#### THE POTTER'S FIELD.

THE CEMETRY ON HART'S ISLAND WHERE PAUPER'S REST.

The Burials Always Conducted Decently and in Order-The Horrors All Interred with the Poor Bones-Nearly Fifty-Two Thousand Graves.

Much sentimental nonsense has been written about the horrors of the Potter's Field. As a matter of fact there is nothing horrible about it-nothing, at least beyond the horror which the mind can confure up, if it is foolish enough to do so, in connection with death and decay in any form. The burial of the poor man or the unknown is a matter of business-like despatch, as it must needs be in a great city where men, women and babes drop by the way in such vast numbers, but there is nothing revolting or insulting about it. Thanks to the system of the admirably conducted department of charities and correction, it is done with all due decency and care, and, while there is a nat-ural sentiment in favor of a burial by book and bell, with priest and plumes, weeping friends and a big granite shaft commemorating the virtues of the departed, the poor clay can not sleep any easier or more securely on the highpriced slopes of Greenwood than it does beside the purling waters of the East river, under the exquisitely green turf of Hart's island. It is a mistake to suppose that identity is lost in the Potter's Field. On the contrary it is most carefully preserved-by name, if the name is known by photograph in the case of the unclaimed dead; and it is a fact that bodies are frequently claimed and removed to more pretentious burying grounds years after they have first partaken of the free hospitality of the much-maligned city Hart's island is really in Long Island

sound, though in a narrow portion of it. It is one of the prettiest bits of emerald which the city owns, and which strung along the necklace of the East river, are beautiful enough to make the, virtuous, solvent, sane and free men of the city envy the surroundings of the pauper and criminal classes. The island comprises about seventy-five acres of land, and when the new cribbing is filled in there will be twenty-five acres more, all of which is needed by the overcrowded department. Only a third of the island is set apart for the Potter's Field. FROM HOSPITAL OR TENEMENT.

The dead wagon is a busy vehicle, and the two kept in the service of the city often find themselves some hours behind the calls, for Old Mortality waits for no man. Each wagon has an assortment of rough pine coffins, turned out by the city convicts, with a larger percentage of chil-dren's size than adult. The bodies gathered from hospital or tenement, police station or wharf, are placed in a proper-sized coffin and trundled away to the morgue or the dead-house, as the case may be. There the routine is a fixed one. The unknown are photographed and fully described in a proper book, the clothing seached, recorded and stored, and the body placed on the marble slabs for identification. Every-thing possible is done to find the friends if there are any to be found. In due time and the commentaries on the ancient the dead-house is reached, the bodies are writings. The bows varied in length from recoffined, and a gang of convicts, specially detailed to this duty, bear them on 6 feet, of which the latter dimension was When all the coffins have been placed upon the deck a tarpaulin is placed over the end of autumn. The arrows also vathern and the boat starts up the river, not the end of autumn. The arrows also vathern are formed and the boat starts up the river, not the end of autumn. The arrows also vathern are formed and the boat starts up the river, not the end of autumn. on the way to horrors certainly. The horrors have been left behind—the horrors of were tipped with steel points variously poverty and suffering, the horrors of the shaped, needle or lance pointed, semi-erowded tenement, of making shirts at 30 circular, dentiform, double-edged or cents a dozen, of seeking work where none is to be found: the horrors of drunkenness and vice, the horrors of the hospital and the dissecting-room, the horrors of all the limits are to-day to be found on the arrows of many of the aboriginal tribes of the dissecting-room, the horrors of all the limits. The shafts were greased or an employee shift and subscribed before me this 6th day of May. A. D., and emberched before me this 6th the dissecting-room, the horrors of all the varied forms of death. These are all be nointed to facilitate their flight; but they

handsome vehicle, but it is clean and commodious. The workhouse people stow the coffins away in it without any particular show of reference and off it trundles to the cording to number, into the big trenches. All is as systematic as a regiment equalizing its commanies. Each trench is fifteen deep, and the coffins are ranged in double feet to feet, and slanting slightly cover up all suggestion of the tales of mis-ery wrapped up in the dust below. Small stones at each corner of the trenches form a sort of milestones to the steady encroachments of the bodies upon the space in the cemetery. The Potters' Field is as level as a tennis court. It is covered with trees and shrubs and traversed by wellkept walka.-New York World.

The Royal Langtry.

toward Mirror lake. We pitched our tent opposite the Royal Arch Fall, under a huge tree called the Royal Langtry oak. An inscription on a board tacked to the tree conveys the startling information that upon a certain beautiful midsummer day not many years ago the famous English beauty lunched under the spreading branches and bathed her fair face and combed her luxurisut hair. But I am told on the test authority that no such brilliant scene was ever witnessed by this grand old oak, and the effusive superscription must have been conceived in the brain of of some ardent admirer of that much-admired young lady .- Yosemite Letter.

