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# Poetical.

### THE SABBATH.

Fresh glides the brook and blows the gale, Yet yonder halts the quiet mill, The whirling wheel; the rushing sail, How motionless and still.

Six days of toil, poor child of Cain, Thy strength the slave of want may be, The seventh thy limbs escape the chain-A God hath made thee free

Ah, tender was that law that gave This holy respite to the breast, To breathe the gale, to watch the wave, And know the wheel may rest !

But where the waves the gentlest glide What image charms to lift thine eyes. The spire reflected on the tide Invites thee to the skies.

To teach the soul its nobler worth This rest from mortal toil is given, Go snatch the brief reprieve from earth, And pass, a guest to Heaven.

They tell thee, in their dreaming school, Of power from old dominion hurled, When rich and poor, with juster rule, Shall share the altered world.

Alus! since time itself began, That fable hath but fooled the hour, Each age that ripens power in Man But subjects Man to power.

Yet every day in seven, at least. One bright republic shall be known; Man's world awhile hath surely ceased, When God proclaims His Own !

. Six days may rank divide the poor. Oh, Dives, from the banqit hall ; The seventh the Father opes the door, And holds His feast for all.

GENTLE WORDS.

A young rose in summer time Is beautiful to me, And glorious the many stars That glimmer on the sea But gentle words and loving hearts, And hands to clasp my own, Are better than the brightest flowers, Or stars that ever shone. The sun may warm the grass to life, The dow the drooping flower! And eyes grow bright and watch the light Of autumn's opening hour-. But words that breathe of tenderness, And smiles we know are true, Are warmer than the summer time And brighter than the dew. It is not much the world can give, With all its subtle art, And gold or gems are not the things

To satisfy the heart; But oh! if those who cluster round The altar and the hearth, Have gentle words and loving smiles How beautiful is earth.

# Miscellaneous.

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#### "OUR COUNTRY-MAY IT ALWAYS BE RIGHT-BUT RIGHT OR WRONG, OUR COUNTRY."

## CARLISLE, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1858.

his method of teaching it, and the inference that I lived in a state of extraordinary excite | ding the confused state of all my faculties, I sister, the wife of a young friend to cheer him ment from that day forth, until the was, he has the right view of the subject. His plan is well calculated to give his pupils a thorough knowledge of this study, with the use was completed. pian is well consistent of this study, with the use of analytical exercises, calculated to unfold the thinking powers, rendering it attractive and pro-fitable by Black Board exercises, occasionally intable by Black Board exercises, occasionally chinist explained to me, that this model was merely for a test of the principle, and that a because one built more carefully, would go much It was a strange affair to look at, resembling

od of teaching grammer—the Blackboard being used by her also in parsing and analysing sen-tences. Miss Kenyon being one of the best teachers in the township, of long experience in faster. advanced schools, her instructions in the branch cannot but be fully appreciated by her pupils, as the Institute was highly edified by her re-line in the institute was highly edified by her remarks.

W. Miles having been called on, remark-ed: that to instruct advanced scholars in English Grammer, his method is to take Etymological parsing. Syntax and Punctuation togeth-through, either way, and I hastened to the shop er, and gives his first class alternate lessons in where the model stood, in perfect readiness for er, and gives ins most class alternative constitute a the track. each. That parsing alone does not constitute a the track. knowledge of Grammer, whoever advances no With little trouble we rolled it down to the further, will leave the schools without receiving any practical benefit. He contended that he can parse well, and understand the Government of language, is fully qualified to cor-sort of buggy-seat, with strong handles in front rect false Syntax. under most of the rules and notes, as laid down by our authors; and also to learn and to apply the rules of punctuation, so some twenty feet, and a slide of ten more, before useful to the writer, and to scholars who attend to Composition exercises. He concluded by writing off a number of sentences on the Black-ed out into long ribands of flame, as we flew board, drawing a diagram of curved lines (with the rules numbered thereon,) representing Gra-matical Government, and suggested it as a meth-gliding swiftly past.

od of parsing. English Grammer not being a prominent study in most of the schools, and not laught at all in some, but few of the rest of the teacher rheel." participated.

