### PITTSBURG IS PRAISED

It Is Complimented for Its Rapid Advancement in Every Way.

The Leading Causes of Its Evident Improvement Pointed Out.

GIVEN A HIGH TONE BY ITS NEWSPAPERS

There are some things in nature and art that one cannot quite understand except by contact, says a writer in the last issue of Harper's Weekly, which also contains a picture of the Penn Incline, drawn by F. H. Schell, and view of the city from Grandview avenue, drawn by Charles Graham. In its modern attributes, the city of Pittsburg seems to be one of these, continues the writer, for to people whose ideas of material evolution are based on the conventional and the normal there is an elasive element in its present state that cannot always be taken into account. It is the difference between the old and new in Pittsburg that the occasional visitor is at a loss to understand. One may expect changes in the newer part burg always contrived to meet it. The in-of the West, where towns and cities sometimes change with each phase of the moon or the real estate market, but in the East, which has had its character formed for 100° years, a radical change is something almost neighbors are hardly to be blamed, therefore, for some shadow of reluctance in grasping the full measure of her modern evolu-One must have been in contact with both conditions to properly appreciate the

It was in the early hours of a quiet And had veyaged down the Allegheny river for three days on a huge lumber raft, and on the morning of the fourth day the raft passed from among the green hills and the sloping banks, and made a landing at what seemed to be and probably was the smokiest, sootlest, dinglest spot on the North American continent. The landing place was on the Allegheny City levee, just opposite Pittsburg. The buildings up and down the river were black and dirty beyond all hope of cleanliness, the bridges were grimy with soot and smoke, the steamboats that went sheezing about as though cheked with the moke from their own furnace were painted, from backstays to rudder posts with the universal grime, and over all was a cloud of smoke that rolled and drifted and surged as thick as a black fog. Smoke was every-No crevice was small enough to keep it out, and no surface was smooth enough to refuse its layer of soot. The streets, the business blocks, and even the rivate houses where unthinkably dirty and

Immense Improvement on Every Side. Years afterward I again stood on the river bank, and looked out across the city Pittsburg. It was the "Smoky City" ore. There was smoke here and there, but it was mostly from the steamboats on the ards. The chimneys of the foundries and ills no longer gave forth great volumes of black smoke. The san was shining clear ane full in the city streets, and all about Eastern city. Forgetting the lapse of time, it seemed to me that the mills were shut lown and business closed; but I was assured y a Pittsburg friend that the quiet-looking ity was doing more work, and incidentally king more money, than it ever had done before. The mills were running under high pressure, and the business streets were dumming with traffic. Since my first visit arts of the city, and public improvements d been made that were a credit to the State. Everywhere about there was evience of improvement and change.

vealed. The visitor to the city sees along the river front an endless succession of mills and factories, reddening the skies ment in securing what is probably the -a limited area of bottom traffic which congests its rather narrow thoroughfares. Here are the hotels and theaters, and this is the Pittsburg which the casual visitor sees. But if he should take casual visitor sees. But if he should take an electric or cable car (the horse car is a thing of the past) for a ride in the residence n, how soon is the scene transformed! Soon he enters an undulating country, where are to be seen bothing but lawns, gardens, cottages, villas, groves, meadows and parks. For miles around the visitor sees what he will pronounce to be a beautiful suburban landscape. But this is Pitts-burg, just as much as the work-a-day section that is the Pittsburg of industrial re-nown. These embowered cottages are as completely city residences as if they were on Fitth avenue. They have every usual city convenience, and in addition have the incomparable facility of fuel gas.

Natural Gas Brought About the Change. This brightening of Pittsburg's outward appearance and the quickening of her busiress life was brought about by natural gas.
Like other important sources of its wealth,
Pirtsburg's beneficial agent in this respect
came from the upper Allegheny river. Natural gas had been used by the oil region towns in the Allegheny Valley for several years in a desultory sort of way, but when it was found that gas wells, in contradistinc-tion to oil wells, would give a handsome return for the capital invested, a systematic effort was made to find them near the large centers of population. In course of time Oil Cuy, Titusville and other valley towns of considerable population were not only lighted but also heated by natural gas, at rices usually satisfactory to the consumer. rge quantities in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, and companies were soon formed for the purpose of conveying it in pipes to the mills, business blocks and private

