ACRES OF FLAMES.

A Tremendous Fire Along New York's River Front.

Five Immense Buildings and Other Property Destroyed.

One of the biggest fires known in New York city for many years broke out in the Wilcox Lard Refinery, at the foot of West Fifty-ninth street at about 4 P. M. It destroyed the refinery, Rossiter's stores and two immense grain elevators, with their covered wharves and connecting buildings and nearly half a million bushels of grain, besides a great quantity of flour, rosin, ale, oil, lard and other commodities on storage. The loss was estimated to be \$4,000,000, partly covered by insurance.

It was the biggest fire, measured according to the standard of the insurance companies, upon which will fall the whole of the loss, that New York has known of recent years. Far into the night the flames raged with fury, throwing a lurid glare over the whole city and for miles into the surrounding country.

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A spectacle of more appalling grandeur was never witnessed. The cries of fright of thousands of animals imprisoned in the pens of the great Union Stock Yards edded to the beauty of the scene.

The flames started in the Wilcox Lard and Relining Company's massive five-story brick factory, at the foot of Fifty-ninth street.

Nearly one hundred laborers and a dozen

clerks were at work in the factory at the time clerks were at work in the factory at the time. In spite of their utmost exertions the flames gained rapidly, and after ten precious minutes had been wasted the men became panic stricken and fled from the building. With a roar like an explosion the flames burst up from the cellar and rushed along the oil-soaked floor of the first story.

The police had turned in a second and third alarm, and the sound of engine bells was heard on every hand. Four Truck arrived just as the crowd discovered a man in one of

just as the crowd discovered a man in one of the third-story windows. He screamed for help, and the crowd screamed and shouted.
The firemen pulled a ladder off the truck and raised it to the window.
"Come down!" yelled the firemen.
The man made a feint of clambering on to the ladder, but he was filled with fear or his strength had left him.

strength had left him.
"Come down!" shrieked the crowd.

The man threw one leg over the sill, and, with each hand clasping the frame work, looked down at the crowd with staring eyes. A tongue of flame in a heavy cloud of thick A tongue of flathe in a heavy cloud of thick smoke burst out. The man would be burnt to death if he remained there much longer. A fireman ran up the ladder and grasped his leg. He pulled as hard as he could, but the man hung back and the fireman retreated slowly, urging the man to follow him. Suddenly the man threw his hands in the air and leaped out. He fall but the sidewalk and the second of the second out. He fell bn the sidewalk, and was smashed so badly that he died in a few minutes. He was Henry Benning, a laborer employed in

Within fifteen minutes after the fire started the flames reached a lot of wooden seness and shanties between the factory and the river and flashed across them to the New York Central pier at the foot of the street, known as Dock C. It was crammed with lard and oil awaiting shipment and the flames swept it from end to end with a rush. At five o'clock the flames had gained full sway in Rossiter's warehouse, and all eyes

were turned anxiously on the big elevator.

At five minutes past five a little wreath of smoke curled up from the apex of the southernmost gable, and from 10,000 throats went up the cry: "She's going?"

A moment later a red glow appeared within the topmost window beneath the gable end and it was evident that the elevator had turnel fire in the timbers of the roof. No

aught fire in the timbers of the roof. No spark of flame communicated with it, but it simply became ignited under the heat of the ng furnace a hundred feet away.

Like wildfire the flames crept along in the timbers behind the slated walls, peeping out here and there and breaking forth flercely at

For three hours the firemen succeeded in keeping the flames from spreading further, but when the great walls of the storage house fell and left a mountain of burning ruins nearly as high as the building had been, the heat was so intense that grain elevator "A," of the New York Central Railroad, 200 feet north, was so heated that it was impossible to keep it from catching fire. The building was 225x75 feet and 125 feet high.

