#### The Living Dead.

What shall we do with our dead? The dead who have not died-Who meet us still in the very paths Where they once walked by our side.

Not those that we love and mourn, At rest on a distant shore, But the lost yet living women and

Whom we loved-and love no more. There are shroud and flower and stone To hide the dead from our sight,

But these are ghosts that will not be They come 'twixt us and the light;

And the heaven loses its blue, And the rose has worms at the core, Because of the living women and men Whom we loved and love no more. Edith Bigelow, in the Critic.

# A Robber Bold and Gay.

By M. B.

"Rain! Rain! Will it never stop raining!" Clover Beaver with an impatient stamp of her foot looked out of the window upon the drenched fields and muddy roads.

"No tennis this afternoon, and I had so set my heart upon playing with the new guest. Will the sun never come out again?"

A loud rapping upon the door was the only answer.

"Come!" called Clover, and rather petulantly, too.

The door was thrown open and a girl, radiant in her youth and sweet beauty, rushed up to Clover, and, kissing her, said as she twined her arms about her waist:

"I knew you would be consumed by the blues, dear, thinking how the rain had spoiled our projected pleasure, but I bring goood news.'

"Good news?" said Clover, brightening at once, "what is it, Alice?"

"Just the nicest thing in the world! At the hotel we were quite as disappointed as you, and while we sat about to-night." "Splendid!" cried Clover.

as the girls began to arrange their dresses I ran over to tell you."

a gray morning gown into a "Falka" costume. It was at a fashionable suburban resort. A large hotel was the center of life and about it were a numer, mother and brother, Harold, was in a deliberate yet careless way: staying at the hotel. Both young laand they were very pretty. Alice fair distasteful to me and I dislike to and Clover dark.

The new guest of whom Cloverspoke was a young man who had been expected for several days. Clover had set her heart upon captivating him. and she was very much surprised,

Just as the day was drawing to a in the express office at a station several miles away. He had just heard and swooned. the tale from the watchman of the office, who had been surprised by the their work. He described them to Harold as being most dashing fellows, and said they wore large slouch hats, black cloaks, masks and nigh boots with clanking spurs which gave them a most brigandish appearance. The leader was particularly handsome in form and feature, he said, and was in a very gay humor. As he went about his work he quoted poetry, and talked philosophy, but lost no time, and the two soon clattered away on their

This story attracted deep interest, and talk about the robbery filled the interval until the gay party began to assemble in the hotel's large dining room in the evening. "Falka" was there ablaze with diamonds which she wore rather in a joke to dim the imitation splendor of the unpopular girl. The brilliant flashes from the costly stones in her hair, about her neck and in her ears were seen in al. the gayest revels. She had cavaliers in plenty, but the most attentive was a tall Mephistopheles, Frank Carlton...

lights flashing and the time when his work. masks must be removed drawing near. The scheme was bold and reckless For the first time Mephistopheles sep- to a fascinating degree, and the hotel arated from Falka. After a lanciers guests could talk of nothing else for he bowed over her hand and went into many days. The girls all said they the garden. He did not stay away envied Clover for her adventure, but long, however, but entering by another none was heard to remark that she door made his way again to Falka's would like to have suffered the loss of side. His sudden return attracted at her jewels. tention and a great many eyes followed him as he crossed theroom. Many marked a difference in his bearing, he walked with a wabbling gait and his whole air was a devil-may-care character. Then, too, he seemed taller and very much interested in the ring just things a minute after laughed at them-

selves for having such ideas, it was so absurd.

"Miss Beaver," he said, bending over Clover, "please come with me for a stroll in the garden? The storm has been over several hours and the moon and stars are shining beautifully: you promised me the next waltz, you

"How bad of you to come back," whispered Clover in reply. "I sent you away to stay at least three dances; and then to say that I promised you the next waltz! I think you have had quite enough. Did you carry my message to Miss Hilton, Queen Elizabeth?" "How can you ask? Your requests are commands to me."

"What was her answer?" "Come into the garden and I will tell you. Please come, there is something else that I very much wish to tell you and this is hardly the place to do it; come under the shining stars and the glorious moon, even if for ever so short a time."

