The Men of Note Who Live in Jacksonville, Ill.—Blind William Milburn, Sol Smith Russell, Father Stribling and Others.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial writes as follows from Jacksonville, Ill.: Jacksonville is a surprise to strangers. They do not expect to see in a new prairie State a town embowered in elms, and showing evidences of culture and refinement. Jacksonville is a rich, proud, aristocratic city.

Among the many persons of Jackson-ville noted for their wealth, eccentricities or intellect, William Milburn, the blind preacher, has more than local celebrity. In this town his boyhood was passed here he pored over the text books of our college, taking in knowledge painfully, a word at a time, through his one failing eye. He was for years an eloquent Methodist preacher, and became known widely by his appointment as chaplain of the Congress of the United States when a mere stripling. He was afterward pastor of rich churches in Eastern cities, but left the church of his youth and became an Episcopalian. He possessed a wonderful memory and a deep, rich voice. It was a sight to be remem bered when he came from the vestry room, clad in his snowy gown, his figure commanding and his face grand, and without book or prompting, although he is now perfectly blind, went through the service as never a reader did before. In the course of his sermon I once heard him repeat "Rock of Ages," No idea can be given of the pathos and fire of this recitation as he gave it. The audience were in tears; the rector in whose stead Mr. Milburn was acting wept audibly. The old Methodist magnetic fire dwelt in the blind preacher, and moved Episcopalians as it had formerly moved the followers of Wesley. After a brief and brilliant career in the Church of England, Mr. Milburn returned to his first form of worship, and, as an humble Methodist, intends to finish in Jacksonville his life and life's work.

Jacksonville is also the home of Sol Smith Russell, the facial comedian, known by all lovers of fun. Here he always comes in summer time, and spends his vacation in his early home. He is a young man of good habits and a generous heart. His parents, being conscientions Christians, opposed his choosing the stage. Convinced it was his field of life, he went out of his home followed by a mother's prayers. Presents come often to the old couple; they are made comfortable by their actor son. Off the stage, when not acting the fool professionally, Sol is a dignified young gentleman, and is received into the best circles of society in this prim town. His new wife (Oliver Optic's daughter, of Boston) is a handsome literary young lady, of whom Jacksonville is very proud.

In Jacksonville old Peter Cartright,

now gone to his reward, once lived. This ecentric backwoods preacher was like Bill Means' dog, "when he took hold, heven and varth couldn't make him let He was a stout, short man, dressed homespun, and wore a very broadbrimmed gray felt hat. He took very short steps, and leaned on a knotty hickory stick. His face was round and brown, and was covered by large knots of warts. His hair was worn short, and stood on end. His lower lip projected, and his blue eyes I never saw melted or tearful, but always looked pugnacious and warlike. Into heaven by some means he was determined men should go If they would not follow the musical inkle of the bell wether, they should be driven and whipped into eternal life, In this strange manner I suppose he

ing, in his peculiar, slow, drawling man-ner: "Have you any considerable quantity of that finely pulverized and dark colored compound which will, if

two stout mules. He never had anything to do with bookkeeping. He kept the whole of his immense business in his head. It was his boast that he had never forgotten or failed to meet an engagement or made a mistake in his menwhich laconic message he drove rapidly property.

away to a cattle sale. John T. Alexander, another noted cat-tle man, the owner of the celebrated

Morgan county court house, in Jackson-ville, stands a bronze figure of justice blindfolded. At the trial of William Robinson for the murder of the Hon. Murray McConnell, a few years ago, the occasion, and that gentleman, very much ladies' sympathies were all with the flattered, judged it wise to embroider young prisoner, and in spite of the testi- his discourse with an excessively pommony the jury returned a verdict of acquittal. The ladies had, during the whole trial, surrounded the prisoner's thought it only polite to applaud his recounsel by loads of flowers, and by every marks, and immediately made a great means showed their interest and feelings in the case. But the morning after the murderer's release it was found that some just and indignant citizen had climbed to the tower and placed in one side of justice's uplifted scales great bunches of flowers, which weighed down one side, while the other stood high and