The Assistant Secretary then called over the list of absentees since the organization of the Institute. The teachers were required by the school Directors to give an account of their bsence-some were excused-others not, owing to their excuses being too frivolous. Pen-alty: That they be required to put in the lost time, but not on Sa:urdays. The business for next meeting before the had remarked, before we started, how very still Institute. Mr. Burn was selected to deliver an address. Miss Bell to prepare an "Essay," and the branches, "Penmanship" and "English with a ratchet u My companion now turned a small crank, with a ratchet upon it, which was attached to the machine, just in front of him, and a sheet Grammer.' Mr. Wagner suggested his school house iron cover arose toward us, in a slanting direcand on motion that it be held at the York road tion, so as to break the wind-already about as School house, it was opposed, as being a violastrong as we could stand. "Hold on your hair," said he, "and look out tion of the bye laws, which requires the meetings to be held in houses of " prominent local-ity," and was likewise an imposition on a manot to move about. I am going to let her de her pretties: now !" With this he suddenly drew out something jority of the teachers to walk a long distance and return home after night-the motion prelike an organ-stop, and L realized, for the firs time in my life, how the inhabitants of a comet must feel, when under full headway. I had been able to see occasional objects, bevailed. On motion: That the thanks of the in-stitute be tendered to Messrs. J. M. Good, D. Wolf, H. Brechbill, and to Mr. Horner, for their, hospitality to the members, and also to Messrs. Reattion and Porter, to the edi-could make out the horizon very well. But now everything was blank. Sky, earth, woods. On motion : That the thanks of the Intor of the Mechanicsburg Gazette and Shippens-burg News for their kindness in publishing the water--all were a plain mass of gray indistinct

Do motion : That these proceedings be pub-lished in all life County papers. Adjourned to meet on Saturday December 11th.

#### W. MILES, Secretary. From the N. Y. Mercury.

### A NICE LITTLE RIDE. BY GEORGE ARNOLD.

to was only so as to know where we were, and how fast we had really come. I began to feel just a little uncomfortable -- it seemed something just a little uncomfortable -- it seemed something awful, to be sitting there in that silence, seeing nothing; and knowing nothing, except that we were liable to go out of the world at any mo-ment, at the rate of nearly two and a half miles

a minute !. While these thoughts were passing throug

could see, on getting above the waves, that I was several rods from shore—say about three hundred feet—in the bay, near Firepan—the end of my journey—some two hundred and eighty miles from Slingwheel! With considerable trouble—for I was stiff and With considerable trouble—for I was stiff and nachin sore-I swam to the railroad dock, and, climb- heard from him.

larger one built more carefully, would go much out of the water, asked a bewildered depothand how I came there. " "Shure, sir; said he; "I don't know; but "Shure, sir; said he, "I don't know; but A young medical student from Michigan, who I'm after belavin' 'twas the devil that fetched had been attending lectures in New York for "I do not expect this one to get more than

twelve thousand revolutions per minute, for its balance wheel," said he; and that would only ye !" By dint of close cross questioning, I learned good looking and fascinating, made a deadly

By dint of close cross questioning, 1 learned that he was "jist a sittin" on his truck, a sino-kin' his dhudheen," when he heard a singular noise, such as he had never heard before, and immediately after, saw a tremendous splash in the bay, many yards from the end of the long doal travelling, and inwardly prayed for the night of the trial to come. It came—one Wednesday night, when, for some reason or other, there were to be no trains

rails, and placed its wheels upon them, for it weighed but a few pounds more than a common I spent the next two weeks at Firepan, in a have all my children together once more." aging fever, and as soon as I recovered suffici-The unhappy student replied not a word; his hackney-coach. We then took our places on a raging fever, and as soon as I recovered suffici-rating fever, and as soon as I recovered suffici-ently, I started out to look for the remains of the unlucky machinist, and to learn what it was the unlucky machinist, and to learn what it was

the unlucky machinist, gold to learn what it was we had run over. I discovered that the latter was a locomotive and tender, which had been found the next morning, smashed to fragments, with the engi-neer and fireman both killed. The accident was attributed to a whirlwind, as the pieces of the wreck were scattered rods and rods around. As for the machinist, T could find nothing of him save a few shreds of clothing, and a little blood reside on the rails. I spoke of this to an old engineer who accompanied me on my

gliding swiftly past. "What lights are those ?" I asked. "Tarbucket Station," replied he. "But Tarbucket is five miles from Sling-

"Yes, and we have been nearly three minutes on the road." "Pretty good speed !" "Yes, but I am going to try it a little fas-

"you say you was a goin' two miles in a minute and better ?" This conversation was held at the very top of

"Yes—as near as I can guess." "Well, you see, when you come to grease the track with a man's body; it dont last long. I guess you wont find no more of him than that!"

