"WE ARE ALL EQUAL BEFORE GOD AND THE CONSTITUTION."---James Bachanan. J. J. Gerritson, Unblisher. Montrose, Susquehanna County; Yenn'a, Thursday Morning, July 1, 1858 Dolnme 15, Hnmber 26. should I wish to remove from a place where out before—so I may as well come to the so many rumors were circulated prejudicial point at once and confess that I loved her. I did not see him again till we met on the shook hands with me all round as polite as to my character. My reply gave the neces. I also fancied, before many months were over, our scene in the rehearsal. It was a grand possible, and treated me as handsome as any in carning my eight hundred france of salary | that I could scarcely believe myself legitimate-WORDS. ly possessed of more than my little annuity. as a clerk to the registry of the courts of Guard well thy lips; none, none can know law ! Although but little acquainted with What evils from the tongue may flow, What guilt, what grief may be incurred which was not yet due. sary explanation, which I concluded—'I am that she did not altogether dishke me; for a Easter piece with a great deal of firing, and gentlemen could. rich, not by inheritance, in which I never be- man's wits are twice as sharp when he is in real water, and a live camel in the last act; "Ilere's health 'Dare Iask,' I inquired, with a blush albusiness, I saw the advantage to be derived "Here's health and success to you, my By one incautious, hasty word. from my position, and replied : nost of shame on my cheeks-ican I, with-Be slow to speak; look well within, To check what there may be of sin, And pray unceasingly for aid, Lest unawares thou be betrayed. 'It is impossible, monsieur, for me to give out indiscretion, beg you to advance me for lieved, but because it was determined, in spite love, and there is not a blush, or a glance, or and Griffiths and I were Mozambique slaves, brave fellow," says Colonel Steward, "and a of my protestations, that I should have, in reality been made very rich; I scarcely know how. This is what I would wish you to say to was out, 1 went down stairs to the parlor, deal of money, that is all I ever knew about Staines. you an answer at this moment; return at the moment a small sum, which I want on five d'clock,-meantime I will consider the my arrival in a strange city ?' Eh, my dear monsieur, my chest is at your matter.' Condemn not, judge not; not to man Is given-his brother's tault to scan; At a quarter before the appointed hour, isposal. How much do you want-three, those who talk of me. where she was setting by the window, and the plot; and, upon my word, I don't believe And now, with their light cheerful ways 'I owe more than fortune to my singular took a chair beside her. "Ally, my dear," said I stopping her right time I had, of course, recovered my usual wine I had taken, and the excitement and the Monsieur Felix was again at my door. our-ten thousand francs !' One task is thing, and one alone. 'Monsieur,' said I, 'I had no wish for that "Edo not ask so much; a thousand will be situation, since it has assured mo of a friend had from working, and taking it in both of composure, but I could see that Griffiths had hum of voices from the crowd outside, I was mine; "Ally, my dear, I want to speak to been drinking, for his face was flushed and in first rate spirits, and as impatient to be off house, and did not even think about it, when upon whom I may count in adversity, should To search out and subdue thine own. ufficient.' Indulge no murmurings; oh, restrain 'Will you have it in gold or notes ? the proprietor came to beg me to purchase Call over visit me.' · For another week Thad been the subject of on the cashier. May I beg you,' said the banker, leading the way as I rose to departhis balance unsteady. When the rehearsal as a racer at the starting-point. Presently, was over, Mr. Rice called us into his private one of the gentlemen looked at his watch. it, and it appears the house is now mine. As Those lips so ready to complain; And if they CAN number, count you. She blushed and turned pale, and blushed it suits you, and any other will do as well for conversation. 'He has been unfortunate, if may I beg you to continue your good will you will; but I say he is a clever fellow, who again, and I felt the pulses in her little soft Of each day's mercies the amount, room and brought out a dscanter of sherry, "What are we waiting for !" said he .-me, I accept your offer.' Shun vain discussions, trifling themes; Dwell not on earthly hopes or schemes 'You shall be paid in a fortnight, in paper 'It is ten minutes past six already." o our house ?' has known how to take advantage of circumhand throbbing like the heart of a frightened with which I must say, he was always as libon Paris,' exclaimed the purchaser, delighted "Certainly, monsieur ; you well deserve it," And so it was. Ten minutes past the hour. stances, it is not everybody who could manceubird, but she never answered a syllable. eral as any gentleman possibly could be. Let words of meekness, wisdom, love, " Patagonians," says he, for he had a wonreplied, with a confidence which the cer-"Ally, my dear," said I, "I am a plain and Griffiths had not been seen or heard of. with my promptitude in business. vre in this way.' For my part, I was for a moment tempted Well, Mr. Rice grew very uneasy, and the Thy heart's true renovation prove. Paper on Paris ! I was so little accustomtainty of possessing of twenty thousand france man. I am thirty-two years of age. P don't derfully merry way with him, and always to applaud my own genius, yet a little re-know how to flatter like some folks, and I have called us by that name, "I suppose you wo'd flection told me that talent had nothing to bad very little book learning to speak of. But, make no objection to a little extra work and crowd very noisy, and the twenty minutes more went by. Then we made up our minds Set God before thee; every word; Thy lips pronounce, by Him is heard; Oh! couldst thou realize the thought, ed to that currency, as to imagine that it began to give me. 