"WE JOIN OURSELVES TO NO PARTY THAT DOES NOT CARRY THE FLAG AND KEEP STEP TO THE MUSIC OF THE UNION."

Miscellaneous.

THE BEAUTIFUL DECOY.

It is well known to all in any degree familiar with the history of Mexico, that a registrance; for in journeying back and forth, ular system of highway robbery exists in both were killed, separate and at different ular system of highway robbery exists in every section of that miserably governed times, near the same spot. You see those country; and that through a want of inter- crosses by the side of the road, Senor !" ference of the authorities this has grown up into such a regular and formidable shape, that every traveler must prepare to put his plied, looking forth from the vehicle. life at hazard at every stage, or be provided "Each stands on the spot where some one with a suitable contribution for los baballeros has met a violent death," she rejoined; "and del cammo, (the knights of the road,) who in as we go along, I will call your attention to the event of finding you prepared and willing, those where the foreigners met theirs." will make their levy with a politeness only equaled by the smiling landlord, when he receives your overcharge fare for your last | ces be what they may? night's entertainment. Why such systematic boldness of robbery is allowed-if not with the connivance, at least with rarely any interference, of the government or state authorities-is one of those mystical matters us both." which among many others, so puzzles and per-

Some years ago, having business which first called me to the capital of Mexico, andthence through the interior of the country to the northward, I met with several thrilling adventures, which I have recorded for the benefit of whomsoever may take an interesttherein, omitting only the dates, they being marksman." non-essential to the interests of the narrations themselves.

The first of the series occurred on the route between Vera Cruz and the city of Mexico. In the regular diligencia running between the places just mentioned, I had taken passage, and had passed through the beautiful city of Jalapa, and entered the gloomy town of Perote, without meeting with any unusual incident, though being continually warned road.- At Perote, where we halted for a relay and refreshments, all my fellow passengers took leave of me, very solemnly assuring me that, if assailed by the ludrones, or robbers, it would be much better for me to take matters quietly, and suffer myself to be genteely plundered, than to run the risk of having my throat cut for resistance, as I had somewhat boldly proclaimed it was my intention and replied that I would take the matter into serious consideration.

this being the end of their journey in that direction, but there was one new passenger here to go forward, whom, to my agreeable surprise, I found to be a beautiful young lady, some twenty years of age.

Senorita Paula as I subsequently learned beauties seldom met with except in works of fiction-tall, gracefull, with a profusion of Slong, black hair-soft, clear, melting dark ever-features as perfect, as ever came from a the hands of the sculptor, and with an ani- accept of one of them, it is at your service." mation the most fascinating varying in ex pression with every changing mood of the in ellectual possessor. A glance at her bewitching dark eyes showed me that she was of my revolvers, I explained to her the man-One who was naturally of social disposition; ner in wich it was to be used. and as we ratiled away from the gloomy town, I took the liberty of opening a conver-

"They tell me," said I, "that the route be- | ges out of the six will explode, Senorita." tween here and Mexico is a very dangerous

sweet smile and in a melodious voice, "ex- like this?" cent from the professional robbers, and they seldom harm any one who makes no resist-

matter of course, and deem resistance a very like this one might almost count himself safe | The first shot, fortunately, stretched out the impolite way of treating the knights of the against a host You say this is fired in this chief; the second took on the one near road, instead-of boldly asserting your rights, manner?" she proceeded cocking one of the and abating the evil by a manly spirit of re- weapons as she spoze, and pointing it to- been sent to its mission, there arose one simvistance. For myself, I must consider it the ward the road. most cowardly of proceedings, for any respeciable party to set out prepared to quietly charge it?'
gratify the cupidity of the ladrones, and un The store prepared to treat them to their just deserts."

his journey, and as a matter of course he ber, we heard a loud, quick tramp of horses, jeopardy. For instance, in traveling from by some eight or ten mounted men, one of VeraCruz to Mexico, if he will first reckon that them in a loud voice, exclaimed: so much is the fare by diligencia, and that so much will be required for entertainment on the way, and so much for the contingency hand; "quick! in Heaven's name! give me between the two points; and if he will look for decisive action?"

at the whole as the sum total of his journey.

"Nay," she replied, putting the weapons at the whole as the sum total of his journey, he will not seem to be robbed by any one party more than another.

"Tout," I replied, "may be, I believe is. the Mexican mode of doing business, but does -not tally with the preconceived idea of usforeigners."

