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POETRY. THE DEW.

"Weep for me, gentle flowers ; let your tears Plead for me with the light." to, tremblingly, before the disaprears. Whispers the Night

Amid creation, see, I am alone, Following the flecting Day : The gray mysterious spell around me thrown

Repels the gay. What pleasure is it that to me belong

The sweetest flower and bird, If by my car the sad, b seconding song Alone he heard ?

He files forever from my yearning arms, That glorious, so illing sun : I bathed in tears, saild my starry charms Must follow on."

So, with a breath of sad and hopeless sight Night bids the earth adjeu : And the pure tear-drops in the flower's eyes We call the dew. -Harper's Monthly.

THE STORY-TELLER.

THE DEACON AND HIS WIFE.

What Came of Washing on Sunday.

Deacon Flint had decided to moves had decided to commence moving at pre-cisely 5 o'clock, Monday morning, July and so on that identical Monday morning you might, had you been an early riser, have seen the deacon, divested of his coat and his Sunday dignity, shaking the best room carpet in the back yard.

There is no need of saying what he did next, or what Mrs. Flint was doing then. They went through the tearingup process very much as other people and not being endowed with an over-abundance of this world's goods, the last load of furniture, consisting of the deacon's wife and kaby, the twins,

and the best room looking-glass, was on its way to the depot at 5 o'clock, P. M. "Blessed be nothing." exclaimed the tired little woman, as the deacon helped her out of the wagon. "If we had been Squire Ransom's folks, Samuel, we shouldn't have been more than a quarter through now, would we? My! how my poor bones would have ached through this time to-morrow night! I'm glad the Lord knows what's best for me," she added, taking the baby from the deacon, and looking around for the twins.

It was but a few hours' ride to C., and just in the coolest dusk of the July twilight they walked up the street to their new home, very tired, and thankful they were not Squire Ransom's folks, but just themselves, if they did have to work late

that night putting up the kitchen stove and unpacking dishes and bedding. Tuesday was a day of many troubles. The babies were tired and fretful; daylight revealed a coating of dirt on doors and windows, the depth of which they knew not before; and the heat was intense. But the deacon possessing untiring energy, and his little wife the sunniest of tempers, they succeeded so well that, by Thursday night, as he came into the kitchen with an armful of wood, where his wife was washing dishes, she commenced singing :

Quietly dressing, so as not to Flint rose from his open Bible, and more awaken the children, she slipped out into the kitchen, built a fire and commenced operations. How she did work ! a piping voice, solil : every step told of something done, and coming on such a day, but we thought it best that some explanations should at half past 10, despite all her hindrances from baby, who was cross, she was hanging out the clothes, so snowy white they be made before our people again gather

dazzled her eyes as the sun shone on them. One end of the clothes-line ran for evening service !" "Oh, I know what you mean, I guess, nearly out to the front fence through Elder Cummins—you want to know what you mean, I guess, Elder Cummins—you want to know why I kept yesterday for Sunday, inclothfes were hung there, of course. stead of to-day, don't you ? Well, the fact was, the deacon was away, and I made a discount of the days somehow, "How many people are passing!" she thought to herself, "and how they all and I was so busy settling, and so yes-terday was my Sunday, though I was in bed all day with a sick headache, stare at me; guess it must be the clothes though, instead of me," and she tenderly pinned the rear of one of the deacon's and so didn't find out my mistake at all. Then, wasn't it funny? I got up shirts to the line. Hark ! was that the front gate? Before she had time to turn around, the deacon's energetic strides had brought kim close to her; but what at five this morning, and went to wash was the matter?

"Martha-Pendleton-Flint!" he exclaimed, "what in the world are you doing ? Come straight into the house With a look that defies description, the little body straightened itself up as high as it would go, as she suid : "Not until you speak to me different from that, Samuel, and tell me why," her lip quivwith her. ering.

