

FOR GARRISON DUTY.

Upon the transport's decks we wind,
Five hundred men and more;
A cheering weeping crowd behind,

And many a young lieutenant sighs,
And thinks of yester eve;
And many a private wipes his eyes

O'er seashore post and mountain fort,
And sand and prairie flowers,
The winds that with the colors sport

We change the oak and pine for palm,
The cactus spike for cane;
And "taps," the soldier's evening psalm.

The Wager.

A CONTEST IN WHICH SCIENCE HAD NO SHOW.

By Charles Dwight Willard

There were five of us in the party—
six, counting Long Tom, the guide.
After two days' hard climbing, which

"Jest you all go over into the cabin
there and make yourself com'ble,
while I tend to gettin' this stuff un-

"The cabin appears to be two
cabins," said the colonel, as we ap-
proached it.

"That is for economy in ridge-poles,"
said the doctor; "sleeping apartments
on one side and kitchen on the other.

"Well, that staggers me," said the
stock-broker.

"H'm," said the professor, in a mys-
terious tone, and rubbed his chin.

"The stove was a plain, small cook-
ing range, rather old and rusty. The
strange thing about it was its position.

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said the stock-broker, "and put up the
money."

"I am in this," said the judge; "I
have a clear idea about that stove and
will back it."

"I want to take a hand," said the
colonel.

The professor made a deposit, and
proceeded:
"Have you noticed that our host is
a very tall man? Like most men of his

"Professor," remarked the colonel,
I regret to have to tell you that your
money is gone. Long Tom told me, on
the way up, that his partner did all the

"The doctor greeted this theory with
a loud laugh. "Colonel," he said, "you
are wild—way off the mark. Hot air

"The pot is mine," said the doctor,
as he deposited his coin; "you will all
adopt my idea the moment you hear it,

"I think," said the colonel, "that I
could appreciate your argument bet-
ter if you would ante."

"The judge, who had been listening
to the opinions offered by the others
with the same grim smile that occa-

"It appears that none of you have
noticed the forest of hooks in the roof
just over the stove. They are not in

"Here comes old Tom," shouted the
colonel, who had stepped to the open
door while the judge was speaking.

"I see you air all admirin' my stove,"
said he, "and I'll bet you've been a-
wonderin' why it is up so high."

"People most allus generally jest as
soon as they come into the place begin
to ask me about it—that's how I

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"The stock-broker drew a small yel-
low coin out of his pocket and dropped
it on the table.

"He has the stove up there," he said,
"to get a better draught. In this rare-
fied mountain air there is only a small

BY-PRODUCTS OF MEAT PACKERS.

The Uses to Which the Former Waste of
the Steer is Put.

The great Chicago packing houses
get a great deal more money for the
by-products incidental to the killing
of a steer than the meat sells for.

"I think this is the kind of tallman
your little daughter deserves for hav-
ing such a clever mother!"—The Argon-
naut.

A BUDDHIST PRIEST'S DISCOVERY.

Horrified to Learn He Eats Lobsters in
Drinking Water.

Keung Sai Kwong, a Chinese Bud-
dhist priest, now in New York City,
part of whose religion is that he shall
not destroy life, found out the other

"Step up, ladies and gents," said the
professor, who was merely practising.
"Step up and see for yourselves the

"I've actually been eating lobsters,"
Mr. Kwong said in dismay, "though I'm
a strict vegetarian. I'm supposed to

"The Buddhist took a free peep at a
drop of water. He saw the animal-
cule, fighting as the professor had

"The priest was sad and gloomy all
day as he thought of the enormous
number of murders committed at

"I imagine I can feel them crawling
in my throat," he said. "It's positively
awful! To think of a Buddhist eating

"Mr. Kwong asked the microscope
man if he could not arrange for him a
little net so that he might catch the

"Imitation Jewels Made in London."
Imitation jewels have come to be so
finely made that detection is almost

"A medical journal is now trying to
frighten us out of the use of speaking
tubes. We know that microbes lurk

"The manufacturer which has these
imitation rubies on the market is sit-
uated in London, and it has already

"An amusing anecdote is told of the
pride the Empress of Austria took in
her magnificent chestnut tresses, which

"An Anglosea (N. J.) gunner killed a
duck a few days ago and attached to
one of the ducks feet was a large clam.

HOW WAR INDEMNITIES ARE PAID.

France Settled with Germany by the Ab-
sorption of Her Own Bonds.

In an article in the New York Inde-
pendent on "How War Indemnities
Are Paid," George E. Roberts, Direc-
tor of the United States Mint, says:

"I implore your majesty to forgive me;
it never happened before. I only
wished to have some of my sovereign's

"Whether the empress believed this
clever invention or not, I do not know,
but shrugging her shapely shoulders

"Great as was the achievement of the
French people in thus absorbing in
three years Government securities

"France was a rich country. Its
citizens held quantities of stocks and
bonds representing investments in

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tion by Governor Stone has hardly been
discussed in Harrisburg. Dauphin county

"Large gangs of men are at work night
and day and all Sunday, at building dams
in the Schooley Mine, back of Sturmerville.

"One of these 'cures' is on the top of
the Schlern, near Voels, at an elevation
of a mile and a half. At this place the

"To take a hay bath one digs a hole
in the hay and crawls into it, after
having divested himself of all his

"The patient has perspired enough he
is dug out by the attendant and rubbed
down, for by this time he usually is

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"Through George F. Baer an unnamed
resident of Reading has presented \$2,000 worth
of books to the Reading Library.

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band returning at 3 a. m.)—Nice hour
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THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Latest News Gleaned from
Various Parts.

KILLED BY A FALL.

Unusual Accident Causes Death of Berks
County Farmer—Two Hungarians Prob-
ably Fatally Injured at Festivities Near
Hawthorn—Afflicted Iron Worker Com-
mits Suicide at Pittsburg.

William Moyer, aged 48 years, a farmer re-
siding in Spring Township, near Reading,
met death by being thrown from a wagon to
the ground, a distance of only six feet.

Serious Results of a Brawl.
A Hungarian brawl at Stockton is likely to
result in the death of two of the partici-
pants. There was a reunion at the residence

Death Rather Than Palsy.
Zeno Capek, an ironworker, of Allegheny-
preferred death to paralysis and took his
life with Paris green. Capek had been un-

Aged Woman Incarcerated.
Miss Matilda Klunk, aged 80 years, of
Hanover, was so badly burned about her

Dauphin County's Loss.
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tion by Governor Stone has hardly been
discussed in Harrisburg. Dauphin county

River Enters a Mine.
Large gangs of men are at work night
and day and all Sunday, at building dams
in the Schooley Mine, back of Sturmerville.

Gift of \$15,000.
Owing to a largely increased attendance
in Bucknell University its friends are at-
tempting to raise \$75,000 to increase the

Postmistress to Get Higher Salary.
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Lansdowne a Second-Class Postoffice.
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Drowned Himself in Penstock.
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