THANKFULNESS.

Through the long day the peasant wo-Gleaning the stalks the workers left ing out the injured member, "on the behind

In the wide field-and yet, when day was spent. But scarce an armful had she then to bind.

Two sheaves she made thereof-one

small and fairthe road

She left the tiny sheaf of gleanings there

In thankfulness-though light indeed her load. -Flavel Scott Mines.

BY JOHN RIDGARD.

PURIFID BY FIR.

A tremendous squawking and fluttim, soared upward while the scattered there was genuine melody in their feathers of the almost denuded chicken | blended tones. settled softly far and wide upon the the retreating robber.

Out from the cabin door hastened an old man, bent but supple, with gun in forest the sky was ablaze with flaming band. The hawk passed westward light. On the rushing wind came the over the narrow clearing and settled crackling sound of burning treetops, stood just within the border of the column of devouring flame which dead away. great forest beyond.

The setting sun struck full in the lest pine. eyes of the marksman through the tops of the trees as he leveled his rifle and timber," shouted Burn. transformed the long gray hair on the bare head into strands of silver.

A moment he stood as from the sculptor's hand, in a pose the more beautiful in one so old; the crack of the who could not, because of known inrifle came sharply on the air; the hawk tumbled from its perch and when sober, was a prince of workmen, sodden. Tige dashed madly away to retrieve the invader, fit subject for impalement up-

"It was a hard shot to make with the sun in your face," the old woman said, with trembling voice, and she rested her wrinkled hand, hardened with toil, had there met Dan, an old-time friend Upon a bed in the little log cabin lay it, and a chair is then pushed. upon the arm which was to her the best, the truest, in all the world.

Yet it was a hard world which the old couple had known. In the evening of their days they were occupying a homesteader's cabin in the great timber belt of the Upper Penisula of Michigan, and from the bits of soil lying between the stumps and failen timber of the clearing managed to raise the potatoes and few vegetables which were possible in the short season of that northern climate. An occasional man's unerring rifle, and their domestic was as dry as in midsummer. In firtowls, relieved the proportions of realt was as dry as in midsummer. In firdeer or partridge, furnished by the old fowls, relieved the monotony of salt pork, of which, at the best, they never had more than a scanty supply.

It grew dark early; clouds filled the sky; the wind was rising and the great trees bent and swayed before the com-

Supper was over. The old man sat smoking and his wife was engaged in clearing away the few dishes and the remnants of the meal, when, without warning, the door was thrown open and out of the darkness came feul and blas-

phemous words. A man of great stature stumbled over the threshold, stooping his head as he passed through the doorway. The broad shoulders and deep chest bespoke enormous physical strength; the symmetrical limbs, displayed through the closely fitting lumberman's suit, indicated the greatest activity. The face, all bruised and swollen, as from some late fisticust encounter, was lighted by a pair of soft, kindly blue eyes, which, even in drunkenness, evidenced a generous and courageous nature.

Reeling across the floor he caught at and steadled himself by the edge of the table, and turning, sent back a volley of oaths to his laggard companion, whose name, "Dan," he prefixed and suffixed with an eloquence of vituperation which was truly amazing:

'I'm comin', Bum, as fast as ever I kin," sounded an answering voice, and when Dan appeared the reason of his delay was apparent. He was a little squat figure, also dressed in the lumberman's blouse, drawer-like trousers. long stockings and rubber packs, or shoes, and was loaded with a great "turkey," that is, a long bag stuffed with clothing, which was suspended by a cord attached to each end and passed over one shoulder. If possible, he was drunker than the one who had preceded him.

Bum swung into the room from the support of the table, delivered a double shuffle, gave a whoop, sprang like a panther into the air and planted one foot against the low rafter overhead. As he came down, Dan seemingly anticipated what was to follow, for he turned his back and received a kick which caused the "turkey" to bound far above his head, and, as his bundle settled, Dan settled with it and tumbled sprawling upon the floor.