"Don't you see the people all going said to Deacon Flint : to meeting, and you a hanging out shirts? It's Sunday morning !" Such a laugh as rang out then on the Sunday air, I'm sure the good people

right, I guess." never heard before. "Oh, Samuel," she said, holding sides, "it's so funny! no wonder the folks stared at me and my clothes. Oh, oh, oh " and she sank down on the grass

in a convulsion of laughter.

The poor deacon was scandalized. "Martha!" he said, in such a sadly anxious tone she only laughed the more, Flint," replied the deacon, "my Susie will come and stay with them, and let you go; she will be se delighted." "Oh, thank you, that would be so nice; you are very kind." And she and it was not until she looked up in his face that she realized how he was touched; then she stood up so erly and walked into the house. The door closed behind them, and she went up to him with a owed them out of the door. "Ain't you glad you married me, Samuel, instead of Abigail Howe ?" said

leave the babies."

little caress, and said : he small woman, smiling up to him. "Samuel, kiss and forgive me, and I'll No matter what the deacon said go to work and ravel it out. I truly will," and she laughed again with the thought of what she had been guilty of, till the deacon kissed her, and laughed light, she broke into another merry too, in spite of himself. Then he walked to the window and looked out. haugh

" You're not going to let them clothes the deacon. hang out there all day, are you, Martha Flint

" Of course I am ; you don't suppose, solemnly behind you, till you got to the now I've got them out, God's going to gate and saw me hanging up your shirt in the front yard, then how suddenly yeu broke into your week-day stride?" Ha! ha! and they laughed together till grudge me the sunshine to dry them with, because it's Sunday, do you ? Why, it would be wicked to bring them in before sundown. But, see here, Mr. Deacon, it's about time I called you to account, I the tears came. think. How came you to be travelling to-day? Guess there's a little Sunday-breaking on both sides, isn't there?"

The deacon turned slowly around, and

Sunday, and you had better not wash introductions followed, whereupon El-der Cummins cleared has throat, and, in "Mrs. Flint," said the minister, "I hink you are fully competent to manage your own affairs, without any of my wife's interference." And so, laughing 'You must excuse, Deacon Flint, our

merrily, they started. "Samuel," said his bonnie wife, as she reached the door, "don't you think I've introduced you pretty well? Will you ever call no Martha—Pendleton—Flint again when I am hanging up your shirt

a the front yard ?" Somebody was chased out in the kitchen just then, and laughed so loud it wakened the baby.

Cruise of the School-Ship Mercury. Many of the unmanageable boys of our large cities, such as have been found guilty of petty crimes or are complained at twe this morning, and went to wash-ing, thinking it was Monday, and I'd got all through before the deacon came home; I declare I've laughed so about it that I fairly ache." And the little feminine offender laughed again, and so contagiously that the three laughed with here of by their parents as incorrigible, are sent to the school-ship Mercury, at Hart's Island, there to be trained for practical seamanship, as well as kept under wholesome control, and prepared

for obtaining a livelihood by an honest and useful occupation. In 1870 the Mercury was sent off on a long practice "I've been so good, though, elder, the rest of the day, I'm sure the Lord has forgiven me for it." And she smiled so sweetly that both were completely won. When they rose to go, Deacon Frost cruise, in order that the boys might have training in the actual duties of sailors, and at the same time a quasi scientific character was given to the expedition, calculated to stimulate a taste for useful "It is our missionary meeting to-night, brother, and a little explanation studies and accurate observation. The from you there will settle the matter

Up spoke the feminine again. "Oh, yes, Deacon Frost, Samuel was intending to explain, to-night. I only rection. The Mercury left Hart's Island in De-cember, 1870, and proceeded to the coast of Africa, where the scientific surwish that I could be there; but I can't

vey was to begin. Leaving Sierra Leone, the vessel sailed westward across "If you have no objections, Mrs. tions were made and recorded on the temperature of the water, the direction, lepth, and velocity of the various currents, and samples of the water at different depths, and of the soil and deposits of the bottom, were obtained and brought nome. Many of these observations were

As she was setting the tea-table, that Leone to Barbadoes, on a line about twelve degrees north of the Equator, had been drawn, and shows a depth of 3,100 fathoms, which was ascertained by "What's the matter now, dear?" said one of the deepest accurate soundings ever made. Tables have also been made " O, Samuel, I was thinking how you must have losked, coming up the street with your Sunday walk, hands clasped from these observations by Professor Henry Draper, showing the height of the barometer at different points on the line traversed, the direction and velocity of the currents, both in expanse of the ocean and among the West India

Supper over, dishes washed, baby asleep, Susie telting stories to the twins, the deacon and his wife started for church. "Don't be too humble, Sam-

shall

How to Commence Business.

