## NEWSOF THE WEEK.

-The forest fires continue in the country around Memphis. Many gin houses have been burned in the districts of Mississippi and Arkansas, bordering on the river. Several trestles on the Kansas City Railroad have also been destroyed, and communication with the St. Louis is now made via night, owing to a dense smoke, which prevails from Vicksburg to a distance of about 600 miles northward. A wind storm prevailed on the 19th, which, it 29; Democrats, 11. Aldermen-Re-us feared, must have caused the des-publicans, 8; Democrats, 2. truction of many dwellings of planters, especially in Arkansas, but days must elapse before anything can be learned. received from Fisher's Station, a Prayers for rain were offered in nearly all the churches of Memphis on the there, on the morning of the 22d, say-20th.

-Two freight trains' collided ou the Cairo, Vincennes and Chicago Rail- there had been a perceptible settlement road, near Vienna, Illinois, on the afternoon of the 20th. The two engines and eight cars were smashed. Daniel Collard and Frank Barton, the engi- yond description. neers, Richard Walker, a brakeman, and a fireman named Shaffer were killed.

-Jacob Schwab, a well-known importer of laces in New York, was killed on the 21st, by falling down the elevator shaft at his warehouse. The remains of W. D. Welch, a traveling salesman for a Chicago seed house, were taken to Waukegan, Illinois, on the 21st. Welch had gone out duck hunting on the 19th. The snow storm came up, and, not returning, a searching party was formed, and his body was found in the boat frozen stiff, about two hundred yards from the shore. Hugh P. Dunn, a dry goods merchant | eral days obscured the sun. The town of Augusta, Georgia, died on the 21st is still particularly surrounded by forfrom injuries received by being thrown from his wagon the day before.

-The oil well known as "Infirmary No. 1," situated about three miles west of Findlay, Ohio, caught fire on the afternoon of the 22st. All the frame buildings in the vicinity were destroyed, and the same evening four thirtythousand barrel tanks of oil caught fire. The well and tanks are owned by Duke & Myers, and they have no insurance.

-August Hatzka, has been arrested in Chicago on the charge of killing his step-son, Max Gilman, aged 11 years. was burned to death. He was a The boy came home on the evening of the 21st, after a three months' absence, and Hatzka whipped him with a and it is supposed the fire reached him strap which had a buckle on it. The when he was asleep. Forest fires have boy was found dead in his bed on the morning of the 22d, and his face and body are covered with marks of the have approached to within a quarter of strap. dead body of Miss Priscilla Grier was and there has been much destruction found on the 20th in the woods on the of fences, hay and other crops. A Indiana side of the Wabash river, near Allendale, Illinois. Her throat was terribly lacerated. The girl was last seen in the company of Frank months. Miller, his wife Alice and Simon Mull. The Millers claim to have no knowledge of the manner of the girl's death, anything about it. Miller and Mull have been arrested. "Jerry, the Bum," a notorious rough, was shot dead by a plano player in a dance house at Sturgis, Dak., on the 21st. "There is talk of presenting a public testimonial to the slayer." William Baldwin, a saloon keeper in Chattanooga, Tennessee, attacked three policemen with a revolver on the 22d, because they had arrested his driver on a charge of selling liquor on the 20th without a license. Baldwin was shot and killed and Policeman Howard was shot in the head and will probably die. H. H. Fergneran was assaulted by an ex-convict while on his way home in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on the evening of the 21st, and his money demanded. Refusing to give up his money, the robber shot him dead, and then escaped. -A despatch from Anna, Illinois, says the forest fires are still raging in that vicinity. The huge winds on the 19th scattered them over a much larger territory than formerly, and it is said to be almost impossible to check them. Several farm buildings bave been have been burned and traffic is considerably delayed. It is stated that the woods are on fire for a radius of fifty miles in every direction from Cairo, but no damage is reported beyond the burning of a few fences and some ungathered corn. The smoke from the burning forest is very dense and interrupts naviagation on the river to a great extent. The sky at Memphis and St. Louis continued obscured on the 22d by smoke from the forest fires in the country south and west of those cities. These fires are especially destructive in the region between Memphis and Birmingham, Alabama.

saying they were all too drunk to know and daughter, in Chicago, gave himburned. Bridges, trees and telegraph Gettys, of Lambertville, on the 23d shot poles on the lines of both the Illinois and killed Charles Kitchen, at New Central and Mobile and Ohio Railroads Hope, Bucks county, Penna. It is as-

office in Columbus: Foraker, Republican, received 356,937 votes; Powell, Democrat, 333,205; Seitz Union-Labor, 24,712; Sharp, Prohibition, 29,700. Foraker's plurality, 23,732. The total vote cast was 746,686.

