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## A Little Girl that Sold Matches,

New York Graphic, is founded upon chaaces for my life. Then I was above an occurrence that recently came to the the water. notice of one of the teachers employed by the Children's Aid Society, and is struck out with my hands and feet as I no whit more distressing than other scenes that are enacted nightly in this metropolis. If I might hope to interest one single reader to the extent of in-one single reader to the extent of inducing even the smallest contribution cies, that had prevented me learning to towards the noble charity conducted by that society I should feel that I had ac-They had but to throw out a board or a master; the tigerillo in Santa Martha. complished something in the cause of humanity.]

Oh, I hope she aint been drinkin'--Yes'm, every match is sold ; But I ain't got all the money-Three cents, mammy's, all I stoled. Course I knowed you'd lick me for it. Lemme tell y' how it come-Then perhaps you'll whip me easy. 'Less you've been a-drinkin' rum

I was dreadful tired walkin'---Seemed as like as not I'd drop ; So I stopped to rest a minute, Right afore a baker's shop. Suthin' gripped me in the stummick At the sight o' things to eat : Cause I hadn't struck it lucky Findin' scraps along the street

No! not yet-just wait a minute Till I tell y', then you may. Since you gave me that pertater 1 ain't had a bite to-day : And them crullers looked so temptin'. I got crying where I stood-Never tasted nothin' like 'em, Duit I knowed they must be good.

Then I seed two girls a-comin'-They was just about my size-Dressed so nice and warm and handsome With such purty-lookin' eyes ; Watched 'em walk right in so careless Like it wa'n't no harm to do : When I see 'em buyin' crullers I went in and bought some, too

Got three cents' worth-come out tremblin', Kind o' seared at what I'd done ; And a loafin' boy that seen me Snatched 'em out my hand and run, Then I sot down on the curbstone, Feelin' weak and sort o' sick, Till a pleeceman come an' tole me-Get up now, and travel quick!

Lick me now ; but you must give me Just one little bite to est ! I can't stand it 'thout no supper-No! no! no! Don't tie my feet! Oh, that great big stick 'll kill me ! Mammy, I'll be good-I'll try ! Well, then, kill me-please to kill me ! Oh !--- Please, please to let me die !

drowning. I wondered if the workmen "I will; but keep quiet now. [The painful scene I have here en-deavored to portray, says a writer in wembered I would have but three I closed my eyes, and when next I opened them Laura was sitting beside

No one was near to help me. I called

Oh ! the horrid, horrible noises with-

fell short! The fool! why is he so slow? Help! help! He—, O God! the word is finished under the water, hand, with which he struck and killed ine word is finished under the water, and I have choked myself with what I swallowed. This terrible, terrible roar-ing noise ! My head will split asunder ! I have one more chance. If but a hand was near me; if but some one would was near me; if but some one would save me! I cannot die! I cannot die; I am not ready ; it cannot be ! There is light again. oh ! help me !

There comes a boat! Hurry, oh! hurry! How slow they come! O hea-ven! one minute more, but one short —which infested and destroyed the ven! one minute more, but one short —which infested and destroyed the minute! Help! help! Oh! the clum-sy fool! He has lost his oar, and I am the people of Martinique have adopted left to drown !

I won't go down ! I will not die ! Oh, this cursed, yielding water! These garments of lead! I won't go down! Ha! I am rising! No, I cannot feel myself move. But the infernal roar in my head has increased and maddens my head has increased and maddens Why, what is this! Music ! Yes, sweetest, dreamicst music comes stealing upon my senses and drives away my spirit; I am content; my soul is full of peace and rest. This must be

ether, for here I see another world, and twistings ceased, it was found that There are hills and mountains, trees and flowers, and there are men and women walking to and fro. How like the place where first I lived ! Why, it is the self-same place ! I seem to re-member that little boy who runs about the start of the self same place is the same place is the self same place the street. Ah, I thought so ! He is St. Lucia to render it necessary for the myself. Follow him! See him pinch the lame boy, push over the little girl at the corner, worry the old blind sol-an hour if the uncovered flesh is bitten. dier ! Yes, I did all that ! They were funny then, but they seem fearfully to death or poisoned is generally open cruel now. 1 wish I had never been so to the traveler in tropical America, some

Clothing for Cold Weather.

feet !

me. She kissed me, saying : me. She kissed me, saying ' "Can you forgive me, Frank ?" Yes, I could forgive her love. "How did you know I was jealous of some Jessie ?" she asked. "I saw it all," I answered, "when I was drowned."