### WINTER AMUSEMENTS.

"Well," said the engineer, ejecting a quid,

In Summer days I till the ground, And tug, and toil, and get my bread, No interval can there by found Between ny laber and ny bed. My wife declines to knit by night, And I to read by candle light.

subject :

But when the south receives the sun. Beyond the equinoctial line-When all my Summer work is done, Substantial pleasures then are mine Then Jane begins to knit at night,

And I to read by candle light. I'm then content, and never sigh, Nor fly from home senie bliss to find;— And Jane is pleased as well as I— It so completely feast. I'r mind, To sit her down to kNet, a night. And huar merced by contength.

For when I read, she al 4/15 hears, And what she hears she fries to scan . When anght to her obscure appears, Then I explain it—II from ! Oht how she loves to knit by night, And hear me read by candle-light !

### THE FIRST STATE PRISONER. BY GRANT THORBURN.

• A Caution to Young Men.

wholesome advice of one speakiog from age and

mend their manners in some respects. But the advice:

dock. The truth was plain. My infernal machine had run the whole length of the road, and, stopping for nothing, but shot over the dock The fall into the water had saved my life, and I was spared to tell this story, which I feel pretty confident no one will believe. Ternent the next two weeks at Firepan, in a

bined air, the same ready and pleasant answer to her mother, which characterize her appear ance and deportment in the evening, and par

John, and the sooner" you secure her to your

old engineer who accompanied me on my search, and remarked that I thought it strange that I could not discover his body anywhere about. "Well," said the engineer, ejecting a quid, make amends." He spoke of her fortune. with many experienced persons who have never seen the grape vine grafted. The process is so easy that thousands who are anxious to possess

The conceit was now quite taken out of the Michigander, who, finding that he had made a complete goose of himself, at once retired to a farm in his native State, where he could have a chance to render his "boys" useful, and make them sweat for the deceit practiced upon him by their mether. The Dicktens Scandel. The London Fown Talk thus discusses this subject :

laid down for a year till it had rooted well, and then was grafted with perfect success, and fruitto are these : About twenty-two years ago Mr. Dickens, then a clerk, married a pretty and amed the first season. fable young girl, (whose parents opposed the match, as far beneath her,) and took her home to obscure lodgings in Furnival's Inn.

to obscure lodgings in Furnival's Inn. For some years they-lived happily together; but Mr. Dickens having become a great man, flattered and courted, finds that his diquestic for lieity is not so great as could be dispect. Twef for three years ago he gave a dinner to his liter ary friends on the anniversary of his wedding mances, lies, releve and little fiends equipped in day, and in promoting the bealth of his will end in the will end of the provention of the manueltes day, and in proposing the health of his wife, stated that he had never seen a shadow of ill-temper over there in his life. This equality of disposition does not satisfy him. She is not intellectual. He reads his works to here, and she does, the every day history of life ingeniously ntellectual. He reads his works to her, and she, belied and genteelly outraged ! and yet it al ways ends beautifully !" bsorbed in needle-work, inquires abstractedly Hundreds of persons who think that they can't afford a home paper in the course of a year what he means by some of his most brilliant

the brilliant novelist and actor separates on the ground of "incompatibility" for her whom he worthless and abominable trash.

Good Advice to young Men. Most young men doubtless flatter themselver that they are each competent to choose a wife for himself, and that the counsel of the old folks is wholly unnecessary to success in the pleasant enterprise. Yet we venture to say they will lose nothing by reading the following

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virtuously experience. Some of our readers may herein 13 The man who had a cloud upon his brow and something that will benefit them. They has since been mist. may obtain some hints that may cause them to DF If the mind is not laid out and cultivated

ike a garden, it will be overgrown with weeds. DF The man who reached the height of poteness has suddenly disappeared in a cloud Now. John, listen to me, for I am older than you, or I couldn't be your mother. Never do IF Anger, like a hurricane on the ocean, rolls the heavy surges of affliction over the tem-

you marry a young woman, John, before you contrive to drop in at the house where she lives, AN IRISH VERDICT.—In a case of suicide at Galway, the coroner's jury returned a verdict-of "Deliberately done away with !?"

possible, you should hear the morning conver-sation between her and her mother. If she is ill natured or snappish to her mother, so she will be to you, depend on it. But if you find her up and dressed neatly in the morning, with the same countenance, the same neatly com-

ticularly if she is lending a hand to get the breakfast ready in good season, she is a prize,

self the better.

GRAFTING THE GRAPE VINE .-- We have nich

"These are my treasures," says she, it the Roman matron style, pointing to her children. The conceit was now quite taken out of the No clay or covering of the grafted part is necess.

