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Our young and gentle friend, whose smile Made brighter summer hours, Amid the feasts of Autumn time Has left us with the flowers.

No poling of the cheek of bloom Forwarned us of decay; No shadow from the Silent Land Fell round our sister's way.

The light of her young life went down, As sinks behind the hill The glory of a setting star, denly, and still.

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and sweet her fair brow seemed, al as the sky; would not die.

deemed she needed not counging of her sphere, give to heaven a shining one, Who walked an angel here.

The blessing of her quiet life Fell on us like the dew ; And good thoughts, where her footsteps Like fairy blossoms grew.

Sweet prompting unto kindest deeds Were in her very look; We read her face as one who reads A true and holy book.

The measure of a bymn. To which our hearts could move ; The breathing of an inward psalm, A canticlo of love. We miss her in the place of prayer,

And by the hearth-fire's light; We pause beside her door to hear Once more her sweet "Good night." There seems a shadow on the day,

Her smile no longer cheers ; dimness on the stars of night, Like eyes that look through tears. Alone unto our Father's will One thought bath reconciled:

That he whose love exceedeth ours Has taken home his child. Fold her, O Father, in thine arms And let her henceforth be A messenger of love between

Our humble hearts and Thee. Still let her mild rebuking stand Between us and the wrong,

And her dear memory serve to make

Our faith in goodness strong. Distrusted all her powers, May welcome to her holier home The well-beloved of ours.

A Select Tale.

A COCK-FIGHT IN HAVANA

One bright morning in the month of December, a few years ago, the Ohio lay swing-ing to and fro, under the guns of the Moro Castle, in the harbor of Havana.

Hising and falling on the breast of the billow, like a beautiful thing of life, with her tall masts tapering to the sky, her half-clewed sails hanging gracefully in the sun, and her bristling port-holes showing a row of teeth almost as formidable as the castle itself, she was a thing both to be admired and

to be feared. The beautiful quarter-deck shone like a well polished table; the brass mountings of long Tom," a respectable sixty-four pounder, glistened like gold, when contrasted with his lack muzzle; and beneath the belaying-pins lay sundry well-tarred ropes, coiled up like

suskes preparing for a spring.

A slight breeze rippled the water, gently wafting to be ward the smoke which issued from the cigars of a few officers, who, dressed in the gay uniform of our navy, sat discussing the merits of the combatants in a certain cock-fight, which was to take place on the island that day, and to which they were to be conveyed in the captain's gig, which had been ordered to be got ready for that purpose. It was a bright Sunday morning, the day generally chosen by the Creoles for their exhibitions of bull-fights, cock-fights, and similar rational amusements, and great anxiety was manifested on this occasion to witness the sport, in consequence of the enormous bets which had been staked by the Spaniards and Creoles upon their favorites, and because it was so arranged that the field

was open to competitors of all classes. Symtoms of impatience were becoming evident in the countenance of the officers at the non-appearance of the gig, when they observed a knot of sailors congregated around the captain, and in a few minutes, "Will Glover," the boatswain, a fine specimen of an American sailor, approached them, and touching his cap, requested permission to take them ashore in the yawl instead of the

The request occasioned some surprise, as it was rather an upusual one, and the captain was upon the point of refusing, when the first lieutenant whispered in his ear :

"There is a turking devil in Will's eye, which shows that there is mischief in the wind; so let's see what it is about." The quick-witted boatswain, however, had seen the impending refusal, and before it had time to leave the captain's lips, he had told

him "that the boys had brought out in the vessel a great-fighting bird, which they wanted to match against the best game-cock on the island, being desirous of proving the superi-ority of the Americans in chickens as well as in everything else."

"Besides," continued he, "these yellow devils win our money all the time with their marked cards and loaded dice, and we are burning to have our revenge."
"But what kind of a bird have you got

there ?" said the captain; "you cannot hope to fight one of the half-bred game-cocks which we have at home against the splendid birds which these Creoles devote their whole time to breeding and training, and which are per-

"Never mind that, captain," answered Will; "we have a bird here that is known all over the United States, and which has never been whipped yet, although he has had worse enemies to encounter than these billious looking Spaniards." Well, I do not know what mischief you

reliance he seemed to have in the powers of his bird, yet at the same time confiding fully in the well known shrewdness of the fellow, looking bird which he had with him in a bag. which they had often seen put to the test.

