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# POETRY.

TO A LITTLE HUSWIFE. O little Huswife clean and spruce

Thy use one heart divines ; A rosy apple, full of juice, And polish'd-till (t shines ! A tidy, tripping, tender thing, A foo to laty litters. A household angel, tikying Till all around thee glitters

To see thee in thy loveliness, So prudish and so chaste : No speeh upon the cotton dress Girdled around thy walst : The anklo perping white as snow "Thy tuck'd-up kirtle under : While shining dishes, row on row Behind thee stare and wonder

The crimson firelight dips Thy checks until they glow : The white flour makes thy finger-tip Like rosebuds dropt in snow, When all thy gentle hears Fintters in exultation To compass in an apple tart Thy noblest aspiration !

O Haswife ! may thy modest worth Keep ever free from wrong : Blest be the house and bright the hearth Thou blessest all day long, And nightly may the sleep be sound While o'er thee, softly, stilly, The curtains close like leaves around The husht heart of the lily !

### THE STORY-TELLER. EDITH WELDON'S MARRIAGE.

Ten years ago it was less the custom than at present for people to be married in church. At that period the good clergyman was wont to come to the residence of the bride's father," where, in the presence of a few intimate friends, the ceremony would take place, after which, perchance, would follow a rereception for the less favored "ten thousand;" and it was upon this plan that Edith Weldon's was arranged to take place. It was within the hour appointed for the marriage, and she stood ready dressed in her pretty bondoir, when her mother came in to attend to the final touches in the fastening of the bridal veil.

" Has Dick come ?" asked Edith, stay ing her mother's hand as she was about to throw the flimsy lace over her head. 'No, not yet, of course. Why ! don't look so pale, my darling, it is not time

for him yet." "I wish he were here," sighed Edith. "Somehow I cannot help worrying about him."

"You are nervous, dear, that is all,' said Mrs. Weldon, kindly. "He will be here presently. Dick was never un-punctual, and he will scarcely be tonight.'

While the finishing touches are put to the pretty toilet, a few words with re-gard to the story of Edith are necessary. ever The young bride was the eldest

" It is a little strange, Mary, it is five minutes past eight, and Strong is not here." ing close at their heels, giving vent to "Can any of his friends explain his feelings of enjoyment in occasional ex-clamations of "Scoundrel !" "Scamp !" "But be couldn't come it over me !" &c. detention ?" Just then the door opened, and among the select few was admitted Charlie Goaded at last beyond endurance, Dick Strong, a city man and a cousin of suddenly turned upon him : "But I haven't got your watch, I tell Dick's. "Ah, Charlie! is Dick with you?" you! You ought to know what you're talking about, before accusing an bonest asked Mr. Weldon. "Dick ! No! Isn't he here?" man in that way." " None of that, now," said the police-"Why, that is very odd ! I left him

Mr. Weldon came forward to his wife.

man, roughly; "come along quietly." "We'll see !-we'll see !" should the an hour ago on his way here." "On his way! Was he driving?" "No. You know what a queer fel-low Dick is. I wanted to send for a tormentor.

She kissed her daughter tenderly, and went down stairs. In the library were her husband and several gentlemen. State to try to convinc he was not a common thief. Thus the unfortunate brid

And thus was Dick led along, a miserable captive. Men looked curiously carriage; but he said that was all nen- at him as they passed, women drew sense for such a short distance, and in back in horror from the criminal. Never spite of my objections, he put on an old summer coat to cover his evening dress, and started to walk here with me. I It was growing dark, and was not an told him he did not look much like a hour when any one he knew was likely bridegroom; to which he gave the char- to be out. In the side street very few acteristic reply, that ' Looks aren't every- persons were abroad ; and so they reach-

ecteristic reply, and thing?" "And how far did you come together?" "To Fourteenth st.; there I turned off to Irving Place, and he started up Decedway." ecovering from his rage, had tried to think what might be the best for him to do. Once in the dirty room of deten-

was rendered more mysterious by this arose. The robbed man, who gave his statement. There seemed absolutely nothing to do but wait for his arrival as patiently as possible; and as people be-gan to pour in, the time for the reception of a bandsome watch chain from which having come, Mrs. Weldon received the watch had been wrested.

