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VALLEY FORGE.

Ella Rodman Church, in Harper's Magazine for April. Valley Forge is a manufacturing place, and there is a constant hum of machinery from the paper, flour, and woollen mills. The neat little houses of the factory hands are gay with flowers and vines, while the handsome residence of the mill-owner towers castle-like above them. Past all these dwellings, at the end of the street, stands the old-fashioned stone edifice hallowed by Washington's presence.

It is a plain, somewhat contractedlooking house, this Valley Forge shrine, after the usual type of ancient Penn-sylvania homesteads, with a queer roof over the door, without either posts or pillars, shaped like the sounding-boards in old-time churches. The small-paned windows are long, and end in low deep window-seats that could be sat in with ease; but they are not cushioned, or made the most of in any way. The entrance door opens in halves, and two broad flat stones lead to it.

Nothing has been changed in the old house since Washington left it, with the exception of paper and paint; but it strikes the visitor as decidedly bare-looking, and by no means attract-ive as a place of residence. The adive as a place of residence. The ad-mission fee of ten cents is appropriated dropped from the clouds. Joe was by the Centennial Committee for the furnishing fund, their intention being to furnish the back room on the ground-floor, known as Washington's private office, with articles gathered here and there of the date of Washington's residence, and as nearly as possible a fac-simile of those in use at the period, the original furniture hav-ing slipped away down the back stairs of time without leaving a trace be-

As yet, however, nothing has been accomplished, and very little of interest is to be seen in the way of relics. The back room is the chief point of interest; and one of the deep window-seats is a box, the lid of which is labelled "Washington's private papers, 1777," this receptacle having probably been made to avoid surprises.

We are also shown a Revolutionary cannon ball, the old anvil used in shoeing the horses of Washington and his troops, an ancient fire-place with "backs and jambs." The iron back of another fire-place is unexpectedly displayed outside of entrance door which opens into a narrow passage. This back, of German manufacture, is quite

ture in the room is an "old clock on the stair," which seems its legitimate place. It was not used, however, by Washington, having been imported from England by the grandfather of the present venerable occupant in 1784.

The old Potts mansion has been purchased by the Centennial and Memoral Association, and in the deed of trust the ground belonging to it is carefully estimated at two acres and eight perches. The long low stone barn perches. The long low stone of that stretches across a large portion of one side is rough and plain—the same Gov. Marks, of Tennnessee, and said : "That is the old rebel yell." "We are the reply, "and now

A LITTLE TRAMP.

From the St. Louis Republican. The other day a country boy made a pathetic appeal to a Union Square, old strains ofpark policeman in the heart of New York. The boy had been gazing at The boy had been gazing at

take care of seven cows and milk them morning and evening. Mr. Voorhis never sent me to school, and as I wanted to learn something I made up my mind to go away and see if I could not do something else, so that I could Sometimes I've managed to get a ride and I heard that they had big schools something."

There are bad boys in New York who sometimes "play it" upon good people, and prove to be among the things that "are not always what they seem." Joe did not look like one of them, and his air and appearance proved his whole story, but the officer wished to make "assurances doubly sure," so he took the boy out for a walk and managed to lose him in a crowd, while he observed Joe's movements from a convenient hiding place. The poor boy ran up and down in ter-ror at having lost his guide, like a little stray dog hunting his master. He was again groping helplessly and hopelessly in the solitudes of the multitudes, and evidently knew nothing of the streets of New York.

This knowledge or ignorance was what the officer wished to test, and being satisfied he again appeared beoverjoyed, and the friend of the children was satisfied that Joseph Blowers, the White mountain boy, was not a little fraud. A boy who, at the age of thirteen, orphaned and ignorant, finding the time of education slipping by, walks from the White mountains to New York to hunt the better life, has in him the kind of stuff of which great men are made. Ben. Franklin strolled into Philadelphia, then the metropolis of the country, munching his penny loaf; Horace Greeley lumbered into New York a green country gawk, and Joe Blowers, a little tramp, may make a big history for all anybody knows.

THAT OLD REBEL YELL.

AN INCIDENT OF SOUTHERN EXCURSION TO CINCINNATI.