# Snakes in South America.

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There are a good many venomous snakes in Central America and the West India Islands. The rattlesnake abounds They had but to throw out a board or a rope and I would be saved. They must have seen and heard me fall. Will they be ready now? O God! have mercy and send me help! There is a man with a rope! Ah ! It fell short! The fool! why is he so

Martinique is rather peculiar. It flour-Father in heaven, help, shed there to such an extent that of late years every cane-piece that was cut was accountable for at least one death

another member of the snake brotherhood-a non-poisonous but very vo-

devils within my ears. They yell like tortured souls in hell! Louder it grows! to be a rat-tail snake a few index louder it is a source of the than himself. The most marvelous thing is that the rat-tail appears to become quite paralyzed, and his poison, if used, has no effect on the other snake. the hordes of Satan. 'Tis sweeter, this, than life. Am I in heaven? No water thrown alive into a bottle of white rum. covers me ; no dread or fear rests upon As he struggled in death, a curious phenomenon arose ; he appeared to grow longer, commencing at his head, the heaven, but I am all alone. I must have floated in the invisible At last, when the struggles, gyrations,

The choice between being squeezed

under the sun meet with.

Felix Grundy M'Connell.

came to the Twenty-eighth Congress, says a writer in Harper's Magazine,

was Felix Grundy M'Connell, of Miss-

sissippi. He was a man of humble

origin, and by trade a harness-maker.

He had a reputation at home for a kin l

Among the many odd characters who

of the constrictor snakes being of Follow him still. He drinks and enormous size and strength, Picking

### Polish Convicts in Siberia.

A St. Petersburg letter to the London The usual dress is sufficient in quantity, and often good in quality, but it is very badly distributed. There is too much about the trunk, and too little about the lower extremities. If one-quarter of the heavy woolen overcoat or shawl were were taken from the trunk, and wrapped about the legs, it would prove a great gain. When we men ride in the cars or in the sleigh, where do we suffer ? About the legs and feet. When women suffer from the cold, where is it? It is about the legs and

The legs and feet are down near the floor, where the cold current moves. The air is so cold near the floor that all prudent mothers say, "Don't lie there, Peter; get up; Jerusha Ann, play on the sofa, you will take your death cold lying there on the floor." And they are quite right. If the room be well ventilated, the air down near the floor is very much colder than it is up about ourheads. And it is in that cold stratum of air that our feet and legs are constantly. Besides this, the feet and legs, on ac-

count of their being so far away, and on account of their size, with the air all about them, are disposed to be top cold, even without being in a colder atmosphere.

Under all these circumstances, men wear one thickness of wool and cotton, and one thickness of black broadcloth about his legs, and three or four times they often add an immense pad called a "Chest Protector." And women indulge in a full greater contrast.

Without discussing this blunder fur- try to work out the political and social perience during more than thirty years

fully endorse. During the damp and cold season, the legs should be encased in very thick changed every day), and the shoe soles must be as broad as the feet when fully spread, so that the blood shall have free passage. If the feet are squeezed in the least, the circulation is checked, and coldness is inevitable. The free circulation cannot be secured by a loose upper with a narrow sole. If, when the foot stands naked on sheet of paper, it measures three and a half inches, the sole must measure three and a half.

I will suppose you have done all this faithfully, and yet your feet and legs are cold. Now add more woolen, or if you are to travel much in the cars, or in a sleigh, procure a pair of chamois skin or wash leather 'drawers, which I have found to be most satisfactory.