While Elevator A was wrapped in flames com end to end, Chief Shay looked anxiously at Elevator B, near by, and sadly exclaimed: "I've done all I could do, but I'm afraid she'll have to go too!"

words left his lips a huge blazing brand whirled through the air and fell on the roof near a skylight. Elevator B blazed, if possible, more rapidly than its companion. Within six hours after the fire broke out the building in which it started, a freight pier at the foot of Fifty-ninth street, and a smaller storage pier, two great elevators, with the contents of all of them, had been absolutely destroyed, involving a loss in money of over \$4,000,000, and at least one life

was lost.

The area of the fige is greater than that of hay other fire that has occurred in New York for many years. The space burned over measures 300 feet along the river front from Fifty-ninth street to Sixty-fifth street, a quarter of a mile. Nothing in the course of the fire escaped. Piers, sheds and outhouses between the larger buildings were burned up sorapidly that people who saw them disappear were astonished.

All the buildings destroyed were the proper.

All the buildings destroyed were the property of the New York Central Railroad Company. Chief of them was the huge building, 200 feet high and covering almost a full block of land, known as Grain Elevator A, but often referred to as "The Pride of the New York Central."

York Central. Each elevator was 125 feet high, 375 feet long and about 50 feet wide. They were twelve years old and stored with nearly half a million bushes of grain as dry as powder.
The immense surface they presented to the heat induced a degree of temperature inside of them which made the spontaneous combustion of their contents contents.

or them which made the spontaneous compus-tion of their contents certain.

Over five hundred thousand persons, ac-cording to the estimates made by veteran police officers, visited the scene of what is now known as the great North River fire be-tween the hours of four o'clock in the after-noon and ten o'clock at night,

A DEADLY MELEE.

Four Men Killed in a Fight Between Guards and Boomers.

A dispatch from Fort Smith, Ark., says: The rush for Oklahoma is diminishing rapidly. Great destitution is sure to follow, and it is not unlikely that Governmental relief is not unlikely that Governmental relief will be invoked to provide for sufferers. Word has been received of a conflict between parties of boomers, cattle men and Chickasaw police at the ford at Chisholm's cattle trail, forty miles west of Oklahoma City. The cattle men were taking several hundred antiquals from Frank Colbert's ranch, in the Chickasaw Nation, to Kansas, but the mounted police guarding the southern border of Oklahoma refused to permit them to use the Chisholm trail leading through the new territory. A fight ensued in which the cattle men were reinforced by a party of boomers from Cooke and Fanning Counties, Texas. One of the guards, two cattle men and one boomer, named Geiss, were killed in the melee.

DENNIS T. FLYNN is the name of the man who will enjoy the honor of being the first bona fide white settler in the new Territory of Oklahoma. Mr. Flynn is a former resident of Buffalo, N. Y. He is a young Irish American, twenty-eight or thirty years of age, who drifted West a decade ago to grow up with the country.

LATER NEWS.

New York wholesale gun dealer, \$350,000 was left to Roosevelt Hospital to build and endow an operating theatre.

By the will of William J. Syms, a wealthy

THERE were two cases of sunstroke in Pittsburg, Penn. Thermometer registered 82 degrees

THREE children of Nathan Powell, of Miners' Mills, Penn., died of typhoid fever within a few hours of each other.

THE 114th anniversary of the battle of Lexington, Mass., was celebrated. About two hundred persons partook of an old fashioned breakfast served in Massachusetts Hall.

SYLVESTER GRUBB, the murderer of Gertie Downey, has been hanged in the jail yard at Vincennes, Ind.

ABRAM W. MARSHALL, a leading citizen and office holder of Lunenburg County, W. Va., formerly one of the richest men in his section, blew out his brains with a shotgun in the presence of his wife.

THE steamboat Everett, a lumber raft boat, was sunk at the head of Otter Island, Iowa, and five of the sixteen persons on board were drowned.

FIVE Mormon missionaries who had formed a colony in Dale County, Ala., to go to Utah, were severely whipped by indignant citizens and driven from the county.

