A Sterling Old Poem. Who shall judge man for his manners Who shall know him by his dress? Paupers may be fit for princes, Princes fit for something less. Crumpled shirt and dirty jacket May beclothe the glori Of the deepest thoughts and feelings Satin vest can no more.

There are streams of crystal nectar Ever flowing out of stone There are purple buds and golden, Hidden, crushed and overthrown. God, who counts by souls, not dress Loves and prospers you and me, While He values thrones the highest, But as pebbles in the sea.

Man upraised above his fellows, Oft forgets his fellows then; Masters—rulers—lords, remember That your meanest hinds are men! Men of labor, men of feeling, Men of thought and men of fame Claiming equal rights to sunshine

There are foam-embroidered oceans; There are little wood-clad rills There are feeble inch-high saplings There are cedars on the hills. God, who counts by souls, not stations Loves and prospers you and me; Are as pebbles in the sea.

Toiling hands alone are builders Of a nation's wealth and fame, Titled laziness is pensioned, Fed and fattened on the sam By the sweat of others' foreheads, Living only to rejoice, While the poor man's outraged feeling Vainly lifts its feebled voice.

Truth and justice are eternal, Born with loveliness and light; Secret wrongs shall never prosper While there is a sunny right. God, whose world-wide voice is singing Boundless love to you and me, Links oppresion with its titles But as pebbles in the sea.

THE STORY OF MY DIAMONDS.

On the 9th of May, 1876, I arrived in Austin, Texas, with thirteen diamonds in my possession, the aggregate value of which was fully \$100,000. They had been sent to a certain party in New York who had agreed to carry them to San Antonio, Texas, where the purchaser, a wealthy merchant and the owner of several ranches, lived. They were intended as a present to his only daughter on her birthday, the 10th of May. Every probable provision had been made to get them to the Lone Star State several days in advance of the "auspicious occasion," which was meant to be such a memorable one in the life of the dark-eved beauty of the romantic old town in which she was born and reared. The first hitch occurred in New York, immediately after the diamonds came into the hands of Fred Barrett, the cousin of Miss Barrett, and who it was arranged was to deliver them in person to the father. On the very day Fred Barrett opened the wonderful gems to feast his eyes on their beauty he was taken violently ill. As he was an athletic, vigorous man, with no bad habits, he and his friends supposed he would be kimself in a brief while, but he showed no improvement for several days and finally sent for me.

"The doctor says I have begun to mend, but that it will be impossible for me to leave my room under ten days. According to the original plan I would have had ample time to reach uncle's before the 10th, but if those diamonds do not start to-morrow they will be too late for the interesting ceremony and uncle ould rather lose a fortune than miss is set.

"Why not send them by express? It is quite safe-that is, as safe as anything can be in this world."

"I have thought of all that, but the imperative order from uncle was that under no circumstances should the diamonds go by public conveyance. You know there have been many train and stage robbcries in the West and Southwest lately, and these jewels would be too tempting a morsel for some of these gentry. The long and short of it is, I want you to take charge of and deliver them to uncle himself. You have been over the route several times and know the country more thoroughly than I do. To be brief, I accepted the proposal, and as I stated at the beginning I reached the capital of Texas on the afternoon of the 9th of May in the centennial year.

I am naturally cool and free from nervousness, but there was excuse for considerable worriment on my part. Mr. Barrett had been notified by telegraph that a visitor would reach his house on the night of the 10th, which would be in time for the party, but when the preceding evening found the nessenger in Austin, that messenger felt it was cutting things altogether too fine for his comfort. It is fall fifty Antonio, and the stage which left the former city early in the morning required the entire day to make the journey. The line had been established many years, and there were three over the high bridge which spans the aged 65.

changes of teams on the route, four horses being always hitched to the heavy but powerful coach, which very rarely indeed failed to rattle into San Antonio early in the evening. With the late completion of the railroad the reaching New Braunfels, and as I was stage company has found its occupation

It would have been more pleasant to me had another twenty-four hours been at my command, but it was not that which caused so much uneasiness as the conviction that amounted to an absolute certainty that two men were following me. How in the name of the seven wonders they learned or even suspected that I had such valuable property in my custody passes my comprehension The utmost secrecy was used in New York, and the fiery carbon points were carefully wrapped up in a piece of chamois skin, which was as securely fastened to a small belt passing around my waist, beneath my clothing, and which was not to be removed until the end of my journey was reached. A person in my situation is naturally suspicious, but I am sure I conducted myself like the majority of my tellow passengers who were not supposed to be Iron Mountain road. I then became so well satisfied that two sinister-look ing and well-dressed men were shadowberth and sat up smoking most of the time and wide-awake all the way to Texarkana. At that dilapidated town to throw the hounds off my trail. I thought I had succeeded for a time, but they turned up at Dallas, and when I registered at the Commercial hotel their names appeared under mine.