The old woman, terrified, flattened herself out of harm's way against the wall and the old man, advancing, placing himself between her and the

drunken men. The good-natured giant, seeing their alarm, visibly modified the exuberance of his profanity and exclaimed.

"Im Bum Burton, and I wouldn't hurt a fly, would I, Dan?" "You bet you wouldn't," answered

Dan. "But when they got me drunk, they thought they'd lick me, didn't they, Dan?"

"Yes, but they didn't," roared Dan.

never squealed.'

"I broke my right hand," said Bum, fire. lunging up to the old man and hold-And Dan answered: "You're right, Bum, you did."

"We're pretty drung, Dan and me, but we must walk to camp to-night, for to-morrow's Thanksgiving, and I'm sating, quivering air. And as she passed the shrine along foreman of the crew," said Bum, and, whirling on Dan, he added:

"And I'm the best foreman in these came the words:

Bum."

obsequious Dan joined as second, and consumed to ashes where he lay.

ground. The dog, with feet braced and door for their exit and as he fid so the the blooded racer to his driver's call. don Ladies' World. uplifted muzzle, gazed eagerly after occupants of the room were startled and amazed at the a wful spectacle dis-

closed through the open doorway. Above the level of the far-reaching reached a hundred feet above the loft-

"My God, those curs have fired the

Burton guessed rightly. The region camps for general worthlessness, or rain. same course from th Burton camp. He of its ordered abode. truthfully described.

prompted by their desire to injure Bur- must be procured. ton; others hoped to force employowners.

clearing surrounded the camp. There fully. they would be in safety and only there.

you and your wife follow us."

in her husband's arms. Bum sprang to him strangely moved the heart of the yourself of making a large letter and the door and shouted:

"Come back, Dan!" Dan obeyed instinctively.

over the shanty. Uuse what water you fore. can find. I'll get more."

deer of the forest.

fiery snowflakes on every hand, cast by ashes, had not yet yielded to the rain. there a light sprang up in the under- with more alacrity when he learned brush of the clearing, and Dan, with who was the patient, for Burton's the greatest difficulty, smothered the father was a general contractor for cutflames which appeared in half a dozen ting timber, and therefore an imporplaces on the roof of the cabin. The tant personage in that locality. barn and sheds were soon all ablaze.

was probably death to remain there, redressed his injuries, band. Dan found sheets and blankets will recover." and with them covered the roof and Yet there was an air of concern in west side of the house, against which the doctor's manner which Burton perthe storm of the fire was beating. There ceived. was water in a cask at the door, with which he wet the covering as far as knock under. I'll pull through all possible. But in spite of his efforts the right," he said, and he did. fire started in places and he could not

ment and the hero with his empty for Burton's speedy recovery. through which he came,

"I put 'em down, one top o' tother, touching and bounding over treetops as lumberman's Thankgiving supplies, to the subject will not fail, upon a mo-

"No," echoed Dan. "Bum Burton | border of the clearing and in an instant | for a dinner which he will never forthe wall of green became a wall of get.

head o' the scoundrel they imported to thrown heavenward, tossed upward as bed and the old woman fluttering belick me, and then whaled the whole by a demon's hand, passed sheer over tween the table and the bed. gang with my left hand, didn't I, Dan?" the clearing and struck the forest on the other side. Within the fire-girt in. found shelter under the house was sacclosure great banks of rolling smoke, rificed to furnish soup for the sick charged with a million blazing meteors, man. The old woman lovingly raised descended like a pall into the hot, pul. her patient's head and fed him as she

Burton suffocated, blinded, stagger- that held the spoon and said: ing, approached the creek. Crouching low to the ground to breathe the purer giving I ever had." of the neck and gave him a spin which neck with the greatest difficulty, act. ended in a series of revolutions on the through the blinding smoke and hardfloor, and from the recumbent figure ly escaping falling cinders, he cleared the timber. The fire lapped up every "Not by a big sight, could they, vestige of life and ate into the very Merry Entertainment for the Long Winter soil.

