### ROCK ME TO SLEEP.

There is a sentiment in the following lines which will find an eche in every breast against which the storms of life has beaten. Many a man, scarred in the warfare of life, will feel his eyes moisten in recalling the potency

Backward, turn backward, oh, Time in your flight, Make me a child again, just for to-night! Mother come back from the echoless shore, Take me again to your heart as of yore— Kiss from my forchead the farrows of care, Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair O'er my slumbers your loving watch keep— Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Backward, flow backward, oh, tide of the years! Backward, flow backward, oh, tide of the year I am so weary of toil and of teats— Toil without recompense—teats all in valu— Take them and give me my childhood again! I have grown weary of dust and decay, Weary of flinging my soul-wealth away— Of sowing for others to reap;llock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Tired of the hollow, the base, the untrue, Mother, oh mother, my heart calls for you! Many a summer the grass has grown green, Blossomed and faded—our faces between— You with strong yearning and passionate pain, Long I to-night for your presence again; Come from the silence so long and so deep— Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Over my heart in the days that are flown No love like mother-love ever has shown No other worship abides and endures, Faithful, unselfish and patient like yours-None like a mother can chaim away palu, From the sick soul and world weary brain; er's soft calm o'er my heavy li Rock me to sleep, mother-tock me to sleep.

Come, let your brown hair, just lighted with gold, Fall on my shoulder again as of old-Let it drop over my forehead to-night, Shading my faint eyes away from the light. For with its sunny edge shadows once more, Haply will larger the visions of yore. Lovingly, softly, its bright billows sweep-. Rock me to sleep, mother-rock me to sleep . Mother, dear mother! the years have been long Since I last listened to your inliaby song,

Sing then, and unto my soul it shall seem Womanhood's tears have been only a dream Cla-ped to your heart in loving embrace, With your light lashes just sweeping my face; Never hereafter to wake or to weep, Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleen!

## A TALE OF COLT'S PISTOLS.

It is well known to all in any degree familiar with the history of Mexico that a regular system of highway rob-bery exists in every section of that miserably governed country; and that through a want of interference of the authorities, this has grown up into such a regular and foundable a shape that every traveler must be prepared to put his life at hazard at every stage, or be provided with a suitable contribution for los caballeros del carmine (the knights of the road,) who will make their levy with a politeness only equalat least with rarely any interference of the Government or State authoriof the Government or State authorities—is one of those mystical matters the road, Senor?"

which among many others so puzzles which among many others so puzzles but here they seem to be much more they might know exactly in what mantruth every traveller through the from the vehicle. wretched country can bear ample tes-

Some years ago, having business rejoined; "and as we go along, I will the attack would be made, and her diswhich first called me to the capital of call your attention to those which charge of the pistol, as if by accident, Mexico; and thence through the inte- mark the places where the foreigners was the sign to show them that all rior of the country to the northward, I met theirs.

met with several thrilling adventures.

"Do you know," said I "that I am met with several thrilling adventures, which I have recorded for the benefit of whomsoever may take an interest therein, omitting only the dates, they being nonessential to the interests of the narrations themselves.

The first of the series occurred on the route between Vera Cruz and the City of Mexico. In the regular diligencia running between the places just mentioned I had taken passage, and passed through the beautiful City of Jalana, and entered the gloomy town of Perote, without meeting with any , unusual incident, though being contin ually warned to be on my guard against the dangers of the road. At Porote, where we halted for relay and refreshments, all my fellow passengers took leave of me, very solemnly assuring me that, if assailed by the ladrones, or me that, if assailed by the ladrones, or and my friends have repeatedly told robbers, it would be much better for me I am not a very bad marksman. me to take matters quietly, and suffer myself to be genteelly plundered, than to run the risk of having my throat cut for resistance, as I had somewhat holdly proclaimed it was my intention of doing. I thanked them for their advice, and replied that I would take