'There is yet another favor which I wish to would be necessary to send it to the capital to go without him, and Mr. Rice made a little sk,' said M. Bergeret ; 'you are not acquaint- do with it. I quietly took up my place in my dear, I love you; and though I don't pre- extra pay on the sixth-just to end the seafor payment, and therefore wrote to a com-What care, what caution would be taught! speech and explained it to the people; and ed with Paris, you have, perhaps, but very few relatives here—come and take a family society as the possessor of twenty thousand tend that you are the first girl I ever fancied, son with something stunning-hey ?" mercial house, the only one whose address I Think on thy parting hour; ere long The approach of death may calm thy tongue And powerless all attempts be found " No, no, sir, not we," replied Griffiths, in knew, as from that I received regularly an france of income, and still keep it. I can truly say that you are the first I ever then was a cheer, and a great bustle; and the gentlemen took their seats in the car; and a hamver full of champagne and cold chicken was put in with them; and I was dinner with us to day; my wife will be hoppy Moralizing on my sudden change of posicared to make my wife. So if you'll take a sort of hearty manner that wasn't natural annuity of five hundred francs left me by one of my uncles, and which formed a welcome to make your acquaintance.' tion, I can only look upon it as one of those mp, such as I am, I'll be a true husband to to him. Is it the flying business you spoke To articulate one meaning sound. portion of my income. 'With the greatest pleasure.' you as long as I live." strange freaks of fortune which all the world about the other day !" "Better than that," said the manager, fill-The time is short; this day may be allows to be so unaccountable. What answer she made, or whether she With what impatience I waited the expira-'We dine at six', if you have no engagemade fast by one leg to the base of the trapeze; The very last assigned to thee: So speak, that shouldst thou speak no more, Thou may st not this day's work deplore. and Mr. Staines was just about to get in himspoke at all, is more than I can undertake to ing up the glasses. "It's a new French feat tion of the time, when I wrote to the Messrs. nent for the evening, we shall have a few THE END. self and give the signal to cut loose, when who should we see forcing his way through the crowd but Griffiths. Hugues and Bergeret that, having certain tell, for my ideas were all confused, and I that has never yet been done in this country, friends, and I hope you will stay.' The Patagonian Brothers. There are few moments which I remember only remember that I kissed her, and felt very and they call it the trapeze. Patagonians, funds to invest, I legged their advice as to the safest mode. 'It appeared that the words with more satisfaction than those of my 'certain funds' have very different accepta- leaving M. Bergeret's house. I began to behappy, and that, when Mrs. Morrison came your health?". We are not related. His name is John Of course there was another oheer at this, HOVY TO CET RICH. So we drank his in return, and Mr. Rice Griffiths, and I am William Waldur; and we into the room, she found me with my arms leaving M. Bergeret's house. I began to beand a delay of eight or ten minutes more xplained all about it. - It was to be an exhiclasped around my darling's waist. tions in commerce, according to the name lieve in the reality of my fortune, and had a called ourselves the Patagonian brothers, be-TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH. thousand fiances in my pocket—a pleasure cause it looked well in the bills and pleased the which had never before happened to me. The public. We met by chance, about six years bition of posturing and a balloon ascent both while he was dressing. At last he came, and I scarcely know when it was I first noticed and position of him who uses them. The it was just a quarter to seven o'clock. He looked very sullen when he found that he was news of my inheritance must have reached the change in John Griffiths; but, that it was in one. At some distance below the car was 'Nothing can be done without money,' said somewhere about this time. I am tolerably to be secured a triangular wooden framework, Paris. Certain funds, situated as I was, was fifty golden Napoleons gave me an extraord-, since, on the race course at Doncaster, and George, pettishly, 'I had a splendid project to be undermost ; but there was no time to a modest manner of specifying a considerable inary impulse; in fact, I stood in great need so took a sort of mutual liking, and went sum—at least I supposed so—on receiving an of them. Possessor of twenty thousand frames partners in a tour through the mid!and councertain. It is hard to put looks into words, which framework was called the trapeze .and make account of trifies that after all, are matters of feeling more than matters of fact; but others saw the change as well as myself, and no one could help observing that he grew more silent and unsociable than ever. He bart are from home as much as more to be undermost; but there was no time to change anything now, even if I had been willing; so his left wrist and my right hand of strong leather attached to his ankle, in case of accidents. Just as the balloon was rising and this man ascending head downwards, the bart area from home as much as more to be undermost; but there was no time to change anything now, even if I had been willing; so his left wrist and my right hand were bound together by a leathern atrap; the signal was given; this band struck up, the crows draphauded like mad, and the ballon in my head, but no one will listen to such a sum-at least I supposed so-on receiving an poor fellow as I. of income, I was obliged on my arrival in ties. We had never seen or heard of each answer from the firm that my letter had been We were three friends, met together, bereceived just before the close of the Cortes Paris, to leave my trunk at the office of the other up to that time; and though we be-