"We stopped for suthin' to drink, old | Over this floor of fire, over and | The penalties for forfeits may be as cry "Get the gun" and "Here, Tige," starting for the door, he broke out into ful will, a less athletic frame, he would placed in a dish of water and the deand a great hawk driven from its vie- a rollicking drinking song in which the have fallen a hundred times and been linquent be fold to pick it therefrom

A bright flame shot up from the cabin erable merriment, as it is not an easy The old man hastily threw open the man energy, responded to the need, as every touch, says a writer in the Lon-He shouted words of encouragement; Another idea is to carve a face upon he sprang into a burst of incredible a potato; this is easily done and the

together they dashed on water, and, made to express a great deal. They when the fight was over, things black- may be turned up with pleasure, or ened before Bum Burton's eyes and the drawn down with misery; the carver near the top of a gigantic pine which and now there was visible a dancing man who "never squealed" fainted has his will in the matter, unless the

down upon the thirsty earth.

was infested with men who had been of lightning, a peal of thunder and a in the corner of a room cannot be cov-

efficiency, obtain employment. Bum, ash-covered earth became all black and Take you and double you and put

on the barn door as a warning to its fifty men. That morning he had gone the hearts of stumps and logs, seemed on business to the viliage, which lay breathing outlets for that consuming a ring. three miles a little north of west of the power so lately rampant, but now con- Push a chair through a bracelet.

and employe, who was on his way to Burn Burton, conscious now and enthe camp. Here, too, he had fallen in during exeruciating agony, though no with a lot of those idle ruffians, some sound escaped him to indicate his suf- as the victim places the hands in every of whom had been discharged from his ferings. The gayly-colored clothing conceivable position before putting one own camp and were bent on ven- was burned, torn and blackened. The below the elbow of the other arm, geance. A too easy victim of the wiles rubber packs fell crumbling from feet where the nands cannot touch each of his enemies, his good nature could which were burned, swollen and bleed other. ing the woods, some of the men were came at once apparent that medical aid

By bearing to the north it was posment, as timber through which fire has sible to reach the village without passpassed must be cut within the first ing through the heaviest of the timseason or become a total loss to the ber; yet it was a serious undertaking to face the storm and traverse even the be so readily determined. Leaning against the door-casing, Bum little clearing which was so lately covwas sobered in an instant. A large ered with fire. But Dan did it man-

After he had gone the old people, in "Dan," he said, "we must make for deepest distress at the condition of the camp. That fire will burn the their preserver, renewed thir efforts for gard to distances. earth where we stand. Come, old his relief, and fortunately did the very man, pick up what you can quick, and best thing possible with their resources. They covered the burns with Dan darted out into the open and was flour and soda and bound softly over fully fifty feet away. Burton turned this some cotton batting taken from a back to help the old couple out, but, comforter. They could do little at the to his horror, the woman lay senseless best, but the love and gratitude shown rough lumberman

Even so are sometimes born new ideals, new aspirations. The time has "We can never get them there," said never passed for any man when he Burton. "Rake out all the sheets and may not reach and live upon a level blankets you can find and spread them higher than he has ever known be-

With the approach of morning the The creek-he knew it well-was half storm abated. The old man heard a a mile away to the northwest and a friendly whinnying at the window, by little within the standing timber; and which he knew that his horses had the fire was coming from the west. In escaped the fire. He would have reall haste he took time to release the Joiced at this unexpected good fortune horses from the stables and turn them were there place for any feeling but loose to take their chances with the anxiety at the delay in the doctor's coming. The sun was an hour high He found two pails and hurriedly at- when the doctor arrived, and a rough tached them, one at each end, to a six- journey he had had. Poor Dan looked foot pole, which he balanced aross as if he, himself, were in need of prohis shoulders, and then he hastened to fessional services. His fight with the fire had not left him unscathed, and in Great sparks of burning leaves and going to town he had trod on many twigs and branches descended like glowing embers, which, covered with

the wind from the rolling, advancing The doctor would scarcely have remass of smoke and flame. Here and fused to come, but he certainly moved

