SONG OF THE SKATER.

AFTER THE MANNER OF TENNYSON. With many a curve the ice I fret, With many a clean-cut figure; The k-en northeaster I forget, And laugh at winter's rigor.

I turn, I twist, I wheel about, The 'outside edge' I doat on; I rush on with a merry shou'. Then like a swallow float on.

I clatter, clatter, as I skate, My heel of steel loud ringing; The lake I circumnavigate, Some wintry carol singing. I fold my arms, throw back my head, And over the ice I'm flying; My pulses throb my cheeks are red, I seem old Time delying.

Islip, I slide, I rush, I glide. I dash slong like lightning: I see-and that but feeds my pride-Bome timid ones I'm fright'ning. But on, and on, till in a glow;
I think it would tire me never.
That men might come and men might go,
But I would skate on forever:

EPHEMERIS.

-Vermont is badly off for hay. -Prince Napoleon has become slender. -Victor Emanuel is now a grand-

father. -The City Hospital, in Boston, is advertised "to let."

-Thunder storms are becoming common in New York. -De Cordova is delivering weekly lec-

tures in Philadelphia. -Two of the hotels at Atlantic City are

in the sheriff's hands. -A Texan preacher is writing a biography of Sam. Houston.

-A sewing machine driven by electricity is a Parisian novelty.

-Oysters soaked in a solution of soda swell up and look like saddle-rocks. -The Boston Post thinks the inauguration dance is evidently a breakdown.

-Wisconsin is said to be the only western State in which dissection is legal. -A student was expelled by the facnlty from Cornell University for men-

dacity. -A bill to abolish capital punishment was recently defeated in the Kansas Leg-

-New York has given birth to a new woman's rights paper published in

-There are about 150 millionaires, exclusive of the Rothschilds, in Paris, who are Jews. -Mr. Seward is the only Secretary of

State who has served through two Presidential terms this century. -The Prince of Wales has decided not

to go to Greece, on account of the disturbed state of affairs there.

-Fashion papers in New York report ed her severely. The lady's nails may the initials and describe the costumes of have required driving, but the hammerladies at the fashionable churches.

-Many papers are fighting Mrs. Swis-

not do better than to select Bostonians to fill the various offices in his Cabinet. -Miss Susan Galton, with her Eng-

lish comic opera troupe, is running the Chestnut street theatre in Philadelphia.

the North Pole." The Doctor would like to be there but has never gotten there yet. | citizens. -A Californian has built a locomotive which drives thirty-nine ploughs at once. He might have made it forty while he was

- The tunnel under the Chicago river has sprung a leak, and passengers through it receive a fine shower bath free of ex-

-Paris is going to pay \$8,000 for a statue of Voltaire, and Vinnie Ream has a bust of Rousseau on exhibition in New

-Mrs. Stanton says Vinnie Ream is as sweet and beautiful as ever. How sweet and beautiful is that? is the question which arises.

-An old mill, built one hundred and the Lehigh river, was destroyed by fire are sometimes excellent protectors. If the other day.

-The cars of the Hudson River Railroad are said to be filled with thieves. who are allowed to practice their profession unmolested. -M. Chevalier, the æronaut, thinks, or

says he thinks, that when he gets 10,000 feet up he will find a steady current to take him to Europe. -A young camel has recently been

born in Cincinnati. This is the first one born in this country, but the unfortunate creature is humpbacked.

—One of the latest fish stories is that a six pound cannon ball was found in the stomach of a cat-fish which was caught recently in the Mississippi.

-A fez made of Astrachan with a grecian border and an eagle's head in front, is the latest style of hat in Paris. It is called the "Conference hat."

-The New York Express says, "A young gentleman who formerly was head porter at a Boston hotel led the German at Miss ---, the other evening." -Jonathan Eddy, a Vermont farmer,

has nineteen children; six of his neighbors have eighty-three children, or an average of more than thirteen apiece. -The American Minister at Brussels

recently gave a national dinner, at which every dish had been imported from America, while only the dishes were foreign. -A lady in New York offers to invest

has died of a fly-bite on her nose, not been arrested.

withstanding Nelaton amputated that or-

-Sothern has been very successful in his new play by Robertson, called "Home." Many actors would delight large audiences if they would play only

-A man has been found guilty of dealing fare in Kentucky, and fined \$600. In default of the payment he was sent to the workhouse to work out the fine at 50

-The winter in the Red River settlecents per day. ment has been very mild, and large quantities of provisions have been received, so that the anticipated famine and suffering have been averted.

