-Henry Bender and Truman Ormsbee met and quarrelled in a house of illfame in Harrisburg, on the 23d Both were drunk, and, after leaving the den, they again met at the Cumberland Valley Railroad depot. Here the fight was renewed, and the couple rolled on the railroad tracks where they were struck by a shifting engine. Both were severely injured, Bender, perhaps, tatally. Ormsbee is said to be a resident of Philadelphia. James Rowell shot and killed Georg Metcalf in a street quarrel at Houston, Texas, on the 22d.

John Robinson, 25 years of age, an English swimmer, on the 23d, swam the Hudson river, from Nyack to Tarrytown, about three miles, in one hour and thirty-six minutes. He swam against time, \$500, it is said, having been staked on a limit of one hour and forty-five minutes.

-The Mail printing office, at Toronsupied by Alexander & Cable, lithographers, and spread to the Mail editorial and composing rooms. Thomas Carroll, watchman, was badly burned while trying to extinguish the flames.

-The house of a man named Shipe, near Sunbury, Penna., was struck by lightning on the 23d and two children were injured, one dangerously.

-William Alexander, for eight years assorting mail clerk at the Post office at Louisville, was arrested on the 23d for robbing the mails. He was caught with decoy money packages.

-Complaint was made to the Indiana Board of Health on the 22d that "there are 16 cases of small-pox at Crossville, and that people who own dogs and cats refuse to keep their domestic animals at home, thereby spreading the contagion. The authorities seek the aid of the law to destroy the disease-distributing felines and canines or to enforce their restraint."

-Several large barns and a number of sheds at Brighton, one of the suburbs of Boston, were burned on the Incendiarism is suspected. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000. Two warehouses at Superior, Minnesota, were burned on the 21st, Loss, \$20,000. The Union Depot at Cisco, Texas, was burned on the 21st. Loss, \$40,000. The large fertilizer works of Wright and Craighill, at Lynchburg. were burned early on the 22d.

-James Harlow was on the 24th, lodged in jail at Harrisonburg, Virlittle step-daughter by brutally beating her and then cutting her throat. At shot and fatally wounded his wife and then committed suicide. Near Colulla, Texas, on the 23d, G. W. Crenshaw shot and killed Alexander Irving in the presence of two neighbors. Crenshaw Ga., on the 22d, Frank Coleman, a farmer, becoming enraged at his wife, felled her with a hoe, and then got a razor and cut her throat. At Springfield, Missouri, on the 24th, John Russell, in a fit of insanity, attempted to kill his wife and child by cutting their throats. He cut his wife frightfully, but she escaped and gave the alarm, and when the neighbors arrived at the house, they found the would-be murderer on the floor with a bullet in his brain. The woman and child may recover. At Carrollton, Kentucky, on the 24th, William Whitehead fatally shot Laura Harwood, and then killed himself. They had agreed to die together because their parents opposed their marriage.

-A terrible storm of wind and rain passed over Hendricks county, Indiana | who on the 23d. There was great destruction of vegetation, windows were and horses were killed by falling trees.

-General Miles telegraphs from Calabassas, Arizona, under date of the 22d instant, as follows: "Two small bands have broken from Geronimo's camp and gone north and committed some depredations. Three men killed and one boy captured. Troops are in pursuit, and others are in advance to intercept if possible. Their efforts, I think, will be to leave their wounded and get Agency Indians to join them. Have directed Lieut. Colonel Wade, commanding Fort Apache, and Capt. Pierce, San Carlos, to prevent it. region, and is camped on trail to-night."

-Near Pittsburg, Penna., on the 23d, the infant of Michael Feehan was taken to a neighbor's house to be christened. During the absence of the parents the three other children got hold and set themselves on fire. Two of but is fatally burned. them were burned to death, the other is not expected to recover.

daughter and one of his sons were made dangerously ill on the 23d at Cleveland by poison which had been put in their kitchen door had been forced open to get at the coffee-pot. The eldest son imposed. did not get up to breakfast and so escaped. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the deed."

-A fire at Wausau, Wisconsin, on Shore and Western depot property and one of the bondsmen. part of the village of Coleman, causing the loss estimated at \$200,000. A fire at the Star Oil Company's works, at Erie, Penna., on the 24th, caused a loss of \$50,000. The Chief of the Fire Department and two of the men were terribly burned.

-At Hannibal, near Oswego, New York, early on the 25th, the store of George Leonard was robbed and set on fire. The fire spread to adjoining buildings, causing a total loss of \$10 000.