wailing the rigors of fortune. Our lamenta-tions, however, -took the turn they usually take among companions, whose age does not extend twenty years.

,And I,' said Albert, 'have finished a work. which would create my reputation, could a publisher only be met, with willing to undertske the expenses of printing.' 'I have asked our principal,' added I,' to in-

from my hands; the amount frightened me. crease my salary, after four years of assiduous I wrote instantly to my correspondents, in- to be received as a friend to the house. I met service; and he answered, that of such clerks forming them that so large a sum went be pond my means; adding that no remittances having been received from Martinique, as they great skill, splendid business talents ! Thus, he could find as many as he wished for six 'hundred francs a year.'

'My dear fellows,' interrupted George, 'alsupposed, I was unable to satisfy their though we have neither the one nor the other clauns. any hope of making a fortune, could we not The answer came in a day or two, stating get the credit of being rich !'

'To what good ? asked I. 'it gives one a position in the world : a large inheritance augments the consideration in which we are held ; everything becomes tances were always slow in coming from the

I remember,' was my answer, 'having heard in my childhood of a cousin who went to Jamaica, or Martinique, and 'never returned.'

distant plantations; in the interim, my signature would furnish me with all the money nature would furnish me with an an an encurrent bert, had heard with alarm of the success of a German bert, had heard with alarm of the success of beinger deny. They had been frightened by longer deny. They had been frightened by

time to finish telling my history to his wife. She, however, had heard enough to cause me

when M. Bergeret entreated me to regard his

house as my own, I promised willingly, al-though I could profit but little by the invita-

that, as I did not appear to have confidence in the Cortes loan, they had sold out my stock at a profit of eighty thousand francs; and begged me not to feel uneasy, as remit-parties. Now that I was rich, I could almost in the cortes loan, they had sold out my stock at a profit of eighty thousand francs; and begged me not to feel uneasy, as remit-parties. Now that I was rich, I could almost in the cortes was a capital thing—a ropublic, so to say, in which all were equals. We had a manager to whom we paid a fixed salary, and the rest went chares in the profits. There have confined my expenses to some presents were times when we did not even clear our and fees. Meantime my two friends, George and Al-ten and fifteen pounds a night; but the bad and said, "Gfiffiths, have you got anything bert, had heard with alarm of the success of luck went along with the good, and, on the against me?" or, "Griffiths, won't you come

whole we prosperad We stayed with the company two years But he enter show the on without a word,

loan, in which they had purchased to the a-mount of twenty thousand dollas; that if I a lodging. I now hadtened to redeem it, and mate. I knew nothing of his past life, nor thought it too much, a large profit might be afterwards took a coach to the first hotel he of mine, and I never asked him a question immediately realized, as the stock had gone pointed out to me, where Testablished myself on the subject. I am particular to have this kept away from home as much as possible. other was to catch him by the hands and go He spent all his Sundays out, starting away up also, having, if he preferred it, some band the first thing after breakfast, and not coming or other to bud him to his companion. In n a handsome apartment, and put on my suit all clear from the beginning; for I am a plain the first thing after breakfast, and not coming of mourning. I arrived with such a punctu-ality at Mr. Bergeret's that he scarcely had to misunderstand a single word of what I am even put an end to our friendly custom of customary performances, continuing them so this position we were then to go through our long as the balloon remained in sight. " All this," said Mr. Rice, "sounds much walking home together, after our night's work was over, and joined a sort of tap-room club more dangerous than it really is. The mo-