-A man in Tennessee has a neat little oil well in his cellar. We can't think we should relish dwelling over an oil well; shouldn't feel secure, as we might be turned out any day.

-Railroads are being built new with that in a short time there will be direct railway communication between St. Petersburg and Odessa.

-A writer says he has lived through the piano war, the sewing machine war, and out, and now he should like to know what is coming next.

-It is announced that "Newark has had an elopement in highly respectable circles." This is a strange way to elope. most persons if they were cloping would do it in a straight line.

-It is said that during the past year in England 2,200 persons have abandoned the Established Church and joined that of Rome. Nineteen clergymen and two peers were among the number.

-A Louisville doctor says liquor was much better in former times, for when he was young men got drunk without doing much damage, but now they inevitably get crazy and demolish portable property.

-The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company have erected a close board fence on the upper side of their road, between Ridley and Cram Creeks, below Chester, to prevent ners; for their filling so small a space in ners; for their filling so small a space in the drifting snow from obstructing the have also refused to compare these women

-The wealthy colored people of Philadelphis are to have a splendid ball at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday night. The costumes, it is said, will be elegant, and the colored caterers will try and have their table outshine anything of the kind

-Pleasant Andrew Garvin, of Worcester, Massachusetts, went for his wife with a hammer, the other day, and pounding nearly cost her her life.

helm now, but she, we suppose must be on the Duke of Portand's estate in England, was recently found dead in a rabbit

locipedist, devoted to the interest of perseveral papers devoted to horsey matters -One paper speaks of "Dr. Hays on we may consider that New York is attending to the wheel and the wo of her

-Mr. C. C. Donohue, of Titusville, Pa., was fearfully injured by the railroad accident at Port Jarvis, nearly a year ago, and has commenced suit against the New York and Eric Railroad Company, laybeen tendered \$3,000 by the company for

-A Chicago paper gets off the following: "The gentle Sorosis advocates cushions for the seats in our public school buildings, Liberal padding for the trowsers of the little boys would cover the same end, and mercifully temper the blows from the hand of firm though affectionate instructors."

-Timid people would do well to lay in a stock of glass eyes, for it seems they they are welded on an anvil. and then a New Orleans burglar was frightened out of a sleeping apartment by the supernatural gleam from a glass eye which had been discarded by the sleeping wearer and left on the table.

-Somebody, who has an eye upon Congressional jobbery, has petitioned Congress to prohibit the sale of milk by individuals, on the ground that exhorbitant prices have been charged and unwholesome milk sold. He proposes to have the government seize the cows, remunerate the owners and sell the milk at postoffices, any cream that can be obtained to be the postmaster's perquisite.

-Some sharper goes ahead of Weston and accepts the receptions and flowers which are offered by the foolish people who mistake him for Weston; and this reminds us that we have long wanted to know why flowers and receptions should be offered to Weston, a man distinguished only as the champion failer, and who, if he had succeeded, would have done nothing worthy of praise or emulation.

-From Connecticut we hear that a tramp, giving his name as Sanders, while tramp, giving his name as Sanders, while traveling from Bridgeport to Stratford, on Sunday, accompanied by his wife, was per lam when he left the car, total an ungovernable passion, committed an assault passion passi attacked by a mulatto man who cut him beat his brains out and using the mo several times with a knife, inflicting a for some twenty minutes, when the train dangerous wound in the abdomen. The dangerous wound in the abdomen. The

mulatto then ran away. Sanders died The company still retain the man in their viding for the illegitimate innocents who are now generally murdered in that city.

The place of Fordinard de Lassans of the crime is said to be The niece of Ferdinand de Lesseps, a who committed the crime is said to be Company and on Monday recovered a countess in the fashionable world of Paris.

