## THE SWALLOW.

tle Italian poem, by Tommaso Grossi, entitled "The Swallow," has been prepared for the Williams Review by William Cullen Bryant, of the class of 1813. Grossl was born at Belano, in the province of Como, in 1791. He is best known, perhaps, to English and American readers, by his "Marco Visconti," an historical romance, which has been translated into English. As a writer he is said to be "full of grace and elegance, but these qualities do not exclude force, 'passion, and elevation." He died at Milan in 1853.]

Swallow from beyond the sea! That, with every dawning day, Sitting on the balcony Utterest that plaintive lay, What is that thou tellest me, Swallow from beyond the sea!

Haply thou, for him who went From thee and forgot his mate
Dost lament to my lament,
Widowed, lonely, desolate,
Even then, lament with me,
Swallow from beyond the sca:

Happier yet art thou than I, The thy trust wings may bear,
Over lake and cliff to fly,
Filling with thy cries the air,
Calling him continually,
Swallow from beyond the sca!

Could I too !- but I must pine, In this dungeon close and low, Where the sun can never shine, Where the breeze can never blow, Whence my voice scarce reaches thee, Swallow from beyond the sca!

Now September days are near, Thou to distant lands will fly, In another hemisphere, Other streams shall hear thy cry— Other hills shall answer thee, Swallow from beyond the sea!

Then shall I when daylight glows, Waking to the sense of pain,
Midst the wintry frosts and snows,
Think I hear thy notes again— Notes that seem to grieve for me, Swallow from beyond the sea

Planted here upon the ground, Thou shalt find a cross in spring; There, as evening gathers round, Swallow, come and rest thy wing. Chant a strain of peace to me, Smallow from bayond the sea! Swallow from beyond the sea!

## PAT'S DIAMOND.

[From Chambers's Journal.]

The pleasure to be derived from foreign travel depends mainly upon con-trast; and, to enjoy contrast thoroughly, reader, eschew, if you can, the railway or coach; eschew the large town and its hotels, each one with its extortionate landlord and parrot-like hanger-on, who, calling himself a guide, remorselessly pesters you going out and coming in; schew ease and luxurious living generally; awake, and be in the saddle when the sun rises; follow the rough track through the wood and over the mountain; be wet to the skin in fording the river, and dried again on the sultry plain. Let your food be simple, your chamberlight the stars, and then, when a small town or village is gained, be able to appreciate a respite from toil and fatigue as much as I did on reaching the flourishing settlement (for did it not boast an inn, a store, and three hundred inhabitants at least?) of San Isidro, in the

wilds of Brazil. About four days' ride from San Isidro there was a diamond river, and diamonds-so said the natives-were to be found by any one who chose to establish himself on its banks, and to explore the deep holes, worked by the rush of the current over rocks, with an iron scoop

and a long handle. The programme appeared to me so simple, the necessary stock-in-trade so inexpensive, and the prospect of fishing up diamonds with an iron scoop and a long handle so delightful, that I yielded to the siren's song, and determined to become an angler for precious stones.

Mules I had, so I packed the provis-ions I thought necessary on their backs, bought scoops of all sizes, (there were some exceedingly tall trees near the river. I was informed, from which to cut the handles), hired a couple of enterprising natives as guides and helpers, and set out one fine morning from San Isidro, amid the wonder and delight of its population, some of whom were so carried away by excitement, that they actually turned out of their hammocks to look at me, and forgot to puff at their beloved eigarettes for at least ten minutes.

It did not surprise me to find that, of those who impressed upon me most confidently the diamond theory, no single one had ever reduced it to practice. When I asked the reason, I got but one answer, "God forbid, senor." As this was the invariable reply to any proposition involving trouble on their part, I put it down to the inherent laziness of

the Brazilian provincial character. Well, the expedition did not come on successfully. I established myself on came a succession of jerky, screeching the river bank, where the scenery was certainly glorious, and the shooting as good as one could desire, but, suffering as I was from a temporary though severe attack of diamond fever, neither