-The local election in Providence. Rhode Island, was held on the 22d. There was no choice for Mayor, the ister. vote for that office standing: Robbins, 4237; McNally, 3112; Miller, 1244; Forest City, Arkansas. Steamers Blodgett, 288. A majority is required have ceased to run on the river at to elect, and another election must be Common Council stands: Republicans, had a secret cave in the mountains,

-A telegram from Plainfield, Indi- zona. The latter was discovered by ana, says a most startling report was detectives. small village 18 miles northeast of ing that since the opening of a natural gas well at that place a few days ago, of the earth of several inches, and that the whole population of the village and and left home. surrounding country are terrified be-

-Major A. M. Way, the defaulting secretary of the Empire Building Loan Association, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, was arrested in Brooklyn, on the 22d. All over \$2058 of the assoclation's claim is outlawed. The total loss of the association through Way's defalcation is about \$19,000.

-A despatch from Memphis, Tennessee, says the ravages of forest fires show no abatement in that section. In Arkansas, near Decare, the range on bo'h the prairie and in the bottoms has and baldly bruising Gorman. The carbeen almost completely destroyed dur- riage was demolished and the horse had ing the past ten days, and the smoke to be shot. The men all belonged in despatches failed to state whether or has been so dense that it has for sev-Cochituate.

est fires and great uneasiness is felt by the people. At Star City, Dover and Okalona, Arkansas, the fires are doing great damage. In the neighborhood of Okalona the mountains, valleys and bottoms are being destroyed. Hundreds of cattle were annually wintered in the cane belt which has been burned. Forest fires are burning in the woods along the Illinois river and Macoupin creek, in the vicinity of Carrollton, Illinois, and have destroyed thousands of rails, miles of fence and some corn, but no buildings of value. Evans N. Greene, drinker, and in the habit of spending his days and nights in the open air, again broken out in the country around Charleston, West Virginia. The dames The boy's mother is dead. The a mile of the city on the northeast side, dense pall of smoke has obscured the sun for several days. There has it no rain in that section for several

-William Meyers, who shot his wife and attempted to shoot his son self up to the police on the 23d. He refused to give any explanation of his actions. Mrs. Myers is getting better. At Fergus Falls, Mississippi, on the 23d, Halong, who killed Lily Field, was convicted of murder in the first degree. After committing a felonious assault upon the girl, who was only 16 years old, he killed her and threw her body into a hog pen, where it was his wife and one-year-old child lost found partially torn to pieces. William their lives. It is believed the house Lions Frightened by Electric Shocks. Lang and Frank Lowe, cowboys, who was set on fire. The house of Samuel had a camp on Fly Creek, Crow Reser- Love, colored, at Chesterfield, South vation, quarrelled on the 22d, and a ball from Lang's pistol passed through | two small children perished. Lowe's hat. Lowe then procured a rifle and shot Lang dead. Lowe surrendered to the Sheriff at Billings, Montana. John H. Bigus, charged with felonious assault upon an aged freight trains. Benjamin Cook and white woman, was taken from the jail at Frederick, Maryland, about half-past one o'clock on the morning of the 23d, and lynched by a mob. He demolished and seven cars were asserted that he was innocent, and that another colored man, named Hall, had committed the crime. Bigus was strung up to the limb of a tree and three pistol shots were fired into his body. Henry serted that Kitchen was too intimate sections was killed, and twenty freight London who complain of "prowlers?" with Gettys' wife, Annie Davis, a young woman who left her home in Wilkesbarre some months ago, was found dying in a house of evil repute in that city on the evening of the 22d. She made an ante-mortem declaration, in which she accused a physician of criminal malpractice. No names are an Italian, and stones, pistols and given, but it is understood that several knives were used. Two men were arrests are to be made. -The fire in the Calumet and Hecla mine, near Marquette, Michigan, is reported to have spread along three levels from No. 1 shaft to No. 2, which contains the Hecla main engine. Two blocks of stores in Park Hill, Ontario, mate of the Lancaster county, Penna., owned by Lovett & Gardner, were burned on the 23d. Loss \$20,000. -Two men and five girls were as-phyxiated in the decrating shop of James Brown, in ast Liverpool, Ohio, on the evening of the 23d. A broken pipe let gas nto the room in large quantities and the inmates were overcome before they could escape, James Amelias and Ella Hill may die, The others will recover. -William H. Dorsey, colored, has been arrested in New York for the theft of the ten thousand. dollars' worth of diamonds from Mr. Morgan, the banker, on the evening of the 19th. Dorsey was captured on Sixth Avenue on the afternoon of the 23d. Several of the diamonds and \$400 in cash were found upon him. Dorsey was assisted in disposing of some of the diamonds by Thomas Tucker, also colored, and the latter is in custody. The diamonds were stolen from an upper room while the Morgan family were at dinner, the thief prying open closet doors until he came across the box containing the Romeo, Michigan, was found dead in