Grafts often bear some fine clusters the first sea

In the literary world very little is stirring, except the gossip on the domestic affairs of Charles Dickens. Probably his explanatory lef-rious allusions, has excited as much curiosity in America as hero. The facts dimly alluded to are these as hero the facts dimly alluded to are these as here the facts dimly alluded to are these as here the facts dimly alluded to are these as here the facts dimly alluded to are these as here the facts dimly alluded the was crafted with nerfect success and fault

A FACT .- Some newspaper in speaking of the light literature of the present day, with truth-

assages. In short, she is not a companion to him, so

IF NEWTON made one of his first scientific experiments at the age of sixteen, on Septem-ber 3, 1658, the day of the great storm, when Croniwell died. DF Why is a drummer the fastest man in the world ? Because Time beats all men, but the drummer beats time.

IF A cobblers has demonstrated the immortality of the soul by putting cast-iron bottoms on a pair of boots.

Odds nad Ends.

OF Patience is a plaster for all sores.

BF Short reckonings make long friends.

UF LIFE-A gleam of light extinguished by

By general consent, the term of genera-

37 True worth, like the rose, will blush at its own sweetness.

DF MAN-A bubble on the ocean's rolling

DF Oh, who on earth would love to live, Unless he lived to love ?

DF Were it not for the tears that filled our eyes, what an ocean would fill our hearts.

07 The lady who knit her brows, has com-

UNEDUCATED CRITICS .--- Owls sitting in judg-

DF All men, if they work not as in a great

DF They only have lived long who have lived

DF A coquette is said to be an imperfect in-

carnation of Cupid, as she keeps her beau, and not her arrows, in a quiver.

IF The good heart, the tender feeling, and

the pleasant disposition, makes smiles, love, and sunshine everywhere.

FREE AND EASY.—The following appears upon the clerk's record in Castlebar : "Voted that the March meeting be in April."

laskmaster's eye, will work wrong.

nenced a pair of socks.

ment on the light.

on is now understood to be thirty years. DF The prettiest lining for a bonnet is a

DF Epitaph on a woman struck by lightning. She died of thunder sent from heaven. In 1777.

DF Afflictions are the same to the soul as the plow to the fallow ground, the pruning-knife to the vine, and the furnace to the gold. UF Work as though thou wort to live for-

ver-worship as though thou wert to die presently. DF Beauty nipped in the waist is like a rose nipped in the bud. , It is the shortest lived, and fails off the quickest.

DF "The politicians have thrown me over-

board," said a disappointed office-seeker, " but I have strength enough left to swim to the other side.<sup>4</sup>

13 Humboldt tells us that he met, one day, in his travels, with a naked Indian, who had painted his body so as to represent a blue jack-et, and trowsers with black buttons. IF It is more difficult to forgive an injury

rou a friend than from an enemy. Your favo-rite dog flying at you, palus you more than a similar assault from a strange dog.

07 The rich are inclined to believe that they are superior to other men, and other men do all they possibly can to fortify them in that belief.

IF In the anatomy of the hand, we find that the muscle by which we shut it is much strong-er than the one by which we open it, and this holds true as to giving and receiving.

DF Why is a young man hugging his sweet-heart like an epicure who permits his wine to leak away? Because he is waisting what he loves. Foolish, ain't he ?

CF A Philadelphia Street Beggar was arested last week for drunkenness. His greasy, tered waistcoat was found literally lined with

some time, and considered himself exceedingly

All the officers, five Scl teen teachers present. Absent. W. P. Stuart, on account of a peculiar engagement.

On motion : The minutes of preceding mee-ting were read and adopted. Adjourned until 1 o'clock, when the proceedings were opened by Mr. Gohr, who delivered an excellent inspiby Mr. Goin', who derivered an excentent inspr-ring address; subject: "Onward." The spea-ker very eloquently refered to the works of na-ture now as ever "Onward." Literary and scientific discoveries, the Mechanic arts and various professions are "Onward." The progress of toreign missions, the general spread of Chris-tianity, sustained by brave hearts and willing hands, despite opposition and discouragements, are still "Onward;" and concluded with an ar dent appeal to the teachers, to let "Onward' be their steady guide and watchword, let their labors be ever so toilsome ! Miss Beistline then read an original "es-

say," entitled the "secret of teaching." This production treated the subject as it should.— It pointed out some duties which but few inexperienced teachers have yet discovered-to asc ertain the canacities and dispositions of pupils and to instruct them accordingly : thereby ving the teacher from impatience and petulance : to deal mercifully with the erring, and forbearingly with the dull ; exciting the ambitious and encours ging those who strove to learn. As this instructress has as yet resorted to no species of coporeal punishment in her school, the "Es-say" indicated her method of teaching and School discipline.