sport nor scenery could tempt me away. If my reward had depended upon hard work, glittering stones the size of a cricket-ball would deservedly have been my portion. I fished up mud and weed in sufficient quantities to have gained me an undying reputation on the Suez Canal; but the sweat of my brow, although I am convinced there was enough of it to increase perceptibly the height and temperature of the stream, produced not

the wished for result. A small party of friendly Indians were camped in the neighborhood, and their chief, who, remarkably enough, had picked up a few words of English, would eit solemnly upon a rock in the shade, and watch me for hours, whether with compassion, amusement, contempt, or all three, I could not for the life of me decide. He was a short, squat individual, and his copper-colored, grinning face had a Hibernian expression of joviality about it which rather invited confidence so we occasionally tried to get up a con-versation on, the strength of his few words of English, eked out with a ballet

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"Arra," he would say, "you makey wantey shine-stones; bem! you give Pad dollars—Pad 'im bem; good."

Who or what "Pad" might be, was a sealed mystery to me, but we always came round to him or it, and his or its goodness. The chief undoubtedly did not refer to himself, for I had many times offered him dollars in exchange for "shine-stones," as he termed them, and always fruitlessly. At last I came to the conclusion that Pad must be a mythological being, worshipped by the tribe, and of this I was the more convinced that on one occasion, when I had by significant of the stone of the s by signs indicated a strong desire to more about him or it, the chief stalked gravely off to the river, and re-turned shortly after with his hands filled with sand of a peculiar rusty-red color, and, placing it upon his head, repeated, "Pad," "Pad," with great earnestness.
This I took to be the religious formulary of his tribe. Dollars, he could not have failed to notice, were the objects most dear to the white man's heart; hence his desire that I should propitiate his di-vinity by laying what he believed me above all things to cherish, before the

Soon, however, the Indians moved farther away from us, and, having other things to think about, Pad the mysterious, ceased for a time to perplex my mind. The Palace of Diamonds, a gor-geous transformation scene my fancy had pictured, was gradually fading away, to give place to the dismal and

shabby accessories of the farce from real life, "Sold again."

The sight of the acceps, and even of the long handles in which I had taken such a proper pride, began to inspire me with an unmitigated disgust, when, turn-ing out one morning for a last effort, the pleasing fact forced itself upon me, that my guides had disappeared, taking, with their own worthless carcasses, my two best mules, the greater part of the pro-visions, and all the grog, except what remained in my pocket-flask. Luckily, some grains of comfort were left in the facts that I still had the two worst and weakest mules, and that I knew the way back to San Isidro. Time is an object, when one is rationed for a limited number of days, so I set off on the return journey at once, leaving the scoops as a warning to the next comer how fallacious are the hopes of youth, and carrying back with me no diamonds indeed, but plenty of—what was not without a considerable value—experience.

The details of that wretched ride need not be entered into; it is enough to say that my mules were slow, the track bad, that my brandy and temper were soon exhausted, that I lived mainly upon what my gun could provide-often too tired at the end of the day to cock itand the reader will appreciate the joy with which, on the fifth evening, I marked the whitewashed ranchos of San Isidro in the distance, and will understand that its dirty little inn, tough beef and coarse spirits were p savory meat his soul loved to the patriarch, or the first delicious draught of champagne to the successful speculator athirst with the excitement of Epsom's

After I had made myself comfortable, and dined, to speak comparatively, in a sumptuous manner, I lit my pipe (lon arrears of tobacco had to be pulled up) (long and with a contented mind, strolled down the one straggling street of which San Isidro is composed, to the store kept by a Spanish Jew at the farther end.

Don Fernando, the storekeeper, was the most influential man, and the biggest rascal in the place, and to earn the latter distinction, be must have attained to a very advanced pitch of rascality He understood and could speak English tolerably well, when it suited his convenience, and, as his conversation was always original and amusing, I had learned to look upon him as the redeeming feature, in point of interest, in the town. Virtually the governor of San Isidro, he bullied and swindled the natives openly; they bowed, but dared not grumble be neath his yoke. To the local magistrate he lent money; with Englishmen he assumed a deprecatory and servile tone, praised their own and abused every oth-

r country. The finest horses and mules were always taken to Don Fernando first. Did a dispute arise, he was the arbitrator. If a suitor wished to gain the ear of the court, he poured his tale of wrong into the sympathetic ear of the storekeeper, putting, at the same time, a chinking something into his still more sympathe-

