## THE BOWERY WIZARD.

A Reporter Visits His Dan and Sees

There is a queer little shop in a Bowery basement where half the jugglers and magicians in the country order their "props." It is presided over by Otto Maurer, a student of occult science, who throughout the civilized world. You can never pass the dingy entrance to his bind boy and placed him on his knes. "How's that?" he asked. "How's that?" he asked. mysterious wares in his showcase. If you go down the narrow stairway you will see no one within, but if you wait a few moments a curtain will be drawn, giving you a momentary glimpse of a dimly lighted room beneath the sidewalk, and the magician will appear be-

He may not seem particularly overjoy. ed to meet you, for his habitation is full of dark secrets, and his black art interests him much more than intercourse with his fellow men. What there is in the dark little chamber behind the curtain no one besides himself can tell. He guards its secrets as he does his life There it is that he conceives the magic devices which line the walls without.

The Bowery magician's den was in vaded by a reporter recently. There was apparently not a soul there. The report-

The magician did not have on his performing costume. He was in his ahirt alseves and wore old trousers. His hands

Professor Manrer began to tell of the various countries he had visited. There was a plate of eggs before him. As he talked he picked up a wand and absent mindedly balanced one of the eggs on its The more he talked the more eggs tip. balanced, one on top of the other, with the bottom egg still on the wand. In some unaccountable manner all the eggs but one suddenly disappeared. The wand was hardly bigger around than a lead pencil and was a solid stick, but while the reporter watched the remaining egg it passed into one end and out at the other. The magician caught it in his hand and then slowly closed the uplifted palm. The egg vanished. The reporter found it in his inside vest pocket

"Let me take your hat," said the pro

The reporter passed it over. As he did so something tapped him slightly on the top of the head. The reporter looked up, but saw nothing. A slight chill came over him. Was there anything behind him? He turned to look, and caught a glimpse of a skeleton hand as it van-ished into air.

The magician did not appear to know what was going on, for he kept or chat-ting all the time. But instead of talk-ing with his mouth his voice seemed to be coming through his hat.

"What is your pet animal?" his hat was saying; and when the reporter replied "A fox terrier," a fox terrier was taken from the hat. A live cat came next, and after it followed several other | cago Herald. articles. The thing was becoming monotonous, when suddenly there was a flash of blinding light. 'There was brimstone in the air, and if it had not been passioned orator, bringing his fist down

Music That Touched the Heart. An incident of a peculiarly touching an invention That Will Re of interest character occurred in one of the elevated to All Amateur Ourdeners. HIS WITCHERY MAKES EVEN THE railroad trains that brought teers to the SKELETONS GRIN. A man named Corbett, living up in Westchester county, reports a new in-

A Reporter Visits RIs Dan and Sees Many Curious Things-The Professor Talks About the People He Has Met and What They Have Thought of Him. low was blind and his eyelids had almost least greatly discourage, her efforts to grown together. He had a pale wan face, but was smilling. A quick look of sympathy passed over the faces of the We trust that we need not enlarge to

passengers, and an old gray haired gentle- any great extent on the peculiar tactics man got up and gave his seat to the two. employed by the common hen in her "Nice," said the little chap. "Where's throws back her left foot once, and in-

my 'monica?" This puzzled some of the passengers, stantly follows it with three rapid back strokes with her right foot, her hurried

and several turned to see what the child survey of the field of operations with meant. But the "big brother" knew, one eye, followed by the capture of a and immediately drew out a small mouth harmonicon and placed it in the little be familiar to the reader, especially if follow's hands. Both boys were well hever had a garden and his neighbors dressed. The little follow took the in-strument into his thin hands, ran it said that no fowls were ever known on across his lips and began to play softly "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Tears came into the eyes of the old gentleman missionary from Philadelphia named who had given up his seat, and as the McClintock planted a few garden seeds little fellow played on, running into "Rock of Ages" and "Abids with Mo." every unfortunate heathen on the islands of the Sierra Nevadas, there lived sev-

A HEN HOBBLE

day grow more like New York. In past years one of the most noticeable differ-ences between the dwellers by the lake the buttonhole and dressed as a "west erner" would have dressed for some social

event. In Chicago it was entirely dif-

est they had to pay it took all their energies, both physical and mental, to conabbli trive means to pay their eastern credit ors. But times have changed since then Then were the days of hustle and antici-

pation. Now, while it is still the day hustle, anticipation has graduated into enjoyment. Then nothing was too good for our creditors, now nothing is too good for ourselves. Then the business man wore clothing simply for protection from the weather. Now he has time for the amenities and pleasures of life and the money to gratify his tastes .- Chi

A Matter of Fact Auditor. "Fellow citizens," thundered the im

## DREBBED IN WHITE

"Twas, quite olearly I remomber, On a Sunday in September, Bunday in September, And in church we were together, Size - a night of summer weather-Dramed in white.

