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ARDWARE .- Table Cutlery, Razors, Pock at Knives, Hand saws' Wood saws in the family of Captain Hoff were seated around the table, refreshing themselves with that add James Allen. The said James Allen transfer the table, refreshing themselves with that add James Allen. The said James Allen transfer the table, refreshing themselves with that add James Allen. The said James Allen transfer transfer to much admired, though somewhat ancient dish much admired the sound and the sound an

Select Poetry.

AN ANGEL IN THE WAY.

Fair the downward path is spread, Love and light thy coming greet, Fruit is blushing o'er thy head, Flowers are growing neath thy feet, Mirth and Sin, with tossing hands, Wave thee on, a willing prey, Yet an instant pause—there stands An Angel in the way.

Heed the heavenly warning-know Fairest flowers thy feet may trip;

Fruit, that like the sun set glow,
Turns to ashes on the lip,
Though the joys be wild and free,
Even mortal eye can see An angel in the way. Wilt thou drown in worldly pleasure? Wilt thou have, like him of old,

Length of days and stores of treasure, Wisdom, glory, power and gold? Life and limbs shall sickness waste, Want shall grind thee day by day, Still to win thee God hath placed

An angel in the way. Trusting all on things that perish, Shall a hopeless faith be thine! Earthly idol wilt thou cherish? Bow before an earthly shrine? Meet rebuke to mortal love Yearning for a chi-d of clay, Death shall cross thy path and prove

An angel in the way.

When the prophet thought to sin, Tempted by his heathen guide; When a prince's grace to win. Prophet lips would fain have lied Even the brute the same controlled Found a human voice to say, "Master, smite me not"—Behold An angel in the way!

So, when Vice to lure her slave, Woos him down the shining track, Spirit hands are stretched to save, Spirit voices warn bim back. Heart of man! to evil prone. Chafe not at thy sin's delay, Bow thee humbly down and own An angel in the way.

Rebolutionary Shetch.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin, THE TORY BLAST-FURNACE.

EY D. W. BELISLE. During the Revolutionary War, the mountains of North Jersey bordering the state of New York, afforded an excellent rendezvous for robbers and highwaymen, and were not unfrequently visited by bands of Hessians in the service and pay of the British Generals, the service and pay of the British Generals.

Exchange for a lot of hombs and cannon balls which, but which, however, the Captain had buried in his yard for safe keeping Having the keys in their possession, the robbers proceeded to search the house. Every drawer and desk was care. The winter is to be hung in Sacramentous the leaves of friendly logs in the woods, covered over with show or extended stiff upon its crisp surface, is many and many and many the house. Every drawer and desk was care. The winter is a stiff upon its crisp surface, is many and session of by manufacturers of iron, and in furnaces were objects of much speculation, and had strange legends connected with them, for, often at night the inhabitants living far back in the ferest, along the sides of the mountains and in the intervening vales, beheld the sky lighted up by corruscations radiating from them, and, to many, such illumitations were ominous. They were regarded as indicative of evil, more especially as impressions were quite generally entertained by the people that various localities in that secthemselves strange prejudices, and retain them with imperturbable stoicism. If the them prognosticative of war and Lloudshed. Hence, long before the actual struggle for remarking: ndependence commenced, those uneducated pleneers had superstitiously anticipated many of its concomitant herrors. If the light was pale, of a purple or orange tint, it denoted pestilence and its attendant evils. In fact, every prismatic ray had its peculiar angury

their palates tickled. It will be open at all forming the character of a certain class as and the other to his brother. As ill tuck to fits day, and all reasonable hours of the any other agency, and of this description was F Families and parties supplied on short terwards, resided at Hingwood, Passale coun. the attention of one of the thieves. Instantly ty. New Jersey, and at Stirling, a few miles placing a pistol at her breast, he demanded distant. The furnice at Ringwood was conman named Ryerson, (many of whose descendants are still living;) it was regarded ber pocket, fell on the floor, and a basket of very cloudy night they witnessed the sky in of these rings is said to be still in the possesthat direction tieged with crimson. Subse. sion of a member of the family, quently, and during the war, this furnace was losing all furnaces found thus engaged for,

