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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1892. PITTSBURG DISPATCH. THE

# AT GENOA AND PISA. Christopher Columbus played when a boy. and meditated as a young man seeking a career, and had the dreams that, translated into deeds, made him one of the immortals. Murat Halstead at the Superb City

and That Famous for Its Tower.

# HOUSE WHERE COLUMBUS LIVED.

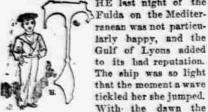
A Proposition to Send Relics to Chicago for the Fair in Exchange for an Appropriation.

OPINION OF THE ITALIANS.

road That Takes the World's Championship in the Matter of Tunnels.

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATOR.

Letter No. 3. THE last night of the



tickled her she jumped. With the dawn the waters subsided, and those opposed to the Galf Lyons said the fact that we were in the Gulf of Genos accounted for the change for the better. There was enjoyment in looking upon the southern shore of France. The grim mountains, with clusters of white houses that, according to appearances, were built on the edge of the water, seemed to rise from it like exhalations; in fact, they are at a considerable elevation. Nice was an attraction, and Cannes, Mentone, Mon-

had touched Italian waters, Sau Remo. It was a surprise to see the mountains so close to the sea, and the slopes, that have such a sunny fame, so meager. Above the range of white towers were snowy dots, that are the villas that great folks occupy, upon the theory that this air always has in it in the months of frost the baim of summer.

### The Beauty of Genoa.

And soon Genoa was revealed; mountains showed their peaks, and shoulders, and breasts, through the vapor, and the whiteness was resolved into vast structures whose color was that of the marble of Italy. The breakwaters are exceedingly massive; the lighthouse lofty; the ships numerous; and Genoa is still The Superh. The splendid word has belonged in all descriptions of her for many centuries, and she is not likely to lose it.

The landing was, as all landings are, tedious, and to some extent vexatious. It is the hour of importance for stewards and custom house officers, and above all for the silent figures in cocked hats, wrapped in cloaks, who posed in the most heorie manner and did nothing for anybody. These stately persons must represent the dignity of the grand old land so burdened with history, and that is politically a new country. and task for the Average American; but patience as to time and a willingness to dispense small coins will work wonders. I am informed that the' custom house officials are not wholly insensible to the influences of civilization, and some of them consented, upon being confronted with material arguments, to allow the trunks to pass unopened.

Dwelling in Marble Halls. At once the admirable pavements of

A Combine on World's Fairs. It has been, as I understand, suggested in Genoa that there is such a community between their city and our country-the youthful home of Columbus and the great land beyond the sea that his hardy courage and science revealed-that we ought to work the two Columbian Fairs together. Chicago should give this matter strict and careful consideration. It is the idea that if Con-gress or Chicago shall make a reasonable appropriation for the Genoese fair, they will allow their curiosities to go to the World'a Fair at Chicago. Could any other invest-ment be made for the Fair likely to be more remunerative than this exchange with Genoa? I commend this to Congress and to Chicago. I have spoken of the house as the one authentic Columbus relic. There are, however, several of his letters here. The originals are no longer shown, but they have been photographed, and the photographic copies are better than the originals. The

Genoese have already procured from San Domingo some of the dust or ashes of Columbus, and have them sealed in a green vase. It does not seem to be known exactly where Columbus was born or died, or was buried. Recently it has been claimed, with a show of probability, that he was a Cor-sican. The Island of Corsica belonged to

the Genoese for 200 years before Columbus, and as long a time after his death. In very ranean was not particularly happy, and the clear weather the island may be seen trom Gulf of Lyons added the Italian coast. to its had reputation. A Busy American Consul. The ship was so light

Mr. Fletcher, the American Consul at Genoa, finds himself, between the rush of passengers by the North German Lloyd line that the moment a wave and the Columbian festivals, with a greatly increased occupation, and, I fear, without augmented compensation. I had a surprise, looking upon a lower house in the lower part of the town, to find that Daniel O'Connell's death occurred there. There is a marble tablet in the dark wall that tells the story. Mazzini's birthplace is decorated with a flagstaff, a tablet and sundry wreaths. Smithson, founder of our Smithsonian In-stitute, died and was buried here. Lord Byron is not forgotten here. One pilot, more than 80 years old, knows all about him. Charles Dickens lived here, and wrote aco, followed, and after a time, when we up Italy. The town is almost as full of art as of his-

tory, and the people have the modern ways and means. The gentlemen wear clothes of the London styles, and the ladies are Paris and the styles, and the nucles are rat-islans in dress. It is among the poor that one finds the picturesque. The telephone is in constant use, and they check your bag-gage at the hotels—something they did not do in Chicago the last time I was there. There are electric beli-buttons, if not lights, in the

ordrooms. You hear the cry of the news boys in the streets. The shop windows are very beautiful, and it is remembered in the shops that an amiable and beautiful young American lady, who purchased Gen made silver ornaments—a specialty—be-came soon after her return home Mrs. Grever Cleveland and the lady of the White