I'd no book, by scene omission, And the space of our division Lesser grew 1 Lesser grew slices she perceiving Flight, hald been would be relieving, Nearer drew.

Than if fingers strayed together

Round the work more considered Round the work more considered In that work; If in stinging I least nearer: To her check, to read the clearer, Was it wrong?

Was it wrong ' The cheek was blashing Next to nine, and mine was fushing Next her sights. If I thrilled was it amaring At the margorist rating (If her eyes)

And Taiwaya shaft remember "Twas a morning in December, Frosty, bright; That, in church again together,

She was rightly—"spike the weather— Dressed in white: —Philadelphia Ledger.

AN ANTELOPE'S MIGHTY LEAPS.

Xypical Yarn of the Champion Liar of the Mining Megton.

In one of the old mining towns of this there were many moist eyes in the car. The little player seemed to have a re-markably true car and occasionally, when the instrument would rasp, he as it may otherwise be, and we hasten the little player seemed to have a re-markably true car and occasionally, when the instrument would rasp, he as it may otherwise be, and we hasten the little player is the little bulk of the hydraulic mines, a celebrated character whose modesty, as he still have a still may otherwise be and we hasten the little player is the little bulk of the hydraulic mines a celebrated character whose modesty as he still have a still be a still have a still be a still be

when the instrument would rasp, he would there spin reserve the spin reserve to spin reserve to spin reserve to the spin reser friends, the blind boy quickly changed into the hen's interior. The hen which hear him relate, I think is worth pre-"The Suwanee River" into "Auld Lang is provided with an Excelsior hobble

forming costume. He was in his shirt alseves and wore old trousers. His hands were black and griny, as though he had been working at a forge. While the "big brother" carried the lit-bear to the passen-while the "big brother" carried the lit-peculiar to hens, and even cackle. She the one out of the car. — New York Times. The one out of the car. — New York Times. Chicage Growing to Be Like New York. In many things does Chicago day by day grow more like New York. In many things does Chicago day by day grow more like New York. In many things does Chicago day by the provide the garden with the intention down on the way. Was here not the started across the plains for Californy. The most on us were young men an' able to rough it, but when she ap-proaches the garden with the intention down on the way. Was here not the started across the plains for Californy. The most on us were young men an' able to rough it, but we had three famblies, with about a dozen young uns among us, an' one baby the plain of the started across the plains for Californy. The most on us were young men an' able to rough it, but we had three famblies, with about a dozen young uns among us, an' one baby

> years one of the most noticeable differ-ences between the dwellers by the lake and the dwellers by the sea was the dif-ference in their style of dress. New York business men have long been purc-tilions in regard to their dress. It was a common thing to see not only the built. There is not, of course, any physi-business in the morning with a flower in the buttonhole and dressed as a "west". vating worms and other food which she cannot make use of speedily dawns upon her and she retires from the field. Unable

> event. In Chicago it was entiroly dif-ferent. Our best and wealthiest citizens dressed in a manner that would have caused them to have been noticeable upon Broadway. They were too busy to care about or the fire and the panic and the big inter-eat they had to pay it took all their en-the fire and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-the fire and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-ter and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-ter and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-ter and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-ter and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-ter and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-ter and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-ter and the panic and the big inter-teat they had to pay it took all their en-ter and the panic and the big inter-ter and the panic and ters made a break to go between 'em. The only difficulty which Mr. Corbett We was comin' on arter 'em like we

The only difficulty which Mr. Corbett has experienced with his invention so far is the impossibility of inducing hen owners to adopt it. Mr. Corbett is the only man in his neighborhood who has a garden. There are some twenty men in the immediate vicinity who keep hens. Not one of these men can be persuaded even to give the holds a trained of the hows stored by the persuaded in Not one of these men can be persuaded even to give the hobble a trial. Mr. Corbett, however, sees his way clear. Legislation is what is needed. With a law requiring hen owners to reduce their hens to a state of innoenousness with his Excelsior hen hobble, gardens will not only be safe but a boom will be given to the stock in hismanufacturing company. -New York Tribune. Lightning Strokes Statistics.



