#### [WRITTEN FOR THIS PAPERS WINTER.

Drear Winter cometh forth again. Sternest is he of stern-brow'd kines: And 'neath his tread, despoiled and bare, Lie Summer's beauteous things. Enow-crown'd are brows of pleasant hills-Brows wreathed just now with emerald light;

Ice-bound are leaping, laughing rills, Fast in his grasp of might.

dread his presence as he strides O'er hill and dale, in robes of mist, Or when he in cloud chariot rides With storm winds in his fist. For when his footsteps are abroad, The sunbeams falter from his wake. And roughly from his ice-fringed robes The breath of flowers he shakes.

He stalks into the forest groves, All filled just now with life and light, But when 'air Nature hears his tread She girds herself for flight; And hides her sweet and beauteous face From the har h tyrant, pale and cold, And weeps in sad and faded grace For sunlit days of old.

But little heeds he smiles or tears, Relentless warrier, rough and grim. Heeds not dead flowers on lowly biers, Or hush of forest hymn: Nor grieves to see the kingly oak Stripped of his glory and his crown, But mid the ruins of dead joys He builds his cruel throne.

And oh, how desolate appears \* The once fair realm where he holds sway, Where things of beauty and of life Once lived a royal day! And tall, strong trees in glory stood, With loving leafy arms entwided, And music made of song birds' notes Lay in the branches shrined.

But now the song birds all have flown, And withered arms hang rent in twain, Like hallow'd friendships roughly hewn, Which ne'er may bloom again, And through the stripped an I rugged boughs The wind keep a pe petual moan, While mid the dreary solitudes He holds weird court alone.

Yet soon shall end the despot's sway, Low lie his sceptre and his crown, And spring's warm sunbeams on their way Shall melt his ice-built throne. E'en now m'd forest avenues. A feather'd warbler sits and sings His melancholy requiem, And welcome to the spring.

O soul of mine, has winter's touch Frozen thy life fount in its p'ay? And have the flowers and songs of life Died out with summer's day? And through thy avenues all drear, Do wither'd hopes like leaves be s rewn? And 'mid the ruin of dead joys, Has winter reared its throne?

Yet bearken, for an angel sings To thee a song of joyous note: Arise! and to thy spirit's depths

that in Lionel his subtlety and avarice why advertise it? He gazed upon houses little about him, for he had led the life homes and the persons of future clients. Cashleighs, yes, again and again, and of a recluse, and returned with interest the dislike which he engendered. Sam entered the vast general office, of the Campbell estate, and diffidently

gave his name to an usher. "I'll take it in," this functionary said, dubiously, "but it's no use I reckon. They vonder be waiting to see him; and he designated with his finger a portly group, among whom Sam recognized a his steps to realize them. railway magnet, an insurance president,

Slickens immediately.

cordially by the hand.

"Hallo, Sam!" he cried. "Glad to see long?

"Well, I can guess," replied Camp- him. bell. "You always float with the tide. A gust of wind swept around the cor- sought the one whose faith and shrewd-

you. married a wife, another has purchased a and dashed it prone in the dust. yoke of oxen, don't you know?'

you want. You are hard up. How much, deal." old fellow, how much?

"I am hungry.

"Now, look here, Sam. This sort of thing won't do. You did me many a favor at Yarvard with your aptitude for pose; but I don't forget. I would give 'squire.' you half my income willingly, but it impraticable; besides, you don't want to ment. be a dependent, do you?"

"Indeed, I don't. I tell you I'm hungry." "You want to rehabilitate yourself, sech"

now don't you? You want to be respected

"I want something to eat worst of all; but of course 1 do."

and I have my theories of life. I'd like Away they sped down the street. to exploit one, if you've no objection. months, on interest, mind. Go and ap- charming manner in the world. pease that yearning stomach. Buy new | The adventure caused a certain sen-

thrift and energy, less the pittance which that weighty legal business demands. bounds? But he preserved a discreet bare existence had cost him. People said He was, in fact, going to get shaved, but silence and wooed Themis untiringly, that in Lionel his subtlety and avarice why advertise it? He gazed upon houses Nor were all his pains lavished upon were intensified. In reality they knew and wayfarers, and seemed to see the that frigid virgin. He called upon the