### A Good Opinion of Italians

An American traveler in Italy does not need to go far or see much to be convinced that there are Italians and Italians, and

that the vulgar notion of looking upon this people as organ grinders and chestnut roasters and fruit-s'and venders and congregations of ill-clad laborers exclusively, i even a greater error than a fault. The streets of Genoa show ladies as well dressed as Fifth avenue, New York, on pleasant Sunday afternoons, and gentlemen whose appearance would warrant them for intelli gence and prosperity in any country Many of the women are of superb figure and admirable in grace of movement, and tory, and that is politically a new country. Dealing with men who speak neither English nor French, nor yet German, is a that would be regarded as rather sweeping in America, and yet which, when done as the Italians do it, strikes one as agreeable. In saluting each other the gentlemen are less vigorous and pronounced, but still it is rather more gracious and civilized than to stop short, say something exclamatory, and go on, with hats on and hands in pockets-though it is better, I think, to keep your

hands in your pockets than to shake hands with profusi One must go to Rome. All the roads and the most direct way lead there: Genoa is through Pisa. The old city of Pisa s but six miles from the Mediterranean on the Arno. The railroad that runs to it is a remarkable structure. I thought the Balti-more and Ohio road, from Grafton to Park-

of houses, and a few steps further brought it into full view, and 250 yards distant. There was at first not exactly the emotion with which one beholds for the first time an AMERICAN

tower toward me, a bell was rung in the tower, and swung out of the window that I

faced, sending its silvery noise over the eity. So the tower was not only new in ap-

The Leaning Is a Daring Trick.

with which one beholds for the first time an object of extraordinary interest and attrac-tiveness and venerable associations; but there was the thrill of understanding that this object was strangely beautiful. The first view I had was the best. The tower looked as fresh in the morning light as if it had been yesterday carved in 'ivory. It seemed new, and yet, while it was more than 100 mere in more for construction it was Is More of a Possibility Now That Cardinal Simeoni 1s Dead.

COMMENTS ON THE DUKE OF FIFE.

100 years in course of construction, it was finished 540 years ago, a century before Christopher Columbus was born. While I stood, the inclination of the Scarcity of Male Heirs to Peerages Threatens the House of Lords.

FRENCH MATOR'S DRESS NOTIONS

senior of all the Ital-

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.1 The feebleness of Cardinal Simeoni for

pearance, though the foundations were laid more than six centuries ago, but serving the more than six centuries ago, but serving the purpose for which it was erected. A close approach showed the work of the ages in the discoloration of some of the material, and the peculiar roughness that rains and winds and frost and sunshine make in the slow process of the magical chemistry of half a thousand years. The inclination of the tower is clearly not accidental. It is artistic. The first floor, as you enter, slants about six feet, and the effect is to exagger ate the impression the exterior gives. The considerable time prior to his death, took him out of the calculations of those who speculated as to Pope Leo's successor S but all the same the 1 A A death of that emienent prelate has a bearing upon the ate the impression the exterior gives. The tower is in the highest sense a work of art. question. Cardinal Simeoni was the

The leaning is a daring trick to lead the imagination captive just as it has done, for all the generations. It is very easy to climb the tower, and it is only 179 feet high. ian cardinals and when he died, a few Cardinal Simeoni days ago, was 76 years old. There are two The material is volcanic rock, hard as iron and white flint. There was for me a mo-Italians still left in the sacred college who are supposed to possess equal chance of sucmentary sensation of giddiness at the top, ceeding to the papacy. These are and I left there for the first time the sense of the rocking of the ship that generally fol-lows a sea voyage for a day or two. I did not think the tower was about to take the opportunity to fall, but the feeling that it was swaying was frightful. It would be very easy to tumble off, for the space out-side of the shell of the stairway and inside the the circles of nillars in unsmarded. Gail and I felt there for the first time the sense Cardinal Gibbons. He is only 58, and in the the circles of pillars is unguarded. Gal-lileo must have had a steady head to have every sense at the prime of life. Now that England has lost Cardinal Manning and experimented with a pendulum on this dizzy tower, after watching the silver lamp that in the cathedral hangs on a rope 130 feet Italy Simeoni, it would not be surprising to hear more of America's claims to recognition.

long. The Cathedral is adorned with some of In Europe it is Scraphin Vanutelli who the spoils of the Crusaders, captured from the Spanish Moors and from Constantinople. is most spoken of as the coming Pope, and it is perhaps significant that he it is who The Pisans made fame and laid the foundasucceeds Cardinal Simeoni as Prefect Gention of their high fortunes during the Crusades, and transported a number of ship-loads of earth from Mount Calvary to use eral of the Propaganda. The church all over the world seems to be prepared to hear in their burial ground. The guidebook says the number of ships loaded with this earth of the death of Pope Leo at any moment, so precarious has his condition been for a long was 53. There have been no burials in it for more than a century, and upon it shrub-

A Roman Monument to Shelley.

The erratic genius and superb poetry of Percy Bysshe Shelley are to be commemo

The only thing humorous I saw at Pisa was a fresco of the last judgment, repre-senting the devils and snakes tormenting sinners, God the Father and His Son, lookated afresh in Italy, ing on complacently. The grandeur of the fun is that the metal work is prodigious; and yet I do not care to display a spirit of levity. There are some things even the high old artists should have let alone. I upon whose shores he lost his life 60 years ago. A committee has been formed at Rome for suspect the artist in this case to have meant to be grotesque, and to have played it handsomely on great folks of dull under-standing and indurated solemnity. MURAT HALSTEAD. the purpose of erect-ing a monument to Shelley there. A Shelley there, A number of distin-

guished men are on the committee, in-cluding such Lualians as Signor Cavalotti, Signor Amici, Signor Menotti Garibaldi and Signor Bonghi, and such Englishmen as Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Swinburne. It will BLAINE'S RARE MEMORY.