the space of trenty-nine years,
When we were but a youth, we distinctly old blast-furnace, which had been a source of so much speculation in former times. In its ing. Smith, the leader of these unwelcome palmy days the peculiar crisis of the times visitors, approached Mrs. Hoff, and, with an gave to it great importance, as being a centre | air of perfect sauvity, saying, as he took her where considerable amounts of money were distributed, and all kinds of goods were bought and sold! also, because it manufactured and furnished one of the staple articles of warfare.

"I feel exceedingly sorry for you, madam, but I have been robbed myself, and this is the way I take revenge. But, unfortunately for its proprietor, while it disguised its true character by manufacturing such material for the American army, it like wise sold balls and bombs to the British, and their route all the depredations which the and hence received the designation of the strength of their party allowed. Among the

Tory Blust-Furnace. nace was owned by General Stirling, and was | ged to turn them leose in the woods, where Hoff, who had served in the American army | pursuit of the robbers by General Wines, and as captain of a small company of volunteers returned to their owner. Their saidles and with signal ability and success. He was of bridles were also found hidden among the nedium stature, full of zeal in the cause of rocks. Captain Hoff entertained strong freedom, and, like Cocles, often gave buttle suspicions against three of his neighbors, single-handed, and was remarkable for his victories. He was of that courageous class of James Allen, and although the paint on their men who "ask no favors and shrink from no responsibility." At the time our narrative commences, he had been married only a few confirmed in a letter which he received some weeks to a daughter of Moses Tuttle, a resi- years afterwards, from an intimate friend. It

ient of Mount Pleasant. One evening, just as the last gleams of sun-shine were fading from the tops of the hills, the family of Captain Hoff were seated around robbed by Isaac Babcock, James Babcock

house to which they could gain access. The twilight of evening was settling into the more sombre shadows of night, and the quiet beauty of the surrounding hills seemed clothed with a supernatural grandeur, when suddenly with a supernatural grandeur, when suddenly "I am your obedient servant, "Joseph Board. the door of their residence was burst open by a party of four men, who had been engaged as workmen at the "Tory Blast-Furnace," under the command of Claudius Smith, a notorions leader of the Tories in that part of the State. Their faces were besmeared with paint, giving them a frightful and terrifying look, in order, no doubt, to prevent being recognized by Captain Hoff. Without a sion, and at the time were cutting coal-wood word of ceremony they walked into the house, in the mountains between Sterling Farmace and the Ringwood Farmace. A singular circumstance connected with this affair was, that

Surprised at this strange procedure, the young captain began to remonstrate, but they declared that they would have his money or his life. Still undsunted, Captain Hoff determined to give them as warm a reception as the nature of their visit deserved. Quietly moving himself back from the table, as if in the act of handing his money over to them, he darted furiously at the leader of the Tory bard and fulled the same of the transfer of band and felled him to the floor with his fist. This was the signal for a general melee, during the continuance of which the lights were extinguished, and neither of the belligerents dared to fire in the dark, fearing that they lining-room attracted the servant to the scene of conflict, and as she entered the room, one of the tories ordered her to produce the light, but as she attempted to do so the candle was knecked out of her hand by Captain Hoff.— At this juncture of affairs the tories enden-vored to tie him, but, like Cartius, he bravely contended with them, declaring—"I never will be tied! I never will be carried away. I

will die like a soldier at my post."