He bent close to her, his voice was tender and low as he urged:

"To please me, this once, come; it is small request."

"I ought not do anything for you after you disobeyed me in coming back, but as you are so persistent I will go with you-but for a very short time, remember."

"I could not stay away from you. Pray forgive men. I thank you for being so kind."

so strange?" asked Clover, as they moved from the room, "It sounds very unfamiliar."

He laughed. It was a careless, reckless laugh. "I do not know what you mean," he said, "I never had but one voice,"

Throwing a light shawl about her shoulders Falka passed into the garden with Mephistopheles. The Satanic gentleman grew poetic under the stars and quoted tender passages while Clover was charmed.

"Now tell; what was Miss Hilton's answer?" she said, after a time.

"You shall have it after I have told you something else," said her companion. "Come to that rustic bower yonder; it is not far."

The spot designated was almost out grumbling someone suggested that we of hearing distance from the hotel and have an impromptu fancy dress ball in the middle of a thicket of shade trees. A road passed on one side with a wood beyond it. Clover's compan-"Yes; we all jumped at the idea, and lon had entranced her with his tender manner and his brilliant humor, so that she made but little objection to his "You dear girl," exclaimed Clover, last request. They were soon in the all smiles. In five minutes she was in bower and Mephistopheles peered the hotel with Airce busily changing down the road as though looking for someone, while Clover asked:

"Now, will you not tell me what word my friend sent?"

He turned quickly toward her and ber of beautiful cottages. In one of his eyes gleaming behind his mask ran these lived Clover Beaver, her parents' over her figure, from her jeweled head idol, while Alice Hilton, with her fath. to her tiny slippered feet; then he said

"I must really ask you to pardon me dies had just come out of their "teens" for what I am going to do. It is very frighten you, so pray do not be alarmed-

"What do you mean?" cried Clover, thoroughly frightened. "Take me back, I--

She rose and started to go when with therefore, to find not long after she a stride he was by her side. He threw went to the hotel that he was an old one hand around her neck and over friend and her ardent admirer Frank her mouth, pressing her to his side with irresistible strength. With his other he deftly unclasped her diamond close Harold Hilton rushed into the jewelry in a twinkling. The action was group of busy sewers gashing over so quick and unexpected that Clover. with the news of the robbery of a safe was dazed, but partly recovering as he finished she gave one piercing shrick

A few minutes later she slowly returned to consciousness and found a two robbers and bound while they did number of gentlemen from the hotel crowded about her with lanterns. Frank Carlton, his mask thrown from his face, was on his knees beside her. imploring with endearing words that she speak to him.

> "It was not you?" she asked of him; 'no, it was not you."

"What do you mean?" they asked excitedly.

"The other Mephistopheles-my diamonds-the rubies-he went that way." she answered, weakly pointing down the road.

Then they noticed for the first time what a woman had she been there would have seen at once-her costly jewels were gone. They then understood and sprang into the road, only to hear the pounding of horses' hoofs far away and a reckless laugh that floated faintly back on the breeze.

The party returned slowly back to the hotel, and there, Clover recovering from her agitation was able to tell of the affair. It did not take them long to arrive at the truth. The daring robber who introduced himself the night before at the near-by express office had Dance followed dance and prom- been at work again. Attracted by the enade after promenade had passed value of the diamonds Clover worewhile Mephistopheles and Falka were which he had seen from a retired point together. The gentleman from the in- of observation-and noticing the intifernal regions bowed over fair Falka's macy between her and Mephistopheles, shoulder and whispered while the mod- he had attired himself in a similar cosest garbed convent girl seemed intense- tume, and, awaiting an opportunity, ly happy and not at all dismayed at presented himself the first time Frank the presence of the enemy of man- Carlton left her side. His accomplice, with horses, awaited him in the road The ball was a grand success. Ev- near the summer-house, and thus he eryone said so. Music was crashing, quickly made off when he had finished

# A Centle Hint.

He-Ida, are you interested in athletic sports?

She (who has waited) Yes; I am now .- Chicago News.