• I have known a number of ladies af-flicted with hot and aching head, and other evidence of congestion about the

A Curious Custom Among the Kabyles. There is a very carious custom pre-valent among the Kabyles called the anaya, which they all equally respect.

Advocate.

Standard, contains the following : "The convicts in Siberia are divided into two categories, those condemned to hard labor, and those who are sent as settlers, and with very few ex-ceptions, the exiled Poles now belong authority of any constituted power, every Kabyle has the right to give it. Not only is the foreigner or stranger who traveles in Kabylia under the protection of the anaya, free from inclease during this journer but he to the latter division, in consequence of the frequent occasions on which their punishment has been mitigated within the last ten years. As settlers, they are free to do as they like, so long as they violence during his journey, but he is also temporarily able to brave the ven-geance of his enemies or the penalty remain within the limits of the locality to which they are assigned. It is now proposed that those among them whose lue for an anterior crime. The Kabyles conduct has been satisfactory should be rarely confer it on people who are un-known to them ; they only give it once allowed to go back to their native coun-try, provided they can return at their to a fugitive; they regard it as worth-less if it has been sold, and any one own expense, and are able to find the

who obtains it by stratagem incurs the penalty of death. In order to prevent means of subsistence at home. There is one other condition-mamely, that the head of the administration of their native district should not object to their fraud the anaya is usually made known by an ostensible sign. The person who confers it delivers at the same time, and return. The Poles in exile are very different from their countrymen at home. Once in Siberia, those who are as an extra guarantee, an object well known to belong to him, such not kept at hard labor soon become or a stick. Sometimes he sends one of useful members of society. Political agitators forget their dreams of personal his servants, or even accompanies his protege himself. The value of the anaya is in proportion to the quality of ambition and their plans for making the person who gives it. Coming from a Kabyle of an inferior position, it will be respected in his village and in the immediate neighborhood; but if it is people happy by putting them through

a course of constant agitation. They have to work, and they do it. Their have to work, and they do it. Their labor is well paid, and if they do not live comfortably as bonest workmen, it is their own fault. The long journey is always a pinful trial to them, and as much about their chests ; and now when they reach their place of destination they find labor of any kind a relief. Some of them, it is true, continue their old habits of intrigue for a time, and

ther, I will give you a little practical advice, which my observations and ex-perience during more than thirty years utter inutility of such a course, and set-

tle down into good subjects. Those who have any skill get on very well. As thick woolen drawers, the feet in thick woolen stockings (which must be ways show superior knowledge and ways show superior knowledge and taste, and 'Polish work' in Siberia means superior workmanship. Seeing this, those who do not know any trade soon learn one. We have heard of a Pole who could do nothing ; but as he must either be content with the miserable pittance allowed by Government of two pence a day, or turn his hand to some useful occupation, he tried boot-making, but that did not succeed ; then he turned his attention to sausages, and

made them so well that he sold as many as he could manufacture. At Irkutsk the best shops are kept by the Poles. There are undout tedly many who cannot become sausage-makers or shop-keepers, but for those who would more willingly work with their heads than

pens, but tradition has, nevertheless, preserved to posterity a memorable extheir hands there are careers open. Euample of it. As the story runs, a friend gineers and doctors find ready employment, and indeed Polish medical men upper parts, who were completely re-lieved by a pair of chamois skin draw-ers and broad soled shoes. Three ladies in every four suffer from some congestion in the upper part of the body. It is felt in a fullness of the body. It is felt in a fullness of the have a high reputation in Siberia.

as a gun

tion of his anaya being disrespected. It

is extremely rare that that ever hap-

el-Kelba, "The village of the dog."

The Adirondack Wilderness.

value of the land for cultivation.

The Gentleman's Magazine.

The French Assembly has passed the bill increasing President MacMahon's salary.

The anaya is both a passport and a safe conduct, with this difference, that in-stead of its being delivered by the legal erally travel in cog."

Gordon, the convicted Thorndike murderer, says now that he would rather be hanged than imprisoned

Persons with small capital are ad-vised to take a three-acre sand patch in Virginia and raise \$5,000 worth of peanuts on it.