Design of a Black Skin.

A writer in Nature thinks the design of a black skin is to protect the delicate tis-snes beneath. Flesh is very translucent to a strong light and there is no doubt that the rays of a tropical sun would light up a white man's considerably, whereas black skin would stop out the solar energy of light, heat, and chemical rays effectually. Skin heat is of no importance, as perspiration can always keep that down. May not the oiling of the skin in hot countries be partly to make it reflective, so that it should absorbless heat? And may not the regard white races have for clothing be partly for the purpose of keeping the insides of their bodies sufficiently in the dark?

Continually Haunted by Three Questions. Dr. Beard used to say that American men were incessantly haunted by three questions: "Now can I make money?" "Who will be the next president?" and "Where shall Igo when I die?"—"Exchange.

#### CONSTANCY.

Although our hands may never clasp in greeting With warm, fond pressure, whose delight bespeaks
The heart's too sudden and too conscious

beating That sends confessing blushes to our cheeks;

Although my lips drink not in draughts elysian The love that trembles in thy tearful

And destiny with wondering, harsh de-Doth sever all our dear remembered

Although our paths through alien lands

are turning, Thine toward the sunrise where a new light gleams; Mine toward the sunset where all hope

seems burning
As night enfolds me with its bitter

Although Fate reaches out with cruel And points to ways far off from thee and thine,

My heart with thine in every grief will Thy heart will answer every joy of

mine.
-Daniel E. O'Sullivan in The Current.

Women at a Watering-Place. But the 18-year-old maiden is prepared the neck, diamonds glisten in her ears, and gems shing on her fingers. The younger one sits placidly with mamma on the plazza and gazes wistfully at her sister sweeping by oaths arm of a young buck just essaying a mustache. In the afternoon the slender, half-grown elder one is bundled into a carriage with a wall-flower; the elder's vine clinging to a waltzing sweetheart.

And who can doubt that all these women dress and pose for the admiration that, after all, they are sure to win. Cast an eye down any one of the enormous hall-ways of the West End hotel, and note the fact that opposite each room are from one to four trunks. Glance into the rooms as you pass by in the mornings when the beautiful faces and unclad, swelling bosoms, such shawls and wraps, such artistic admiration and a great deal for admira-tion by the men? And don't we admire it? Can we help it?—Long Branch Cor.

Curious and interesting particulars of weapons are found in some of the Vedas board the department steamer Fidelity. considered the best. They were made of hind. There is nothing now but a quiet sail up a beautiful stream and a narrow resting-place beneath the greenest of sod.

The city hearse on Hart's island is not a ludes when he says that some of the Indian archers shot with arrows which were

too heavy to be very manageable. One characteristic of the archery of the ancient Hindus seems to have been pecubig cemetery. Numbers are cut in each liar to them alone, which consisted in coffin corresponding to those in the shooting a number of arrows at once, records, and then side by side they go, ac- from four to nine at a time. The swords were, as in later days, of various shapes and sizes, and many localities were creding its companies. Each trench is fifteen ted with producing the best blades, by forty-five feet square and eight feet. Those of Bengal and Behar were praised as tough and capable of taking a fine edge. The sword considered in the Veda of the downward from the heads. A thin layer best size must have been a two-handed of earth covers each layer of coffins, for weapon, as it was fifty fingers long, with weapon, as it was fifty fingers long, with space is precious and their must be three | a hilt guarded by an iron netting, probably tiers. Then the earth is graded up on top and the grass is sown which will soon kanda of the Raiput.—Blackwood's Maga-

New Telegraph Instrument Brought Out. A new telegraph, instrument, called the 'Sensophone," has been brought out. It lerives its name from the fact that the message is received on the finger by the sense of touch, instead of by the ear as in the well-known "sounder." Otherwise the apparatus is similar to a "sounder and consists of an electric magnet, which Early the next morning we found the is traversed by the signal currents from camping ground about a mile up the road the telegraph line, and attracts an armature. The armsture operates a small probe or style, which rests againsts the inger with its point and presses into it so as to be felt by the receiver. The attraction of the armature actuating the probe is interpreted by the receiver, and is written down as the message. Of course, the heard, and therefore the telegraph is a silent one. A person may also write down the message with one hand while receiving it on the other.—Chicago Herald.

Gold Colony on the Amoor. Since the foundation of the gold colony in the new California on the banks of the river Amoor, there have been only three murders and two inflictions of the death penalty—a Russian having been hanged for adulterating the gold dust, and a Jew flogged to death for having spread false news as to the approach of a body of Russian troops, hoping thereby to send down the price of gold owing to the panic. There are twenty-seven taverns in the colony, and, owing to the competition, the prices are not high except for spirits. The gold fields, which are twenty-five miles in length by three miles broad, are said to be very rich. - Chicago Times.

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