But a little distance ahead of him there they received him as if he were a longtripped a dainty figure that soon con- lost son returning in honor. As for centrated wandering eyes and thoughts. protty Agnes, delight overwhelmed surfilled with clerks busied with the affairs Surely, if outlines told the truth, this prise. He whom she so fondly loved had young girl embedied a poet's dream of come back to her. She was content. grace. She was richly clad in dark-gray How it had happened she cared not a vesture, and she sheltered herself from whit; for of course he could do every-

the eager sunrays with a large, heavily- thing. fringed parasol. Anticipations assured Sam that her face was lovely; he hastened

He was especially consulted regarding Down the street there was approachinvestments, and in this way found fera promoter of national reputation, and ing a conveyance know to its owner and tile fields for the results of his industry. the pastor of the United Presbyterian his admiring friends as "a right slick The fifty thousand dollars still remained Church; but to his surprise Mr. Camp- buggy." It was drawn by a high-step- on deposit; but this no longer was a conbell returned word that he would see Mr. ping. rat-tailed nag. Underneath the spicuous sum, for it had plenty of comrear axle ambled a bandy-legged bull- pany. He called upon his friend Campbell,

As Sam passed this group they all dog. The driver sat upon his lofty seat bowed respectfully, an amenity which in all the glory of a Sunday suit and the and explained the plessant situation to they had neglected upon his entrance. most precious heirloom of his race, a him. "Return ten thousand dollars a When he was enclosed within the hand- fuzzy "beaver," which the event of month to me," he directed. At the exsome private office Campbell grasped him coming to "teown" had caused him to piration of six months Sam had repaid don.

He was a young man, of ungainly a balance to his credit that required you. This is something like old times at figure and mammoth hands, upon whose more than four figures to express it. He Harvard! Why have you kept away so vermilion face self-consciousness and was counsel for nearly all the business its resulting irritability could plainly be corporations of Aberdeen. His tin box

Now Sam did not care to give his read. Perhaps he thought that he would reason-which had been a careless make an impression; for as he drew near tures. His engagement with Agnes had |\*To the objections that the phenomena acquiescence with the popular judgment | he reined his Pegasus into a walk. Alas! -so he feebly said that he didn't know. the impression was made, but not by anticipation of society.

You've gotten among the breakers, too, ner. It whirled the parasol from the ness had saved him, and begged him to I hear, and no life-boat has put out for young lady's grasp; it sent it hurtling act as his best man. through the air like a missile from a

"No," said Sam, with a faint smile, catapult. It struck the venerable hat he there; it will i muse me. There are

"Oh, yes, I know. I could have weighed he leaped from his perch to rescue this your grave."--Frank Leslie's. them all for you long ago in a two-penny precious memento of grandfather. "I balance. Now, I needn't ask you what wudn't hev hed thet happen for a gud

> He recovered possession; but he ancovered a wreck, rent and ruined, unfit How to Produce Real Pearls by Artifor future descendants. He turned

toward the helpless maiden in a rage. "Gol darn ye!" he shouted. "Ye did Greek and Calculus, though you've for- thet a purpose. I'll hev the law on ye. gotten all about it by this tine, I sup- You jest cum along with me to the "Don't lay a finger on that lady."

wouldn't benefit you, you are so deucedly said Sam, coming up at this critical mo-

"Who's to pervent, thet's what I wanter know? D'ye think I'm agoin' to hev my vallable property spiled by any

Whang! Sam struck with such effect in this blessed burgh, and have your that the speaker stumbled back over his fellow-citizens speak of you as our dog and rolled with him in a disorderly-promising young townsman?" mass through the muck.

"Come!" cried Sam. He half lifted the bewildered young lady in the "slick "Well, look here. I'm a philosopher, buggy," he whipped up the rat-tailed nag.

In their hasty passage to her home he Follow my advice and I'll make an or- learned that her name was Agnes Cashthodox model of you. Here's five hun- leigh; he also learned that she had, for dred dollars. I lend this to you for three him, the most beautiful face, the most

clothes and shoes first of all, hire your sation. The driver of the buggy threatold apartments and offices, then come to ened arrest. He began five distinct suits

#### INTERIOR OF THE EARTH. son the gross results of a lifetime of Main street with all the importance a novel. Alas! has vain imagining ne