Colonel J. E. McGowen, of the Chattanooga *Times* in a speech to that paper, gives the following graphic description of an incident of the Cincinnati banquet :

The great orchestra, under the puissant baton of Michael Brand, struck up the stirring old air "Dixie," with a work of art, and evidently intended as a representation of the miracle in Cana of Galilee, the queer figures and water jars being supplemented by a German inscription, in which the words "Wasser" and "Wein" are quite dis-tinct, also the reference to John ii, 1-11. The most noticeable article of furni-tura in the recommission is an "did clock" of the gallant Southerners overcame of the gallant Southerners overcame them, and almost simultaneously they sprang to their feet, more than a thousand strong, and the old Southern battle-cry made the lofty arches Side by side with them ring again. the Northern hosts and cheered stood with them. Again and again the men of the South broke forth as the measures woke their enthusiasm, gay and the strains of the orchestra were fairly drowned by their united voices. A prominent gentleman of Cinciu-

nati, and a famous soldier, turned to

"Yes," was the reply, "and now hear it raised for the stars and stripes," for just then the orchestra struck up that grand old patriotic air. The scene followed is indescribable. As that the full orchestra poured the grand

"The star-spangled banner, Oh, long may it wave

to work about the farm, and had to one of the finest mansions in the county, and is no mean rival of Audley End-but without its wealth artistic treasures-or Down Hall. The late Viscountess Maynard, the grandmother of the new beauty, for many years distributed £2,000 per go to school. So I left Mr. Voorhis, and I've walked nearly all the way from the White mountains to New York, which I'd heard was a big city. the occasion was celebrated by a on the way. It was a long tramp magnificent entertainment, which cost here, but I wanted to go to school, an enormous sum and was one of the most brilliant affairs which has been here. I want to get something to do to pay my way, so that I can learn Flowers were brought from Nice, and a suite of temporary reception roms were erected for the occasion.

ARENENBERG.

H. M. Byers, in Harper's Magazine for April.

Just below Constance the beautiful island is Reichenau lying like **s** gem in the miniature sea. On the hills to the left the chateaux, vilias and castles. At least one of these is historical; it is al-most the simpliest among them, but is interesting as having been for twenty years the home of Qaeen Hortense, the daughter of Josephine, and step-daugh-ter of Napoleon the First. With all her brilliancy of birth and character, she was an unhappy and an unfortunate woman.

She had seen her own father murder She had seen her own father murder-ed on the guillotine. Her mother mar-ried an Emperor, only to die broken-hearted. Her stepfather died on a lone island of the sea. She herself married a king, only to be divorced and de-throned, while her children and her whole family became wandering fugi-tives in strange lands. It is extremely saddening to walk through the rooms of saddening to walk through the rooms of her little home here, and recall the fate that followed her in life.

When Napoleon became Emperor, she was one of the most brilliant and talented women of his court. She wrote excellent verses, arranged plays and composed songs that have cheered the French armies in battle from that day to this. Her song "Partant pour la Syrie" may last with the French lan-

or were related to him, were banished from France, poor Hortense, after being refused a resting place in many lands, bought this little villa in a quiet corner of Switzerland. Here she devoted many years to self-culture, and the culture of her two sons.

France's second emperor. Arenenberg is a plain villa outside, but is situated on one of the loveliest spots of the shores of the river Rhine. In the gar-den near the villa is a long, low house, used then, as now, for stables. The upper floor of this out-house contained the rooms of the young prince, Louis Napoleon. Here he studied, and here he schemed.

Louis Napoleon visited Arenenberg when he became Emperor, and twenty

Josiah D. Channing in the Bangor Whig. The Old Pod Auger Days.

I saw an aged man at work, He turned an auger round ; And ever and anon he'd pause, And meditate profound. "Good morning, friend," quoth I to him-"Art thinking when to raise ?" "Oh no," said he, "I'm thinking on The old 'pod auger days."

"True, by the hardest then, we wrought, With little extra aid ; On honor were the things we bought, On honor those we made; And now invention stalks abroad, Deception dogs her ways; Things different are from what they were In old 'pod auger days.'