The yawl was lowered, a dozen sailors challenge," proudly replied Amigo; "produco leaped into it, and swinging round to the gaugway, sat silently waiting for the officers; Without further parley. Will untied the but a knowing smile might have been seen playing about each man's face, which broke into a cheer as the sturdy boatswain appeared on the money-rail with his precious bird in a ered tribe that had ever graced or disgraced sack, and seizing the painter, swung himself a cock-pit.

It was a By this time the officers had become as rooster, with

By this time the officers had become as much interested in the proceedings as the men, and as soon as they were seated, demanded to see the contents of the bag.

But Will assured them that the bird would fight so much better if kept in the dark until the hour of combat, and pleaded so earnestly against taking him out that they at last yielded the point, and contented themselves with listening to an interesting but entirely fabulous history of "The Un-known," which the boatswain related with a seriousness that would have done credit to a funeral sermon.

As they approached the shore he concluded by saying:
"I have good reason for wishing to preserve my bird's secret until the last moment,

and although you will discover it the moment
it is pit! d. I hope your honors will keep your
though' o yourselves, and not betray us.

'h sised all the money we could on
the property of the st cock that ever crowed in the Hon than are f your honors would like to do a little hing you can do it with perfect safet on this bird, or my name's not Will Glove; for their picayune chickens will stand no more chance with him than one of these fellows then selves would with me, and I never saw any three of them yet that I

couldn't whip in a free fight." Having finished this modest assertion, his eye glanced slightly at his powerful frame, as if to say, "judge for yourselves;" and indeed it required little judgment to perceive that if the bird resembled his master he would prove a formidable antagonist, for Will's clear blue eye, broad forebead, and bright, handsome countenance gave promise of more than ordinary intelligence and resolution, while his thick, brawny neck and hoge arms looked perfectly capable of performing in a "free fight" even more than had just been claimed for them.

In a few minutes the party had landed and separated, the officers having gone to a livery stable to procure a conveyance, and the stalwart form of the boatswain could be seen rolling up the street at the head of a body of men, whose appearance was such as to render them little likely to receive interrup-tion from the majority of peacefully disposed

aligator pears, mangoes, bell-apples, sapslilloes, and various other tropical fruits. while men and boys were seen parading about with every variety of that officious bird which always insists upon announcing the break of day, when nobody cares about hearing it.

The pit was surrounded by a large amphi-

theatre, capable of holding an immense number of persons, and there, seated upon benches, raised one above the other, sat the beauty and chivalry of the Havana. There

"Soft eyes looked love to eyes which spake again, And all went merry as the marriage-bell ! but nevertheless old and young, rich and poor, cemed bent upon enjoying the sport, and the soft eyes above alluded to seemed quite illing to divide their favors equally between

their cavallers and the chickens. Whenever a fine bird was exhibited and matched against another, the ladies were seen betting with as much vivacity as the men, although their stakes were more moderate than the immense sums which some of the old Dons displayed upon little tables around the edge of the ring, and which they won and lost with a menchalance worthy of a

better cause.
Glover and his companions, on entering the amphitheatre, took their seats near the door, and shortly after the officers of the Ohio arrived, and obtaining places a short distance from the men, were soon engaged in making trifling bets with those around them, on such birds as happened to excite their admiration. Gallant birds they certainly were, and worthy of all admiration; but unless history

is to be disbelieved, they were guilty of most extraordinary anachronisms. Time, place, and facts were utter disregarded in the scenes there enacted, and the very dead were brought from their graves to fight for the amusement of the inconsiderate Julius Cosar was there picking a quarrel

with the Duke of Weilington; Plutarch was strutting about with a large red comb in his head. Lord Byron, with bare legs and steel spurs, was seen running away from Christo-pher Columbus; and Mark Antony was heard pronouncing an extremely tautologica oration over the dead body of Don Quixotte. It is true that the eloquence of this Mr. Autony was not quite equal to that of another of the same name, who once began an address by making the unreasonable request that his friends," as well as the "Romans and countrymen," would "lend him their ears;" but his style was certainly more terseand laconic, for his preface consisted of "cock a," his of "doodle," and the conclusion of Such brevity should certainly have