Steam-users found that gas was a much better fuel than coal, and householders dis-covered, what the oil-region people had known for years, that gas is the ideal fuel for domestic purposes. A peaceful revolu-tion took place in Pittsburg. The great mills ceased to belch forth huge clouds of moke, the merchant no longer looked upon soot as the chief enemy of the human race, and the careful housewife put gas burners into their coal stoves, and took courage to clean house. Every one felt the beneficial change except the coal dealer. House-holders brightened up the exteriors of their holders brightened up the exteriors of their houses, new houses were built that had not even been contemplated before, and many improvements were projected that could not have been thought of in the old atmosphere of smoke and soot. People who had business in Pittsburg, but were unwilling to live there, soon moved into the city, and others who wanted both business and homes and including the pittsburg had no expector remaining. in Pittsburg had no excuse for remaining

#### Only Six Cities Are Ahead of Her.

The population increased at a remarkable rate. Hardly any boom city of the new West could show such progress. What had been 156,389 in 1880 became 238,473 in 1890. These are the figures of the United States Sign are the figures of the United States census. Here is a gain in population of \$2,084 in ten years. Most of that gain has been made within the past five years, or since the introduction of natural gas, which indicates in a measure what she might have been had soft-ooal smoke never clouded her progress. It should be barne in mind, moreover, that these figures do not include the substant longs that are practically a the suburban towns that are practically part of Pittsburg. There are a number of places in Allegheny county that have a large manufacturing population, the business of which centers in Pittsburg. Among them may be mentioned McKeesport, Bradble Sharpsburg and Etna.

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Pittsburg in every particular that it need not be considered as a suburban city at all. The entire population of Allegheny county is 551,856, which is an increase of 195,987 since the last census report. The percentage of increase is 55.07, a really remarkable showing. The population of Allegheny City is now 104,967, as against 77,682 in When the trade and industrial con

ditions of Allegheny county are considered it will be seen that the business transacted A CITY OF CULTURE AND ACTIVITY. in the city of Pittsburg represents the in-dustry of more than half a million of peo-ple. The reports and statistics of the Postoffice Department bear this out in a strik-ingly conclusive manner. The figures show that Pittsburg now ranks with Baltimore, San Francisco and Washington in the matter of postal receipts, and that only six ities in the country are ahead of her.

Each Industry Added to Prosperity. When Pittsburg discovered her natural realth of coal and iron she set about manufacturing most of the iron things that the pack trains had brought over the mo Stoves and ploughs naturally took prece dence, as being most in demand in a frontier country, and stoves and ploughs still remain among the most important articles of manufacture in Allegheny county. Other articles of domestic and agricultural use were manufactured as soon as there was a The subsequent history silv told. The city simof Pittsburg is easily told. ply grew with the growth of its tributary country. Pittsburg was from the first a city of resources. No matter what the demand, or how urgently it was made, Pitts new mines, each one of which added to

Pittsburg's prosperity. Glass manufacture in all its various lines grew, and became one of the prominent res of the city's imlustrial activity. rithout parallel. Pittsburg's Eastern. When the demand came for pine lumber Pittsburg sent sawmills into the forests along the Allegheny and Monougahela. The mills sang merrily during the long winter months, and with the first freshets of spring the huge rafts of pine boards came drifting in to anchorage at the Pittsburg levee. Here they were made up into still greater rafts, and sent voyaging down the Ohio to Wheeling, Cincinnati and beyond. The raiting season was a picturesque one at

With the decline of rafting there came : new industry to Pittsburg. It was petro-leum. The first oil that was found in the Allegheny Valley went to Pittsburg in flatboats, and later on millions of barrels of the raw product went there ou board of cars to

The Dispatch One of the Greatest Papers. One need not go to Pittsburg to get a fairly good idea of the people and their their ways of life, for the newspapers very faithfully represent the tone and character of the public sentiment. As a general thing, a city is judged more by its news-papers than any other half-dozen things that might be named. As applied to Pittsburg the newspaper test is unusually appriate. It might be supposed that in a decidedly Republican community like Alle gheny county, which has its ideas of the tariff pretty well fixed, there would be a first-class Republican paper like the Com-mercial-Gazette, which should represent the party and its ideas, as well as to publish the news, but the existence here of one of the leading independent papers not only of Pennsylvania, but of the United States, indicates an intelligence and an independence in the people that is far beyond party sen-timent and party action.