"Then homely was the fare we had And homespun what we wore : Then scarce a niggard pulled the string Inside his cabin door. Then humbugs didn't fly so thick As half the world to haze; That sort of bug was scarcely known In old 'nod auger days' In old 'pod auger days.'

'Then men were strong and woman fair Was hearty as the doe; Then few so dreadful 'feeble' were, They couldn't knit and sew. Then girls could sing and they could work And they could sing any they could work And thrum gridiron lays ; That sort of music took the palm In old 'pod auger days.

"Then men were patriots—rare indeed An Arnold or a Burr; They loved their country, and in turn Were loved and blest by her. Then Franklin, Sherman, Rittenhouse Earned well the nation's praise; Ve've not the Congress that we had In old 'pod auger days.

"Then slow and certain was the word Now de'il the hindermest take ; Then buyers rattled down the tin Now words must payment make ; Then murder-doing villains soon Were decked in hempen bays ; We didn't murder in our sleep In old 'pod auger days.

So wags the world ; 'tis well enough, If wisdom went by steam, But in my day she used to drive A plain old fashioned team; And justice with her bandage off Can now see choice in ways; he used to sit blindfold and stern In old 'pod auger days.'"

WORDS UPON DYING LIPS.

HOW SOME OF THE GREAT OF EARTH MET THE KING OF TERRORS.

Queen Elizabeth, at the end of most prosperous reign, begun amid dangers and many difficulties that were overcome by bold measures and pru-dent councils, died exclaiming, "Ah, my possessions for a moment of time." my possessions for a moment of time." George VI. met death with almost a jest upon his lips. Turning to Sir Wal-tran Waller, on whose arm he leaned, he said: "Whatty, what is this? It is death, boy, and they have deceived us." The Danish Sovereign, Frederick V., greatly beloved by his subjects, cried "There is not a drop of blood on my hands," as he passed away. Henry VIII., who had altered the whole course of monastic life in England, exclaims of monastic life in England, exclaims "Monks! Monks! Monks!" Edward VI_u, the wan boy King, with his fast fading eyes, commended his soul to God, "Lord, take my spirit," and Cromwell as he listened to the discourse of these short him said "Then Law of those about him said, "Then I am safe," and was silent forever.

The last word of Charles 1. on the scaffold to Archbishop Juxson was "Remember," referring to his desire that his son Charles should forgive his fath-er's murderers. Ann Boleyn, in the same terrible situation, clasped her fair neck, saying, "It is small, very small ;" and Sir Thomas More, as he yielded himself to the executioner, said, with sorry wit, "For my coming down let me shift for myself." Joan of Arc at the stake ended her eventful, stormy life, stake ended her eventful, stormy life, with our Saviour's name upon her lips, as brave as Gen. Wolf, who, dying in the midst of victory on the battle field, and hearing of the enemy's retreat, cried, "What! do they run already? Then I die hafpy;" or Philip Sidney, after he had relinquished the draught of water to an humbler comrade, though marched with thist turned him sound parched with thirst, turned him round to die, saying, "Let me behold the end of this world with all its vanities."

Mirabeau desired to die while delicious strains of music floated on the air, but his last utterance was a demand for "Let one horse wagon of a friend that happened to be there, and with him head my solace and delight;" but Haydn, forgetful of his art, cried, "God preserve my Emperor." Alfieri's sympathetic nature displayed itself in the words. "Clasp my hand, dear friend, I die." Gothe cries, "Light, more light." Tas-so, "In tous manus, Donine;" Byron, "Come, come, no weakness; let's be a man to the last; I must sleep now." And those who saw his embalmed body in 1824, when brought to England from Missolonghi in the Florida, and removed to Sir Edward Knatchbull's House

self sacrificing existence, wrote his last words to a friend, "My bed fellows are cramp and cough—we three sleep in a

bed." Bishop Broughton's last words are, "Let the earth be filled with His glory ;" Archbishop Sharpe, "I shall be happy ;" Bishop Ken, "God's will be done;" Farr, Cranmer, Hooper, and George Herbert, "Lord receive my spirit;" and these are but a few of many such utterthese are but a few of many such utter-ances. The Prince Consort confirmed the impression that prevails that the dying have sometimes a foretaste of coming happiness, "I have such sweet thoughts," were the last words of a most noble life.