scrape but to try to convince them that

them with what self-possession she could, not telling them to go away, since at any moment the missing man saw the hand that grasped the watch. might appear, and the ceremony pro- It was brown and ungloved, like his," ceed. The company was very dreary, however: every one knew what had pointing to Dick, who as usual was ungloved. "I turned round quickly and happened, gaiety was out of the quescaught him. Now see if you don't find tion, and the only amusement was to rush to the door of the hall every time the watch on him." " It's all an infamous lie," said Dick.

anyone came, in hopes of seeing the pleasant brown face of Dick Strong. What should I want of his beggarly watch ?" "The prisoner had better be quiet Charlie Strong went down to the ho-

tel on the chance that for some inexand let himself be searched," replied the plicable cause Dick had returned there. No, he had not been seen. Mr. Strong "Search me next inquired of the policemen along the route if any one had been taken sudden-ly ill, as this supposition had occurred as a possible explanation of Dick's ab-"Search me and welcome," retorted

The men looked at each other in sursence-his splendid health rendered it prise. "I didn't think he was a swell rather an absurd one. No, nothing un- cove," said one; "he looked like the comunusual had happened, except that there | mon kind." Mr. Strong now drew out his own

said

had been a fire on Broadway and a great crowd. This was the news with watch, which was an elegant chronome to the house, and the non-appearance of "Here," cried he to his captor, "why

the bridegroom seemed stranger than should a man want to rob you when he has such a timepiece as that?" Poor Edith sat in her rooms looking like a pale and stricken flower; her Poor Edith sat in her rooms looking like a pale and stricken flower; her bridesmaids and friends were gathered Dick nearly fell into a rage

turn so pale, Edith, dear; he must be here, or come directly; I will go and see about it." She kissed her daughter tenderly, and She kissed her daughter tenderly, and Biela's comet, which was discovered in 826, is the one about which so much By the time he reached Mr. Weldon's

pulled through the crowd, people star-ing at him, the policemen holding him fast by the arms, and his captor followit was after 10 o'clock; the uncomfortable would be no wedding that night, and the elergyman, who had passed anything there was a ring at the bell, followed by a rush to see who it might be.

When the door was opened and a po-liceman stalked into the hall, the excitement was intense. Mr. Weldon hurried forward to meet him. The man touched his hat.

" Are you Mr. John Weldon ?" "Yes.

"A prisoner down at our station sent you this note."

Mr. Weldon opened the missive eagerly; people crowded round to learn its

"I am in the Twenty-seventh-st. Sta tion-house, charged with theft; come and get me out.-RICHARD STRONG." A shout of laughter followed this anouncement, the people were so amused, hey thought it such a good joke.

The relief after the long suspense was so great that peal after peal of merri-ment rang out, the jolly sounds echoing even to Edith's room, the girls jumped out to hear the news, and quickly is visible at the present time, though brought her back the tidings that Dick the appearance of some at an early date was safe, though in such a funny scrape. The policeman meantime looked the smiling throng and then at Mr. Weldon.

" So what he said was true, and he was going to marry your daughter ?"

"Yes, certainly." "We would not believe him, he look-ed such a shabby chap; however, the boss said as it was so near, I mightcome and see.'

More laughter followed this, and in a few moments Mr. Weldon and Charlie Strong were on their way, with the poiceman, to Dick's rellef. There is not much to add ; when they

reached the station, a few words from Mr. Weldon convinced the police cap-Professor Donati believes, therefore, that tain that there must have been some it has consumed itself, or diffused its mistake, and Mr. Strong was released. Clarke still remained at the place, and was furious at the result; when going out, Dick svid to him—" Now, Mr.