"Geography" was then taken up. Mr. Mosser opened with a brief illusion to the indis-pensable importance of Globes and outline maps, and the difficulty of teaching map questions without them ; and amusingly refered to the old timed, nonsensical, method of teaching it, exclusively, with the use of the book and allas.

Miss Kenyon exhibited her method of teaching with the use of the Blackboard, drawing and sketching, to impress the various form and locations of Divisions and sub-Divisions, as did Mr. Breckbill. W. Miles then exhibited his method of

teaching Map Questions by requiring his schol-ars first to point out the localities and printed answers on the maps, to prevent the usual rou-tine of learning names merely from the initials. which follow each question in the book ; and then requiring his pupils to recite the same the second time, without the use of the Atlas. He also remarked : that to impress the mind more indelligibly, his pupils Graw " Outline Maps" nce a week : and to render the exercise more attractive, permit them to paint each map.

The qualification necessary to commence the study of Geography, were discussed by the teachers generally. One essential qualification, der, in order to a correct pronunciation of Georaphical terms and names. This subject was prought up, on account of some of the teachers having none in school studying it. One teach wing none in school studying it. One school studying the school studying it. One school school studying it. One school sc high ber who had the qualifications to pursue it, but was under the impression that it was

the duty of parents to say, whether or not they the duty of parents to say, whether or not they desired them to study it. He was glad that the hippert was brought up, that his duty was had known, and would attend to having them provided with books, if their parents co-opersmithing done, I called on this young man, and found him at work on his engine. We fell into conversation on the subject and he represented English Grammer was then taken up.-

Mr. Mosser opened by reference to the importte of instructors teaching it by example and curious looking skeleton truck, at unheard of scept. That teachers should always themes guard against improprieties of expression their daily intercouse with their scholars; the the should be the should be the should be decountenanced and corrected by mun.

my brain. I heard a faint sound like a steam I was formerly a great admirer of steam enhistle, and almost at the same moment saw gines, and especially of locomotives, but I have flash of light, apparently under our wheels, and got bravely over it.

I carried this admiration to an excess-it beelt a slight jar "I am afraid we have run over something!" ing almost a monomania with me to be around yelled my companion. "What do you think it is ?" I shouted. "Probably a locomotive !" he replied. railroad denots, and to watch the trains coming

in and going out. Not that I am of a mechanical turn of mind, Tasked no more questions. at all-far from it--I could never make any-Again I saw him pulling out the little ivory hing in my life—not even a boot-jack, although I once worked on one for three days, broke two after, I found my seat sliding out from unde saws and a gimlet, cut my left hand half off, and had to give up, after all !

grasped the handles with all my strength. The steam engine was always a mystery to The steam engine was always a mystery to strange, humming noise occasionally attracted principle of the gyroscope—and I nover knew the name of any of its parts, except the piston-rod, cylinder, and governor: yet I loved to sit and watch the thing at work, wheezing and clanking, with its slow, even, steady motion strange, humming noise occasionally attracted my attention, and puzzled me much, until I

clanking, with its slow, even, steady motion-ah, it was a great fascination to me! rate was gradually augmenting in swiftness. As we progressed, it grew darker, also, un-til I could but just make out the form of my But the greatest pleasure I knew was to have a good swift ride on a locomotive. From my almost constant presence at the depots, I knew all the engineers on the line of the Slingwheel all the engineers on the line of the Slingwheel all the engineers on the line of the slingwheel all the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers of the slingwheel and the engineers on the line of the slingwheel and the engineers of the slingwheel and the engineers of the slingwheel and the slingwheel

and Firepan Railroad an unbroken track of and, notwithstanding my monomania for fast two hundred odd miles, over the cars, on the travelling. I confess that my situation was hardly a pleasant one. tender, or perched gidily upon that trembling, shaky machine, the iron horse. I did not mind the going much, but I thought My gay season was the close of a Presidential that I had good reason to fear the consequen

campaign, when the election returns had to be of a sudden stoppage ! Once more the machinist's hand sought the carried through by lightning express—usually an engineer and myself, on a single locomotive. look over the iron cover, or apron, when his hat, I presume, must have caught the wind and Other people were interested in the election, and excited about its result -I was only interested

gone off, for I saw him throw his arm toward his head, and as the engine darted forward, everything became dark as pitch. n my ride, and excited about my rate of Once, I remember, I carried the dispatches. and made splendid time. I left Slingwheel at

eight o'clock in the evening, and, at quarte I could make out the form of my company past ten, arrived at Waterbutt-a way station. out now I could see nothing, and my terror go just one hundred and thirty-five miles from Slingwheel. A large party had assembled to hear the news; but I forgot it all. and as the the better of me.

