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### Ebb and Flow.

Life throbs with tides that ebb and flow, With things that come, and things that go, The mists that rise when morn is fair, That rise and float, then melt in air, Are not more transient in their stay Than are the hours that speed away. For often life seems like a dream-So quickly flash with glance and gleam, A thousand things that come and go, And cause the tides to ebb and flow.

A sad, sweet strain that's borne along By breath of wind: a bit of song, A few fond words when dear friends meet; The music of a laugh that's sweet; The sympathy that prompts a sigh A winstake face that passes by: Brief Joys, that stay their little while, A kindly glance, a loving smile, These ever come and ever go, And like the tides they obb and flow.

A lovely landscape, fair and bright, One moment seen, then lost to sight The gorgeous clouds at set of sun, That crown the day when it is done The frosty pictures on the pane. That fade and come, and fade again; The earling smoke that floats away; A snow wreath on a winter's day: All these like waves that ebb and flow, With ceaseless throb still come and go.

# THAT AWKWARD GIRL.

Colonel Raleigh felt really indignant. The idea of any one's expecting him to dance with that gawky, ill-dressed girl, Julia Pinch !- it was as irritating as it was absurd. However, he had no choice in such a matter, his hostess' will was

So he found himself, with his feet in the first position, opposite the young lady, bowing as he requested the pleasure of the waltz, and in his heart an-athematized both the music and his

Julia Pinch was only seventeen, and had the angular, unformed appearance of a younger girl. Her dress was oldfashioned and unbecoming, and as she nervously accepted the flattering proposal of the handsomest man in town, she pulled a torn glove over her red wrist, and stood up expectant, with as little grace certainly as was well con-

The first round of the dance was exquisite torture to the gallant colonel nuspeakable, but scarcely definable, delight to the girl. It was such an unexpected honor for her, poor little neg-lected wall-flower! Her invitation to this her first ball had been altogether

She knew no one, and her coming had been brought about by a singular concatenation of circumstances, which she afterwards called "fate." She was an orphan and lived with her old aunt, whose stinginess increased with her

Miss Deborah Brown was respected in Hillsborough, but her visiting days were over, and she had far away elderly cousin, who, in passing existence. He was remaining for the eye rested carelessly upon the awkward ing her that a dance was to celebrate girl who had retreated into the furthest her birthday.

corner of the room during his visit. With a good-natured impulse he took ball ticket from his pocket, and, throwing it down upon the table, said: "There, young lady; if you like to

go I'll fetch you at 8 o'clock!" And so, to Julia's intense surprise, she was to make one of the select company invited to the officers' ball.

Aunt Deborah had strange ideas of the fitness of things, and it is not, per- on his account we must have some. haps, very remarkable that Julia's appearance was scarcely creditable even to her position. The best-chosen toilet would have

scarcely redeemed her awkwardness; delightful, a perfect dear!" but with the old-fashioned garment her relative had had "made over for her," and ill-fitting gloves and boots, she was as little beautiful as she was ever destined to be. Colonel Raleigh's anger calmed down

somewhat as, after the first round of the come into a fine estate." dance was over, his partner, more at her ease, proved to be an admirable waltzer. She was light as a feather, and her step | To her this man had been the idealized was so springy and free that in his own mind he reflected that it covered a multitude of sins. He was inclined to patronize her, and

when he led her breathless to her seat, stood for a while beside her, and finally, with a sudden impulse of good nature at which he marveled himself, offered to take her to have some refreshment. Silly little Julia! how her heart beat,

to be sure. She felt ready to shrink into the smallest atom of herself as she walked through the beautiful rooms with her handsome partner.

When he left her at last her eye followed him, and her foolish heart beat high with hope that such another treat might be in store for her; but this was

not to be. The colonel had done his dutymuch more than done it, indeed, he considered-and her light waltzing could not even commend a second experience alone, until Miss Deborah's cousin was young woman. ready to leave. He had promised to see her home and when he came to fetch her, said, good-naturedly:

"Capital ball! Hope you enjoyed

"Yes, indeed, thank you," was the shy response.

"Have you been dancing much ?" "I danced with Colonel Raleigh,"

said Julia, in exultation. "Ah, indeed?" said the elderly cousin, with what she thought scant considera-tion of her bliss. "Well, come along.

Your aunt will think you are lost.' And Julia's first ball ended, and the quiet monotony of her life was to recommence.

