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BEAUTIFUL RAIN. BY STEPHEN MASSETT.

Mesers. Editors: So much has been written, said and sung about the poem called "Beautiful Snow," that I think 'The Rain' has been left out in the cold. In the following exquisite stanzas I have endeavored to do slight (English sleet) justice to this much abused and grossly alighted commodity. Doubtless, as was the case with "Beautiful Snow," there will be numbers of adopters, adapters, imitators and claimants. To all I would now say, distinctly and definitely, that the words are not copyrighted; and are the original composition of "Jeemes Pipes, of Pipesville," and composed at Peckakill, N. Y., July 9, 1869:

Peckskill, N. Y., July v,

Oh, the rain, the beautiful rain,
Falling alike on blit, dale and plain;
Over the tarnip-tops, 'taters and ieeks,
Over the butchers' carts, all full of meats—
Poaring, Whirling,
Rushing along, Beantiful rain! come down so strong.
Rubbing the paint off a lady's check,
Making her give an inward shrick—
Beautiful rain from the heavens above—
Come out of it quick or you'll catch cold, my i

Come out of Regulek or you'll catch cold, my lov
Oh, the rain, the beautiful rain?
Dashing against the window-pane.
Coming down its drenching fun;
It soaks the pecketrians every one.

Wheesing.

Coughing by—
It moistens the nose and bungs up the eye;
And even the ducks, with a quack and a bound pass into puddles from the dusty ground;
The p-ople are rushing to catch the train.
To get out of the damp of "beautiful rain,"

How the wild crowd goes swearing along,
Because they left their umbrellas at home,
How the gay 'Grecian benders' like meteor
fiash by,
Drenched to the skin; but between you and I,
Tacy ain't singing,
But dragging their train
Over dirty pavements scaked with rain—
Rain se sure when it falls fr. m the sky
Right into big water butts, by and by;
And the youngsters are whacked for getting we Or playing with boats in the horrible street.

Once I went out in the rain, and I fell-Fell like the rain dreps—into a well; Fell to be cramped in my stomach, my feet; Fell several test, till I felt dead beat— Bleeding, Bwimming, Heaving a sigh (Only I couldn't be heard, by the by), I'd have given my head for a morsel of bread. For I rea ed my friends thought me' very cead," Heasrs. Moses & bons, I shought of in vain, For a waterproof overcoat to keep out the rain. Once, I went to a Fair-in the beautiful rain, And made love to a girl, in a shady lane, Anu I kissed her-I did-and her name wa

And for it i got a slap in the face.

Father.

Mother,

Blaid I deserved it as much as my fa!!!

And I feit like some wretch that goes shivering by
Or a very small sweep in a chimney high,
For, of all that was on or about me 'twas plain.
There was nothing—that had not been soaked by
the rain!

It is not at all strange, that this beautiful rain should fall on several singers, both handson Should fall on several sineers, outs manuscome and plain:

It is not all strange, when the night comes again
If it should rain quite as hard on my desperate brains.

Panting,

Ringing wet,

Drying—alone.

Quite too wet for my prayer. Two weeks for my moan.

That can't be heard in the splash of the crazy town; Gone mad in it; joy at the rain coming down; While I lie in a night gown made of muslin Costly incked up in bed-out of the "beautiful rain!"

EPHEMERIS.

-Miss Vinnie Ream is in Paris. -Crickets are destroying the Mormon

-An exchange calls jail yards hanging gardens. America.

-A new Prussian rifle fires 30 shots per minute. -Louisville is to have a new German opera house.

-Nashville has a ghost which sits on top of a house. -Newport has subsided. High prices killed its hotels.

-A fine crop of sea island cotton is expected this year.

-Five million photographs of Lamertine have been sold. -Boston will receive Mr. Longfellow on his return from abroad.

-Bouckault has a new play "The Electric Telegraph." -Prayer meetings are not at all fash ionable at Cape May this year.

-Father Gavazzi has now charge of a Protestant chapel in Venice. -John G. Saxe is going to in September to lecture in California.

-Mrs. Livermore says she is going to vote at the next Chicago election. -Lydia Thompson and Pauline Markham have a cottage at Long Branch.

_Mr. Bonner's income is \$183,000, for particulars see the New York Ledger. Bismarck and Van Roon, the Minister of War, do not speak to each other. -One hundred and fifty Bishops have

accepted the Pope's invitation to the Council. Lord Charles Hamilton had a duel

in Paris recently and had one side whisker shot off. -Baltimore is death on the drummers.

A commercial traveller payed \$400 fine there recently distance Theophile Gau-

imported from Prance. This French roller does not necessarily make French

One California wine firm in San Francisco is said to have facilities for ma-

eon, for instance, is called the Widow Higgins.