the matter into serious consideration. At Perote, I repeat, all who had been my companions from Vera Cruz took leave of me, this being the end of their journey in that direction, but there was one new passenger here to go forward, whom, to my agreeable surprise, I found to be a beautiful young lady, some twenty years of age. Senorita Paula, as I subsequently ascertained her name to be, was indeed one of those rare beauties seldom met with except in works of fiction-tall, graceful, with a profusion of long, black hair, soft, clear, melting dark eyes, features as perfect as ever came from the hands of the sculptor, and with an animation the most fascinating, varying in expression with every changing mood of the intellectual possessor. A glance at her bewitching eyes showed me that she was one who was naturally of a social disposition; and as we rattled away from the gloomy town, I took the liberty of

opening the conversation.
"They tell me," said I, "that the route between here and Mexico is a

very dangerous one to travel."
"There is little to fear," she replied with a sweet smile and a melodious tone, "except from the professional robbers, and they seldom harm any one who makes no resistance."

"It seems strange to me," I rejoined, "that you Mexicans should take such a thing as a matter of course, and deem resistance a very impolite way of treating the knights of the road, in-

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of resistance. For myself, I must consider it the most cowardly of proceedings for any respectable party to set out prepared to quietly gratify the cupidity of the ladrones, and unprepared to treat them to their just deserts."
"Every traveler, Senor," she replied,

cost of his journey, and as, of course, it is natural he should value his life highly, it seems to be natural that he should pay a certain sum for positive that so much is the fare by the diligencia, and that so much will be required for entertainment on the way, speak of, he will then have the exact cost between the two points, and if he the road. will look at the whole as the sum total of his journey, he will not seem to be discharge it." robbed by any one party more than

"And do you then go, prepared for this highway robbery? and have you no fear in thus journeying by yourself?" "Well, Senor, what can I do? I am as you perceive, an unprotected

lady, who, for certain reasons, am requited to make the journey between Perote and the Capital some twice or thrice a year, and you certainly could not expect me to go prepared to resist an armed band? As to fear, I will not deny I have my share of that, but so far I have never met with any rough treatment, and of course I trust to the saints that my fortune will ever be propitious.'

"And you have really been robbed on your journey back and forth?" I

inquired.
"I think I have paid my share to the ladrones for my transit through this country!" she laughed.

"And you expect to continue a repctition of the same for the rest of your

"Who knows?" she replied. "At least, I hope to be always prepared."

"And your fellow travellers," said I, "have you never seen any disposi-tion to resist these unlawful acts?" "Once, Senor, an American and an Englishman, who were in the same

unifyerica with me, fired upon the robbers, killing one and wounding two."

"And did the robbers fire back?"

"Yes, but fled immediately, and fortunately injured none of our party."

"As I should have expected," re-

turned I. "You were not robbed on led by the smiling landlord when he receives your over charged fare for "We were not, Senor; but the five your last night's entertainment. Why such systematic boldness of robbery is allowed—if not with the connivance, back both were killed separate and a spy and accomplice of the lad-

ers; but that such is the disagrecable numerous," I replied, looking forth ner to conduct themselves and make

"Each stands on the spot where some one has met a violent death," she

resolved to emulate their example, let the consequences be what they may?" "Holy saints defend us," she exclaimed, " you are not in earnest, Se-

"Seriously so, I assure you."

"You would only bring certain death upon us both." "Say rather, I should lighten the expenses of the journey—for your knights of the road understand how to retreat as well as advance-and you yourself have acknowledged that firm resistance put them to flight for once."

"But there were numbers opposed to them Senor, and you are only one."
"But fortunately I have a couple of revolvers, which, in two good hands, amount to some ten or dozen shots "Ah! Santa Maria! you will think

"But not the idea of robbery?"

"Because I never met with violence."
We continue to converse in a similar strain for some time longer—my fair companion gradually changing the subject, and seemed much interested in myself. I learned that her family name was Valverde, that she was unmarried, that her father and brother were officers in the army, and so forth, and so on; and in return I gave her my own name, stated something of my own history, business and prospeets, and altogether became more communicative than I would advise any friend to be with any stranger of

either sex in a strange country. As we continued on our journey the conversation gradually changing from thing to another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it back to the point where it first opened.

"We are coming to a dangerous part of the road," she said, " are you still resolved to defend yourself if assailed?"