We made a little money by our tour. It was not much; but it was more than either of that was kept up by a dozen or so of idle us had been able to earn before; so we agreed fellow belonging to the theatres. Worse than to stay together and try our fortune in Lonthis he scarcely exchanged a word with me don. This time we got an engagement at from morning till night, even when we were Astley's for the winter, and, when the sum at meals. He watched me about the room mer came, joined a traveling circus, and as if I had been a thief. And sometimes, though I am sure I never wronged him willingly in my life, I caught him looking at

men who know their business, and are not to be dashed by a triffe-hey, Patagonians?" The circus was a capital thing -a republic, me from under those black brows of his as if pon the table, and made the glacsos ring he hated me. More than once I laid my hand upon his

sleeve as he was hurrying away on Sundays, expenses; there were towns where we made | or turning off towards the club-room at night,

"If you mean that for me. John," said L

tion of the balloon through the air is so steady and imperceptible abat, but for the

knowledge of being up above the housetops,

you will perform almost as comfortably as in

the gardens. Besides I am speaking to brave

But that soon passed away, and by the time we had risen about three hundred feet I was as comfortable as if I had been born and bred in the air with my head downwards. Presently we began our performances, Griffiths was as cool as possible-I vever saw Giffliths brought his hand down heavily him cooler; and we went through every conagain. "I'm ready, sir." said he with an oath...-"I'm ready to do it alone, if any man here is afraid to go with me." It is looked at the street and squares seemed to sink away to the right. and the street and squares seemed to sink away to the right. ceivable attitude, now swinging by our hands; He looked at me as he said this, with a the living world died on the air, and, as I

rose straight and steady avove the heads of

the people. Down sank the trees and the fountain, and

the pavement of upturned faces. Down sank

the roof of the theatre, and fainter grew the

sounds of the hurrahing and the music. The

sensation was so strange, that for the first

moment I was forced to close my eyes, and felt as if I must fall and be dashed to pieces.

sort of mocking laugh that brought the blood turned and slung, changing my position with every uninuto, I cought strate of Histing of imp. ses of the sunset and the city, the sky and If I was to try from now till this day next | low like the ants on an ant-hill. to a hair, and grew, bolder with experience; company. The sammer was already far ad-so that there was scarcely a new feat brought banced, and our engagement at the Belvidere that came over his face as I spoke those over the car, and began to talk and laugh. sank away to the right, farther, and farther: Then there was nothing buf green fields, with and presently it grew quite damp and misty. and we ceased to see anything, except through breaks and openings in the clouds. "Come, John," says I, "our share of this business is done. Don't you think we might as well be getting into the car?" He was banging below just then, holding on by my two hands, and had been hanging so quite quiet for some minutes. He didn't seem to hear me; and no wonder, for the clouds were gathering about us so thickly that even the voices of the gentlemen above us grew muffled, and I could hardly see for a yard before me in any direction. So I called to him again and repeated the question. He made no answer but shifted his grasp from my hand to my wrist, and then up to the middle of my arm, so raising himself by degrees, till our faces came nearly on a level. There he paused, and I felt his hot breath on my cheek.-"William Waldur,"said he, hoarsely, "wasn't to-morrow to have been your wedding day?" Something in the tone of his voice, in the question, in the dusk and dreadful solitude. struck nie with horror. I tried to shake off his hands, but he held me too fast for that. "Well, what if it was?" said I, after a moment. "You needu't gripe so hard. Catch hold of the pole, will you? and let go of my arms." He gave a short hard laugh, but never stirred "I suppose we're about two thousand feet high," says he, and it seemed to me that he had something between his teeth. "If either of us were to fall, he'd be a dead man before he touched the ground." I would have given the world at that moment to have been able to see his face; but and all his weight hanging to my arms, I had no more power than an infant: "John!" I exclaimed, "what do you mean? Catch hold of the pole, and let me do the same. My head's on fire!" "Do you see this?" said he, catching my arms a couple of inches higher up, and looking right into my face. "Do you see this?" It was a large open clasp-knife, and he was holding it with his teeth. His breath seemed to hiss over the cold blade. "I bought it this evening-I hid it in my belt-I waited till the clouds came round and there was no soul to see. Presently I shall cut you away from the baloon. I took an oath that you should never have her, and I mean to keep it!" A dimness came over my eyes, and everything grew red. I felt that in another minute I should be insensible. He thought I was so