There are many young men who are

Early California Society. One of the principal features of early times was the absolute freedom of social

in the habit of excusing their idleness and inefficiency with the plea that they intercourse between man and man, and can do nothing without capital. The lack of means is the ready reply they make to every appeal to action. They the absence of those distinctions in society which cause men to jostle each other in ascending the rounds of its ladder of imagine that they possess in themselves all the prerequisites to success except capital. If they only had capital, in addition to their other *imagined virtues*, crystallized forms, time-honored conven-tionalities, affluence and fashion. Pedi-gree could not be proven, even if it were princely-for, where all were strangers they would do great things in the world to each other, antecedents necessarily they would astonish the natives with the boldness and brilliancy of their en-terprise. They would become im-mensely rich, and lay the world under began and ended with the assumption of the claimant-and it was considered worthless, unless the presence of man-hood sustained the claim to distinction. Even in that event, pride forbade the proffer of credential. Thus it became perpetual obligations to them by the necessary to admit all to the privileges of the best of men until they proved themselves undeserving; and then the reversed order of ascent was more quickly

taken than belongs to the custom of re-fined society in old communities. What-

ures of its individual members. Nothing but barbarism as an alternative would justify society as now constituted, with wealth and fashion as the main elements of success in life. A constant agonizing effort to be as miserable as you can seems to be the warp of our social economy. It was different in the early days. The relief which men found here from the rigid forms of society-the absence of the graduated scale of social influence-was extremely favorable to the culture of the philosophic mood which renders one conmoney ; brains, muscle, industry, hontented with himself and all the world. Relieved from the spirit of social intoxi-cation, one could soberly smile at the petty annoyances which fret the ambiesty, diligence, truth, fidelity, skill, tact, education-all these are capital, and all of them have a commercial value, which tion of the aspiring, from the cradle to the owner will be able, sooner or later, to command in the market. Provided the grave. None of these disturbed the with these, any young man in the coun-try may make more than he needs to Forty-niner; and if his food was not at with digestion, he rested at night as peacefully as the new-born babe-alspend every year, and thus have something at the end of each year to invest beit, if a miner, his bed may have deen as money capital. If he needs money let him go to work and make it, and upon a snow-bank thirty feet deep, or intrenched in a mud-puddle that threat-ened inundation, with an umbrageous thus give proof of his ability to use it profitably and judiciously. If we go inoak or towering pine as shelter from the to any great city, or into any prosperous storm overhead. All his hardships were of a physical nature; mentally, he was placid; and the situation was so novel and interesting that he marveled that so many of the ills of life resulted from capitalists are those who have made their fortunes without any outside aid. They did not waste their time in repining at their poverty, and in silly dreams of what they could do if they had the mon-ey to do it with. They went boldly and resolutely to work; they toiled and thought and planned, and kept toiling and thinking and planning patiently. the very organization specially created to prevent them -refined society.—Over-land Monthly for May.

Where Does the Gold Come From ?

This question has never been satisfactorily answered by geologists. They can see as far into a millstone as anybody, but where the great depot or quarry

A Female Reporter.

Miss Middie Morgan, of the Tim

TWO DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

NO. 11.

Facts and Figures.

A Greencastle (Ind.) woman, seventytwo years of age, is the mother of a ten days' old baby, or was when this paragraph set out.

An irate colored female on a Tennessee train, failing to find the expected prize in some "prize" candy boxes sold her, pitched into the newsboy and gave him a sound thrashing.

