WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT?

If I lay waste and wither up with doubt The blessed fields of heaven where once my faith

Possessed itself serenely safe from death; If I deny the things past finding out; Or if I orphan my own soul of One

That seemed a Father, and make void the place

Within me where He dwelt in power and grace,

What do I gain, that am myself undone? -William D. Howells, in Harper.

RECEIVING A PRINCE

La Pauline isn't much of a place, and yet even the train de luxe stops there. This is because this is the junction where trains leave on the little branch line that runs to Hyers. A tall mountain stands sentinel over La Pauline, and if a person were on the top of the mountain he would see Toulon and the iron-clads, as well as a great stretch of the blue Mediterranean.

On the long platform north of the line five young men were marching up and down together, singing at the tops of their voices:

"There is a tavern in this town-

In this town. And there my true love sits him down,

Sits him down. And we'll hang our harps on the weeping

willow tree, And may the world go well with me--

Well with me,'

Or words to that effect. They sang very boisterously, and suited their marching to the tune, giving three stamps with their feet all together when they came to the refrain: "In this town." They appeared to be American citizens, and seemingly didn't give a hang if all the world knew it.

Suddenly the five stopped before a young man who was seated on one of the benches. He was a quiet, dignified, self-possessed young fellow, and he looked up at them as they halted before him.

"Come on, Johnson," said one of the five, "we are not going to let you go phael. back on the crowd like this. You sing bass, and we just want a good bass that there was an unusual commotion in voice.

"You do that," remarked Johnson. quietly, "also, five other good voices."

here and criticise the singing, but we are not going to allow that. You've got to join in. Come on, Johnson."

"I don't see why we should make idiots of ourselves in the south of France any more than we should in America." and deeply. "H. R. H. Prince Johnson?" he inidiots of ourselves in the south of France

do. Always have done it, and we're not quired. going back on our record. Come on, Johnson."

"I'm just a little tired of that tune, you know."

"What's the matter with the tune? It's the one Keenan sang all through in French. Siberia. Come on, Johnson."

But Johnson would not come on, and so the five set at him and tried to force with a club. him to join them. The uniformed man of the station looked on with knitted brows, apparently not knowing whether this was a genuine row or not. Johnson held the fort and sent one after another sprawling. Then one of them desisted,

Raphael: At 3 o'clock H. R. H. Prince Johnson will arrive. Provide for him. Have one car-riage at station for the prince and one for his suite. Provide suitable escort. HON. SIR BROWN. Chief of suite, J. K. S., N. I. X., O. K. Chief of suite, J. K. S., N. I. X., O. K.

"I think I see the plan. You are go

ing to prepare a princely reception for Johnson.

"Exactly. He is really a quiet, unassumming fellow and hates anything like a fuss, even if he does put on airs now them. and then. He'll be the most surprised man you ever saw."

"I think I can tell you someone else who will be more surprised."

"Yes? Who?"

"The fellow who has to pay the hotel bill. He laughs best who makes out the bill. You will get the carriages and perhaps the escort and certainly the best rooms in the house, but when the bill comes in it will paralyze you. I know how they charge for that sort of honor. I am a duke "myself." "The dickens you are! Why,

thought you were an American."

"But I never travel under my tittle. I can't afford it. A duke is all right at

"Well, neverthetess I think we will surprise the hotel-keeper as much as we will surprise Johnson."

"You might do it nearer the frontier, payment here."

At this point in the conversation the train stopped and Brown got out to send off his telegram. When he came back sent a corps of operators and explorers into the train he began writing another. sent a corps of operators and explorers to Alaska to build a line across Behring "Are you going to send more than one

dispatch?" "Lord, yes! I'm gcing to fire a telegram from every place we stop at. I'm going to work up St. Raphael. They'll be getting returns from the back counties most of the day. That's an American phrase, you know."

"Oh, is it?"

And so the telegrams went from every stopping place until we reached St. Ra-

It was evident the moment we stopped the little Mediterranean town. The platform was studded with officials in gorgeous uniform. As soon as Johnson "See here. It's easy for you to sit got out of the train we all ranged ourselves behind him and kept our hats off, while Johnson had his on his head. The eagle eye of the hotel proprietor at once took in the situation and he advanced toward the young man, bowing frequently

"Prince Johnson-yes. But. J. is the initial."

With a wave of his hand the proprietor introduced a gorgeous official, who at once began to read an address of welcome

Johnson looked around him in a bewildered way, as if some one had hit him

"Say, boys," he gasped, "there is something off the line here. What's the fuss, do you think? Whose funeral is this, anyhow?"