"But every one," replied the fair speaker,

should conform to the customs of the coun-"And do you then go prepared for this highway robbery? and have you no fear in

thus journeying by yourself?" "Well, Senor, what can I do! I am as you perceive an unprotected lady; who, for certain reasons, am required to make the journey between Perote and the Capital some twice or thrice a year, and you certainly could not expect me to go prepared to resist an armed band! As to fear, I will not deny.

will ever be propitious." journey back and forth? I enquired. "I think I have paid my share to the

ladrones for my transit through their country!" she laughed. And you expect to continue a renetition of

the same for the rest of your life!" hope to be always prepared."

"And your fellow-travelers; said I "have tion of things inside, and be able to signalize you never seen any disposed to resist these her associates as she passed along, so that "Once, Senor, an American and an Eng-

"And did the robbers fire back?"

"Yes, but fled immediately, fortunately in cident, was the sign to show them that all iured none of our party." " As I should have expected," returned I. You were not robbed on that occasion, I

suppose i"
"We were not, Senor; but the two for eigners subsequently paid dearly for their

" I have observed them frequently, but here they seem to be much more numerous," I re-"Each stands on the spot where some one

"Do you know," said I, "that I am resolved to emulate their example, let the consequen-

"Holy saints defend us!" she exclaimed: "you are not in carnest. Senor !" "Seriously so, I assure you."

" You would only bring certain death upon "Say rather, I should lighten the expenses

plexes the intelligent foreigners, but that of the journey for your knights of the road such is the disagreeable truth every traveler I understand retreat as well as advance-and through that wretched country can bear am- you yourself have acknowledged that firm resistance put them to flight for once." "But there were numbers opposed to them,

Senor, and you are only one." "But fortunately I have a couple of volvers, which, in two good hands, amount to some ten or dozen shots, and my friends have repeatedly told me I am not a bad

"But not the idea of robbery ?" "Because I have never yet met with vio-

strain or some time longer-my fair companion gradually changing the subject, and ducing one that held several gold coins seeming much interested in myself. I learn-handing it to the chief of the ladrones. to be on my guard against the dangers of the ed that her family name was Valerde, that she was unmarried, and that her father and he said, as he took it in his hand, with a pobrother were officers in the army, and so forth, and so on : and in return I gave her my own name, stating something of my history, busisex in a strange country.

As we continued our journey, the conver-

to defend yourself if assailed f"

"With your permission, Senorita!" "I don't, think it advisable," she replied, her name to be, was indeed one of those rare, my risk of danger will be as great as yours!" token of my regard for the pleasure afforded "And have you really the nerves, after all, the by your company and conversation." o defend yourself!" I inquired.

" If I had the means, Senor."

"With ease, Senorita;" and producing one and fell between us.

"And this; you say, will shoot some half a dozen times ?"

"I think it safe to calculate that five char-"A very formidable weapon, indeed!" she replied; "and with such I can aliffost fancy "There is little to fear," she roulied, with a we are safe. You have another, you say,

I produced it. "What a beautiful invention!" she obseved, reaching over and taking it from my "It seems strange to me," I rejoined, "that hand. Then extending her hands, one of the you Mexicans should take such things as a levolves in each, she continued: "Armed

"Have a care, Senorita, or you will dis-

The words were scarcely uttered, when Every traveler, Senor," she replied, barrels was exploded with a sharp report. A should value his life highly, it seems to me and several sharp rapid exclamations. The natural that he should pay a certain sum for next moment our conveyance was stopped positive safety rather than put that life in suddenly, and we saw ourselves surrounded

"Yield yourselves prisoner or die!" "Quick, Senorita!" said I, extending my-

behind her, "you will be too hasty! Let them suppose we yiel !--let them open the door !" Oh, no! it will then be too late!"