The Hartford Post says two-thirds of the people of Poquonoc pass Sunday in fishing for muskrats with shot guns, and that is the way the other third know when Sunday comes.

A gentle school ma'am in Minneapolis flogged a boy an hour and a quarter, using up several ferules and finally resorting to a stick of wood. She settled the case by paying \$20 and costs.

A Pacific paper says: A fellow in Oregon thought he would be smart, and just have a little fun with a young lady their povery. These persons forget one important fact—that all capital is the product of labor. That nearly all rich men in this country were once poor. That nearly overy personal fortune they can enumer-ate is either the product of its owner's toil and skill, or the representative of what she would say if he asked her to marry him. She threw her arms around him, and rushed out of the room for her hat and shawl. The poor fellow says he was never married so sudden in his life. Probably that was the nearest she ever came to being asked, and she thought fooling around with sentiment would be danger-

> In the Superior Court in Boston a decision has been rendered which is of interest to the managers of public conveyances. A man named Standish took passage at Fall River on one of the boats of the Narragansett Steamship Company for New York. He claimed that while on the passage he either lost his ticket or gave it to the wrong officer of the company; at any rate, when he arrived in New York he did not have it. Failing to produce a ticket, and refusing to pay the fare of four dollars, the officers of the company detained him, and threatened to carry him back to Fall River. In consequence of this he sued for an assault and false imprisonment, and the jury gave him a verdict for fifty dollars. As a matter of law, Judge Putnam instructed the jury that the officers of the company had no right to detain the plaintiff merely for the purpose of compelling him to pay his fare.

The New York Sun says: An illus-tration of Yankee pluck has just reached this city through private letters from the South African diamond fields. A party who left this port for the mines about a year ago, on their ar-rival at Cape Town had not money enough to procure transportation to the from whence the gold comes that has diamond district. They at once set out on foot, and after a weary walk of 750 been rasped off in particles and thrown

magnificence of their benefactions. This is the way they think and talk, and they roll the vain-glorious idea over in their minds until they come to imagine that the world is an immense loser by their poverty. get along without capital? Had they spent the vigor of their youth in idle and foolish lamentations over their pov-

results of the cruise have just been pub-lished in the form of a report from the Commissioners of Charities and Cor-Commissioners of Charities and Corto labor and skill can work wonders in the war of material enterprises. But money is not the only indispensable thing to young men. There are other kinds of capital besides accumulated

the Atlantic, keeping on a line a little north of the Equator. Soundings were taken at short intervals, and observaof decided scientific value. A profile of the basin of the Atlantic from Sierra

agricultural district, we find the and thinking and planning, patiently, until at last they grasped the fortunate moment, and succeeded.—*Exchange*. Islands, the temperature and specific gravity of the water at various depths,

and the temperature of the air under varying circumstances. These results are of value to science,

" The deapon thinks his work is almost done But I feel as if mine had just begun."

"Did you hear that, Samuel?" she said, laughing, and turning around to look at him.

It was prayer-meeting night, and the deacon went to prayer-meeting for the first time in C., took an active part, and have been uncommon tired, or clesit was first time in C., took an active part, and have been uncommon tired, or else it was after meeting waited to shake hands with the heat, leastwise I dropped asleep in the depot, and missed the train. Then answer their inquiries, and present their letters. He had the satisfaction of feeling, on his way home, that he had made a good impression; it pleased him; it would have pleased us ; and he told his little wife that night, in his grave way, that he "hoped, coming as he did in the midst of a strange people, there might never be any occasion of remark against

him while he remained among them." "I'm sure, I hope not, Samuel," she said, looking innocently up in his face, and adding, as she nestled up her little brown head on his shoulder, "I don't feel much alarmed about it."

The next day, Friday, the deacon went tell certainly when I shall be back; probably not till Monday noon ; guess there's enough wood split to last till uel, I'll stay at home with the babies then. Good-bye," he said, and was to-night, and you can go to meeting, gone.