Whooping-cough is afflicting the adults in Trinity County, Cal., to an annoying extent, and the children are laughing at them.

Gov. Newton Booth received sixty votes in the California Legislature, and was elected to the United States Senate for the full term.

Three men were lost in the woods near Cheboygan, Michigan, recently, and subsisted for an entire week on basswood sprouts.

The Massachusetts Commissioners offer prizes of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 for the best for a State Prison to "accommodate" 1,000 prisoners.

A postmaster sent to an inquirer a letter which reads: "I Received your Lines & To the Best of My Noleg thair given by a man who is esteemed in an adjoining tribe, it will be renewed by a Has Never Bin eney such Letter com to this offes. friend, who will substitute his own for

Mr. H. J. Dunlap, an Illinois farmer, t, and so on until the traveler reaches has warmed his house and done all his cooking for two years by natural gas which he discovered on his farm in borthe end of his journey. If it is given by a Marabout, its value is unlimited. While a Kabyle chief can only give his ing a well for water.

protection within the circle of his own government, the safe-conduct of a Mar-about reaches even to places where his The Massachusetts Dental Society has adopted the following resolution: Re-solved, That in the opinion of the Masname is unknown. Whoever is the bearachusetts Dental Society, the use of chloroform is not advisable. er of it can travel all through Kabylia without fear of molestation, whatever

Have the courage to cut the most may be the number of his enemies or greeable acquaintance you have when the nature of their grievances against him. He will only have to present himself to the Marabouts of the differon are convinced he lacks principle. A friend should bear with a friend's ent tribes, and each will hasten to do nfirmities." but not his vices. ionor to the anaya of the preceding

A wooden railroad is suggested to Marabout, and replace it by his own. A connect Clinton, Iowa, with the coal mines at Knoxville. It is to be con-structed of wood entirely, even to Kabyle has nothing so much at heart as the inviolability of his anaya. In giving it he engages not only his own personal wooden rails and wooden car wheels. honor but also that of his relatives, his

friends, his village, and, in fact, the tribe to which he belongs. A man who A family of six persons in Fort Wayne, Ind., has been reduced within a short time to a single member by a would not be able to find a friend to aid him in avenging himself for a personal mysterious disease, which is supposed insult, could cause the entire population to have been caused by using impure of his village to rise if it were a ques- water.

The editor of a Colorado paper was asked by a stranger "if it were possible that that little town kept up four newspapers," and the reply was : "No; it takes four newspapers to keep up the of a Zouaoui presented himself one day at his house and asked for the anaya.

Two Kentucky clergymen have been In the master's absence, the wife, who was rather embarrassed, gave the fugi- experimenting to see how cheaply a tive a dog which was well known in that part of the country. Shortly after he had left, the dog, covered with blood, returned alone. The inhabitants of the will see now entripy a man can support his family. One re-ports that he does it at \$1 a head per week, and the other claims to have given "good, plain food" for ninety village assembled, and, following the cents each member per week. The West don't seem to be a better traces of the animal, discovered the traveler's body. They declared war to place for workingmen than the East. A Denver editor says that a wagonful of the tribe upon whose territory the crime had been committed, a great deal of coal stood for twenty minutes in front blood was shed, and the village which of his office, and he had not less than was compromised in the quarrel bears twenty applications to unload it from men anxious to carn half a dollar. even to this day the name of Dacher-et-

# Items of Interest.

NO. 45.

## WHEN I WAS DROWNED.

For the third time I had called on Laura Mansfield, and for the third time the servant had met me with, "Miss Mansfield is not at home to Mr. Talbot,' and I had turned away from the door What this all meant I was at a loss to conjecture. When I heard it the first time I was puzzled and amazed; the

next time pained ; but now I was maddened, and felt that it had been intended as an insult. "Not at home to Mr. Talbot ! Pleasant message from the woman who had promised to be my wife, was it not? Why, it was but a week ago that she

had placed her face to mine, and conshe was very happy because I loved her : and now she was "not at home !"