-The Round Table has mashed Miss Olive Logan fist. She may struggle after that crushing blow, but if she survives she is more cat like than we have ever given her credit for.

-Ristori is said to be a capital markswoman. She first began to practice shooting, before she came to this country the first time in order to be able to defend herself against Indians and wild beasts.

-Bismarck is hard at work translating Euclid's works. What would the world do for translators of her classics if it were not for her statesmen like Bismarck, Derby, Gladstone and King John of Saxony?

-In Missouri, -or some parts of it-s horse thief and a rock are tied together and dropped into the river. The effect on the horse thief is that he immediately feels a sort of sinking about the heartas well as the rest of the body.

-The reception of the Empress Eugenie at Constantinople will be on a grand scale of extraordinary magnificence. The Beyelerbey palace, the finest and largest of the summer residences of the Sultan, is being repaired for the occa-

-A Parisian editor pestered a prominent official with offers of newspaper assistance. The minister endured it for some time, but finally replied: "My dear friend, you are mistaken; if geese did once save the Capital, it was not with their quills."

-Democratic journals speak of Carl Schurz as "the denouncer of Christianity." Whether is it better to denounce religion and lead a moral life or to profess religion and act so as to disgrace the profession as more than one prominent Democrat does?

-The Viceroy of Egypt is said to have in operation two hundred sets of steam plowing machinery of the largest class, by means of which the recent remarkable increase in Egyptian cotton production has been attained, and the quality of fibre improved.

-\$150,000,000 is the revenue derived ast year by the Government from tobacco. That makes one more argument in favor of smoking. Suppose there was no tax on tobacco and that one hundred and tifty millions had to come from the anti-smokers, how they would howl.

-The French Empress concluded to try homeopathy, and sent for a professor of that doctoring, telling him to come by the back way, so that her regular physician might not hear of her heresy. The homeopath peremptorily declined to come on any such terms, and the Empress is cured of her tendency to his school, as she thinks he was impertinent.

-A lady while out berrying at North Granville, New York, came upon a corpee with the throat cut from ear to ear. She dropped her pail of fruit and rushed for the villagers, who at once repaired to the scene to find that the corpse had come to life and run off with the berries. The clever rogue had stained his neck and

breast with berry juice. -A young man named Joe. White. went to see his lady love in South Nashville, on Sunday week. She was sewing, he attempted to kiss her, when by accident, her needle -penetrated his breast, punctured his heart and infleted a fatal wound. The young woman was so horrified that she rushed into another room and swallowed a dose of laudanum, fact which was discovered by her friends in time to prevent fatal effects, but it is supposed that she is insane.

COUNT DE CHATEAUVILLARD, who has died in Paris, was in his day one of the most brilliant men and dashing equestrians of France. It was he who one day rode up the steps of the Jockey Club (then at the corner of the Rue Drouot and Boulevard) and played a game of billiards on horseback. He rode for some time a most victous horse. A friend said: "If five thousand francs." "Taken." The Count felt in honor bound to his friend to ride the horse every day, and the horse showed himself to be so very vicious that the Count had his coffin made and sent home, for he was sure he would require it before long. His wife, (who had long been extremely uneasy lest his horse should kill him), seeing her husband look upon the horse as dangerous, as she herealf condered him was scores to the self considered him, no sooner saw the coffin placed in her husband's dressingroom, than she went to the stable, armed with a pair of pistols, and shot the dan-gerous steed through the head. On one occasion the Count was asked by a friend.

A VIENNA correspondent; writing on the 5th inst, says: 'A new and very important institution has just been created or State Court of Appeal. This court, the members of which are selected from the members of which are selected from the members of which are selected from the most eminent men in Austria, is to decide all cases of conflict between the por annum.

A Kentucky hen has laid an egg of constitutional legit. The intelligible of cases of conflict on questions of constitutional legit. The intelligible witten by American stan by ourselves. The bedoves us, therefore, to take need of such casual lessons as may emble us to of the official; which has hitherto been a bring up our notions of what is correct over thinks so.

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some of our war vessels. The Wissah. Entombment of a Car. eon, for instance, is called the Wissah. A curious incident has occurred in New York: A few days ago, while workmen were constructing the iron front of a new building at No. 49 Walker street, a cat by some means crawled into the hollow part of the iron girder which forms the base of the front. The workmen heard

the cat, but paid no attention to its cries, and the work proceeded, thus entombing the cat. The fact was reported to the society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals. by whom, it is reported, the builders were ordered to release the cat, even if it be came necessary to take down the entire front to accomplish it. The front had been erected as far as the fourth story by this time, and the matter began to wear a serious as well as an expensive aspect.