"With your permission, Senorita." "I don't think it advisable," she re-plied, "but still if such is your intention, I think it no more than right that you should give me a chance to take part in my defence, since my risk the ladrones. of danger will be as great as yours." "And have you really the nerve, after all, to defend yourself?" I inquired.

"If I had the means, Senor."
"I have two pistols," said I; "if you will accept one of them it is at your service.

"You are very kind," Senor; " but can I fire it?" "With ease, Senorita;" and froducing one of my revolvers I explained

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"And this, you say, will shoot some half a dozen times?" presenting it to a third!" "I beg your pardon "I think it is safe to calculate that

safety rather than put that life in jeop-ardy. For instance, in traveling from hands, one of the revovers in each, Vera Cruz to Mexico, if he will reckon she continued:—

as she spoke, and pointing it towards

"Have a care, Senorita, or you will

The words were scarcely uttered, another."

"That," I replied, "may be, I believe is, the Mexican mode of doing business, but does not tally with the business, but does not tally with the heard a loud quick tramp of horses, heard a loud quick "But every one," replied the fair speaker, "should conform to the customs of the country he visits."

"And do you then go, prepared for "And d voice exclaimed :--"Yield prisoners or die."

"Quick, Senorita," said I extending my hand; "quick, a Heaven's name! give me one of those weapons! for now s our time for decisive action?"

let them open the door!" "Oh, no! it will then be too late."

God?" I cried, grasping at her arm. presenting one of my own revolvers to me, and springing forward I grasped my head. "Resistance is useless—you the reins of a freed mustang, and yaul-

are our prisoner."
"Good God!" I exclaimed perfectly astounded; "our prisoner, did you say? Paula upon the body of the chief, her It is not possible that one so fair and laughter changed to grief, and some of lovely as yourself is in any manner connected with these banditti?"

"It is even so, Senor," she replied, with one of her most bewitching smiles, still bouping one of my own weapons turned against myself, and significant ly pointing the other to the door.—

For will oblige us by stepping forth and giving yourself into the care of those good gentlemen, who will see that you are treated as a brave man should be, but who will trouble you in the meantime for any little change and valuables you might have to spare."

different times, near the same spot.— at Perote for no other purpose than to You see those crosses by the side of ascertain the exact condition of things their work sure without risk. By simple stratagem she had obtained my arms, just at the point where she knew

> "I acknowledge myself conquered by being outwitted," said I to Senorita. Then turning to the robbers, who had now collected in a body in front of the door of the diligencia. I contin-

> ned :-"Gentlemen will you permit me to alight and make you some valuable presents? In the language of your courtsy, all I have is yours.

The leader of the party bowed po-

"Si, Senor, we shall be most happy to receive anything which so distin-guished a traveler may have to be-

stow.' With this, I quietly stepped from the vehicle, and one quick, searching nce put me in possession of the diligencia had been stopped in a wild, gloomy better of this, Sonor the very idea of resistance terrifies in." an accomplice of the robbers, or he might not, but, in either case, there was little hope of assistance from him -any attempt of the kind would certainly bring upon him a severe punishment sooner or later. I glanced up and down the road, where it wound between · dark and overshadowing

trees, but discovered nothing to give me any hope. The robbers, some eight or ten in number and all well armed, were collected around me, part of them mounted, and the others standing on their feet, holding their mustangs by the bridles. Looking upon my case as a desperate one, so far as being plundered was concerned, I still retained my presence of mind and did not wholly despair. True, I had been outwitted and disarmed, and now stood singly between numbers, but the idea of yielding tamely to this outrage was repugnant to my very nature, and I resolved to put the least favorable opportunity for defence and retaliation

to the strongest test. "Will you accept this purse?" said I presenting one that held several gold oins, and handing it to the chief of

"Thank you, Senor, you are very kind," he said, as he took it in his hand with a polite bow, and chinkedthe money.

"This diamond pin may prove acceptable to your friend?" I added, as I quietly removed it from the bosom of my shirt, and handed it over to the gentleman on his left, who received it in the same polite manner.