RAT HOLES AT HARRISBURG.

One of the most intensely interest-ing volumes which has recently been issued from the office of the public printer at Harriaburg, is the annual report of Auditor General Schell, Figures are usually esteemed a very dry and un-palatable sort of diet, but the volume to which we refer contains a vast amount of food for reflection, and embraces almost as many amusing features as a comic almanac. Among the various sources of revenue are two dollars in "con-science money" which came from Phil-adelphia. This is a small beginning, but it may contain the promise of better things in the future. Of all the money pilfered from the treasury dur-ing the last twenty years these are the first two dollars that have ever found their way back sgain. May we not in-dulge the hope that they will be parents of a numerous progeny of returning prodigals? It is a great misfortune that history will be deprived of the name of this first great conscience-striken apostle of reform. Future ages will never know whether it is 'Lish Davis or Harry Huhn, or Emil Petroff, or George Handy Smith whom they should rise up and call blessed. No less novel and startling is the announcement that the revenues of the common wealth were still further augmented by the return o thirty-four cents, an unexpended bal ance remaining in the hands of Secre-tary Quay. This seems to settle all doubts as to the candidacy of Col. Quay for Senator Wallace's seat in the Unit-ed States Senate. With this thirty-four cents as a basis he would be a strong candidate on a platform of retrench-ment and economy. The satisfaction of the public over the discontinuance of annual assistant of the largest the will of annual sessions of the legislature will be largely increased by knowledge of the fact that the last senate cost the the fact that the last senate cost the State \$146,708.92, and the house \$420, 553.99, with \$29,674.24 additional for the *Legislative Record*. Whether the State received a corresponding benefit many persons will feel disposed to ques-tion, in view of the fact that the only mensure of general legislation to which they devoted their time and telepta they devoted their time and talents was the scheme to steal four million dollars out of the treasury under pre-tence of paying the damages of the Pittsburgh riot. In justice to the senators and members it must be admitted tors and members it must be admitted that they didn't pocket all the swag themselves, but were most munificent in their largesses to their political friends who constituted the grand army of clerks, door-keepers, messengers, pasters and folders. Over fifty thou-sand dollars were paid in salaries to the efficers of the senate. Six thousand officers of the senate. Six thousand dollars were paid for stationery for the senate, and fifteen thousand for the bouse, and every member of each body was allowed \$25 for stationery and \$100 for postuge. For buckets and brooms \$2,000 were expended ; \$2,246 were paid to \$1 scrub women to clean up the senate's dirt, an average of forty women every night, almost one to every sena-tor. The resident clerk, at a salary of \$3,000 and a "contingent fund" of \$2, 200, and who has really little or nothing to do, had two clerks to help him do it at salaries amounting to \$1,300. The inauguration of Gov. Hoyt cost \$4,098.11, and the sum of \$10,998.91 was expended in refurnishing and re-pairing the executive mansion. The public printing cost the enormous figure of \$287,924.56; and the superintend-ent of public grounds got the nice little plum of \$13,424.78. The furnishing of a room wherein the lieutenant-gover-

a room where the arduous duties of his office cost over \$500. The embrionic statesmen of Harrisburg cost the com-monwealth \$129.50 for ice water to mix with their whiskey and reduce the temperature of their blistered gullets. These are only a few specimen items selected out of a volume of 276 pages. How much more undiscovered richness the report contains may safely be left to the important of the reader

A New Application of the Electric Light.

From the New York Herald.