-While examining a natural gas | killed and John Drexel severely in- | Barbara's Revenge; or, Served Him regulator in Beaver, Pa., on the 23d, jured Evan Roberts, of Drifton, one Henry Camp, James H. Gunningham of the strikers who found employment

and H. P. Brown were dangerously in Shaft No. 1 of the Susquehanna Coal Company, at Nanticoke, a week ago, with these city gentlemen. He's only was on the 25th struck and killed by a amusing himself," said Ralph Penniinjured by an explosion. One of them struck a match to see the guage, un-conscious of a leak, and it ignited the trip car going up the shaft. He was 35 ford. gas which had accumulated in the reg-

-Mrs. Green, mother of George walking on the railroad track at Fitch-Green, one of the alleged train robbers burg, Massachusetts, on the 23d. now in jail in Tuscon, Arlzona, says her son will turn State's evidence, and

-Three cars of a freight train on called within ten days, and then also a that if he did not some of the others the Georgia Pacific Railroad ran off said sadly. majority will be required to elect. The would. Mrs. Green says the robbers the track fifty-seven miles east of Columbus on the 25th, and fell from a trestle bridge into a small stream. Four north of El Paso, Texas, where they railroad hands and a negro who was hid their plunder, and another in Aristealing a ride sustained severe in-

juries. One of them, the conductor, bisk, is not expected to recover. -The body of D. W. Kline was -Two freight trains on the Balti-

found in the mountains near Mercersburg, Penna., on the 23d, by two more and Ohio Railroad collided near hunters. From appearance it had been | Pittsburg, on the morning of the 25th. laying where found for about s'x weeks. Both trains were almost completely He lived in London, but about two demolished. Three men were killed months ago had a quarrel with his wife and five injured, two dangerously. There appears to have been no orders

-A team containing Patrick D. as to which train was to lay over at Finleyville for the other to pass. The Gorman, William and Charles Hannon trains were running at a high rate of and Joseph L. Burke, was driven speed. The company claims that the through the safety gates at the Boston telegraph operator at Finleyville failed and Albany crossing at West Newton, Massachusetts, on the afternoon of the 24th. Ten feet of the gate was broken off. The team gained the track, and Railroad, near Milton, Penna., on the wife off the sea-sands anyway." the horse, becoming uncontrollable, 25th. The accident happened on a turned and followed the rails, and the bridge crossing the Susquehanna canal, wagon and its occupants were quickly overtaken by a train, which crushed and the concussion was so great that both locomotives were thrown into the into the rear of the vehicle, killing the water, twenty feet below. Ten or fiftwo Hannons, fatally injuring Burke teen cars were also wrecked, and the bridge was badly damaged. The not any person was killed or injured.

