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AN ADVENTURE IN THE WRONG HOUSE.

"I know not what extraordinary conjunction of the stars took place on the first Friday of June, 183-, nor how my planet is particular, came to perform so many antics, in or out of its proper sphere. Before that day, I had never had an adventure in my life; the cur-rent of my existence had flowed as evenly and quietly as the stream of a mill pond; and no wit or skil of author-craft could have spun out my biography beyond the compass of a single paragraph. I was born, and I ived for twenty-five years-that is all: I lived in a village, too and my name was (as it now is,) James J. Smith. There was nothing forcan offer the greatest inducements to those in ther in my history worthy of being mentioned; except that, at twenty-five years old, finding myself unincumbered by any near relatives, and possessed of a moderate estate. sufficient for all my reasonable wants, (and I had no unreasonable ones,) I began to be weary of my rather dull and lonely existence, and cast about for some means of relief. I was balancing between two great projects. one of travel, the other of matrimony; both indeed, in a very general way, for I was not in love with anybody, or particular place; when a letter from my old college mate and correspondent, Harry Brown, of Virginia, determined me in favor of the former. He was forming a family party he invited me to join n Philadelphia, where he expected to arrive at an early day; and he promised to bring along with him a very charming unmarried ousin of his who might, perhaps, he said, assist me in trying the other project as soon as I got tired of traveling, provided only that I had the spirit (and it required great spirit) to woo and win her; all of which I regarded as a friendly pleasantry on the part of my old

> I went accordingly to Philadelphia, and at Harry's suggestion, took lodgings at a fashionable hoarding house, at which he intended stopping, and where I had designed to await

It was on Friday, in the afternoon, that I arrived; and having established myself in a comfortable chamber, I salifed out to see somewhat of the city, and inquire at the post office for letters from my friend. I received two letters, one from Harry of a somewhat mysterious quality; the other from a stead ffer, and of a character still more explicable; both of them written from Baltimore. Harry informed me that he was on the way with his party, and hoped to be in Philadelphia en the following day; and be added (and this was the mysterious part of the letter, that his aforesaid handsome cousin was about to be snatched away from me by a particular fatal-ity, yet he did not despair, he said, of my yet winning her, provided he should immediately find me on reaching Philakelphia, and find me with mettle sufficient to undertake a most formidable, but splendid seventure.

"whom I never heard of before, except in his last letter; and confound his splendid adventures." And with that, with the greatest equanimity, I banished the memory of both to examine and wander over my second letter from my unknown correspondent. It was us

"My Dran Boy :- Shall be in Philadelphia Friday evening with E, to sign seal, kiss and squabble, according to compact; place aforementioned. Shall expect yourings, posies, blushes and hysterics. Always promised your dad I would, and I will. Yours resolutely, T. B.
This letter was formally directed to James

J. Smith, Esq., "post restante," Philadelphia was manifestly written in an old man's hand; and as far as I could gather any sense from its odd and broken sense, alluded to a marriage was Mr. James J. Smith? Not myself, cartainly; who had never dreamed of marriage, except as a contingency, and had never made serious love or proposals to any human bein... No, it was apparent-and this was confirmed by the allusion to the "aforementioned place." well known of course to the person written to but not to me-that there was some other James J. Smith besides myself in the world, and in Philadelphia, for whom this letter was designed, and to whom it was manifest from the terms of it, the loss might prove extremely inconvenient.

Under the circumstances, I perceived I had nothing to do but return it to the postoffice, that it might reach my namesake, I was retracing my steps, for that purpose, when I was interrupted by a gentleman, or a person dressed like a gentleman, but I thought there was something unpleasing and sinister in his looks, who stepped up to me, and with a low bow and grinning smile, told me, "he believed he had the pleasure of addressing Mr. James J. Smith ?"

"That is certainly my name," said I, "but" "You havn't the honor of my acquain-tance!" interrupted the gentleman. "Exactly so, but I have the pleasure of producing my ate of introduction.