-A freight train ran into a drove of killing three of the animals. The en- | from Tom's River, New Jersey, blew up | When you are sad, I ask no more gine and ten cars were thrown from on the 27th. Two men were killedthe track and the fireman was killed. Two other train hands were dangerously injured.

-Snow fell on the 25th at Kane and Clarendon, in the western section of Pennsylvania, there being "quite a storm" at the latter place.

-While an Odd Fellows' excursion train was entering Brampton, Ontario, on a steep grade, on the 24th, the rear car became detached. The engineer not knowing what had happened stopped the train and the de tached car ran into it with great force. The car contained forty persons, all of whom were injured, though none dangerously.

-A telegram from Pittsburg says the new Edgar natural gas well, set on fire by lightning on the 22d, is still burning, the flames reaching into the air nearly 200 feet. No attempt to, was damaged by fire on the 22d has yet been made to extinguish the to the extent of about \$80,000. burning gas, and it is probable that it burning gas, and it is probable that it The fire started on the first floor, oc- will be left to blow and burn for several days. The Duff well, in Murraysville, also fired by lightning on the same day, is still burning.

-Three men were injured by a pow der explosion at the Soddy Mines, near Chattanooga, on the 24th, and all of them have since died. One hundred kegs of powder being taken on a car to the mines were exploded by a spark from the engine.

-The house and barn of David Whittaker, on Jasper creek, in Washington county, Virginia, were destroyed of soldiers and sailors who lost one foot on the 24th, by a water spout, and a shelter from the storm, was drowned. Whittaker had his jaw broken by falling timbers.

-A large six-story brick and stone building, at the corner of Congress rtreet and Wabash avenue in Chicago was destroyed by fire on the 26th. The occupants were Belford, Clarke & Co., publishers; Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co. publishers; Donohue & Hennebury, bookbinders; R. A. Peale & Co., lithographers, and the Central Lithographing Company. The losses are as follows: Building, owned by J Q. Adams, \$100,000; insurance, \$83,500. Belford, Clarke & Co., publishers, loss \$300,006; insurances, \$67,000. Donohue & Hennebury, loss \$250,000; insurances \$189,-800. R. H. Peale & Co., loss, \$45,000; insurance, \$35,000. The smaller losses aggregate \$25,000 Four firemen were injured, one dangerously.

-Cecil Marriage, Chief Engineer of the Water Works at Oskaloosa, Iowa, ginia, charged with the murder of his and his cousin, Hattie Marriage, were drowned at that place on the 25th.

-The War Department knows noth-El Paso, Texas, on the 23d, Louis Trip ing of the reported action of General Miles in offering rewards for the capture of the renegade Apaches dead or alive. "It is stated that, if such is the case, it is an act for which General surrendered. He said "that it was will not be sanctioned by the War Decustomary for Irving and himself to partment. There are no funds available greet each other by snapping their re- for such a purpose, and it is said further volvers, and that he snapped his think-ing it was empty." Near Thomas- ered civilized warfare even against bloodthirsty savages."

> -Marshal Dubois and four deputies left Blackfoot, Idaho, on the 26th, with a car load of convicted polygamists, sentenced to the House of Correction, at Detroit.

> -The boiler of a saw mill near Deshler, Ohio, exploded on the 25th, killing William Smith, engineer, and injuring six others, three perhaps fatally.

-Mrs. Bella Shipp, aged 19, while returning from the post-office to her home in Burlington, New Jersey, on the 26th, was met by a negro, who, because she resisted him, beat her on the head with two small cobblestones, laying open the scalp. After lying for some time by the roadside she dragged herself to her home, where a physician was called, pronounced her dangerously wounded. The Mayor has detailed a number of special officers to search for smashed by hailstenes and many cattle the negro, whom Mrs. Slipp says she

-It is reported that the Grand Jury in Chicago, on the 26th, found indictments against a number of Anarchists, including August Spies, A. R. Parsons, Samuel Fielding, Michael Schwab and Hermann Schnawble. It was agreed to withhold the indictments and return no been disposed of.