Clarke, I hope you are convinced that I The alarm occasioned by the appear-did not steal the watch?" The alarm occasioned by the appearance has long To this he replied very angrily: "You did too, for I saw you; and I say it's a monstrous injustice to let you off just ecause you are going to marry a rich accout are the twin comets, described in and's daughter." ancient history as contemporary with There was no use arguing with such a the birth of Mithridates the Great, King man's danghter.

erson ; and as Dick once more drew on of Pontus. These are said to have reobjectionable overcoat, Charlie mained in sight for seventy-two consecu-Strong could not help saying, " Ah Dick, tive days, occupying a fourth part of it was all because you would wear a shabby coat, and would not have a carone on record is the comet of 1337, You will do better next time." riage.

perstitious reverence by sailors, and apprehension is felt as to a threatened which superstition is so daintily dished up by Coleridge in his "Ancient Mar-iner," is an inhabitant principally of the Indian Ocean. When they are cap-tured, and brought on board ships salluger of contact with the earth in ing in that latitude, their sleek, delithe clergyman, who had passed anything but an agreeable evening, had gone to Mrs. Weldon to make his adieu, when premises for calculation, it is shown white down which remains after the rethat the distance between the comet moval of the outer feathers is in requiand the earth at the time their orbits sition by ladies for muffs, tippets, etc. impinge is one hundred and ten millions The spread from tip to tip of the wings of miles. The comet of Biela is also so of the albatross is something enormous. small that if it were really to approach The average is from eight to fourteen feet; while it is reported that speci-mens have been captured, the extended the earth the latter would have nothing to fear. Notwithstanding these probabilitics, and the continued statements of wings of which measured twenty feet eminent scientific men, the great mass neross. When seizing an object floating of the people the world over seem to on the water, the albatross will gradcling tenaciously to the idea of collision and destruction, as if it were something really to be desired. In Italy the idea float like a duck on the water while dehas obtained so strong a hold, even vouring his food. Then, elevating itself, among the intelligent classes, that Proit skims the surface of the ocean with fessor Donati, the world-known astrono-mer and scientist, has telt it incumbent expanded wings, giving frequent im-pulses-since the great length of its

The Coming Comet.

wings prevents its rising with facility upon him to give his views to the public in regard to the matter. This he has from a level surface-as it runs along for some distance, until it again soars in mid-air, and recommences its erratic flight. The great difficulty of these done in a paper just issued from the Royal Observatory of Florence, in which he ridicules the idea that a comet will strike the earth at any time. birds in commencing their flight is to

No comet, large or small he declares, is visible at the present time, though elevate themselves from the water. To effect this object they spread their long pinions to the utmost, giving them re-peated impulses as they run along the surface of the water. Having by their is not improbable. If so, he earnestly trusts they may be large, in order that investigations as to their nature may be more easily made. The comet of Biela exertions raised themselves above the wave, they ascend and descend, and he believes no longer exists. From the cleave the atmosphere in various directime of its discovery in 1826 until 1852 tions, without any apparent muscular exertion. The explanation of this facil-ity of flight in the albatross is curious. The whole surface of the body in this, it made its appearance regularly every six years and nine months, with the exception of 1839, when it was so near the sun as to be obscured by its brilliancy. as well as most if not all the oceanic In 1846 it was again visible, and pretribe, is covered by a number of air-cells, capable of a voluntary inflation or diminution by means of a beautiful muscular apparatus. By this power the birds a more marked degree. Since that year, can raise or depress themselves at will. though astronomers have watched eager-ly for its advent, it has not been seen. and the tail and great length of the wing enable them to steer in any di-rection. Indeed, without some provision of this kind to enable them to save muscular exertion. it would be impossible for these birds to undergo such long flights without repose as they have been known to do; for the muscles appertaining to the organs of flight are eviance or expected appearance has long dently inadequate in power to the long

distances they have been known to fly, and the immense length of time they remain on the wing with scarcely a moment's cessation.