### HOW RE RECOGNIZED AN OLD-TIME STAGE DRIVER.

bery and grass are green, and over it sigh

several tall and distnal cypress trees.

be remembered that Shelley's ashes, for his body after it was regained from the un-grateful sea whose beauties he had immortalized in song, was burned, not so Friendship Begun in College Days Renewed Many Years After-The Old Genmuch in a romantic spirit as in accordance with the Italian law regarding the disposal tleman Could Not Recall the Younger Man's Name-Still Voting as of Yore. of the drowned, were interred in the Protestant burial ground in Rome. There [CORBESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, PA., Jan. 23 .- The remarkable faculty Mr. Blaine possesses of remembering names and faces is illustrated by a story told by a Washington county by a story told by a Washington county gentleman: When Mr. Blaine took a trip though this county in the fall of '87 over the old National read from Brownsville to Washington, he rode in a buggy with John Hampton, Esq., of Pittsburg, now de-ceased. They started from Brownsville early in the morning, intending to make the entire trip of 24 miles that day. It was the control trip of 24 miles that day. It was the

early in the morning, intending to make the entire trip of 24 miles that day. It was the first time Mr. Blaine had been over the road since he was graduated from Washington College, and of course the trip promised to be of much interest to him. When at college Mr. Blaine would ride ersburg, the champion for the number of home to Brownsville over the National road in a stage coach. He, of course, be-came acquainted with most of the drivers Almost a Pneumatic Tube. Washington and Brownsville. It My recollection is there are 27 of thembetween was not long before several of these took a certainly a liberal supply. From Genoa to great fancy to him, and Blaine was allowed to ride in the box with them. To ride in Pisa is about the same distance, and a lady ho counted them carefully is authority for the driver's box was considered by a boy in the statement that the number of tunnels is the driver's box was considered by a boy in those days a great treat, and young Blaine was on these occasions proud of his posi-tion, and a short time ago, while in conver-sation with several of his associates, he told The mountains are close to the sea, and all their toes in the water have to be tunneled. It occurs to me that it might be well to wall up and arch over the road that how his highest ambition in those days was is not in the tunnels, and convert it into a huge pneumatic tube. Seeing scenery on to be a stage driver. His Stage Coach Favorite, this line is difficult in broad daylight Among the drivers Mr. Blaine rode with from Washington to Brownsville was Willattempt to see it by moonlight, I have to re-mark, is a failure. Just as one gets a glimpse of the silvered sides of a mountain, iam Robinson, known as "Billy." He was a jolly, good-natured fellow and of the flashing surf of the Mediterranean, which roars along this rocky coast in the just such a man as would suit Blaine. When college closed for the vacation Blaine altrue oceanic style, and is beautifully ex-pressive of baffied rage, there is a harsh rat-tle of the cars and the only light is in the most always managed to go home on "Billy's" stage, Billy allowing him to ride on the box with him and sometimes even permitting him to drive. This friendship was very close, but when Blaine left college amp overhead. This happens with such exasperating frequency that it becomes tiresome, and the study of the picturesque, whether by night or day, is disturbed. he saw no more of Robinson. Many changes took place and soon the I had a strange companion for two hours of the journey to Pisa. A tall, slim man stages were no more. Robinson moved to Scenery Hill, a small village half way between Washington and Brownsville and opened a hotel. His income was moderate, but by clever dealing he managed to obtain a modest living and was respected by all who knew him. Mr. Blaine grew into prominence rapidly and Robinson told stories about "how he used to haul Jim Blaine over the National road in his stage while he was a student at college." Billy wa a Democrat and always voted the straight ticket and on these memorable rides he and Mr. Blaine often had hot discussions on the When Mr. Blaine drove into Scenery Hill on this day in company with Mr. Hampton things were much changed to him. He had not the slightest idea that dicularly into the small bang, the others ran any of his old acquaintances lived here. But as he passed the old stone tavern he cords.

ceeded by his son, who is childless, although married 13 years; the Duke of Devonshire is succeeded by his son, Lord Hartington, who is still unmarried, al-POPH

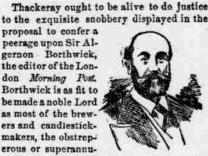
though gossip connects his name with the Dowager Duchess of Manchester. The ex-tinction of two more dukedoms is therefore probable, There are other discouraging features in the duke market. In 1889 three ducal mar-

the duke market. In 1889 three ducal mar-riages took place, and yet the succession is not assured for any one of the dukedoms in-volved. The Duke of Newcastle has no children as yet; and the duchesses of Port-land and Fife have both presented girls to their ducal husbands. If things go on in this way, and it seems characteristic of the peerage in general, the House of Lords may disappear without the assistance of an irreverent democracy.

A somewhat new feature has presented itself during the work in sporting matters Harfleur's Awfolly Modest Mayor. and a matter that will certainly bear a little It is the custom to point to France as the horrible example of the world in matters of talking about. I refer to the return of the American-Canadian football team from morality, and it will astonish a good many their trip to the British Isles. The team people doubtless to learn that a municipal crosed the Atlantic for Great Britain last regulation of woman's dress in the direction August and had quite a busy time of it from of decency has been attempted in a French their going away until their return to New town. The Mayor of Harfleur, a port of some importance still, though overburdened York. They met the best teams in England and Scotland during their absence, and they with a past out of all proportion to its pres-ent or future, is the leader of a crusade learned a lesson. They discovered that the against the decollete. In his proclamation is-sued recently he assumes as an axiom that virbest football teams in America or in Canada, Association rules of course, are far betue and respectability do not approve of even partial nudity in the appearance of women, hind the best among the Britishers in playing ability. and asserts that such a display of feminine charms is the cause of social disorder and But they also found that the game is one of the most popular and one of the most moral corruption. It appears that the young women of Harfleur have persisted in appearprofitable among outdoor sports. This fact ing at balls and social entertainments in dresses which, their Mayor quaintly obhas long been known on this continent, but it was not so well known as it has been

serves, "did not sufficiently cover the upper part of their bodies," and as all the world since the American-Canadian team returned and told us all about it. The manager of knows the fashion set by Paris is rather in the team, in an interview published in this the direction of further uncovering that the direction of further uncovering than more modest apparel, the Mayor has decided to check the tendency by municipal law. The young women of Harfleur will have to sew up their V shaped corsages, and drape their dear little backs, for the city enact-ment now reads: "That all kinds of decollets paper, stated that taking football in England as an example there is a great future for the game in this country, and the manager further pointed out that the trip of his team may result in inducing English teams to come here, and that certainly will give a in women's dresses be prohibited as dangerous to the communal order and pence." But we are willing to wager that the Mayor of Harfleur will not be re-elected. wonderful impetus to the sport in this country.

