there was no knowing what it might do in the hands of a reeckless robber. I mentioned this to the consta-

"Are the tracks getting too fresh?" said Gokey.

"No, but it is well to be on our guard."

At every cross-road Gokey stopped I sneaked along to the track to see what them coming along only a few rods away. I hastened back to the constable,

vellow paper. This was our first clue, cash. He handcuffed the tall man's salutation must have been far from un-

"Now, come along." "Where to?" said the tall man.

"To Essex Center."

"Have you a-a coopay or family sleigh with you?"

"You'll have to tramp it."

The uncoupled two had started off, of furniture walnut timber is invalubut the tall man sat leisurely down on able. Walnut trees, moreover, are free the culvert edge again, drawing down growing on all kinds of soil and the his linked companion with him.

"Come back, boys," he cried. "We than pay for the rent of the land on will travel at government expense after which they grow, while freeholds this. Wait till our friend brings his might be purchased with trees of four

"I'll wait here and watch them if you magnificent heads of fine foliage in

hurry up," said I. So Gokey left for the sleigh and I sat

vert.

against the gray eastern sky. The con- my position here. If there is any hos-

only a few rods south of it. We were kill will be you." This to the tall fel- larger trees are to be found.

in that move, but I would like to ask a ress in Mexico is said to have reached a

"All right."

of yours." "Why?" "Well, because the cartridges are all

empty, that's one reason." The rest laughed, a little at this and

the lame man said: "Say boss, got a chaw o' tobacco?"

"No," I answered shortly, for I saw that what the tall man said of my revolver was true.

"Now, look here," I said, "I have tremitie sof two branches, his horse under cover of the woods and only seven shots instead of fourteen, as I thought. I want you to sit on that progress our four were making. At side of the track and you on the other. ast we got ahead of them. When I You two handcuffers, remain between peered out from behind a tree I saw the ralls where you are. If any one them coming along only a few rods makes a movement I'll shothim dead."

both crawled up the track and conceal-ed ourselves behind the fence where we could see the men approaching. They were evidently about done up. the track and conceal-ed ourselves behind the fence where we could see the men approaching. They were evidently about done up.

The Walnut Tree.

great satisfaction to the "lucid star ...

A writer wonders why this tree is comparatively but little planted, a singular fact when the beauty and value of its wood is taken into account. For gunstocks and much of our finer sorts

crops of nuts they produce would more scape, also, are trees of mark, their parks or paddocks rendering them especially adapted for such situations. down on the opposite side of the cul- They associate well with oak, beech, elm, sweet and horse-chestnut, as well

The early winter sun was setting red as with various other trees, and they do at the further end of the railroad track. not rob the land more than their com-The long parallel steel lines seemed to panions do. Their smooth glessy leaves converge on its big ruddy disk. It look- are washed clean by every shower, and ed like a line that went very far west the follage is not so thick as to throw indeed. The place was utterly lone- the rain off the grass and hep the air these criminals took to avoid recogni. some. The silence was intense. The currents from circulating freely among tion were the means that kept us on winter had frozen all the customary the branches. There are, therefore, no their track, without having to ask any woodland sounds and the stillness was trees either in park or pasture under questions. When they approached any emphasized rather than broken by a which herbage grows better than it corner village of even three or four sharp crack from a tree now and then does under walnuts. Besides, walnuts houses they would take to the fields to caused by the increasing coldness. When come into leaf late, make their growth avoid being seen, apparently, and their the sun disappeared all color faded out quickly, and lose their foliage nearly tracks in the snow, four together, show- and left the grey winter evening, and all at once after the first autumn frost. ed the direction they were taking. As then I began to realize, now that the Thus a chance is given to take the excitement was passed, that it was not leaves out of the way, so as not to instruck across the fields, and our friends a pleasant thing to sit alone opposite jure the grass, while the shining dark had no doubt reached the railway without going through the village. When barrier between them and liberty. In limbs are left full in view. As to any we came to the long, straight railroad a few minutes it would be dark and the tree that will grow more quickly into

a size to be useful, I do not know where four figures standing in dim relief "Gentlemen,' I said, "you appreciate to look for it. I have seen old walnut trees that measured from 60 to 90 feet stable put a fresh horse between the tile demonstration it will be my painful high ; diameter of branches from 6 shafts, and we were soon on the road duty to kill at least two of you. It is inches to 2 feet, and of bole or trunk that runs parallel with the railroad and only fair to say that the first man I shall from 3 feet to 5 feet; and no doubt

still greater age. The oldest individual "All right." specimen of any species—in fact the oldest living thing upon the globe—is probably the cypress of Santa Maria del Tule in the Mexican State of Oaxaca. If estimates of tree ages are to be relied upon the life of this venerable monarch may have spanned the whole period of written history. At last accounts it was still growing, and in 1801. when Humboldt saw it, it measured 42 feet in diameter, 146 feet in circumferference, and 282 feet between the ex-A new alimentary substance, the caused him to slip and fall.