#### Forty Years in Prison---A Singular Character.

The Albatross,

This bird, which is held in such su-

The Edinburgh Scotsman says : There died on Wednesday afternoon, in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, the wellknown Edinburgh character Alexander ment in England on account of its ap-parent nearness to the earth. Many two years of his life, this singular perbeen considered a pest by the police authorities, having been convicted at the Police Court about 350 times. Upward of sixty years ago he came to Edinburgh from his native town, Musselburgh, and commenced a career of dissipation, which continued until he entered the infirmary about a week ago. He never learned any trade, but occasionally did odd jobs for any one who would employ him. He used to sing in High street, Canongate, to encourage the flow of his jokes. It was from one of his favorite songs that he acquired the sebriquet by which he was generally known. When not in prison he spent his nights in the muster room at the Police Office ; and when for misconduct he was ejected, as was often the case, he would adjourn to one of the cellars of the build. ing. One of the last offences he committed was that of stealing some tools belonging to a workman who had been making some repairs in a police cell. "Sally," knew the history of all the governors of the jail for the past half-century, and was thoroughly acquainted with every part of both old and new prison. When sent to the Poorhouse or House "of Refuge he would not remain. as he used to say the treatment he re-

Facts and Figures. Gen . mith If speech is silver, and silence gold, low much is a dumb man worth ?

NO. 14.

The citizens of Battle Creek, Mich., have rewarded Miss Emma Pearl of that city with a fine gold watch for taking pare of a smallpox afflicted family.

The Milwaukee Sentinel says a street beggar of that city, bribed to show up his day's carnings, counted out \$20 47, and did not consider it a good day at all

A lady in Lewiston, Maine, rejoices 7 in the ownership of hair measuring foran artificial product, but a gift of Nagious ture.

Miss Laura Harris, one of our American prima-donnas, is, at present, singing in Lisbon, and will, it is said, soon marry a Portuguese nobleman and leave the stage.

In San Francisco a few days ago, a little girl eat an orange which she had berl picked up in the street, and died in agony a short time after. The evidence at the inquest showed that the fruit was mian impregnated with strychnine. ..... and thoda In Tazewell Caunty, Ill., a young wo-man named Abbie Gilman was taken • ill with smallpox, and immediately abandoned by her friends. She was left in a room by herself, and died sev-

eral hours before it was known. There would appear to be room in St. John, N. B., for some of the clerks with whom Boston, New York, and other cities are over-crowded. A dry-goods firm in that city who advertised for a clerk the other day, received only one application, and that from one unacquainted with the business.

There is a deed on record in the town of Scitico, Ct., bearing date of 1826, conveying from certain parties to the "Society of Shaking Quakers," a gin dis-tillery " for the express use and purpose of support of the Gospel and the relief. of the poor, the widow and fatherless of this world, as the Gospel may require."

A gentleman, with his wife and daughter, arrived at Omaha the other day by rail. On the same train was a young man who had made the acquaintance of the daughter but a short time before reaching the city, and who put up at the same hotel. It was a case of love at first sight. The same evening the couple cloped and were married, much to chagrin of the parents

The Gloucester mackerel fleet this season will carry more than two hun-dred seines, worth, with the seine-boats to carry them, near \$250,000. These nets, if ylaced in a continuous line would stretch from Cape Cod to Cape Ann, with a depth of twenty-five fathoms; and if spread out they would cover a farm of eight hundred acres. A first-class mackerel seine one thousand meshes deep and equal to two thousand cords, will pass through a ring one and a quarter inches in diameter.

one of our city daughter of princes, a lovely woman, though pergirls of her age. Yet in spite of her quiet, and what some of her friends called "old-fashioned" ways, they were somewhat surprised when she accepted Mr. Richard Strong as her lover. He was a country gentleman, a scion of one of the best families of which New York can boast, and lived on his farm, which he took great pains in cultivating. He was a man of fine powers and high education, but his agricultural life had led to a certain roughness of dress and manner that was at times almost unconth. Then his face was browned by the sun to a deep tan color, his hands were rough and brown, and he would not wear gloves, and would wear heavy boots. Despite this he was a fine-lookthe apper windows of which smoke was ing man with intelligent eves and wellissuing. No thoughts of turning aside knit frame, and Edith had sense enough to avoid the throng occurred to Mr. to see beneath the somewhat rude ex-Strong's mind ; no, he was broad-shoulterior a cultivated mind and affectionate heart