That is just what we want ; we will bring this consin to life, or rather we will kill him. Yes; Jacques Meran died at Martinique. leaving a sugar plantation, fifty slaves, in shon, a fortune valued at two million of francs. all to his dear cousin, Louis Meran, from attachment to the name.'

We laughed heartily at the joke of which I thought no more; but my two reckless friends, George and Albert, spread abroad the tale when we broke up, with all the seriou-ness imaginable.

The next day people came to compliment mei It will, of course, be understood that I disavowed all cause; but no one would be-· l'ere me; my two friends had affirmed the truth of the report. In vain did I assert that it was all a joke. Many remembered my cousin Jacques; some had actually seen him entering at Nantes in 1789. Among the number of visits was one not the most a greeable. With the whim of a young man, I had some time previously ordered a frock coat in the new fashion, without having the wealth. means of payment; the garment was worn out, and I yet owed half of it. There had been for some time a coolness between my creditor and myself, whose importunities 1 some left." wished to avoid. The rumor of the legacy made him hasten to find me.; Such was the

penalty I paid for the foolish pleasantry of inv friends. 'Good day, Monsieur Matthieu,' said I, with me.!' some embarrassment as he entered; 'you are

come for the fifty francs !' 'Does Monsieur imagine that I am thinking of such a trifle ? No, it was for the mourninto your pocket.'; I opened both my ears.

ing.' 'What mourning ?'

'The mourning for your cousin, monsieurthe mourning of an heir-at-law ! Without doubt you want a complete suit ?'

'At this time, Monsieur Matthieu, it would be impossible.'

'I hope monsieur does not think of withdraw ing his favors from me. Coat, vest and pantaloons, black; frock of dark bronze for

less good ; we are on the eve of terminating. the moarning.' 'I tell you again, I have not yet received it, and the scrip is well up.' 'Could that scrip also be sold ?' I in

'I entreat monsieur not to speak of money: quired. it will come soon enough,' added the tailor, whighad already taken out his seissors, and

passed his measure round my waist. I was, in truth, in great want of clothes and permitted him to continue. No sooner was he gone than another individual entered, who immediately began-

'My dear monsieur, you must do me a great service. Buy my house. You are rich, very rich-you want real estate. Fifty thousand specify one ? Trancs are nothing for you-only the half of your income; and at present I am in urgent want of the money. I expected Monsieur Felix to buy it; but he does not decide, and I have some pressing engagements to easily understand that all these little matters settle. much larger sums.'

"I buy your house !-- what folly !" 'It is not folly. It is a safe investment. After some repairs, in two years it will be worth double. I have your word.' And he

left without giving me time to reply. So well did he propagate a report of my purchase, that in two hours afterwards Monsieur Felix came to me in a great hurry, apparently out of humor.

You have cut the grass from under my action to our house.' feet, monsieur,' said he on entering; 'I cannot de without that house, and thought it was already mine, as I had offered forty-nine thousand francs, believing that the owner would surely come to my terms. But there is no hope of starving you into an agreement.

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my departure for Paris, which all the world Eighty thousand francs ! Either I understood nothing of commercial matters, or the attributed to difficulties in the liquidation of my delits; and feared that I had suffe ed myclerk had written one or two naughts too self to be deceived by what was concerted many: My situation became embarrassing. between us merely as a joke. I was overwhelmed with congratulations, es-Three days after my return from Paris, my specially when I put on my suit of black.

up. A postrcript, in the hand of the princi-pal, congratulated me on my accession of

Twenty thousand dollars ! The letter fell

fortune.

kervant announced their names. The editor of the newspaper thought himself 'Let them come in.' was my reply, for I did obliged to give a biography of my cousin not receive all the world. Jaccue and asked me for additional particu-On seeing my handsome time-piece and lars. I was beseiged with annoving questions.