The wonders of the electric light, it The wonders of the electric light, it seems, are not to cease. The latest de-velopment of its virtues is its power to promote the occult processes of vege-tation, as recently demonstrated by the eminent scientist Dr. C. W. Siemens, before the Royal Society. The elabor-ate experiments made by this investi-gator to ascertain whether plants ex-posed to the electric light were affected by its rays conclusively prove that it is by its rays conclusively prove that it is efficacious in producing their leaf green and in greatly stimulating their growth. After announcing this beautiful discov-ery to the meeting of the society on the ery to the meeting of the society on the 4th inst, the discoverer placed a pot of budding tulips in the full brightness of an electric lamp, and in about forty minutes the buds had expanded into full bloom. Dr. Siemens' experimental tests, conducted for two months, show that the ordinary vegetables which were kept entirely in the dark died; those exposed to the electric light only or to daylight only throve equally well, while those exposed to the daylight and also to the electric light successively grew rapidly and vigorously. He contends that the radiation of heat from powerful electric arcs can be made available to correct frost and probably to promote the ripening of fruit in the open air. It, has been generally sup-posed that plants, like animals, require a certain period of rest in the twenty-four hours, but these experiments show that, subjected to the sunlight by day and the electric light by night, they make increased and vicenus correspondence. make increased and vigorous progress. The discovery may lead to some im-portant practical results of which its

portant practical results of which is own author has as yet no hint. Where natural water power can be had at lit-tle cost and the mechanical energy ne-tice working the electric light cessary for working the electric light-ing apparatus is inexpensive it may, and no doubt will, be highly available for horticulturists.

The Reason of Birds.

From the Spectator May I tell you affew facts to prove that birds can be, like their human friends, both reasonable and unreasonable? 1. Several years ago a pair of my canaries built; while the hen was sit-ting the weather became intensely hot. ting the weather became intensely hot. She drooped, and I began to fear that she would not be strong enough to hatch the eggs. I watched the birds closely, and soon found that the cock was a devoted nurse. He bathed in the fresh cold water I supplied every morn-ing, then went to the edge of the nest, and the hen buried her head in his breast and was refreshed. Without breast and was refreshed. Without hands and without a sponge, what more could he have done? 2. The following spring the same bird was hanging in a window with three other canaries, each in a separate cage. I was sitting in the room, and heard my little favorite give a peculiar cry. I looked up and saw all the birds crouching on their perches, paralyzed with fright. On going to the window to ascertain the cause of their terror. I saw a large helpon measure terror, I saw a large balloon passing over the end of the street. The birds did not move until it was out of sight, when they all gave a chirp of relief. The balloon was only within sight of the bird who gave the alarm, and I have and obth he mistook it for a bird of prey. 3. I have a green and a yellow canary hanging side by side. They are treated exactly alke, and are warm friends. One has often refused to partake of some delicacy till the other was supplied with it. One day I had five supplied with it, One day I had hve blossoms of dandelion : I gave three to the green bird, two to the yellow one. The latter flew about his cage, singing in a shrill voice, and showed unmis-takable signs of anger. Guessing the cause I took away one of three flowers, when both birds settled down quietly to enjow their feast. to enjoy their feast.

Mineral Resources of Virginia.

From the Baltimore Sa

Prof. Eccleston lectured on Monday vening before the New York Academy of Sciences on the mineral resources of Virginia and West Virginia. The lec ture was of a sort to explain the recent renewal of railroad building in those renewal of rairroad building in those sections. Virginia produces iron ore in great abundance, while West Virginia is full of coal beds. The Virginia iron ores are of remarkable quality, stretch-ing in veins between the Biue Ridge and the Alleghenies, and extending from Pottsdam on the east to Clifton. The iron beds were sometimes continextending uous, sometimes in folds numbering from three or four up to twelve, and in mineral as those of Lake Superior. These ores have not been developed, owing to difficulties in access and transportation. Fuel is scarce, connection not being yet closely made with the coal beds further west. But the time was now coming when these ore beds would be worked. They were too rich to belonger neglected, few of them con-taining more than a fifth of one per cent, phosphorus. Virginia is richer in iron than Pennsylvania, says Prof. Ec-cleston and it is a store of wealth for cleston, and it is a store of wealth for coming generations. If, he added, the prosperity of the iron trade continued, an industrial survey would have to be made of the comitive and here to be made of the country, and such a survey would show so much industrial wealth in Virginia that capital must in-evitably flow into the State.