As able and influential a paper as THE DISPATCH could have no place in Pittsburg were there no independent sentiment in Allegheny county to support it. An independent paper to a large extent creates its own constituency, but it must first have a toundation of intelligence and broad-minded-ness to work upon. The remarkable success of THE DISPATCH, its recognized ability and influence, and its high place among American newspapers add undoubted proof to the growing belief that the greatest papers of the country are those that have the most independence of character, broad-mindedness and liberality in other direc-tions, however, and be sure of finding it. Millions Put Into New Buildings.

Of late years the city has been more than Home Pittsburg and working Pittsburg usually fortunate in matters of architecture, are two very different cities. The contrast as well in the erection of private houses as never fails to surprise one when it is re- | in the building of business blocks. In the construction of her new City Hall she showed rare good taste and excellent judgwith their furnace glares. He lands in the example of the work of the late H. H. Richbusiness section—a limited area of bottom and and in the angle formed by the junction of York or Boston would be justly proud of. the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers. It is to be expected that judgment as good is a crowded, bustling place, noisy with the traffic which congests its rather narrow library and art gallery which Mr. Andrew the new 400-acre park that was given to the

The advancement of the city in a material way is clearly shown by the permits taken out at the Building Inspector's office, which average several millions of dollars yearly, which is an excellent record for a city of this size. The suburban growth has also been rapid of lafe years, owing to the im-proved facilities for rapid transit. The uilding outlook is said to be very bright, which may be taken as an indication of the prosperous condition of other branches of business. Taking into consideration all of Pittsburg's present circumstances, the im-partial observer must acknowledge that the city has good reason to be satisfied with her condition and hopeful for the future.

RECIPROCITY, by William E. Curtis, of Pan-American fame, in THE DISPATCH

"OH! it was pitiful!" Bad case of croup and no Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in the

The Great Rush at Kieber & Bro.'s. Persons can have no idea of the popularity of the Kleber Bros., and the imm business they are doing in the sale of pianos and organs, unless they drop in at their warerooms, 506 Wood street. And little's warerooms, 506 Wood street. And little's the wonder, for the Messrs. Kleber have the monopoly of the grandest planes made in America. Just look and listen to the glorious Steinway and Conover pianos, and the popular Gabler and Opera pianos, and you will admit that nothing else will compare with them. They also sell the beautiful piano-organs of full seven octaves extent, and upon which all piano music can be played. It looks as fine as the finest grand plane. The wonderful church organs of the Vocalion make are also sold at Klebers'. Besides, the Messrs. Kleber sell at honest, reasonable prices. They take the smallest profits of any dealer, and they give the longest warranty and sell on the easiest monthly payments. Klebers' store is the most popular place to buy at, and people have implicit faith in their honest dealings

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FINE PALM-STUDDED LAND OF PLENTY

OPRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. PALMA, MAJORGA, Feb. 10.-The three principal islands of the Balearic group are, in size and importance respectively, Majorca, Manorca and Iviza. The first is but 60 miles from east to west and 50 miles from north to south. Cabrera and other lesser the islands now exceeds 300,000 souls. Majorea is by far the most beautiful of all the islands, and as one at once falls in love in Palma's sunlit bay will care to seek adventure here beyond Majorca's glowing

One of my first enthrallments here was by the water-carriers of Palma. They are not so naive as those of the Azores, so bold as those of Italian cities, so voluptuous as those of Lisbon, nor so languorous-eyed and petite as those of Grenada and Seville. But I could not help thinking that here an artist would find hundreds of perfect models for a Rachel at the Well. Tall, lithe, slender but shapely maidens are these, and their dress, carriage, features and ways constantly increase one's admiration and interest. Had they been simply animal in their saucy beauty, one study of one group at one fountain would have answered even a senti-

From One Fountain to Another But for days I found myself, against all pparent reason, drawn to this fountain and that, and making all manner of mental excuse for what my own judgment scourged me with as an accusation of impropriety. Attempt as I might to study all other lowly, become interested in the majestic cathedral, or essay tramps into the interior, back I came to the fountains to contemplate these fair maidens and endeavor to unravel he strange spell they had east upon me. In the first place, I never saw but one woman whose unrivaled art gave her the perfect carriage these women unconsciously own as nature's heritage. That woman was Sara Bernhardt. Added to this was a conscious dignity and a not coyish, but superb and stately, modesty, which lent positive radiance to every movement, gesture or look.