I put out my hand to press the machinist's arm, as a signal for him to slacken, when judge engineer slacked up a little. I only screamed f my feelings-he was not there! My hand slid along the seat, to the further f my fee out in answer to their questions ;

"A mile a minute, clear through ! Go ahead, Jake !" end, without, meeting with anything, and I comprehended that he had fallen overboard And off we went again, leaving the inhabi-

he raised his arm to catch his hat !. tants of Waterbutt.in total darkness as whether they were enjoying the reign of a whig or This would have been a very shocking occur ence, and I should have been horrified by the Democrat !

But my great ride, and my last, was about a year ago. It was a pretty tall experience, of its kind, and has, I am pleased to say, entirely cured one of my predilections for "making big Under the source of the sou atter silence, I sat and awaited my doom.

time." When compelled to travel, now a days I always go in a quiet little wagon of my own, I knew absolutely nothing of the modus operandi of governing or regulating the engine ex-cept that to pull out the little knob, increased and never emulate anything laster than eight o ten miles an hour.

There was a young machinist who lived at Slingwheel, and who had quite an inventive gethe speed, and I had no desire to go faster. The nius. He had, for several years, been engaged on a model of a great engine, which was to supercede all others, and create a perfect revoonly desire I felt, was that I might die quickly and easily, without pain. How long I went at this tremendous speed, I

ution in the world of locomotion. It was a cannot imagine. It seemed a year-an age-steam-carriage, but of an entirely new plan but I don't think it could have been quite that and principal, and he was very sanguine of its Probably about two hours, but my suspense success, if he could only get money to complete magnified the minutes into months, and it real-

y seemed as if I should never stop. Having occasion to get a small job of gun-But I did. After a time, I found myself losing sensation

in all my members. I could no longer feel the handles in front of me, nor the iron brace, unhis condition and his expectations so vividly to der my feet, so I was a little surprised to perme, that my heart was warmed toward the enterprise. The idea of making a trup on that ceive a cold, wet sensation overcome me, and to find myself cleaving a body of water somewhere,

rate, took possession of me at once, and, and going down, down, down, with a slower learning that he only wanted about a thousand motion than I had experienced for some time.

I landed in New York, Wane 1784, by trade

I landed in New York, wane 1/04, by trade a rough nailmaker, in the 22d year of my age. In Ocrober following, (at that time the Park was out of town, and only 30,000 inhabitants.) With ten thousand fools, some bigger and some smaller than myself, we stood watching the vibrations of the rope and the iron hook, during two long hours. Then the sheriff stood on the scaffold and read a reprieve. I confess I was very much disappointed, I expect to see a ban-

ging, but no hanging was there. The man was Noah Gardener. He kept cnob I had before noticed, and immediately large shoe store in New York. He committed forgery, which at that time, was death by the I knew that our speed was increasing and laws of these United States. The State prison of New York was in the course of erection at It says: this time; this was the first prison crected in the whole for reform, justcad of hauging. The Society of Friends were the chief promoters of this humane system. One room in the prison the penalty the law affixed to his crime. was near ready to receive criminals. The Friends procured from the Governor a commutation from death to the State prison for life.

tation from death to the State prison for life. Being a shoemaker by trade, gave him a stool, wax, hasts and awls, and here commenc-ed the State prison shoe manufactory. Next court, six vagabonds were sent to keep him company, them he learned to make shoes. I visited the prison three years after this. In one large room sat three hundred shoemakers. Naah was provast marshal walking through

Noah was provost marshal, walking through Once more the machinist's hand sought the knob, and he raised himself up a little, as if to look over the iron cover, or apron, when his hat, I presume, must have caught the wind and cone off, for I saw him throw his arm toward Heaven.' "seven years ago you would have hung thi

man; now here is a reformed member saved to society.