"Go through the thing and let us see several years before. Again and again and started down the long platform sing-ing: what's in it. That's what we came abroad for."

Proprietor Hotel of the Monarchs, St. one thing that you will all have to promise me on your word of honor, and that is that you will not let this get into

The boys all gave the desired promise that the affair would be a dead secret.

"You have no idea what ferreting villains American newspaper men are. If they get a hint of a thing, the first you know they know all about it. I think we will be lucky it we keep this from

I told him I thought they would be .--Detroit Free Press.

A Queer Cable Message.

Governor Gilpin, of Colorado, had to pay \$147 for one of the first cable mesages that went over the ocean.

Gilpin was a good-natured fellow, and the probability is that he came into the telegraph office at Denver and wrote out the cable, never thinking it would be sent. It was sent, however, and he had to pay the bill.

The first Atlantic cable was completed in 1858, and it was alleged that a dispatch was received by President Buchanan from Queen Victoria over it. home, but on the continent I travel as This dispatch, however, was about all that ever came over it. There was skepticism throughout the United States as to whether the dispatch ever got through, and it was eight years after this before any cable business was done. but I doubt if you will be able to evade The successful cable was the new line completed on August 3, 1858. At this time no one seemed to think the cable would work. The Western Union had Straits to Russia, and when it was announced that the new cable was done and that any one wishing to send dispatches to Europe for \$10 a word could do so, the whole world laughed and the telegraph operators looked upon it as a gigantic joke.

It was at this time that a dispatch was received from Denver, Col., signed by the Governor of the Territory, to be forwarded to New York, and addressed to Paris. The dispatch had to be sent from New York to Newfoundland by steamer, and was there cabled. The dispatch read :

"DRNVER, Col., Aug. 4, 1856.-To Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor, Tuileries, Paris, France. Please leave Bohemia alone. No interference will be tolerated by this Territory. JOHN GILPIN, Governor."

The message was looked upon as an expensive joke of Mr. Gilpin's and forwarded to New York. The result was that it was sent to Newtoundland and telegraphed, and Napoleon III no doubt received it.

The price of the cable was \$147 in gold. It seems that Governor Gilpin came into the office, and, on being told there that the cable was completed, dashed off this message and handed it over, never supposing that it would be sent. The probability is that when he found it was sent he paid the bill .--Philadelphia Times.

A Memory Test.

In a Western court, a witness had been detailing, with great minuteness, "Shut up, Prince," whispered Brown. certain conversations which had occurred der. the wit ess testifie nes and dates. and precise words, and it became necessary for his cross-examiner to break him ruffs. up. This was done by a very simple device. While the witness was glibly "Come, boys," he said, "let us get rattling off his testimony, the crossable. examiner handed him a law-book and aderstand. There was a shrill whistle to the west, side, bowing all the way. When we that book." "What for?" inquired the worn. reached the outside Johnson was aghast. witness. "I will tell you after you have Instead of getting out of it he had just read it," said the lawyer, and the witgot into it. At a signal from the official ness accordingly read aloud a paragraph of most uninteresting material about and the millitia that they had managed lands, appurtenances, and hereditaments. to gather together presented arms. The Then the lawyer went up and asked him bodices. whole populace seemed to be there and a few more questions about his memory, SCASODS. memory was very good. Suddenly the lawyer said: "By the way, will you please repeat that paragraph you just read about lands, appurtenances and hereditments?" "Why, of course I could not do that," replied the witness. "You must have a queer memory," re-Brown. "You get in with him, Duke. I torted the lawyer, "since you can repeat things that you say occurred years ago, and you can not repeat what you read a moment ago." The witness was nonplused."-Argonaut.

A Fact.

(From an interview, N. Y. Wor'd). In an interview with a leading drug-house the N. Y. World, Nov. 9, 1890, gives the following comment on the propletors of reliable pat-

ent medicines:

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NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Gray beaver is much used. Plaids are more fashionable. Twin beds are in high form. This is an era of embroidery. Cavalry yellow is a new color. Combinations in dress are used. This is the reign of the tak girl. Souvenir tea spoons are the latest. Jewel-wrought kid gloves are worn. Astrachan runs sealskin very close. Princess dresses are coming in again. Omaha (Neb.) girl clerks will organ-

Sleeves are still set high on the shoul-

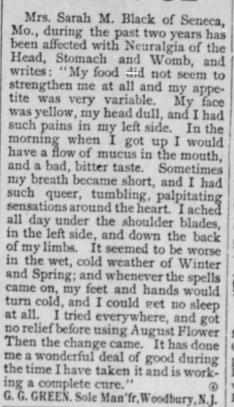
Yellow and corn color are favorite

With "No Trade Secrets to Keep," came a little book we hardly know how to name. It calls itself "FRUITS AND TREES; Points for Practical Tree Planters." The title is al-together too modest-does not give a notion of its real value. It is chuck full of practical information on iruit growing from the high-est sources, and just the information one wants. We haven't space to tell what it is like. We can only say, SEND FOR THE BOOK, for Stark Bros., Louisiana, Mo., will send it free to all.-Farmer' Call.