As I drew near this worthy's abode, it was evident that some event of unusual interest had aroused the San Isidrians from their accustomed state of dream-like stupidity. A fair proportion of them stood outside the store, and looked in as upon a gratuitous performance, which afforded them intense and lively amusement. From the inside me; and mingled with them, I heard at intervals a basso-profundo blasphemy from Don Fernando; the whole to a babbling accompaniment of incoherent bystanders. At first I thought the incomprehensible noise proceeded from some animal of the monkey species, and then from a madman. I was so far right, that the screecher seemed to possess some of the characteristics of both. little Irishman, with fiery red hair, and that ape-like type of face occasionally to be met with in Tipperary; and he was temporarily insane from extreme and fruitless rage, which, indeed, did not surprise me, seeing that his arms were bound tightly behind him, and that he was in charge of two soldiers, who, not understanding one word he said, seemed to regard him as a curious and diverting

After a time, be became a little cohe rent, and I asked him what he had done to get into that fix. At the sound of a Saxon voice, he broke out afresh. I could make out that he accused the storekeeper of being a rogue, which I By the performance with the red sand,

What! you going away?"

Now, if I ever saw a man in earnest, the Irishman was that man. If his rage had been feigned, I could never be certain that any one but myself was genu-inely angry in future. I noticed, also, that the Jew, although he made light of the matter, was extremely nervous, as the tremor of the claw-like hand, with which he kept stroking his beard, testi-fied. Looking into his treacherous eyes, of indescribable brown and green tints, and perceiving an anxiety on his part to prevent my inquiring further into the affair, I came to the conclusion that I ought, at least, to hear the Irishman's explanation of the cause of his unmusical lament and to protect him, if possible, from suffering wrong at the hands of the storekeeper, or of his tool and debtor,

the magistrate. Accordingly I took a glass of brandy, and, saying "Good-night," went straight to the guard-house, where a ludicrous bribe to the sentry got me an immediate interview with the prisoner. He was tale, every word of which I became firm-ly persuaded was true.

He said that he had left San Isidro some months previously, with a party of explorers, who were in search of a suitable place for the settlement of several families arriving from Ireland. Whilst long distance up the country he had the misfortune to fall ill of a fever, which made him unable to travel. His companions waited two days for him, but finding that he grew worse instead of better, they proposed, and he agreed to it, to leave him with a party of Indians, who happened to be camped in the neighborhood, and with whom they had become very friendly. He remained with the Indians some weeks, regained his strength, and struck up an intimacy with the chief, whom he managed to teach a little English, receiving in return a few lessons in the patois of the

One day the chic."s son, a lad of seven, playing about in a cance, accidentally, or otherwise, let slip the moorings. The stream was carrying the child away, and, getting frightened, he made a clutch at the bank as he glided past, missed his aim, fell into the water, and The Irishman, who was not far off, swam out to and saved the boy, thereby earning the father's eternal gratitude. When e left the Indians, the chief was greatly distressed, and pulling out a beautiful The spirited officer of Justice be shining stone, about the size of a filbert quake in the most undignified so Pat described it), told him that it would be worth a great deal in the white man's country, and begged him to accept it, which he—more to please Don Fernando, who, making his his host, who had a strong belief in the and escape before the sun shone, stone's mysterious power to avert evil from its possessor, than because he

thought it of any value-did. Pat found his way again, after many ricissitudes, to San Isidro; and craving, is he said, most of all for a "drop to dhrink," it occurred to him that the chief's gift might be the means of obtaining that drop. The Jew's store was the likeliest place for a barter, and there he went, and found Don Fernando alone. The latter took the stone, exam-

ined it, and pronounced it of no value whatever except to amuse children with. The Irishman was going disconsolately out, when the Jew again took it from him, and carelessly tossing it into a drawer, and pouring him out a glass of liquor, told him to drink that and be