"Well, doctor, what do you think of The time for escape had passed. It me?" said Burton, feebly but cheerily. was death to leave the clearing; it after the doctor had examined and

The old woman at length revived, but "You have had a close call," anclung in speechless terror to her hus- swered the doctor, "but with care you

"You don't know me, doctor, I never

Under Burton's directions Dan deblazing logs with two pails of water, speedily restored the outbuildings and

It was a happy gathering in the cabin Then a marvelous thing appeared, that day. Dan and the old man at the From that wall of fire a sheet of flame, table, Burton lying helpless upon the

One poor little pullet which had would an infant. His kissed the hand

"Mother, this is the best Thanks-

parts, ain't I, Dan? and the boys air, he plunged through a belt of burn- It was not in a barroom fight, but in couldnt get along without me, could ing timber which extended along the saving lives that he had shown his they, Dan?" and the big fellow play- bank, and filled his pails, he knew not courage, and his nature was purified, fully caught the little man by the back how. Sustaining the pole across his ennobled and bettered for life by the

CAME OF FORFEITS.

man," said Bum, "but seein' as you're around the burning logs and stumps, original as the judge is able to devise, tering behind the log cabin, a woman's old folks we won't bother you," and he made his way. With a less power- I will suggest a few. An apple may be with his teeth. This will cause considand the gallant fellow, with superhu- task, for the apple will bob about with

carving will produce some merriment, Dan ran to meet him, took a pail, and as the corners of the mouth may be judge stipulates otherwise.

And now, blessed but late, the mut- Putting an egg in such a manner that tering storm, the fire-destroyer, came a half-bushel cannot be placed over it is very simple when one knows how, Through the awful veil of rolling but it may take a little thinking besmoke and blazing cinders came a flash fore it will be seen that an egg placed discharged from the various logging furious storm of driving, drencking ered by a half-bushel measure. The same might be done more safely with Soon the fires began to dim and the a potato, or an apple, if preferred.

you through a finger ring is an old quiet and gentlemanly; he had entire On this dark background great, glow- trick. It is simple enough. The letter charge of his camp and of the crew of ing coals, shining from deep within U and the letter W are written upon a paper, and this is then passed through

homesteader's cabin, and six in the fined within the rock-moiten chambers This is not at all difficult. A bracelet is taken, the fingers are placed through

Putting one hand where the other cannot touch it will create merriment,

not anticipate a snare. When the Sam- ing. Across the pallid cheek, far more Mark upon the wall the height of a son was drunk the Phillistines as serious than the marks of the saloon man's silk hat. This is not so easy as saulted him with the result which he encounter, was a cut to the bone where it seems, as distances are deceptive. If a falling, blazing branch had struck and the one being judged fails in marking It had been an unusually warm, dry burned as well as bruised. The bair the correct height by more or less than autumn. As yet there had been no and eyebrows were singed, the hands an inch, he is told to leave the room, This is easy enough. He may come back with another person, with an arm chair, or with firearms, etc.

Marking a certain person's height upon the wall may also be used as a judgment. This is also a little difficult, as if the persons are sitting it may not

Giving the dimensions of the room in feet and inches is another ludicrous judgment, as there are very few who are accurate in their judgment in re-Leaving the room on two legs and

coming back with six is simple, as you may readily see a chair or four-legged stool will enable the victim to meet the requirements.

Writing your name in one letter will seem a little difficult until you bethink then inscribing the name therein. Blowing out a lighted candle with

the eyes blindfolded is very funny, as the person who is to accomplish this feat is placed in front of the candle, then blindfolded, turned about twice and then the proceedings begin. It will be some time before the candle is extinguished, for the person will in all probability blow in every direction but the right one.