Mr. Weldon was well pleased with his daughter's choice. Mr. Strong's family was one for which he had the highest ro spect, and Edith's simple tastes were angry looks, and some very uncompli-mentary remarks to which he had paid such as admirably fitted her for country life. The young lady's city friends were, no manner of heed, until he had reachhowever, rather contemptuous at her lover's unmistakably bucolic appearance ; and some of these who looked no deeper than the surface, declared that he was only a country "clodhopper." To tell the truth, Edith herself had been essary amount of hustling he received, a little horrified at Dick's utter indifand was pushing on rather unceremoniference to style, and had even urged him ously when he was suddenly grasped by to employ her father's tailor.

"Go to Digby!" he exclaimed, with horror; "why he would make me look like a fool! No: Bounderby always has made my clothes, and Bounderby always abult. He here a man, fully as powerful as himself, who cried out-"You have got my watch! Police! Stop thief! Police ! The man roared out the words in a always shall. He knows how to suit voice that rang above all the murmurs

And so even the wedding garments turned on him like a tiger : were male by Bounderby, who had a large ran of custom among the gentlemen farmers of New York, and understood how to make coats of excellent material and no particle of style.

Edith's toilet was complete by halfto shout: past seven, and her mother and bridesmaids left her to finish their own preparations. For a short time she was alone, and sat listening to every ring of the bell, hoping each one was Dick's, and expecting to be called down to meet him; as the moments went by, and no message came, her anxieties increased. It was certainly very strange that he had not arrived. He was the very soul you !" cried the man in triumph. of punctuality-always sure to appear at the precise moment appointed.

to the policeman : Presently people began to come into the room; aunts, and cousins, and particular friends; and there was much niae ? chatting over the bride and her dress,

Edith put the questions, "Has Dick come ?" "Have you seen Mr. Strong ?" ably. until she grew ashamed to repeat them, and her companions laughed at her for her seemingly needless anxiety. At eight o'clock her mother joined her, gorgeous in blue velvets and diamonds. "Well, Edith, the hour has come." "But not the man," added one of the gay side hunched and the man," added one of the

gay girls, laughingly. "Is not Mr. Strong here yet?" askee Mrs. Weldon, in surprise.

" I think not."

"That is strange," she replied, looking unmistakably annoyed. "But don't

around her doing what they could to "You're an incorrigible old fool,' cheer her, but she grew hopelessly sad. The hours of the wedding evening stole " Prisoner will please be careful," said by without any news of her lover. From the officer, sternly. "Now, sir, what is time to time when there was the bustle your name of an arrival below, one of the girls looked out to see if Mr. Strong had " Richard Strong." " Residence ? come, but each time only to return with "Oak Hill Farm, Alleghauy County, fresh disappointment, so that in the New York." bridal-room, as well as in the parlor, A shade of surprise crossed the offithere was a gloom and anxiety. er's face as he asked...." Occupation ?" And now to tell of the man who had " Farmer." so stangely disappeared. When he parted from his cousin, Dick, as Charlie had said, went straight up Broadway, which was the nearest road to Mr. Weldon's home on West Twenty-sixth st. When he had passed Union Square, he saw that quite a crowd of people was assem-bled in front of one of the stores, from

Just then Dick, who still had his watch, opened it, and uttered a cry of orror-it was after eight o'clock. "For God's sake, be quick with this farce," he said earnestly. "I have a most important engagement, and it's already past the hour." Mr. Clarke smiled contemptuously.