#### What Is to Happen at Some Remote Fu. ture Date.

One of the most interesting questions relating to the earth, considered is a planet, is that of its interior constitution. Observations made in deep mines and borings indicate that the temperature increases as we go downward at the average rate of 1 degree Fahr. for every fifty-five feet of descent, so that if this rate of increase continued the temperature at the depth of a mile would be more than 100 degrees higher than at the surface, and, at the depth of forty miles would be so high that everything, including the metals, would be in a fluid condition. This view of the condition of the earth's interior has been adopted by many, who hold that the crust of the earth on which we dwell is like a shell surrounding the molten interior. But calculations based upon the tidal effects that the attraction of the sun and moon would have upon a globe with a liquid interior have led Sir William Thompson and others to assert that such a condition is impossible, and the interior of the earth must be solid and exceedingly rigid to its very center. of volcanoes contradict the assumption of a solid interior, it is replied that unquestionably the heat is very great deep beneath the surface, and that reservoirs of molten rock exist under volcanic districts, but that taking the earth's interior as a whole the pressure is so great that the tendency to liquefaction caused by the heat is overbalanced thereby. The whole question, however, is yet an open one. According to the nebular hypothesis, which assumes that the bodies of the solar system once existed in a nebulous form, and by gradual condensation and loss of heat have attained their present condition. it is probable that the earth is still slowly cooling off, and that, as we see it, it represents an intermediate stage between the hot vaporous globe of a planet like Jupiter and the cold and barren moon. If we accept this theory-and it is yearly gaining strength-then the habitable period in the earth's career appears to be but one chapter in its varied history. When it was yet molten and vaporous it could not support life, but it shed light like a star. Now it possesses a -cool and solid crust on which innumerable tribes and species of animal and vegetable life swarm and flourish. Anon it will become cold and inert, its waters and its atmosphere retreating into its interior, and with them the life that depends upon their presence will disappear. This possible cause of the cessation of the lifesupporting energies of the earth, it will be observed, is independent of the withdrawal of the light and heat

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ficial Means.

"My friends are all too busy. One has with its lance-like point; it spitted it, nice people in Aberdeen, aren't there? "Geewhitaker!" snarled the driver as bridal as they would have jumped upon PEARL MAKING.

A European writer is responsible for the statement that an ingenious American has applied for a patent for making real pearls by artificial means. The material of which the oyster makes its pearl is certainly cheap and plentiful enough. If you take the shell of a pearl oyster and scrape or grind off the outer coat. you find a sheet of about one-eighth of an inch in thickness of the precise substance which the oyster deposits around any foreign body, as a grain of sand, etc., which gets caught under its mantle, thus producing the pearl of commerce. Why not, says the experimentalist, take this sheet of nacre, dissolve it in acid,

and then re-deposit the pearl in lavers about a shot or a pea suspended in the solution, thus copying the process of nature? The idea seems to open up vast possibilities, for in this way pearls of any size or shape might be procured at the fancy of the operator. There would be no difficulty in turning them out as large as billiard balls, or as footballs even, for the matter of that. The

trouble is that concretions thus obtained are mere lumps of carbonate of lime.

# "Oh. yes," replied Campbell, "I'll They will dance as readily at your

His practice speedily increased from

nothingness into mammoth proportions.

the full amount, and still had at the bank

was filled with crisp shares and deben-

been announced; their marriage was the

Filled with gratitude and delight, he

Its melody shall float. Oh spirit tried, yet God beloved, Thy long, drear winter taketh wing,

And through thy be Lg there shall flow The new, glad lie of spring. -[M. Annie Foskett.

# A GOLDEN ALLY ...

Mr. Samuel Slickens walked down the tents. main street of Aberdeen one morning with downcast mien: Perhaps he was gasped. studying the probable durability of his ways and means.

It is said that the stomach influences the brain. If so, little wonder was there ous. He had had no breakfast; his regimen the day before had comprised a few greasy potato chips.

"There ought to be some one who would go at least a soup ticket on me," he murmured; but even as he did, a long the business, I wager." line of forbidding faces answered, "No one

the street of finer appearance than for it. You are trustworthy, aren't you? Samuel Slickens, few indeed of a more Why, of course. Now do as I say." harmless and amiable disposition. He And Sam, nervously buttoning his ink own worst enemy," and find this a pre- robber. cedent for their own treatment of him.

When he first came to Aberdeen, after called sharply to him: graduating from the law-school. he was had inherited a snug fortune, which fame tention to it.' had made snugger; he had a bright eye, a winsome smile, an engaging manner. going to make a deposit." Who was there so apt of anecdote, so he? To know Sam Slickens was a dis- associates. tinction, to visit at his rooms an event.

glided away, and at the beginning of each Sam had regretfully said. "I wish L teller, were as well off as I was twelve months "Well, I'll be blanked!" muttered the about it. But Fortunatus without his thrice in his count. purse is Fortunatus no longer, so now his friends agreed that it was a wonder vorely. that he had kept going so long. Perhaps it was, but no such foreboding had troubled them over his dinners and cigars.

habit, for his extensive law offices were now confined to his hat; his elegant a lone y walk, too, interrupted by no time-lock? It's really wonderful." hearty greeting or vigorous slap upon preferred the other side of the street, door. and their gaze was concentrated upon the

"I swear!" resolved Sam, "I'll call friendly eye. upon Campbell. He's a crank, so he's sure to differ from all the others."