Society's Pet Editor a Peer.



ated commoners from Algernon Borthwick.

whom the upper House is chiefly replenished, but the honor is really meant for his paper, which is recognized as the boot-licker to the Tory Ministry, and the aristocracy in London. Nothing horrid in the shape of democratic

ournal.

agement the Post has gained new laurels as a superloyal supporter of the Crown, and the editor called attention to the high-pres-sure character of his devotion to the reigning house the other day by sending to Princess Mary of Teck, as a wedding pre-sent, a superb diamond bracelet. This final demonstration of editorial capacity convinced Lord Salisbury of Borthwick's fitness for the House of Lords, and the

L's requirement is absurd, because a big purse is to be hung up for him and Slavin, and a fine side bet must be haid on the syme to take his chance of getting these should Slavin prove superior to Jackson, a fortiori he should jump at the opportunity for downing the New South Weishman after the last-named bas come off second best in a public trial with Jackson. But in these days the showman element bulks very largely, and perhaps the Tankee is right in being wary not to take on other than presumably first-class goods. He missed agood score in not sinking his bigh-toned equality-fraterily-and-liberty objection to fabting a black. What the big fellow ought to have done was to profess willingness to access a challenge from the victor of the Jackson-Slavin go. — "These I read wrongly, the lesson to be found between the lines of the negotiations yarms sent us about J. L. S's fast living. I written part of the affair correctly—viz, that much we have been told all and the hur-fourne to zer's breakings out and prolonged bursts is invented by his friends for a very evident purpose. They want Slavin to un-derrate his opponent. Of course, difficulties in the way of matchmsking may be enaftly devised so that the proposed meeting will not come off at all, or any contract for one A REVIEW OF SPORTS. Trip of the American-Canadian Foot-

GOSSIP ABOUT BASEBALL

In the way of matchmsking may be chainly devised so that the proposed meeting will not come off at all, or any contract for one signed except of a nature to afford an easy get-out. But the (reported) residiness with which the Sullivan party came at the Ans-traitan's advance is most decidedly suspi-cious in the light of the damaging rumors to which we are so frequently treated."

A Few Strong Words.

<text><text><text><text><text> The same writer continues: "Let the Sul-livan plans be laid never so wisely, I do not is going beautifully along, and the club or ficials say positively that no more player like Slavin's being hung up for want of a backer. No one could have talked more will be signed until those on hand are tried This resolve, I understand, is to be carrier out whether Lyons is secured or not. In sure I still fail to see why there is so much ado about Lyons. I haven't much failth in him, but my reason probably is something like the following: disgracefully than the colonial about the Referee. Most of his mob are a pinchbeck set of hangers on to the bruiser's notoriety The best man may not be allowed to win i notoriety. The best man may not be allowed to win in America unless he is an American; yet, all the same, as an Australian is an English-man, and our best representative is pitting himself against the accepted American champion, it will be a dreadful thing if he is left for want of money after all said and done about taking Sullivan on. That he can be left long I will not believe."

Notoristy for Maher. It would seem the best plan now for or lock after the material they have. The opening day will soon be here, and between now and the the "manager" is the great man. A boxer or pugilist to-day without a manager would have a very poor show in getting even a little slice of the good things in the way of club purses and show engagements, and it is safe to say they are the season in fact, so much depends on good start thet every possible effort shoul be made to effect one. Pursers, and it is

club purses and show engagements, and it is safe to say that had not Billy Madden taken Most assuredly we need something in the Peter Maher in charge few of us would have fall and winter to divert our attention from heard of Peter. But Madden is not in the baseball. If ever there were overdoses of anything there are overdoses of baseball

heard of Peter. But Madden is not in the show or boxing business for nothing, and if there is money in it he means to have it. No matter what the merits of Maher are as a boxer or fighter, Madden is determined that the public shall know that such a man as the Irish champion exists. The daily papers on Friday announced that Madden had deposited a forfeit of \$5,000 for Maher to fight Sullivan. This will be no surprise to those who have noticed the nagush in winter time. It is all right in summer time to read about Smith, Jones, Robinson and Brown and their great work when they are doing it, but in mid-winter. for Maher to fight Sullivan. This will be no surprise to those who have noticed the na-ture and results of challenges lately. The truth is that Madden does not expect that Sullivan will accept the challenge, and whether it is accepted or not Madden's pro-tege will have been brought more promi-nently before the public than ever he was. It is unnecessary to go into details as to the respective merits of Maher and Sullivan. The former is a better man than is generally believed, and John L. is not the Sullivan of old we all know. But if he were in any kind of good condition the probabilities are that he would finish Maher inside of four rounds. to say the least, it is tiresome to continue daily repeating the devices and movements of these worthies. Beside this extraordiof these worthies. Beside this extraord-nary repetition as to what Tom, Dick and Harry want and what they will and will not do, together with the inevitable contradic-tion, the national game harms instead of good. The public surely become weary of these baseball effusions that appear without intermission from January 1 until December 31. It must be as wearisome to the mind as three or four quail would be nause-ating to the stomach after eating that num-

that he would finish Maher inside of four rounds. But the amusing part is that Manager Madden declines to allow Maher to fight Choynski because the inter is a beaten man, and while this refusal is made Madden offers to match his big man to fight middle-weints like Hall and Fitzsimmons. This only shows that the entire business is one of scheming to get money. Most assuredly if Maher meets Choynski he will have more to do than he expects. ating to the stomach after eating that num-ber for 30 or 40 days. It, then, a good winter game could be thoroughly established it would be a benefit all round. The most likely game to fill the bill is football, either Association or Rugby, and I will be somewhat disappointed if a very great and a very successful effort is not made next fall to put the game of football on a thoroughly popular basis. To be sure the Rugby game is the most popular, but fact that its best exponents are college stu-dents and can only play a very short time han he expects.