He complied with both these directions. Whilst wandering aimlessly about the village, he encountered, to his great delight, a countryman, one of the same party in whose company he had quitted San Isidro before. His acquaintance was in high feather, for he had managed to pick up or steal a small diamond, and was on his way to a coast town, for the treble purpose of waiting for his emi-grant friends, selling his luck, and rinking off the proceeds with all possible speed. Pat never having seen a 'rale dimon," as he said before, begged for a look. On his friend's producing it, however, he discovered that he had not only seen, but actually possessed, one of great value—and that but a few hours previously; for he instantly perceived that his "shining stone" was of the very same kind as the dismond he now saw, with the advantage of being infinitely larger, and therefore worth incalculably

With profound Milesian cunning, Pat resolved to keep his discovery from the other, who, impatient for his drinkingbout, passed on from San Isidro that

same day. Of course, on presenting himself again to Don Fernando, that astute individual bade him begone for a drunken villain. Equally, of course, he lost his temper, and thus playing into the storekeeper's hands, was lodged by the soldiers, who could not understand one word he said. in his present position. More than all, of course, the diamond, if diamond it was, was finally lost to him.

"What was the Indian chief like, Pat?" I asked. "Why, yer honor, he was as loike a

Tipperary boy, barrin' the color, as one pig's loike another. Shure he was as dacent a man as ever I met at all." The mystery of "Pad," the hitherto inexplicable, was revealed to me now.

soul out of yez," and this induced his captors, who were getting tired of it, to drag him to the guard-house. He implored me, as he went, to pay him a visit there, and hear his story.

Don Fernando explained the matter in a few simple words. "He is dam Irish, mister. You English gentlemen Irish, mister. You English gentlemen Irish, mister. They have no religious telligible evidences of the truth of his story; and the only point of doubt remaining was how to circumvent Don Fernando. Whatever was done to that laudable end had need be done at once, before the bird had flown with his prey. So I came to a determination, and acted upon it forthwith.

I want straightway to the magnistrate.

ered that, whatever the amount of his that moment); that it was a matter in remuneration, he would still have been which he was not going to interfere; open to corruption, and its smallness there were police on board, and, if I was due merely to a praiseworthy desire applied to them, they would, he supposed, to save the public funds.

This functionary I burst in upon he was smoking his cigar in one of the dirtiest rooms possible, and plunging at once into the dirt and the matter which brought me there, I made a judicious appeal for his interference, supported by compliment, corruption, and intimidation, the three levers by which most readily to move the official mind. At length I was glad to see his first distinct refusal, to interfere between Don Fernando and any one else whom-

oever, was shaken; and then I plied the assault afresh until the unfortunate man, who had finished his smoke, and was dying to go to bed, became reduced into uch a state of despair that to get rid of me he would have pledged himself to anything. Happily, in that uncultivated region, the fiction, long since dissipated in Europe, still prevailed, that one of Her Majesty's subjects was a sacred belying on the earth in a wretched mud-room, his arms still tied; but he was calm enough by this time to tell me his tale, every word of which I became firmminister's power, and the reward or disgrace he could insure to the magistrate by requisition to the Brazilian Government. I placed before my hearer's imagination the important service he would render by restoring an English subject so rich a prize. In my zeal, I even ventured to hint at my own close connection and influence with England's representative (he expressed his hope be my instant care to lay the whole of the circumstances.

It is but just to record of the magis-trate that he had at least as much of the 'legal mind" as enabled him to take an exceedingly clear and favorable view of that side of the case which held out the prospect of advantage to himself. It may also have occurred to him that any liabilities he was under to Don Fernando would be cleared off in a simple and satisfactory manner by shutting his creditor up. When I left him, it was with the promise that he would accompany me to the store very early the following merning, and look fully into

the case. time to repent of his promise on the next day; but short as was the distance to the Jew's, it nearly proved too long for the carrying out of my purpose. The spirited officer of Justice began to as we approached the potent Jew's habitation. But his alarm was causeless we had not got up early enough to eatch Don Fernando, who, making his hay carried off, now without the slightest doubt, Pat's diamond, and all the property of his own which he could easily move. The prize should be valuable that made it profitable for him to abandon utterly his store and the large stock of goods which was left in it. No doubt he had watched me to the guard-