Now, Lionel Campbell was au unpleasquired millions to calculate, and engross his entire attention. Since he minded his business, and barely vouchsafed a surly nod to the gilded youth whom he might meet, he was popularly voted "the meanest max." His father had left his quired millions to calculate, and engross Now the Agnes to whom he referred

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me to-morrow morning. By this time for damages-to his hat, his horse, his for practice. Good-day?"

young millionaire, and was ushered at ance into intimacy. once into his presence.

Campbell, carelessly.

"Fifty one-thousand-dollar bills!" he courted disappointment.

shoes, for his mind was occupied with I'll explain what you are to do. Have you to consider a mighty achievement, though a bank account?'

"I had one."

tions. Let it stay there. Live on the me! five hundred dollars, stick conscientiously

"But-" began Sam.

"There is no but. I don't give you one And yet there were few young men on cent of it; I expect it back when I ask derzed them with titles of supposititious

was one of those unfortunates of whom | coat over the precious bundle, hastened | his friends say, with a shrug. "He is his away as if each shadow were a lurking the door opened and the bank messenger

It had not been always thus, however. Bank. As he entered, the bookkeeper

regarded as the possessor of unbounded drawn sixty-nine cents. The president withdrew amid the throes of a salaam. possibilities. He was an orphan. He wished me to direct your particular at-"Very woll," replied Sam. "I'm just

The clerk rolled his tongue in his quick at repartee, so tuneful of voice, as cheek and winked toward his admiring

Sam made out his deposit-slip with the One, two, three, four, the years had deliberation of a capitalist, and then handed the book and the money to the

ago," and then had thought no more surprised official as he wet his fingers

"Did you speak?" questioned Sam, se-

"Oh, no, sir; not at all."

"Are you quite sure?"

"I beg pardon, sir, but I just rubbed my favorite corn; it's enough to make a

"Oh, no; it's not necessary."

"Very good, sir. Good morning, sir. apartments for a week and more had been within one one of the city's parks. It was you like to step behind and see our new a twenty until Saturday?" were a few of

"Not now, young man, I'm busy," said into shreds. the back. For some reasons his friends Sam, grandly, as he walked toward the

architectural beauties of the buildings the bank president, entering. That dig-that lined it nitary looked upon him with an un-

"Morning," he grunted in reply to Sam's polite salutation.

"Old Bricks and Mortar will never ant enigma to the average citizen, who weaken," mused Sam, as he sauntered could not understand exclusiveness to- toward the office. "Poor Agnes! Poor wards his affable self. His wealth re- me! There is no hope in that quarter."

my theory will be formulated and ready buggy, his dog, and himself! /The first three were against Mr. Cashleigh, the Sam rushed from top to bottom of a others against Sam. But they served neighboring restaurant's bill-of-fare, no other purpose than to awaken a gen-The next morning he called upon the eral laugh and to deepen this acquaint-

They loved, the more readily, perhaps. "Just look over this package," said since circumstances were so forbidding. For the stouter Sam's affections grew, Sam gingerly fingered the crisp con- the slimmer grew his purse. But they hoped; that is to say, they unwittingly

When Father Cashleigh perceived the "I thought so. That's right. New situation he did what irate parents seem babies acquire it; he put his foot down.

He informed Sam that his absence would "Well, go to the bank and deposit be deemed his most delectable quality. in his case that his thoughts were seri- these bills to your credit. Do it in the He sent his daughter incontinently to most matter-of-fact way. Make no ex- boarding-school. So no wonder it was plauations, answer no impertinent ques- that Sam murmured "Poor Agnes! Poor

> He now entered his office and strove to your office, and six months will settle to impart an air of business to it. He spread his few books with open pages upon the desk; he bound together tolds of blank paper with pink tape, and incases; he thrust a quill over his left ear and soaked his right forefinger in the

While he was thus laudably engaged came in; he who erstwhile would present He went straightway to the Lockit an impossible draft to him with such haughty mien. He doffed his hat, he bowed low. "From President Cashleigh." "Mr. Slickens, your account is over- he said, proffering a bulky package. He Sam examined the bundle. It contained several legal documents and a note, with an inclosure, -- ah, unusual inclosure! The missive read as follows:

"My DAsh Sth:--I beg to send herewith papers in the suit of the Shakem Railway Company sgainst the Lockit Bank which I desire you to defend. I enclose ch que for \$250 ietaining fee. Trusting that your en-gagements may yieldus your you ble services, Yere respectfully yours. Very respectfully yours, CALEB CABHLEIGH.