I had known Laura Mansfield for many years before I asked her to be my wife. So far as the world judges, I was her equal in family and in wealth, as well as in intellectuality. I say "so far as the world judges," because I do not judge men and women as the world of fashion does. That man would be a very shallow one, in my opinion, who could think of measuring his love against aught but the woman's love for him.

I loved Laura and loved her truly. I was no weak, puling boy, full of crude fancies of love, but an earnest man, who knew why he loved and trusted. She was a woman, guided by her reason and her love; not a giddy, capricious girl. But we differed in that I was somewhat sluggish in thought and decision, while she was impetuous in her decisions.

I tried to recall every word and look of our last evening together, but could remember nothing that would give me a clue to her present action, and for the hundredth time in the last few days to her again? was forced to give it up.

"Not at home" to me! Very well, I would not trouble her to send the mes- what I have. I hear the sage again. The world would wag on much as it had done, and men's lives it. were made of tougher material than to sweet ! "Tis full of rest and perfect be withered by a woman's frown. While peace. A delicious languor creeps upthese thoughts were running through my .nind I had walked on and on, paying but little heed to my steps until I passed the village, followed the lane leading to the river, and stopped only when I reached its bank.

I was aroused from my reverie by the brain ! sound of the busy hammers of the nerve ! O God ! have pity. They come bridge builders, and I threw myself under a tree and watched them hew and match the timbers and planks, and then raise them to their places. The hum of the workmen's voices had a cneery sound in it, and at last led me to go out among them.

I picked my way among the timbers carefully, and was almost at the end of the completed part, when I fancied I heard my name spsken by some one on shore. I turned, without thinking of my eyes. where I was, missed my step upon the plank, had time to call for help, and the next instant was under the water.

It seemed an age to me before I arose again. Down, down, down I went in the greenish water, and then, without any apparent cause, I began to rise. The water hurt my eyes, and there was a roaring noise in my ears as if a thousand cannon were thundering in discord upon every side of me. But my think ing faculties were unclouded, and my mind was busy turning over and recal-lung all that I had read or heard of what who Jessie is. men should do who were in danger of

swears and gambles. Follow him! stop him ! Oh, if I had never done finding the log you are about to step these things ! But he goes on to worse His life is all bad. It was my yet. life, my own evil life. If I but had it to live again !

But his heart is not all bad. See him kneel beside that maiden and swear to live a better life! Love has touched his heart, and love is but another name for God. He strives hard to conquer nimself; he is succeeding slowly. There he sits beside the woman he loves. Yes,

it is Laura and myself. My face is trustful and happy, but Laura's is somewhat suspicious, I hear our words, and I am living over again my last night with her. There, a letter drops on the floor, but I do not think it is mine, and I turn to go with "good night" on my lips. Before I close the door I turn around, and there is a bitter, scornful smile upon her face. What could that letter have been? It was not mine. Hold ! It must have been the one I lost and had forgotten until now. I saw it fall, but thought it dropped from Laura's hand. I ought to have remembered it before. It was from my old friend Jessie King, and I thought I had put it on my table.

That must have been the letter Laura

commanding presence when sober, and found ; yes, and it accounts for her subwith the generous forbearance which sequent behavior. The letter was but generally characterizes the House of a line : "Dear Frank, I will wait for Representatives, his irregularities were you at H-, Saturday." Laura must regarded with much sympathy and commiscration. Congress has always have supposed Jessie was a lover, while she is really married to my Cousin een remarkable for this trait in its John. character. During Jackson's first term