Their attire added a rare charm to all else.

Their fature added a rare charm to all else. Their tiny feet were encased in dainty slippers. A skirt of loosely woven dark stuff fell in close and graceful folds about their long and shapely limbs. Over this lav a short napkin-like apron, spotlessly white. A dark bodies ow at the neck displayed ex-A dark bodice ow at the neck displayed exquisite shoulders, and its sleeves stopping at the elbow where an edging of white was seen, showed the lower half of beantiful molded arms. The head is bare, covered by a wealth of hair coiled low and heavily in the neck, giving in the sunlight the blue black luster of the grape. The forchead is strangely wide for the Latin type; and the evebrows which almost meet have the eyebrows which almost meet, have the low wide arch. The eyes are large, luminous, melting, sad; and never were seen eyelashes of such length and blackness on other women. The nose is finely chiseled and the nostrils are thin and have a perceptible tremor. An oval chin, daz ceptible tremor. An oval chin, dazzling teeth, a mouth that suggests the hot blood of the South, chastened by endless re-pression, with lips of crimson, complete a face of Madonna like depth and feeling. This face looks out of a filmy white ker-chief drawn close beneath the chin, with points fastened with a rose or a trifle of jewelry to the hair at either side of the head; while its longest point covers the

Groupings Like a Master's. rocessions of a dozen to a score wending their way to and from, or when loiter-ing beside, the fountains, they form group-ings against the quaint old walls beneath the lonely palms, fit for Tadema's master hand. Their burdens are never carried upon their heads. The bottom of the empty or filled ewer always rests upon the right hip, the handle against the carrier's breast, and her half bared white arm is flung carelessly around the vessel just below its mouth. All inquiries regarding these beautiful water carriers of Palma brought from the native population a shrug of the shoulder with a contemptnous smile and the sneering words.

That meant "A little long-eared owl." I could not understand why these radiant maidens could have so offensive a name. I followed some of them about the city and then to their homes. It brought me to a a strange quarter where a strange people with kindly vet sad and smileless faces wrought in all labor with that patience and diligence which characterize but one race of

few great lions for sightseers who are already familiar with the southern cities of Europe. If one has friends, or can secure them, it is true that there are no more beautiful and exquisite examples of the Mor-esque-Spanish interiors than can be found in Palma's homes. Indeed I have never seen in art, as representative of the patio or court of the Italian, Spanish or Moslem home, anything equalling the beauty of these open courts. The stone work, while never on so grand a scale, rivals in delicacy of texture, and richness of ornamentati anything to be found within the walls of the

Winsome Bits of Scen

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The scenery of the bay, though not so noble as that of Naples, is far more winsome and enchanting. Then there is the ancient fortress, the Castle of Bellver, rising from one of the heights of the circling shore. It is 600 years old, and its dungeons, patio and Gothic arched galleries are among the most interesting medieval architecture in Europe. Palma's Cathedral, one of the most majestic in the Latin countries, was built more than 700 years ago, while the Lonja, built as an Exchange, in the ratification of a convention between the Balearic Islands and the Republic of Pisa, with its massive roof supported by but four slender fluted shafts, its floor of polished black marble, and its wonderfully carved open work ble, and its wonderfully carved open work galleries, is as unique and impressive a structure as the traveler can discover among the storied haunts of the two penin-

In pretty and comfortable diligence upon the backs of mules or donkeys, or better still, upon your own stout legs, the remotest portions of the island are reached, over roads that will rival England's, in scarcely more than a single day's journey. If you are simply a sight-seer, there is much to do and see within the little seagirt spot. The vineyards of Binisalem and girt spot. The vineyards of Binisalem and Felantix are as interesting as those about Oporto in Spain. The orange groves of that most transcendent of all Majorcan valleys, the Solier, are wondrously beautiful, and their odors are sometimes watted over the entire island. The gardens of El Real at La Grange rival those of the Cinque Cento at Seville. Along the north coast is found some of the grandest scenery of the Mediterraneau; and as I stood by the deserted atalyas, or watch-towers of old from serted atalyas, or watch-towers of old, from which were flashed the signals of the ap-proach of Berber pirates or Christian cru-sudes, the majestic round towers of the Irish coast seemed to reappear in all their mys-ticism and utter loneliness.