"I'm afraid you'll have to put it off," he said. "You do not seem to understand the

gravity of the charge, Mr. Strong," said dered and powerful, and he began to the captain. "Officers Smith and Brown push the throng, elbowing right and will please search the prisoner." With what grace he could muster, Dick left, and harrying on at a little less than his usual brisk pace. He had prosubmitted to the search ; it was long and ceeded in this way, getting a good many tedious, and resulted, of course, in noth-

ing. Strong was boiling over with indignation and impatience, but had to put up with it; and as it chanced from ed a point where the crush was densest. the fact of his having on new clothes the pockets were nearly empty, he had hardly anything upon him to serve as Here he was jostled about somewhat rudely, in spite of his endeavors to force ahead unchecked. He began to feel a vouchers for the truth of his assertions little angry at what seemed the unnecabout himself. His linen was, indeed, marked with his name, and the men were convinced that the culprit was by rank a gentleman, whether the charge made against him was true or not. When he was brought into the large room, Clarke sprang forward eagerly.

" Did you find the watch ? "No, of course they didn't," replied

Dick. The man's countenance fell. "Then he must have flung it away of the crowd, and Dick in a fury of rage when I caught him," he said. "You infernal scoundrel, what do you Why, do you think I stole it, then ?

mean? Let me go. Let me go, I say!" He struggled fiercely, but the man who seized him by the shoulder had manded Dick. "Of course you did; I saw you take

him at a disadvantage, and continued Dick turned away from him, without ceply, to the captain. "Now, sir, I hope "Police! Help! help! Stop thief!" In a moment three or four men had ou will let me go." "No, Mr. Strong, we cannot do that

hold of Mr. Strong, who had fought and while this man swears to this charge raved in his wrath and indignation, and against you. then two policemen appeared on the scene and summarily took him into cus-This was more than Dick had expectd, and his reserve broke down. ... But

tody. "There you scamp-now we've got Captain, you must let me go-why, this is my wedding night, and I must go." "That's a likely story," said Clarke,

Dick glared at him, almost speechless with a sneer . " May I ask whom you are to marry," with anger, though he managed to say asked the officer, looking rather incred-"You surely don't intend to take me

into custody on the charge of that ma-It was awfully against Dick's ideas but he had to say, "A daughter of Mr. "Indeed we do, my good man, and Joan Weldon.' you might as well come along peace-"Not Weldon of Weldon & Grey ?"

Now if there was one thing that more "Oh, that's too much," eried the irrepressible Clarke ; "as if he would look than another Dick Strong despised, it was any boasting of position, or family, or money. He had always declared t such a fellow as you. Dick's anger flamed out again, but he that "people would know a man was a egan to find there was no use in disgentleman without any need of telling playing it, and addressed himself especi-

them so," and that "it wasn't any conally to the captain. To him he was very sequence what a man wore if he only behaved himself." He had flattered himself that he looked, despite the roughness of his dress, too much the earnest, saying all he could to prove that his statements were true-perhaps too he displayed some of the greenbacks

roughness of his dress, too much the that were plentiful in his purse—be that More American women as well-bred gentleman ever to be doubted, as it may, he succeeded at last in per-

When they reached the was a great crowding about the bridegroom, and much merriment and congratulations. Edith came to meet him, er paleness succeeded by blushes, and the ceremony proceeded at once.

#### Knocked About in the World.

It is a good thing for a young man to "knocked about in the world,' though his soft-hearted parents may not think so. All youths, or, if not all, certainly nineteen-twentieths of the sum total, enter life with a surplusage of self-conceit. If, in measuring themselves with wiser and older men than they are, they discover that it is unwar-ranted, and get rid of it gracefully, of their own accord, well and good ; if not, it is desirable, for their own sakes, that it be knocked out of them. A boy who is sent to a large school

soon finds his level. His will may have been paramount at home; but school boys are democratic in their ideas, and, still more brilliant appeared in Septemif arrogant, are sure to be thrashed into a recognition of the golden rule. The

world is a great public school, and it soon teaches a new pupil his proper place. If he has the attributes that belong to a leader, he will be installed in the position of a leader ; if not, whatever his own opinion of his abilities may be, he will be compelled to fall in with the rank and file. If not destined to greatness, the next best thing to which he can aspire is respectability ; but no man can either be truly great or respectable who is vain, pompous, and overbearing.

