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don't break your mother's heart. You

SKINNING CATS ALIVE.

Beckett, a dirty, ragged and very ill favor-

ed woman of about 45 years of age, was

brought up in custody of policeman Stead-

man, of the F. Division, charged with

skinning two cats alive. It appears that

this horrible practice has of late been very

much on the increase, as is shown by the

number of skinned cats found every morn-

ing in the areas and cellars of back streets.

such as the coal yard and Nottingham

court, having been thrown away during the

night. The prisoner had been long sus-

pected, and had frequently been watched

by the constable. She was constantly

about the streets at all hours of the night,

in the very places where the cats were

usually found, but until the present occa-

sion she had never been detected in the act

of disposing of them. At about 5 o'clock

that morning (Saturday,) a costermonger,

named William Payne, living in Notting-

ham court, saw the prisoner skulking about

with something bulky in her apron. He

watched her, and presently saw her stoop

down and thrust two skinned cats under

the flap of the cellar. He then went in

search of Steadman, who took her in

charge, and led her back to the place point-

ed out by Payne, where he found two

skinned cats. They were both quite warm

and smoking, and one of them still quiv-

ered. The prisoner then said, "They

were the first two I ever done," and after-

wards added, "Don't make it very bad

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THE FIRST GLASS. BY MRS. BROOKS.

Men who have to the altar led Hearts which since have often bled. O'er joys which from their homes have fled, By the first cup's decree; In evil day and evil hour,

They yielded to its blighting power, And then the clouds of woe did lower On that doomed family.

In the first glass the danger lies, 'Tis the first sip that will victimize, The tempter smiles and claims his prize When the first goblet's drained : Reason dethroned and brain on fire, The tottering gait and tremens dire. Are the "first fruits" of base desire

And passion unrestrained, Who would be to sin a slave,

The curse of God and man would brave, Who would fill a drunkard's grave, The first glass let him sip;

But who would keep that higher law, A peaceful dying breath would draw, Dash aside that cup with awe, Before it touch thy lip.

Can men forget the converse bland, The sacred vow and plighted hand. Are promises a "rope of sand?" Beware of perjury.

That wives do honor and obey, The sacrifices of each day, Are proofs sincere in long array, Of their fidelity.

Ye men of function, trust and power, Our country's hope in darkest hour, Before whom even despots cower, And laud your noble aim. That we have felt this moral pest. Your serried ranks do well attest;

Help then this common foe to arrest, And win a laurelled name. Ye youth who soon must fill the place

Of those who near have run their race. Can ye your fatherland disgrace, By inchriety?

When good men die as die they must, For God hath said from "dust to dust," Can they resign their sacred trust To such depravity?

Promise to him who made the skies, By all that you on earth most prize, Above such baseness you will rise, And men and "naught else" be;

Lay the tyrant Bacchus low, In him will fall your deadliest foe, Prepare to strike a signal blo And gain the victory.

his mother's heart? No matter how old REMEDIES FOR THE INCREASE you are, be careful, O be very careful you

OF CRIME. The increase of crime in the country at will never know in this world how much large has become a matter of universal

are spared to live until you are grown up, almost obselete. Indeed, the only result cated, and comes regularly for its food .-and that dear mother shall live for you to which in many cases follows a murder is Instead of roosting as the chickens do it bury her, if you are unkind and disobedi- a grave waste of eight or ten days of time takes a position on the rooster's back, who ent to her now, how will you feel when by court, lawyers, juries, and witnesses, bears the weight of his little friend with you come to kiss her cold face for the last and a bill of costs to the Commonwealth. time before you cover her from your sight? A religious paper now before us makes of all is, that it has learned to crow like When I see a boy or girl disobedient and an effort to explain the cause of the in- the cock, and crows regularly, more freunkind to a mother I greatly fear they crease of crime and to suggest remedies. quently than the rooster; and seems to be will come to some wretched end .- Child's The cause, it alleges, is found in part in vain of its accomplishment. It is a real the fact that more at ention is given to the bona fide crow, clear and loud and similar mere intellectual than to the moral culture to that of a young rooster. The bird can of youth: that in times of great civil con- be seen and heard daily, and if any one vulsion, when anarchy and violence pre- doubts its truth they can be convinced by vail, as in the first French revolution, it is seeing and hearing for themselves. The the learned, and not the ignorant, who lead age is progressive, and the birds are keepthe way to destruction. No severity of law, says the writer, no strictness in the enforcement of penalties will secure public justice amongst a corrupt community, or serve as a substitute for an honest heart in the people. You may multiply jails and penitentiaries, yet, in spite of all these, crimes will multiply so long as the heart of the people is left in all its corruption to work as the great foutain of crime. The conclusion to which the writer comes is that Christianity has a power exceeding all others in counteracting human wickedness, and is adequate to all the present necessities of nations sinking under the weight of their own corruption and crimes. This all seems very well, but we may suggest that the power to work out reform must not be that sublimated sort of Christianity which claims a wisdom and a refinement beyond the precepts of its great founder, and which has too much tenderness of conscience to hang a murderer when his crime is made manifest. In short, there must be, in addition to the moral culture admitted to be necessary in diminishing crime, that stern idea of justice which renders the cert inty of pun ishment a terror to evil doers.