ranked with the "veni, vindi, vici," of olden times, and the "Sebastopol est pris" of our day. But to return to our unfortunate bird, who had been covered all this time with sack-cloth, if not with ashes, and who had been kept entirely in the dark with regard to these proceedings. Various contests had taken place, many a gallant bird had fallen victim to his bravery, and the interest of the audience was beginning to flag, when a Creole stepped into the ring, and offered to match a splendid bird which be held under

his arm, against anything that had wings, on the island. No one answered, as the bird was the most celebrated one in the Havans, and the owner's efforts to find an antagonist seemed

likely to prove futile.
Signor Amigo's black game-cock, "Satan, was known to every one in the town as having whipped the best birds the island had produced, and being still in his prime, no one cared about losing a fine bird by matching thunder-struck than was our dilapidated old the cock-pit; but the Cubans were as likely

are after," replied the captain, good humor- | him against this "Cour de Lion" of roosters, | eagle at the impudence of this viciouschicken. | to avenge the one as the Stuarts had been are after," replied the captain, good humoredly; "but if you will give your word on behalf of these men, that you will behave
yourselves properly while on shore, and not
taste a drop of liquor, you may go."

Will touched his cap again, and in a
minute disappeared down the hatch, while
the officers stood wandering at the implicit
taliance he remaid to have in the province of

> Without further parley. Will untied the bag, and produced, to the astonishment of the officers and the rest of the assembly, the most curious looking specimen of the feath-

looking bird which he had with him is a beg.
"Against anything that heavings, is my

It was a bird about the size of a large rooster, with no tail, no comb, and no steel guilles. Comb it seems he never had, and as for tail, if he had ever been blessed with such an appendage, the ruthless sailors must have "clipped it short and driven it in," for not a vestige of it remained; and to add to the disfigurement, he was smeared with a mixture of grease and blacking, until his original color had been entirely lost. A loud shout of derision arose from the spectators at the impudence of the Yankees, in offering

them with feathers, taken from the chickens kened to a sense of his danger.

But the time had now arrived when Amer-

of some by-gone dinner.
The officers now regretted that they had permitted the men to come ashore, as they were fearful that the artifice, if discovered, night lead to blows; and the determined character of the men rendered them very

dangerous when excited.

Matters, however, had now proceeded too far to be stopped, and they had to content extended a claw, and seizing the brave but themselves with relying on the prudence of doomed bird by the back, and pinned him to Glover. Although they knew that he was a the earth as if he had been nailed there. perfect devil when his blood was up, they still knew hin to be a man of his word, and that he would not make a disturbance if he could help it; so hoping that their presence would have its influence with the audience, they drew still closer to the boatswain, and then quietly awaited the issue. But their fears were unnecessary; the sailors had no intention of getting into a fight, and as their chief object was to make up their losses by winning a pile of gold from the Habaneros, they quietly staked all the money they had among those around them, generally contri-ving to get heavy odds in their favor. Besides ving to get heavy odds in their favor. Besides the money which the men had brought with them. Glover had collected on the ship about thirty double-ness twenty-five of which has staked against the fifty of the Signor's, who had graciously condescended to reduce the amount of the bet one-half, in consideration In about half an hour they had reached of the poverty of "Les Americanos," and the conceived the horrible idea of pinning his enthe inclosure which contained the pit, and other five he had managed to place advan-emy to the ground, and then pulling his head they soon found themselves in the midst of a tageously; at the rate of about one to three, morley assemblage, who were chattering and among the audience, all of whom seemed among the audience, all of whom seemed tooth.

outer side of the wall, with tables or trays the infection. Unable to resist the pressing Collins might have written another ode on displaying oranges, bananas, sugar cane, offers of those around them, knowing the the passions there displayed, or John Bunpower of their champion, and feeling a gal- yan filled another "Pilgrim's Progress" with ant pride in sustaining the character of their national bird, they bet the last dollar they had with them, until the amount staked by amounted to nearly three times this sum. Before proceeding further, it was arranged that the birds were to be placed in the ring, and then both the Signor and Will were to