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for the clear sky without one would have thought the place had been struck by lightning. One of the skulls on the wall dropped his jaw, while his eyes blazed with unearthly fire. The cat walked about nervously with its back hair up and its tail swelled nearly double its ordinary size. Whenever anything funny was said all the skulls would drop their jaws with a click.

The professor performed many of the stock tricks of the magicians right before the reporter's eyes. Articles ap peared and disappeared or were turned into odd forms as he willed. Birds were fired from pistols and bouquets from shotguns. There was no end to the peculiar tricks. "When I was traveling," said the pro-

fessor, "I used to have some very funny experiences. You can find any number of persons today in little towns, particuin this country and France, who atill believe in witchcraft and sorcery. This class of people look on me as satan himself, and believe that I am gifted with supernatural power. I have had western miners offer me large sums if I would give them a wand that would detect gold on the mountains. I have had young women in France beg me for some potion that would bring their sweethearts to them. Old men and women have told me their troubles and sought some magic way out of them. On three occasions 1 have been summoned in an emergency to nick beds.

"Many of the tricks I perform require sleight of hand, but there are some which you could do yourself if you only knew the secret. When I am performing I never mention what I am going to do, but simply name the articles I am going to work with and let the audience are the result. That makes it a greater son prise to them. I never show a trick twice in succession. I never look at my hands while performing, but keep my eyes on the audience and talk to them.

"Many jugglers and magicians make a mistake by hurrying, but that often spoils the effect. I take every opportunity I can to see others perform, whether they are good or bud performers, and I have learned not a little from the faults I have seen in the latter."

cook" screeched a hellish farewell .--New York World.

### Art of Damaskeening.

Damaskeening is producing upon steel a blue tings and ornamental figures, sometimes inlaid with gold and silver, as in Damasons blades. It is so called from Damascus, which was celebrated in the Middle Ages for this class of ornsamital art. Dry Goods Chronicle.

There is a genius in Cohasset, Mass., who spends his time getting up startling effects for the stage. He has recently taken out two patents. One of them is for an arrangement of alides and springs keeping. The body remains in the chair. A be-In the summer he calls it "the great Portuguese point of view, was evolved dry as tinder and will have no

Why Not? Dr. Brown-Sequard is going right along with his clixir theory and practice, and it has cartainly helped him if no body else. He says the day will come within 100 years when a tonic will be used which will give a person from 180 to 800 years of antive life.—Detroit Free Press. The Duke of Westminrter each year takes in about \$5,000 in sixpences and shillings, cald by sighteers for admis to bis country seat at Eaton hall. The duke has a land remisi amounting to \$975,000 s year.

hard on the table, "what, I ask again, is Lightning Strokes Statistics our country coming to? And echo an swers 'what?' "Pardon me, sir," interposed a mild years have been investigated by Herr looking man in the audience, rising to his feet, "did I understand your question number of cases has more than doubled to be, 'What is our country coming to?" in that time. In 1889 there were no

"Yes, sir," "And you say echo answers 'what?" "That is what I said, sir."

"Then there's something wrong with the acoustics of this building," said the milk looking man, shaking his head in a perplexed way and aitting down again. and the parts of their course most liable -Chicago Tribune.

Prescriptions in English.

It is rather a serious piece of profes- generally escape. This last deduction is it close and wait for a new growth. Up domal conventionalism which compels a hardly in accordance with our popular less the hair grows very rapidly it will parent to stand beside the thin vell that ideas on the subject.-London Globe. separates his child from eternity with

nedicines in his hand the character of Had the Moun Down Fine. which he knows nothing, except that they were called for in Latin and Greek about the weather. He said we should dressed wig, and is easier to keep in order with discussion with the said we should hieroglyphics and furnished by some probably have a change with the new order, so most ladies prefer them. El-druggist of whose competency he may moon. I asked whether he thought the derly ladies, however, often use French also know nothing. A drop too much, moon had any influence upon the weath-an innocent oversight in the method of zr. "Well," he said, "they say she has application, or any other mistake grow-ing out of what he is handling, may be somewhat doubtful pause he added: great many ladies say they are sorry sufficient to decide the chances of life. "Some says so, but other some says it's when their own hair grows out, as the People have the right to know what they allers the same moon, and it does seem wig has saved them so much time and are administering to their loved ones.- queer there should be so many new Boston Globe. 'uns."-Notes and Queries.

The Quaker in War.