Never again, though, to be quite the same, for now Julia had an object in life. This object was to watch for, dream of

One a week the regiment to which he was attached passed her aunt's house.

of the ballroom; for that one moment she endured much.

No persuasion of her aunt could induce her to dress for church, or move

Old Aunt Deborah never imagined any deeper reason for this obstinacy, as she called it, than general admiration of the she credited her.

The colonel never saw her, never once clanced at the house, never even knew over. glanced at the house, never even knew over. where she lived; and, alas! for her, had he known, would not have cared.

of all his lady friends, and was in many

it appeared, he knew nothing and cared nothing, and certainly, had any one pointed out the silly little girl "Deuced pretty girl, that," said the for one dance, which was only remembered by him as an annoyance.

Time passed. The regiment was ordered abroad; its quarters filled by some succeeding corps, and Julia's object in life taken from her, she relapsed once more into the old languid conditions of her life.

Some weeks later, when spring had come and gone, and summer was at its height, Aunt Deborah died, leaving her little property to the lonely girl, whom she had suffered to live with her under a sort of protest. As soon as she was laid in the grave Julia surprised all those whom her sudden inheritance had interested, by declaring her intention of

lived; but I know my own needs, and I intend to learn."

self as parlor-pupil to the Misses Jones, who kept the finishing school in the little town, and who were glad to reof home and every advantage from mas-

ters that her money could procure. There were two other parlor boarders of her own age in the school, and each had their romance. Each had a lover, or a friend who was to become such, but Julia had none. Deep in her girlish heart she treasured the memory of the one man who had come, as it seemed to her, right into her life.

It was the thought of him that stimulated her to self-improvement. In her divinely you dance, Miss day-dreams she imagined meeting him Pinch," said the handsome colonel, as lated her to self-improvement. In her again, when he should be to her what selves. She had been told so often that she was plain and awkward that she bebeen greatly surprised a week be- lieved it; but still in her heart she fore the officers' ball by a call from a hoped that in the future she might, at least, hold her own with others. It was through the town, had remembered her a year since her memorable evening. A school friend of hers, Amy Chase by ball, and, as he took his farewell, his name, had invited her to her house, tell-

> "Not a grand affair, you know," she said—" just a carpet dance."

> Julia telt very little excitement about it: she accepted because she had no reason for declining, and was about to ask some questions as to her dress, when to her intense surprise Amy continued:

"Colonel Raleigh is staying with us, and he is such a man for dancing that "Colonel Raleigh!" exclaimed Julia, involuntarily. "I thought-I thought-"

"Do you know him?" asked Amy, inquisitively. "Isn't he handsome and "I-I don't know," said Julia, hesi-

"Don't know! Well, then of course you can't have seen him," laughed Amy.

No one ever forgets him; but I'll introduce you! He's just sold out and Julia's feelings at this unexpected disclosure can scarcely be conceived,

hero of every day-dream. Now all her languor was gone. Her interest in, in everything connected with the coming event, was intense.

She consulted the leading dressmaker in the town, and put herself into the hands of the hair-dresser, whose exploits were renowned. After all she was to be congratulated in having secured the assistance of real artistes, for

their choice did credit to their taste. Her dress was very simple-white tarlatan over white silk—and by the milliner's advice a bunch of field daisies for joyed it very much." her hair and bosom were her only orna-

ments. "So simple, miss," said the woman, "and simplicity is the best for a young

Julia herself did not know how much she owed her for her suggestion. The awkward, ungainly girl did not realize the change that had transformed her "A what?" asked the colonel, with a to him. So Julia sat, unnoticed and into a sweet-faced and not ungraceful

Her fair hair hung in curls about her neck, the expression of her blue eyes were so childlike and her whole appear ance so modest and retiring that, with the pure white dress, relieved only by the daisies in her hair and bosom, she looked like some lovely child, and might have stood for a representation

of Innocence itself. The finishing touches had been put to her dress by her admiring companions, and she proceeded with a beating heart to her friend's house.

Dancing had already commenced, and Julia, who depended upon her friend's mother as chaperon, waited in an ante-room till Amy should come to felt annoyed as another partner coming

"How lovely you look, Julia!" exclaimed the latter, as she ran in. "You ful the light, girlish figure looked! and romance about the handsome colo- will be the 'belle of the ball,' I de-She turned to her mother, and, introducing her, continued: "Now, mamma, be sure and introduce Colonel On Sundays she knew that for one bliss- Raleigh to Julia. He's just splendid! ful moment she would behold her hero But I hope you can dance, for he will

only take good dancers as his partners; but come along."