-Fires are raging in the the forests -A telegram from Chicago says that, east and west of Staunton, Virginia, according to an interview with an unnamed Anarchist, published on the and are doing great damage to timber. 24th, "there is a movement afoot in Rain fell throughout Northern Texas, the principal cities throughout the on the evening of the 24th. This is country to reorganize the followers of the first rainfall of any consequence Spies and Parsons. The leading spirit for nearly three months. Forest fires in the vicinity of Southwest Arkansas are is to be Louis Viereck, of Munich, being extinguished. A telegram from who will be brought from Germany to America for the special purpose of as-Hillsboro, Illinois, says the forest fires have done much good as well as great suming direction of the undertaking. It is hinted that, when the project is damage. They have Gestroyed the matuured, dynamite throwing will be myriads of chinch bugs that ruined the corn crop last season. Before the fires inaugurated on a gigantic scale." Viereck is 33 years of age, a native of started the woods and fields were Berlin, and a son of the actress Vie- literally swarming with chinch bugs,

reck, of the Royal Theatre. Scandal -A heated journal caused an explosays that the German Emperor is his sion of dust in the large flouring mill father. Viereck has long been prominent as a Socialist leader and as a the 24th, and the mill was nearly delawyer, journalist and member of the stroyed, with all its contents. Reichstag. His wife is an American. -A circular was on the 22d issued

plece of gun cotton protruding, was to take effect from date, as follows: found on the 24th, on the sidewalk at Chicago to New York, 100 lbs, dressed the Pennsylvania Railroad ferry in Jer- beef, dressed sheep and articles loaded sey City, New Jersey. A policeman in refrigerator cars with dressed beef, tied a string to it and then threw it 424 cents; dressed hogs, in refrigerator

Right.

"I tell you, Barbara, it's the way

"How dare you speak to me so!" she years of age and leaves a wife and eight children. Susan White and Susan flashed out, "I wish you would mind Carmedy was run over and killed while your own affairs in the future."

Ralph's eyes sparkled ominously. "There was a time when my affairs and yours meant the same thing," he

"Once is not now."

"I know it," and accepting the reouke and knowing that there was nothhis heel and left her alone.

When Mr. Egerton went out walkng with Barbara on the seashore that evening he noticed that she was sad and strangely preoccupied.

"What is the trouble?" he asked. "What worries you?" "I was asking myself," said the girl,

slowly, "how this is all going to endthese drives and walks and talks." "End? Why should it end at all?"

he said quickly. "That's what I wanted to know.

Are you going to make me your wife or are you only amusing yourself?"

"Well, you take things pretty seriousto deliver orders. There was a collision | ly, I must say. I haven't a penny of In the first place, he clutches at the between freight trains on the Shamokin my own unless my grandfather were to proverbial straw, and there is no surer and Lewisburg branch of the Reading step off, and really I shouldn't pick a

"Then "Exactly," said Barbara. appose we part!" with quiet scorn. 'As friends?'

'No, as enemies."

"You little tigress," he laughed. I believe your eyes shot fire then." "Perhaps they did. But were I a nan I would knock you down."

And so she walked away from him ind home.

In her diary that night she inscribed, with the date, seven words: "I will e revenged on Garald Egerton!" Mr. Egerton left Beachwold the next

'The season was getting on," he id, "and the place was getting slow." And so perhaps it was, for the excitng element of beautiful Barbara Wynard's companionship was lacking.

"You had better take a tour," advised Mr. Clarethorne, that hale handsome man who enjoyed the honor of being Gerald Egerton's grandfather. You are not deriving any benefit from the gambling-house here.

"Just as you say, sir," said Gerald, who had been taught in all things to of T. Ault & Son, in Bellaire, Ohio, on defer to the wishes of his wealthy progenitor. And he went accordingly.

It was just a year afterwards when, sitting at his late breakfast of claret, -A piece of gas pipe about two inches from Commissioner Fink's office, in grapes and broiled birds in a Florenin diameter and fifteen inches in New York, announcing a reduction of tine villa, Mr. Egerton broke open the length, plugged at both ends, with a rates on dressed meats and live stock seals of a packet of home letters and grew whiter than the carved marble vases among the lime groves outside. "What's up, Egerton?" asked Mr. Vane, his friend and fellow-traveller.