Matt. H. Blake, and as yet he has not verdict of four thousand eight hundred

The Ladies of the White House. We append a picture, faithfully drawn by a feminine hand, which will convince our readers that the demestic virtues are

not yet a myth, even at the Capital : If there will be a diversity of opinion upon the merits of our departing Presilent, there can be nothing but the purest espect, as well as honest admiration, for his household. Mrs. Johnson, a confirmed invalid, has never appeared in society in Washington. Her very existence is a myth to almost every one. She was ast seen at a party given to her grand children. She was seated in one of the Republican Court chairs, a dainty affair of publican Court chairs, a dainty affair of satin and ebony. She did not rise when the children, or older guests, were presented to her, she simply said: "My dears, I am an invalid;" and her sad, pale face and sunken eyes, fully proved the expression. Mrs. Johnson looks much older than the President, and her age does exceed his by a few swings of the scythe She was never beautiful, but of time. an observer would say, contemplating her-"a noble woman-God's first, best much vigor in Russia, and it is thought gift to man." Perhaps it is well to call to mind at this time that it was this woman who taught the President to read after she became his wife; and that in all their earlier years she was his counsellor

assistant and guide. None but a wise and good mother could have reared such daughters as Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Stothe dictionary war, which have all died ver, When Mrs. Senator Patterson found herself the "first lady in the land," she made this remark, which has been the key-note of the feminine department of the White House from that eventful day to the present time: "We are plain people, from the mountains of Tennessee, called here for a short time by a National calamity. I trust too much will not be expected of us." this the ring of the true metal? and have we not all lived to see it carried out to the

end? When Anna Surratt threw herself prostrate upon the floor of one of the ante-rooms of the White House, begging pitcously to see Mrs. Patterson, she said: Tell the girl she has my sympathy, my tears, but I have no more right to speak than the servants of the White House. When the "pardon brokers" trailed their slimy lengths everywhere about the manion, they never dared to cross a certain enchanted pathway, and the face of any lobbyist set in this direction has always brought up in the end against a stone wall. It is true, the fashionable world has smiled at those two women for their plain dress; for their shy, diffident manto some of the first queens of the country; who either used the "East Room" for

drying the Executive clothes, and who spent their spare time knitting the President's stockings; but is it not wisdom for the country to believe that the Creator never makes anything in nature so forsaken but that it has some redeeming quality? And it may be possible that hese noble women are set in Andrew Johnson's administration just as the palm crowned island is flung upon the watery waste of the sea. OLIVIA

Mustapha Guns.

The methods of the celebrated Persian An old man employed to hunt rabbits gun manufacturer, Mustaphs, are still pursued by his successors. The muskets of that famous armorer, are worth at present, it is said, from \$400 to \$500 each need to that sort of thing before this.

—A negro woman in Georgia has starved to death from laziness. She said she was free and intended to stay so.

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well on the wing. The superiority of the native guns, which we may call the Mustapha guns, ing his damages at \$100,000. He has reside; of course, wholly in their barrel since, as we have said, they have not ad vanced in other respects beyond the fint lock. The process of Mustapha, which was not unlike that employed by English and American armorers in the production of "stub and twist" barrels, may be described as follows: For the making of gun, two old horse shoes are taken, together with small pieces of old iron, the whole weighing not quite two pounds In the heating the small pieces are arranged in such a manner that the horse shoes form the outer rim. When a prop er degree of softness has been attained

This process is repeated for several times, until the iron obtains a length of you have two glass eyes in the place of two feet and a quarter. When twelve natural ones you can never be blinded, together and then welded; the bar obtained is cut in pieces of such a size that four or six will form the desired weapon. These bars are then welded and twisted together, the resulting piece is afterwards bent and again welded to one bar, which finally is turned and bored. If the barrel proves satisfactory, it is polished in order that the various twist marks may appear which are produced by the dif-ferent qualities of iron. It is afterwards coated with a paste of two parts of subimed sulphur and one part of sea salt, and left for twenty-four hours in a warm room, and being then cleansed is ready for sale. - [Manufacturer and Builder.

> THE Portland Argus says: Judge God dard purchased a ticket to Danville Junc-tion and started to visit his family, then residing in Auburn. The afternoon train was very long and, as usual, one Jackson was detailed to take the tickets passengers leaving the train be fore the regular conductor came through, Judge Goddard, having some business at Falmouth, stepped out, and upon the request of Jackson, handed him his ticket. Upon his return Jackson again approached where he was sitting and demanded his ticket, and, upon Judge Goddard's replying that he had gave it to him when he left the car, told the Judge

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