McAuliffe and Myer.

After all it looks as if there will be an other go between Jack McAuliffa and Myer. It is not to be wondered at that Mr. Roche, dents and can only play a very short time during the year operates considerably against the progress of the sport. But if the sport is popularized this difficulty will certainly McAuliffe's backer, declined to find the needful for him this time when we conside the high old time McAuliffe has been having be overcome, and then we will have both Rugby and Association football from the close of the baseball season until nearly the since he defeated Gibbons. If McAuliffe can step into the ring against Myer in any thing like first class condition, he must be a remarkable little fellow, because few men have lived a gayer life than John during the opening of the following season. If this were the condition of things then I do maintain that baseball would be more successful

have lived a gayer life than John during the last few months. But the weight is favorable to McAuliffe, viz., 140 pounds. This is a very big advant-age in his favor, but it deprives the contest entirely of any championship features. If the contest is to proceed, I confess I have not the faith in McAuliffe that I have had heretofore, although I have no definite opinion to offer on the matter at present. There is plenty of time to discuss the prob-able outcome of the battle if it is to take place.

ported a large fortune to heaven, in acts of charity, and has gone thither to enjoy it.

Local Club Affairs.

There is not much to say about the loca

lub this week. As far as I know everythin

"I do not like thee, Dr. Fell,

The reason I cannot tell. Bat this I know quite full well, I do not like thee, Dr. Fell."

An epitaph in an Italian cemetery read

as follows: "Here lies Etella, who trans

Refused. On account of his shape Too fat.

Fat is a vulgar word. Too much Adiposis or Obesity sounds better But fat is plainer. There are two

kinds of fats. The unhealthy adipose tissue, re sulting from sedentary habits or fron forcing the appetite through stimu lants; or from impure blood, or i may be hereditary. This is the kind that lays the possessor liable to hear disease, apoplexy, vertigo, etc.

Then there is the genuine, healthy life-giving tissue, the result from reg ular and moderate habits, or if irreg ular habits, the taking regularly and according to directions, the famou Carlsbad Sprudel Salts. The salt will reduce unhealthy tissue and buil



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Nothing horrid in the shape of democratic sentiment ever pollutes the broad pages of the Morning Post, and my Lord Tomnoddy and my Lady Tiplofty can peruse every column in it at breakfast without the last fear of imperiling their digestion. To get one's name in the society columns of the Post is the summit of many a parvenu's am-bition; and fashionable Belgravia has no more reliable mirror than this perfumed journal.

Under Sir Algermon Borthwick's man-

than it is now, because there would be a vigorous enthusiasm to greet its commence-ment, and that vigor would last throughout the setson. What the public mind at all e Borthwick will be the first newspaper man to receive a peerage, and it is likely to create heart-burnings among his brethren, some of whom, and notably Leary Lawson, of the Daily Telegraph, have worked hard for the same prize without success. In the last year of Lord Beaconsfield's life, Mr.

ball Team to England. POPULAR WINTER PASTIME. The Object of Maher's Challenge to Fight John L. Sullivan.

Something We Need.

LATEST

Genos are manifest. They are solid as absolute beds of rocks, and the chances are they have not been disturbed in hundreds of years. The streets are very narrow. There are few sidewalks; and the pavements are cleaner than the fronts of the houses. In the hotel one could appropriately dream | tunnels. of dwelling in marble halls. The floors and stairways are marble, some of it very handsomely wrought.

The elevator was a singular sort of chariot, looking like a Sedan chair. The conductor did not ride in it, but was a boy in red jacket and brass buttons who pulled a lever and stonned it at the right place The rooms were as it hewn in rock; and the French style of things were noted; no gas; no electricity in the rooms, only can-dies of incredibly small power; no soap; beds so narrow as to afford no great contrast with the berths of a ship. Social singular is the adjustment of the beds and clothing that getting up in the middle of the night and remaking the alleged bed must be a ceremony all strangers are expected to observe. One longs for the broad beds of the Liverpool hotels. They are (if one may be al-lowed a twist of expression) broader than they are long.

## Genoa's Great Commercial Activity.

Genoa is the chief commercial city of Italy, does five times the business of the commercial prosperity. Her history ex-tends from the Crusades to the Holy Sep-

pared for the unity of Italy. The arrival of the Fulda was an event that greatly interested the Genoese. One hundred and thirty passengers from Amerhundred and thirty passengers from amer-ica disturbed the even tenor of matters and things. The table d'hotes of the city were lively, and we Fulda fo is thought we made a stir in the streets. It is possible, though, (upon reflection), that we did not stir the | to the temples, and the three stood out like city from center to circumference as much as we thought we did.

as we thought we did. The Genoese are much concerned about our World's Fair, and it appears they are to hold one of their own, beginning the first of next Jane, and lasting five months. The two palaces of highest historical distinction the beam of the second s and the ancient antiquities are to be dis-played. There are tons of rare old silver locked up for generations, and relies of all sorts of the old days to be brought forth. It known to the world