At this resolute determination, and seeing that he had at least one of their lives in his power—for he had a good pistol—they relaxed in their efforts to make him a prisoner, and sought a compromise. He answered them that he would never consent to any such arrangement, unless they solemnly pledged themselves to injure none of his family. To this proposition they readily assented, and seeing that further resistance might result in them that they might find all they could.— This unceremonious visit of the robbers was prompted by the impression that they should be able to obtain a handsome sum of money which had been received by Captain Hoff, in During the Revolutionary War, the moun- exchange for a lot of hombs and cannon balls | Journal :

juncture.

"It isn't fair-and we won't take the snit," Saying this, he handed it back to the owner. Mrs. Hoff was less fortunate. The ward next 'season.' Many a pairing, and thieves took all her wearing apparel, even many a nest-housekeeping, and rearing of tion were nocturnally visited by supernatural agents; therefore, it is not unreasonable to conclude that minds thus educated and operated upon, were well prepared to create for were seized, and in a kind tone of entreaty

she said to them:
"Oh, leave me that scarlet clock that I light from those farmaces on particular occa-sions presented a crimson tinge, it was to But, the leader paying little attention to her solicitation, threw it over his shoulder,

"This clouk will shine in New York!" Upon discovering the character of this par-ty Mrs. Heff at once set to work, in a manner which deserves the greatest commendaon, to secure such of her property as she could, unperceived by the tories. She carerejes of the season, including Cysters trest; - and those vagarious notions were as ref. fully gathered up what silver she had on the piced. The bill of fare will include sub-giously rejected as were many of the principal table, and some other trinkers of value, which fully gathered up what silver she had on the the placed in her pocket, among which were Superstition is sometimes as potential in two watches, one belonging to her husband that class who then, and for a long time at | made an unfortunate rattling, which arrested ducted on a large scale, and was owned by a this heroic woman succeeded in saving was three rings, which, in attempting to put into by the inhabitants about Stirling, and con. bed-clothing which she had managed to put guous places, as destined to evil, because under the bed unobserved by the tories. One

> Capt. Hoff resorted to several experiments employed in casting cannon balls and other to induce them to desist pillaging his house, nissiles for the enemy. When the fact was but finding all attempts unavailing, he made known to the government, a law was passed an attempt to overcome them by strong drink. They were, however, too mistrustful to be caught in that way, and finally decamped ta-When we were but a youth, we distinctly king with them all the goods they could pack remember playing around the ruins of that upon five horses. They took all the horses belonging to Captain Hoff, and, before leavby the hand :

Having secured all they could at this house, they proceeded on their journey over the mountains towards New York, committing on Tory Blast-Furnace.

During that interesting period, another fornducted by a young man, named Charles they were afterwards found by a party sent in

was as follows : "Risgwood, April 12, 1790.

of the war, and feeling measureably alarmed lest their own quiet domicile should be, in turn, visited by the tories who were foraging that section of country, and robbing every house to which they could gain access. The twilight of evening was settling into the more symbra shadows of wight, and the ories had one. I have heard from one of the

"To Captain Charles Hoff.
In tracing the early history of this Babcock family, it has been discovered that the two mentioned above, together with several othking their purpose known, for, they presented some time afterwards one of this company a pistol a his breast, with the demand "In the was wounded in a skirmish, and, supposing name of the king, delicer up your money and he was about to die, sent for Captain Hoff, other valuables." The wounded man had in his possession a massive gold ring which had been taken from Mr. Hoff's finger, and likewise his watch,— He informed the Captain where the rest of

the goods might be found.

ther made concerning me, that I would die like a trooper, with my shoes on my feet!" gether, meaning, no doubt, that he would meet with some sudden death. With imperturable coolness he remarked to an individual with capacity: might injure their own party, and thus do him: "I will make the old woman lie for once!" and, pulling off his shoes, he was actually conmore harm than good. The confusion in the ducted to the gallows bare-footed, and executed in that peculiar situation.

Such were some of the incidents connected with the history of that old Tory Blast Furnace, and many of the inhabitants who still remain in the vicinity where it was located, superstitiously believe that all these circumstances occurred in consequence of prenatural indications from the furnace itself.