The wee woman went singing back to her half-washed dinner-dishes, and with one foot on the cradle-rocker, she scoured the knives, while she told the story of "Jack and Gill" to the twins. When the last kettle was washed, the kitchen ently behind him (his Sunday way) stove and table brushed and scoured to slowly and solemnly he walked out to the usual shade of black and white, the the clothes-lines. Most of the clothes baby asleep in her nest of a cradle- were dry, for the sun was very hot, and "bless her !" she washed the pretty twin "bless her !" she washed the pretty twin faces till they blushed like red peppers, things into the basket, unconsciously and then settled them in their trundle O Lord, forgive." bed for a nap.

Dear little woman! she did look so tired as she came out from the bedroom. and stopped to brush a fly from under the deacon walked in with the clean the mosquito-net over the baby; it would have made your back ache to look he said in explanation. at her. But the cheery heart in the weary body asserted itself, and she smiled with the thought of all she would archiy. do before the deacon came back.

" I must slick my hair over a little, so if any one should come I wouldn't spoil the deacon's reputation," she said to herself, going up to a little glass that hung between the kitchen windows. Just interest they seemed to have taken in then a gem of a sunbeam flashed in at his household premises ; they gazed, the window, and seemed to tangle itself and stared, and looked back, and gazed, all up in her wavy brown hair. "Oh, how pretty !" she said, with a blush and man; it did not flatter him; he read his a laugh like a child's. "Guess if somebody had been at home I'd had a kiss then !" and off she flew to her work.

How like magic the white curtains went up and the cobwebs came down ; how the best room looking-glass shone atter its polishing, and the old daguerreotype of "Samuel in his best days' never shone through so clean a surface as it did that day. So the time flew, bringing the deacon's return nearer.

voice said :

she went to open it.

"Forget all about it, dear, and I'll-"

She had brushed her brown, wavy

hair, and dressed in a cool, white muslin

A knock at the door interrupted, and

dress, with far-between dottings of pink, and looked not a bit like the guilty lit-One morning she awakened early, entle washerwoman she was. She opened tirely free from a wretched headache she had the day before. "I want it all the door, and Deacon Frost and Elder done; the kitchen cleaned up and my Cummins introduced themselves, and think I will send you word next Satur-dress changed before Samuel comes at walked in with stately bows. Deacon day night that the next day will be . Soft words don't scratch the tongue.

sat down. Then perching herself on his knee, she took his honest brown face in her hands, and said : "Be a good boy, now, and tell me all stop. the truth. Remember George Washing-

ton, dear." The deacon smiled, just a trace of a report from India. trouble in his smile, and taking the hands that held him captive in his own.

said "Well, little woman, I had everything

right in our midst deacons travel on Sunday, and deacons' wives wash and up last night, ready to start for home on hang out clothes before our very eyes as we walk to the house of God! I call for an explanation." Deacon Flint tried to rise, but some I thought I'd take the 9 o'clock train, body pulled him down, and the next minute the whole congregation was electrified by the sound of a sweet, and get home at midnight, so you wouldn't be lonesome Sunday, but we broke down, and just got here half an hour ago. Then to think, after walking womanly voice, saying : "Now, O Lord, stablish thy word unto thy servant, so through town from the cars, and folks shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me, for I trust in thy word." Then turning to him, she said : a-looking at me on their way to church." Then turning to him, she said "To think, Samuel," she broke in.

"after that dreadful trial, you should walk in at your front gate and find your 'My brother, you shall have an explanation;" and in a simple, almost childwife hanging out clothes in your front like way, she told the story of her misyard, and you a deacon of good stand-ing in the church ! Dear! dear! what take, and the deacon's delay, then added : " My brother, judge nothing bedo you suppose the Lord will do to me fore the time until the Lord come. 'For for thinking it was washing day? I don't think," she said, "he'll be very we shall all stand before the judgmentseat of Christ, and every one

back to the old home, having some busi-ness settlements to make there. "Can't my Sunday, though I had such a sick us not, therefore, judge one another any headache, it seems I didn't know much more !' Your sleep, my brother, will be about the day. I'll tell you what, Samsweet to-night, if your heart is at peace with God, as mine is ; for 'I am per-suaded that neither life nor death, nor and then piece out your Sunday to-morrow ; won't that do ?" angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