-Wayne Anderson, a wealthy far mer, was found murdered on the 23d near Mountain Grove, Missouri. During the Coroner's inquest on the 25th, two of the murdered man's sons, Captain Lawton has followed main Edward and Henry Anderson and camp with great persistency over the a companion named Ewing Landers, worst country in this whole mountain | confessed the crime. The confessions were identical, except that the brothers accused each other of the actual shoot-

-A house of evil repute near Rhinelander, Wisconsin, was burned on the 25th, and four of its inmates, two men and two women, perished in the flames. of the oil can, poured oil in the grate | One man escaped from the building,

-In the U.S. Circuit Court, at Boston on the 27th, John Gomez, convict--Policeman Gehlert, his wife and ed of bringing more passengers from the Cape de Verde Islands in the schooner Spring Bird, than allowed by law, was fined \$1000 and costs, amounting coffee. "Investigation showed that a in all to about \$1300, and sentenced to large quantity of rat poison had been three months' imprisonment in the jail put in the coffee-pot on the stove and at New Bedford. The schooner has the can of milk outside the door. The been libelled by the government and will be sold to pay the fine and costs

bishop Purcell, in Cincinnati, having reported a bill providing that manufacbegun suit against the bondsmen of ex-Assignee Manning for \$300,000 the the 25th, swept the Plumer and Stewart | amount alleged to have been embezzled lumber yards and buildings, the Lake by Mannix. Ex-Governor Hoadley is

-John C. Henning was hanged on the 27th at Crawfordville, Indiana, for the murder of Mrs. Lottie Volmer in October last. She was a widow, and broke off her engagement to marry

Henning because of his drunkenness. -The local election in Richmond. Virginia, on the 27th, resulted in the choice of the "Independent Reform and working men.

-A building of the United States cattle near Slater, Missouri, on the 23d | Dynamite Works, two and a half miles Atwood Hyers, of Tom's River, and When sunrise glittered on the seas, John Graham, from West Chester county, New York. The building contained 200 pounds of dynamite, and the vibration caused by the explosion was felt throughout Ocean county. Plastering was shaken from buildings in Tom's River village, window glass was broken at Forked River, thirteen miles distant, and doors were forced open by the concussion at Waretown, seventeen miles away.

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS. SENATE.

In U. S. Senate on the 24th, a number of private pension bills were disposed of. Mr. Gibson spoke at length on the subject of open executive sessions, the Bankruptcy and District Appropriation bills having been temporarily laid aside to enable him to do so. The subject was also discussed by Messrs. Hoar, Platt and Teller. The Bankruptcy bill was then considered. Pending the discussion the Senate ad journed.

In the United States Senate on the 25th, the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Land Forfeiture bill was passed as it was reported. It forfeits all lands except the right of way adjacent and coterminous with the incompleted portion of the road. On motion of Mr. Sewell, the Senate then took up the bill heretofore reported by him from the Committee on Pensions, "to amend the or one hand in the service, \$36 a month Miss Jennie Mangle, who had sought to those who lost an arm above the elbow or leg above the knee, \$45 a month to those who lost an arm at the joint or a leg at the hip joint. Mr. Miller offered an amendment extending the provisions of the bill so as to include among the \$45 a month pensioners the cases of men whose legs had been amputated so near the hip joint as to prevent the use of an artificial limb. The amendment was agreed to, and as so amended the bill passed. The conference report on the Urgent Deficiency bill was agreed to. After an Executive session the Senate adjourned.

In the U. S. Senate on the 26th, the bill for the taxation of railroad grant lands was taken up and discussed, but was laid aside for the Chicese bill. Mr. Sherman explained that the bill was simply intended to explain the meaning of the existing law relating to Chinese immigration. After some debate the measure was postponed and the Sanate adjourned.

In the U. S. Senate on the 27th, the bill "restoring to the United States certain of the lands granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company" was discussed during the morning hour. Mr. Miller submitted the conference report on the bill "abolishing certain fees," etc., in connection with American shipping. This is the bill contain-Miles alone is responsible, and that it | ing the Frye amendment, authorizing the President to deny, by proclamation, to vessels of foreign countries such privileges as are denied to American vessels in such foreign countries. The report was concurred in. Adjourned

HOUSE In the House on the 24th, Mr. Dingley, of Maine, from the Shipping Committe, reported back the Shipping bill, with a recommendation that certain of the Senate amendments be concurred in and others non-concurred in. Agreed to. A number of bills were introduced under the call of States and referred. Among them was one by Mr. Bland, of Missouri, "to revive the income taxthe proceeds to be applied to the payment of pensions." Mr. Tucker, of Judi ciary, reported the joint resolution proposing a Constitutional amendment on the subject of polygamy. It was

placed on the calendar. Adjourned. In the House on the 25th, the Senate bill for a Staten Island bridge was reported. Mr. Springer, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill to Constitution and State Government. Also, adversely the Senate bill for the admission of the State of Dakota and for the organization of the Territory of Lincoln. The Mexican Treaty bill and Means Committee, Mr. Hewitt presenting a minority report. The conference report on the Urgent Deficiency true bills till all the the cases have bill was agreed to. The Oleomargarine Whole, general debate on the bill being continued in evening session.