sult, had levanted in the night. Pat, the defrauded, was released at once He raved a good deal over his feasible dea of catching up with his enemy on foot, but the judge, who was intensely delighted at the event, which relieved him at the same time of a creditor, and considerable trobble, having arrived at the conclusion, upon some principle of equity I did not understand, that the store and its remaining contents belonged equally to himself and Pat, the latter entered into the notion with amazing ardor and the pair, without the delay of a moment began their looting, in which congenial occupation I left them

room over night, and, foreseeing the re-

and San Isidro at the same time. I wrote out a full and careful account of the whole affair, with a close and accurate description of the Jew; and I afterwards learned that, on its coming before a member of the government, the police of coast towns had orders to board ships leaving the ports, and to search narrowly sny one answering my sketch. Hearing nothing further on the subject I had almost forgotten the diamond and unlucky Pat, whom from that day to this, I have never seen.

My mind was made up to return to England; the passage from Rio Janeiro to Liverpool was taken; and as the steamer sailed in the early morning, I went on board with my luggage overnight. When day broke I was on deck, to have a parting view of the lovelies cene, I believe, the world can show-the Bay of Rio. It was a beautiful morning, and leaning over the side, I enjoyed to perfection the fresh cool air. leep blue water, gemmed with sparkling islands, was without a ripple, and mist clung round the surrounding mountain-tops, concealing, yet height-ening, like the robe of a beauty, their

oveliness. As I stood, a boat containing a lady passenger came under the ship's quarter, and the mate, with sailor-like politeness, ran down the ladder, to help her on board. She was a very handsome girl, of the "magnificent animal" order of attraction.

"Who is the lady?" I asked of the mate, who had come up again after secing his charge below.
"She is one of the principal dancers at

the Aleszar, sir. She is going to Lisbon. It is a rum start for such as her to come with us, though, instead of by

I am bound to say the police did carry baby out their orders to the letter. The Jew's fool. baby, or-I rather felt the character-s baggage consisted only of a portmanteau, and they searched it and him so throughly, that I do not believe a diamond the size of a needle's point could have es-caped them. Excited with the hope of a great find, they prodded knives through the portmanteau's sides, and ripped the lining out of clothes with a sense of duty truly delightful. Even I was combooby!" pelled unwillingly to confess that if he

and the whole charge rested only upon the word of a savage Irishman, not forthcoming. Their instructions were but to search, and not to detain the Jew, unless they found the spoil. So I had the pleasure of seeing my enemy grin defiance at me and of knowing that the police, who put off in their boat, regard- worthless robber. ed me as a lunatic or liar, while the captain in his soul objurgated me for the

delay I had caused.

To my joy, Don Fernando did not appear much the first week of our voyage.

There was consolation in the thought that he suffered from sea-sickness, unless, that I should amuse myself "up in the indeed, he had swallowed the diamond, country"), before whom, I added, it would and might in that unpleasant way regain, not exactly the possession of it, for that would be, as the lawyers say, in him already, but the power of turning the possession to account. As we neared the line, however, he began to emerge, usually at night-time, and the looks he favored me with would have done a devil no inconsiderable credit.

> might have been a part of the deck-fittings. I wore slippers, and was walking of the boats there came a low, soft laugh. confabulation. Seeing me, the girl left companion gave me one of his diabolical | house in summer as in winter, and he deck, and then followed his charmer. dinary between the pair, but it was tial intimacy established, and I could not beln in some way connecting it with the diamond, the sale of which I was as slice of cold meat, or in its place a firmly persuaded brought Don Fernando | couple of eggs, or a saucer of berries or

Pat Molloy out of it. boat put off from the side of the ship, nothing whatever between meals of mine, who was traveling alone in the at Cadiz, and a family vote pitched upon me to go and look after him there. On my arrival he was so much better, that the doctor predicted his ability to undertake the journey home in a few ed of its value within a week after he days. In this satisfactory expectation, begins it.—Journal of Health.