## A JACKASS WHO PROSPECTED.

Richest Lead Mines,

"Mining is the most fascinating business under the sun," said Joseph H. Keep, of Spokane, Wash. "Once the fever of it gets into a man's bones, be never lets go until advancing years, death, or, in some few cases, the acto his labors as a prospector. The stories of some of the finds and the 'Harry' Blaire and 'Dutch' Jake, who States, are running a variety house in Spokane to-day. Together they grub-O'Rourke to a miner's outfit, and a the discovery was actually made. The jackass, in any event, got lost, and one story is to the effect that when found he was pawing the earth and had uncovered the mines. The other and more probable story is that in hunting for the jackass they came across the outcrop of these mines that are to-day the greatest lead mines in the world: or, rather, lead mine, since they have been consolidated. Kellogg, however, allowed that ime for the filing of the record of the location to elapse. and then he and O'Rourke located anew, calling one the Bunker Hill and "What in the world makes your voice | the other the O'Sullivan mine. They tried to freeze out Peck, who had grubstaked them to the jackass, and Peck brought suit, claiming that he was entitled to an interest in the mines. Peck won his suit, and the decision handed down by the Court in his favor is famous throughout the West. It reads something as follows: 'Inasmuch as the jackass, "Phil" O'Rourke and N. 8. Kellogg discovered the Bunker Hill and O'Sullivan mines, we find that the plaintiff is entitled to the proportion belonging to the jackass.' The defendants compromised with Peck for \$80,000, and later sold the mines for \$700,000, and to-day they are worth millions.

"To his honor it is held in memory in the West that Kellogg immediately retired the jackass from further work. and he lived to a good and fat old age, grazing on the finest meadow lands of

#### The Bible Among the Aborigines.

The Zulu Bible, published by the American Bible Society, is a factor in South African affairs and more influential than many more conspicuous in international politics. Whatever happens in the Transvaal, it will not cease to do its silent work. On the west coast of Africa Bible translation has been proceeding for half a century, and the sheets of the Benga Bible, intelligible not only to that tribe, but to a cluster of rude tribes dwelling on through the press of the society in New ; York, and when finished sent on their voyage to the Gaboon and Corisco mission. Though numerically less, not less interesting is the circulation of the Bible among our own aborigines. Only lately a grateful letter came in acknowledgment of a consignment of Bibles for use among the full-blooded Choctaws, who number 12,000. Choctaw and Cherokee, Mohawk and Dakota, Arrawack and Ojibwa, Seneca and Muskokee-what a polyglot undertaking it is to reach all these! Yet they are reached in one way or another. Sometimes there come back marvellous tales of their interest in the book that is brought them. A Cree Indian and his son, fishing in the Northwest in the winter time, some years ago, traveling on snow shoes across the snow-covered plains, carried what they called "the book of heaven" in their pack, and found, when they reached a hunting ground 140 miles distant from the fishery, that the book had been left behind. One of them went back go," he said quietly, and his guest on his track, and walked in four days | went. 280 miles through the wild forest to regain his treasure.-Dr. John Fox, in Leslie's Weekly.

# The Phantom of the Fature.

Every cottage was closed, and the the liver. frightened occupants were huddled together in corners, fearful of the least sound that disturbed the awe-stricken

Then there was the sound of hissing. liver, and should be used cautiously. as if a score of serpents were in pursuit of some hunted rabbit. The sibilation, which grew louder and louder, was followed by the whirr of wheels, and the faint perfume of petroleum

crept into the village streets. The noise increased in volume. And now were heard loud exclamations of anger and despair.

"Take care of pump!" cried one. "Take care of the stocks!" yelled another. "Keep to the right!" "Keep to

Babel seemed to have broken loose for a moment, and then the whirling One of the possible purchasers ex of the wheels and the hissing of serpents decreased and died away.

every throat. Shutters disappeared in toil. The bells of the church were tioneer promptly said: chiming now in token of universal Joy. For - the automobile had passed through the village, and had gone far, picture. If that is the case, he car far away!--Collier's Weekly.

# A Misnomer.

"Who is that man who spends all his days digging away in the library and all his nights writing for dear life?" "He? He's one of the busiest people alive. He writes those long chatty chapters signed 'The Lounger.' " -Washington Star.