"Saturday ?" When will Saturday here came to Washington, from South come, I wonder? She will not find me Carolina, a man of brilliant parts and there, And Laura? She will learn, fluished education, who brought with some day, that Jessie was but my friend. him a high reputation acquired at the How remorseful she will be! And bar. Much was expected from him. mother, poor old mother I what will she and on several occasions he addressed do when they tell her I am never coming the House with great pertinence and

force. But having no domestic ties, and released from the social censorship Ah ! life, life, you were pleasant and bright, but if this is death, give me that had a restraining influence upon heavenly him at home, he was unable to resist music once more, and my spirit turns to the temptations to which men so placed How sweet; how enchantingly are always exposed at Washington, and before the end of his term he had sunk down to the level of the lowest deon my sonl, envelops me, wooes me to sleep. Oh, horrors ! What was that ? There

bauchee. He was popular with his people, but his dissipations and his utter neglect of his public duties were it is again. Can I be in hell? Millions too flagrant to be overlooked, and it They are of devils are torturing me, was determined to supercede him by a creeping into my lungs, my heart, my more respectable man. In order to Now they pierce my every gather sufficient evidence of his irregularities to insure his rejection by his in myriads ! They pour hot lead in my constituents, a committee was sent to veins, they dance upon me, and their Washington for that purpose ; but alfeet are full of hot irons that pierce me though his intemperate habits and utter through and through. Have pity, disregard of the decencies of life were Lord, have pity! Oh! they grow more cruel! Let me out of this! Away notorious in Washington, known to hackmen, other citizens', and members from me! By Heaven, I will meet the of Congress alike, the committee was very prince of devils hand to hand ! -1 unable to procure the necessary proof not be here, bound and tortured. thereof, and he was re-elected to the next Congress. Poor M'Connell ! he came to a tragi-

Unhand me ! I made a glorious fight. I-I opened

'Mother !" I cried.

" Jessie who ?"

" Jessie King.

" Yes.'

cal end during the recess. His disso-I was not in hell, though the torments lute habits left him in a necessitous were real. I was lying on the bank of condition, and he had not the means of the river, and men were rubbing me, returning to his family. After a proforcing air into my lungs, and doing all tracted debauch, terminating in a fit of they could do to call me back to life. delirium tremens, he shot himself One of them saw my sychids open. "Hurrah ! he's all right," he shouted ; through the head, and died in the prime of life. and in a short time I was at home with loving friends ministering to me.

A Titusville paper says: "A man called at one of our shoe stores and vainly essayed to get on either number "Send word to Laura and tell her 11, 12, and 13 shoes. The storekeeper then suggested that he should put on a thiner pair of stockings and try on the

your steps through a swampy bit, and upon is an enormous boa constrictor; the heart, torpid liver, and or having undressed in a shady nook to other ways. It is well known that a hot revel in a mountain stream, the thermometer at a hundred in the shade, to foot bath will relieve for the time being any and all of these difficulties. The find yourself pursued by a little waterbath draws the blood into the legs and snake (they are always ready to fight), feet, relieving the congestion above. What the hot foot bath does for an with death for a dozen strong men in his fangs; or, instead of a mellow hour, the broad soled shoes, with thick guava, you put your hand on a tree-snake-are some of the pleasing adven-

woolen stockings and a pair of flannel drawers, with a pair of wash leather drawers added, will do permanently. tures (to read about) which wanderers Of course I am speaking of cold weather. No one hesitates to multiply the

clothing about the trunk. Why hesitate to increase the clothing about the legs? As a preventive of many common affections about the chest, throat and head, including nasal catarrh, I know nothing so effective as the dress of the lower extremities which I am advocating.

of rough and ready extemporaneous The bath is a good thing, exercise is a good thing, friction is a good thing, but, after all, our main dependence in speaking, which sailors call slack-jaw, and was said to have uncommon power this climate must ever be, during the among the people. But he was so far gone in the lowest kind of dissipation cold season, warm clothing. Already we overdo this about our trunks, but when he was elected to Congress that he soon b came a mere drunken buffoor. not one person in ten wears clothing He was a man of fine appearance and