retire, while the actual death of a bird was alone to decide the victory. The birds were accordingly set down a few feet from each other, and amid the acclama-tions of the Habaneros, the instant that "Satun" touched the ground he threw himself into an imposing attitude, and uttered a crow of defiance which rang through the building, and was immediately answered by a dozen of his neighbors outside the walls. Black as a raven's wing, a more beautiful bird had never delighted the eyes of the Cubans. He wore on his neck a natural ruff, which looked like that once worn by Mary, Queen of Scots, while his blood red comb looked still redder when contrasted with the et-black hue of the rest of his body. His tail fell gracefully to the ground, and it was very evident to discriminating spectators that would never "show the white feather,"

because he did not happen to possess any of that description.
"Cock-a-doodle-doo!" was all that he said, and then looking round to see who he could pick a fight with, he espied the American bird cuddled up in a heap, as if very much annoyed at the embarrassing position in

which he found himself placed. But if astonishment was ever depicted on the brow of a chicken, it certainly was de-picted upon "Satan's" at this moment. More than once he extended his long neck, as if to obtain a nearer view, and convince himself that he was not deceived, and then puffed out his breast, as if he considered it morally impossible that he, the descendant perhaps I a race that had crowed over Granada with Alhamar, or who possibly had even displayed their valor before Euric and his Goths, could be pitted against such a dirty specimen of the "canaille" as now stood before him. Had there been an aperture in the wall of the ring sufficiently large to have enabled him to stalk majestically away, it is probable that some this scion of Granada would have declined the contest, in the same manner that we might suppose the "Chevalier Bayard" would have declined to sully his reputation by an encounter with a common prize-fighter; but there was no chance of escape, and conscious that both the nobility and democracy of Havana were awaiting his movements, he concluded to kill his antagonist at once, and extricate himself from the unpleasant pre-

He could not shout "a Bayard!" of a "Satan to rescue!" for his voice was only adopted to saying that eternat "cock-a-doodledoo," and he had no lance to couch, so instead, he owered his head and tail to a level, in imitation of one, and precision an his adversary, making the feathers fly as he struck him a savage blow with his sharp steel gaffs.

Had Mr. Pickwick beard an insinuation

against his courage; had a Yankee pedler been discovered in the act of selling honest nutnegs; had Macdonald surrendered at Wagram without a blow; had Napoleon's "Old Guard" deserted him at Waterloo; or had "Old Hickory" been seen scampering

leagle at the impudence of this vicious chicken.

The few battles that the engle had heretofore indulged in had always been conducted
on the wing, and consisted merely in his pitching into somebody with a kind of flying artillery, so that he was about as much used to
this kind of fighting as one of our city-brigade inspectors would be if he found himself
dullying Camanda vife halls in a Marian. dodging Camancha rifle balls in a Mexican swamp. It would be natural to suppose that "his eagle eye now sighted up," and that the rash chicken would instantly have paid the penalty of his folly, but se did not do anything of the kind.

of the kind.

As the coch struck him, he slightly elevated his wings, as elderly gentlemen elevate their eye-brows when they heard of the mad fresks of younger members of the family, bucked his head like a goost entering a barrdoor, twicted his into a most nacomfertable position, to take a birds seys view of the matter, and then calmin allers. matter, and then calmly walking away from the iracible individual who had insulted him, drew himself into as specical a position as possible, and waited to see what would hap-

pen next.
His curiosity upon this point, however, was

so miserable a creature as the antagonist of warrantable assaults without giving way to "Satan," the pride of the Havana, and as his temper, and although his feathers were they doubtless thought, the hero of a hemis- flying about and the blood trickling down his breast, he still seemed indisposed to nght .-But to the experienced eyes of the officers Every time that "Satan" struck him, a yell of of the Ohio, the secret was now revealed, and delight broke from the Cubans, and to them beneath the grease and soot, in spite of the clipped wings and clipped feathers, they but Glover and his companions maintained an imperturable silence, their only fear being he terrible beak and claws, which the sailors | that an unlucky blow of the spurs might reach had almost managed to conceal by covering a vital part before the eagle had awa-

ica was to assert her majesty, and the Habaneras were to learn the danger of trifling with

her eagle The last blow the gallant cock was ever to strike had been struck, and as the blood spur ted from a deep wound made by the guffs, the eagle, raising himself to his grandest height.