By the time the novice has found his in the horse's conduct. He would go legitimate social position, be the same fast or slow, as desired; stop instantly high or low, the probability is that the at whoa; follow his master's call, and disagreeable traits of his character will rub his head on his shoulder. What had be softened down or worn away. Most made the change ? Not force : the poor likely the process of abrasion will be horse had been beaten, kicked, and rough, perhaps very rough; but when it is all over, and he begins to see him- more stubborn. No; but he was well self as others see him, and not reflected fed, well watered; not overdriven or in the mirror of self-conceit, he will be thankful that he has run the gauntlet, and arrived, though by a rough road, at self-knowledge. Upon the whole, whatever loving mothers may think to the contrary, it is a good thing for youths to be knocked about in the world-it makes men of them.

#### Keep the Heart Alive.

A thoughtful observer gives these lines to the public: "The longer I live, the more expedient I find it to endeavor more and more to extend my sympathies and affections. The natural tendency

of advancing years is to narrow and con-tract these feelings. I do not mean that wish to form a new friendship every day, to increase my circle of intimatesse are very different affairs. But I find that it conduces to my mental health and happiness to find out all I can which is amiable and lovable in those I come in contact with, and to make the most of it. It may fall very short of what I was once wont to dream of; it may not supply the place of what I have known, felt and tasted, but it is better than nothing. It seems to keep the feelings and affections in exercise, it keeps the dows." This, however, is an effect which heart alive in its humanity, and, till we shall be all spiritual, this is alike our duty and our interest."

More American women are now trav-

e most intense exciteparent nearness to the earth. Many people are reported to have died from fright, and even the animals seem to on, and for the past half century has have shared in the general terror. In 1679 equal alarm prevailed throughout Europe, caused by the sudden appearance of one of these bodies, which remained in sight for nearly four months. More than a hundred years before, Tycho Brahe had offered a rational explanation of their appearance and nature; but although this explanation answered well enough during the absence of any cause for alarm, no sooner did the comet approach within sight of the earth, than the wildest apprehensions groups of people, who gave him coppers took possession of the people. Churches were kept open continuously, business was neglected, and thousands believed the end of the world to be approaching. In 1769 a most brilliant comet appeared. crossing the earth's orbit at a distance of only two millions of miles away. One

ber, 1811, and again in 1823.

#### Power of Kindness on Animals.

Mrs. O. S. Johnson tells, in Our Dumb nimals, the story of a horse whose task used to be to drag a meat cart, and which, because of viciousness, was final ly sold to his present owner, at a very low price. He would bite, tear, kick run away-was utterly uncontrollable. Soon after changing masters, the peo ple, who had called the purchase a fool eived in prison was far superior. ish one, were surprised at the difference

overloaded; never whipped, kicked, or scolded. Kind words were given him, and now and then an apple or a lump of sugar. No gentler, safer, and more faithful horse went on the road. But. Indian fashion, he forgot neither benefit nor injury. Occasionally, when in harness, he saw his former master. Then, invariably, all the fire of his nature was aroused. His eye rolled, he champed his bit, and showed an intense desire to get hold of his former enemy. Only the voice and caressing hand of his kind

owner could quiet him. A NEW INVENTION .- To make wine

from malt has often been a question among chemists and scientific brewers, and now the question has been answered by the manufacture of "red beer" or malt wise, at a brewery in North Germany. The beer thus produced is described as of a character something between Rhine wine and Burgundy, with a port wine flavor, very lively and agreeable ; and that when looked at in a glass it behaves like good wine, clings to the inside of the glass, and there exhibits what the Germans call "church-wincrafty wine merchants know how to produce by the addition of a small quantity of glycerine to their liquor. The red beer, as may be supposed, is made with-

out hops, but so far as yet tried it keeps well in bottle.