The dancing-room was full as they entered, but Julia saw only one figure. from a certain window, until after the event to which she looked forward throughout the six days of the week.

The handsome colonel of her memorable ball, the hero of every day-dream since, was leaning against the mantelshelf, in earnest conversation with a

To Julia's eyes he was handsomer soldiers, which, to her mind, was sufficiently foolish. Had she known the truth she would have considered that Julia had lost the little sense with which | enough. She took a seat, by her friend's

She did not think what a pretty pic-He was a fast man; not bad in the ordinary acceptation of the word, but of no particular principle or character. ture she made as she sat there, all the

respects a very spoiled man, as little likely to think twice of awkward Julia another, always hoping that fate would at last bring her old friend, as she constituted in the standard property of th

me, won't you?" "I've a great mind not to," said his friend, laughing. "I haven't forgotten blushed deeply as she involuntarily put your scowl last year at your own ball, her hand to hide it. when I asked you to dance with that friend of old Lane's."

"Well, I might scowl!" said the colonel, laughing—"that awk-ward girl! You certainly ought to make every amends in your power by giving me a better chance to night." And he followed her across the room to Julia, whose partner had just released her.

"Miss Pinch-Colonel Raleigh," she heard, and trembling at the realization of her dream, she held out her card going to a finishing school.

"Aunt Deborah," she said, "would never pay for my education while she lived to the first words. When she recovered from her nervousness, he was

"Mrs. White threatened to punish There was no one to gainsay her, me for an old offense by not introducing She took her own way, and offered her- me, Miss Pinch. It would have been too cruel-don't you think so?"

"I do not know what the offense said Julia, in her childish voice. ceive her, promising her the comforts "But"-and she hesitated-"I don't think it could have been very bad." And the great blue eyes were raised to his face.

"I will tell you," he said, "only your kind heart would be hurt if you had to

blame me. "Perhaps I shouldn't have to blame said Julia, wistfully; but the music was tempting, and his reply was merged in the first steps of a waltz.

he bent over her at the conclusion of feather. I never danced with any one so light before, except-yes, by Jove! except the time I was going to tell you about when I shocked Mrs. White. Why, it was in this very town-so it was-at our own ball. She would introduce me to a gawky girl whom nobody knew, and I scowled over it, I can tell vou! But she danced well. I must give her that credit-uncommonly well, she did! Lightest waltzer I ever knew except

yourself!" Poor little Julia! How her heart beat! She took courage.

"Who was she?" she asked "I don't know; never saw her be fore nor since-she was all angles! I remember I was surprised to find that she could dance at all. I wonder how she learned. Strange—it's no compliment to you, but do you know, Miss Pinch, you rather remind me of her? Please forgive me," he added, hastily, thinking her deepening color arose from annoyance. "She had beautiful eves, I remember, and might have been good-looking, only she was so awkward and oh! so ill-dressed!"

"Can't you remember her name?" asked Julia. Then she added: "I was at that ball." "You!" said the colonel. "Impossi

I couldn't have forgotten you if I had once seen you!" "Oh, yes, I was!" it sisted Julia. " ] remember it because it was my first

And she looked down and blushed. The colonel considered.

'I thought I knew every pretty girl in the room that night," he said. must be mistaken. I'm sure I should have danced, with you if you were there -if you would have permitted me, that

"You did dance with me," said Julia, in a low voice-then suddenly becoming very bold, she added: "You didn't want to, but you did, and-and I en-

The handsome colonel looked annoved. The idea of his forgetting it, if, as she said, he had danced with her! "What dance was it?" he asked, after

"A waltz," said Julia, softly, as the

sudden and unpleasant idea in his mind "A waliz," she repeated, with a blush and again she looked up at him with those lovely, innocent eyes of hers. "Miss Pinch," he said, "you are

laughing at me. Do you want to make me believe that I met you, waltzed with you and forgot you?" "Yes," said Julia; then after a pause she half whispered: "But I didn't for-

The colonel pulled his whiskers, was very much put out. This girl was so pretty-how hateful table sho

she must think him! Well, there was tie no danger of his forgetting her again. What lovely eyes she had! What a sweet, innocent baby face it was! He

for her whirled her off in the dance. He stood watching her. How grace-Yet, as he gazed, some vague remembrance came back to him, rendering him uneasy and annoyed.