Long before this I had fully concluded that they had fixed on the road between Austin and San Antonio as the one where I should part company with my diamonds and most probably with my life. The chances were so favorable on that lonely route that they merely kept still on the top of a hill, as if the driver on my trail or rather in my company from St. Louis to the capital. The situation then was that I was due at a certain point fifty miles away and with- animals had an unusually heavy load. in twenty-four hours, and that two men | So we pushed steadily up the long inwere determined that my property cline until within a hundred feet of should never reach there.

After strongly securing the door of my room that night at the hotel I sat down to decide what should be done, for there could be no mistaking the fact that the crisis was at hand. Instead of being mentally tired and worn out from the continual strain to which I had been subjected, I never was more the vehicle with a cocked revolver in prepared for intense thought in all my each hand, while a third was superinlife. I tipped my chair against the tending the spoliation of the passendoor, sitting with my hand on my gers, who were passing over watches, loaded revolver, in which position I knew it would be impossible to sur- always displayed on such occasions prise me, and still thinking and turning over all sorts of plans, I finally drew out to hurry by when Jesse James dropped asleep and did not open my called to me with a frightful oath to eyes until daylight. However, when I stop where I was and wait till the picroused up and looked around me I had nic was over. It is needless to say I fixed upon a line of action. Whether it would take me through or not remained to be seen, but I did not hesitate to follow out the line I had laid out for myself.

The next morning when the stage with the four vigorous horses halted in front of the hotel, the landlord went out and told the driver that I who had engaged a seat on the outside was so ill I would not be able to go with them for several days. I was stealthily watching proceedings from the upper window, and when the heavy vehicle lumbered off it took with it such a pleasure, on which his heart for the purpose of robbery. My belief was that they would leave the stage at some point on the road and wait until it brought me along, when the robbery would take place. There were quite a number of passengers and I had meditated taking several of them into my confidence, but as they were strangers, perhaps it was well that I refrained.

An hour later I sauntered down Austin avenue and came upon an open wagon, in which a farmer was climbing. as if about to start homeward. As he gathered the lines in hand I asked him where he lived.

"At New Braunfels-a long way from here," he answered in a decided German accent, while he politely paused to see whether I had any more questions to ask.

New Braunfels is a German settlement somewhat more than half the distance to San Antonio, and was generally reached by the stage about the middle of the afternoon.

"Are you about to go home?"

He replied that he was. "I'll give you ten dollars to allow

me to ride with you." He sturdily refused to accept anything, but said I was welcome, though there would be little enjoyment in the trip, as his wagon was without springs and he expected to drive quite rapidly miles from the Texan capital to San This suited me, however, and I took my seat beside him. He had some more business after I had placed my tary of the treasury, aged 63; Freling hours behind the stage when we drove and

Colorado and struck off through the rich lands of Southwestern Texas.

I became convinced from the style of the team behind which I was riding that we would pass the stage before sure my German friend was an honest fellow I made a confidant of him and told him of my dilemma. I had in my possession some very valuable jewelry, and there were two men in the stage ahead who had planned to rob me. He naturally asked how that could be done, when there were over a dozen passengers besides, who were doubt less armed, while I was able to do something in my own defense.

"I see," he answered; "they have an understanding with the James boys, who will stop the stage somewhere along the road."

"The dickens!" I exclaimed, "are the James boys in Texas?"

"I saw them ride through New Braunfels last week and we shall meet them somewhere along the road."

This was rather disquieting information, but I could only make the best of it. I drew from my valise an old coat and damaged hat which I donned. In in the possession of as much wealth as the hat was some frowsy yellow hair myself. I kept a close watch on them, which I "banged" about my forehead but observed nothing to cause alarm and ears, so that my German friend until after leaving St. Louis over the broke out laughing at my changed appearance.

"Now." said I. "Let me hold the reins and you can keep the team going. ing me that I declined to retire to my If I am driving less attention, will be attracted to me.