A Grand and Wonderful Roadway. The alquerias, or country mansions near Albano, and at Bunola and Esporlas, with their splendid avenues, gardens and rich pio's Art Galleries, 423 Wood street.

vestiges of Moorish architectural remains, are far more interesting than similar establishments I have at any time come upon in Spain. The wonderful roadway from Palma to Soller is grander than any roadway in Italy, and half the distance winds along and upon masses of mountainside masonry of tremendous thickness and height. Over near the eastern shore is Menacor, the second largest city of the island. A little distance to the northeast is Arta, and here entered by a natural archway 140 feet high are doubtless the most wonderful grottoes of the world; and at Alcudia is one of the most famous fisheries of the Mediterranean.

peries of the Mediterranean. But if none of these are seen a visit to Valdemusa and its once famous monastery is worth a special trip to the island. With as magnificent surroundings as those of Vallombrosa in Italy, a mountain chasm is bridged by the ancient pile in so extraordinary and picturesque a way as to seem at a distance like a gray old, cloud-kissed nest that has for ages defied decay and the battling of the zerial tempests there. But the gray of real decay is upon all things at Valdemusa; in the gray old church and endless cells and cloisters; in the gray old houses the state of the serial tempests the serial se that belong to the group, but these are that nestle along the mountain side beneath trifling in size, almost uninhabited and of little general interest. The population of the islands now exceeds 300,000 souls. Mathematical many sources are the islands now exceeds 300,000 souls. Mathematical many sources are the islands now exceeds 300,000 souls. about this splendid Majorcan relle of monk-ish times and days. The rich of Palma islands, and as one at once falls in love with her, her capital city, Palma, and all her sunny-hearted folk, few who first land in Palma's sunlit bay will care to seek adher life within these walls. With her was Chopin. Perhaps in these very cloisters was born the wild and inexpressible melancholy of the melodic creations of the master's later life.

Pleasant Folk of the Island.

But best of all in Majorca you will love the pleasant folk of the island and the sunny setting in which you will everywhere find them. The three classes in Majorcan provincial life are the titled landholders, the farmers who rent their land from the nobility, and the common peasant laborers who toll in the fields, forests and vineyards. The houses of the nobility are very fine and beautiful, and a large number of servants are retained. Many of the middle class farmers each control from 500 to 2,000 acres of land. Such as these possess farm-steadings spread over acres of ground, all surrounded by vine covered walls, and all possessing first the quaint court into which all the living rooms of the family enter, and behind this, the greater court, from which all the outbuildings and granaries

are reached. The structural semblance to the ancient Moorish form of habitation is preserved even among the cabins of the reasantry. However humble the household, all its members and belongings, even to the donkeys, goats and fowls are found within or radiating from this sunny open court. To a stranger's eye the high, apertureless outer walls would present a cheerless aspect, were they not covered with vines and blossoms, and if the pleasant and often picturesque interiors were not meanwhile in thought and mind. These cabins are seldom isolated. Two or three, and often a half dozen will nestle together in pleasant irregularity, and, with gnarled and ancient olive trees, clumps of figtrees, copses of almond, and tiny groves of orange with which they are all surrounded, form the most charming countryside pictures of any Southern land.

Most Primitive Agriculture. In my trampings about the islands I secured entrance to many peasants' and farmers' homes. From this I found that all methods of agriculture and homeside labor were of the most primitive sort, and that there were no idle folk in Majorca. Outdoor labor of some kind is continuous the All the women spin, knit or year round. weave, and I have never entered a peas-ant's cabin where mothers and daughters were not in some such manner em-ployed. Hospitality is charming, naive and whole-hearted. The plate of figs, basin of almonds or basket of oranges, with the wholesome wines of the country, are ever ready for the friend or stranger's coming. I thought I had partaken of that drink of the gods, horehata, in Cuba. It is simply the pulverized kernels of the almonds to which water and sugar is added. Here where the almond grows in the greatest perfection every housewife preserves huge jars of the finest nuts for horchata. grinding. The shells and brown husks are removed, and quarts of the snowy powder are literally "leached," the creamy liquid are literally "leached," the creamy liquid filtering slowly through. Then senor or senorita adds a spice of flavor, tamarind or pomegranate, or perhaps a dash of wine, with her own fair hand. It is food and drink. And it is no wonder that in Majorea the entire peasantry live sumptuously on daily myself where this old man had come from And it is no wonder that in Majorea the en-tire peasantry live sumptuously on daily wages averaging less than 20 cents for men and 15 cents for women, the year through; when every manner of nature's most royal food is at every door for the taking, and in such bountcourness that where it ripens it is valueless and without price.