"It can't be," he mutteredsible!-that awkward girl-" Just at this moment Amy came up.

"Have you been introduced to Julia inch?" she asked. "Isn't she Pinch ?"

"Very!" he said. "Who is she? She declares I have met her. I am sure I never have.

"Oh, yes, by the way!" said Amy-"I remember, she did say something about knowing you. Where can it have been? Here she comes again; let's ask

An unpleasant idea still remained in desire, on the sofa, but was soon to re' the colonel's mind-so unpleasant that

> He was so charmed with this pretty Julia he danced senin and again with her—devoted himself to her whenever He could not divest himself of that shadowy, undefined resemblance to

Ouite late in the evening she was sitting down after a dance; and as he stood beside her, in rapt admiration of the sweet face down into which he was one pointed out the silly little girl watching for his passing, would have failed to recognize her as his partner wersed. "Dances well, too. Introduce the sweet lace down into which he was gazing, a sudden movement of her hand arrested his attention. Her glove had come unbuttoned, and, as she pulled it up her wrist, she suddenly tore it asunder; and, annoyed by the accident,

> Her sudden movement supplied the missing link in his memory. He remembered the torn glove on the red wrist of that awkward girl, and at the same moment so did Julia.

She looked up, half-laughing, half-annoyed, and said: "When we met before, I had a torn

glove, I remember."
"Impossible," said he, in his surprise, "that you can be-"That awkward girl?" she asked.
"Yes, indeed, I am. Are you sorry?"

The colonel never knew what answer he made; I doubt if she did, either. But it is a suggestive fact that years afterward I found in his wife's drawers a little packet labeled "That awkward girl's;" and, opening it, I found it to contain a solitary glove, soiled and roughly torn about the wrist.

Florida Oranges and Alligators. "For three hundred miles south from Jacksonville, along the St. John's River, and still further north and east," said Jay Gould to a New York reporter, "the country is dotted over with orange groves of from twenty to twenty-five acres in extent. It takes about five years for an of her father or whoever is to give the bride on the burned with the characteristic flame of the man of her father or whoever is to give the bride on the burned with the characteristic flame of the men would have more 1 fruit for the market, but nevertheless new groves are constantly planted, and the bridemaids also move to the right

"What is the cost of an orange grove?" "As I said," replied Mr. Gould, "they vary in extent from twenty to twentyfive acres, and are worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000. But they yield a handsome percentage. For instance, Mr. Hart, who lives just above me here, owns a grove of about twenty-five acres, and he informs me that it yields him a net income of from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

"Is this interest growing?" "Decidedly so, and I think that within the next five years Florida ought to be able to supply the entire demand of the United States for oranges. I believe that the sweet orange is not a native of Florida, but has to be grafted upon the tree which bears the sour orange. On one tree you sometimes see oranges emons and limes growing together. course the several fruits have been grafted; but it is interesting and peculiar to a Northerner to see these fruits growing in a happy family on one tree. It suggests a horticultural paradise."

'Is orange growing the chief industry of Florida?" "By no means. Not to speak of cotton and live oak and the like, you must not forget the alligator," said Mr. Gould,

smiling and evidently thinking of his alleged "alligator farm." "But is the alligator a sufficiently valuable animal to make his cultivation re-

munerative?" "No; his hide is the valuable portion of him, and even that is worth comparatively little, though I believe they make it into boots in England." "But does Florida cultivate these rep-

tiles ?" "That is not necessary. The alligator cultivates himself and produces quickly and numerously. The whole swamp and river country is filled with them."

not to get in the way of their tails. I think they strike their victims chiefly with their tails. Nevertheless, the eleveninch jaws of some of them are not attractive. My son killed one which resembled a whale on four legs. Our party killed over thirty of them. Whether I killed any or not myself is a difficult question for me to answer. I saw some live ones just before I fired, and ome dead ones just afterward; but as several rifles went off at the same time, I cannot assume that it was my gun that killed an alligator. But alligator shooting was not what interested me in the South; the blossoms, our wedding blossoms of the North, you know, were on the trees, and yet the ripe, golden fruit was there too."