The accommodating fellow complied fuse. at once, and striking the spirited horses I made the best effort I could originate a sharp blow we rattled off over the country at a lively gait. I was considerably disturbed, for I could feel no stratagem of mine had thrown my dreaded acquaintances off the scent. At three churches. the first stopping place, where the conveyance changed horses, we were less than an hour behind, so we expected to gain sight of it within a short time.

And sure enough we did. Only a few miles away we saw the stage standing was giving his horses a rest after the heavy pull. There were eighteen passengers, as we learned, so that the four the motionless stage, when my German friend exclaimed:

"Great thunder! That's Jesse James!" There was one medium-sized man sitting on a small Texan pony, with his Winchester rifle cocked and pointed loward the stage. On the other side was another robber standing close to purses and valuables with the alacrity

I was so startled by the sight that I complied and was an absorbed spectator of the robbery. The passengers joked and laughed and tried to hide their possessions in all sorts of places The James boys indulged in a few coarse oaths, but offered no violence and were not very exacting in their demands. They took the gold watches diamond rings and such money as was passed out to them, but no passenger vas entirely "cleaned out."

When they were through it was plain to me they were disappointed, and they galloped away, firing their pistols over their heads, quickly vanishing in the mezquit bush. We passed the stage and arrived at New Braunfels an hour ahead. There I donned my usual to accept a gratuity and waited for the to fall flat on a crosswalk." stage.

It was rare enjoyment to me when the latter drove up and I entered to study the expression of the two men who had shadowed me all the way from St. Louis and had doubtless arranged the robbery for the purpose of making sure of the diamonds I carried with me. They never heard, and unless they come across this sketch, they will never know how it was that the man who car ried this concentrated wealth and whom they left ill in Austin on the tenth of May, 1876, stood on the porch of the hotel of New Braunfels, on the afternoon of the same day, when the stage drove up and journeyed with them to San Antonio, where the property was safely placed in the hands of the owner and by him presented to his daughter that same evening.

THE MAN FOR ME .- Whatever you do. do it willingly. A boy that is whipped to school never learns his lessons well. A man that is driven to his work cares not how badly it is performed. He that pulls off his coat cheerfully, strips up his sleeves in earnest, and sings while he works is the man for me,

The three oldest members of President Arthur's cabinet are Folger, secre valise inside, and we were some two huysen, secretary of state, aged 64; hours behind the stage when we drove and Howe, postmaster general,

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS.

Follow the Compass

A story is told of an old hunter in Michigan who, when the country was new, got lost in the woods several times. He was told to buy a pocket compass, which he did, and a friend explained to him its use. He soon got lost, and lav out as usual. When found he was asked why he did not travel by the compass. He said he did not dare. He wished to go north, and he "tried hard to make the thing point north, but 'twas no use, 'twould shake, shake, right round, and point southeast every time." A great many people fail of the right direction in life for the same reason of the mishap which befell our Wolverine friendthey are afraid to take the Bible and follow just as it points.

Religious News and Notes. Michigan has 174 Presbyterian

churches, with 16,156 communicants. Of the twenty-one Protestant Epis copal churches and chapels in Boston, leven are free.

Rev. Dr. Manning, of the famous old South church of Boston, has been voted by the church an annual pension of \$4,000 for the rest of his life, work or no work.

An attack, culminating in a serious riot, was made by a mob upon the "Salvation Army" while parading in the streets of Reading, England. The magistrates have advised the army to abandon their processions, but they re-

The Methodist Episcopal Church Union, of Pittsburg, organized one year ago for the purpose of lifting church debts, has, by donation of assurance that the not over brilliant \$4,650, secured the payment of debts to the amount of \$14,000, thus relieving

The Congregational church, at Ludington, Mich., has recovered from the effects of the great fire that burned its edifice, with the business portion of the town, in June last. The new edifice, which is a fine one, will soon be dedi cated free of debt.

Despite the attacks made upon it. ad widespread discussion of the dis. establishment proposition, the Church of England shows few signs of decay It is now giving at the rate of more than \$700,000 for charity, and building about 130 new parsonages every year.

An organization, similar to the Sal vation army, called the "Christian Army," has been formed in Chicago for evangelistic purposes. It has a commander-in-chief and other officers down to corporal. Bishop Fallowes is said to be encouraging the movement, which is unsectarian.

The Calvary Baptist church of New York city has begun to erect a handsome church and chapel on its lot on Fifty-seventh street, between Sixth and eventh avenues, which was purchased for \$150,000. The new buildings are expected to cost \$200,000 and to be ready for use in a year.