"Tis a history Handed from ages down ; a nurse's tale-Which children, open-eyed and mouth'd, devour; And thus as garrillous ignorance relates, We learn it and believe "

The Poor Quails.

The helplessness of the quails during this severe winter is inducing many people to capture and kill them in great numbers. We the carnest entreaties of his wife, Captain
Heff gave the robbers his keys, and informed them that they might find all they could—

tage offered and an entire flat they great namours. We notice, says the Pittsburg Gazette, that they the offered freely in market, and hear that great have has been made among them by this thoughtlessness. It would be far better policy to feed them, and so preserve them for the future, than to kill and so exterminate them. The following pertinent remarks on this subject are from the Albany Evening

thermometer for several days has been in the neighborhood of thirty degrees Fahrenheit, which is the extreme limit of our winter cli-mate.

Kelly, convicted of the murder of Howe, in

tained in the shape of clothing, and other ens many, and hunger stills the hearts and due course of time various blast-furnaces dot. articles, and tied them up in bags. They husbes the music of the rest. The ground is ted the streams which coursed, like lines of even stripped the beds, and every particle of covered everywhere with a deep layer of silver, through the adjacent valleys. Those wearing apparel had been seized. At this snow, through which Bob' can not get at his food. The grain stacks are plated with ice however, Mr. Hoff interfered, saying, very modestly:

"I hardly think you are noting the fair dying bird. Plumpest, tightest, prettiest, thing to take my wedding suit."

I most social of our feathered game, the distress
Looking him steadily in the face with a of the quails will touch all tender and manly Tooking him steadily in the face with a part of grave perplexity, one of the gang relief; They should be fed wherever this is possible. While it is a privilege to dine Bob, or have him at breakfast or supper, this humane attention to him will bring its rejunior Bobs will be thereby saved and encompassed. Many a solo of sweetest whistling will be kept for a summer and autumnal enoyment of the woods and brakes of the comleaf time and harvest. Many an orchestral trotting over the dried leaves and grasses of the thickets by Bob in company-trailing for his food with the prettiest motion of any living creature that goes upon two legs-pattering music as he steps, and trotting right into man's heart while trotting away

> Friends, let us come to the help of the Quail, by feeding him and abstaining from feeding on him. In a time like this it is a sacrilege to est Bob White.

> SELF-ACTING STEAM BRAKE .- Mr. Robert L. Curry, of this city, has putented a "Selfetting Steam Brake, for stopping locomo tives." A cylinder is placed beneath the locomotive supported by a bad-plate, having two piatons with heads and cross-heads attacked. The steam, when thrown into the ylinder from the boiler, between the two iston heads, forces out the piston rods in dverse directions, which motion, by extendng the brake rods, brings the brakes directly pon the wheels with all the force and preare of the steam, and equally distributed pon the different wheels. The engineer has the entire control of the trains without any assistance from a brakesman; and he ca regulate, with a key, the stoppage of the train so as to apply the force of the brakes gradually or immediately, as the emergency may require. The invention appears to be a practical and valuable one for the purposes esigned. It is exhibited at Mr. George W. Ward's store, 217 Chesout street .- Phila

> QUEEN VICTORIA refused to see her maid o nor, the Hon. Miss Murray, upon her re turn from the United States, because she had written her candid opinions on the subject of slavery; and her foolish majesty caused it to be intimated to Miss Murray that, if she published her book in defence or extenuation of slavery, she must resign her place. Being a freeborn white English woman, the maid of honor accordingly resigned, and "is no longer a member of the royal household." Not being able to write English herself, and being in fact a lady of feeble mental capacities, the a book at all; but that she should presume to write a word in favor of an institution which the queen and a large portion of the British aristocracy who are pampered on the toil and misery of the people join with our avowed disunion fanatics in denouncing, is such an outrage upon anti-slavery royalty as must be punished by proscription to the full extent of royal power.