### Some Facts About Columbus,

The Columbus house belongs to the State, and has been closed a long time. The first story is boarded up. It is to be restored to the condition it was in when Columbus lived there, and the relics of the man and his family, and his portraits so far as possible, are to be collected and shown in the old authentic. It is not claimed that this house was the birthplace of Columbus, but he un doubtedly lived in it when a boy and young man. The records show that it was in possession of the father of Columbus for many years, and up to the time when the great navigator was 35 years of age. The street on which this historic house is situated is so narrow and steep that only handcarts and persons on foot traverse it. The street does not seem to be more than 15 feet in width, and the houses are nearly 100 feet high with an astonishing array of what we call Venetian blinds hanging at various angles. On one side of the Columbus house is a tobacco manufactory; on the other, a choco-

late store; opposite, a wine shop. The place swarms with people. The house itself is dingy, and bears abundant evidence of age and neglect. Upon this pavement, be-tween these walls, in this canyon of houses,

more populous Naples; has improved great-ly within this generation; has good water, alone, and, flinging his belongings on to the and is in its administration marked by en- rack, tried to find a comfortable position fo ergy and high intelligence. Perhaps she has not yet seen the days of her greatest commercial prosperity. Her history ex-was silent as a cat, and turned about in a feline way, as a cat sometimes chases her tail. ulchre to the Garibaldi expedition-the cru-sade that liberated the two Sicilies and pre-and then tried them over again. His head, with the exception of a scanty bang and fringe around the ears and back, was bald, and he had a quadrangular scar on top of his head, making his red skull look like a

The Security in an Umbrella.

two palaces of highest historical distinction (next to that of the Dorias), the Red and White, are to be connected by bridges, and the Municipal Hall is to be joined to these, and the ancient antiquities are to be disassailed me or had opened the door and launched himself into one of the tunnels. sorts of the old days to be brought forth. It is said there are great treasures to be made known to the world. However, I had a deadly weapon—an um-brella—and ramembered the number of per-sons recently stabbed to death in New York with umbrelius. He had an umbrells, too,

that a residence in New York yields as to its use as a spear. When we arrived at Pisa he pounded rapidly and recklessly on the window with his umbrella, and when the door was opened, disappeared as if he had been summoned to appear suddenly. He uttered one word to himself: "Pisa." place. This house is the one thing that is I should have been uncomfortable, so queer was his appearance and performance, if I had not formed the judgment that if he misbehaved I was physically able to crush him. Pisa has a depot that looks like business and I found an omnibus belonging to the Hotel Victoria, with a light in the door illuminating the name of that hotel. When we started the conductor put that light out. The hotel was another with "marble halls."

The walls, floors, stairways, were all solid as a rock, and the waiter, furnishing a cold lunch, wanted to know whether the preferthe customer was for Vienna or Munich beer.

thought he recognized a familiar face. This was no other than Billy Robinson, now old and feeble, watering a team of horses at the old stone watering trough.

Recognizing an Old Friend. Mr. Blaine alighted from the buggy, telling Mr. Hampton he wanted to speak to the old gentleman. Mr. Blaine walked up to him, saying, "Good morning, Billy," extending his hand. Mr. Robinson looked bewildered but shook hands coldly. "Well," said Billy, "you have me. You seem like an old friend, but I cannot

recall yon. "Don't you remember Jim Blaine, who but I do not think he had the knowledge used to ride home with you when he went to college in Washington."

"You are not young Jim Blaine, are you?" "Well, that's just who I am," said Blaine. "Well, shake again. I'm powerful glad

"Well, shake again. I'm powerful glad to see you Jim, I do not live in very good style, but we have plenty to eat here and if you and your friend will stop I will give you the best I've got." "Oh no," said Mr. Blaine, "we are in a hurry to get to Washington, but thank you for your invitation. By the way, Billy, do you still yote the Democratic ticket?" "Yes and I have yourd the straight ticket

"Yes, and I have voted the straight ticket for 65 years, but if Jim Blaine runs for

President again, I will surely vote for Ants as Miners

The most laborious and regular mining for gems is done by ants in Arizona and Colorado, which, because they object to

# The Famous Leaning Tower.

having them inside their dwellings, make about their nests a glittering spread of amethysts, topazes and other valuable I had been on the lookout for the first glimpse of the tower that is the feature of the decayed city, and just when I was not looking for it I saw the top of it over a row market.

spired when living, in the Italian people.

### Jinrikshas Won't Go in Londo

they have remained to this day unmarked

save by a simple gravestone upon which the yet simpler inscription is "Cor Cordium," that is "Heart of Hearts."

In THE DISPATCH the other day it was stated that they were thinking of intropeer, and he would have been had not death called his patron to a land where newspaducing jinrikshas in the streets of London. The man who has the daring to do this deserves success but he is hardly likely to achieve it. A jinriksha 15 a good deal like the body of a hansom cab without the lofty seat for the driver, and in Japan is draw ov a man instead of a horse. In the streets of Tokio travelers tell us the jinrikshas ar everywhere, and nobody of consequence thinks of walking. The jinriksha is light but strong, with two wheels, and would be handy enough for use over London's well-paved streets. But heaven help the luckess wight who introduces himself as a jinriksha hauler there.

London cabdrivers and omnibus coachmen are not partial to novelties anyhow, but such an innovation and invasion of their special field as a jinriksha would drive them clean crazy. A jinriksha man's life would not be worth a minute's purchase in the crowd of vehicles on Ludgate Hill, or even in the broader stream of traffic in Re-gent street. The hansom cabmen alone might be relied upon to run down all the inrikshas in town in one hour. So Japan s hardly likely to have the satisfaction seeing one of her popular institutions copied in the English metropolis.