#### DIFFERENT FROM OTHER STATES.

rensioned Off for Discovering the World's Texas Has Paid Allegiance to the Flags of Six Nations.

Scarcely another State in the Union has as remarkable and interesting a history as Texas. In one respect at least it occupies a unique position in the history of American States. Since its discovery six different governments tual making of a strike, puts an end have at different times claimed its allegiance, and as many different flags have waved over it, those of France, fortunes made thereby are really won- Spain, Mexico, independent Texas, the derful. For instance, take that of United States and the Confederate

The foundations of Texas statehood were not laid as a British colony, nor staked N. S. Kellogg and 'Phil' under the grant or control of the Brit ish crown, as were those of the originman named Peck staked them to a al thirteen States. Its first settlement jackass. The tales differ as to how dates back more than 200 years, and its first American colonists went there under terms and conditions imposed by a foreign State, to whose language, laws and institutions they were total strangers. There never was, there never could be, any sympathy between these first American colonists and the Mexican Government under the old regime. Separated by vast wildernesses from the people of the United States, and unaided save by the individual ef forts of sympathizing brethren, these colonists declared their independence, established it with the sword, and for nine years maintained a stable repub-

Texas was neither purchased not conquered for the Union. Annexation to the United States was accomplished through a treaty made by Texas representatives and ratified by the free suffrage of the citizens. No other State in the Union has had such varied experiences or sailed through such stormy seas into the haven of peace and prosperity .- St. Louis Globe-Dem-

### Recompensed in Time and Money.

"It takes the glorious old West to do business," said the man with the alli-St. Paul. "We of the East are not in it a little bit."

"Anything to relate?" queried one of the passengers as he woke up.

"Just a few words. I traveled from New York to Chicago with a staving-Oregon, at a monthly expense of \$29 looking girl. At Buffalo I was gone on her. At Detroit we were engaged. As we reached Chicago she had set the date. I returned home, wrote her 320 love letters and came out here to get married.

"She decided that she would marry another. She estimated the value of my time at \$500, the worth of my letters at \$300 and my broken heart at cigar at my expense?" - Buffalo En-

# Buller Dismissed the Guest,

Sir Redvers Buller is credited with availing. being of that type of officer whose 'butcher's bill' is rather more likely considerations to swerve him from A certain well known man was pres ent, and told an anecdote which was so "off color" that the ladies were ex cessively displeased and distressed. When dinner was over Sir Redvers

rang the bell. "Mr. A.'s carriage," he ordered wher

the butler appeared.

"I do not expect my brougham se early," said Mr. A., and there was # gleam of defiance in his eyes. Sir Redvers did not reply, but he took Mr. A. by the arm and led him gently into the hall. "It is time for you to

# The Fruits to Eat.

Prunes afford the highest nerve of are not muscle feeding. They should The villages were wild with terror. be avoided by those who suffer from The great majority of small fresh

seed fruits are laxative. All stone fruits are considered to be njurious for those who suffer from the

Apples supply the higher nerve and nuscle food, but do not give stay. Oranges are refreshing and feeling but are not good if the liver is out or order.

Lemons and tomatoes should not be used daily in cold weather; they have a thinning and cooling effect.

# The Auctioneer's Assurance.

There was a curious incident at the sale of the Prang collection of pictures the other day. A picture of the lat-Hamilton Gibson was put up for sale pressed some doubt about the authen ticity of it. Now, of course, there was "Hurrah!" The shout came from no reason to doubt this, for if it had not been genuine, it could not possi a twinkling, doors were opened in a bly have been in Mr. Prang's collectrice, and the laborers resumed their tion under that name. But the auc

> "The gentieman seems to have some doubts about the genuineness of this at once be unt into communication with Mr. Gibson and have his doubt removed."

As Mr. Hamilton Gibson died in 1896 it is assumed that the auctioneer mus be a friend of Mrs. Piper.-Bostot Transcript.

After enting onlons munch a sprig of parsley dipped in vinegar,

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Now that Hawaii is to have a trolley the Hawaiians will have to give up their lazy, indifference sort of life and learn how to dodge.