ANTHRACITE COAL IN VIRGINIA .- The Richmond (Va.) Dispatch has just heard of the discovery of very fine authracite coal on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad. The vein passes under the railroad, about seven-teen miles from Wytheville, in Pulaski com-

California Achrs.

ARRIVAL OF THE STAR OF THE WEST

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA. \$643,446 in Treasure Arrived-Interesting

News from Nicaragua, The steamship Star of the West, from San

Juan del Norte, on the 19th instant, and Key West on the night of the 28d, with \$643,436. 09 in treasure, and 260 passengers, arrived at

09 in treasure, and 260 passengers, arrived at New York yesterday.
Connected at the Isthmus with the steamship Uncle Sam, from San Francisco on the 5th inst., and Mansanilla on the 12th, bringing from both parts, in gold and aliver, for New York, New Orleans and Nicaragua, \$724,000 and 460 passengers.

The passengers specie, and baggage met with rare despatch on the Transit, reaching the Atlantic steamship inside of twenty-two

Captain Scott, the Company's general agent at the Isthmus, has completed the great wharf at Virgin Bay. It is six hundred yards in length by five hundred in breadth. and reaches to the verge of deep water, and so enabling at all times the Lake steamers to land and recirc passengers and freight in the greatest safety and comfort. The old lannches have been necessarily withdrawn alto-

Last week he laid down, at Puenta Arenas another stehmer for the river, of far greater capacity and power than any hitherto. She will be fitted up in good style, with sleeping berths, and will be ready for launching in two

"Nicaragua is at peace." General Walker has now eight hundred and fifty Americans under arms, and "the cry is, still they come." The suburba of the city of Grenada have been laid out into building lots and already sold; a pier is being constructed into the Lake, and to be ready for use early in the ensuing month of March.

Schooners to Virgin Bay and San Carles, conveying passengers and freight, are advertised to sail with promptitude three times a week between these and the city; and, more than all the city; than all, the rich absentees have returned to Grenada, and the resumption of business is firmly established.

CALIFORNIA.

Since the sailing of the last steamer the weather throughout the State has been unnsually cold. Ice has formed in San Francis-co and Sacramento about half an inch in thickness, and much snow has fallen in the mining or mountain regions. In this city the thermometer for several days has been in the

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the service and pay of the British Generals, Interspersed with abundance of rich and action of the participated, they commenced col.

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Interspersed with abundance of rich and action of the participated a A difficulty occurred, a few days since, at To many folks who might not know it." came into a store kept by Mr. Joseph Schaef-fer and asked for some flour, and demanded without payment. Upon being refused. they immediately shot down and killed him.

The white residents in the neighborhood gathered together and pursued the murderers, and succeeded in killing five of them, A man named John Item was killed in Stockton by the explosion of a flouring

From the mines we have the most cheering accounts. The recent rains have given the miners plenty of water, and therefore plenty

The Legislature is to meet at Sacramente on the 7th inst., when the new Governor will inaugurated. The experts of wheat during the past year

has been quite large, equivalent to 152,566 barrels of flour. Australia and New York have furnished our principal markets for surplus breadstuffs. The total amount of wheat raised in this State during the past year is estimated as high as 2.525,444 bushels. A mach larger amount will doubtless be produced this year.

Postal Reform.

A largely attended meeting of merchants was held at New York on Monday, to take into consideration such measures as might be deemed necessary to improve the Postal System. The following resolutions proposed Theodore Sedgwick, Esq., were adopted, a committee appointed to call a public

meeting upon the subject:
Resolved, That the condition of our Post Office system is entirely inadequate to meet the wants of the country, and is discreditable to the intelligence and energy of our people.

Resolved, That, in order to make the system what it ought to be, it is necessary in the lin the hands of a good marksman, is equal to opinion of this meeting, substantially to induce the following reforms :

tra charge.
3-Money-orders, for sums not exceeding

\$25, to be drawn by the principal Post-Offices on each other. 4—Compulsory pre-payment to be abolished, and double postage to be charged

on all mail matter not prepaid. 5-All dead letters to be returned to the writers, and, whenever possible, without opening.
6—The Postage on all franked matter to be paid by the Government.