Committee of the Whole on the Oleomargarine bill, and general debate was closed. On motion of Mr. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, an amendment was adopted-65 to 43-to the section milk or cream when additional coloring matter is used. Mr. Hammond offered an amendment making it unlawful for any merchant or shop keeper in the District of Columbia or without labelling it in a conspicuous manner, and requiring hotel, restaurant and boarding-house keepers who use oleomargarine to place in their dining rooms a placard bearing the words, "this house uses oleomargarine," and to have the same words printed on the bill of fare. Agreed to, 92 to 85. Ad-

journed. In the House on the 27th, the report of the Conference Committee on the Shipping bill was presented, and, after some debate, agreed to without a divi- ing, in bad French; The trustees of the estate of Arch- sion. Mr. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, from the Ways and Means Committee, tured tobacco, snuff and cigars may be removed for export to a foreign country without payment of tax, under such regulations as the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall prescribe. The bill also repeals Section 3151 of the Revised Statutes authorizing the appointment of one or more inspectors of cigars in each collection district, to receive as compensation such fees from manufacturers as the Commissioner of Internal Revenue may prescribe. The Oleomargarine bill was taken up, but, owing to the "filhbustering" tactics of the members opposed to the measure, no progress had been made when the House adjourned.

When You are Sad.

The lavish rights I claimed before, And dancing to the wooing breeze, The laughing ripples kissed the shore.

The morning glow of love is o'er, Oh. rosy dreams we dreamt of yore I do but ask the least of these, when you are sad.

Let the fresh darling you adore, With joy's light footstep cross the floor; But hear the last of all my pleas, And shut for all but me the door, When you are safe,

## A REVENGEFUL HAND.

I was at one time police magistrate arm. in Ajaccio, a little white city, which sleeps at the edge of an admirable gulf, shut in by lofty mountains.

The cases I had to investigate or prosecute there, were mostly cases of vendetta. In Corsica there are all sorts of vendetta, superb and dramatic as possible, some ferocious, some heroic, You can study there the finest themes of vengeance possible to dream about; hatreds that are centuries old. appeased for a moment, but never totally extinguished, abominable ruses, murder that have the extent of massa-Pensions law by increasing the pensions cres, and sometimes of a character almost resembling a glorious act. For two years I was always hearing about blood-money, and about that terrible Corsican prejudice which compels one to revenge an injury on the person who inflicted it, upon his descendants and upon his relatives. I saw old men, children, and remote cousins murdered; and my head was full of all such stories.

> Well, one day I was told that an Englishman had just leased for several years in advance a little country house that stood at the innermost point of the | to hold it." gulf, He had brought with him a French servant, whom he hired at Mar-

seilles, on his way to Corsica. In a short time everybody was talking about this strange person, who lived by himself, never leaving his house The chain is necessary." except to hunt or fish. He never spoke to anybody and never went to the city; but every morning he used to practice ing to make a stupid joke!" shooting for an hour or two with a pistol or a carbine.

about him. Some said he was a very distinguished nobleman, who had left his country for political reasons; others loaded revolvers were lying upon differsaid he was trying to hide himself entarticles of furniture, as if the man ble crime. Various peculiarly horrible attacken. circumstances were related in connection with the legend.

some particulars about the man; but I | indifferent to the rest of the world. found it impossible to get any information. He called himself Sir John

Rowell. I contented myself, therefore, with having a close watch set over him; but none of my men could find anything very suspicious in his actions.

After a time, as the queer rumors about him continued, and increased, and became general, I resolved to see Virginia, from the Committee on the the stranger myself; and I made a point of going out hunting every day in the neighborhood of his place.

I had to wait a long time for a chance. It came at last in the shape of a partridge, which I brought down under the very nose of my Englishman. My dog brought it to me; but, taking enable the people of Dakota to form a the bird in my hand, I went to Sir John Rowell's, to excuse myself and begged him to accept the game.

and a red beard-very tall, indeed, and had taken place. was reported adversely from the Ways also very broad-a sort of placid and The Englishman had been strangled well-known note of the tree-toad, conversations.