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He took from her the apron and a couple gantic financiering on the most approved one of the performers, a girl of about nine

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SINGULAR FREAK OF A BIRD. The Somerset (Pa.) Democrat says, some time last fall, a blackbird came to Mr. Joseph Snyder's in this borough, and you owe your mother-how much she has notoriety, and the failure to punish crimi- has since lived contentedly with the chickendured and suffered for you. But if you nals has rendered the laws on the subject ens. It has become thoroughly domestigreat good nature. But the most singular ing up with the times.

Discreditable to Somebody.-The Hon.

Richard W. Thompson, of Indiana, as very many are aware, has had for some years a claim for forty thousand dollars against the Government for services rendered the Cherokee Indians. Mr, Guthrie, as Secretary of the Treasury, refused to pay the claim. He was appealed to in all possible ways, and even threatened with suits at law, but he steadily and perseveringly refused to the last to let the money be paid. The new Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Cobb, has allowed Mr. Thompson's claim. Although he has been in office only about a month, and during that time has necessarily, as a new encumbent, had very many matters demanding his attention, he promptly, and of course with little or no opportunity for examination allows a \$40,000 claim, which Secretary Guthrie, with all possible opportunities for scrutiny through a series of years rejected over and over again.

Recovery of a Lost Child .- A curious incident occurred at Turin on the 26th ult. A party of rope dancers were performing in one of the public squares of that city. STATE DEBT TO BE LIQUIDAT. when one of the spectators rushed forward with the exclamation of "My daugh-We live in an age of progress and gi- ter! my daughter!" At the same moment of knives, and took her to the station honse. basis of judicial morality and constitution- years of age, with beautiful fair locks, On examining the carcasses he found a al ethology. As an evidence of this, we broke away from the troop and rushed inhim in September last. The rope dancers were immediately taken to the police office, where the chief of the troop gave proof of his not being the kidnapper, and the daughter was restored to her father. Revolting Affair in Maryland .- The following tragic occurrence took place at Winston, Md., on the 27th of March:-A son of Philip Pendleton and a young man by the name of Drain, from Chicago, had some misunderstanding, which resulted in Drain's challenging young Pendleton. He accepted the challenge, and chose bowie-knives. They nailed themselves down to a two inch oak plank by the pants, and fought until Drain was mortally wounded, Young Pendleton was nearly cut in pieces and is now lying in a critical condition. Part of Pendleton's knife is still in Drain's head. There is no hope of his recovery. The Dr. thinks they will both die. - Drain was 22 years old, and small of stature, while Pendleton was about 19. Trouble in the Party .- An unpaid grog bill has involved the Central Committee of the New York Buchanan party in a deal of trouble. The fun of it is, a darkey is the prosecutor. It seems, that in a jubilee over the election of Buchanan they not only ate his bread but drank his wine to excess, and then like a pack of ingrates, walked off and refused to pay him. Sambo, however, is not to be trifled with, insists on his rights, and, with the air of a here, drags them to judgment. The best way to get out of the matter would be to get into the U. S. Supreme Court -there Sambo it seems has no rights.

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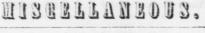
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THE BOY WHO BROKE HIS MO-THER'S HEART.