MALACHI ALLEN, a one-armed colored man, and James Mills, half Indian and half colored, were hanged at Fort Smith, Ark. Allen was convicted of murdering Shadrack Peters and Silas Love in the Chickasaw Nation, and Mills killed John Windom, in the Seminole

FURTHER appointments by President Harrison are: Solon W. Stocking, of Onondaga, N. Y., to be an Examiner-in-Chief in the Patent Office; Ralph W. Wheelock, of Mitchell, Dakota, to be Receiver of Public Moneysat Mitchell, Dakota; Harrison Kelley, of Jacksonville, Oregon, Receiver of Publis Moneys at Drewsey, Oregon; James R. Hayden, of Olympia, Washington Territory, Receiver of Public Moneys at Seattle, Washington Territory; Morris B. Wickersham, of Alabama, to be Attorney of the United States for the Southern District of Alabama.

ROBERT McCormick, of Chicago, has been appointed Second Secretary of Legation at London. Mr. McCormick is a son-in-law of Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune.

THE annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington has ended.

AT an auction sale of Secretary of the Navy Tracy's trotters in New York ninetynine horses brought \$112,960, an average of

JOHN AND MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, aged nine and five years respectively, sons of a Spratt Hill (Penn.) miner, ate wild parsnips and died an hour or two later.

AFTER a lingering illness Henry George Penrson, Postmaster of New York city, died at Highwood, N. J., at the home of his fatherin-law, ex-Postmaster-General Thomas L. James. He was born in 1842 and had been Postmaster of New York for eight years.

DON SEBASTIAN LERDO DE TEJADA, ex-President of Mexico, has died in New York city of bronchitis and pleurisy. Ex-President Lerdo had lived there in retirement since 1876, when he left Mexico on account of political troubles. He was born in Jalapa April 25. 1825.

SEVERAL heavy veins of copper have just been discovered on farms in Wayne County, Penn., and farmers in that section of tho State are greatly excited.

THE New Jersey Legislature adjournel sine die.

Two men were killed and three injured in the wreck of a mixed train near Berwick,

Forest fires in the interior of Wisconsin destroyed East Depere and Buckabee, both lumbering towns, and did considerable

damage to Marion. Loss about \$1,000,000. A FIRE at Denn's Hotel, a cheap lodging house at Detroit, Mich., caused the death of

three men and serious injury to a fourth. MRS. A. H. LUCAS, her two daughters and a hired man were attempting to ford a swollen creek two miles below Carthage, Mo., in a wagon, when the rushing water carried them down stream, drowning the horses and

The trouble between the Minneapolis Street Railway Company and its 600 and odd striking employes culminated in a bloody riot, in which upward of fifty persons, including thirty policemen, were more or less injured, two fatally. The rioters were clubbed into submission.

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE, the new British Minister to the United States, has arrived in Washington.

DR. HAMILTON, Surgeon General of the Marine Hospital Service, says there will be another general yellow fever scourge in Florida this season, and that there are evidences of it already at Jacksonville and

With the application of the Civil Service rules to the railway mail service there will be a total of 27,200 offices of the Government under these rules, the list including the departmental, customs, postal and railway mail

GENERAL BOULANGER was warned that he must leave Belgium of his own accord or the Government would expel him. He decided to go to London.

A MRTY of Soudanese attacked and de-feated some Egyptians who were building a fort at Port Halaib, Egypt. The Exptians

lost ten killed and wounded. LORD BROWLOW will succeed Lord London derry as Viceroy of Ireland.

THE FATTEST WOMAN DEAD.

Death of Hannah Battersby, the

Freak Weighing 800 Pounds. Mrs. Hannah Battersby, said to be the largest woman in the world, died a few days ago at her home in Frankford, a suburb of Philadelphia. She had been ailing for sov-

railadeiphia. She had been ailing for soveral weeks. Mrs. Battersby was born in Vermont in 1842, and was of normal size until her twelfth year.