settled myself in the hotel and waited. It happened that my watch, which was rather a valuable one, had got out of order, and I was obliged to trust it, much against my will, to the hands of a Cadiz practitioner. I selected one who seemed quite a chatty and conversational person for a Spaniard, and who paid me compliments upon the excellence of my timepiece and my Spanish with all

the vivacity of a Frenchman. Would the English senor like to see the great De la Casa diamond? he asked. I had never heard of it, I replied. Ah, that was excusable in one coming from England, as it had but very lately been brought out, having been pur-chased by a certain lady of great rank from the distinguished Captain Fernandez for the sum of five thousand English sovereigns. It was now on view at the lady of great ranks' residence; three pesetss was the charge for a look, which would generously be given o the poor of Cadiz. It was a Brazilian diamond of the first water, and as yet was almost unknown in Europe. 'Adios, senor,' and ' Muchas gracias.

again! They were in full evening cos-tume. The Jew, who recognized me in-stantly, looked to my mind a more confessed villain in his gorgeous array than he had ever before done behind his counter at San Isidro. He resembled a tiger draped in white; peaceful and innocent as the covering might be, the fierce head and expression would peep out. His handsome companion, dressed, or rather undressed, in the very latest Parisian

fashion, made me a mocking reverence.
"Don Fernando," said 1, weakly, allowing my curiosity to overcome me.
"The Captain Fernandez, mister," he

"Well, Captain, General, or whatever you like, then, how was it managed? You can tell me, now, you know." He gave his answer in a pitying, ompassionate tone, as though I were

"Ah, why you take so much the trouble for notin? Why make that vigilants espoil my new box?" alluding, I presume, to his confounded portman-teau. "You know the senora. No? Ah, well, she has fine hair, you see, to

Whether any relationship existed behad stolen the diamond, he had got neither it nor its price, for he had but a small sum of money about him in his possession at that time.

Were they going to permit him to leave the country? I asked. Certainly, they said; why not? when I myself, the only accuser he had, was leaving, and the whole charge rested only ward the whole charge rested only myself, and the whole charge rested only myself. dering Indians, transferred to the crazy pockets of Pat Molloy, whose heart a hundred knives would have been ready to pierce had the treasure he carried been suspected, brought across the sea in one woman's hair, now sparkles on

> Poor Pat Molloy has most likely by this time drunk himself to death from his enemy's store. Who would have be-lieved me if I had attempted to set Spanish justice on the Jew? What credit should I have obtained for my story which though unsupported and perhaps unsupportable by other testimony, has nevertheless the uncommon merit of

## Summer Esting.

We eat to keep warm and to sustain strength, and articles of food have those two elements in varying proportion. Oils, tallow, and whale blubber are al-One beautiful moonlight night on the inost wholly of the warming element; ine, finding the heat below so great that sleep was out of the question, I left my berth about midnight, and went up into the air. The officer of the watch was native will drink half a dozen gallons dozing in a chair forward of the deck-house, and the poop appeared to be quite deserted except for the helmsman, who, save that he gave a turn now and then to the wheel, and the quid in his cheek, have but very little of the heating qualities. In our climate, which is between the two, meats, vegetabler, and noiselessly to the stern, to watch the fruits are eaten all the year round; but noonlight glittering on the ship's wake, if eaten judiciously, if eaten according when from out the dark shadow of one to the season-more of fruits and vegetables in summer and less of meats I turned with surprise, and stumbled fats-an incalculable amount of sickupon the Jew and the danseuse in close ness would be prevented every year. We would think a man deranged who his side, and went hurriedly below. Her | should keep as large fires burning in his glances, took a turn or two up and down | we all persist in eating meats and fats and butter all through the summer. Now, there was nothing very extraor- Meats and butter are on our tables three times a day, when in reality they ought strange that up to that time they had studiedly avoided speaking to one another. Neither of them was likely to be to be sparingly used during the summer months, at least by the young, the old, the feeble, and by all who are most of particularly careful on the score of pro- the time in doors, or who have no active priety; that could not be the motive. employment. For the classes just named here was an evident and confiden-intimacy established, and I could would be as follows:

Breakfast-Cold bread and butter, ope as I was that he had cheated stewed fruit without milk, cream, or sugar. The same for dinner, with one At Lisbon, I parted, as I hoped, for vegetable; no other dessert. For supgood from my enemy. The danseuse per some cold bread and butter and a accompanied him on shore; and as the cup of hot drink, and nothing else; the pair waved me a malicious and ex- far from starving on such a diet the ulting farewell, which in the sweetness class of persons above named would of parting I bore with equanimity. In | thrive on it, would grow stronger, would few days I was revelling in England's have more bodily vigor, more mental beefsteaks and beer, and, under those elasticity, and a greater flow of animal grateful influences, Jew and diamond spirits, and for the reason that few would were banished from my recollection a eat too much; there would be nothing second time. They occurred to it again | to over-tempt the appetite, hence the about six months afterwards. A cousin stomach would not be over-worked what work it did perform would be well South of Spain, was taken suddenly ill done; the blood made pure, life-giving, and energizing. Any man of ordinary intelligence and observation, who will give a fair trial to the above system of feeding, will scarcely fail to be convinc-

## Brussels Lace.

A story is told in connection with the introduction of the manufacture of fine lace into Brussels, which is pleasant of tself and carries with it a lesson worth learning. A poor girl named Gertrude attached to a young man whose wealth precluded all hope of marriage. One night, as she sat weeping, a lady entered her cottage, and without saying a word placed in her lap a cushwith bodkins filled with thread. The lady then, with perfect silence showed her how to work the bodkins and how to make all sorts of delicate patterns and complicated stitches. As laylight approached the maiden had earned the art, and the mysterious visitor disappeared. The maiden grew rich by her work, and married the object of her love. Years afterward, while living in luxury, she was startled by the mysterious lady entering the house—this time not silent, but stern. She said: "Here you enjoy peace and comfort, while without are famine and trouble. On the evening of the same day, I had been strolling round the walls of the town, and it was nearly midnight before and turn away their faces." So the storekeeper of being a rogue, which I thought too obvious a proposition to cause so much excitement; that he, Pat Molloy, had been cheated—also a very probable circumstance. Here he expressed a pleasant desire to "rip the" interpretable circumstance of the performance with the red sand, and not a religious ceremony, was typified. The direction to give Pad dollars and the disinterested tribute to his goodness, now became in
It is a rum start for such as her town, and it was nearly midnight been strolling round the walls of the legitlors. The angels weep for you been strolling round the walls of the low. By the performance with the red sand, an indication of Pad's salient point, his to come with us, though, instead of by the mail-boat—Quartermaster, hook on to that boat there."

It is a rum start for such as her town, and it was nearly midnight been strolling round the walls of the neighbors. The angels weep for you been strolling round the walls of the low. By the performance with the red sand, an indication of Pad's salient point, his to come with us, though, instead of by the mail-boat—Quartermaster, hook on to that boat there. Alcazar, sit. She is going to like town, and it was nearly midnight before to come with us, though, instead of by the mail-boat—Quartermaster, hook on to that boat there. Alcazar, sit. She is going to like town, and it was nearly midnight before to come with us, though, instead of by the mail-boat—Quartermaster, hook on to the Alcazar, sit. She is going to like town, and it was nearly midnight before to come with us, though, instead of by the mail turn as the form of the walls of the mail to he and turn as a proposition to come with us, though, instead of by the mail town, and it was nearly midnight before and turn as a proposition of Pad's salient point, his town, and it was nearly midnight before to come with us, though, instead of by the mail turn as a proposition of Pad's salient point, his town, and it was nearly midnight before to come with us, though, instead of by the mail tur

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Soldiers' widows are to be appointed to vacancies in the public libraries in Germany.

Fifteen suits for twenty thousand dollars damages in each case, have been commenced against a Jersey City news-paper. The proprietor is delighted at the exalted estimate put upon the influ-ence of his journal.