guage. When Napoleon's star of destiny failed him, and all who bore his name,

Here was spent the boyhood of

In a recent visit to Arenenberg the writer hunted up a number of old resi-dents of the neighborhood who had been companions of Napoleon, and a few who had been friends of Hortense There were many remembered incidents of the life of both ; for both, though in of the file of both; for both; hough in a very different way, had been much liked by all the villagers. Hortense's kindness to the poor of all the district has embalmed her name in grateful remembrance there, and even the stern republicans of Switzerland had a warm sympathy for an unfortunate queen. As to her son, the late Emperor, people could never tire telling of the incidents of his hydrody the pointed to the could of his boyhood that pointed to the coming man. What a swimmer he was! what a horseman! what a wrestler! and if half the stories be true, what a rake! Of his horsemanship it is main-tained he had not an equal anywhere. It was a habit of his never to mount a horse by the use of the stirrup, but to run and spring over the crupper and into the saddle at a bound.

when he became Emperor, and twenty thousand people came to bid him wel-come. As a young man he had been a captain of militia sharp-shooters here, and president of the village school board. These bodies joined officially board. Inese bodies joined omcially in the greeting. There were several coaches and four drawn up at the sta-tion for the Emperor and his staff to ride in. What was the astonishment and joy to see Napoleon jump into the

policeman's star from afar, and at last came to the conclusion that he was

a man of authority in the town. The policeman had kept an eye on the boy, too, so there was a good deal of interest worked up between the man and boy before they had any communica-tion. At last the boy timidly ap-proached the policeman and asked him where he could get something to eat and a place to sleep, for he was hungry and tired. He was a bright looking little fellow, but he was eviweary and worn, and traveldently soiled, and from the country. He was lost in town, and lingered round the Union Square as a country spot-an oasis in the desert of pavement and walls, and a familiar friend in a solitude of thronging strangers. The po-liceman did not beat the boy with his chab and tell him to move on, as we sometimes read of policemen doing to little tramps. On the contrary, he kindly placed the urchin in the hands of an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. In answer to inquiries the little fellow gave all of his history that he knew, and explained his presence in New York in a very interesting manner. His story was this:

"My name is Joseph Blowers, and I am 13 years of age. I can't read or write, but I know how to spell my And the home of the brave."

the grand organ burst forth in glorious unison with all its magnificent power and the vast audience arose as one man, and the old Union cheer blended with the old rebel yell to the notes of the National air for the first time since the dark and bloody years of the great civil war. Men who had faced each other on many a crimson battle-field under the stars and bars clasped hands and waved handkerchief s until the great level of the hall was like a white sea. All the sound of the orchestra was lost in the exultant shouts of reconciliation and common patriotism and the great wave of enthusiasm swept over the vast, glowing concourse and carried everything before it. It was a scene never to be forgotten by those who anticipated a moment what was cardinal in the history of the Republic.

England's Great Belle and Heiress.

From the London World

The rumor chronicled last week of the approaching contract of marriage between Prince Leopold and Miss Maynard is said to be unfounded. Such an alliance would have been popular, and a beauty who has £30,-000 a year is not a bad match, even a write, but I know how to spell my name and a few little words. I was born somewhere up by the White mountains. My mother died eight years ago and my father died two years ago. Before he died he gave me away to a farmer named Jacob Voorhis, who lives at Galena, at the foot of the White mountains. I had

the great procession through Constance! How the people shouted and clapped hands at the democratic Emperor!

Hortense, after suffering several years with a dreadful cancer, ended her event-ful life here in 1837. She died in the little upper east room. The stranger going in there now will be impressed to see everything just as she left it. There is the bed on which she died, and near it is the camp bedstead which her son the Emperor had at Sedan. There, too, is her harp, as well as the harp of Josephine.

Down stairs there are five rooms filled with remembrances of the Napoleon family. On a little table in the recep-tion room is the gilt clock used by Na-poleon on the island of St. Helena. In poleon on the island of St. Helena. In other rooms are good paintings and statues made from life of Napoleon the First, Hortense, her mother Josephine, and her brother Prince Eugene; also the furniture presented to Hortense by the city of Paris at the time of her marriage to Napoleon's brother. There, too, covered with a crown of ivy, is a marble bust of Napoleon the Third, taken from a cast of his face after death. The Empress Eugenie repurchased this place (it had been sold after the desth of Hortense), and presented it to the Emperor. It was lately the sum-mer residence of herself and the young Prince Louis.