A young Parisian, noted for the numempty. It was one of the most wither- ber of duels in which he acted as a ing surcasms I ever saw. Robinson second, was called on by a friend to wit-could not have been acquitted but for the ness his signature in the marriage regisinfluence the flowers and applause of the try. Before the ceremony was performed

came to this State from Kentucky early no way of preventing this sad occurence, in life. After his death in battle, his widow was married to Chancellor Walworth, and his daughter being married ture authorizing railroad conductors to to Walworth's son, was the mother of stop trains and put off everybody Frank Walworth, who murdered his playing cards for money or using ob-

wick," etc., a few years ago. The old house, from whose doorway Hardin went at the head of his company, accompanied by fife and drum, is yet standing, and Illinois treasures proudly the memory of the gallant dead. Dick Yates, Illinois' the gallant dead. Dick Yates, Illinois' they marry men, and men only marry war governor, afterward United States women." Miss Smith beat a hasty re-Senator, lived in Jacksonville. Here his treat,-Puck. family live, in a rose-wreathed brick man-sion, surrounded by spacious grounds.

#### A Night in a Japanese Inn.

We entered the village, which was once a city containing over a million in-habitants, and put up at a native hotel, kept in native style. Obeying the custom of undressing the feet, we passed many guests sitting on mats and mak-ing the chopsticks fly in a way that would make an American envious even in a railroad eating house. Upstairs we went, and were shown into a room whose walls consisted merely of paper, partitioning one room from another, which were scrupulously clean. Ordering supper and some native wine, we were quickly served by a rather goodlooking maid. While waiting the result of our order, we were served with "tidbit" pastry and with some sack-ee; also a bowl containing live coals, together with pipes; after which, giving us time for a smoke, the courses began with fish, not cooked enough for our taste; then eggs, chicken, sweet potatoes, rice and tea, No bread was served us, nor butter but, as the tea was remarkably fine, and as the eggs, though small, were duly seasoned with rock salt, we made a good meal, rendered awkward by lack of experience in using the chopsticks, which were pencil shaped, and using by holdor pressing the food between the the guests meanwhile peeping through the partitions and giggling at our frantic efforts to eat gracefully. While eating supper, the governor of the place sent a constable to obtain our names and residence, that we might be under police protection, we being the first white men that ever spent a night in the place. Supper being over, we took a short walk through the town, and, as there were many pilgrims in the place all others. who had never seen a Cancasian before, we were the "observed of all observers," especially our friend, an Englishman, who is six feet two inches in his stocking feet, and was a giant among them. Going back to the hotel, our friend asked us if we wished a bath and shampoo. Answering in the affirmative, he gave the order, and hearing a low and somewhat sad whistle, which we had heard both by day and by night in Yokohama—which, though it had excited our curiosity, we had failed to inquire the reason of the control of the cont us if we wished a bath and shampoo. of—he went into the street and brought in a blind man, who, he said, was to do the shampooing. The bath being ready, we went down stairs and were shown into a room, whose wet floor proved it to be in constant use. After finishing our bath, we donned our gown and returned to our room, where the "blind man" took us in charge. Commencing with our feet, he knuckled us all over, prying in between every joint and muscle of our back and limbs, except the region of the chest, and which, after he was through, made us feel as limber as an acrobat. The sun rose unclouded on the followof-he went into the street and brought

### The Lady of Seven Watches.

Early in the month of February, 1823, died Mrs. Traverse, in England. This really succeeded in hounding and scoung- singular character was ninety years old really succeeded in hounding and seourging a multitude of souls into the sweet fields of Eden before he passed into the peaceful land.

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such as to amaze the whole neighborhood. Mrs. Traverse's daughter died many years before her mother, since which Jacob Strawn was at one time the largest cattle dealer and land owner in the State. He weighed 300 pounds, and drove about in a low bugey drawn by theater a crowded house was the sure consequence. The managers of country person, and dressed more gaudily than tal computation of interest and principal. He was very gruff, always in a hurry. His courtship was governed by desirous of attracting notice and to have this haste and brusqueness: "My it believed that she was very rich. Her name is Jacob Strawn-I haven't time to manners were coarse in the extreme, her waste—I want to marry you; think about it, and give me your answer when I come back this way to-morrow." After cious, and possessed of a handsome

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