Nervous Complaints.

Physicians tell us that nervous comdaints have never been more frequent than they are in this city at the present time. Men are suffering from nervous exhaustion, women from hysterics and extreme depression of spirits. The cause is not difficult to be ascertained. Dur-ing the cold, dry weather of February and March the atmosphere was surcharged with electricity to an unusual and remarkable degree. The human system was thus stimulated to an unusual extent, and the warm, damp days of April, in which the atmosphere was hands of competent meteorologists.almost devoid of electricity, following immediately after the dry and cold days of the preceding two months, produced

a feeling of nervous exhaustion such as the hard drinker feels when he breaks his evil habit for a few days. This explanation, which is that given by one of the leading physicians of the country, is certainly founded on fact, and seems extremely probable.-New York Times.

LIVING WITHOUT FOOD .- The Spring-field Republican states that Kate Donovan, whose singular abstinence has been before noted still lives, and retains her plumpness of appearance, although, if reports be true, 15 months has passed since she has retained anything in her stomach long enough to receive from it ago the city physician gave her a tea-spoonful of beet tea, and for the fifteen minutes before it was thrown up, her sufferings were fearful, . Since then no similar attempt has been made to force small quantity of water.

Among the titles of the colored societies which celebrated "Anniversary Day" in Richmond, Va., a week or two since, were the United Sons of Love, the Sons of Elijah, the First National Phenix, the Rising Sons of the Vineyard, the Following Sons of Abraham, the Laborers of the Vineyard, the Young Sons of Messiah, the Rising Sons of Zion, the Leving Sons of Galilee, the Supports of the Vineyard, the Young Rising Sons of Ham, the Infant Sons of Love, the Sons of Enoch, the Young Sons of the J. Harp, the Shining National Association of Bethlehem, &c.

It is rather hard on a poor fellow to be forced to pay a large bill for having his life saved, when he preferred to have it lost, and did his best to get rid of it. A rashly importunate individual in lowa

City, who was weary of breath, attempted lately to put a stop to it by cutting his throat and opening the arteries of his wrists. Two or three doctors got hold of kim, however, stitched him up, and forced him to live, and then added insult to injury, by presenting a heavy bill. The courts have forced him to pay it too, with costs, about three hundred dollars in all, which is more than his funeral would have cost.

Mr. Wildman Whitehouse has invented what he calls a differential microbarograph, which indicates changes in the pressure of the atmosphere even if not more than a thousandth of an inch. It registers these changes by a very simple process, and in a form which can be kept for permanent reference. The instrument is not easy to describe without a diagram ; but it combines glass vessels partly filled with water, and connected by tubes, in which the requisite vacuum is produced, and is connected with an air-chamber of large capacity. It is so sensitive that even the slamming of a door will produce a mark on the register, and it records with great fidelity all the atmospheric waves, large or small which pass over it. Another merit is that it gives very early indications of perturbations at a distance, and thus may render important service in the Thambers's Journal.

Gen. John B. Rose of Indiana, a veteran of the late war with England, has had great difficulty in getting his pension because when a soldier he was too full of fight. The General was a lieutenant at the battle of Plattsburgh, and his company, at the head of the regiment, moving in column, were to turn a street corner and go under fire. His captain hesitated, and Rose, with his

division of the company, moved around and took the lead. His superior afterward accused him of insubordination, upon which he retorted with a charge of cowardice. A duel was the result, in which both antagonists were wounded, and for fighting this duel the Secretary of War struck the names of both officers any nourishment whatever. Six weeks from the rolls. In his old age Gen! Rose came to poverty, and applied for a pension on account of his military services. This could not be granted by the Pension Office on account of his dismissal from the service; but the Committee nourishment upon her, and she has on Pensions have reported a bill for his taken during those six weeks only a relief, through which the old gentleman will probably get his money after all,