I was terrified now, in good earnest. I could stand the darkness and the silence, so long as came out. The Friends found him a store on Pearl Street, found him money, endorsed his notes, and gave him their custom. Immediately he was in a thriving way. He joined the So-the Ningara took on board at Charleston, 57 ciety of Friends, and said thee and thou with died before the ship reached the Capit de Verd the best of them. He had & wife, and children

arrived at maturity. His journeymen were chielly men of families, and wrought their own houses. One day he gave a man a pair of boots. "Now friend," condition of the negroes as follows :

says he, " thee must bring home these boots on fourth day evening." Says the man you shall have them. The boots did not come home till fifth day evening. Noah wis wroth. He gave the man a long lecture on the evils of disappointment and want of punctuality. When he drew up to breathe, the man replied :

"Sir, I am a poor man; have three children, the youngest forty-eight years old. I had to tend to my wife and cook for my children. It was not in my power to finish the boots soon-er." Noah still continued to magnify the horwind, too, was becoming almost insupportable. Tors of disappointment. The man grew an-in spite of the iron apron, and altogether, the gry; the Scotch blood bolled in his veins; he

struck the counter with his fist like a sledge hammer. "I know," says he, "it's a terrible thing to be disappointed. Iremember going up to the park to see you hung and I never was so hours amo unnoticed. disappointed in my life when I saw the re-

priève ! Now this was a knock down argument, as an Irishman would say. It was a case in point, A more stolid, brutalized, pitiable set of beings as they say in court ; and a fact beyond all con-I never beheld."

troversy, as they say in Congress. Noah was dumb; he opened not his mouth. He gave the D A little girl, after attending a party, man another pair to make, kept him in employ-ment, treated him kindly, but as, the man said, he never heard the word disappointment drop ness. I couldn't be any happier unless I could grow."

from his lips thereafter. Noah went on prospering and to prosper.-

dollars, I agreed to furnish the money, if he would allow me to accompany him on the first trip. I need not say that he gladly promised, and that I arose toward the surface. Notwithstan-

vowed before God to love and cherish, and from

Mrs. Nicely bought a foot pan the other ay. When she came home, she found Biddy, henceforth their lives have seperate ends. The eldest child, a youth of about twenty, has cholay. This is the same young lady who was sent to a dry goods store for a bed comforter, and returnen to follow the fortunes of his mother, while he daughters remain with their father. Mrs. Ackens' sister has gone to "keep house" for ed with a clerk.

M. D. The whole affair is very regugnant to out ideas of matrimonial constancy, and has not enlarged Mr. Dickens' circle of admirers. 177 The court room in Danbury, Conn, wa rowded the other day to see justice done be-SCAFFOLD CONVERSIONS .- The Fredericksburg ween a lady and gentleman, from Westport

Recorder has an article on the extraordinary conthe former claiming to have been damaged \$6000 by a kiss from the latter. Seventy witnesses versions which murderers are wont to profess before the day of execution arrives, and which were present. The split was healed without the aid of iawyers. are duly paraded by the press before the public.

Dr Josh was brought before a country "Now we do not doubt the power of God to squire for 'stealing a hog,' and three witnesse swore they saw him steal it. A wag volunteer convert the most hardened wretch that ever paid ed as counsel for Joe, who addressed the squir do we mean to intimate that it is not the duty of a Christian minister, to carry the tidings of sal-"May it peace your honor I have twelve wit

vation oven into the gloomy cell of the felon.-Yet we are free to confess that we have not the nesses to swear that this man did not steal the hog." The squire arose with great dignity, and said

aloud. If there are twelve who did see him do it. and three that did, I discharge the prisoner. Clear the room."

Dr Some ugly fellow thus pronounces : "I ignorant are thereby encouraged to the commisyou are ever threatened with a handsome man in the family, just take a clothes pounder while sion of the most atrocious crimes, because, if found out, they are induced to believe that behe is yet in bed and batter his head to a a pumfore the day of execution, with the aid of a minice. From some cause or another, hardsome ister, they can be prepared for an entrance into men are invariably asses ; they cultivate their hair and complexion so much, that they have

no time to think of their brains. By the time they reach thirty, their heads and hands are THE NEGROES SENT BACK TO AFRICA BY THE U. S. SHIP NIAGARA .- The London Times has equally soft. a letter from St. Vincent, Cape de Verds, sta-

ting that the Niagara put in there on the 22d A "lady" was detected, a few days since, in of October. It appears that of the 271 which the Niagara took on board at Charleston, 57 lied before the ship reached the Condide Vard ment. The merchant took but \$5, and Islands. Dr. Ranney, the agent, describes the

her \$15 change, but on counting the cash at night, that \$20 bill was found to be a counter-feit. "Phancy the pheelinks" of that shop-

Mr. Sam'l Redsecker, of Donegal town-sship, Lancaster county, has a horse which lacks appear well enough satisfied with the bath, but cannot, even by the lash, which we are com-pelled to employ freely, be made to observe any other sanitary or decent habit. It requires a good large crew of men to keep the spar deck, where they are located, clean. When clothing was put on them in Charleston of which the