As I spoke the door was suddenly thrown bearded men presented themselves to my

cried, grasping at her arm. one of my revolvers to my head. "Resistance event worthy of note.

s useless-you are our prisoner p "Good God" exclaimed I perfectly astonished; "our prisoner did you say? Is it possible that one so fair and lovely as your- never forgotten; and during the remainder self, is in any manner connected with these

banditti!" of her most bewitching smiles, still keeping and unfailing revolvers. I have any share of that; but, so far, have one of my own weapons turned against mynever met with any rough treatment, and of self, and significantly pointing the other to course I trust to the saints that my fortune the door. "You will oblige us by stepping will ever be propitious." "And have you really been robbed on your these good gentlemen, who will see that you her the wherewithal to shine away as she are treated as a brave man should be, but does of a night, and from his being obliged sound sleep he had enjoyed for nine long days gave him a deed of the principal part of his who will trouble you meantime for any little to keep such a family of stars. The moon and nights. At length he awoke, and gazed land in Illinois, and insisted that he should change and valuables you might have to spare!" There seemed to be no help for it—the ing, just like a ship blown about by every beautiful Senorita Paula Valerde was a spy and accomplice of the ladrones. She had en-"Who knows?" she replied. "At least I tered the dilligencia at Perote for no other purpose than to ascertain the exact condi-

her associates as she passed along, so that beg a paper, "Because," said he, "we like to they might know exactly in what manner to read newspapers very much, but our neighconduct themselves and make their work sure bors are all to stingy too take one."

was recure. "I acknowledge myself conquered by being outwitted!" said I, bowing to la Senorita. Then turning to the robbers, who had now collected in a body, in front of the door of the diligencia, I continued:

"Gentlemen, will you permit me to alight the spirit of enterprise, which now pervades and make you some valuable presents? In every corner of the state, had not awakened, the language of your country, all I have is The bluffs of the beautiful Illionois river had Yours."

The leader of the party bowed politely in return, and said; with a grim smile: "Si, Senor, we shall be most happy to receive anything which so distinguished a traveler may have to bestow."

With this I quietly stepped from the vehicle; and one quick, searching glance put me in possession of the whole state of affairs. The diligencia had been stopped in a wild, gloomy place and the driver was sitting carele-sly on his box, taking everything as a matter of course. He might also be an accomplice of the robbers, or he might not, but, in either case, there was little hope of assistance from him-any attempt of the kind would certainly bring upon him a severe punishment, sooner or later. I glanced up and down the road, where it wound between dark, overshadowing trees, but discovered nothing to give me any hope. The robbers, some eight or ten in number, and all armed, were collected around me, part of them mounted and others standing on their feet, holding their mustangs by the bridle. Looktained my presence of mind, and not wholly man. "Ah! Santa Maria! you will think better despaired. True, I had been outwitted, and of this, Senor the very, idea of resistance disarmed, and now stood singly between group, was apparently about twenty years of numbers; but the idea of yielding tamely to age, and of slender form, fair and delicate and I resolved to put the least favorable opportunity for defence and retaliation to the that he was not innured to the hardships of

> strongest test. "Will you accept this purse I" said I, producing one that held several gold coins, and "Thank you, Senor! you are very kind

lite bow, and chincked the money.

"This diamond pin may prove acceptable to your friend ?" I added, as I quietly removness and prospects, and altogether became ed it from the bosom of my shirt, and handed more communicative than I would advise it to the gentleman on his left, who received any friend to be with any stranger of either it in the same polite manner. "This diamond fing I trust you will retain as a keepsake! I thanked them for their advice, sation gradually changing from one thing to ger, and presenting it to a third. "I beg as the principal person among them, and an another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it your pardon, Senores," I pursued, glancing at all the principal person among them, and an another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it your pardon, Senores," I pursued, glancing at all the principal person among them, and an another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it begins to a third. "I beg as the principal person among them, and an another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it begins to a third. "I beg as the principal person among them, and an another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it begins to a third. "I beg as the principal person among them, and another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it begins to a third. "I beg as the principal person among them, and another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it begins to a third." I beg as the principal person among them, and another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it begins to a third. "I beg as the principal person among them, and another into another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it begins to a third." I beg as the principal person among them, and another into another, Senorita Paula suddenly brought it begins to a third. "I beg as the principal person among them, and another into a third into a third." I beg as the principal person among them, and another into a third into a third. "I beg as the principal person among them, and another into a third into a third." I beg as the principal person among them, and another into a third into a t At Perote, I repeat, all who had been my "We are coming upon a dangerous part still in her possession, was quietly standing in companions from Vera Gruz took leave of me, of the road," she said; "are you still resolved the diligencia; regarding the whole proceedings with one of her sweetest smiles. "I must not forget this beautiful lady! I have here," I went on, at the same time producing the Knaves and swindlers had been recently a "It is not for myself," said the old man, even means of temporary support.—He would onor me by accepting this as a sligh