But the deacon couldn't get over it; nor height, nor depth, nor another creahis heart was heavy ; and while his wife ture shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." The next morning Rev. Henry Brown

and his wife called very unceremonious-ly on the new deacon. "We knew it wouldn't be washing-day here," laughed Mrs. Brown, "so we came here early. I could hardly wait to get here to talk humming to himself, "Have pity, Lord! over that funny affair. Henry said after you sat down, last night, he felt like

Mrs. Flint was washing dishes, and inviting you into the pulpit." "Why, bless me !" said the astonished nearly dropped her best glass dish, when little body, blushing like a girl, "I felt clothes. "I could not stand it, Martha,' so ashamed of myself after I got under the deacon's coat ! 'Twas the first time

"Guess I must sprinkle and iron them, I ever spoke in my life." to-day, Samuel-would you ?" she said "I hope it won't be the last, Mrs. Flint, if you always speak as much to the purpose as you did last night!" said the minister, coming forward. The dencon merely ejaculated a dis-approving "My dear!" and went into the other room to read his Sunday paper.

"Yes," broke in his wife, "Henry said By and by the people began to come from church. What a sudden, surprised he'd advocate women's speaking in meeting after this."

"It was capital," said Mr. Brown, rerossing the room to where the deacon " That's what Joe Dean has stood. needed for a long time—a good reproof, but no one had the courage to give it to him. Your little wife has done just paper and sighed; opened his Bible to read, and sighed again, and then fell to what the whole parish will thank her thinking. A little while after two arms for. stole softly around his neck, and a sweet

"Everybody I've seen since is just enraptured with you," said his wife to the saughing heroine, who had been rehearsing all the funny passages to her. You have made yourself famous ; look

out for plenty of calls this week !" " Oh, well," she said, tossing the baby, the washing is done, and I shall have elenty of time!

Mrs. Brown laughed, and said : "I

but the principal benefit of the cruise has been widely photographed. The in a little spice, if you can, and I'll was in the experience and training tread on your corns when it's time to which it gave to the javenile crew. has been widely photographed. The following sketch for a Cincinnati paper and by the action of running water or try, arrived safely at the nestling place

seamen, either in the navy or the mer-The meeting was opened as usual: then Brother Dean was called upon for

A little wiry, black-eyed man rose and said : "Brethren, it's not much use Commissioners to apply to Congress during the present session to have anthorireporting from heathen countries, when ty vested in the Secretary of the Navy to discriminate in enlistments in the navy in favor of boys who have been trained on the school-ships. These long cruises with a definite purpose form the

very best means of giving them the discipline which they need. So far as the reformatory effect of the school ships is concerned, the Commissioners say : "There is reason to believe that it is the most effective mode to reclaim erring boys whose errors, caused by the love of adventure, by evil associations, or ungovernable tempers, are fast impelling hem to ruin. Brought under the inflexible discipline of a ship in actual service, they are taught in a few months the duties of a profession which directs and gratifies their love of adventure, and provides for them the means of an honest and useful livelihood."

Mysterious Kidnapping Case.

The Petaluma (Cal.) Crescent of March 29 contains the following singular account:

On the 15th of this month Will Orr, at that time editor of the Crescent, left this city to proced to Sacramento, where he expected to remain a few days. Since that time he had not been heard of until Tuesday evening, when letters were received from him having the post-mark

of Chicago, stating in brief the cause of his prolonged absence. He says he has been made the victim of one of the most diabolical plots that ever entered the head of man. His account is substantially as follows : After remaining in Sac-ramento for a few days, he took the eastward bound train to go to a station a few miles beyond Sacramento, to see a friend

who resided there. Shortly after leaving the city, he was accosted by two men, who addressed him in the Spanish tongue. He answered in like speech, being familar with that language. Af ter conversing with them for a short time, they invited him to join them in some refreshments. After protesting for some