Another judgment of a similar nature is for two persons to be blindfolded, turned about twice and then

told to shake hands with each other. There will be some groping about before the object is accomplished. The fun will be increased if the two persons are placed in opposite corners of the room. Another idea is to walk straight across the room when blindfolded. It seems almost impossible to take a bee line even when the aid of the eye is allowed. This may be demonstrated by the footpaths we see, for footpaths are invariably crooked.

Licking Postage Stamps.

Licking postage stamps is a very common practice, and one that but few people would associate with danger of disease of any sort. Of course, illness traceable to this cause is rare, but that it does sometimes occur no one can doubt. But, aside from the diseasegerm theory of abstaining from this practice, it certainly is not a cleanly habit nor is it a necessary action. It is a good deal easier and safer to lick the envelope, or, what is better, moisten the corner of it with finger-tips and water, and then apply the stamp. A wet handkerchief will dampen the envelope sufficiently to make the stamp adhere. While great care is taken in parted for the camp and returned the preparation of the mucilage that is Then came Burton, springing over with a large portion of the crew, who put upon the postage stamps, it is impossible to insure the perfect health of The sheets and blankets were wet repaired the cabin. They then left the persons who handle them. An emagain. The fire suppressed for the mo after the warmest expressions of hope ployee with an inoculable disease might spread his ill condition through buckets faced again that path of fire At the camp Dan had exchanged his a whole country. It may not be neces-"turkey" for a prime fat young one of sary to warn every one, but those who Before his eyes those dancing flames, a more seasonable variety from the have never had their attention called and when the big fellow smashed me in the surface of the nose I never squealed, did I, Dan?" the water, reached the lofty pine at the delivered to the old woman as a basis licking postage stamps.

THE YOUNG FOLKS,

YOUTHIAND. Through the mystical realm of Youshland The dreamers, wondering. go; Fair are the skies above them, Fairer the earth below Gay is the summer sunlight Flashing from leaf and rill.

And the beautiful glamor of Youthland

Oh! Wide is that land and joyous; What wealth of glorlous bloom Brighten its every vista. Scatters each hint of gloom. Music, and joy and beauty.

Is over them still.

riope, that can feel no chill: For the beautiful glamor of Youthland Is over it still.

Out from that wonderful country Went never a mortal yet But bore in his heart the sadness Of a mournful sweet regret. Well if its dreams go with him,

Guiding his heart and will, And the beautiful glamor of Youthland Be over him still. Such are the friends never failing,

The lovers that never grow old. Tho darkly the clouds may gather, And the day grow late and cold. Near to the heavenly country. Their eyes with its radiance fill. And the beautiful glamor of Youthland

Is over them still - Abbie Elizabeth Snow.

LIKE AN ARTESIAN WELL.

A few miles south of the capital of Guatemala, in Central America, there is a huge volcano known by the name Mount de Aqua, or the "water mountain." When it has an eruption, instead of throw. ing out ashes, lava an I ciuders, and destro in; all the vegetable life around it. this remarkable volcano spouts clear, in great torrents. In so warrn a country had a midnight visitor. this cold water is no small blessing.

MAMMA HEN AND HER KITTENS.

animals of antigonistic traditions has upon being discovered immediately come under my observation. Writes Burr turned and fled up the canon. their quarters with the chickens under the falling, the brute was to be shot. hen and continued to do so until the The trap didn't work, but three or four chickens were too large to be hovered, rifles did, and then the truth was made The hen, chickens and kittens became apparent that the larger animal was in all very familiar and were on the best of probability the mother of Pete. She had terms, even during the day time, until evidently been trying to persuade her the chickens were grown.