## New York Harbor.

The harbor defenses of New York, says a local paper, awaken special interest at a time when a war with a foreign country has been the possible result of difficulties. The narrow neck of Long Island Sound is commanded by Fort Schuyler, at Throgg's Neck, on the opposite side by the fort at Willett's Point. Both of these are well adapted for the heaviest guns. Fort Columbus keeps guard on Governor's Island. On the Long Island shore, near the Narrows, stands Fort Hamilton, with its batteries, where repairs and improvements have been going on all through the past season. Just opposite, covering the hill on Staten Island, and surrounded by an imposing array of earthworks and defenses, is Fort Tompkins. The guns in use are the heaviest ordnance in the service, and the works are believed protect thoroughly the entrance of to the harbor. Plans have been made for a casemated battery for heavyordnance on the site of Fort Lafayette, which, being so near the channel of the Narrows, would be a serious bar to the passage of any hostile fleet! The batteries at Sandy Hook command the anchorage ground in the lower bay; and, though not fitted for heavy work, as the chan nel runs near them, they would prevent an enemy's fleet from lying inside, and thus sailing up the Narrows,

A California farmer, being greatly annoyed by the myriads of squirrels which infest his promises, recently pulverized an ounca of strychnine and boiled it in one-third of a pint of vinegar, thus thoroughly dissolving the poison. Then he added six quarts of water, and this mixture he invited the squirrels to drink. They appear to have besieged an old rusty milk-pan in which the decoction was exposed. There were eight-

een dead the first day, within a radius of five rods, twelve the second day, thirty-two the next day, and hope of further extermination had not vanished.

Two children sent out after the cows at Coon Creek, Wis., were lately eaten up by bears.

body. It is felt in a fulness of the notwithstanding the prohibition, it is head, in sore throat, in palpitation of well known that educated Poles are enin many gaged as teachers in the families of some of the most important functionaries in Siberia, and they are never known to abuse the confidence reposed in them."

### The Pilot Fish.

Sharks, says a writer, appear to have teen noses; a piece of meat overboard in a sharky place is never left long un-They smell or detect in some touched. way-and as I should imagine they are not very nice in their palate, the probability is in favor of the nose being the organ of discovery-anything objection-able, no matter how deftly concealed. It is often admiringly stated as a fact that sharks are preceded by a little fish to act as pilot to the animal's prey. No doubt there is a considerable amount of sagacity displayed by this pilot-fish; they are not, however, the disinterested creatures our authors would have us believe.

The fact is, the pilot-fish is nothing more than a parasite of the shark. He is a scaleless fish, from one to three feet in length, and is provided with a enough about their legs and feet.—*Dio* Lewis.

ably beyond the upper. He gives one the idea of an eel with his head put on upside down ; but the use of such a formation is evident : he attaches himself to the shark at the angle or opening of the jaw by his sucker, and with his projecting shovel under-lip catches the morsels which drop from his master's mouth as he chews. Thus it happens that, there being only two convenient points of attachment on the shark's head, he is seldom accompanied by more than two fish. As to these fish themselves, their power of suction is so great that a moderate-sized one will draw blood through a man's skin if allowed to attach itself. Eel-like, they remain active for a long time out of their native element, and can be made to adhere to any object for many minland has gone back to its original state utes. The writer on one occasion tried of wildness than has been reclaimed by the strength of one of them, about the hand of civilization. Certainly i eighteen inches long, by allowing it to attach itself to a gun-case, with a country from the axe of the pioneer. double-barreled gun and paraphenalia within. Lifting the fish by the tail, it raised the gun and case easily, and afterwards bore the addition of several heavy books without giving way. The appearance of the sucker is somewhat ike a gridiron.

## Wild Horses of the West.

on the prairies between the Arkansas and Smoky Hill rivers. They are of all sizes and colors, and are the wildest of all wild animals. They usually roam in bands of from six to twenty, and will run at sight of a man two miles away. A great many domestic horses as well

untamed companions. Various methods have been adopted to capture these aboriginal horses, but they have generally proved fruitless. A scrubby colt or a broken down mule is as a general thing the only reward for all the time, labor, and expense in such visionary schemes.

A shoal of herring, so vast and dense as to be almost a compact mass, recent ly swam into the harbor at Waterford Ireland, and the fishermen caught them by the netfull. The total catch was

immense, cart loads being taken into Some time ago two gentlemen were passing a little clearing in the Adiron-lack wilderness, in Northern New sent to England.