Then she began to develop, and at seventeen years of age she weighed 500 pounds. She married John Battersby, who traveled with her, exhibiting himself "as the greatest living skeleton." Mrs. Battersby, at the time of her marriage, weighed 688 pounds, and of late years her managers have claimed that she weighed 800 pounds.

A BOGUS KING.

How a Californian Governs One of the Alcutian Islands.

A Washington special says: A very pretty little story, which promises to develop an interesting, trial, comes to Washington from Alaska. It is to the effect that about three years ago a man named McPherson sailed from San Francisco, and eventually landed on one of the Aleutian Islands, off the coast of Alaska.

Mr. McPherson's entire outfit consisted of a suit of clothes, an American flag, together with a paper purporting to have been signed by Attorney-General Garland, appointing by Attorney-General Garland, appointing him United States Commissioner. As soon as he landed on the Island he raised the Amerias he landed on the Island he raised the American flag with a great deal of ceremony, took command of 600 natives and compelled them to address him as King McPherson. Each season he exacted heavy tribute.

Things went along very smoothly until a few months ago, when reports states that he had some difficulty with three of his subjects, and, fearing that there might be a mutiny, he determined to dispose of all those who did not how to his subjects authority.

not bow to his authority.

He arrested three recalcitrant Aleuts, tried them by court martial, and sentenced them to be hanged. He carried out the sentence.

Somehow or other, a report of McPherson's rule reached the Treasury Department, and a special agent was sent to his island to investi-

gate the matter.

The agent recently reported the facts to Secretary Windom substantially as they are given above. Now it is said that a revenue cutter will be sent to the island for the purpose of arresting McPherson. It is the intention of the authorities to bring him to San rancisco and try him for murder.

A WIFE MURDERER'S END.

John H. Swift Hanged at Hartford-His Sister's Unavailing Efforts.

John H. Swift has been hanged at Hartford, Conn., for the murder of his wife. The execution was a very quiet one, and the condemned man died quietly. The dead man's crime was committed on July 7, 1887, when he shot his wife, who had refused to live with him on account of his dissolute habits. Public attention has been attracted to Swift's case by the gallant fight made for his life by his sister, a young school teacher. Through her efforts a resolution was passed by the Legislature commuting the sentence to life imprisoment, but Governor Bulkeley vetoed it. Undaunted, the brave girl again went to work and succeeded in having the resolution passed over the Governor's veto by the Senate. In the House she failed, however, and sentence was carried out.

A WONDERFUL RECOVERY.

A Bullet Extracted From a Would-Be Suicide's Brain.

A year ago, while crazed with drink, George Lucas, of Dubuque, Iowa, fired a bullet into his brain from a 32-calibre revolver. He recovered from the wound sufficiently to attend to his business. A few days since he visited his physician and complained that he felt something in his head. The wound was probed, and the doctor succeeded in extracting the builtet. It had penetrated the front lobe of the brain over an inch. The doctor ways there is no over an inch. The doctor says there is no doubt of Lucas's complete recovery. case is an extraordinary one and has been widely discussed by the medical fraternity.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A SUGAR famine is possible. FRANCE has 178 war vessels. ENGLAND has 7000 flour mills. CROP indications are all favorable. THE sugar trust has been dissolved. Boston money-lenders are very busy. ABOUT 800,000 wooden cars are in ase. BALTIMORE has a population of 500,000. CHILI owes this country and won't pay. CHICAGO is rapidly becoming a club city. NATURAL GAS has reached Louisville, Ky. PRAIRIE FIRES have been raging in Dakota. It is unlawful to keep bees in Los Angeles,

THERE is activity in the Brooklyn Navy In Paris there is one suicide to every 2700

MAPLE SUGAR is abundant and of good FIVE Kansas towns have elected women as

BOTH Etna and Vesuvius are in an eruptive THE Austrian wheat crop is said to be

OVER 1000 letters are received at the White House every day. THE European exodus is not only larger but earlier than usual.