WESTERN JUSTICE .- The St. Louis (Mo.)

Herald says that a week or two ago, a weatthy young Tennessee planter took passage for that city, at Padscab, Ky., on board the steamer Helen Mar, and the passage succee ded in gaining the affections, and finally acis fact a lady of feeble mental capacities, the queen naturally resents Miss Murray's writing girl on board. By some means, the matter was suspected by the boatmen, who, through some of the lady passengers, obtained a verification of their suspicions. They waited on the planter and told him to prepare to get married or be put to ashore on a sand bar to freeze to death; then made the boat fast at Chester, Ill., sent for a justice, whom they pulled out his bed, and in a few minutes the pair were married, and the sum of \$4 50ex-acted from the bridegroom to treat all hands.

COLD WEATHER IN TEXAS .- Dates from

Wh u last heard from, the newly married coc-

ple were at Barnum's Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

Poetry.

From the Sanday Descatch. THE SONG OF SHAWLAWATHA.

BY BROADFELLOW. If you ask us whence these "Shawlers;" Whence these chaps in women's fixing Who parade our city streets through, Looking like "the very dickens;" Looking like Canadian binnies; Looking like confounded asses; Looking like egregious ninnies : Looking like egregions ninuies;
Looking like menagerie monkeys;
Looking like the onrang outangs
Who have seized on wrong apparel—
We would tell you, we would answer,
In the words which here do follow;
From the land of SOFIPATRANA,
Where dwells WAMBA, son of WITLESS; Where the northwest wind, KEWAYDIN Rushes smack through boughs of pine trees, And the wild goose, QUACK QUACK OREE, Sings its simple song of pleasure; Where fourth-proof fools their wealth inherit, And games show their want of knowledge, And dandies strut in borrowed toggery, And humbigs are as thick as butter, And common sense has no relations, And folks are dumb beyond redemption, Jome these chaps bermaphroditie; Jome these double-strained jackasses, Neither men and neither women, Clad in musculine breeches; Clad in feminine garments; Clad in Many's best terkerri; 'lad in Susan's broadest "Bay State," Clad in Sally's longest long shawl; lad in Lizzie's best Broche shawl;

Ind in shawl of Georgiana, Beught for her in store where dry goods Are selling off at price below cost, Just to close a losing business; Clad in shawl that's hooked from BRIDGET, Who has missed it from the kitchen And raises quite a row about it; lad in shawl that sister once wore. But don't wear, 'cause she's got another Rather new and rather better Than the one that SHAWLAWATHA Wraps about his feeble shoulders, In hope that people will admire him As he strute down rue de Chesnut, And say—"Oh, look at that there feller!

Aint he quite a thing of beauty? Aint be got an air distingue? An air that's graceful, while it's shabby? Aint he quite a thing to look at? Aint he quite a thing to laugh at? Aint he quite a thing to jeer at? Aint he quite a thing to point at? Aint he quite a thing of softness? A fool by art and cultivation; A fool by birth and education; A fool by rights hereditary? A fool by choice and observation; A fool who loves his deprivation; A fool in looks; a fool in action A fool who feels exceeding thankful

That his head is rather empty, And wears a shawl, that he may prove it

THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. I can see that I grow older, And I note it day by day ! I can feel up heart grow colder As its pleasures pass away.

At the tell-tale glass I linger, As with faded eye I trace Solemn tokens which Time's finger Has engraven on my face. But one moment cant restore me

To my boyhood and my prime, And sweet memories come o'er me Of that brief and blessed time : Then I hear a father's blessing, And I feel a mother's kiss,

And again I am caressing One who has shared with me my bliss. Who shall say the Past must perish 'Neath the Future's coming waves? When the Soul delights to cherish

From Oblivious depths it saves? Looking backward, on I'm gliding ; Till I reach that final shore Where the Present is abiding, And where Change shall come no more.