The Boers have shown not only possess and artillery resources that were not dreamed of.

Bacteriologists, after scientific tests, declare that a single quart of Boston atmosphere contains 200,000 microbes. This cerainly looks like overcrowding.

The government of Sweden has abolished variety theatre and variety music halls in the kingdom, on the ground that such resorts were morally injurious, especially to the young.

Figures gathered by the Jewish Immigration Society of Philadelphia show that the Jewish immigration to this country during the past year was 37,-000, which was 9,000 more than the year before.

Georgia is waking up to the modern way of doing things. She is about to institute some means for utilizing her cornstalks. An agricultural expert says the farmers ought to realize full \$,500,000 each year out of this product, which has heretofore been wasted.

New York has 496 public school buildings, 8,844 tenchers and a daily average attendance of 347,670 school children. It issued bonds last spring amounting to \$7,637,640 for buildings, additions, sites and equipment, and the total expenditures of the department during the year amounted to \$15,316,865.42.

The Secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture says that large cattle ranches in Maine will never be profitable. To manage large herds profitably there must be cheap shelter and gator grip, as he boarded the train at cheap food in winter. The freezing to death of a few hundreds of halfstarved cattle is unnoticed on the plains of the West; but in Maine ft would quickly bring prosecution under laws for the protection of animals.

> San Juan hill was a naturally strong position, heavily fortified and defended by regular troops who were armed with the latest and most destructive weapons of modern war. Yet our unseasoned American soldiers carried it by direct assault.

The war in South Africa is remarkable for the unusual number of fa-\$200, and drew me a check for \$1,000. | mous British regiments that have sufand here it is. Gave her a receipt in fered. It goes without saying that full to date, kissed her good-bye, and none of them has lost its historic reputhere you are and here I am. There's tation for fighting qualities; the regret but one way to do business and the is that some of them had not the tim. Especially should blows on any West knows all about it. Yes, the chance of showing those qualities to part of the skull be avoided, because it check is for a thousand, and how many the full. Perhaps the Black Watch that far-off coast, have been passing of you gentlemen will smoke a good never suffered so severely, nor is it likely that regiments like the Fighting ling done to the brain beneath. A blow had such an experience as in the recent actions where bravery was un-

> Why should Hartford be the centre than not to be large. That he is not of insurance in this country instead of is the case, a drop of blood works it a person who will allow any ordinary | New York? Why should Boston be the centre of the copper industry? There what he thinks is his duty was shown is no copper within 1,000 miles of the at a dinner in his house not long ago | Hub. Why should a majority of our shoes be made at Lynn? We can understand why Pittsburg should be the centre of the iron industry, sitting as she does in the heart of the ore and coal region; but why should she make nearly all of our glass when there is better sand elsewhere? Why is Providence the great jewelry-making city?

> Modern farming and mining have both been revolutionized by chemistry, the former through giving the agriculturist an exact knowledge of the soils try by the early Spanish voyagers, and he is tilling and the products for whose cultivation it is adapted. It tells him what elements to apply to an impoverished soil to renew its productiveness. It provides him with remedies for the correction of diseases and the brain food, supply heat and waste, but extirpation of pests in plant life and beast. It makes his occupation as exact and reliable as the fluctuations of the seasons will permit it to be.

> > The winter orders discontinuing Post Offices are sometimes suggestive. Hardly had the weather begun to get cool when the service from Hotwater to Lightfoot was discontinued. Three days later the department discontinued an Issue, in Maryland, a Piano in Oregon, and a Chestnut in Virginia, and this suggestive order was promulgataed concerning a Post Office with the enticing name of Kissemee: "Supply Kissemee at site authorized." A few days afterward it was ordered that mall should no longer go from Earnest to Lax.

By a recent ruling of the Yale University authorities, professional colored waiters are to be substituted in the college commons in place of the amateur undergraduates who have for years filled the positions. In defense of the change it is urged that poor men can nowadays earn their way through college without performing it of mind and of action which will menial service.