York, in which a man was endeavoring A lad in Worcester, Mass., has been to raise a little corn, which was strugfined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$14.50, gling up amid the rocks. "Poor man," they said, "he is to be pitied; what a hard life he has of it." The man overfor stealing a sopy of a newspaper from thedoor of a subscriber. In passing sentence the Judge said it was not the heard them, and looking up, leaning mere market value of the goods stolen his face on his hoe handle, said: that called for severe punishment, but "Don't pity me; I ain't so poor as you the great annoyance attending such petthink I am ; I own but five acres ; pity ty pilfering.

my neighbor over there—he owns five hundred." Mr. Headley, who was one Mrs. Workman, the wife of a Baptist preacher, charged with the murder, of the first to explore this region, says some time since, of a lady of whom she that this is a fair illustration of the was jealous, was acquitted, after a trial

lasting several days. The parties live in Eureka, Ill. Mrs. Workman is said Following the Rackett River down for hundred miles, and you find only two to have believed the woman whe was of the four or five new clearings are inmurdered to have been intimate with tended to be turned into farms. The her husband. rest are for the hunter and tourist.

Lignine is a chemical substance Striking back from the great water which is found in old rags and other courses, you have at one extremity unattractive articles, from which tempt-Brown's tract, once laid out for a large ing syrups for the table are extracted. settlement, now little more than a clear-Sulphuric acid is the dangerous eleing ; and in the center, the Adirondack ment in these seductive articles, and no Iron Works, where were forges, shops, warehouses, a store, church, school house, and some fourteen dwelling person with a proper regard for his in-testines can abide it. But what can be done in these days of adulteration to houses, all occupied ; now all are silent correct these evils ? Everybody canand deserted, save one building. in which dwells a Scotch family. They have lived alone for the last fifteen not go about with chemicals in his pockets to test such deleterious subyears. A deserted village, it is slowly stances. As for the concoctors of cantankerous syrups, let no mercy be shown falling into ruins in this far solitude. In the last thirty or forty years more them.

## A Friend in Need.

"Confidence," says the proverb, "is park is not needed to protect such a plant of slow growth." is, perhaps, best not to grow it all in the Aus-The only thing that directly or intralian bush, judging from the follow-incident related by a Melbourne paper. directly can effect the destruction of these forests is the Adirondack Railroad. It goes through the heart of the A certain person was traveling through wilderness, and it has a grant of land a lonely district, when he heard a great outery. Thinking bushrangers were at work, he fired off a pistol to intimidate from the State a mile in width on each side, making a belt two miles wide. This, of course, in time will be swept them, and presently the noise ceased Indirectly it will have a still and a scampering was heard. ing to the open ground, the traveler discovered a man tied to a tree. " Oh, sir," cried the victim, I am so glad you of which is not known, nor will be till have come. I have been attacked by it becomes more accessible. There is rufflans, and they were robbing me literally an iron dam across the Adiron- when they heard your pistol." dack River here. Now let these mines be worked, and the hard-wood timber that forms so large a part of the forest, me so very tightly." "And did they for my money, which I placed in my left boot." "How fortunate," observed

One evening a tender swain said to his "sweetness," "Some of these fall-able?" Over a thousand, thank heaven," ing stars seem to leave behind them a said the poor man, "Are you sure they bright path, as if they were celestial are gone?" asked the other. "Oh, messengers flying earthward, the dust certain." The new comer looked around of heaven falling from their feet, and making a track of light behind." To said coolly, "Well, as they're gone, I making a track of light behind." To which the maid replied : "They allers make me think about the circus man he proceeded to rob the unfortunate that swallowed fire.' victim

more disastrous effect on the forest, for Large numbers of wild horses abound it will lay open to the market the vast mineral wealth of this region, the extent their owners, have taken up with the and is now useless, will be used for rob you of everything?" "And did they wild ones. After running with them charcoal for the manufacture of iron." for awhile they become as wild as their

of trees.

The King of Dahomey has joined the Ashantees against England,