> "You are a very gallant gentleman, Senoi!" she laughed, taking the two revolvers in one "I have two pistols," said I, "if you will fair band, and presenting the other.
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> The weeping girl threw her arms around Why should I spin out the parrative;
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> the pocket to give occular proof of them, it is at your service!" I reached the box toward her—but my his assertion, he was horror struck to find the neck of her father, and poured her tears Lucy and Charles were married, and though

> > ent was about to touch her finger, it slipped

"A thousand pardons, Senorita, for awkwardness?" I said, as I bent down to pick it up. moment of life and death! All were in a rapidly coming upon him, those feelings it, and barely remark that at the close, the measure off their guard; and one quick, furive glance showed me that the girl still held my weapons carelessly in one hand, with the other remaining extended for the prize. I lifted the box carefully; but as I raised my-

elf, I gave a wild, startling yell; and as the Senorita started back, I, with the quickness, of lightness, seized both weapons, and wrenched them from her.

To wheel and commence firing upon the

party, was now only the work of a moment. ultaneous yell of dismay, and the astounded robbers began to scatter in every direction. I had no disposition to follow them, however. another minute they might rally and turn her finger pressed the trigger, and one of the upon me; and springing forward, I grasped "should before setting out, count the cost of minute after, and while I was gently chiding the saddle. One more glance around me showed me the Senorita Paula upon the body

their weapons to bear upon me. "Adois Senorita, and Senores!" said I bitterly; "he laughs best who laughs last!" some dread they had of my still undischarged girl of seventeen. weapon. As it was I escaped, and entered aimost peedless to add, a narrative of my exopen, and three or four swarthy, heavily Here I sold my captured mustang and trappings for enough to indemnify me for what I had disposed of in the way of presents, and "Quick, Senorita, for the love of God!" I the next day saw me an inside passenger

What became of the robbers and their beautiful accomplice I neger learned; but the but I will be to you a sister." lesson taught me on that journey I have of my stay in that country, no pretty woman "It is even so, Senor," she replied with one fidant, or of getting possession of my trusty father.

> On GENDER-Punch slanderously says: The sun is called masculine, from its supporting and sustaining the moon, and finding because he is trifled with by the ladies."

> A man came into a printing office to

and her discharge of the pistol, as if by ac- ito light his clay.

The Forged Patent.

The changes which the last twenty years have wrought in Illinois, would be incredible to any one who had not witnessed them. At that time the settlements were few, and never sent back the echo of the steam-engine. Without a market for their produce, was forgotten. He examined it and found the farmers confined their labors to the wants of their own families. Corn was nearly the only crop raised, and from the time it was "laid by," near the end of June, till "pulling time," in November, was a holiday, and the intervening period was passed in idlenes, except Saturdays. On that day, duly as it arrived, the settlers at the distillery, amused

nags, and too often, when the tin cup passed reely round, in fighting. This is by no means a picture of all the cettlements of that early period, but that it s geographically true of many, none of the

ldest settlers will deny. On Saturday afternoon, in the year 1819. distillery, of Squire Crosby, of Brent's Prnirie, an obscure sattlement on the Military Tract. As usual on that day, a large collection of péople were amusing tliemselves at Crosby's, who owned the distillery in that region, and ing upon my case as a desperate one, so far being a magistrate, was regarded by the as being plundered was concerned, I still re settlers as rich, and consequently a great

The youth, who now came up to the and led her into the room where Wilson was to good society, and it was evident at a glance ! the frontier life or labor of any kind. But his dress bore a strange contrast with his appear- fore, Crosby, in a fit of ungovernable malice, ance and manners. He were a hunting coat taunted him with being a beggar, and told of the coarsest linsey woolsey, a common him that he was now in his power, and he straw hat, and a pair of doeskin moccasins. would crush him under his feet. When Mr. A large pack completed his equipment.

business, the horse swap was left unfinished.

I continued, drawing the jewel from my finby, whom even a stranger could distinguish land office. Crosby was right. The patent by, whom even a stranger could distinguish land office. Crosby was right. The patent by, whom even a stranger could distinguish land office. Crosby was right. The patent by, whom even a stranger could distinguish land office. Crosby was right. The patent space him.

Senores." I pursued. glancing at the principal person among them, and an happend at dispute, was a forged one, and the space him.