time, he at last consented. He remembers of taking one drink, after which he recollects nothing more until he awakened from a deep sleep in the Sherman House, in Chicago, with a

physician at his bedside, paid by some unknown parties to wait upon him. A thousand miles. This is the first in-week's board was paid for in advance by stance of Missouri sumac being sold out the same parties. Farther than that he of the State, and we trust that it will knows nothing. He found his travel- tend to further the business. It is to be ling-bag-and all his money, except \$20, missing. His gold watch and gold-head-ed cane were left him. He will return in this business in the West, and we

to this city as soon as he receives money trust they may be able to continue an to enable him to do so. Taken altogeth- extensive trade in this new and imporer, this is one of the most mysterious tant article of commerce to southwest

picion, even with his best friends. The is done, and it is certain that there is an assurance that his absence was unwilling inexhaustible supply." will be gladly received.

They returned fitted to become efficient gives a fair idea of this phenomenon : It was now some two years since the seamen, either in the navy or the mer-ehant marine, and with a special train-ing for service on scientific expeditions and surveys. It is proposed by the plied to the meek-faced Horace for a po-plied to the meek-faced Horace for a position on the staff of the moral Tribune She talked horses to Horace. She amazed him by the scope of her equine

knowledge, but 'twas no go. Horace didn't want a horse-editress. She then entered into a discussion with the farmeditor on the subject of carrots and cab-bages. Horace admitted that she had a wonderful knowledge of agricultural subjects, but preferred to be his own editor in that department. Failing to of that paper, and here she has remained ever since. Her department includes the reporting of all the races and cattle shows throughout the country, and she is always to be met at these places. It is a curious sight to see, moving about

among the sporting men and reporters, the strapping from of Middie Morgan. But she is not out of place, if knowledge of subject can capacitate one for a place. She knows more about horses and their diseases than nine-tenths of the professional horsemen in the country." Mid die, although a giantess in form, has a most amiable and pleasing face, and is every inch the real lady. She has the one fault that seems to permeate the en-tire feminine genius. She will talk, and her conversation is oftentimes voluminous, but then she is always so thoroughly good-natured that one never gets tired of her tattle. She is known and heartily welcomed at every race-course in the country, and her reports of the contests on the turf in nowise fall behind those of her sterner co-laborers in the editorial field.

" Middie" is understood to be the old Irish diminutive for Mary .- N. Y. World.

Important Article of Commerce.

We learn from the Springfield (Mo.) Patriot that Messrs. McPherson & Ever-ett, of that city, recently shipped twelve thousand pounds of sumac on the Atlantic and Pacific railroad. The Patriot says: "The shipment goes to St. Louis, thence by rail to New York, where it is forwarded by ship along the Atlantic self, who it seems i coast to St. Johns, New Brunswick, the the required egg !

whole distance from this city being two

affairs that has ever come under our notice. His disappearance and the cir-cunstances attending his departure have caused him to rest under a cloud of sus-ining and coloring purposes to the Vir-ginia sumac, in which so large a trade

Experience acquired by faults is a costly master.

that was either held in solution or in the lem.

Occasionally such enormous nuggets are found, quite solitary, it seems to indicate they were broken off from a large mass somewhere and driven away in a torrent of gravel whose onward upward force was irresistible till it met with counter currents.

That old theory which supposed the precious metal was existing in combination with others in a gaseous form and occasionally precipitated by electricity into lumps which worked their way like

moles from the interior through strata gain the position she sought on the Tri-of the earth's compact crust, is now bune, the lady's next visit was to the quite obsolete. An impression is gain-Sun ; but Dana proved as obdurate as ing advocates that gold does actually ex-Greeley, and she had to beat a retreat ist in great bodies, somewhere, not very there. Finally she was caught up by the *Times*, and made agricultural editor particles are gradually brought up by particles are gradually brought up by aquatic agency. This gives a more reasonable explanation of the confasion of gold in small parcels all over the globe.