Some New Geography. "Of what is the surface of the earth

composed ?"

Of corner lots, mighty poor roads, railroad tracks, baseball grounds, cricket fields and skating rinks." "What portion of the globe

water ?" "About three-fourths. Sometimes they add a little gin and nutmeg to it." "What is a town?"

"A town is a considerable collection

of houses and inhabitants, with four or five men who 'run the party' and lend money at fifteen per cent. interest." What is a city?

"A city is an incorporated town, with a mayor who believes that the clothing, compelled my German friend whole world shakes when he happens What is commerce?"

" Borrowing \$5 for a day or two and dodging the lender for a year or two."

" Name the different races." "Horse race, boat race, bicycle race and racing around to find a man to in-

dorse your note." "Into how many classes is mankind divided ?"

"Six; being enlightened, civilized, worth a cent, and Indian agents."

"What nations are called enlight-

"Those which have had the most wars and the worst laws and produced the worst criminals."

"How many motions has the earth?" "That's according to how you mix your drinks and which way you go

"What is the earth's axis?" "The lines passing between New

York and Chicago." "What causes day and night?"

"Day is caused by night getting tired out. Night is caused by everybody taking the street our and going me to supper." "What is a map?"

"A map is a drawing to show the jury where Smith stood when Jones gave him a lift under the eye."

What is a mariner's compass? "A jug holding four gallons."-DoCLIPPINGS FOR THE CURIOUS.

It has been calculated that a single cat will devour twenty mice in one day. It is estimated that a quarter of a billion pounds of tea are used every

In Liverpool the only public elevators are those in the grain docks at Liver-

The Laplanders use a stick for an alnanac, upon which are marked the festivals of the year.

Gallants of the court of Louis XIV. pulverized diamonds to prove their lavish magnificence.

The animals of the opposite sides of the Pacific ocean are entirely unlike, no species being common to both sides.

The following sentence of only thirty-four letters contains all the letters in the alphabet: "John quickly ex. temporized five tow bags."

Number of seals taken about Newfoundland during one season, from March to May, was 455,813. Estimated value in European markets \$1,250,000. A Saxon, under King Ethelbert, could

pull the nose of an enemy if he had three shillings to spare, but if he made the nose bleed it cost him five shillings.

It is said that the horn of a rhinoceros when cut through the middle exhibits each side the rude figure of a man, the outlines being marked by small white strokes

At the close of the war the people of the United States had to be taxed \$4.20 per capita, annually, to pay the interest on the public debt; now a tax of \$1.56 a head is the annual burden.

Sparrows have multiplied to such an extent in South Australia that a commission, appointed by the government, have sent in a report recommending means to be taken for their destruction and rewards to be given fer heads and eggs.

The name of the chameleon is derived from two Greek words signifying 'ground lion," a name singularly inappropriate, since it is one of those creatures which is especially fitted to live on trees and is ill at ease on the surface

An epitaph in the cemetery of Germantown, on a youth named for the 'father of his country," reads: "He was noblehearted and amiable and intelligent, having been awarded a silver goblet for a literary production at the age of eighteen."

The horse is capable of exerting a stress of only sixty-seven per cent. of his own weight in his daily work. The ox about seventy; the mule seventyfive; the ass eighty; the goat can draw more than his own weight; the lion has been known to drag a slain ox a considerable distance. A fox gallops away with the largest goose at a rapid pace. Monkeys are wonderfully strong for their size. A turtle has been known to move with a man standing on his back six times its weight.

The Greater Includes the Less.

At a little musical party, the amateur singers being called on, sang some diffi-cult operatic passage. Miss Adelaide Phillips was then asked, and seating herself at the piano sang "Kathleen Mayourneen" with such thrilling sweetness that the young Irish girl setting the table in the next room forgot all her plates and teaspoons, threw herself into a chair, put an apron over her face and sobbed 88 if her heart would break. All the training of Adelaide Phillips - her magnificent voice, her stage experience, her skill in effects—went into the all day, as most people do." performance of that simple song. The greater included the less. And thus all the intellectual and practical training that any woman can have, all her public action and active career, will make her if she be a true moman, more admirable as a wife, a mother, a friend .- T. W. Higginson.

A Cerner in Corncobs.