IMPROVED FIRE ARMS .- The St. Louis Democrat states that Mr. Sharpe is now preparing models for four new species of his weapon, viz :- A small pocket-pistol. calculated to throw a Minie ball 100 yards : a cav alry pistol, with a range of 500 yards; a rifle, suitable for footmen, with a range of one mile, and a large gun, to throw a two onnee ball or a small shell one mile and a half, or as far as a man and a horse can be seen to advantage. With this latter weapon he declares he can set on fire a house or a ship at a distance of nearly two miles, and prevent the use of field artillery by killing the horses before the guns are brought within good range. This rifle, ten muskets, bayonets and all; for, place a man six rods distant with a musket and bavo-1-Uniform Posinge of two cents on let. net, and before he can bring the bayonet into ters, without regard to distance, and a use, the rifle can be loaded and discharged cheap uniform rate for printed matter, 2—Receiving houses and letter-carriers for the collection and delivery of letters in the collection and delivery of letters in cities and principal towns without ex-cities and principal towns without ex-patent, the country would be possessed of a times," writes to the Philadelphia Christian means of warfare unequalled,

A TALL CHIMNEY .- At Preston, England. a chimney has just been completed at the work of Messrs. John Hawking & Law, which is 258 feet in height; its width at the foundation, 34 feet; the weight of the stone cap is thirty-one tons, and 440,000 bricks have been

used in building it.—[Exchange,
This is, indeed, a pretty tall chimney, but
not to be compared with one in the city of
Glasgow, described in the December number of Hunt's Merchant's Magazine, page 677 Its height is 460 feet, and its ejecular dlame ter at the base 50. It is of the form of a cone, and contracts to six feet diameter at the top. Three nullion of bricks, and thirty tons of iron for bands, were used in its construction and cost about \$50,000. It was built by Messrs. Tennent, to carry off the deleterious gases arising from their retorts in manufac-turing chemicals. It is situated on elevated ground, and can be seen at a distance of 20 miles on approaching the city, from any di-rection. It is the tallest chimney in the world.

COMMODOR'S STEWART.—A joint resolution has been introduced into the New Jersey Sch. ate for memorializing Congress to restore the gallant Com. Stewart, "Old Ironsides" to his station in the Navy, of which he was deprived br the decrees of the Inte Naval Board.

GRAIN CROP OF ILLIMOIS .- The Chicago

Barnum Exploded.

According to a long article in the Bridgeport Standard, it was P. T. Barnum's want
of busines: sagacity which eccasioned the
recout suspension of the Jerome Manufacturing Company. The correspondent of the
Boston Post, writing from New York, says
it is currently reported in that city, that Mr.
Barnum is a bankrupt.
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We hope and believe not. Yet Barnom has been running down hill ever since he attempted to humbug the Press. There have been two eras in his life—one of which he devoted part of his means to advertising, reaping ten-fold profits; and another, the latter, in which he has attempted all the illegitimate by-ways of netoriety, and sought publicity without paying for it.

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The engagement of Jenny Lind was the culmination of the first era. In his triumph and success he thought he could kick over the ladder by which he rose.

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He discarded the Press as an agency; and thought he could be his own advertiser—blow his own trumpet—rise up, balloon like, by the force of his own gas!—As well might a man attempt to lift himself up by the waistbands of his own pants. He inflated himself, but it was like the frog in the lable, emulous of rivaling ox—only to bust.