And with that, the fellow clapping one hand on my shoulder in a very impudent familliar way displayed under my nose, not a note of introduction but a note of hand for some seventeen or eighteen hundred dollars drawn in favor of Simon somebody, I forget who, and signed plainly and strongly enough, "James J. Smith"

"All this, my friend," said I, removing his CHEAP WATCH AND JEWELRY STORE hand from off my shoulder, "is doubtless good No 72 North Second Street, (opposite the and tair enough. The difficulty is, that it concerns some other James J. Smith, and not me; for I never wrote that note, nor indeed, any other. You have made a mistake."
"Very facetious," said the person.

should inform you, sir, that poor Simon being in difficulty, was under the necessity of part-ing with that little note to me, sir; and I paid im a fair price for it, sir, because it was a if he meaut to impress me with an awful sense honor, sir, I never find and difficulty in col-

"The deuce take you and your debt of ho nor," said I, waxing impatient. "I tell you, sir-" but my gentleman interrupted me

'No occasion to swear, my dear fellow. "No occasion to swear, my dear fellow. I don't intend to trouble you just now. I know what brings you to town here; I know old Patty is coming, if he has not come already, and the rich young lady with him.— The letter, sir, that you just received sir."—

As I came hear the house, I found myself derivations are the house, I found myself derivations and the surveying operations are confined to re-surveying operations are confined to re-surveyin

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Here the fellow burst into a laugh at the look of amazement I put on, finding him so familiar with the mysterious epistle; and added ing in the vards or gardens, which were merely enclosed with walls or fences with somewhat contemptuously. "I did not think Mr. James 155 mith such a spooney as to give the the parties over his shoulders in the street! If the idea atrack me that I might perhaps unter the boarding house through the garden gate, which I hnew must be the second one, the street! In short, sir, as I said, I don't intend to trouble you just now, nor to be game moned hereafter. I shall wait, sir, until the hand to trouble you just now, nor to be game moned hereafter. I shall wait, sir, until the hand to trouble you just now, nor to be game happy hour is over; and then, sir, hamble against the street was the passage for the third door.

I felt along the passage for the third door, nor to be game happy hour is over; and then, sir, hamble against a state of the street is an exact counterpart of that in the boarding house on which my chamber lay; to the Pacific and in our new Territories have which, therefore, I felt I could make my way without farther trouble. It was finder a pusible and with the idea of pusishing the atreacherous chamber-maid, that, as I sudden impulse, and with the idea of pusishing the treacherous chamber-maid that, as I stepped out. I closed and locked the door, for I felt the key was on the outside, and so left her and Jimmy to settle their difficulties a complete map of the State, have been prepared, and important suggestions are prepared, and in our new Territories have which, therefore, I felt I could make my way without farther trouble. It was finder a pusible with extraordinary rapidity. The public surveys within the last year on the lock of the Pacific and in our new Territories have which, therefore, I felt I could make my way without farther trouble. It was finder in the Pacific and in our new Territories have which, therefore, I felt I could make my way without farther trouble happy hour is over; and then, sir, humbly claim to renew the note, sir! till when, your obedient servant to command, sir!" With that my gentleman bowed and staiked off, stroking his whiskers with an air of
unutterable magnificence which I have not alley.—Besides, the gate was overhung by a

peared, therefore, impossible that such a fel-low could pretend, in any honcet way, to the hand of the rich "young lady," referred to by the note-holder, and doubtless the fair E .-- of the letter. I felt that I should punish, it not defeat, the schemes of a rogue, and perhaps protect a deserving girl and a deceived parent, by keeping Mr. T. B.—'s letter in my pocket, and into my pocket accordingly I thrust it. At all events, the inception of the letter would produce a delay; and delay might effect the desired purpose.

I spent the remainder of the afternoon rambling about the city, viewing it, and, as I . thought to the last moment, without farther adventure. But just as I was hunting my way back to my boarding house to tea, I was stopped by a sharp but rather timed-leading young fellow, who begged my partien, believed I was Mr. James J Smith, reminded me that I owed a very long bill to his employers, Messrs, Snip & Shears, hinted that they had written to me two or three times on the subject, observed that times were hard, and coucluded by instinuating the pleasure I would through the back door, it was so dark that I confer upon those gentlemen if I would be so good as to walk with him forthwith, down to their shop—which was only seven or eight various counds of mirth and chatter than squares off.