"There is a corner in corncobs. omewhere," said a New York whole sale dealer in pipes, "for the demands half-civilized, savage, too utter, not of manufacturers of corneob pipes cannot be met, even at advanced prices There has never been such a scarcity in the supply. The pipes, too, seem to be in greater demand than ever. Many men won't smoke any other kind. 'I know one rich society man who would be in disgrace if he was seen in public with a corncob pipe in his mouth, but who keeps his pipe in the bedroom and has a quiet smoke before he goes to bed. The man who invented the process of hardening a corncob has beome independently rich. Some cob pipes are costly because of the silver mountings, but the pipe that sells for five cents is the most popular. Smokers say that the cornoob pipe is sweeter ruby satin suspenders, embroidered than any other. Southern colored men with Marguerites and gold leaves. This who know what is good, from a hoecake to a 'possum, wouldn't give a cob pipe for the finest meerschaum if they couldn't get another."

navy who was commissioned in 1797.

No "Might Have Been" with God. Ah, soul ! look upward ; trusting, kiss the rod, And know there is no "might have been" with God.

From Him, whenever lowly we draw near, We learn of love that castest out all fear. We find a faith, that in oblivion's sea Whelms every dread and doubt eternally A hope unfaltering to us is given,

A tender charity as broad as heaven; A perfect peace, a caim, untroubled rest, Through these all things seem ever right and

We rise triumphant over death and sin, All pain and sorrow in our joy forgot And looking backward on our "might have Thank God that it was not

Selected.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

An honest man is the noblest pursuit of woman.

Cheap men and accordions are noisy on all occasions.

A supreme court-when she and her

father and her mother are all willing. Spring freshets are like some cashiers-they knock spots out of the banks

" Half of those smiles are mine," said a dentist who looked at an audience from his box.

There is nothing so lamentable as that there are persons who cannot sing, and yet they make the attempt.

The most difficult task to which a man is ever subjected is finding a name good enough for his first baby.

Philadelphia has an artist named When eight years of age he Sword.

was only a little bowie. Is it a wise thing to have an aucioneer for a father-in-law? He might

knock you down, if he got angry. Oscar Wilde is accused of having written "Beautiful Snow." This is the hardest thing that has been said

Belle Boya, the Confederate correspondent, spy and blockade-runner, lives now in Corsicana, Texas, and fre quently delivers a lecture or two.

was the comment of a Western news paper on the death of a brewer who was drowned in a tank of his own beer. In Denver there are more marriage

"Too much absorbed in his business,

able daughters of millionaires than in any other city in the Union, and they average three bogus lords a week there. The man who takes his advertisement out of his home paper to econo-

mize, might as well cut off his feet to obviate the necessity of buying stock-"Why does a donkey eat thistles?"

asked a teacher of one of the largest boys in the class. "Because he is a donkey, I reckon," was the prompt reply. A Pofessor Gunning, up in Michigan, is lecturing on "After Man, What?" A Fort Wayne editor, who has been there,

rises to remark that it is "generally the sheriff or some woman." It is said that Count Taafe is likely to have considerable difficulty in managing the Austrian reichsrath during the

present session. He should remember

what's in a name and give it to 'em. A North Carolina justice of the peace recently married a couple as he sat enthroned in state on the back of a mule, and the animal for once realized that there was a bigger trouble going on than he could produce, and kept his

heels still. "When I goes a shopping," said an old lady, " I allers ask for what I wants, and if they have it, and it's cheap and it's suitable, and I feel inclined to take it, and it can't be got at any place for less, I allers take it, without chaffing

"I don't miss my church as much as you suppose," said a lady to her minister, who had called upon her during her illness; "for I make Betsy sit at the window as soon as the bells begin to chime, and tell me who are going to church, and whether they have got on anything new."

A Buffalo paper tells of a lover who began to propose to his girl just as his horses started to run with the sleigh. Being determined to have it over with he got the question out at the moment the sleigh struck a mile post. girl was thrown high into the air, but as she came down she uttered a firm "Yes, Charlie," and then fainted.

"And what do you think of the 'renaissance,' my dear?" said she of the blonde hair as she looked about her drawing-room with an air of pride. "Oh, I am sure I hardly know what to think. But so long as George can sell imported sunflower seeds at seventyfive cents a packet and palm off a cellar full of onions for lily bulbs, I shall support it." This is the practical view of the craze.

A newspaper reporter has discovered that Oscar Wilde wears a pair of bright is about as deep as his wardrobe has been penetrated up to the hour of going to press, notwithstanding the fact that the mathetes of New York and Philadelphia are yearning to know There is an admiral in the British whether he has a stork or a lily painted on his liver-pad.