California roofing slate is said to be the finest in the world. THE Mayor of Denver, Col., cowhided a man the other day.

PRISCILLA DAVIS (colored), 105 years old, is dead at Baltimore RICH veins of copper have been found in

Southern California GALVESTON, Texas, is going to have a semi-A COLONY of old soldiers is about to start a

township in Oklahoma. THERE are 26,000 members of the Mormon Church in this country.

Japan leads the world in the number of houses destroyed by fire. Spring wheat is backward both in the United Kingdom and in France. THE highest peak in New Guinea is to be named after William E. Gladstone.

Fish pirates on the St. Lawrence are giv-ing the Canadian authorities trouble.

Boston is said to be the greatest market in the United State for the sale of lottery tick-

A NUMBER of towns in Vermont are prepar-ing to choose their postmasters by popular THE Rothschilds have secured control of more than half the trade in Russian petro-

FAREWELL banquets to retiring American ministers and consuls are heard of all over

Owing to the scarcity of water the area of cotton culture in Egypt this season is much restricted. THE German court dress is to be changed to a style similar to that in vogue at time of Frederick I.

THERE are said to be 213 clubs of women a New Orleans devoted to the study of poitical economy.

A CANTILEVER bridge, to cost \$10,000,000, is to be built over the St. Lawrence River at Quebec, Canada. THE total of failures in the United States, from January 1st to recent date is 3873, against 3362 in 1888.

Wisconsin has been transferred from the Military Department of the East to the De-partment of Dakota.

THE annual report of the Canadian Department of Fisheries shows a decided decline in he value of the fisheries.

SECRETARY BLAINE estimates that there are upward of 3500 applications on file in his department for 310 consulships.

The prejudice against horse flesh has now so faded out in Paris that there are 132 recognized butcher shops where horse flesh is

SERGEANT JASPER.

Ships of England roll at anchor, stately ships from o'er the sea,

Rode at anchor in the sunshine, two by two and three by three. From Fort Moultrie came an answer to the

summons they had sent; "No surrender; we await you for the battle well content."

Old Fort Moultrie, dark and gloomy, with its ramparts long and low, Over which the patriot banner flapped deflance to the foe.

"We can break down their defenses with the weakest of our craft.

What care I for wooden breastworks of palmetto, or of pine? Bid the ships prepare for action; let the Bristol lead the line!"

And from noonday until sunset smoke of godsend." battle sought the sky; From the land and from the water groans confess were rather faint, Gordon, with

and curses rose on high; While in Charleston, stricken Charleston, rode slowly through the outskirts of the queenly town beside the sea, For their loved ones, their defenders, wives

and mothers bent the knee. 'Mid the fiercest of the conflict, crash of shot and shriek of shell, Suddenly the flagstaff parted and Fort Moultrie's banner fell.

Who will raise the fallen banner? In the trenches there it lies-And the man who ventures thither for his daring surely dies. Sergeant Jasper, child of glory, whom the

world will not forget, Caught the rammer of his cannon, sprang upon the parapet; Raised the soiled and ragged banner, 'mid the pletely embowered in the foliage of a tumult and the strife, With as careful touch and tender as it were

a thing of life; Lashed it to the cannon rammer, proudly sought his post again; While above him and around him flew the shower of iron rain;

the fight was done; Till the gallant Carolinians had the battle bravely won. Then his comrades gathered round him, caught their hero by the hand-"We will follow at your bidding, we

give you chief command! In the name of God and justice, where the flags of battle wave, Who so worthy to be leader as the bravest

of the brave?" Said the hero of the fight: "Can I read? or can I write? Give the leadership to me? One who knows not A from C? My good friends, it shall not be. As I am I keep my stand Till these English leave the land."