"The meanest trick that ever was tied a string to it and then threw it into the river. To-day it will be fished out and examined. It is believed to be to be

WHY DO PEOPLE DRCWN?

A Well Known English Swimmer Explains the Science of Floating.

"I suppose," I remarked to Mr. Johnson, the well known swimmer. "that such a cork as yourself cannot quite understand how a person sinks." "Oh, yes, but I can. It is only such as myself, who study the science of floating, that understand the mystery of sinking. A swimmer becomes a swimmer, by endeavoring to find 'out, not so much how to swim, as how not to sink, Man or woman can float-there is no ng more for him to say, he turned on exception. The big secret is knowing now, and being self-possessed enoughthat is, in cases of emergency-to take advantage of one's knowledge. But directly the boat capsizes, or the canal bank subsides, or the sands shift, or the deep part of the river uncomfortably asserts itself, the ignorant mortal (ignorant of how to use his powers of buoyancy) sets about to sink himself."

"Sinks himself, Mr. Johnson?" I observed, dubiously. "Yes, sinks him-self. Up go his hands, and down he sinks like a flagstone. Of the ten thousand and one frenzied actions in which a arowning man indulges not one is there that lends a tittle to buoyancy. way of sinking one's self than by thrusting the hands out of the water. The consequent lurch of the body strikes fatal terror in the man's heart, he struggles spasmodically, and then, bereft as he is of all consciousness, vanishes to his doom. Take, as an instance, the yatching accident off Ilfracombe the other day. A jovial party set sail in a crazy fishing-smack, and an extra capful of wind upset her. Instantly there was chaos and confusion, as is always the case, and fourteen luckless souls drowned themselves. It is simply suicidal for a non-swimmer to risk his life in an uncertain craft."

"Suppose, then, Mr. Johnson, that you and I are cruising. The boat has capsized; we are in the water. What am I, a non-swimmer, to do?" "If there is anything floating catch at it steadily. The least particle will support you. This beading (which was no more than an inch square) would keep your head above water. But if there is nothing at all within reach this is what you should do." At this juncture Mr. Johnson sprang to his feet. Throwing back his head, and placing both hands in the small of his back, his form assumed a slanting position. "So long as you remained as I am now, so long would you float.

"Then it is not necessary for the requirements of floating that one's toes hould be level with his nose?" "Not in the least. The mode of floating in a moment of emergency is as I have just llustrated-or, at least, my experience tells me that it is the safest and the easiest. It would be an inconsiderable ht prove to be of life lon service. To be of any real service, swimming must be studied to perfec-"Well, hasn't he as good a right as tion. A man or woman is termed a ny one, if he chooses, and the lady is good swimmer (and the man or woman comes to think so too) who can manage, say, a score lengths of a bath twenty Not at his time of life, and after all the yards long. Here the water is tepid ears of expectation he has dragged me and smooth, but it is different at sea. How many yards would that same swimmer traverse in troublous waters? "He doesn't say. He simply insults But the chances are that he could float he by inviting me home to the wed- till rescued, which is always the end sought after.'

-Henry Koch, fifty years old, an inprison, awaiting trial on the charge of obtaining money on false pretences, committed suicide on the 22d by hanging himself.

-Gilbert Carter, aged 77 years, his wife, an invalid, about the same age, and Mrs. John Pepper, housekeeper, were asphyxiated in their sleeping rooms in their home in Hudson, New York, on the evening of the 21st, by gas from a coal stove. There are but slight hopes of their recovery.

-A piece of gas pipe, ten inches long, plugged with hard wood and with a partly burned fuse inserted in a vent hole, was found among the leaves in the yard of Governor Oglesby's house, in Springfield, Illinois, on the 21st. The police tested the supposed bomb by throwing it into a fire, and discovered that it was empty. A gas-pipe bomb, six inches in length and of the usual description, was found on the doorstep of United States Marshal Marsh's house, in Chicago. It was turned over to the police. A bomb was found on the evening of the 22d, in the jewels, Times office at Cincinnati. It was under a type-writer case, and consisted of a four inch piece of gas pipe plugged Charles P. Chouteau was burned in at both ends, and with fuse attached. How it got there is unknown. -

-The official returns of the vote of given out from the Secretary of State's perished.