# Population of the West.

At the beginning of the century the population of the great West, which is now about 20,000,000, was a little more than 50,000. The following interesting

ion:	Per	cent. of
Year.	Population, 1	nerease.
790	******	-
800	51,066	-
810	293,109	475
820	858,957	193
830	1,610,473	87
840	8,581,542	120
850	5,582,413	57
860	9,715,692	75
870	13,971,621	45
880	19,131,810	- 37
What table	is a wave interestin	m mna

It is one of the most remarkable features in this remarkable age.

### FOR THE FAIR SEX.

A woman may be handsome or remarkably attractive in various ways; but if she is not personally neat she cannot hope to win admiration. Fine

clothes will not conceal the slattern. A young woman with her hair always in disorder and her clothes hanging about her as if suspended from a prop, is always repulsive. Slattern is written on her person from the crown of her head to the soles of her feet, and if she wins a husband he will turn out, in all probability, either an idle fool or a drunken ruffian. The bringing up of daughters to be able to work, talk and act like honest, sensible young women, is the special task of all mothers, and in the industrial rank there is imposed also the prime obligation of learning to rehousehold work for its own sake,. a disagreeable fact. and the comfort and happiness it will bring in the future.

New Turban Bonnet.

The new turban bonnet is of a lowcrowned shape, setting close to the head and covered with old gold colored satin. It is trimmed with a scarf a yard and and a number of patents have been a half long of black Chantilly net, upon which are embroidered tiny crescents in gold thread. It is finished by a handmade fringe of mingled skein silk and clock that gives a loud alarm if any atgold thread two inches wide. What distinguishes this bonnet from other styles is the disposition of the scarf, which is confined in the exact center above the forehead by a small and very finelywrought crescent in gold filigree, having a plume-like ornament in crimped gold thread, which is placed upright. It is two inches high and so set as to be by no means conspicuous, seeming merely to serve to give a turban-like look to the loose folds of the scart. At the back the folds of lace and the fall simulate the arrangement of the turban ends in Oriental style.

# Weddings.

The present style of church weddings ays a New York letter, does not admit of bridemaids and groomsmen entering the church arm and arm. The groom chooses his best man and his ushers, generally six in number. The ushers are in attendance early and seat the guests. When the hour for the service the blood "was struck by the odor of arrives the clergyman takes his place at | the blood being so strongly alcoholic. the altar, followed by the groom and his and concluding to see for himself if it best man. The organist starts the was alcohol in the blood, he set the ves"Wedding March," and the ushers, two sel containing the blood aside for a and two, enter the church door and walk | couple of hours, when there was found orange grove to mature so as to produce fruit for the market, but nevertheless ushers take places at the right and left; nificant evidence," says the National new groves are constantly planted, and are looked to as a sure source of revenue.

When an orange grove begins to bear and a little forward of the ushers. The alcohol no food value, but it is so forfruit it apparently never wears out. I central place is occupied by the bride eign to the human body as to work heard of one tree which bears annually and groom, who meet at the altar. The therein serious derangement of its norfrom six to eight thousand oranges, but that is above the average."

service over, the newly-married people turn from the altar and leave the church

### ushers following in reverse order. Fashion Fancles.

The new plush gauze comes in the lightest and softest tints, and has a silvery luster that is very becoming. Old Pekin striped basques are brought out, furbished up and worn as new

striped garments, superseding the old

by the middle aisle, bridemaids and

Collars of white linen embroidered with small dots to match the color in the dress are to be worn with gingham

The shirrings at the upper part of dress sleeves sometimes run around the arm and sometimes from the shoulder to the elbow. The black spun silk originally made

for Jerseys is used for making draper-

ies, and is combined with plain and brocaded grenadines. Colored sweepers are not to be worn with long dresses this summer, and even with short dresses creamy lace will be

preferred to any other border. Six or seven two-inch tucks set above side-plaited flounce are used to trim the skirts of white dresses, and the back

draperies are also occasionally tucked. The scoop hats are the best of the small shapes for summer wear. They really protect the eyes although they leave the cheeks and nose to be merci lessly tanned.