gilt candelabra, and the new furniture with In what would I furnish my house ?---what which I had decorated my apartment, they would I do for public establishments ! . Some benevolent ladies wrote to recommend to my opened their eyes in consternation. There is such a difficulty in gaining adpolice the institutions under their guardian-

mission here,' suid Albert. ship. I was ruined in postages; for in the 'Yes; I am besieged by persons with all, midst of all my riches, whether real or imaginary, I had no money. Fortunately, from sorts of solicitations and projects ; but you the moment I was held to be rich, no one my dear friends-you will be always welcome-You are come just in time to accompany me would take a son from me, and tradesmen to an estate, which I have some thoughts of courted the honor of giving me credit.

purchasing. It is not a large affair-one hundred thousand francs.' At last I decided ou going to Paris. Immediately on arrival. I went to my bankers. 'I take it to be some distance off.' said who received me as the inheritor of great George, with a significant jerk of his head. Two leagues only; but I will take you in

'I regret,' said M. Bergeret, 'that you mistrusted the Spanish loan, for the stock has amy carriage.' gain gone up. No matter, however, you have 'Your carriage !' 'My carriage,'

You have a carriage? 'Will you have the goodness, monsieur,'said 'Yes; and two dapple grav horses, which I, "to tell me precisely how much all these funds are worth which you have bought for [brought from Paris; as yet, I have no

'As certain as any one can be, within a few

I did not wish to appear too much the

'That is well. You spoke also of a bank?'

'Without doubt,' was the answer.

'Yes; the establishment of this bank has!

hundred francs."

and francs."

novic, and replied-

'The calculation is easy. Twenty thousand find." My two friends retired to one of the winddollars at so much a dollar-and the sum ows, where they whispered to one another, already paid. If you sell to-day you will

put two hundred and twenty thousand francs looking at the time very lugubrious. 'Dear Louis,' said they, 'you know that your cousin is not dead ? You say, monsieur, two hundred and 'I don't know if he be dead, for I am not very certain that he ever lived.' twenty thousand ? Are your quite certain ?'

'You know that the story about your in heritance is all a joke? 'I am per-uaded that only you and I believe so, was my answer. We have done great wrong,' rejoined my

friends; 'great wrong in what was intended met wi h some d ffi sulties; but the affair is not only as fun. It causes us much sorrow." 'On the contrary, I thank you for it.'

in public to declare ourselves guilty.' I entreat you to leave things just as they are; a few days more of credit will preven 'You hold fifty shares,' replid the banker, which have advanced four hundred and fifty! the necessity of displacing my funds." George and Albert regarded me as com florins, making altogether nearly sixty thous-

pletely deranged. 'Although as yet I have paid nothing !' 'Come,' said I, let.us loose no time; the 'That's singular; but since you say so, l

submit. I should like to make a safe investmanuscript.' ment of the whole; will you be so kind as to 'Our five per cents, monsieur-our five cents-I know of nothing safer. At the

present rate the gain will be six. I can worry you. You will soon have to deal with down with equal rapidity. The best of it is,' said some, 'he has end-

By placing all that I hold in five per cents, should have an income of _____' That is soon reckoned. Three hundred thousand, or thereabouts; the quotation at out, on finding one day a dozen notes on my that of the Patagonian Brothers; for which I

eight makes eighteen thousand france, sav table. They were all nearly in the style of the first wenty thousand, to make a round sum.' I opened. 'Ah, twenty thousand france of income !!

"M. Grignon presents his respectful comsaid I, 'when could I receive it !' 'Ob, to morrow, if you confine the trans pliments to M. Meran, and having an urg-"That, of course,' was my rejoinder ; 'what

other could inspire me with so great a degree of confidence ? The banker bowed.

Will it be believed 1 in the midst of all on your bargain.' on your bargain.' in the greatest need; for, after paying the money; it was from a friend whom I had bitteen thousand france coming—I knew where I was, or what I was doing. The bar of the inter with their wine and cigars; but they only his arms to trust to—and the knife, and, indeed, I never sat down to write one knew where I was, or what I was doing.

knew each other's-weight and strength now

about to relate.

roamed about as before.

and even that difference was in our favor. on the 29th of July (I am particular about ceive twelve pounds apiece for the evening, I believe that in other respects we suited each dates,) and there had been a general call to over and above our additional salary. other equally well, and I know that for the rehearsal at one o'clock that day. The caster down to the time we dissolved part. I knew that with the rehersal and the new

ing, silent fellow enough, with little grey The consequence was that I arrived about thinking, once or twice, that he was not quite a dreary look by daylight; but they were the sort of a person I would like for an ene-pleasanter, anyhow, than the theatre; so I my; but that was in reference to no act of his. and only a fancy of my own. For myself 1 and waiters polishing the stains off the tables can live with any one who is disposed to live in the summer houses, and thought how with me, and love peace and good will bet-

saddle horses, which are more difficult to ter than anything in the world. We had now grown so expert, that we resolved to better ourselves and return to Lon- Cosmormaic Grottoes, and all the other atden, which we dil somewhere about the end tractions which looked so fine by the light of February or beginning of March, 1856. of colored lamps and firework.