"P. S.-Drop around to the house, my boy, some day this week in a friendly way. Agnes returns to-morrow. C. C."

Sam stayed within his office until late that night, working upon the case until the widespread books, the thoughtful q ill, the inked fingers were an unconscious reality'. When he returned to The domed roofs were made of large his rooms the floor seemed covered with pieces of flat sandstone, carefully ar-This walk down street on this partic-ular morning was chiefly induced by this to-day, sir?" Will you draw against drifted snow; it was bestrewn with visit-ing cards. All his old friends had called. "So sorry,old fellow, to miss you." "Be at the hut, and were utilized as hocks upon the club to-morrow night." "Sister is which hung harpoon lines, pouches of the indorsements, Sam carefully tore them

hereafter to Sam like the pleasant stages On the porch he met Mr. Cashleigh, of a dream of good fortune. Social and professional demands were constantly made upon him. The former, with a single exception, he ignored; the latter he down from the floor, so that water from the molting snows of spring may not run

had never worked before, and perhaps his success was due more to his industry than to Campbell's talisman; but that at least gave him the opportunity; he was wise enough to improve it.

which entirely lack the iridescence which in the pearl is due to structure. This little difficulty has always stood in the way of the successful imitation of the oyster's production; but this latest inventor claims that he has entirely overcome it, so as to be able not only to manufacture pearls, but also to coat articles with the material, just as spoons and forks are plated with silver. Whether the claim will or will not be made good in practice remains to be proved.

A possibly easier and certain mode of pearl production is indicated by an extraordinary treasure which was lately shown at the Smithsonian Institute. This was a pearl, the size of a pigeon's egg, of an exquisite rose color, and the receptacle containing it was the original fresh-water mussel in which it had been formed. The nucleus of this gem beyond compare was nothing more nor less than an oval lump of beeswax, which had been placed a few years ago between the valves of the moluce, which, to protect itself from the irritation caused by the presence of a foreign body, at once proceeded laboriously to coat it with the pink nacre it secreted for lining its shell. The mussel was kept in an aquarium while engaged in its lengthy task. It belongs to a species common in American rivers, and it is suggested that the success of the experiment opens to everybody the possibility of establishing a small pearl factory for himself by keeping a tankful of tame mussels and humbugging them into making "great pink pearls" for him. Only the intending experimentalist is warned against avarice; the "nucleus" must be well introduced under the mantle of the czeature, or it will not irritate sufficiently; and, above all, it must not be too large. A great surface takes a long time to

cover, and multiplies the risk always attendant on artificial culture. If one will be satisfied with pearls the size of peas, the chances of success will be so much the more promising .-- [Jewelers' Circular.

### Winter Houses of the Eskimos.

The igloos, or winter stone huts, were not far from the summer tupiks. They were built upon the hill-side, a portion of which is dug out to form the interior. ranged and he'd in place by pieces of bone. These protruded somewhat into seal and bird skin, skin drinking-cups, bonedrills, etc. At the back of the hut was a platform raised about a foot from the floor. Opposite this, which served The succeeding weeks always seemed as the bed, was the opening of a tunnel six or eight feet long through which the family must crawl to enter their abode: and here the dogs find shelter during the storms of winter. The tunnel slopes into the house. Over the inner entrance

of the tunnel, about four feet square, is another opening of about the same di-mensions, which allows light to enter the dwelling. This hole is closed in winter

-Prof. Garrett P. Serviss, in the Chautauquan.

of the sun, an ultimate catastrophe

to which we have heretofore referred.

#### Valn Precautions.

Meringen, the Swiss village which has just been destroyed by fire, met a similar misfortune in 1879. Since that date, a native of the village tells a correspondent, the precautions against fire have been extraordinary. Whenever the wind Llew from a dangerous quarter smoking was forbidden, and at dusk, with few exceptions, all fires were ordered out, the village smithy was stilled, the bakery ovens had to be damped down, and the shops would then be besieged with customers anxious to buy what bread they could. The reason for this was the extraordinary destitution to which the inhabitants were reduced after the last fire, and fears are entertained that the consequences may be coually disastrous now.

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