I replied to all this, that he had mistaken his man; that I owed Messre. Snip & Shears parts of the house.

nothing; and upon which he became so alarm. In this confused st ed and retreated. But I observed him followed and retreated. But I observed him follow—to a little room at the head of the stairs on ing me at a distance, and dogging me all the the second story, where it being, if possible,

way to my boarding house.

After tea, having no acquaintance in the hug, and said ity, I went into one of the theatres to pass the evening, and passed it, in the main, very pleasantly. I was, indeed one time annoyed by the conduct of two or three well dressed, but noisy fellows, in the next box, who, from their discourse, I soon set down as gamblers and determined rogues. One of them, who had red hair, I observed was very gentest in his appearance, but he was an abandoned deaperado in his conversation; and from some perado in his conversation; and from some clothes, because we will have to travel by perado in his conversation; and from some remarks that he and his companions let fail, I was struck with the sudden suspicion that he was no less a personage than my worthy kers as you have got, Jimmy—so as to look was no less a personage than my world, names also have got. Jimmy—so as to look names also. Mr. James J Smith himself. Thus old and fierce, and keep the people off; and in the milst of their laughing and whispering she's to be my little brother, a school-boy. I overheard—she expressions, "Ad Hong." "O, yes," and I, beginning to wonder and be interested in this opening of a plot and kead himself swore with an eath, "if the blood conspiracy among the people I did not know, and the people off; and she work with an eath, "if the blood conspiracy among the people I did not know, and the people off; and she will be interested in this opening of a plot and conspiracy among the people I did not know, and the people off; and she will be interested in this opening to wonder and be interested in this opening of a plot and conspiracy among the people I did not know. would hold up his head again with the best of the drama. them," I tried in vain to catch the fellow's related, another young man came into the box | for she's rich and loves me and I told her and told him "there were hawks on the wing;" upon which he looked alarmed, his compan-

the theatre. I could then attend the performance without interruption; and I had been for some time observed in the interests of the scene. when I was suddenly aroused by a voice whis-pering in my car.—"I say, Mr. James J Smith this is no place for a gentleman of your in-ches. There are buzzards abroad, who'll stop all marrying and giving in marange .-And if you mean to give up that chance, bang me, my fine fellow, if I shan't be the

first to arrest you."

I looked around, and was enraged to pe ceive the note-holder, who gave me a again-cant nod, and immediately walked away.— "How provoking," thought I, "to have all these vagabonds take me for that rasul, my namesake. Yet there is something after all, in his counsel. It would not be agreeable to be arrested, even by mistake, since there is no one in this city to whom I can appeal for character and identity. To morrow trown will be here, and then I shall be safe trough.

These thoughts determined me to leave the theatre and go home. But I had scarcely got the distance of a square when I had the on the suit of Messrs. Suip & Shears; and | selves!" requested me to favor him with my company to the magistrate's. At the same time perceived the tailor's clerk, who had evidently kept me in view and pointed me out to the Messrs Snip & Shears to attend the migis- own apartment, and yet I had a fancy t trate's? I felt very well assured that I would be liberated as soon as they saw me; but they might have delegated the whole business I was James J. Smith, because I had adnitted I was; and then bail would be demailed and, for want of it, I must immediatel be packed off to prison.