-It was reported in Memphis, Tennessee, on the 23d, that the steamer the morning near Vicksburg, She

had over 5000 bales of cotton on board. Seven race horses on board were Ohio for Governor were on the 22d, burned and two colored deck hands three coal hoppers fell from the pier to given out from the Secretary of Stata's, perished.

-James T. Cook was shot and killed in Utica, Louisiana, on the 23d, by William Burnett. Both men had been of Washington, on the line of the Virdrinking. "The shooting was done on the spur of the moment, the men having had no difficulty previously."

-The house of Charles Fackler, at Browning Station, Illinois, was burned ington, who disappeared nearly three on the evening of the 22d, and Fackler, months ago. Carolina, was burned on the 23d, and furnished by a lion tamer drawing a

-A collision occurred on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad at Nemo, 95 miles north of Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the night of the 23d, between two George Lemming were killed and Engineer Hollenback and Conductor Watson badly injured. Both engines were wrecked.

-The second section of a freight see, and retreated howling. A lion train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and which has had a few shocks will for the Dayton Railroad ran into the first section at Anna Station, twenty miles from no matter what young lady. south of Lima, Ohio, on the morning Could not something of this sort be arof the 24th. The fireman of one of the ranged to guard the young ladies of cars and both engines were wrecked, The loss is placed at \$60,000.

-There was a riot on Bedford avenue, Pittsburg, on the evening of the 24th, between "the notorious Owl gang" and about twenty-five Italians. The fighting began in a saloon kept by shot and twelve or fifteen others cut and bruised, but no one was killed.

-Lena Wolfcale, 28 years old, died on the 24th, at her home in Youngstown, Ohio, from the effects of a dose of morphine. It is said she was disappointed in love. Frank Feicht, ex- rapidly, the sharpness of the stone being street commissioner of Dayton, Ohio, in no respect diminished. attempted suicide on the 24th, by cutting an artery in his left wrist, and is in a;critical condition. He had been on a drunken spree.

PROVISIONS -Within the last few days, according to a telegram from Cleveland, Ohio, the Bee Line Railroad has built twenty-five freight cars equipped with the Westinghouse air-brake. On the 25th an experiment was made between Cleveland and Berea. Speed all the way from four to twenty-five miles an FLOUR hour was made, and the long train was checked at all the degrees. Generally the stops were made in from five to twenty seconds. Several times the train was brought to a standstill from a twenty-mile rate in half a dozen carlengths. The brake differs from that of a passenger brake in having the chamber and valve joined together, instead of being placed on opposite sides of the car.

-L. K. Shaw, a farmer living bear the woods on the 25th. On the 23d he had sold \$600 worth of wheat in Romeo, and had been missing since that time

-While a vessel was being loaded with coal at Baltimore on the 25th, the chain which held the cars broke and

ttle, 23 cents; live sheep, 26 cents.

"Your grandfather?" -The skeleton of a man was found "Yes. a few days ago at a point 35 miles south ginia Midland Railroad, in Fairfax rilling?" county, Virginia. It has since been "No!" shouted Gerald; "he hasn't. identified as that of Thomas Coombs, a well-known young chemist, of Wash-

rough. "Who is she?"

A sensation in which ladies delight is ing.

"A very proper attention, I should hypnotized girl into a den of lions. The "You should say?" snarled Egerton ions (but the spectators don't know urning suddenly round en his companthis) are more afraid of the young lady "Very possibly. He isn't your than she would be of them if awake. grandfather, and his marriage doesn't They associate her with electric shocks uin you!" which, when under training for specta-He rose up as he spoke, and strode cles of this sort, they had in the mouth. ut among the myrtles and lime-trees, The damsel was separated from the teris brow as black as midnight. rible felines with fine wires connected "Take my advice," called Vane after with electric batteries. When they ad-

im; "put your righteous indignation vanced towards her they came to grief, in your pocket-go home and do the but through what agency they could not agreeable to grandmamma! The whole loaf undoubtedly is gone, but that's no reason you shouldn't enjoy a few of the rest of his life keep at a civil distance crumbs if you are only a little politic." And Gerald Egerton, on sober second and third thoughts, concluded to profit by the hints embodied in his friend's advice.