And the man who served so well When the flagstaff snapped and fell, In the glorious days of yore Died a Sergeant, nothing more. -John E. Tyler, in Atlanta Constitution.

AN ADVENTURE IN MEXICO.

BY FRANK H. CONVERSE.

so carry on one's person in such a lawless lofty manner peculiar to youth. country as Mexico, at the time of which Gordon nodded approvingly, I speak-when they were running the went on: first railway through from Pas del Norte to the capital.

about once a month, and quite frequently fact, I had no great amount of faith in the driver was in collusion with the road the courage of the Mexican highwayman agents, or "banditti," as they called them. any way.

It was this latter fact, in part, which led me to make my journey from Orvieto cigar and lighted another before replyto Pachuca-then the temporary terminus | ing: of the railway-on horseback, though a "Well," he said slowly, "I suppose I had some influence upon my decision.

I was then the paymaster for this of which I told you to the general superintendent at the terminus, with instructions to get it there as soon as possiblea strike having been threatened among the Mexican laborers. And so, mounted breed, I set out with my money in a and hidden from view by an old fashwhile traveling.

Well, if you have ever been in Mexico, you can readily understand how delightful a horseback journey must be at the

haciendas belonging to the wealthier seemed remarkably well informed.

residents. Here and there were pictur
Now, generally speaking, a cup lofty hills, while far away against the clear blue sky were the twin peaks of with perpetual snow.

Nothing of special interest happened till the third day, when I reached the litfrom Pachuca, my destination. My horse minutes I was asleep.
was beginning to flag a bit, and, desirous Some time during the night I woke of giving him a rest, I resolved to lay by with a vague fancy that a hand had been for the rest of the day, if I could find proper accommodations, and finish my ourney upon the morrow.

stopping place I could find. And the sinister appearance of the half dozen brigandish looking vacqueros and caballeros lounging about the entrance deplace for an American with twelve thousand dollars in gold in his possession to in its place. stay—even long enough to bait his horse. As I sat in my saddle debating what was best to do under the circumstances, a that he was a European born-a dark, smooth, keen visaged man, with a pair of intensely black and glittering eyes, which seemed to bore one through like a gimlet.

pardon," he said, "but I see you are an American and a stranger as well. Else" ing up in the rear caused me to turn ly be seeking 'refreshments for man and mounted on a powerful black horse, rode

whenever he happens this way." coming to Mexico, and as you may be as- ding me dismount in excellent Spanish. sured, had no desire to meet him, particularly with such a sum of money in my possession. And, as briefly as possible, I explained the situation, giving my new I aimed full at the robber's head and acquaintance, who introduced himself as pulled the trigger, but only the explo-Admiral Sir Peter Barker looked toward the John Gordon, to understand that I was sion of the cap followed. I then tried taking an equestrian trip through this the left hand barrel with a similar result, particular section simply from a freak of and maddened or made desperate by the my own.

"You will come home with me," he said at once. "My hacienda is small, but I can at least make you comfortable, and a countryman of my own is a perfect Overruling my protestations, which I

village, he told me by snatches something of his personal history, which I found extremely interesting, though of course far too long to give in anything like detail.

gentle insistence, led the way; and as we

It is sufficient for the purposes of this story to say that after a decidedly checkered existence he had drifted to Mexico. where he wooed and won a Spanish lady of impoverished family, owning a small estate in the suburbs of Tampasca, which he had inherited at her death.

By the time Mr. Gordon had concluded what he had to say concerning himself we had reached his home-a small adobe building, compeppery stew prepared by the old crone. who acted as Gordon's housekeeper, we repaired to the veranda with our cigars. Without any exaggeration, I think my From that staff the flag of Jasper floated till host was one of the most entertaining men I have ever met before or since. He would seem to have been everywhere and seen everything during a decidedly varied life. And he told story after story of wild adventure, which might or might not have been true. I believed them implicitly, for I was comparatively young then, and had not the lack of faith in human veracity which has come with advancing years. Gradually he changed the conversation to myself and my own personal concerns. And so skillfully did he do this, that before I knew it he drew out of me not only my real business but the nature of my errand to Pachuca, as well as what were the contents of the small value I was so jealously guarding.