"This diamond ring I trust you will ste d of boldly a serting your rights, to her the manner in which it wasto retain as a keepsake!" I continued, and abating the evil by a manly spirit be used drawing the jewel from my finger, and

"I beg your pardon Senores," I "I think it is safe to calculate that pursued, glancing at the Sencrita five charges out of six will explode, Paula, who, with my pistols still in her ngs for any respectable party to set, out prepared to quietly gratify the empty propered to quietly gratify the distribution of the bisniss. If I was, I spose I should holler versiffrusly in the diligencia, regarding the whole propered to quietly standing with spose I should holler versiffrusly in the gratific streets at nite, and go home to grateful look at me, & qualed be4 my graze. "The fact is," I continued look at me, & qualed be4 my graze. "The fact is," I should go the Poles and the propered to quietly standing with spose I should holler versiffrusly in the diligencia. The fact is, it is own reward. Look at me!"

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"Armed like this, one might almost company and conversation?"

gencia, and that so much will be required for entertainment on the way, and so much for the contingency you proceeded, cocking one of the weapons, revolvers in one fair hand, and presenting the other.
I reached the box toward her—but

my hand trembled a little-and just as the present was about to touch her fingers, it slipped and tell between us.
"A thousand pardons, Senorita, for my awkwardness," I said, as I bent

own to pick it up.

Now was the all-important moment the moment of life and death. All lifted the box carefully, but as I raised myself, I gave a wild, startling yell; and as the Senorita started back, I,

with the quickness of lightning, seized both weapons, and wrenched them To wheel and commence firing upon

"Nay," she replied, putting the weapons behind her, "You will be too hasty. Let them suppose we yield—

To wheel and commence firing upon the party was only the work of a momental than the party was only the work ent. The first shot, fortunately, stretched out the chief; the second "Oh, no! it will then be too late." took effect on the one nearest to him; As I spoke the door was suddenly and by the time the third had been thrown open and three or four swar- sent on its mission there arose one sithy, heavily-bearded men presented themselves to my view.

"Quick, Senorita, for the love of every direction. I had no disposition to follow them, however, another min-"Hold," she exclaimed, instantly ute they might rally and turn upon ted into the saddle. One more glance around me showed me the Senorita the scattered cowards bringing their weapons to bear upon me.

"Adios, Senorita and Senores," said I bitterly; " ho laughs best who laughs

last."

The next moment I was dashing away down the roud, the half-rallied robbers pouring after me a volley, but fortunately not stouching their mark.
They would doubtless have followed
me in hot pursuit, but for the wholesome dread they had of my still undischarged weapon. As it was, I escaped, and entered the town of Puebla in tri-umple; where this almost needless to add, a narratiive of my exploit made me a hero for the time. Here I sold my captured mustang and trappings for enough to identify me for what I had disposed of in the way of presents, safety, without any further event wor-

What became of the robbers and their beautiful accomplice, I never learned; but the lesson-taught me on that journey I have mover forgotten: and during the remainder of my stay in that country, no pretty woman ever had the honor of being my confidente, or of getting possession of my trusty

and unfailing revolvers. GENERAL WASHINGTON'S PUNCTUAL-TY.—On one occasion when Washingon was sitting for his portrait in Mr. Peale's painting room, he looked at his watch and said, "Mr. Peale, my time for sitting has expired, but if three minutes longer will be of any importance to you I will remain, and litely in return, and said with a grim make up the time by hastening my smile:— Congress was in session.) I know exactly how long it will take to walk there, and it will not do for me, as President, to be absent at the hour of meeting." Mrs. Washington was as remarkable for punctuality as her illustrions husband. At one time, dusing the General's absence, he wrote to her to get Mr. Peale to paint her portrait in miniature, and to send it to im. Mrs. Washington wrote a note a matter of course. He might also be to the artist, saying that her presence at home was indispensable when the General was away, and it would not be convenient for her to attend at his painting room. She requested him, herefore, to come to her house for the sittings, and offered to accommodate herself at any hour when it would suit him to be away from his studio. In reply, Mr. Peale appointed seven o'clock in the morning. When he left his home to keep the engagement for the first sitting, it occurred to him that the lady might not be quite ready to see him at so early an hour. He walked on accordingly more slowly than usual Mrs. Washington met him with the observation, "Mr. Peale, I have been in the kitchen to give my orders for the day; have read the newspaper, and heard my niece take her lesson on the harp, and yet have waited on you twenty minutes." The gentleman, of course, felt exceedingly mortified, and re-marked that if his engagement had been with Gen. Washington, he should have felt the importance of being punctual to the minute, but he thought it necessary to give a lady a little more time. "Sir," replied Mrs. Washington, "I am as punctual as the General."