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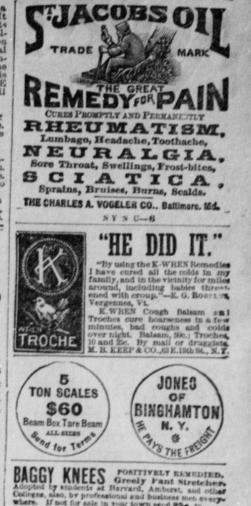
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Story of a Whale's Pluck.

We have received the following letter from Adelaide from Dr. Mannington Caffyn: "I send you an instance of pluck on the part of a whale. As far as I can learn it is the rarest thing for a whale not to fear a steamer. Captain Hepworth, British Naval Reserve, of the steamship Port Adelaide, was taking his sights one morning when he noticed a large sperm whale alongside, so close that his spouting wetted the deck. The creature had evidently lost his 'school' and mistaken us for one of his own species. He remained with us for four days and nights and traveled 890 nautical or 1025 statute miles without a rest, and, as far as one could gather, without food. He was never more than seventy yards away, and for the most part close against the ship, under her quarter where the draught made swimming easier for him. The length of the animal was about forty-seven feet. The first day he was very lively, diving frequently beneath the ship's bottom, on one occasion scratching himself severely. After that he kept close alongside like a tired Newfoundland dog. When he did come up the children amused themselves by throwing potatoes into his 'blow holes,' which were ejected with great force. If this monstrous mammal has

"There is a tavern in this town."

The others joined him, while Johnson sat serenely on the bench. The official shrugged his shoulders and evidently thought these foreigners were hard to understand.

and the train from Marseilles came rushing in.

I walked down the long train, opened the door of a compartment that was empty and took my seat. When the train started there was a shout of warning from the guard, and, before I could look out to see what the matter was, the door was flung open and one of the singing young men tumbled in. The guard for the suite had two. slammed the door shut with a malediction on the man who broke the rules and nearly broke his neck. The young fellow picked himself up, lifted his hat and said

"Pardonny moi mouseu-"

"Oh, that's all right," I answered, "don't mention it. If that is your usual way of getting into a train, you will find yourself in a French jail or cut in two on the track some day."

"Oh, you speak English, do you?" replied the young fellow, ignoring what I said, and seemingly surprised that he had not a monopoly of the language so far | way." south in France.

in most parts of England and America." "Well, then, you must have heard our

row with Johnson." "About the alleged singing? Yes."

Johnson. You won't give it away, will Brown's a villain." you?"

"Certainly not."

mother was a Prince, and-"

"A princess, you mean."

"No, she belonged to the old Prince family of Boston. Johnson is very proud of that branch of the family, more so he saw the appalling total. than of the Johnson side. His name is J. Prince Johns . We used to call him and the escort ?" Prince at college. He likes that, and that's why we call him Johason now."

"I noticed you ran in the name Johnson pretty often."

Of course we did. Whenever he tries to put on airs we call him Johnson so often that he gradually tones down. Now, here's the plan we're putting up on the first stop? Lend me your time book." I threw the pamphlet over to him.

"Ah," he said, "we have half an hour ing?"

"I'm going to Cannes."

"We're going to St. Raphael. That's this side. Better stop off with us and see the fun. It will be worth while." "If it's worth while I'll stop. Tell me what it is, first."

"You wait till I write a telegram.". After a few moments be handed me a

When the address was finished Johnson thanked the official in a dazed sort of way and then turned to us.

out of this as quickly as we can."

the town band struck up the Marsellaise they raised a cheer. One carriage had and the witness was positive that his four horses in front of it and the carriage

"Oh, this is too much," said Johnson in anguish, as he drew his hand across his brow.

"Better get into the carriage and get this over as soon as possible," said guess the boss in the gold lace is going, too.'