Much as ill, and felt all the symptoms of an approach-

Crosby eved him closely and suspiciously for a moment without uttering a word, had been duped. "I am not without money," and putting his own affectionate Lucy." "You are very kind, Senor-but can I fire hand trembled a little-and just as the prest that his pocket book was gone. It contained upon his bosom. every cent of his money, besides papers of

Without a farthing, without even a paper or letter to attest that his character was individual was the principal actor. I shall Mr. Wilson was rich, but flever forgot those Now was the all-important mement-the honorable, in a strange land, and sickness leave the reader to form his own opinion of who were in want. nearly drove him to despair. The Squire old man took the hands of Lucy and young tention of his children, Simeon Davis almost who prided him-elf on his sagacity in detect- Wilson, and joining them, said : ing villains, now found the use of his tongue.

With a long and sneering voice he said:

union. Though poor with a good conscience

Yankee trick o'yourn."

ety, inquired !-"Is there none here who will be so kind as to sustain us." to receive me ?"

"Yes, I will," cried a man among the read: who died for the guilty, if not for your own yet I will joy in the God of my salvation."

home to the youth in the hour of suffering, wept tears of grateful emotion. It was a was Simeon Davis, an elderly man who re- sleepless, but not unhappy night to the three sided near Crosby, and the latter was his inhabitants of the neat and cheerful dwelling The next moment I was dashing away down deadly enemy. Uncle Simeon, as he was they were about to leave, and go they knew the road, the half-rallied robbers pouring af- called, never retaliated, and bore many persenut where. ter me a volley, but fortunately not touching cutions of his vindictive neighbor without you speak of, he will then have the exact cost, one of these weapons! for now is our time their mark. They would doubtless have complaint. His family consisted of himself real value of money. By means of it he followed me in hot pursuit, but for the whole- and daughter, his only child, an affectionate could give shelter to those who had kindly

The youth heard the offer of Mr. Davis, ed upon him. the town of Puebla in triumph; where it is and heard no more, for overcome by his feelings and extreme illness, he sank insensible ploit made me a hero and a lion for the time. to the ground. He was conveyed to the by Mr. Davis which he could not banish from house of his benefactor, and a physician called. Long was the struggle between life and death. real owner of the land, and had now obtained Though unconscious, he called upon his mother and sister, almost constantly, to aid of the same diligencia, en route for Mexico, him. When the youth was laid upon the "Hold" she exclaimed, instantly pressing where I arrived in safety, without any further bed, and she heard him calling for his sister, Lucy Davis wept, and said to bim "Poor young man, your sister is far distant.

ever had the honor of being my business con- when she yielded her post at his side to ber patents to Mr. Wilson for sale. Finding

his features, hardly daring to breathe, so fear- to his possession. ful was she of awakening him from the only felt that he was spared, and bursting into a like a back-woodsman.

flood of tears rushed out of the room. It was two weeks more before he could sit further, and forbade him giving his story un- acterwith me, fired upon the robbers, killing one and wounding two."

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everything as he left it. The discovery flearly restored him to health, ed young Wilson of this incident, and on the ly inspected last month should be looked to but he resolved at present to confine the sec- next morning after he had become acquaints ret to his own bosom. It was gratifying to ed with the plan of Crosby, with a trembling ing may very properly be done at this him to witness the entire confidence they re- hand he examined the letter and certificate. posed in his hodor and integrity as a stranger, It was written by Crosby, and 'the land he and the pleasure with which they bestowed favors upon one who they supposed could Davis.

themselves with shooting at a mark, trading make no return but thanks. Lucy passed a sleepless night. In the morn- Mr. Davis asked to see the certificate, and ground. They make good food for cattle. ing she watched hour after hour for his com after a moment's examination, unhesitatingly Fatten those animals intended for beef as early ing, and when sunset approached he was still pronounced its signature a forgery.

absent; terrified at his long and unustial An explanation from the young man now stay, she was setting out to procure a neighbor to go in search of him, when he came in a young man was seen approaching, with sight. She ran to meet him, and was be-slow and weary steps, the house, or rather the atowing upon him a thousand endearing exbegone countenance startled her.

He uttered not a word, and went into his young Wilson. house and seated himself in silence. It was in vain that she attempted to cheer him. After a long pause, during which there was a powerful struggle going on in his feelings, he rose and took his daughter by the haud

seated. this outrage was repugnant to my very nature, complexion, with the sir of one accustomed ed; I am a beggar. In a few days I must quit this house; the farm which I have so highly improved and thought my own."