I went into the "Tombs," or New York city prison, yesterday, and saw a great many things to make me very sad; but none that excited my sympathies more than a poor weeping woman, who stood looking into one of the cells containing three or four boys from nine to twelve years old. One of these boys was her own and eldest son; she was a widow, and her husband, who was a sailor, had been dead several years. I spoke to this heart-stricken mother, and inquired into the cause of her sorrows. "Oh, sir," said she, "my boy is here in prison for steal-

ing. Oh, if he were dead and in his coffin I could bear it; but to have him here in a felon's cell, breaks my heart. I tried to keep him in, but he would go out into the streets, and there he got into bad company; I warned and entreated him, but he would not do as I wanted him to, and now he is

No wonder that his mother wept; no wonder that she could not be comforted. Here in a horrid prison, in which were shut up scores of thieves and other bad men and boys, was her own child, the babe that she had nursed and kissed with the love that a mother only knows; the babe that she had a thousand times rocked to sleep singing a lullaby; for whom she had in sickness watched and wept and slept not, and to clothe and feed him had sewed till midnight hours had come. That babe, in rags and disgrace, could not be spoken to only through an iron grating even by his mother. Poor woman, I did pity her. I wept with her, and tried to day, and the body of the husband being soothe her anguish,

Let me ask those who read this story, how it is with you. Are you kind and obedient to your mother? Do you mind her quickly and pleasantly when she speaks to you? Do you never disobey her? Or are you like the boy who broke

mark of a spike at the back of the head learn from the Venango Star that a large to his arms with a cry of recognition. of each, the usual mode of performing and enthusiastic meeting of the Democra- The police immediately interfered, and this horrible operation being to fix the cy of that county was held at Riceville, the gentleman, an inhabitant of Bagnolo, head of the animal to a spike, by which it (named after the editor of the Pennsylva. informed them that the young girl was was "half stunned," so as to be incapable nian, we presume,) on Monday of last his daugher, who had been stolen from of fighting against its torturer.

Mr. Henry asked what was the usual price of their skins.

The constable said he believed they fetched 2s. 3d. when taken from the living animal; but otherwise they were utterly worthless. The fur lost its gloss. The prisoner denied that she skinned

the cats alive. She found them in the streets, already dead, the previous day.

Mr. Henry said that could not be, for they were still warm when found by the constable. The utmost punishment he had power to inflict was three months' imprisonment with hard labor, and he should sentence her to the full extent of that penalty.-London Paper.

Horrible Story .- The Tipton Advertiser, published in Iowa, contains a story apparently in imitation of Poe's "Case of M. Valdemer." It is contained in a letter from one John Moreton, and relates to the case of a patient of his who disagreed with his wife, she believing in spiritual manifestations while he scouted them .--She died telling him with her last breath, that on his death bed she would appear to him in the body. A few weeks after he died, Dr. John Moreton being then present, and as he was gasping his last, a most horrible body, through whose decaying flesh the white bones gleamed, and from whose rotten limbs dropped loathsome grave worms upon the floor, entered the room. This horrible form said, "Come William! they wait for you-I wait," and fell to the floor, where it remained the next conveyed away, the house was burned.

- This story is supported by two or three affidavits, taken before James Maylor, Notary Public for Grand Traverse county,

The best capital to begin life on is a capital wife.

week, for the purpose of endorsing the decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scottcase. Eloquentspeeches were made, which are not reported, and must, therefore, be lost to the world, but James F. Wood offered a resolution "that the Black Republican party, by its malignant abuse of the venerable members of the Court, has shown that its real aim and object is to subvert and destroy the very foundations of this glorious Republic," and Col. Holland immortalized himself by presenting another, that "the State Legislature be

requested to inquire into the expediency of liquidating the debt of the State by the sale of persons of color now residing in Pennsylvania." The Star tells us that Col. Holland, in supporting this resolution, said that although this proposition might seem to be a stariling one, yet a little reflection would convince every thinking man that the plan was not only perfectly in accordance with the decision of the United States Supreme Court, but was perfectly feasible. He spoke at consider able length, developing the details of the proposed plan. His remarks were listened to with profound attention, and at their conclusion the meeting adjourned until the 27th instant, when final action will be taken on the resolution. We shall await final action with some anxiety, but in the meantime suggest to Col. H. the propriety of modifying his resolution, so that the surplus cash shall go towards buying every white man a farm, and should it fall short, let us include in the sale all other persons whose complexion is of the 'burnish livery of the sun'-the white slaves who have to work for their livings, to the great disgust of the South, We see cheering signs of the speedy advent of "the good time coming."

ther, there's niver a wick in it !'

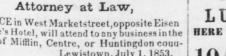
Wm. A. Greatrake, of Pittsburgh, who, after an exciting trial, was sentenced to two years imprisonment for seducing Miss Mary Murray, has been pardoned, after serving a year in the Penitentiary. Miss Murray, among many other "friends," excrted herself to procure the pardon from Governor Pollock.

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Brown bread is better than none.

IP An Irishman trying to put out a gas light with his fingers, cried out, 'Och, mur-

Michigan.



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