Missionary Work in Africa. Many amusing stories were told illus-"You talk about the old days of Meth-Trative of the trying position of sea go-ing Quakers. One of them narrates that a Friend, on hoard of a ship, retired to back in the days of Abraham. Trayeling was so cleverly arranged that the joint the cabin on seeing that a conflict was is almost entirely on foot. We can do could not be seen. At first he used wet inevitable, that he might not by his about twenty miles a day, making three plates, but he soon saw the disadvantage be was laboring under. About that time the lightning dry plates were pat on the achimsman was about to put his helm the

florins.

England to Africa must go through an A "wanishing lady" bowed as the re-porter left the shop, and a "demon pea-forins: 1784, 1,640 florins: 1794, 1,800 nore that idea and find it unnecessary florins: 1797, 1,660 florins: 1862, 1,400 with world and find it unnecessary with world and find it unnecessary with myself and workers. floring; 1811, 9,400 floring; 1977, 8,500

When You Call Upon Your Ductor.

his own house do so in his office hours Do not go just at the time when he takes his meals "because I am surs to catch him then." So far as possible he How Portuguese Carry Water. mon to them all, but the Portuguese in-habitants of the Azores and Madeira food in comfort at proper hours.

Finish the professional interview with habitants of the Anores and Madoira have a little touch of their own which have a little touch of their own which continue detailing symptoms in the hall when being shown ont .-- Good House-

most tremenjous jumps that any critter The statistics of lightning strokes in ever did make, an' jest went a-sailin' Dox'rWarr, GEFFFATON Germany during the past twenty-six right on over the bresh an' landed on years have been investigated by Herr tother side on't slick and clean!"-Cor. Forest and Stream.

Deceptive False Carls.

fewer than 1,145 strokes. They are most Every one must have noticed the num-frequent in the hottest months of the ber of ladies who wear short, ourly hair year, June and July, and in the hottest at present. It may astonish you to learn illness the hair is almost invariably se to be struck are woodless and flat places, riously injured, and even if it does not valleys of rivers and low meadows, near fall out it becomes so dry and harsh that lakes, while wooded and hilly districts there is nothing to be done but to shave be two or three months before it is long

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<sup>a</sup> I was troubled for years with indienough to look well, and in the mean time a wig is a necessity. The short, trouble.--Interview with Wigmaker.

### Inventor of the Detective Camera.

It was a Parisian who hit upon the novel idea of a detective camera. He was so cloverly arranged that the joint end of each hour. "I learned the science of walking market and the Frenchman's hopes rose wrong way. Seamanship mastered when a boy, and have taught the mis-guakerism, for he called out, "TI have stonaries so that they do not tire in these with him, and no one, at aglance, would make the the then starboard, John!" A learned the science of walking high. He could take his hat anywhere with him, and no one, at aglance, would auspect its double purpose. Placed on a table facing the person to be taken, the sionaries so that they do not tire in these with him, and no one, at a glance, would The growing value of a good picture is illustrated by the prices paid for the "Skittle Players," by Jan Steen, now owned by Lord Ashburton. In 1709 it was knocked down for 58 floring, 1765

More Than An Editor Could Stand. The other day a Sioux Indian walked ore that idea and find it unnecessary ith myself and workers. "Doctors also say that no work must be done in Africa by new comers, but as we have no time to wait we begin work the first day on striking African soft, and off our necktie, gave him the field and When committing a medical man in probably are better for it."-Boston Ad-is own house do so in his office hours vertiser. would prefer being president of the

United States or governor of Nebrasks, catch him then." So far as possible he certainly should be allowed to take his

#### How to Spull a Cigar.

A cigar should never be exposed to the travelers in the east have failed to note. light. Such goods as are in showcases They draw their water fresh from deep, dark wells, or the public fountains, into a display. Within a few weeks the cigare for an arrangement of slides and springs by which a man, or rather a dummy, goes all to pieces. At a signal the head flies toward the celling, the legs move to the sides and the arms drop to the floor. The body remains in the chair. A be The body remains in the chair. A be heading spharatus is another of this in ventor's ghastly devices. The az drops into a sacket in the block and the head "great tonic" for only one session of the year can't expect to do much business. Dr. Brown-Sequard is going right along with his clixir theory and practice, The Take of Westminster each war

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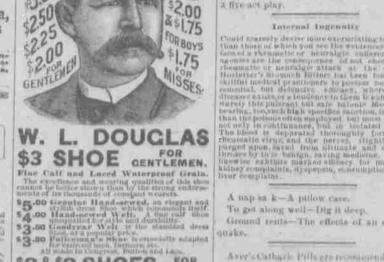
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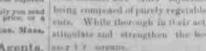
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