"Twelve thousand dollars is more money than I should care to travel with in these parts, especially when Manuel Sperros is in the vicinity," he said, shrugging his shoulders. "But of course you go armed. It is a duty you owe to both yourself and those whose money you have in your keeping."

With what I now fancy was something of a flourish, I pulled out a serviceable

double-barreled pistol. "I keep this always within reach by Twelve thousand dollars was a big sum day and night," was my reply, with the

"What sort of a-a-person, in looks more particularly, is this a bold highway-For then the country was overrun with man?" I asked, half scoffingly. For, to desperadoes of every description, of tell the truth, I regarded the stories I had which horse thieves and desperate ad- heard of the exploits of the then celeventurers of all kinds were only the milder | brated bandit as being highly colored aftypes. The diligencia was "held up" ter the true Mexican fashion. And, in

Gordon tossed away the stump of his

desire to see something of this most have seen him in disguise hanging about romantic part of the beautiful country the pulqueria in town-in fact, I am perfectly sure I have. He is a man about my size and build, with a heavy beard division, and was conveying the amount and mustache and rather sharp black He speaks both Spanish English fluently, and I believe prides himself on never having shed

human blood during a rather remarkable career, in which he has set the Mexican on a tough little horse of the mustang authorities completely at defiance, despite the price they have put on his head. small valise strapped to the saddle There is a story," Gordon went on after a momentary hesitation, "that old Pepita, ioned cloak it was my fancy to wear the gipsy, has told Manuel he will neither die by the hangman's rope nor in the ordinary way."

"How then?" I naturally asked. "By his own hand," was the answer, pleasantest time of the year through some in a rather subdued tone. "But what of the most charming scenery in the have I to do with Manuel or he with me?" he contined, in a livelier manner. The road wound through fertile valleys and turned the conversation to matters and between lofty mountain ridges, past more immediately concerned with Mexico as if he was really cultured. coffee and sugar plantations and beautiful and her interests-a topic upon which he

Now, generally speaking, a cup of cofsque villages nestled at the base of the fee before retiring is apt to make me unusually wakeful. But the effect of the one proffered me before retiring was quite Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl, covered opposite. I had hardly drunk it and de a pillow of the valise containing the gold, when an unusual drowsiness, which I attributed in part to my day's journey, tle hamlet of Tampasca, some thirty miles began to creep over me, and in five

inserted under my pillow, where I had placed my pistol before falling asleep. Rousing myself sufficiently to investigate, But a wretched pulqueria, or drinking I found the weapon in its place, and, pre-house of the lowest order, was the only suming that I had been dreaming I resuming that I had been dreaming, I relapsed into what I know must have been comes a fiy. The flies die in the water a drugged slumber-if the expression is allowable.

In the morning, baving heartily thanked rided me that this at least was no safe Gordon for his kindness, I remounted my

ould like to ride a little way with said Gordon, "but, unfortunately, I have an engagement in the opposite nounted horseman rode slowly past. We direction. Adios-and take care that exchanged quick glances. I saw at once Manuel Sperros doesn't relieve you of your money before you reach your jour-

mooth, keen visaged man, with a pair of new's end."

Making some careless reply, I turned my horse's head toward Pachuca, and half an hour later had left the little vill-age behind.

