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Select Tale.

A COCK-FIGHT IN HAVANA.

One bright morning in the month of December, a few years ago, the Ohio lawyer

There is a tugging devil in Will's eye, which shows that there is mischief in the wind;

are after," replied the captain, good humoredly; "but if you will give your word on behalf of these men, that you will behave yourself 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 wondering at the implicit 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, which they had often seen put to the test.

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

In about half an hour they had reached the enclosure which contained the pit, and they soon found themselves in the midst of a noisy assemblage, who were chattering and laughing in a manner worthy of the

"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 crouded up in a heap, as if very much annoyed at the embarrassing position in which he found himself placed.

It is true that the eloquence of this Mr. Antony 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 terse and laconic.

No one answered, as the bird was the most celebrated one in the Havana, and the owner's efforts to find an antagonist seemed likely to prove futile.

him against this "Czar de Lion" of roosters, licensed with the idea of winning neither money nor renown with his favorite bird, he at last offered to stake a hundred doubloons against fifty, and no one accepting his challenge, he was preparing to leave the ring,

Without further parley, Will untied the bag and produced the astonishment of the officers and the rest of the assembly, the most curious looking specimen of the feathered tribe that had ever graced or disgraced a cock-pit.

It was a bird about the size of a large rooster, with no tail, no comb, and a steel gage in its neck, so 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 in addition to the disfigurement, he was smeared with a mixture of grease and blacking, until his

But to the experienced eyes of the officers of the Ohio, the secret was now revealed, and beneath the grease and soot, in spite of the clipped wings and clipped feathers, they perceived the eye of an old bald eagle, and the terrible beak and claws, which the sailors had almost managed to conceal by covering them with feathers, taken from the chickens of some of the galleons.

The birds were accordingly set down a few feet from each other, and amid the exclamations of the Havana, the instant that he saw the American bird, he uttered a cry of indignation, and uttered a crow of defiance which rang through the building, and was immediately answered by a dozen of his neighbors outside the walls.

But if astonishment was ever depicted on the brow of a chicken, it certainly was depicted 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, who was one of the "old birds," should be thus humiliated by a "young bird," who had just been introduced to the arena.

He could not shut "Bayard" of a "Satan" for his words, but he was one of the "old birds," and he had no intention of allowing himself to be thus humiliated by a "young bird," who had just been introduced to the arena.

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Not that the tars were really pitched out however; for although pitched 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 "Pascidon," the chap that carries a trike—an article by the way, that reminds us either of a cow-stable or our grandmothers' toning-fork. And to this class our sailors belonged.

Had a due sense of propriety governed their actions, it is probable that we should now see them: "Fall their hands like the Anab, And as silently and away!" but they had kept quite a marvellously long time for sailors; so waving their hats above their heads, they gave three tremendous cheers, which fairly shook the building, and then forming in line, marched out, straightly a crowd of men, who had collected at 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 let them strike a "sea line" in any direction they preferred.

The officers soon followed the men, and in a few minutes the yard was bounding over the water, flying back to the ship like a gull to its nest. Mary a bottle was cracked to the health of the American bird in the cabin of the Ohio that night, and it is supposed that "brandy-smashes" to a considerable amount, to say nothing of "gin cock-tails," were consumed in the process 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 did make wilds, which is more so, depend upon it as a "Yankee" proverb, "once did for the birds of Warabaz," they will leave a considerable sum to be invested in government securities for the maintenance of the gallant old eagle.

All scientific men have maintained that there must be a central point, if not a central sun, around which the whole universe revolves. Madder, 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 stary universe revolves.

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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 duties. A writer thus alludes to this subject in this neglect of household cares, American females stand alone.

ADVISE TO YOUNG FARMERS.—Allow me to say to young farmers especially, let us be industrious and inquisitive, as well as laborious, let us be simple and frugal in our habits, and avoid needless expenditures; let us have good and fast horses and showy dwellings to them, who really need such things to recommend them. Let us ever remember that for health and substantial wealth, for rare opportunities for self-improvement, for long life and real independence, farming is the best business in the world.

Winter care of Fruit Trees.—Every healthy vigorous tree, or plant, is supplied with an almost infinite number of fibrous roots, every part of the soil, and gathered up the water, which they really need such things to recommend them. Let us ever remember that for health and substantial wealth, for rare opportunities for self-improvement, for long life and real independence, farming is the best business in the world.

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Humorous. A young lady, returning late from the Opera, saw it raining, ordered the coachman to drive close to the side walk, but was still unable to stop across the gutter.

Verdict of a Negro Inquest.—"We, the undersigned dukes, being a kener's jur' in the county of New York, do hereby certify that one dead and gone afore us, have been slain on the side of a nigger's forehead, did, on the night of the fourth of November, come to the end of his mortal career, by falling from the bridge of a nigger's back, who we find he was subsequently drowned, and afterwards washed on de river side, whar, we do hereby certify to de jury."