Want and Crime Unknown

Somehow there grows upon one the win-some notion that you have known all these lowly folk before; that you have seen their festas and known their songs in the sunny vales of Cuba, over in the glowing valley of Guines; that you have come upon their brightness and cleanliness among the Alps of Switzerland; that their generosity and hospitality were met in Connemara and Donegal; that their thrift and frugality have their congener among the Pennsylvania Dutch; and that their In Palma and throughout the fair Ba-learic Isles studies of the deepest interest are among the people themselves; and then among the lowliest of these. The city has few great lions for sightseers who are few great lions for sightseers who are love of home and simple village ways carry ligion. All this in time may change. But head. So deep and indelible an impression it made on my mind that were I an artist I little Majorca, fashioned in matchless beauty beneath a smiling sun, is the one land of plenty and content.

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About Startling Sights.

"More Ghost Stories," Review of Reviews),

is, on the whole, even better than his first,

I had carried it in my pocket for several years and that there was a story connected

The Story of a Shilling.

She held the shilling in her hand for some time, and then said: "This carries

me back to a time of confusion and much

anxiety, with a feeling that everything de-pended upon a successful result. This shil-

woman, ignorant and drunken, with whom you had much better have nothing to do.

brought me by another. She is about 32 years, about five feet high, with dark brown hair, gray eyes, small, nicely-formed nose, large mouth." "Can you tell me her name?" I asked. "Not certainly, but I

think it seems most like Anne. Is that

right?" "I do not know," I replied. And then I told her the storyof that shilling.

Six years ago when I was standing for my trial at the Old Bailey, a poor outcast girl who was dying of disease in a hospital asked that the only shilling which she possessed

in the world might be given to the fund that was being raised for our defense. It was handed to me when I came out of jail

with written on its paper cover, "Dying girl in hospital gives her last shilling."

I have carried it about with me ever since, never allowing it to

pass out of my possession for a single day. Beyond that I know nothing. The symp-toms which Mrs. Davies described were

very like those which such poor creatures suffer in their closing hours, and it is too

probable that the donor was a low drunken woman; nevertheless, I think I envied Mrs.

Davies the touch of her hand upon her

brow, for, low and drunken as she was, I

would prize that touch more than permis-sion to kiss the hand of a queen.

And now for a good old-fashioned specter

A Remarkable and Startling Sight

of a most unpleasant kind. We plunge in-

to the story:
When I had walked about a hundred

bank of the canal (which runs parallel with

the road for six or seven miles) what

thought at the moment was an old beggar

to such a place. I had not seen him in going down the road.

I then turned round quite unconcernedly to have another look at him, and had no sooner done so than I saw within half a yard of me one of the most remarkable and start-

ling sights I hope it will ever be my lot to see. Almost on a level with my own face I

saw that of an old man, over every feature

saw that of an old man, over every feature of which the aputty-colored skin was drawn tightly, except the forchead, which was lined with deep wrinkles. The lips were extremely thin, and appeared perfectly bloodless. The toothless mouth stood half open. The cheeks were hollow and sunken like those of a corpse, and the eyes, which seemed far back in the middle of the head, were unaturally luminous and pieceting.

were unnaturally luminous and piercing.

Bands of Calico Over Its Head.

This terrible object was wrapped in two bands of old yellow calleo, one of which was drawn under the chin and over the cheeks

and tied at the top of the head; the other was drawn round the top of the wrinkled

forehead, and fastened at the back of the head. So deep and indelible an impression it made on my mind that were I an artist I

many words I saw at a glance. Acting on the impulse of the moment I turned my face

ing to ask him what he wanted, etc.

The Ghost of a Strange Character.

He had not followed me after I left the main road, but I could see the horribly

fascinating face quite as plain as when it was close by. It stood for two or three minutes looking intently at me from the center of the main road. I then realized

fully it was not a human being in flesh and blood; and with every vestige of fear gone,

with it which I wished her to tell.