Suddenly the sound of hoof beats com--lowering his voice-"you would hard- my head. A heavily bearded man, beast' in this hole, where the brigand rapidly up, and, almost before I could Manuel Sperros makes his headquarters collect my thoughts, lugged a heavy pistol from his holster and leveled it at Now, I had heard of this Manuel since my head, at the same time gruffly bid-

My only reply was to snatch my own pistol from an inside pocket. Cocking the right hand barrel with my thumb, failure of the weapon, I hurled it fiercely at the head of the bandit, whom I naturally presumed to be the Manuel Sperros had been told about. At the same time I spurred my horse forward with some vague idea of riding him down or grappling with him-I hardly knew

His pistol flashed and the ball whizzed past my ear, yet I shall always think that he aimed thus purposely, with a view of intimidating me rather than of taking my life. But I urged my horse forward, and in another instant was upon him.

I remember clutching fiercely at his throat as he threw the muzzle of his other holster pistol upward. Then came a second explosion, and with a gurgling cry the robber fell backward from his saddle, shot through his heart by his own hand-his weapon having been in some way accidentally discharged.

Horrified beyond measure at the tragedy, I sprang to the ground, and, unable to realize for the moment that the man was really dead, raised his head on tropical climate. A ragged half-breed my knee. As I did so, in some way I took charge of our horses, and after the dislodged the spring or wire that held in usual meal of frijoles, with a salad, and a place a false beard, which fell to the ground, leaving revealed to my astounded gaze the features of Gordon, my host of the night before.

Well, after I had recovered somewhat from the shock of this strange discovery, I was no time in riding back to the village and notifying the alcalde-the only man in authority that I could find. He took the matter with great coolness, as indeed did those of the populace who accompanied me back to the spot where the dead man's body lay, after I had gone through with a slight form of examination and satisfied the alcalde as to my business.

I learned that Gordon had for some time been under suspicion as a rather doubtful character, but no one cared to interfere as long as no open deed of violence had been traced directly to him. Whether his name was really John Gordon, or how much of the story he told concerning himself was true, will probably never be known. Certain, it is however, that as Manuel Sperros, the renowned bandit, he had acquired a reputation which was somewhat more than local, and to my surprise, I found on my arrival at Pachuca later on, where the news of his singular death had preceded me, that for the time being I was regarded as somewhat of a hero, when in truth there was no good reason for it. But I had saved the company's money all the same, and received thanks therefornothing else .- The Argosy.

WISE WORDS.

One need not be penurious in order to be saving.

To bear wealth is more difficult than to obtain it. The man who was born tired will never be unhappy.

The less a man feels his greatness the greater he is. It may be right for a fellow to say what he thinks, but it isn't always

One would suppose that there are some women who are happy only when they are miserable. A pretty girl may be so fully occupied

prudent.

is always doubtful.

such word as-fail!

with being beautiful as not to have time to be agreeable. A real truth can only be known by the strict sensing of it, therefore information

The real sense of knowledge is to learn something, instead of imitating the knowledge of others. In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves for a bright manhood, there is no

The reason there are so many followers in the world is because they have been trained to be obedient. Aristocratic people are those who will not associate with the people they are de-

pendent upon for support. The real is always imitated, for that reason a man may even look and sound

For drunkenness, drink cold water: for health, rise early; to be happy, be honest; to please all, mind your own

A man should be careful never to tell tales of himself to his own disadvantage. People may be amused, and laugh at the time, but they will be remembered, and brought up against him upon some subsequent occasion.

A Natural Soap Mine.

The natural soap mines of Owens Lake,

Cal., are thus accounted for by one of the company now working them. He says that the waters of the lake contain a strong solution of borax and sods. In these waters there breeds a grub that beand drift ashore, covering the ground to the depth of a foot or more. The oily substance of the flies blends with the borax and soda, and the result is a layer horse, after carefully securing the value of pure soap. These strata repeated from year to year form the sonp mines, where arge forces of men are now employed. This soap miner is quoted in a San Francisco paper as follows: "There is another queer thing about the waters of these lakes. You shoot a duck there and fail to get it, and in a little while, when it drifts ashore, you find that its fat breast And sides have changed to elegant toilet huea, and soap, and you can chip it off and use it, and it is just as nice as any refined