The thought of this degradation fillerme with sudden fury, and without taking time to reflect upon the consequences, I knocked the officer down, though he was a burly fdow for the door, not without making some noise twice as big as myself, kicked the little sork against opposing chairs and tables, when the into the gutter, and immediately ran off, opthere to ite concealed until Brown shoultar-

This proved a more difficult undertaking and why don't you speak to me?"

than I expected; for there was immediately My fears had told me that the new comer a great bue and cry raised; and the streets could be no other than Jimmy, the loitering being pretty full of people. (for it was not 11 o'clock.) I was followed and headed, and as will as a mouse, intending, as soon as he assailed on both sides so that it was only by taking my activity to the utmost, and diving into every alley and byway that offered, that I managed to avoid my pursuers. My great est fear was of losing my way, for I knew but little of this city, and the uniformity of its streets, and the great family resemblance bedebt of honor, sir," here the rascal looked as if he meant to impress me with an awiul sense of his courage and determination; "a debt of run of the streets, notwithstanding my various doublings ; and by-and-by I was sure that a large house now in sight was my boarding-house, because it looked exactly like it, and was similarly situated near an alley, whichor one the "fac simile" of it-I had taken no-

tice of during the day.
As I came near the house, I found myself

"Oh!" whispered I, in some confusion, there has been a fight, and the police are

taking up everybody." 'That's just like you. Jimmy, you goose!' eatd my unknown darling, give me another buse, stoping to see every fight, though you might lose a fortune by it. But come slong, don't say a single word! In take you up stairs, I'll put out the lights. Have you got your Sunday's best on. Yes, I feel that you have. Don't say a word, or somebody will

discover us." Who was my inamorala? That was more than I could tell. But it was evident she taken me for Susan dressed in a man's aptook me for some one else; her sweetheart; and that was a character, which, to avoid disnovery, I felt compelled to keep up until I had got into the house, when I designed giving her the slip, and retreating to my own chamber. But this I found to be an actieve ment not to be easily effected; for first, she held me very lovingly round her neck in bonds, and next, when we got into the house especially two or three pianes and other musical justraments echoing in different

In this confused state the damael led me up still darker than ever, she gave me a new

"Now, Jim, my lad, I'll tell you all about

suckers would give him but two days, he and marveling what share I was to play in

"I've no doubt," quoth my new acquaintname; and soon after be had altered the words | name, "she would give me a beap of money, was ouce rich, too,-or my father was before me-(which is no more than the truth,) for ions laughed, and they all immediately left all I'm no more than a chamber-mail." "Oh-o!" thought I, "are you there, Ab

"But here's my idea, Jim," she continued with vivacity, "and it's a good one. If the young lady might give me much, how much more might not the old gentleman give mehe who has got all the chink in his own hands -when he finds the young lady gone, lost away, it might be, forever-bow much would he give to restore her? Why, I reckon a whole fortune; so I'm resolved upon it. And here's the way we are to manage it : Instead of my running off with her, you are to do it. pretending to be me : sud she won't know the difference, because of the darkness, (you are to talk only in whispers.) and she will think the disguise makes such an alteration; Then, instead of taking her to the cars, you take her right home to our house; she knows no more of the town than she does about the moon; then you can pretend to be frightened, and ran into the house for shelter, and then it is too late for the cars, and she must wait to the next night you know; and she can sleep in my room, and there you can lock her up safe till morning. Then I come to finish misfortune to be tapped on the shouldr by the business, and get the fortune, and then, su officer, who told me he had a writ fir me | Jim, we'll get married and set up for our-

Here the faithless Abigail gave me another embrace, expressive of delight and triumph and then charging me to remain uniet notif she returned, slipped from the room and left officer. It was in valu for me to protesithat the shut up in the darkness. I hesitated I was not the man intended; Mr. Clerksald, whether or not to obey her. My first incli-"the gentleman was very good on that sary." nation was, certainly, to creep out, now that What, I asked myself, if it should not suit the coast was clear, and find my way to my nation was, certainly, to creep out, now that follow the adventure to the end, so far at least, as to see that the cloping lady came to no mischief. But when I began to question to the clerk, who would not hesitate to sear | who this adventuress could be, and to remember that, although I had seen a good many young ladies at the tea table in the evening, none of them were particularly handsome, I confess I lost so much of my interest in the matter as to resolve to finish my share of it instanter, retired to bed, and leave the incognita to her destinies. I began to grope door suddenly opened; and I was horrified by a man's voice, murmacing in an enger tating public sales of large quantities beyond whisper-"I say, Suke, confound it, where are you?