A French paper publishes a curious report that although the Mont Cenis tunnel has been pierced, and locomotives passed through it, there is still some doubt as to its being open to travel for some time to come. The trouble is in the ventilation of the tunnel. The smoke evolved from the locomotives is not driven out. Out of three engine not driven out. Out of three engine drivers who were employed on the trip through the tunnel, two died of suffocation, and the third was restored

to life with great difficulty. The Chicago Times likens Chicago to he man who earned a dollar, or just as much as and no more than it cost him to live. He might live the six working days, but the seventh, the Sabbath, he must work or cease to live. The Times says: "Now, every man who has capital invested in Chicago, is in exactly this situation. The average profit which his capital will earn at the present time, does not exceed five and a half per cent. per annum; and five and a half per cent. per annum is exactly what government, of one kind or another, takes away, in the shape of taxes, from all capital in-vested in Chicago."

Gold-bearing quartz and silver ore of great richness have been discovered near the Buckskin Mountains in Utah, about four hundred miles southeast of Salt Lake City. The district was visited many years ago by Mormon mission-aries, who carried home glowing accounts of its richness in gold. country cannot be explored, however, except by large parties, as hostile In-dians are numerous and active there-abouts. A Salt Lake paper is of the opinion that this is undoubtedly the region whence the gold is to be brought to pave the streets of that city in pursuance of prophecy.

Western papers seem to vie with each other in telling the biggest snake stories. An Arkansas paper notes the killing of snake 18 feet long and 23 inches in circumference. Then a Missouri paper comes along with a snake 26 feet long and 36 inches in circumference. But not to be outdone, the Kansas Statesman puts in its claim for the snake championship by giving an account of a snake 35 feet long and 48 inches around the body, covered with scales like fish, and having a yellowish, sulphureous tint and smell. But now comes along a Chicago paper, and says they have a snake 1,400 feet long and 200 feet round the tip of the tail, and asks, as a mathematical problem, how much it will measure cound the waist.

The United States army comprises at the present time about 30,000 men, divided into forty regiments, of which ten are cavalry and five artillery. It occupies more than 300 military posts, and includes 2,277 commissioned officers. The highest salary paid to an officer, that of Gen. Sherman, is \$13,500; the lowest, paid to second lieutenants, is \$1,400 a year. The Quartermaster's Department buys annually about 2,000,000 oushels of corn and oats, 125,000 cords of wood, 30,000 tons of coal, and moves 100,000 tons of army stores. There are 25,000 horses, mules, and oxen in the army; some of the army wagon routes require 800 miles of hauling in a straight line. The Military Academy at West Point costs \$220,000 a year; besides this institution, there is a school of artillery at Fort Monroe, and a torpedo school at Willett's Point, N. Y. On the 12th of June 113,266 soldiers' widews were on the rolls of the United States Pension Office.

Complaints have been made that defaced and mutilated currency remitted to the United States Treasury for redemption has been subjected to unjust deductions for "short" packages; but an investigation into the matter has shown that the "overs" discovered in money redeemed and counted in the Treasury have been greater than the "shorts. That is, more packages have been found to contain a greater sum than was represented than a less sum, and more money has been returned to the senders in addition to the amounts claimed than has been deducted from the returns to those whose packages proved short. It has also been found that some persons who are in the habit of sending currency for redemption are habitually incorrect in their count; and that those who have repeatedly made mistakes against them-selves, which have been corrected by the counters, are the ones who make the oudest complaints when "shorts" fastened upon them.

A curious story is told of the discovery of the Amador mine, now the richest in the world. The mine was first commenced by a Vermonter named Havward, who was soon after joined by another Vermonter named Chamberlaine. Chamberlaine at last became discouraged, and Hayward stuck to it, but his men all left him, and he was on the point of starvation. He then went to Chamberlaine for some money, but was refused, but before he closed the interview Chamberlaine gave him \$3,000, all he had in the world. "Take it, old fellow," he said, with California heartiness; "do your best." With this money Hayward recommenced, and he had worked until it was all spent, and his men were reduced to a hag of beans for nourishment, when to the gloom of hope the precious ore blazed suddenly up. When the mine was paying \$40,000 a month, Hayward made over to his friend one perfect third of it. Chamberlaine retired upon \$1,500,000, and moved East to educate his children, Hayward buy-ing back the whole. Finally, even Hayward grew tired and sold out the mine to a stock company, of which General Colton is president. The mine will make \$450,000 net this year, and Colton said last week: "The Amador mine will hold out longer than we will."