NATURAL GAS.

supply of natural combustible gas in Independent. Pittsburgh and its neighborhood can scarcely be estimated and stated in figures. This gas, rising from the numerous wells, with almost explosive force, is fast displacing coal in the manufacture of iron, steel and glass and in domestic economy.

The atmosphere of Pittsburgh is no longer heavily loaded with soot, and has become pervious to sunshine. The gas is making an industrial revolution. It has cheap ned the processes and products of existing establishments, and new undertakings are multiplying by reason of the great advantages offered by the new tuel. Works long established at other places are being transferred to this more favored region. while at the same time, bold projects for carrying the gas in large pipes to distant points are freely dis_ cussed, and the gas producing area is being constantly extended by exploration. Yet the use of gas in the manufacture of iron and ceramic products is not new, for as early as 1872 it was utilized at Leechburg in puddling furnaces, and at the potteries of East Liverpool before 1876. One of the rolling mills at Pittsburgh introduced the gas as early as 1875.

There are now several companies right through the mud puddles? organized for the purpose of d. illing wells and supplying the gas in regular measured quantities to consumers. The celebrated Westinghouse well was drilled in 1884, and tapped the gas at a depth of about 1,600 feet. One alone of the companies draws its supply of gas from forty-two wells, at a distance of about twenty miles from the centre of the city, and has over 335 miles of main and distributing pipes, ranging in diameter from four up to twenty-four inches. It is estimated that the amount of coal daily displaced by the gas supplied by this Company is not less than 10,000 tons. Press. One pound of gas, or about twentyfour cubic feet, is considered to be equal effect to two and a quarter

pounds of coal. The most economical mixture appears to be one volume of gas to eight volumes of air. The explosive mixture is one volume of gas one fresh last month, one will be fresh with ten of air. So far, there have Inquire of been very few accidents from explosion, and the gas is very easily managed and controlled. Its value and convenience in the house is simple indescribable, doing away with kindling dirt and ashes, besides giving a constant, clean fire, under ferfect control. The gas issues from the bore holes with great and varying pressure, rising sometimes as high as 750 pounds to the square inch. It escapes from the blow-off pipes with a loud roar that may often be heard for miles away. When lighted it burns with a yellow flame, showing the presence of salt, in small quantities, brought up with the gas. The many escape pipes about the city light up the heavens at night with a lurid glare, like that of burning barns.

of burning coal, but realize the assertion of Siemens that gas made of coal The industrial importance of the is to be the fuel of the future .- N. Y.



SARAH IS THERE.

A Detroiter who was returning from Dakota the other day metan old chap on the train in Illineis who questioned him as to where he had been and inquired :

May be you run across my daugh ter out there? Her name is Watson. I don't think I did, was the reply. But she's in Dakota. She went out there as soon as she was married.

I didn't see her.

Didn't you happen to ride by any nouse where a woman was whistling ? No.

Sarah whistles, but you may have missed her. Didn't see a man and woman having a fight anywhere? No.

Sarah and her husband have a reg ular set-to every two or three days, but you may have taken another road Didn't hear any woman hollering : Durn it to Goshen! I suppose? Don t think so.

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That's Sarah again. I guess you didn't travel around much.

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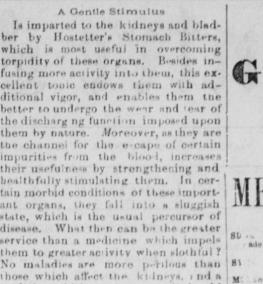
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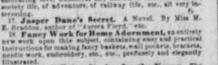
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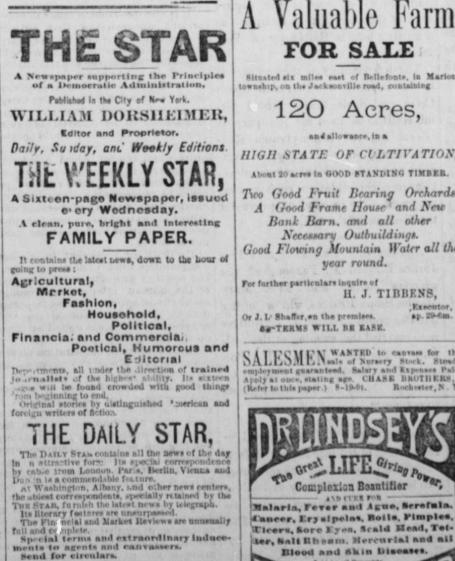
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