He proceeded to state that a few days be-Davis smiled at what he regarded as only an Every one gazed with curiosity upon the impotent threat, Crosby, to convince him, new comer. In their eagerness to learn who told him, that the patent of his farm was a he was, when he came, and what was his forged one, and that he, Crosby, knew the real owner of the land; had written to purand the rifle laid aside, and even the busy tin chase it; and expected a deed in a few days. cup had a temporary respite.

Davis immediately went home for his paten;
The young man approached Squire Crossand, during his long absence, had visited the

faithing. It may be proper to observe that counterfeiting soldiers pat n: was a regular business

time associated in the minds of the ig- how I pass the remainder of my existence. norant with everything that is base. Mis- I have a little home beyond the stars, where taking the silence of Crosby for a fear of his your mother has gone before me, and where were made out that day, and before morninability to pay, the stranger smiled and said, I would have loved to protect her child, my

hand in his pocket to give occular proof of The weeping girl threw her arms around

young, and can easily support us both." A new scene followed in which another

union. Though poor, with a good conscience "Stranger, you are barking up the wrong you can be happy. I know, Charles, you tree, if you think to catch the with that are will be kind to my daughter, for a few nights Tankee trick o'yourn."

ago, when you tho't that no human ear could hear you, I heard you fervently implore the onded by nearly every one present, for the blessing of heaven upon my gray bairs, and "Squire" was powerful, and few dared to distant God would reward my child for all her please Littl. The youth felt keenly his dis kindness to you." Taking down his family consolate situation, and casting his eyes a Bible, the venerable old man added, "It is round the group, and in a tone of deep anxi- a season for affliction, but we are not forsaken. Let us look for support to Him who promised

He then opered the book and legan to

crowd; "yes, poor, sick stranger, I will shelter | "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, you." Then in a lower tone he added: "I neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labors know not whether you are deserving, but I of the olive shall fail, and the field yield no the reins of a freed mustang, and vaulted into do know you are a fellow being, and in sick | meat; the flocks shall be cut off from the ness and in want, and for the sake of Him fold, and there shall be no herd in the stall, of the chief, her laughter thanged to grief, sake, will I be kind to you; poor stranger." Charles and Lucy knelt beside the vener the effect of punctuation in changing the and some of the scattered cowards bringing. The man who stepped forth and offered a able old man, and while he praved they meaning of the sentence than any previously

> It was then that young Wilson learned the received him when every other door was clos

> All night long he had thought of the forgd patent. There were a few words dropped his mind; that Crosby had written to the the promise of the deed. fully acquainted with the history of the young

His father, Charles Wilson, senior, was a merchant in Hoston who had acquired an immense fortune. At the close of the war, Well did this dark eyed maiden keep her when the soldiers received from the governpromise. Day and night she watched over ment their bounty of one hundred and sixty him, except during the short intervals, acres of land, many of them offered their that they were resolved to sell them, he re-At length the crisis of the disorder arriv- solved to save them from the sacrifice of their ed-the day was to decide the question of hard earnings, and he purchased at a fair life or death. Lucy bent over him with in- price all that was offered. In three years no tense anxiety, watching every expression of small portion of the Military Tract came in-

On the day that Charles became of age, he is feminine, because she is constantly changing, just like a ship blown about by every wind. The church is feminine, because she is masculine, because she is masculine, because she is masculine, because she is trifled with by the ladies?

At length as awoke, and gazed and in minors, and missied that he should go out and see it, and if he liked the country, faintly inquired, "Where am I.?" There was intelligence in that look. Youth and good dentified with the people, he recommended constitution had obtained the mastery. Lucy because he is trifled with by the ladies?

In compliance with the suggestion, the young man had assumed a rude and rustic up even for a short time. He had already dress, so inappropriate to his appearance and but they had no curiosity to learn anything he had motives for concealing his real char-

A few days afterwards, when Mr. Davis wished to purchase a certain section of gowas absent from home, and Lucy engaged vernment land, which Mr. Wilson promised about her household affairs, Wilson saw close he should have the land, provided he beside his head his pack, and recollecting forwarded a certificate from the judge of the something that he wanted, he arose and circuit court that the land was worth no immediately opened it. The first thing more. The letter just received, inclosed the circuit court that the land was worth no he saw was the indentical pocket book, whose certificate, in question. Mr. Wilson had loss had excited so many regrets. He recol- given this tract to Charles, and putting the lected having placed it there the morning be-fore be reached Brent's Prairie, but in the upon him to deed it to the writer, acconfusion of the moment the circumstance cording to promise, upon his arrival in Illi-