> day at the time appointed. In olden time they had but seven wise men. Now, take men at their wn value, and you won't find half that number of fools.

took care to be at the house the next

Dar A man should pursue in health the same line of conduct he proposes in sickness.

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Artemus Ward's visit to "Old Abe."

I hiv no politics. Nary a one.— I'm not in the bisniss. If I was, I spose I should holler versiffrusly in the streets at nite, and go home to should see to it that my nabers was thar. I should git carriages to take the kripples, the infirm and the indignant thar. I should be on guard agin enemy, got up jes be4 elecshun for perlitical effeck. When all was over, and my candydate was elected, I should move heving & arth-so to speak-until I got orifice, which if I didn't git a orifice, I should turn round & aboose the Administration with all my mite & maine. But I'm not in the bisniss. I'm in a far more respectful bisniss nor wot pollerties is. I wouldn't give two cents to be a Congresser.— The was insult I ever received was when sertin citizens of Baldinsville axed me to run fur the Legislater.—Sez I, "My friends, dostest think I'd stoop to that ther?" They turned as white as a sheet—I spoke in my most orfullest tones, & they knowd I wasn't to be trifled with. They slunked out

of site to onct.

There‡ hevin no politics, I made bold to visit Old Abe at his humstid in Springfield. I found the old feller in his parler, surrounded by a perfeck swarm of orifice seekers. Knowin he had been capting of a flat boat on the roarin Mississippy, I thought I'd address him in sailor lingo, so sez I, "Old Abe, ahoy! Let out yer main suls, reef hum the forecastle & throw yer jib-poop overboard! Shiver my timbers, my harty!" [N. B.—This is ginuine mariner langwidg. I know, becawa I've seen sailor plays acted out by them New York theater fellers."] Old Abe lookt up quite cross & sez. Send in yer petition by & by. I can't possibly look at it now. Indeed, I can't. It's onpossible, sir!"

"Mr. Linkir, who do you spect I

am, sir ?" sed I. "A orifice seeker, to be sure," sed

"Wall, sir," sed I, "you's never more mistaken in your life. You hain't got a orifice I'd take under no circumstances. I'm A. Ward. Wax figgers is my profeshun. I'm the father of Twins, and they look like me—both of them. I cum to may a frendly visit to the President elect of the United States. If so be you wants to see

no, say so—if not, say so, and I'm orf like a jug handle."

"Mr. Ward, sit down. I am glad to see you, sir."

"Repose in Abraham's Buzzum!" sed one of the orifice seekers, his idee bein to get orf a goak at my expense.

"Wall" sez I, "cf all you feller repose in that there Buzzum, there'll be mity poor nussin for sum of you!"

whereupon Old Abe buttoned his wesand the next day saw me an inside kit clear up and blusht like a maiding passenger of the same diligencia, en of sweet 16. Jest at this pint of the route for Mexico, where I arrived in conversation another swarm of orifice seekers arrove and cum pilin into the parler. Sum wanted post orifices, sun wanted collectorships, sum wanted furrin missions, and all wanted sumthin. I thought Old Abe would go crazy. He hadn't more than had time to shake hands with 'om, before another tremenjis crowd cum porcin into his premises. His house and doorvard was now perfeckly overflowed with orifice seekers, all clamerus for a immejit interview with Old Abe. One man from Ohio, who had about seven inches of corn whiskey into him mistook me fur Old Abe, and addresst me as "The Pra-hayrie Flawer of the West!" Thinks I, you want a orifice putty bad. Another man with a goldheaded cane and a red nose, told Old Abe he was "a seckind Washington &

the Pride of the Boundliss West!" Sez I, "Square, you wouldn't take :

small post orifice if you could git it, would vou?" Sez ho, "a patrit is abuv them things, sir!"