For an instant he gazed upon his falles enemy-With that stern pride which warriors feel In foemen worthy of their steel," and then-I blush to tell it-with his other

claw, deliberately pulled his head off! Do not smile, reader; it is a very serious thing to have one's head pulled off, even if one is a chicken; and when we take into consideration what a chivalrous chicken this was that was so unceremoniously decapitated, and how contrary such a proceeding was to the usual courtesies of the cock-pit, the subject out of its socket, as a dentist would pull a

mostley assemblage, who were chattering and yelling in a manner worthy of the gallery of anxious to have as opportunity of "turning tooth.

Women of every shade of color, from ebony to dirty white, were seated around the Even the officers themselves at last caught

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Tooth.

O Cruickshank! why were you not in that in honest penny" by fleecing the ignorant vicinity then? Why has not that picture been faithfally portrayed by your truthful but sar-

Collins might have written another ode on personifications from that scene. Death was there in the form of a headless chicken : vichad with them, until the amount stand dou-officers and men exceeded a hundred dou-bloons, and the odds given by the Cubans had bloons, and the odds given by the Cubans had were faithfully represented by the comfitted tory in the shape of a burly boatswain; mal Signor, as he stood with the body of the de ceased in one hand and the head in the other looking "first upon this picture and then upon that." But besides these beautiful images to the disgrace of the waggish sailorsthere was a sad transposition of an emblem that they were bound by every tie of duty to

have preserved intact. A modern poem, which has been made trite by its beauty, tells us that once upon a time

"From his mansion in thesus Had he called her eagle-bearer down, And given to his mighty hand

The symbol of her choses land and yet without the slightest regard for all this, the said eagle had been tarred and feathered until "the majestic monarch of the cloud had been converted into a creature which, instead of soaring to heaven as the pressager or liberty, was running about a cock-pit, look-ing very much like an old school-girl in pan-talettes with wide ruffles. or even more like one of those strong-minded females who pass their declinings years in asserting "woman's rights" and 'higher laws," and who generally become "Bloomers" about the time they cease to bloom. Nevertheless, the girlish attire and innocent unconsciousness of the engle were not sufficient to appease the wrath of the backers of "Satan;" and if they had been fallen angels themselves they could not have looked more ready to avenge the death of his Satunic Majesty than they did to

avenge the death of his namesake. The cry of "unfair, unfair!" arose from all sides, and symptoms of a row were quite prevalent, when Glover sprang into the ring, and snatching up his bird, roared out with a voice of thunder, 'that his comrades were willing to abide by the decision of the judge and that they wanted nothing but what was right," adding, however, parenthetically and "sotto roce," that "if the judge did not know what right was, he would probably receive some instruction upon the subject before they

Fortunately for the sake of peace, the mat-

ter was too plain a one to admit of much dis-pute. "Satau" had been fairly pitted against the nondescrift, and if the nondescript prefer-red pulling his head off, to the laborious methed of killing him by spurring and pecking at him he had a perfect right to do so. Whether the judge had overheard the con clusion of Will's remarks; whether he had perceived a curious fat-looking pistol, with six holes in it, which the fellow han contrived to leave sticking out of his pocket; and whe ther either had any influence in briging his mind to a just decision, are points which, like many other gentlemen on the bench, he re-served to himself; but his decision was certainly given promptly in favor of the American bird, and both office a and men immediately received from the stake-holders the fulamount of the bets. Still, notwithstanding the favorable decision of the ermine, Cuba had now become to the sailors what England

became to the regicides of the seventeenth century—quite a warm place of residence, or to speak more plainly, "too hot to hold

to avenge the other and therefore, like the man, who was pitched out of a second-story window, they "concluded that it was time to leave,"

leave,"

Not that the tars were really pitched out however; for although pitch and tar are almost synonymous terms, yet there is a kind of American tar which does not get often pitched about by anybody except old "Poscidon," the chap that carries a trident—an ar-

the door, as if for the purpose of impeding their exit, but who, when they found themselves in actual contact with the sturdy tars, concluded to lot them strike a "bes line" in flud employment for her mind.

any direction they preferred.
The officers soon followed the men, and in a few minutes the yawl was bounding over the water, flying back to the chip like a gull to

its nest. Many a bottle was cracked to the health of the American bird in the cabin of the Onio and fast horses, and showy dwellings to that night, and it is supposed that "brandysunshes" to a considerable amount, to say nothing of "gin cock-tails," were consumed in the forecastle at the same time, for the laudable purpose of assisting the sailors to sing the praises of their champion. History with culpable negligence, has not transmitted to us the future fate of the bird; but if sailors ever die solvent, which is doubtful, or if they ever make wills, which is more so, depend upon it that as "Vogelwelde, the Minnesinger," once did for the birds of Wurizburg's towers, they will leave a considerable sum to be invested in government securities for the maintenance of the gallant old eagle.