I quickly walked toward it to put my questions. But I was disappointed, for no sooner I made toward it than it moved quickly in the direction of the village. I saw it moving along, keeping the same dis-tance from the ground, until it reached the churchyard wall; it then crossed the wall, and disappeared near where the yew tree stood inside. Grewsome and Grotesque Stories

The moment it disappeared I became unconscious. When I came to myself, two hours later, I was lying in the middle of the road cold and ill. The strangest part of my story yet remains to be told. My host, after questioning me closely in regard to the features of the face, the place I had first seen it and the roat where it disappeared. QUEER TALES OF APPARITIONS. A Horrible Scene That Met a Traveler on a Dark, Dismal Night.

seen it, and the spot where it disappeared told me that 15 years before that time ar EXPERIMENTS ON A CLAIRVOYANT LADY old recluse, answering in every detail to my description (calicoes, bands and all), lived in a house whose rains still stand close by Mr. Stead's second regiment of spooks

says the Pall Mall Budget. We have dreams together. and dreamers, prophecies and second-sight, spiritual vagaries and good honest ghosts,

REPENTED A SPITE MARRIAGE haunted houses in London and out of it in The Old Love Proves Too Strong for Hit

where I first saw it, that he was buried i

the spot where I saw the face disappearing,

variety sufficient for a house-agent's catalogue, clairvovants to whom Sam Weller's EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Feb. 26.—The double-magnifying gas microscope for the suicide here Tuesday, of a popular young penetration of deal doors and brick walls man named Fred Grace, has developed would be quite a superfluity, and as for "doubles" and "thought bodies"-why, one sensation. Recently, in a fit of pique, after a quarrel with his sweetheart, lady had such an energetic second self that Cravins, Grace wooed and married a Miss Hill. Soon after he met Miss Cravins, all she was under the constant necessity of his old love returned and he begged her to marry him. She consented and they started Readers may not be surprised to find that one of the most interesting stories is more for Kansas City.

or less autobiographical. Mr. Stead is tell-On the way Grace told her the truth, and ing about some experiments with a "clair-voyant lady:" "Now." said I, "take suicide. Her pleadings weakened him, and voyant lady:" "Now," said I, "take he allowed her to return home, following the next day. He again became desperate and shot himself. The shock is expected to another test. Tell me if you see anything with this." Then I took from my purse the shilling which I most prize of all the result fatally to his wife. pieces of money in my possession. I said nothing to her about it beyond saying that

BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND. An Exedus of Tennessee Negroes to Okla

homa to Occur Next Fall. NASHVILLE, Feb. 26.-There is a move ment now on foot among the negroes of this city to start a migration to Oklahoma next fall. A negro who has great influence among his people is agitating the question, and is procuring the names of those who ing brings to me a vision of a very low want to go.

About 1,000 names are already upon the you had much better have nothing to do. She has passed over. There is a great deal of fever about; I feel great pains as if I had rheumatic fever in my ankles and my joints, but especially in my ankles and my throat. I suffer horribly in my throat, it is an awful pain; and now I feel a coarse, dirty hand pass over my brow as distinctly as if you had laid your hand there. It must be her hand. I feel the loss of a child. This woman is hrought me by another. She is about 32 list. Indications are that many more will be added. The negro element of this city is becoming very much worked up on this exodus to the "promised land," as they choose to regard it.

JUDGE BOTKIN WANTS A REST.

During the Trial of His Enemies He Goes to TOPEKA, Feb. 26 .- Judge Theodore Bot-

kin arrived here late last night from his home in Arkalon. The trial of the six men under arrest for attempting to mu rder him will commence next Monday at Springfield, but Judge Botkin will not preside at the

He has been holding court at Springfield but adjourned Wednesday until Monday next, and announced that he would not be present, and a judge pro tem. must be elected at that time. He says he came up to Topeka to get away from the excitemen of frontier life and get a few days' repose

MUSIC, sport, Grand, Army, secret societies, etc., receive special attention in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

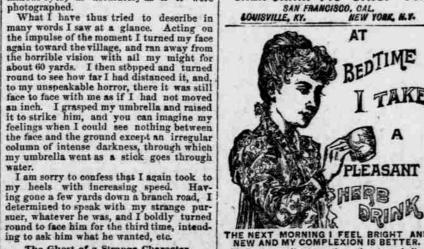


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