"There's a putty big crop of patrits his season, hain't there Square?" sez I, when another crowd of orifice seekers pored in. The house, door-yard barn and wood-shed was now all full, and when another crowd cum, I told 'em not to go way for want of room, as the hog-pen was still empty. One patrit from a small town in Misygan, went up on top the house, got into the chimney and slid down into the parler where Old Abe was endeverin to keep the hungry pack of crifice seekers from chawin him up alive without benefit of clergy. The minit he reached the fire-place, he jumpt up, brusht the soot outup alive without benefit of of his eyes, and yelled: "Don't make any pintment at the Spunkville Post Orifice till you've read my papers .igners to that there dockyment!"

All the respectful men in our town is 'Good God!" cride Old Abe. "they cum upon me from the skize, down the chimneys, and from the bowels of the yearth!" He hadn't more'n got them He hadn't more'n got them words out of his delikit mouth before two fat orifice seekers from Wisconsin, in endeverin to crawl atween his legs for the purpuss of applyin for the toll-gateship at Milwawky, upsot the Presi-dent cleek, and he would hev gone sprawlin into ther fireplace, if I hadn't caught him in these arms. But I hadn't more'n stood him up strate before another man cum crashin down the chimney, his head strikin me vilently agin the inards and prostratin my voluptous form onto the floor.—
"Mr. Linkin," shoutid the infatocated It may be imagined that Mr. Peale being, "my papers is signed by every clergyman in our town, and likewise the schoolmaster!"

Sez I, "You crejis ass," gittin up & brushin the dust from my eyes, "I'll sign your papers with this bunch of sign your papers with this bunch of bones, if you don't be a little more keerful how you make my bread baskit a depot in the futer. How do you like that air perfumery?" sez I, shuying my fist under his nose. There's the ratio of present the limit a minister, and in rapt imagination peoring beyond the shores of time, and in rapt imagination peoring beyond the shores of time, and in rapt imagination peoring beyond the shores of time, and in rapt imagination peoring beyond the shores of time, and in rapt imagination peoring beyond the shores of time, and the limit of peoring beyond the shores of time, and the limit of peoring beyond the shores of time, and the limit of peoring beyond the shores of time, and the limit of peoring beyond the shores of time, and the limit of peoring beyond the shores of time, and the limit of the limit of peoring beyond the shores of time, and the limit of the li ing my fist under his nose. "There's remains behind of the kind of papers I'll giv you! them's to make a meal of the fingers and loss great white throne, saying "Here am of a living baby. Forty years ago a l, the instrumentally Thou hast made,

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"But I workt hard for the ticket; I

lamp carried round durin this campane. I wish there was furrin mishuns to be filled on varis lonely islands frauds and sich. I should be on the look out for the infamus lise of the send every mother's son of you to them. What air you here for?" I continuered, warmin up considerable, "can't you give Abe a minitt's peace? Don't you see he's worried most to death? Go home, you miserable men, go home & till the sile! Go to peddlin tinware-go to choppin woodgo to bilin sope-stuff sassengers-git a clerkship on some respectable manure cart—go round as original Swiss Bell Ringers—becum 'origenal and only' Campbell Minstrels—go to lec-turin at fifty dollars a nite—imbark in the peanut bisniss—write for the Ledgcr—saw off your legs and go round givin concerts with tochin appeals to a charitable public, printed on your handbills-anything for a honest livin but don't come round here drivin old Abe crazy by your outrajus cuttings up! Go home. Stand not upon the order of your goin, but go to onct!-If in five minnits from this time," sez I, pullin out my new sixteen dollar huntin cased watch, and brandishing it before their eyes, "if in five minnits from this time a single sole of you remains on these here premises, I'll go out to my cage near by, and let my fourteen, sixteen, and sometimes as Boy Constructor loose! & if he gits many as eighteen young in a litter.—
amung you, you'll think Old Solferino It has been calculated that in three has cum agin and no mistake!" You ought to hev seen them scamper, Mr. Fair. They run orf as the Satun hisself was after them with a red-hot tenpronged pitch-foark. In five minnits

the premises was clear.
"How kin I ever repay you, Mr.
Ward, for your kindness?" sed Old Abe, advancin & shakin ,me warmly by the hand. How kin I ever repay

you, sir ?" "By givin the whole country a good sound administration. By poren' ile upon the troubled waters, North and outh! By pursooin a patriotic, firm and just cease, and that if any State wants to secode, let em secode!"

wants to secode, let 'em secede!"