AN ACCOMPLISHED CAT-

In San Francisco there is a cat that washes windows. It belongs to one of the Chinese companies of that city. It is a cat of a Chinese breed, and those who own it claim that it belongs to the same family as the cats in the temples of the walls of the company room. Emperor of hina. The cat is a mixture of Maltese and tortoise-shell, and said to be very be utiful. It has a Chinese name which the newspapers claim cannot be pan of water, and wash the glass of the window in front of which he is going to lie down and then rub it dry, and that he has never been known to lie down in front of the glass without first wasning it. Naturalists say that cuts are the cleanest animals in the world; that they abbor dirt. Sometimes we see cats in the street which have been turned out of their homes by the people who have gone away for the summer, and these poor cats do not look very clean, but it is not their fault, for how can a poor homeless cat have any opportunity of washing herself? -and pretty soon she gets so weak from hunger that she cannot wash herself, and by and by she doesn't care. So when you see a poor dirty cat on the street try to clean, and feel sorry for her.

WINGED SEEDS.

The usual way for seeds to be carried is by the wind. Sometimes they are so the breezes. This is the case with the seed of the moccasin-flowers an I meadowpinks, and the other beautiful plants of our woods and bogs called orchids. And the tiny bodies, like atoms of dust, termed "spores," that answer to seed in ferns and mosses and toadstools, are borne away by the lightest breath of air. But most seeds are themselves too heavy for this. So they are offtimes provided is interpreted as something else, and with thin, broad wings that carry them it is a curious question in equine neubefore the wind as a sail carries a boat, ropathy to know what it is that the The pairs of 'keys' that hang in clusters horse figures these harmless objects to from the maple trees in spring are such be. When Russian ponies first began winged fruits. When ripe they float to be shipped to Harwich they usually slowly to the ground, or if a high wind is blowing, they are carried farther from reluctance was explained on the hythe tree. The ash has thick bunches of winged fruits much like these. But single. The elm has a thin, papery border all aroun I its small seeds, which makes them quite conspicuous as they hang on the branchlets before the leaves have come

delicate hairs or bristles that take the Journal, calls attention to the risks place of wings. A dandelion "clock," or delicate people incur by riding in damp seeds, each with a circle of fine bristles tion being conducive to the contraction on the summit. When the seeds are ripe, of colds and rheumatism. A theory along comes a breeze, and puff: away go of colds and rheumatism. A theory the seeds, hanging from their tufts of apparently has been started to the efbristles, as the basket hangs from a feet that "bicycling will tend to make balloon. The bunches of long silky hairs the woman of the future acquire a that come from a bursting pod of milk. squat figure," and-here is another weed, and fill the air around. have each warning-the suggestion may be not their precious cargo in the shape of a improbably carried out if greater care small, brown seed. The seeds that ripen be not taken to have machines properly in heads on the clematis, after the hand- adjusted to their riders. 'The majority some purple flower-leaves have fallen, of women buy bicycles the proportions have long feathered talls. like slender of which bear no relation to their own. bird plumes, that do the same work that They get them too small or too large. is given to the silk of milk weed. The "cotton" around the seeds of the willows at the riverside and of the poplars along city streets serves the same useful pur. Ala., and vicinity that farmers have ing white hair around the seed. Ages miles,

before men thought of spinning it, and weaving it into cloth, it was making itself useful to the cotton-plant by helping to scatter its seeds.

THE SOLDIERS' PET.

A mi itary gentleman furnishes the New York Sun with a readable account of sundry unusual pets which he has seen or heard of in his army experience. At Fort Keogh, Montana, the men of one company had a black bear cub that had been captured by some Cheyenne Indians and brought to the barracks. The fellow at once made friends with the cat, an I under the name of Pete, soon became a pet with the men. The writer says:

He was taught several tricks, such as boxing, joggling an empty barrel with his paws, and dancing to the tune of a fiddle. As he grew older he had more libert, the only restraint put upon him being a small wooden chair to which he was chained.