The half-pointed basques are now made very short, and are cut into ten or twelve points. Plaitings of plain satin are set between the points, and sometimes a full point of Spanish lace is A substitute for the soft drapery at

the back of a dress skirt is a succession "And are they dangerous?" the back of a dress skirt is a succession "Well," said Mr. Gould, "it is as well of fan plaitings reaching from the edge of the basque to the hem. These plaiting are lined with crinoline and are stiff

Muslin embroidered with a color makes the prettiest of summer dresses. They have plaited underskirts, Grecian forming other duties, such as driving a overskirts and surplice waists, and are trimmed with a great many satin bows matching the embroidery. Side pouches and chatelaine bags for

summer use are very dainty affairs, and are made of tinted satin, hand-painted in delicate sprays of flowers and trimmed with flutings of lace. Elbow sleeves will continue through the spring and summer months, not only

for evening but for afternoon dress.

will be worn, edged at the top with lace A remarkable incident occurred at suddenly made their appearance and began to descend the chimney of the residence of police officer Wolff. They Wolff to remove the fireboards, when the birds quickly filled the room seekopened and they flew out. There were thousands of birds engaged in this strange demonstration, which lasted for some time, when the swallows, finding they could not make a lodgment, went

## FACTS AND COMMENTS.

The advantage of living in a country so vast that no crop can be a failure in all parts of it is illustrated by late reports from the wheat fields. Cool-headed men in Minnesota are predicting a large yield of the best quality, owing to the reserves of moistur stored in the soil at an unusual depth, while from Ohio word comes that the crop of 1881, contrary to premature reports, is likely to be above the average and may be the largest ever harvested in the State. So far as Kansas is concernetl the Leavenworth Times frankly admits that the wheat crop of that State will undoubtedly fall very much below the average. According to that journal there has been no little unwarranted boasting of an enormous yield, but it is more honest and a better policy to face

The American inventor always manages to come to time when he is needed. The laws passed within the last few years to prevent body-snatching have failed to accomplish the desired end, issued recently that will operate much more effectually than any laws on this subject. One of the patents is for a tempt is made to open the grave in which it is deposited. Another provides for the sudden explosion of a dynamite bomb whenever the burglars move the coffin. The last patent, remarks an exchange, should be gener ally applied. The friends of deceased persons could slumber in much greater security if they knew that the first body snatcher who attempted to disturb the remains of a loved one would be blown

The Medical and Surgical Reporter publishes from a medical contributor a very interesting and suggestive account of a man who was an habitual periodical drinker, accustomed to get upon a two or three weeks' drinking spree every six or eight weeks, and who insisted upon being bled freely from the arm at the end of his spree as a means of "sobering up." At one of these bleedings an attendant holding the vessel to receive

Colonel Roberts, the inventor of the nitry-glycerine torpedo named after him, who died in Western Pennsylvania recently, left an estate valued at about \$2,000,000, to be divided among his nephews and nieces, to the exclusion of his own children, whose mother had sued for a divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temper. All the personal estate was devised to Owen M. Roberts, a nephew. The colonel had haven't you? Why don't been urged by his brother and legal adviser to modify his will and had expressed an intention to do so, but the consummation was prevented by his death. Here was a chance for some costly liti-gation, and it would have been improved had not the dictates of common sense theaters. It remarked that homely prevailed. The parties interested got together, and in view of Colonel Robert's now all the ladies are trying to an equitable division of the estate among for their beauty. themselves. It was a decidedly wise conclusion.

Of the many curious things certain to be seen at the forthcoming exhibition of electricity in Paris, not the least remarkable will be the electrical cooking range of M. Salignac. That ingenious gentleman is going to fit up his apparatus in the grill room of the restaurant, and intends to furnish a great variety of meats which have been cooked by heat generated from the electric current. At the last Paris exhibition M. Mouchot roasted mutton in condensed sunshine, and literally turned his split on the hearth of the sun; but an enthusiastic admirer might say that M. Salignae had far surpassed this in broiling steaks by lightning and warming coffee with the aurora borealis. As a matter of fact the electric current is as well fitted to produce heat as it is to produce light, and just as electricity will, in all probability, be made to yield the principal artificial light of the future, so will doubtless it be applied to household heating. The same machines which light the house by night will heat and cook by day, besides percoffee mill or a sewing machine. Giovanni Bettocchio, a master saddler of Turin, having been summoned

to Nice by business engagements, took with him his only daughter, an intelligent child of seven, whose fondness for music prompted her father to purchase seats in the theater for the performance which terminated so tragically. secured places in the front row of the With out-of-door toilets very long gloves gallery, and was occupying them with his little girl when the alarm of fire rang through the house. Snatching the child up in his arms, he endeavored, and suceessfully, to break through the panic-East Baltimore the other day during a stricken crowd to the gallery door; but rain-storm. A large flock of swallows during the struggle the girl was torn from his grasp. By an almost super-human effort he contrived to re-enter the gallery, by that time plunged in all followed in such numbers that the lead- but total darkness, and while groping ers were driven to the base of the chim-ney, and the noise they made led Mr. caught hold of a little girl insensible from fright whom he carried out into the street, fully believing her to be his ing exit. The doors and windows were own daughter. She proved, however, to be a strange child. Hastily setting her down upon the pavement he desperately fought his way for the second time into the burning theater, from which he never again emerged alive. His off in a great black mass to seek shelter charred corpse was found two days later among the ruins of the gallery stairs.