One evening at last, as I was passing by his gate, I saw him in his garden, bestradding a chair and smoking a the marks of the fingers in the flesh for pipe. I saluted him, and he invited me a long time, and then ultered these tance. It is heard most frequently

too glad to accept. He received me with all the minute English courtesy possible, and spoke warmly of France and Corsica, declarthe Territories to sell oleomargarine ing that he loved the country and the gulf shore. He persistently said cette when he ought to have said ce.

Then, with the greatest precaution, I began to question him-disguising my object under the mask of a warm personal interest-about his life and projects. He replied without the least embarrassment, and told me that he had traveled a great deal-in Africa, in India, in America. He added, laugh- joint.

"Adventures?-yes; I have had plenty of adventures, Oh! yes!"

I turned the conversation upon hunting, and he began to give me the most curious facts about hippopotamus hunting and tiger hunting and elephant hunting and even gorilla hunting.

I said; "But all those are terribly dangerous animals," He smiled and said: "Oh! no-the

worst of all is man." Then he burst into a laugh-a big. hearty, self-satisfied English laugh, and man-hunting, too, in my time."

and invited me into a room to show me removed from its place on the wall in ars of the southern wing of the party.

his firearms, and explain the difference in their mechanism.

His parlor was all hung in black-black silk embroidered in gold. Huge bright yellow flowers blossomed all over the sable texture, shining like fire.

"That," he observed, "is Japanese work."

But in the centre of the largest panel there was a strange thing which caught my eye-a black object relieved against a square of red velvet. I approached it; it was a hand—a man's hand. Not a skeleton hand, all white and clean, but a hand black and desiccated-with the yellow nails, the naked muscles, and traces of blood-blood like a scab I possessed concerning the man to the they had been severed, as with the blow of an ax, about the middle of the fore-

Round the wrist an enormous chain of iron had been riven about the foul relic; and this chain fastened the hand to the wall by a great ring, solid enough to hold an elephant in leash.

I asked, "What is that?"

The Englishman tranquilly answered: "That was part of my best enemy. It is from America. It was cut off thing running all over my room, and with a sabre, and the skin removed using its fingers like so many legs. with a sharp stone, after which it was dried in the sun for eight days. That was a good thing for me, I tell you."

I touched that fragment of human wreck, which seemed to have belonged to a colossus. The fingers, extraordinarily long, were attacked to enormous tendons, still held in their places here and there by strips of skin. Flayed as was, that hand was something hideous: it made one think involuntarily of some savage vengeance.

I said: "That man must have been very strong."

The Englishman answered gently: "Oh, yes; but I was stronger than he. I put this chain on the hand

I thought he was joking. I said: "But the chain is no use now. The hand can't get away."

Sir John Rowell gravely answered: "That hand always tries to get away. I glanced quickly at his face, think-

ing to myself; "Is he mad, or is he try-But his face remained impenetrable,

tranquil and good natured. I turned All kinds of stories began to circulate the conversation to another subject," and began to look at the rifles. Meanwhile I observed that three

because he had committed some terri- were living in perpetual fear of being I went to see him two or three times afterward. Then I did not go any generally unattractive appearance, was

thought it necessary to try and obtain to his presence; and he was absolutely A whole year passed. Then, one

morning, about the end of November, my servant woke me up with the news that Sir John Rowell had been murdered during the night. Half an hour later I entered the Eng-

lishman's house, with the central commissaryand the captain of the gendarmes The French valet was weeping at the door, terrified and inconsolable. I first suspected him; but the man subsequently proved to be innocent.

The first sight that met my eyes on entering the parlor was the corpse of Sir pleasant notes have been usually John Rowell, lying on its back, in the credited. He begins his music in middle of the room.

half pulled off, was hanging down; every- of a prolonged, rather monotonous, but He was a very tall man with red hair thing indicated that an awful struggle not unmusical trill on a high key,

petite Hercules. He had nothing of to death! His blackened and swollen so-called; tree-frog, or, be more exact, the ordinary British stiffness about face, frightfully distorted, wore an hyla is the proper name of the latter. him, and he thanked me warmly for my expression of hideous fear; between his There is but slight difference in the bill was discussed in Committee of the courtesy in the peculiarly accented clenched teeth was a bit of something pitch of the song of individual toads. French of our cousins across the chan- or other, which I could not tell the nel. During the following month we nature of at first; and his throat the skin or membrane beneath his chin The House, on the 26th, went into had five or or six meetings and brief pierced with five wounds that seemed to have been made by points of iron, was covered with blood.