We put up at a little inn in the Borough; and, Well, just as I was sauntering on, turning before a week was over, found ourselves en- these things over in my mind, whom should gaged by Mr. James Rice, of the Belvi- I see in one of the summer houses but John dere Tavern, at a salary of seven pounds a Griffiths. He was lying forward upon one week. Now, this was a great advance upon of the tables with his face resting upon his all our previous gains; and the Tavern was clasped bands, sound asleep. An empty of her feelings in the first instance. But by no means a bad place for the founding of a theatrical reputation. Situated mid-way of the West end of taken in him, though his face was hidden; by promising that I would be the first man the City, surrounded by a densely popula- so I walked up and touched him smartly on tied-to the trapeze. It was, of course, the

ted neighborhood, and lying in the very path the shoulder. "A fine morning, John?" says I. I thought of the omnibuses; this establishment was one 'It is our duty 10 disarow it ; we are going of the most prosperous of its class. There I was here early; but it seems that you were I kept my own counsel, as you may be cerbefore me, after all." was a theatre, concert room, and a garden,

> eight till twelve o'clock every night all impatiently away. "What did you wake me for ?" he said. through the summer, which made the place

special favorite with the working classes. rather sullenly. "Because, I have news to tell you. You Here then we were engaged (Griffiths and I) carriage is ready. I well tell you all as we with a promise that our salaries should be know that the sixth of August will be our go along. I have spoken to a bock seller, raised if we proved attractive; and raised it last night here. * * Well, mate, on Albert, who will undertake to print your soon was, for we drew enormously. We the seventh, please God, I am going to be brought out the perche and ceiling business, married, and

Truth, however, comes out. Some who came down in the midst of fireworks, from a were on the watch were surprised that noth- platform higher than the roof of the theatre; ing arrived from Martinique; well-adviced in short, did everything that ever yet was peeple shook their heads when speaking of done in our line-ay, and did it well too, me. The edifice so quickly raised umbled though perhaps it is not my place to say so. At all events, the great colored posters were posted up all over the town; and the gentleed by falling into a snare which he laid for, man who writes about the plays in the Sunothers. For my part, I never believed in it.' day Snub, was pleased to observe that there I comprehended that the storm had broken | was no play in London half so wonfderful as

take this opportunity to thank him kindly. We lodged (of course together) in a quiet street on a hill, near Islington. The house was kept by Mrs. Morrison, a respectable, in-dustrious woman, whose husband had been a ent need of money, begs that he will be so gas fitter at one of the theatres, and who was good as to pay this day, the little ac- now left a widow with one only daughter just count which he has the honor to enclose." | nineteen years of age. She was christened Alice, but her mother called her Ally, and "M. Meran thanks M. Grignon for the we soon fell into the same habit; for they

nd a half in all, and played at every town or muttered some sulky denial that sounded between York and London. During the more like a curse than a civil answer; so I quickly, "I'm no more afraid than yourself; the river, the gentlemen loaning over the car; time we had found leisure to improve. We got tired of peace-making at last, and let and if that's all about it, I'll go up to night!" and the tiny passengers swarming down behim go his own way, and choose his own

ont anywhere which we did not learn, even bad well-nigh ended, when I began to buy words. It seemed to turn all the carrent of and busy themselves upon their hamper. the "perche" business, and the trick of walk- the furniture, and Ally to prepare her wed- my blood. I could not understand it then; Then the Surry hills drew nearer, and the city ing, head downwards, on a marble ceiling. ding things. Matters continued the same but I understood it well enough afterwards. The fact is, we were well matched, which, in with John Griffiths; but when the day was Well, Mr. Rice was mightily pleased to our profession, is the most important point of fixed, I made up my mind to try him once find us so willing, and a very few more words lines of railway crossing them here and there; all. Our height was the same, to the six- again, and invite him to the church and the ended the matter. Mr. Staines and his famteenth of an inch, and we were not unlike in dinner. The circumstances of that invitation ous Wurtemberg balloon were to be engaged ; figure. If Griffiths possessed a little more are as clear in my memory as if the whole fifteen hundred additional colored lamps were muscular strength, I was the more active, affair had taken place this morning. It was to be hired ; and Griffiths and I were to re-