Dr A clergyman in Lebanon was recently fined \$150 for marrying a couple, the female being under age. The reverend gentleman was

certainly wrong, but the father of the bride, who accepted his share of the fine, must have been "hard up for small change."

dying. When one is dead the body may lie for IF A lazy fellow down south spells Tenn among them, in immediate contact, set essee after this fashion-10sc; and spells An-iced. But as soon as the soul has fled, drew Jackson thus-&ru Jaxn. We once knew they steal the blanket of the deceased, and most a man named ed John Hole who wrote his auto uncoremoniously proceed to appropriate his bread, spoon and bag. During the process of burini they never manifest the slightest concern. graph by making a J and sticking his pen thro he paper for Hole

NF A colored woman, the oldest person llinois, was burned to death in her cabin, near Dixon, on Friday week. She was one hundred and twenty years old.

I If a man were to set out calling every thing by its right name, he would be knocked down before he got to the corner of the street.

Girls sometimes put their lips out pou-

bright half eagles carefully sewed into the gar-UP When you have lost money in the streets, every one is ready to help you look for it; but when you have lost your character, every one leaves you to recover it as you can.

OF If rich, it is easy to conceal our wealth : but, if poor, it is by no means easy to conceal our poverty. It is less difficult to hide a thousand guineas than one hole in our coat.

CF A professional beggar boy, some ten years of age, ignorant of the art of reading, bought a card to put on his breast, and appear-ed in the public streets as a "Poor widow with eight small children."

IF An attorney about to furnish a bill of costs, was requested by his client, a baker, to unake it as light as possible.

"Ah," replied the lawyer, "that's what you say to your foreman, but it is not the way that I make my bread."

Der A Scotchman who had put up at an inn was asked in the morning how he had slept. "Troth, man," replied Donald, "nae very weel either, but I was muckle better off than for der the more them are as bugs, for de'il a one o' them closed an e'e he hale nicht !"

UF A beautiful little blue-eyed girl of three years old, was nestled in her mother's arms, at twilight looking out at the stars. "Mother," said sho, "it is gotting dark." "And what makes it dark," asked her mother. "Because God shuts his eyes," replied the little one.

IF A certain Irish attorney threatened to prosecute a Dublin printer for inserting the death of a living person. The menace concluded with the remark that "no printer should publish a death unless informed of the fact by the party deceased."

IF It is the opinion of a western editor, that wood goes further when left out of doors, than when well housed. He says some of his went half a mile.

LG The boy upon foot cannot bear to see the boy who is riding. And so it is with envy of a larger growth. We always ery out "cut be-hind," in hope of sceing some hanger-on, more fortunate than ourselves, knocked off his reach.

OF An English paper, speaking of the American light pleasure wagon, says that the wheels consist of four circles of cheese rind, filled in with spider webs.

UF He who is passionate and hasty is generally honest. It is your cool dissembling hypo-crite of whom you should beware. There is no deception in a bull dog. It is only a cur that slips up and bites you when your back is turned.

I A philosopher was asked from whom he received his first lesson in wisdom. He re-plied, "From the blind, who never take a step until they have first felt the ground in front of hem."

07 Knowledge may slumber in the memory, but it never dies; it is like the door-mouse in the ivied tower, that sleeps while winter lasts. but awakes with the warmth of spring. 

The that is good, will infallibly by 200 better, and he that is bad, will as certainly be-come worse; for vice, virtue and time are three things that never stand still.

THE TRUE GENTLEMAN.—He is courteous and affable to his neighbors. As the sword of the best tempered metal is most flexible, so the truly generous aré most pllant and courteous in their behavior to their inferiors.

BF "Taking them one with another," said IT Girls sometimes put their hips out poer tingly, because they are angry, and sometimes because their lips are disposed to meet yours because their lips are disposed to meet yours the Rev. Sidney Smith, "I believe my congre-gation to be most exemplary observers of the

And going down, down, adwin, which is block in the subscription of the state of the half way.

where they are located, clean. When clothing was put on them in Charleston, of which the negro slaves of that city contributed several dray-loads, they immediately tore it off, and rolled and basked in the sun. "I know but few cases in which they mani-

fest any sympathy for one another, except to help scratch each other's backs. They give no attention or sympathy whatever to the sick and

"They are extremely filthy, and much prefer nulity to dress. We have adopted the plan of having a large hose turned on them twice a week, with strong men at the engine. They appear well enough satisfied with the bath, but sship, Le