"How 'bout my Cabnit, Ministre
Ward?" sed Abe.

"Fill it up with showmen, sir.—
Showmen is devoid of politics. [They hain't got a darn principle.] They know how to cater to the public.—
They know what the public wants.
North and South. Showmen sir is North and South. Showmen, sir, is honest men, Tryou doubt their liturarybility look at their posters & see small bills. If you want a Cabnit as is a Cabnit, fill it up with showmen, but don't call on me. The moral wax figger perfeshun mustn't be permitted was to pick out a model for a beautiful sons capable of honorable places. Tho man, I searcely think they'd sculp inquiry should be not for a place before you; but if you do the fair thing by your country you'll make as putty a angel as any of us, or any other man! A Linkin, use the talents which Na ture has put into you, judishusly and firmly, and all will be well! A Linkin,

He shook me cordgully by the hand

A Chapter on Rats.

The Newark (N. J.) Sentinel of Freedom furnishes the following information relative to that repulsive animal,

In the indulgence of their predilection for eggs, rats display great judgment. It would appear almost impossible for them to carry off such fragile spoil without breakage; but they do es out its fore leg underneath the egg. steadies it above with its cheek, and fill it; to discharge its duties with fidelhops away cautiously upon three legs. To convey an egg from the bottom to the top of the house is a still more difthe aid of a partner, the operation is thus managed: The male rat stands upon his head, and lifts up the egg with his hind legs; the female taking it thence in her fore paws, secures it till her lord ascends a step higher; and so they proceed from stair to stair, till their booty is deposited safely in their eggs which she prized highly, but the number of which was mysteriously diminished night after night. Suspicion, of course, fell upon the domestics.a noise on the stairs, stole out on the landing, funcying she might be fortu-nate enough to detect the egg pilferer. She was not mistaken, although she was considerably astonished at discovering who the real offenders were. She saw two rats, one larger than the other, busily engaged in carrying the ceeding to think of disturbing them.— The big rat stood on his hind legs, with his fore paws and head resting ded a step lower, till the clever pair come to him instead of he going to reached the lowermost floor with their them?

pie-maker, finding his delicacies disapappear, determined to lie in wait in his bake-house one night, and so catch the delinquents. Unfortunately, they caught him, and devoured the unfortunate pic-man in preference to his pies. There is one dish that is more tempting in the rat's palate than any other, and for which he will desert mything in the catable world and that is a defunct relative. Should two rats agree to settle their differences by mortal combat, their

friends and acquaintances look on as

complacently as distinguished amateurs contemplate a fight for the champion-"But I workt hard for the ticket; I toiled night and day! The patrit should be rewarded!"

"Virtoo," sed I, holdin the infatooated man by the contection "vivtoo" tid man by the contection "vivtoo" tid ring, and incontinently set upon the victor and vanquished, and eat them up then and there. Woe, too, to any meeting with an accident, or becoming infirm, for he is gobbled up without remorse. When a rat's leg is found in a trap, instead of its being a proof of his resolution in preferring to leave a limb behind rather than remain in captivity, the chances are that some of his kith and kin have caten him alive. In consequence of this propensity for cannibalism, when Mrs. Rat becomes a mother she is obliged to hide her offspring; lest papa, or some old gentleman of his acquaintance, should make his dinner of them, which he would certainly do if he found them unprotected. For the same reason, wild old rats retire into solitude, dis gusted with their kind, and if attacked n their retreat, prove desperate foes, beat off any rats, without regard to sex, that venture to intrude on their