> ABOUT DOGS .- A ranchman in Colorado has a sagacious dog which the own- plish that object. The Japanese have er firmly believes can count. He has even yoke, or fourteen working oxen, and when not in use these are turned culty was in refining the metal. There-loose with a large herd of cattle, When- fore the Japanese Government made an arrangement with the Bank of Califorever they are required he speaks to his dog the same as he would to a boy, and nia and the San Francisco Refining and Assaying Works by which nibos to the amount of \$20,000,000 are to be sent to tells him to go and drive in his oxen: The dog immediately starts off and does the job as well as anybody. On one oc- San Francisco and refined. The procasion during the last season when the ceeds will be returned to the Japanese dog had the cattle nearly in, he was no-Government in the form of gold bars of about 900 fineness, all alloyed and ticed to suddenly leave them and run ready to be converted into coin, while back to the herd as fast as he could go, the silver extracted will be sent back in which was three-quarters of a mile away. fine silver bars, also ready for coinage. This excited some surprise, but it was The first shipment of this coin from Jasoon discovered he had driven in but pan, amounting to \$2,000,000, has been thirteen, and had gone back to correct his carelessness by bringing in the four- received in San Francisco. teenth.

While narrow-gauge railroads are being projected in all directions, a Mr. An instance of rare honesty, and showing how a dog may desire to pay Burrus, of Wisconsin, comes before the his board bill, recently occurred in public with a scheme for a railroad from Fitchburg, Mass. A lady saw a dog the Atlantic to the West, to be built with frequently about her house picking up a gauge of thirty feet. The road is to odd bits which had been thrown out, run from the East by the most direct odd bits which had been thrown out, run from the East by the most direct and one day she called him in and fed line to Lake Eric. When it reaches the him. The next day he came back, and lake the road is to be built out into the as she opened the door he walked in and water about twenty-five feet below the laid an egg on the floor, when he was again fed. The following day he brought It is 'to be operated with a machine his egg to pay for his dinner, and on the fourth day, he brought the old hen herself, who it seems had failed to furnish as well as traverse the land. When this amphibious locomotive arrives at the jumping-off place at Lake Erie, it is to The usual effect of a large conscription slide gracefully into the water, and by a slight transposition of its machinery become a steamboat. When it has arapon the public health is now being rived at Monroe it resumes its character of locomotive, and rolls off on another broad-gauge road to Lake Michigan, whence it is to take water for Chicago. The machine is to be sufficiently large to carry a vessel of five hundred tons, so that all necessity for ship canals will be done away with. The inventor expects to attain a speed of one hundred and twenty-five miles per hour on land, and of lawyers, ministers and doctors, whose twenty-five miles in water. Probably no one will doubt that a great reduction several virtues are summed up in the single sentence, "The lawyers are the in the price of freights may be expected cleverest men, the ministers are the most when Mr. Burrus gets his broad-gauge

learned, and the doctors are the most road and amphibious locomotive in successful operation.

shown in France in an amazing number of cases of defective vision among the conscripts. During the days of drafts in our own civil war the same phenomenon was noted, and very many persons whose eyes had never before troubled them were obliged to use glasses for weeks together. Dr. Holmes talks, in his pleasant way.

sensible.

caught as prisoners in quartz rock while of the much-coveted brilliants. The latest advices, up to the latter end ot condition of pulverization, is the prob- March, say that most of them had been

successful. We are informed that the last packet from South Africa to Southampton brought diamonds valued at £160,000. There are now about one hundred thousand persons at the mines,

including very few Americans. The most popular place at present is far inland, where the Vaal river and its tributaries flow down from the Quathlamba mountains through the highlands to

join the Orange river, in the Orange River Free State.

The Japanese are engaged in reforming their currency, so that it will closely resemble in size, shape, and value the coins of the United States. The gold coins heretofore used in Japan are called nibos. They are flat pieces of gold, about an inch long and half an inch wide, containing twenty per cent of al-ver, and are valued at fifty-three cents. When it was determined to change the currency system, it was found that with the limited refining works of Japan it would take four or five years to accoma mint at Hiogo, and can turn out the coins as fast as required; but the difficulty was in refining the metal. There-