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In his new experiment everything failed as rapidly and wonderfully as everything lad succeeded under the old system. The Urystal Palace became a mess of cracked crockery under his touch; the Fire Extinguisher burnt his fingers terribly; his Menagerie became the ridicule of the public, and he was the smallest annimal in his show. He put his fingers in the Press and got squeezed. His Illustrated Paper illustrated his folly. He undertook Lecturing; but was never asked twice to the same place. He tried philanthropy and Temperance—and got cold water for his reward. He attempted his Life—in the way of biography. He had better attempted his jugular with the back of a razor. The public laughed at the duil and silly parade. He tried the softer sex. But the Bear Woman bore him no profits; the Black Swan laid no golden eggs in his nest; the teeming Matrons of the Baby Shows were barren, as far as his Exchequer was concerned.

cerned.

He put his face upon the bills of the Bridgeport Bank; but whether the Suffolk threw
them out or the people threw them up, we
know not; but he has stepped down from the
Presidency, and the bank finds itself as well
without him. His evil genius pursued him
into the factory. It was the apposite of a
satisfactory operation. The Lusiness was
wooden clocks, but it would not come to time
in Barnum's hands. cerned.

in Barnum's hands. In all this latter career his aim was to get notoriety, without paying for it. To be talked of by the Press, and to give nothing to them. So cunning was he that he would spend ten dollars in those by paths of publicity rather than devote one to the legitimate and certain

And there he is! The deposed King of Humbug, puts aside his wreath of laurels, and crowns his own head with prickly His whole course exemplifies this :

Monal.—Humbug the public—evade the law, delude the clergy—but do not attempt to humbug the infallible Press. It is impossible to do it. It is fatal to try .- Albany CALLING FOR HELP .- When Dick Alma first crossed into New York State from the

Canada side, he took lodgings at an inn in Canandaigua. A waiting muid sat at the table with him, and Dick spoke of her as the servant, to the no small scandal of mine host; who told him that in his house the servants were called "help."

Next morning the whole house was alarmed by a loud shouting from Dick of

"Help! help! water! water!" In an instant every person equal to the task rushed into Dick's room with a pail of "I am much obleeged to you, to be sure," said Dick, "but here is more than I want to

shave with."

off the line of buckets.

"Shave with?" quoth mine host ; you called help and water, and we thought the house was on fire,"
"You told me to call the servant help, and do you think I would cry water when I meant "Give it up." said the landlord, as he led

...... SEVEN DEADLY SINS .- 1. Refusing to take a newspaper. 2. Taking a newspaper and not paying for

3. Not advertising. 4. Getting married without sending in wedding cake. 5. Making the Printing Office a loafing

6. Reading the manuscript in the compositor's hand. 7. Sending an abusive letter to the editor. For the first and second offences no absolu-on can be granted. The fourth is unpardon-The fifth is death by the law. For the balance, dispensation can be received by especial bulls from the Pope of Rome.

Chronicle as follows:
"We have had the "Women of the Bible," The Daughters of the Bible,' and many other things in that line, and now we are having from one of the pulpits in New York, 'The Mothers of the Bible,' with the usual varieties. Please announce through your valuable columns that I propose commencing a course of sermons on the 'Men of the Bible!' among the subjects of which will be the following;

Adam, the Grandfather of all. Noah, the First Sea Captain. Esau, the Man with the Heavy Beard, Absalom, the Fast Young Man. Nebuchaduezzar, the First Pure Vegeta-

Felix, the Free-Lover, &c., &c.

A Lowell editor says that one reason why he supports the ten hour law for factories is. that then the factory girls will have time to garter their stockings in the morning, instead of having so frequently to draw them up in

When life is full of wealth and glee, Work, work, as busy as a boo! And take this gentle him from me-Be careful of your money! You'll find it true, that friends are few When you are short of money.

THE WEATHER AT NIAGARA .- An ice bride Cold Weather in Texas.—Dates from Galveston to the 15th instant have been received. The weather continued very cold throughought Texas. At Austin they were putting up for four inches thick.

Grain Cror of Lillmois —The Chicago Island, and Canada Shore, has been safely travelled by pedestrians the past week. Such putting up for four inches thick.

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