### Two Journeys.

'I go on a journey far away,' He said and he stooped and kissed me then-Over the ocean for many a day-Good-bye," and he kissed me once again But only a few short months had fled

When again I answered my husband's kiss; 'I could not tarry away," he said; "There is never a lund as fair as this."

Again I stood by my husband's side. "I go on a journey, sweet, to-day; Over the river the Coatmen glide-Good-bye; I shall linger long away." 'Ah, he will come back soon, I know,' I said, as he stooped for the parting kiss:

'He cannot tarry, he told me so;

There is never a land so fair as this." But many a month and many a year Have flow's since my darling went away. Will be never come back to meet me here? Has he found the region of perfect day? Over the ocean he went and came; Over the river, and lingers there! Ob, pallid boatmant call my name-

Show me the region so wondrous fair

# HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Old as the hills-The valleys between

After some jocular remarks the Senate adjourned.—New Haven Register. The editor of the Oil City Derrick

claims to have a country seat. It is a stump. Miss Annie L. got married, and now they speak of her as an Annie-mated

young lady. Soldiers are always the most adept lovers, because they learn to present arms and salute.

It is peculiar how sound a man sleeps when his wife crawls over him on her way to the kitchen to make a fire. The maple sugar days have come, the sweetest of the year; when sugar is down cellar made, and sold so dreadful

Since 1866 9,000 divorces have been granted in Italy, Milan being set down for no less than 3,000. Since 1870 Rome as had 600.

It is a noticeable fact that a hog has o be killed before he is cured. This is true of two-legged hogs as well as of quadrupeds.-Boston Post. The New York Sun says that a man with mutton-chop whiskers need have no fears of the future. He can always

The New York Advertiser believes that men would have more luck fishing if they bought live trout and put 'em in a

bathtub and fished with a sieve. The first man to try to fast forty days vas a hero, the second an imitator, and of subsequent ones the public simply re-

mark : "The poor deluded fools. " The harp that once through Tara's halls

To carn a padrone's bread. - Indianapolis Herald. Births, marriages and deaths are reorted by an Illinois paper under the nead of "Hatched, Matched, Snatched." But it could save type and expense by using the words "Bed, Wed, Dead,"

Dampening! Old Triggs-"Hello, Jones, got your feet sopping wet rubbers, as I do? I haven't wet my feet for six months." Jones—"Well, I should think you'd be ashamed to say The New York Graphic has about

banished the nuisance of tall hats at the women looked best in high hats, and declaration previous to his death made that they are not dependent on tall hats "Mr. Gilhooly," said a diminutive

boy with a handful of bills, "when are you going to pay this bill for them boots you got on?" "How old are you, sonny?" "Ten years old." "Go tell sonny?" your pa you have got too much curiosity for your age." - Galveston News.

A Rapid Exit from China. The Chinese, said Professor Draper to a New York reporter, paid great at tention to astronomy in ante-historical times, and they have always linked their knowledge of astronomy with astrology. Historical events were noted by their writers as taking place while the stars held certain relations to each other. Speaking of astrology in China, I am reminded of the unceremonious way in which the late lamented Professor Watson, of Ann Arbor university, Michigan, was compelled to quit the Chinese empire about the time of the transit of Venus a few years ago. Professor Watson, with another well-known astronomer, was at the Chinese capital. The emperor of China was taken sick with the smallpox, and he died after a short illness. The event was looked upon, as all great events are in China, as influenced by the stars, and it became noised abroad that the two distinguished astronomers had so influenced the stars as to cause the emperor's death. The viceroy, who did not share the popular belief, quietly informed the astronomers that they might lose their lives if they did not go away. They de-

parted in the night. Four Years of Industrial Progress, The following interesting statistics are taken from a treasury department statement of the financial and economic transactions of the United States during the past four years:

No. of bales

2,301,215 52,130,554