A doctor joined us. He examined defining "butter," so as to exclude pipe. I saluted him, and he invited me a long time, and then ultered these from that definition that produce of in to take a glass of ale. I was only strange words:

"Why, the man looks as if he had been strangled by a skeleton!"

untarily lifted my eyes to the wall-to writer recently saw dozens of them the place where the horrible flayed hand used to be. It was no longer there. The chain-broken-was dangling from the ring.

Then I bent over the dead man, and between his clenched teeth I found one of the fingers of the vanished hand. severed, or rather sawed off by the teeth, about the middle of the second

Then we proceeded to take testi- in social circles, and disappears from the mony. We could not find out any- public the moment the house adjourns. thing at all. No door had been broken He is a very reticent man, and has nothin, no window, no partition. Even the ing to say about his past, present or two watch dogs had never been future. He never even contributed any

substance, as follows:

For a month previously his master had seemed to be very much worried and 1865 are on record. At a guess about something. He had received Mr. Mills is about 54 years of age, a great many letters which he burned He is of rather slight figure and has as soon as he had read them.

observed: "I've done a good deal of that seemed like madness, and, taking ty good judge of men, has a singularly a whip, would lash the dried hand high opinion of Mr. Mills, and has al-Then he began to talk about weapons, furiously-the same hand that had been ways recognized him as one of the lead-

ome mysterious way, at the same time

of the murder.

Sir John used to go to bed very late, and always locked himself in carefully. He never slept without having pistols or loaded revolvers within his reach. Often, in the night, he used to shout out very loud, as if he were quarreling with somebody.

That night, by some singular chance. he had made no noise at all; and the valet had only found that Sir John was murdered when he went to open the windows next morning. He did not know whom to suspect.

I communicated all the information -upon the bones at the point where other magistrates and police officials; and the most rigorous search was made in all parts of the island. Nothing whatever was discovered.

Now, on night, three months after the crime, I had a hideous nightmare. I thought I saw the hand—the horrible hand-running like a scorpion or a spider along the curtains and up and down the walls of my room. Three times I woke up; three times I went to sleep again; three times I saw the ghastly

Next day they brought in the hand itself, saying they had found it in the cemetery, and on the tomb of Sir John Rowell, who had been buried there; for we never could find the address of his family. The index finger was wanting. That is my story, ladies; and that is

all I know about it. All the women had turned pale; some shuddered visibly. One cried out:

But that is no ending of a story; there is no explanation! We shall not be able to sleep to-night if you do not tell us what really happened, or at least, what you think really happened."

The magistrate smiled austerely. "Oh, as for my opinion, ladies, it will certainly dissipate your terrible fancies. I merely suppose that the legitimate proprietor of that hand was not dead, and that he came back with his other hand to look for it. But how he managed to fulfill his purpose is something, I must acknowledge, which I have never been able to surmise. It was, of

course, a sort of vendetta." One of the women murmured: "No;

it could never be!" The police judge, still smiling, observed; "I told you so! I knew that my explanation would not satisfy you."

The Toad as a Singer.

The humble toad, with its dingy, warty skin, sluggish movements and In my quality as police magistrate I more. People had become accustomed for a long time doomed to calumny and Writers maligned him and boys persecuted him. Some observing poet brightened his life a little by noting the jewe! in his head, his lively and beautiful eye. Later, since painstaking naturalists have studied his habits and described him as a most industrious destroyer of noxious insects, he has been given the freedom of the garden and lawn, where he amply pays for the protection which his acquaintances among men now gladly give him.

> It is not generally known to the public that he has no mean vocal powers. His song is fully equal in melody and The real murderer was never known. surpasses in power that of his cousin, the frog, to whom his shrill but not unspring, shortly after the "peepers" have His vest was torn, one shirt-sleeve, sung their opening chorus. It consists which resembles somewhat the shorter, When about toperform, he first inflates until it is distended like a large bubble, and then elevating his head, sends forth his inviting cry, usually responded to by some near or distant fellow.

> about mating time, in spring, although occasionally throughout the summer, especially before rain. The margin of a shallow pond is the most favorable I felt a creeping sensation; and invollocality to find these performers. The swimming about, singing, challenging, sporting and quarreling in a little pool on a warm evening, and spent a pleasant half hour in watching their clumsy

> > A Mysterious Congressman.

Mr. Mills is one of the mysteries of Congress. He is never seen or heard of facts about his own life to the Congres-The testimony of the servant was, in | sional directory; neither the date nor place of his birth, nor his whereabouts in the interesting period between 1860 gray hair and moustache and twinkling Frequently he would fly into a rage blue eyes. Mr. Carlisle who is a pret-