> of vermin than any cat or dog, for he will allow no brother near his throne. The rat can scarcely be considered a courageous animal; he relies more upon his cunning than strength, and thinks only of oscape; but if rendered desperate, by being pressed into a corner, will turn savagely—the sewer rat being more ferocious than his com-

privacy. An old gentleman of this

lescription will keep a house clearer

peers. The females breed at three months old, live in a state of polygamy, add to the vermin population five or six times a year, and produce eight, twelve, years there will spring no less than 651,000 rats from a single pair. Although this seems too enormous a number to be correct, it would perhaps be difficult to over-estimate the numbers of these animals. 600,000 rats were killed in Paris in the short space of a fortnight, merely to obtain their skins for a couple of manufacturers at Grenoble; 6,000 have met their deaths from the dogs and men at the slaughter-houses of Montfaucon in a month. At the present time, Marseilles is overrun with them; traps and poison proving futile against the army of destroyers, who range even the public streets with impunity; the cats have fled in affright; and the only reliance of the inhabitants lies in the arrival of a cargo of English terriors, those little champions of the pit alone being of any avail against the invading host.

Our Boys What shall we make of them; will become of them?! These are pracwill become or them, and made every day with serious solicitude by intelligent and thoughtful parents. The rich and

figger perfeshin mustn't be permitted the poor have a like ambition to put to go down while there's a drop of their sons in good places; they take blood in these vains! A Linkin, I more pains to select places which will wish you well. If Powers or Walcutt honor their sons, than to make their should be not for a place large enough for a son, but how to prepare a son to fill a place with profit to those who may call him to it, and with credit to himself. vith credit to himself.
An ancient and honored family-name (

in this city has been ineffaceably tarnished lately, by using family influence to get one of its members into a place of very high trust and responsibility; -we exchanged pieters so we could of very high trust and responsibility; gaze upon each other's liniments when an office for which he was so utterly ir away from one another—he at the incompetent, that its accounts have ellum of the ship of State, and I at fallen into inextricable confusion, whilethe hellum of the show bisniss—admit-he himself, charged with a degrading tance only fifteen sents. cell, in a state of bodily health which melts the hardest heart with pity, while his venerable mother is made to weep tears of blood over the sad misfortunes

of the child of her heart.

Inquire then what your child is fit for, rather than what will fit him; the Presidency of the Republic is fit for him, but he may not be fit for it; it may receive him, but he may not be able to fill it with ability and honor .-ontrive do so. If the theft is achieved That office is for any man, the greatwithout a confederate, the rat stretch- est and the best, but your son might. not be fit for it; to occupy it and

ity. You must seek a place adapted... to your son's capabilities, for you may. not adapt his capabilities to a place.—Seek a place for him, which he will ficult affair, and probably an impossiblify for a single rat to perform. With honor by elevating it, and making it the more influential; but do not seek to put him in a position which is to honor him. You are a rich man. It. is neither safe nor respectable nor wise to bring any youth to manhood without a calling, without an occupation by which he could maintain himself in case he should lose his fortune. In hole. A pantry cook had some fine looking around for such a calling, instead of making the inquiry what you. like him to become, seek rather 'to' know what occupation is suited to his capacities—what calling his abilities One of them, a maid-servant, hearing can fill. You might well like him to become an eminont lawyer, but has he that plodding and that tonacity of purpose, which will enable him to investigate and compare and deduce with unerring accuracy for forty years, before he can be fairly able to commence practice? You might like for him to become a physician, but has he the cherished eggs down stairs, and felt self-denial to cut off flesh from dead too interested in watching their profor long years together; and theu have the patience to wait for practice force other long years; and the self-sacrifice on the steps above; the lady rat rolled to go at every call; of prince or pauthe egg gently toward her spouse; per, in the midnights of December, or clasping it gently, but firmly, he lifted it carefully on the step upon which he stood, holding it their until she came til forty years, of age for a bare sub-class to lower till the dever per gene to him instead of he going to the step lower till the dever per gene to him instead of he going to the step lower till the dever per gene to him instead of he going to the step lower to the second to the seco

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