Pete would go all over the post carry. ing the chair in his paws, and when he found a comfortable nook or shady corner there he would sit for hours until his fancy moved him to go somewhere else. Pete's reputation as a trustworthy bear. however, was spoiled one day when he was caught red handed in an attempt to He was found far up the canon. held by the chain and remnants of the chair, which had become entangle I in the knotty problems of a bunch of guarled

When his former comrades, as usual, familiarly approached him, the hitherto gentle animal knocked the first comer about ten feet with a sturdy blow. the result of the excellent boxing lessons given him, and he would have served the others in like manner had they come within reach. Pete was carried back in disgrace, and chained to a stake in the rear of the company street. All attemps at reconciliation failed, and the men were at a loss to understand the change in the cold water in a vast fountain, which animal's disposition until one night the courses down the sides of the mountain reason was discovered by accident. Pete

A soldier returning pretty late one evening almost ran into the arms of a second bear who was apparently holding an earnest conversation with the prisoner. A remarkable case of affiliation between The stranger was a large customer, and

Noble. A family cat which we had The next night a watch was set, and raised died, leaving two small kittens, sure enough back came the same in-We also had a hen with ten small chick- truder, apparently on a visit to Pete. ens which were allowed to occupy a vacant. This was kept up for some time, the stall in the stable at night. One night I larger animal never falling to call at the opened the door to the stall and was sur- usual hour; but it was noticed that these prise I to see the kittens rush pell mell midnight visits had a very bad in luence into the stall and disapp ar. On investi- upon Pete. So it was decided to set a gation I found that the kittens took up trap to catch the larger bear, and this

cub to come away with her, for Pete was not ten months old at the time, and she paid her life as the forfeit of her faithful

affection l'ete afterward grew so savage and dangerous that it became necessary to kill him also; but his glossy black hide is still preserved, and adorns one of the

lilusions of Animals.

Birds are perhaps more commonly the victims of illusions than other animals, rendered into English, so those of its their stupidity about their eggs being friends who talk English have to call it remarkable. Last year, for instance, Tom for short. Tom's Chinese friends a hen got into a pavilion of a ladies' declare that he is so clean that he would golf club and began to sit on a golf not lie down until he has dusted off the ball in a corner, for which it made a place where he is to lie. It is claimed nest with a couple of pocket handkerthat Tom will take a rag and dip it in a chiefs. But many quadrupeds are not only deceived for the moment by reflections, shadows and such unrealities, but often seem victims to illusions legely developed by the im-

agination. The horse, for instance, is one of the bravest of animals when face to face with dangers which it can understand, such as the charge of an elephant or a wild boar at bay. Yet the courageous and devoted horse, so steadfast against the dangers he knows, is a prey to a hundred terrors of the imagination due to illusions, mainly those of sight, for shying, the minor effect of these illusions, and "bolting," in which panie remember that it is not her nature to be gains complete possession of his soul, dirty, but she has had no chance to be are caused, as a rule, by mistakes as to what the horse sees, and not by misinterpretation of what he hears. It is noticed, for instance, that many horses which shy usually start away from objects on one side more frequently than from objects on the other. This small and light as to be easily wafted by is probably due to defects of vision in

one or the other eye. In nearly all cases of shying the horse takes fright at some unfamiliaf object, though this is commonly quite harmless, such as a wheelbarrow upside down, a freshly felled log or a piece of paper rolling before the wind. This instantly becomes an "illusion," objected to pass near a donkey. This pothesis that the ponies seldom saw donkies in Russia and mistook them for bears.-London Spectator.

Cold Weather Cycling Dangers,

A warning to cyclists, in the form of Numbers of plants have about the seeds an annotation in the British Medical head of thistle-down, is a bunch of and cold weather, the state of exhaus-

Water is so scarce at Broomtown pose. Cotton itself is only a bunch of to haul it a distance of three and four