The remarks of Mr. Davis forcibly remindwished to purchase, the indentical farm of

Astonished that his friend the judge should Night came, and Mr. Davis did not return, certify that the land was worth, no more, no cabbage or turnip tops to decay upon the

became necessary, and calling Lucy into the nights. room, he told them his story, and laid before them a pile of patents, and bank notes, one after another, till the sum reached thousands. It was a day of thankful happiness to Simeon phere dry and as cool as can well be maintained without danger of frost. Apples young Wilson. pressions of affection, when his haggard, wo It was a day of thankful happiness to Simeon

Not long after this scene, Crosby entered. His air was that of a man who has an enemy in his power, and intends to trample upon him. He scarce noticed young Wilson except with a look of contempt. After pouring out all his maledictions upon his family, the old man inquired if he would not give "You must know all," he said, "I am ruin- anything for improvertients thade. The attswer

> "You certainly would not," said Wilson, drive out this man and his daughter penniless into the world ?"

"What's that to you ?" replied Crosby, with look of malice and contempt. "I will answer that question," said Wilson. and he acquainted him with what the reader

has already learned. Crosby was at first petrified with astonishment, but when he saw that all his schemes of villainy were defeated, and proof of his having committed a forgery could be established, his assurance forsook him, and he threw himself upon his knees, and begged first the old man, then Lucy and Wilson, to

Much as they pitied, it was impossible for them not to despise the meanness of this ap-

Wilson told him he deserved no mercy. in some of the eastern cities, and hundreds. That a moment since he would have driven labors can proffably, use up all the spare the family of Davis from their Lome without time. instantly dultting the country.

Crosby accepted the offer. The writings sides: ing he and his family were on the way to

Why should I spin out the parrative a splettdid mension soon rose upon the farm "We can be happy still," said she, "for I am of Mr. Davis, both love far better the little room in which she had so anxiously watched over the sick bed of the houseless stranger.

> Cheered by the kind and affectionate at seemed to have renewed his existence. He lived many years, and long enough to

tell the bright eyed son of Charles and Lucy the story of the forged deed. And when he told the listening boy how his father, when poor and friendless, was taken home and kindly treated, and in turn became their benefictor, he impressed upon the mind of weather boarding with straw or coarse refuse his grandchild that even a cup of cold wa hay. And this can be done at a very rifling ter given from a good motive, shall not lose its reward.

Educational.

If you would learn,—study. If you would ecomo learned,—practice what you learn.

Punctuation.

We present to the readers of the Journal in this article a more remarkable instance of the effect of punctuation in changing the given. It is taken from Colegrove's Grammar. published in Cleveland, in 1852.

Richard Green Parker says James Russell Lowell is a great gentus. In giving the different punctuations which

italies as he has done. 1. Richard, Green Parker saya; "James Russell Lowell is a great genius."

2. Richard Green, Parker ways, "James

Russell Lowell is a great genius." 3. Richard Green Parker savs, "James Russell Lowell is a great genius." 4. "Richard Green Parker," says James Russell Lowell, " is a great genius."

5. Richard, "Green Parker," says Jame Russell Lowell, "is a great genine."

6. Richard Green, "Parker," says James Russell Lowell, "is a great genius."

7. "Richard Green Parker," says James

Russell Lowell is a great genius.' 8. "Richard Green Parker," says James Russell, "Lowell is a great genius." 9. Richard Green Parker says, "James, Russell Lowell is a great genius." 10. Richard Green Parker says, "James

Russell, Lowell is a great genius." 11. Richard, Green Parker says, "James, Russell Lowell is a great genius." 12. Richard, Green Parker says. "James Russell, Lowell is a great genius."

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16. "Richard," Green Parker says, "Jame

Russell Lowell is a great genius." We have given two more readings than Mr. Colegiore: whether others may not also acquainted them with his name and residence, manners as to excite some suspicion, that be given we leave the reader to ascertain. It is evident that each one of the above beef. Three and a half pounds of cooked examples will admit of several elecutionary meal to form one of pork.

Agricultural.

Cultivate the Farmer, as well as the Farm. Calendar of Operations for November, 1858.