### A Changed Note on Fife.

was a good deal of

gush in the English

papers about the

good sense of the

bride and her par-

ents in choosing an

Englishman for her

husband instead of a

pauper princeling from some foreign

When the Prince of Wales' eldest daughter, Louise, married the Duke of Fife, there

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land. The same papers are not gush ing exactly over the Duchess of Fife. marriage now. The reason is that since the Duke of Clarence's death, and with Prince

George in anything but robust health, the possibility of Princess Louise becoming heir to the throne has suddenly dawned upon the people. Simultaneously the discovery has been made that the Duke of Fife is pretty small potatoes, though he is large enough to boss Princess Louise if she were to become queen in name. This seems to have created a very disa-

greeable foreboding in the British mind, and without much respect for royal feelings the papers have discussed the situation with great candor. To calm people somebody stated that Princess Louise had renounced her claims upon the throne when she married, but there is no record of such a renun-

ciation, and to make it at all binding it should have been filed with that absurd survival of medieval times, the Garter King at Arms. The only way to escape a second dose of petticent government in form with the Duke of Fife as King de facto, is ecognized to lie in the marriage of Prince George, and that unfortunate young fellow

is being prodded already with public in-junctions to take a wife without delay in order that the succession may be provided for. How charming it must be for little Fife, to be played on continuously in a minor key !

### The Duke Imitating the Dodo.

The admirer of hereditary lawgivers and aristocratic institutions will be alarmed to

per influence and imperial politics are alike of small account. JOHNS-KAUFMANN. There is nothing remarkable about this, but there is something amusing in the fact of BAILBOAD WATCH INSPECTORS. Ross wanting to row for the English title on an American course, During his lifetime Wallace has fared Their Jobs Are Not Such Soft Snaps as well among the Britishers. He has won Usually Understood to Be. and earned lots of money from them mostly St. Louis Globe-Democrat. ] because he knows more and has known The longer a man lives the more firmly more for many years about the correct abilities of English scullers than any does he become convinced that there are very few "soft snaps" in the world, at any American I know of. His challenge to row rate out of politics. The position of watch East at all will provoke a laugh among the inspector on a railroad is a kind of haven of well-paid repose for which men in the business of watch making or repairing are ant to sigh. When a man secures the position at last he finds the work harder and the hours practically longer than any he has

record of the watches of employes, a precaution which is designed both to insure time being kept and wrecks avoided, and if there is a greater variation than the standard set he must condemn the watch, no mat-ter how much the kicking in consequence. He has also to find out, if he can, when a man with an imperfect watch evades trouble be constantly setting it by a reliable timepiece, and he must see that every watch is kept in repair and also cleaned at stated intervals

Inspection time. At busy periods the work alone takes up an entire day, and the records have to be posted up when most people are asleep. Passengers sometimes think their safety when traveling is not cared for sufficiently, but so far as watches of employes are concerned, few companies have a some tone and up their affects to leave any stone unturned in their efforts to secure accuracy.

# WHERE PLATINUM COMES FROM.

2,900 Cartloads of Dirt. platinum comes from the mines at Nisjne-Tagilsk, on the eastern frontier of Russia

in Europe where it is found in the gravels which have been washed down during cen-turies past from the Ural Mountains. It is procured by scooping out holes in the ground to the depth of about 15 feet, where

'pay dirt" is struck, and then burrowing rat fashion in all directions. Twenty-nine hundred cartloads of earth must be washed to yield 15 pounds of metallic treasure. In summer the gravel is stacked up in great heaps, and in winter, when mining cannot be carried on, the stuff is washed out in primitive mills, women ing most of the work. To find a nugge of any size is a very rare occurrence, the biggest on record being about the size of

A Dog Rescues a Chicken.

Forest and Stream.]

tells of a singular catch made by a dog, not

for leaping, and formed somewhat after the mould of that fleet-footed dog. The dog aristocratic institutions will be alarmed to note the shrinkage in the supply of English dukes. During the year 1891 three of Eng-land's wealthiest and most influential dukes died, and although even peers cannot take their titles with them to the next world, it looks very much as if they might just as well have done so. The Duke of Cleveland left no direct heir, so his dukedom is at an end; the Duke of Bedford in suc-

weekly beir places. Intervals. As if this were not enough, he has also to keep before him the list of movements ac-cepted by his company as sufficiently re-liable, and be careful not to be taken in by a convenient exchange of watches at about inspection time. At busy periods the work work of the set of the

The Mines in Russia Yield but 15 Pounds to Very nearly all of the world's supply of

a tumbler. It is now on exhibition at the resden Museum.

little Mrs. Frances Strupe, of Kellogg, W. Va.,

a greyhound, but one of remarkable ability

English patrons of sculling, but when he wants East to come here and he slanghtered wants has to come than laugh will follow. Providing everthing is all right and allow-ing Ross to have "gone back" a little I can-not for the life of me see where there is any chance of East defeating Ross over even a course like the Thames' to any nothing of vortine atill water. before. He has to take a rowing on still water. But the challenge of Ross fully verifies what I said about the deterioration of scull-But the challenge of Ross fully verifies what I said about the deterioration of scall-ing in England. There are several better rowers on this continent than anybody in Eng-land. The Britishers may "come again." They have any amount of young material, as there were about 100 starters in a rowing handicap on the Tyne Christmas. This fact really is more ecouraging than the state of things here. We have the great men now, but we have nobody who looks like taking their blaces.