There was no alternative but to comply with the orders, and men were yesterday set to work to release the animal. It was found necessary to remove a small part of the side wall into which the girder was inserted, and then chisels and sledge hammers were brought into requisition, and a hole sufficiently large made to ena ble the cat to crawl through. The cat, which was very thin and weak, the result of its long confinement, seemed greatly pleased, judging from its actions, in escaping from the living tomb.

Advantage to Women of Wearing Men's

Not long since a young man was taken dangerously ill, here in New York, at night. He was slone with his sister, and she was obliged to go, after twelveo'clock, for a physician. She trembled at the thought, and her brother resolved again and again to bear the pain until morning, but at last they felt she must go. The happy thought suggested itself to put on her brother's clothes, and take his loaded pistol; the result was, that she brought back the physician, and he never knew, until he reached the house and she told him, that she was a woman. She said she had such a feeling of independence and safety as she passed men and women in the dark streets, that she immediately prepared a complete suit to wear whenever she sees fit. Thus armed and equipped she takes evening walks, goes to church, lectures, the theater, and when in the country, roams alone by day and night. Unfortunately, the law forbids woman thus to protect herself.—From the Revo-

Lack of a Useful Manufacture.

It is a remarkable fact, and one which shows how dependent a large portion of the South has hitherto been upon the mechanical superiority of the North, that there is not a paper mill either in Louis-ians, Texas or Mississippi. Newspapers, however, are quite numerous, and in New Orleans alone over six thousand pounds of paper are used daily for printing purposes. Perhaps it may be regarded as an indication of the new spirit of enterprise which has obtained a hold in that section since the war, that at last an that section since the war, that at last an effort is to be made to start a paper manufacturing company. The citizens of New Orleans are called upon to subscribe for the stock, and, the interest of the press being enlisted, there is no doubt that the enterprise will soon be started on a favorable basis. The material for the manufacture of person be obtained. the manufacture of paper can be obtained there at the minimum price, and it would seem that, with even ordinary skill in the management of the business, it might be made profitable.

Dr. Kohn, of Breslau, a famous German oculist, has been examining the condition of the eyes of night compositors, and found that the predominating ten-dency is to short-alghtedness, which is more noticeable the longer the occupation is followed. Of one hundred and thirty compositors coming under his notice sixty-eight, or 51.5 per cents, were short-sighted. Of the sources of artificial light, of lamps were found to be far more detrimental to the eyes than gas flames, but less injurious as regards the amount of heat given out. Dr. Kohn recommends flames protected by glass chimneys, shades arranged to throw more light on the cases, and the discarding of small type in night work. Dr. Kohn is the same oculist who published statistics in reference to the loss of sight among metal workers, and recommended the use of mics spectacles to shield the eyes from the intense heat and the flying particles of

How to Observe the Eclinse. Take a large card with a small round hole in the centre, and hold it against the sun's rays, so that the shadow will fall on the floor, pavement, wall or other dark and smooth surface. In the middle of you ride that horse three months longer, l'il bet he kills you." The Count replied: "What do you bet !" "Twenty-" its browness without straining the eyes. in its progress without straining the eyes, and without smutting face or hands with

smoked glass.
This simple process was suggested by
the familiar circumstance that the light
spots in the shadows during a solar eclipse, take the shape of the luminous portions of the sun's disc; and the perforated card has been used with perfect success.

THE Grandes Eaux, the magnificent fountain of Versailles, surpassess any-thing of the kind in the world. It plays only on Sundays. The basin is about an acre in extent, and is semi-circular in form. Groups of statuary, representing Neptune and Amphitrite, and various cocasion the Count was asked by a friend, a Marquise of the French, to Egypt.

—A cotemporary speaking of O'Baldwin, the Irish glant, says, "he is very much looked up to in St. Louis."

—Carl Formes has married a female physician, and again it is not Mrs. Dr. Walker who has been selected for the office.

—Chicago has a steam road roller, where it is easted by a friend, a Marquise, to see her to her carriage. Neptune and Amphirite, and various marine monsters, dragous and cupids occupy its inner surface. A number of large vases are in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic office. She declined, say thrown into the air it is illuminated by the electric light and by lights of different colors, after which fireworks are thrown into the basin, which, floating upon the surface. After this are thrown up from various parts of the basin jets of fire, confrasting beautifully to the basin jets of fire, confrasting beautifully to the basin jets of fire, confrasting beautifully in the contraction of the basin jets of fire, confrasting beautifully the basin jets of fire, confrasting beautifully the surface. The water is first thrown up from various parts of the basin jets of fire, confrasting beautifully the surface. A number of large vases are in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic vary and vases. When the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic value in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic value in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic value in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic value in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic value in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic value in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic value in the summit of the well. The water is projected through the statustic value in the summit of the well. The water is projected t thrown up from various parts of the busin jets of fire, contrasting beautifully with the jets of water, and the whole is concluded by a cascade of fire along the whole length of the basin.

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