seeds of the Bolivian cotton tree, has attracted the attention of the Academie des sciences. It is rich in nitrogenized

sand in your eyes; and another thing is worth while mentioning. Don't get them under the breast-plate, for if you do they will hold you in a vise-like grip. Now for it." Flat upon the sand the party lay.

Uncle Charles a little in advance. Not a word was spoken, and for a long time they lay thus, and the boys began to grow restlesss.

"Histl" cautioned Uncle Charles, whose practiced eye saw a ripple on the water away in the distance. "Here comes one. Lie still and let him lend." And presently a great black back appeared above the surface, and soon the whole body was in view moving slowly up the beach.

Tom and Will, highly excited, were impatient, and desired to make the attack at once, but Bob pat out a restraining hand.

"Don't be too fas', chile, or you'll cotch no tortle dis night."

Up, up, crawled the turtle, and as he stopped to reconnoiter, Uncle Charles whispered, "Now, Bob," and ere the turtle could turn about, by a dexterous effort on the part of the two men, it was lying helpless upon its back, and wildly leaving the air with its flippers.

"I hardly think you boys could do so old on with all your might, and ---- "

But Bob interoupted him by pointing up the beach, where another turtle was just crawling out of the water. Down upon their hands and knees they went, leaving Tom and Will to watch for

their own prey. Hardly had the forms of Uncle Charles and Bob disappeared around the cliff, ere a large black black came suddenly into view only a few feet from where the boys stood.

Following the example of their uncle, they dropped quickly on their hands and knees in the sand until the turtle had advanced some distance inland. The two boys, with the rope and hook,

crawled along until they could almost grasp its tail.

Tom whispered to Will: "Let's try to turn him over!"

"Agreed. Cautiously they crawled alongside, and rising up quickly attempted to get the turtle on its back, but they made a most lamentable failure; for they were soon enveloped in a shower of sand, which bewildered them for a time, and some of it getting into Will's eyes

The turtle had faced about, and was making good its escape.

Tom wiped the sand from his mouth makes a movement I'll shoothim dead." aubstances, and contains twenty-three "Say, boss," said the tall man, "if a train comes along we two are going to M. Sace thought that flour from the head hook into its massive head; but in

# Wind on the Prairies.

"The prairies of the west are great places for wind," said a telegraph operator; "I used to have a station out in Nebraska, right out on the open prairie, and the way the wind blew there was a caution. But it was a lucky wind for me. At a station about thirteen miles west my girl lived, and as I had no Sunday trains or business of any kind I used to go up there and stay over Sunday. But a living horse from Saturday night to Monday morning cost me too much money, and so I rigged up a sail on an old tie car. All I had to do Saturday night was to hoist my sail, push that tie car out on the main track, and in less than an hour I was at my journey's end. For more than a year I went to see my girl every Saturday night by means of that sail car. Pretty sleek, wasn't it?"

"Yes, pretty sleek. But do you mean to say that the wind blew in the same direction every Saturday night during all that time?'

"Of course I don't." "Well how did you manage it those nights when the wind blew in the other direction?"

"Easy enough. I had another girl at a station fifteen miles out."

"Do you know him asked an old sport who had listened to the story along with the rest. "No."

"That's Chauncey Ellsworth. I've known him for nigh onto twenty years. He's got his wife's ears in his pocket yet. He carries 'em for luck."

## Northern Limit to Soll.

Corn cannot be cultivated above 50 degrees north latitude on the northeast shore of Asia, although in the interior it matures as far as 62 degrees. On the eastern shore of America the northern limits of its growth is 50 degrees, in the western 57 degrees, while in the intermediate section it is known to go as far as 65 degrees. In Norway it grows at 70 degrees.

One ton of dry muck contains more nitrogen than seven tons of straw