The Central Sun. All scientific men have maintained that here must be a central point, if not a central sun, around which the whole universe revolves Maddler, who is unquestionably one of the greatest astronomers ever known, has given this subject his special attention; and he has come to the conclusion that Aloyane, the principal star in the group known as Pleiades now occupies the centre of gravity, and is at present the grand central sun around which the whole starry universe revolves. This is one of the most interesting and important as-tronomical announcements ever made, though t is very likely that but for the eminent scientitle position of the author, it would be Thompson, one of the physicists who, with Carnot, Soule, Meyer, and others, has large. ly contributed toward establishing the relaions between heat and mechanical force, and who has extended his researches to the heat emitted by the sun; which heat he observes, corresponds to a development of mechanical force, which, in the space of about about 100 years, is equivalent to the whole active force required to produce the movement of all the

Preparing Silk.

The Paris papers announce the discovery of a process for preparing silk so that it may be produced at a cheaper cost even than cot-ton. This discovery had its origin in the theory that there is but one creature capable of producing silk, and but one description of vegetable matter, the mulberry tree, fitted for that creature's food, and that therefore the silky substance must not lie in the animal but in the vegetable matter. By analyzing the composition of the mulberry leaf, and by boiling it to a thick paste, every description of silk may, it is asserted, be produced in immense quantities. The silk thus manufac-tured is said to want a little of the gloss be onging to that spun by the worm, but is procounced superior to the ficest foulard hither-

A POETICAL DUN.

Some friend, says the National Intelligen cer, has sent us, under a blank cover, a copy of the subjoined very clever and very practical jeu d'esprit, addressed by the editor of the Methodist Protestant to his delinquent subscribers. We copy the article simply for the amusement of our readers; for, as Mr. Raudolph used to say of his constituents, we have the best and noblest set of subscribers that ever honored and sustained a public journal They, therefore, as a body, need no such in genious hint; but, should there be found here and there an exceptional case, he is at liberty to consider the Hiawathean appeal addressed

"Should you ask me why this dunning, Why these sad complaints and murmurs, Murmurs loud about deliquents Who have read the paper weekly, Rend what they have never paid for, Read with pleasure and with profit, Read of news both home and foreign Head these es-ays and the po-ms, Full of wisdom and instruction; Should you ask us why this dunning. We should answer, we should tell you

From the printer, from the mailer,

to himself:

From the prompt old paper-maker, From the landlord, from the carrier, From the man who taxes letters With a stamp from Uncle Samuel ... Uncle Sam the rowdies call him-From them all there comes a messaga, Message kind, but firmly spoken, "Please to pay us what you owe us." Sad it is to hear such message When our funds are all exhausted, When the last bank-note has left us, When the gold coin all has vanished, Gone to pay the paper-maker, Gone to pay the toiling printer, Gone to pay the landlord tribute, Gone to pay the active carrier, Gone to pay the faithful mailer. Gone to pay old Uncle Samuel— Uncle Sam the rowdies call him— Gone to pay the Western paper Three and twenty hundred dollars ! Sad it is to turn our ledger, Turn the leaves of this old ledger,

Due despite our patient waiting, Due despite our constant dunning Due in sums from two to twenty. Would you lift a burden from us? Would you drive a spectre from you ! Would you taste a pleasant slumber Would you have a quiet conscience ? Would you read a paper paid for? Send as money, send as money, Send as money, send as money, SEND THE MONET THAT YOU OWE ES!"

Turn and see what sums are due us,

Due for volumes long since ended, Due for years of the sant reading, Due for years of toilsome labour,

Farmer's Department

Despising Household Work.

From a variety of causes, nothing is more common than to find American women who have not the slightest idea of household do of American tar which does not get often pitched about by anybody except old "Poscidon," the chap that carries a trideat—an article by the way, that reminds us either of a cow-stable or our grandmother's toasting fork And to this class our sailors belonged.