The exports from Spain to Cuba have averaged about \$26,000,000 a year and consist of flour, vegetables, preserved fruits and foods, boots and shoes and other leather goods, paper and stationery, firearms and ammunition and all sorts of miscellaneous merchandise which could be furnished by our merchants and manufacturers. The exports from Spain to Puerto Rico are of similar sorts and have averaged about \$8,000,000 a year. The exports can coal baron."

to the Philippines have been about the same in value and character, and this indicates what may be expected by our merchants from the new colonies.

"Those manufacturers who construct heavy machinery are buried the deepest beneath the avalanche of orders which have made memorable the past strategy than they were supposed to year," says Iron and Steel. "Activity in the machinery trade belongs exclusively to no one class, and is shared in rich measure by all, but while all are kept busy, all have not to an equal degree contracted for their future output. Tool builders can make reasonable deliveries on the smaller products of their factories, but are sold many months ahead on the larger machines. Those engine builders are sold farthest into the future who make the most powerful types of power. In all lines of iron and steel machinery the same strenous demand is noted for the larger products. It is observed that demand is greater for special machinery than for the standard forms, with deliveries correspondingly belated."

> The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle is prompted by the course of events in South Africa to ask the nations beyond the seas this interesting question: If a first-class power like Great Britain, with a broad foothold in South Africa, has such poor luck in invading a weak little distant land like the Boer Republic, what sort of luck would other first-class powers, without any American foothold at all. be likely to have in invading an enormously powerful distant land like the United States? The more the great foreign powers ponder this query the stronger must grow their conviction that Uncle Sam is a mighty eligible person not to cultivate unamiable relations with.

> The Chicago News gives a partial explanation of the poor receipts during the recent season of grand opera in that city by saying that "while New York has a paid up subscription of \$35,000, wherewith to cheer Mr. Grau and his company, it may be mentioned that sixty of these subscriptions are by wealthy Chicagonians, who did not buy boxes for the Auditorium performances." This excuse may be a salve to the wounded feelings of The News. but does it not reflect a little on the boasted public spirit of Chicagoans and on the social and artistic standing of their city, when the weathlest among them use Chicago merely as a shop to make money in, whie they prefer to spend it in New York?

The prevailing tendency of late years is to do away with corporal punishment entirely. It is held to be brutalizing in its effects, and doubtless is so, both to the inflictor of the punishment and his or her unfortunate vicis commonly but mistakenly that the skull prevents any injury be Fifth or the Royal Irish Rifles ever on the skull, even if it inflict only a scalp wound, may be and often is followed by the most serious consequences. It is often the cause of death especially if the blow has been severe enough to cause a fracture. Where this way through the skull, pressing upon the delicate brain surfaces beneath. Now, it is a curious fact that the brain though itself the seat of all sensations, is not permeated by nerves, as are parts of the body that are not so well protected. But if blood finds it way through the skull or through a fracture and then presses upon the brain, it will cause a tumor to form that will after a time result in death when it reaches some vital part of the system.

> It is the belief of some historians that the name "Oregon" is Aragon in disguise, that it was given to this counthat American explorers so interpreted the word given them by the Indians. The theory is at least plausible, and indicates a strange freak of fate. The name Spain proudly brought to this distant coast returned to the West Indies three hundred years later to destroy the power of Spain on the seas. Little thought De Fuca says the Portland Oregonion when he sighted this coast in 1592, that some day it would build a warship which, under the name of Aragon, or Oregon, would be foremost in the battle that marked the end of Spain's dominion in the New World.

> Preparations for emergencies, if emergencies must come, would best be made along the path of plodding. everyday experiences. The spirit of self-control can be cultivated amid the petty cares and trifling risks of ordinary life until it accumulates as it were, into a large reserve fund of cool calm resource, observes the New York Observer. The man who learns to control his wits when a horse shies slighty on a road, or the woman who gets the best of her nerves when crossing a street will be apt to give good account of himself or herself if later some dire catastrophe occurs. Selfmastery needs to be practiced on a hundred and one small occasions if it is to solidify finally into a sturdy habfit its possessor successfully to cope with the gravest perils or the most disconcerting situations.

# Social Distinctions

"She is inclined to assume a great deal of importance," said one young woman. "But I don't know that I can blame her."

"Why, you married a European

"Yes. But she married an Ameri-