Fattening animals in all latitudes, should now receive much attention to prepare them for early slaughter. Buildings of all kinds that were not close-

now, and made storm and cold proof. Paint-Cattle are now receiving most of their foud from the bard, and should not be stinted at the commencement of Winter. Uses straw or hay cutter, that nothing be wasted. Allow

as possible, before cold weather comes on. Let all animals be housed during cold Cellars continue to receive important stores. Arrange the fruits, rocts and vegetables in a

Forest Leaves-Collect a large quantity for present use in the yards and stables, and also to dry for winter bedding. Besides furn-

ishing the elements of an excellent manure, they make a better absorbent than straw: Hogs-Pay particular attention to their fattening. Have them ready for killing before the cold weather, when they take on fat slowly. Allow the male to run with breed-

ing sows, if early pigs are wanted. Manures-Resolve to make a large portion of your own for another year rather than pav away money for an imported article: It you have no muck, marl or peat deposits upon your own land, buy the privilege of digging upon a neighbor's premises. Keep the nogs supplied with turn from the road sides, and leaves from forests. Look about for a manufactory of some kind and see if there is not a heap of thanure going to waste-wool, bones, offal, fish, hides, leather, ashes, lime, tan bark, &c., are all capable of being composted and applied to the soll with advantage.

Permanent improvements may now made to good advantage while waiting for the approach of Winter. A few rocks need sinking or blasting, and stumps taking out. Stones may be picked and laid into permanent fences; hedges cleared up, &c. These

Plow heavy lands before the ground freezes; "but still if such is your intention, I think it article, "a brautiful gold snuff-box—set as broad, and the language of the youth be "that I grieve at this misfortune. I am ad pay Crosby a fair price for his property and thus turning up the soil (and grubs) to the no more than right that you should give me you perceive, with diamonds—will your lady- trayed that he was a "Yankee," a name at vanced in life, and it matters not where or forbear prosecuting him on condition of his influence of frost. Stiff clays are better left in ridges for the flost to act up

> . Schools are about commencing for the Winter, in many places. Have the out door work in condition to spare the boys at the beginning, to take their places at once in the classes. Tools-Put away, under cover, as fast as

they are out of use. Keep them collected each night, especially where there is danger Winter Grain-Permit none of it to be eaten off at this season. The late growth is needed for protecting the roots. See that

no water stands, or can stand upon the field.

- Amer. Agr. Warm Barn.-Cold and open weather boarded bartis can easily be made warm by boarding them up on the inside and filling up the space between the oatside and inside expense by such as cannot afford to build new barns of thoroughly repair their old ones. For a few dollars worth of boards and nails and a little work, which you can do yourself, is all that is necessary to prevent the ingress of the sharp wind and cold, frosty air. And be who neglects or begrudges this is unmerciful to his poor shivering beasts, who would soon tell him of his want of mercy if

HOW TO PREPARE SUPERIOR MINCE MEAT FOR PIES.-Take stoned raising, currents, sugar, and suct, of each two pounds; Sultana raisins, boiled beef (lean and tender) of each one pound; sour or tart apples, four pounds; the juice of two lemons; the rind of one lemon chopped very fine; mixed spice, 1 pound; candied citron and lemon peel, of each 2 oz. and cliop the whole very fine. The preparation may be varied by adding other spice or this sentence may have, we shall not follow flavoring, and the addition of eggs, or the the order adopted by Mr. Colegrove, nor use substitution of chopped fowl or veal, for beef, according to fancy or convenience.

ther could.

MILE WEEDS .- Rulling milk woods, if preservered in will destroy them -cutting hem will not; Take hold of the weed near the ground, and the stalk will come up from an inch of two below the surface, leaving the root to perish wholly or in part. Three of four years since the writer pulled up 2000 in a lot near my house-the next year the number was reduced more than half-this vear not over twenty or thirty were found. The labor is very light.

FEED FOR COWS. - A Maine dairyman finds clover much better than the low-laud grasses for producing milk--testing the matter by accurate experiments. He says he never made as much milk with any kind of feed as with a mixture of oats and potatoes the milk was also of good quality. Potatoes, it is well known, increase the quantity of milk at the expense of quality-perhaps outs are just the grain needed to make the amendment.

Tor-Dressing Whear .- The Genesee "Farmer" gives a successful experiment with top-dressing a wheat field with fine manure. harrowing, it in with the seed .- On clay or heavy soil, we have no doubt this is an excellent practice. Clayer soils are always the most benefitted by top dressing as the manure serves to keep the surface soft and moist, to prevent crusting, and the clay more readily absorbs the volatile parts.

It takes five pounds of corn to form one of

A cubic foot of arable land will hold 40 pounds of water.