Signs of a Mild Winter.

THE MARKETS.

"Of course she will be young enough to be my sister," he said, "Old men al-ways do make fools of themselves; but The husks on the corn are thinner, perhaps I can manage her, after all." the golden rod is yellower, and the It was a bracing Winter night, the sky all sprinkled with stars, when Gerthan usual-all of which are signs of a ald Egerton walked up the steps leadmild winter. These will go for noth- ing to his grandfather's princely maning, however, if the goose bone is sion and rang the bell.

The butler grinned at him as he opened the door.

"You're too late for the wedding, Adamascobite is the name of a mineral Master Gerald," said he. "Master found only in the State of Missouri. brought his bride home last night." It is remarkable for its cutting power. "The deuce he did!" said Gerald With a fine edge, steel is cut by it very

gloomily. "What sort of a one is ith. Butts?"

"A stunner, sir," the man answered confidentially; "only nineteen."

At that moment another servant threw open the folding-doors leading into the drawing-room, and revealed Mr. Clarethorne, looking provokingly young and healthy, with a tall slight girl by his side, dressed in wine-colorod velvet, elieved by the flash of diamonds and the creamy folds of rich old point lace. As she turned to welcome her grandson -how ridiculous the idea seemed!ierald Egerton started back.

He was looking full into the radiant lepths of Barbara Wynyard's eyes.

One smile - ene scornful flashing smile of haughty triumph-and then they met as strangers, though the hot blood boiled up into Gerald's cheeks as if his veins were running molten fire.

"What are you writing, dear?" Mr. Clarethorne asked his young wife that night, as she closed and locked a clasped book at her desk.

"Nothing," she answered with a bright smile.

But, underneath the entry made in bitterness of heart a year ago, she had written these words: "I am revenged on Gerald Egerton!"

Conquer thyself. Till thou hast done that, thou art a slave; for it is almost as well for thee to be in subjection to another's appetite as thy own.

Feathered Farmers and Thieves.

Speaking of the prominent professions, there are at least two of themfarmer and thief-represented among the birds. They destroy countless millions of insects, and this well-known fact, of which everybody is so tired, contributes more toward the production of supplies than all the work done by farmers. It is known that the birds all over the world eat more insects in one day than all the human inhabitants could count in a year, and if they were to die the world would come to an end. for so fast do insects multiply that one season would pass and the next would not find a leaf, bud, blade of grass, or other living thing on the face of the

globe. The change would be as though the sun had ceased shining and perpetual winter enwrapped the earth. This is what is meant by the remark that birds eat a great number of bugs.

As for thieves, there are plenty of them among the feathered class. They steal chickens, pull up corn and wheat, steal bright-colored ribbons, and an occasional piece of sparkling jewelry left carelessly near an open window; but, after all, that is no worse than members of our own race do, and while the human thief makes no reparation, the bird-thief helps to keep the earth from being depopulated; so what matters a chick or two or a diamond ring which is of no use to the rest of the world? It is a curious thing to see the varieties of disposition and character displayed by them. The quiet, shy, bashful thrush; the saucy, impudent wren; the

sly, prying blue-jay; the boldness of the hawk, cr proud, warlike bearing of a game-cock. The English sparrow-what a queer fellow he is-a foreigner who is so per-

fectly at home here that one would think him the only native bird. He is going to be comfortable in spite of all opposition. He insists upon it. If you don't like it you can lump it. The sparrow is one of three birds which do not belong here. He was brought to this country fifteen years ago, during a craze that made people fancy that a seed-eating bird would rid us of insect pests. This was done against the advice of well-informed persons, and now the invincible little birds have overrunthe entire country, and can laugh at egislatures and ornithological socie-

OMAHA man, inspecting a New York cemetery. "Well, well! Got a crematory here, I see,"

Gotham man. "Bodies are not cremated here, sir."

"Then what is that Dutch bake oven for?"

"That, sir, is the Most mausoleum."

 

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