Had a due sence of propriety governed their actions, it is probable that we should now see them

"Post their could like the Areles,
And as also by scalary;"
but they had kept quite a marvellously long time for sailors; so waiving their hats above their heads, they gave three tremendous cheers, which fairly shook the building, and then forming in line, marched out, straight through a crowd of men, who had collected at the door, as if for the purpose of impeding

> Advice to Young FAREBRS .- Allow to " say to young farmers especially, let us be a dious and inquisitive, as well as labor us let us be simple and frugal in our ha who really need such things to recomthem. Let us ever remember that for he and substantial wealth, for rare opportunities for self-improvement, for long life and independence, farming is the best business in

the world.

Winter care of Fruit Trees .- Every heart vigorous tree, or plant, is supplied with an almost infinite number of fibrous roots, every part of the sod, and gather say have with it a supply of organic or inorganic The expansion and contraction of the during the winter, tear and break number these minute roots, a majority of which arsmall as to be imperceptible to the unal eys. Where there is a great number of all-natives of heat and cold, so many of these roots are broken as to leave the true in sicily condition in the spring, and it sho be a careful stuky to protect them from so action of frost. Should there be but a sho degree of frost, not more than enough to free water half an inch to an inch in depth, body of water around the roots would don't less act as a preserver, and from this fac probably the ridiculous habit arose abo alluded to. But in this climate we have guard against foot-deep instead of inch de

A simple experient will show the differen between a dry and wet soil around the binches deep; fill each one of them within inch of the top—the first with water, second with earth-saturated with water, the third with moist, but nearly dry and subject all three to cold enough to them solid. In the first, the watchanging to ice will so expand as t up the entire measure. The moist ear the second will have expanded near

much, while the comparatively dry will scarcely expand an eighth of an inc The experiment, or the principal whi lustrates viz :- that water-freezing ex but one-eighth of its bulk, while dry sole not thus expand, has a direct bearing the winter treatment of trees. Insted taining water around them, it is better t a ditch (at a sufficient distance to avoid ting the roots) to convey the water away

leave the soil dry.

It is smoetimes even advisible to bank the earth eight or ten inches high around body of the tree, slope it of a few feet. The will both carry off the water and afford a ditional warmth to the roots .- Western I terprise.

PEAR TREE BLIGHT .- As a last resort for young trees, affected with the blight, cut down the body of the tree until you find it perform ly sound, then cut it off smoothly and cut th bark, two inches or less, down the tree each side—take a graft of some of the harder varieties, such as Seckel or Virgalicushave it dawn on one side diagonally as ye would for slip grapting, and push it gent down in the bark at the cut; and with a coing of the stump and the cuts so made, t work is done, the bark holding the graft ficiently tight. This remedy may still be plied with grafts cut at the proper season

S. N. Holmer. RELEVING CHOKED CATTLE -The follow method of relieving neat cattle, when cl by a turnip, potato, etc., has been tried, said, and never known to fail. Pour int throat of the animal, from a junk bott pint or so of lamp or sweet oil. at the time rubbing the throat briskly with the

Humorous.

Immediate relief will follow.

A young lady, returning late from the as it was raining, ordered the coschmante close to the side walk, but was still una

etep across the gutter.
"I can lift you over it," said coachey "Oh, no," said the sweet miss, "I am "Lor, miss," replied John, "I am used

lifting barrels of sugar." The arms of a pretty girl, wound two sround your neck, has been discovered

an infallible remedy in case of sore three! It beats pepper tea hollow. "Life," says the graphic Neal," is like field of blackberry bushes -- mean people at and pick the fruit, no matter how much to may blacken their fingers; but genius, pr and perpendicular, stalks on and gets noti-but scratches and holes tern in his trowser

VERDICT OF A NEGRO INQUEST .- "We, und recribed darkies, been a kenar's jury disgust, to sit on de body of de niggar Sam now dead and gone afore us, have been siit on de said nigger aforesaid, did, on the nig ob de fusteenth of November, come to def by fallin, from de bridge ob de riber, whe we find he was subsecomely drown'd, and arterware, washed on de riber side, whar, ""

A gentleman of Alabama was

one moring, when a friend stepped in eai-"R—___,breakfast is coming in."
"Let it come," exclaimed R—__,with a
of definice, "I am not afraid of it."

"I am going to the post office. Joe, st

inquire for you !"
"Well, yes, if you have a mind to, hat it don't think you'll find me there!"