Prince Louis. Over the hills from Reichenau, and

in another arm of the lake, lies the pretty little island of Mainau, with its

in.Great George street, where the coffin was opened, described the face as of marble whiteness, the expression that of stern quietude, laying wrapped in his blue-cloth cloak, the throat and his blue cloth cloak, the throat and head uncovered, crisp, curling locks, slightly streaked with gray, clustering over the temples, the profile of exceed-ing beauty. Boileau congratulated him-self, as he closed his eyes upon this world, upon the purity of his works, saying, "It is a great consolation to a poet about to die that he has never written anything injurious to virtue;" and Sir Walter Scott, little thinking his end so near, said, "I feel as if I were myself again," Dr. Johnson, the rough, kind heart, whe loved a good hater, died as he said to Miss Morris, "God bless you my dear." Washington, dying at Mount Vernon, cried, "I ti swell." Franklin's last words were, "A dying man can do

Vernon, cried, "It is well." Franklin's last words were, "A dying man can do nothing easily." Mme. de Stael, whose soreat trial was her enforced absence from her native land, died saying: "I have loved my God, my father and my liberty." Hannah More's last words were: "Pat-tw-ioy:" Gratius. "Be serious." Haller.

Hannah More's last words were : "Tat-ty-joy;" Grotius, "Be serious;" Haller, "The artery ceases to beat;" Adams, "Independence forever;" Jefferson, "I resign my soul to God, my daughter to my country;" Locke, to Lady Masham, who was reading the Pealms, "Cease now;" and poor Lamb, after the most

to the imagination of the reader.

In the Australian Forest.

From Chambers' Journal.

Morning and evening the Australian No greater contrast can be imagined than between the morning hours and those at mid-day. In the former, the very flowers seem to possess an active existence. Myriads of such, larger and more brilliant than those under Fac. existence. Myriads of such, larger and more brilliant than those under Eng-lish skies, load the air with the sweetest has skies, load the air with the sweetest scents; magnificent tree-ferns wave their fronds or branches in the light breeze; on old stumps of trees great, green and yellow lizards lie watching for their prey; the magpie throws her voice from the wattles, and possibly the load hird in the demonstration of the voice from the wattles, and possibly the lybe-bird in the denser scrub; and in the tall gums numberless parrakets, parrots, rosellas, cockatoos, butcher birds, love-birds, etc., are screaming and darting to and fro. But by-and-by the intense heat will silence all these, and nothing will be heard but the phirm of the gradebare and the shell chirp of the grasshopper and the shrill sound of some unseen insect. At twi-light again there is a revival of life, but not of so cheerful a description. The

light again there is a revival of life, but not of so cheerful a description. The cicadas shriek by myriads their deafen-ing "p-r+r-r," drowsy oposums snarl in the gum-holes, and flocks of cocka-toos scream as some great grey kanga-roo bounds past them like a belated ghost. If there is marshy ground near, the deep boom of the bittern, the wail of the curlew, and the harsh cry of the crane, mirgling, possibly, with those of a returning or passing flock of black swans, will add to the concert. In a moment of silence one may be startled by the mocking laughter of the jackass, or the melancholy "mo-poke" (for "more-pork") of the bird of that name. The dead of night is not so still as the universal hush of the burning noon.

Scotch Farmers for Minnesota.

Scotch Farmers for Minnesota. Mr. Williamson, a wealthy grain mer-chant of Liverpool, England, visited Minnesota last September, and has since then completed the purchase of thirteen sections of land on the Red river. He designs to send this year two families of Fifeshire farmers from Scotland to locate on each section, and within three years to have three-fourths of his entire purchase under cultivation. It is not proposed to make large farms, but to make such a size that farmers having both means and intelligence, as the Fife-shire men have, can bring the cultiva-tion of the soil to its highest perfection, and instead of chance and average crops have a constant certainty of at least forty bushels of "No. I hard" to the acre. The original Fife wheat, which has made Minnesota flour so fa-mous, came from Scotland where these emigrating farmers reside.