"Poor Ally! In the midst of the excite three years and a half that we spent together weather was warm and hazy, and I started ment, I had forgotten her, and it was not till (counting from our first meeting at the Don- early that I might not go in late or tired; for I was out of the theatre and walking-slowly homewards that I remembered she must be nership with the circus folks) we never had piece, and the Terrific Descent, I should have told. For my own part, I did not believe an angry word. Griffiths was a steady, sav- enough to do before my day's work was over. there was the slightest danger; but I knew how her fears would magnify everything, and eves, and heavy black brows. I remember twenty minutes too soon. The gaidens had the nearer I came towards Islington the more uncomfortable I felt. After all, L was such a coward-for I always am a coward where luitered up and down among the smoky trees, women are concerned-that I could not tell her that day, nor even the next, and it was only on Sunday, when we were sitting together after dinner, that I found courage to shabby the fountains looked when they were speak of it. I had expected something of a not playing, and what miserable gim crack scene; but I had no idea that she would concerns were the Stalactite Caves and the have taken on as she did, and I declare that,

even then, if the posters had not been already out and myself bound in honor to act up to my engagement, I would have gone straight

to Mr. Rice and declined the business altogether. Poor little, soft-hearted darling ! it was a sore trial to her and to me also, and I was an inconsiderate idiot not to have thought safest position, and, when I had assured her of this she grew calmer. On all other points

tain; and as to John Griffiths, I saw less of where dancing, and smoking, and rifle shoot-ing, and suppor-eating were going on from voice, as if he had been struck, and turned the city now, and during the seven days that what with my own head being downwards, elapsed between the twenty-ninth and the sixth, never once came face to face with me,

except upon the stage. I had a hard matter to get away from home when the afternoon of the sixth came round. My darling clung about me as if herheart would break, and although I did my best to cheer her, I don't mind confessing "Curse you !" he interrupted, turning a now that I went out and cried a tear or two

livid face upon me, and an eyesthat glared in the passage. "Keep up your spirits, Ally dean" save like a tiger's .- " Curse you ! How dare you ! come to me with that tale, you smooth faced smiling and kissing her the last thing before I left the house. "And don't you be spoiling hound ! to me, of all men living ?" your pretty eyes in that way. Remember I was so little prepared for this burst of that I want you to look well, and that we passion, that I had nothing to say; and so are to be instried to morrow." ' The multitude in the Belvidere Garden ne went on :---

"Why, can't you leave me alone? What was something wonderful. There they were. do you tempt me for ? I have kept my hands off of you till now * * * * men women and children, thronging the bal He paused and bit his lip, and I saw that conies, the orchestra' stairs, and every availa-

he was trembling from head to foot. I am ble inch of ground ; and there, in the midst no coward-it's not likely that I should be of them, rolled and swayed the huge Wura Patagonian brother if I was-bút the sight temberg balloon, like a sleepy, lolling giant. bound together, and as he rose he drew me along with him; for I-was so faint and giddy might come down again by daylight; so I that I could make no effort for myself. ment, quite sick and giddy. "My God," said I, leaning up against the made haste to dress, and then went to the

table, "what do you mean ? Are you mad?" | green-room to see after Mr. Rice, and hear "He made no anewer; but looked straight something of what was going forward.

Mr. Rice was there, and other people with at me, and then walked away. I don't know were very simple, friendly people, and we were soon as good friends as if we had been living all. It was written somehow, in his face. "Oh, Ally dear !" I said to myself with I have since been told, a play-writer, and one

already, and, letting my arms' free, made a spring at the pole over head. That spring saved me. Our wrists were

· I saw him hold by the pole with his left hand; I saw him take the knife in his right. band; I felt the cold steel pass between his wrist and mine, and then-

And then, the horror of the moment gave ford, and Sydney Baird, Esquire, who was as me back my strength, and I clung to the We were separated now, and I was still secured to the trapeze by one ankle. He had

My answers were alikebill which has been so long asked for and sends the amount."