We three members of the nobility got into the first carriage. Johnson turned to me, "Are you a Duke?" he asked. "If you are, I'll bet a dollar all this is for you. It's missed fire in some way." "They don't usually receive me in this

even with him. I'll slay him. I'll wait until we get into Switzerland and then drop him gently over a two-mile precipice; see if I don't. Still, if he lighted "Well! We're just laying for old on his cheek it wouldn't hurt him.

All the officials of the hotel were ranged dut in two rows to receive us and the "Well, you see it's like this. Johnson's people all along the route cheered.

St. Raphael. But, just as I said, when the bill was called for, it was a corker. Even Brown turned a shade paler when

"Don't you charge for the brass band

"It is all inclusive," said the proprietor, with a low bow.

"Then we won't have any trouble." continued Brown. "You see we travel with ---- 's hotel coupons. We bought them in London. You take them at this hotel. That's why I telegraphed to you.' "But," said the proprietor indiguant-

coupon's." "They assured us in London that they were good for the best in the house. You yet. By the way, where are you go- can't give us any better than that, can you?

The proprietor was wild, but finally the matter was compromised on what the

When we were all in the railway carriage bound for Cannes Johnson said : "Brown, this thing has been more successful than you deserve. I'm writing to

Nonchalance of a Famous General.

At the taking of Moscow, Russia, while the troops sat in their saddles "Yes, I can make myself understood me. If he has, you bet your life I'll get quired. Though his mettlesome horse under a murderous fire, Murat received a quired. Though his mettlesome horse was trembling, Murat laid the reins upon the horn of the saddle, took his note book in one hand and a pencil in the other, and began to write a response. Suddenly a shell fell and exploded on the ground close by. The horse leaped into the air and swung wildly around. Murat simply transferred the pencil to the hand that held the note book, calmed Well, we spent a very nice time at the horse with the other hand, and then went on writing his dispatch as if nothing had happened.

A shout of admiration went up along the line. Murat saw that the enthusiasm aroused by his trifling act had created a favorable moment for a charge. He gave the order, and his men swept clear thority. through the enemy's line .- Atlanta Constitution.

A Powerful Electric Grane.

A powerful crane, says the Philadelphia Record, capable of raising into the old Johnson. I got in here so he ly, "not for these rooms. You must tric button, a locomotive weighing ninety tons has been put in operation at the tons has been put in operation at the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The huge engine rides smoothly on a heavy track elevated twenty-eight feet above the level of the floor of the main shop. Formerly the work of raising from the ground a locomotive in process of constructing was accomplished with great boys considered a square basis, which was much less than the original bill. At present the locomotive, whose wheels

or other parts are to be adjusted, is grasped in a wrought iron yoke, and, with surprising ease. lifted in obedience to the telegram, of which this is a translation : let by gones as by gones; but there is to any desired position in the shops. engineer's touch into mid air and shifted

Foxes' tails are now utilized as neck

Suede color continues to be fashion-

The peasant's cloak continues to be

The bride's cake has gone out of fashion.

The newest dinner favor is heart shaped. The long point has been revived for

Fur caps can be worn at all times and

Old Greek is the proper style for the hair nowadays.

The big fur hat trimmed with feathers is becoming bigger.

Flowers make the daintiest garniture for evening dresses.

Violets in natural color are embroidered on table linen. Hemstitched black surah silks of triple

warp are entirely new. Velvet siceves in silk or wool gowns

are still very fashionable. The style of wearing flowers in the hat

has already become common. The black sailor water-proof hats are

worn by exclusive society girls.

Gold lettering is more often used in wedding invitations than silver.

Queen Victoria calls a bouquet by the old-fashioned name of nosegay.

tulle.

The English Queen's daughters are not only good needlewomen but good cooks.

ly perfume the air of sitting or reception

baby according to the best hospital au-The prettiest slipper of the season is of black Suede kid embroidered with

gold beads. Ecru India muslins, with inserted bor-

ders of lace simulating Irish point, make lovely gowns.

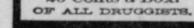
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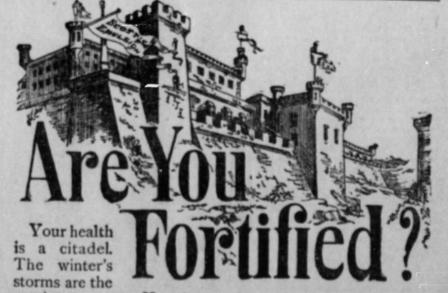
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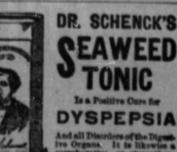


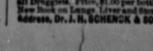
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