### The Local Dog Show.

in doing so I pointed out that sculling in England was at a very low ebb. Since this

our old friend Wallace Ross has challenged East to row for the English championship.

mean a lull compared to what we have been used to. One very important thing has It is rare indeed that any of us meet a pe been accomplished, viz., the organization o son who has no love for a dog. Scores of the Western League, That has been done or people are more or less afraid of that faith-ful friend of man, but fear does not always ful friend of man, but fear does not always prevent a love for the animal. It is, there-fore, tolerably safe to say that we all love and like dors. Well, we are going to have a wonderful display of them and the date of that display is very fast approaching. From what I am told I am led to believe that the Duquesne Kennel Club show this year is to be the best in its history. Certainly a very large amount of money is to be offered in prizes, and I know that it would be impossi-ble to find a more energetic body of men than the gentlemen who have the manage-ment of the show in charge. Ike everything else of a popular kind and that is well managed, the Pittsburg dog ahow is getting better every year. Both the quality and quantity of the dogs are im-proving, and unless all signs fail we will have a better show here this year than we have ever had. The members of the Du-quesne Kennel Club deserve success. They are generous, and are hard workers. An Injury to Sport.

tion hast senson, and doubtless the magnates will not ruin their chances this year, now that things have come their way. Everything is apparently going smoothly along in this new League. President Young states that there are only two hitches, one being the Lyons case and the other the case of Danny Richardson. He also repeats that both men will go to the clubs they were as-signed to and I presume that settles it. In yiew of this very emphatic declaration I full to see where any good can result from fighting the matter any further. It can now be said with a very great degree of certainty that Richardson will play in Washington and Lyons in New York, except some pri-vate deal or deals place them elsewhere. Things do not seem to be going smoothly for the season. I cannot avoid the convic-tion that Louisville and probably one or two other clubs will he a kind of millstone tied to the neck of the new League. It is to be hoped that such will not be the case though the prospects are not of the brightest. **Besping the Whirlwind**. An Injury to Sport. A few days ago we all read in the daily papers about a wrestling match at Buffalo between Dennis Gallagher and a person calling himself "Ike Smith, champion of England." The affair had been capitally advertised, and consequently there was plenty of money in it for the wrestlers. The reports of the "match" all spoke about

The reports of the "match" all spoke about its severity, etc. Well, a day or so ago I received a letter from a friend telling that "Ike Smith" was none other than our "old pai" Rube Col-lenge, who was here some time ago and "skinned" a friend for a few hundred doi-lars by wrestling a cheat. The letter also goes on to state many facts regarding the "Ike Smith" affair for which there is not space here. But what I want to say is this: is it not singular that amid all the contests in the country ure very, very few honest ones; and that notwithstanding the many people who are defrauded every week there are always any number of victims ready to step up to be slaughtered. Of course, it is such men as this alleged "Ike Smith" who have ruined almost every branch of profes-sional sport in this country. The wonder is that they continue to be so successful. Sullivan and S'avin. Long before the 12-Club League was ganized I argued that one of the greatest ob and I notice that every week is adding to

Sullivan and S'avin. A writer in the London Referee has the following interesting remarks to make regard-

and I notice that every week is adding to those who refer to the new League as agreat monopoly, etc. If the new organization suc-ceeds is will be in spite of this very bad principle. But what I want to say now is in absolute power for the time being, and as a result every now and then we hear, the squeaks of this player or that player, who only a short time ago turned a deaf car to all kinds of pleadings to be reasonable. Now, I care not how tight or how unmer-players, there can be no sympathy for them, simply because they are being paid back a year or so ago. Then circumstances placed the absolute "pound of flesh." Reasonable demands were out of the question. Capital ists had money invested in the business, and naturally did not want to throw up the sponge. They were compelled to yield to the latter acted as if they were on the sure way to earn the entireearth. They had ing Sullivan and Slavin: "If the Sullivan-Slavin negotiations be fairly reported as cabled, the slugger asked for nothing more than was reasonable in stipulating that he would only meet Slavin in case the Australian beat his South Ameri can negro rival Jackson. To judge such matters from an ordinary standpoint, John

Pugilistic Affairs in General.

General Baseball Affairs.

During the week there has been quite :

lull in baseball affairs, generally speaking. I

Resping the Whirlwind.

in its place that firm and solid flesh Once more Warren has suffered defeat and this time at the hands of little George Sidwhich is the certain sign of perfec health. It is virtually taking th ions. Readers of this paper will know that I have never estimated Warren very high Carlsbad treatment in your home A long time ago when he was doing ques-tionable work in San Francisco I argued that Every drugstore has them. Th tionable work in San Francisco I argued that he was of no account and his contests since then have amply proven that I was correct. It is to be hoped that we have heard the last of Warren. Siddons does not increase his fame by his victory, but he is sure to be in another contest shortly and he is sure to do well as he is a clever little fellow. Tuesday night we shall have the important contest between Tom Callaghan and Cal Me-Carthy. This is more than an or-dinary affair because if Callaghan wins he is sure to be matched against Dixon for the championship. Ac-cording to reports both McCarthy and Cal-laghan are in good condition and, of course, both are confident. I don't think that Cal-laghan has yet faced as clever a little chap as McCarthy is, and it may be that with the exception of Dixon McCarthy has not en-countered as glove contests are con-cerned, and altogether we may expect quite a lively go between them. I am inclined to think that Callaghan will be hailed the victor after a short and severe struggle. Jackson and Slavin continue in the show business, although they have not been doing as much talking as usual. As things look they intend to fight before the Mational Club, London, but the police authorities may stop them. Corbett is also very quiet, and this means that their respective shows are doing satisfactory business. **General Baseball Aftairs.** genuine have the signature of "Eisne he was of no account and his contests since & Mendelson Co., Sole Agents, Net

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