weetheart or confederate of Abigail, or Sasan, as her name appeared to be. I kept

fate, a Jimmy, had determined it otherwise. "I sh Sukey;" he murmured, "why did you bolkhe gate? Why didn't you let me he uttered a dwal cry. "Oh, Lord! it's a man!" and turned to retreat. But I had thusdwantage of him, and was

nearest the doorgust as the scheming Susan, perhaps alarmed t the bustle, came running into the room with a light; but at the sight of me she was so trrified that both she and

ante-room to a sleeping apartment, from the open door of which it was obscurely illumi- parallel have been ran west to Gray's harbor, uated. There was just light enough for me and 30 miles of the seventh standard passing to make out objects, to discover my extraordinary blunder, to see (or part of this,
perhaps, was fancied.) that my new friend,
who received me so warmly and familiarly.
was a young lady irresistibly charming and
beautiful; oh! what a voice she had! and
the discover my extraorthrough the vast expanse of the Admirally
finlet and Whitby's Island.
In Kansas the surveys of the public and
limit trust lands have been pushed forward
with activity. Notwithstanding the severity
of the last winter, the disturbance in the the touch of her hand made me beside myself! while her expression made it apparent that she was no less a person than the fair incognits, Susan's mistress, and that she had mis-

"Where did you get such magnificent whiskers?" she cried, and she actually pulled them duction into market by a proclamation for with her fingers, in pure admiration. "I never their sale on the 17th of November. with her fingers, in pure admiration. "I never could have believed," she continued, 'laughing, "you could be so changed by clothes, that you would make such a beautiful young man, ing district having been mainly directed to I declare, I feel as if I wanted you to make the Indian trust lands in Kansas.

In New Mexico, notwithstanding the diffi-

that. I immediately clasped her in my arms, and ravished a kiss from her lips, by which laughter.

There, now, that's enough. But I wish I might light upon some handsome young also been filed a number of "Puebla" Indian fellow for a sweetheart. I wonder how I shall look in my boy's clothes? But come along and help me, I shall never get the gress, and are to be made into townships and queer things on without assistance."

And here the beautiful creature made as if

"Forgive me, dear madam. I have decelv-

ed you; or rather you have deceived yourself. I am not Spran, I am--" At the first sound of my voice, for I had not epochen before, she turned wildly upon suggested in the matter.

We were near the door of the chamber, Under the acts of 1849 and 1850, granting

mirthfulness to the extremity of terror. I

saw she was going to shrick, I sprang up and placed my hand over her mouth. not ruin me, and perhaps yourself. I will are fraudulent, and the lands not of the charnot insult you. I am a gentleman, the vic- actor granted by the acts. tim of a most extraordinary blander, which has caused this intrusion, and made me an mexpected confident in your intended clope-ment. Pray, madam, don't faint." Certainy she looked so much like it, that I was bligsd to support her and she was compelled o suffer me. I will make every reparation: betray you,) and you need a faithful attend-

"Sir-sir-sir," stammered the beauty, to thom these silusions to the elopement gave ife, while they covered her with blushes ; "I eed nothing but your immediate departure for heaven's sake go! Oh, what, what is to become of me ?" And she wrung her hands and burst into tears.

(CHAPTER II NEXT WEEK)

From Walashington.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE REPORT.

The report from the General Land Office s of more than usual length, covering a period of five quarters, ending 30th Eeptem ber, 1856, and giving full information touch ing the many and various subjects of its jurisdiction, and all the operations of the land system of the United States, lands sold

Covered by the report.
There were sold for cash 10.062.107.19 seres of public lands; located with military bounty land warrants, 9,336,540 acres; so lected and reported under swamp grants, 6,036,874,39; and appropriated by the rail-road grants of May, June and August, 1856. (as estimated.) 13,775,550 acres, making a grand aggregate (including other internal improvement selections,) of 41,115,396,58 acres of the public dossain disposed of during the five quarters ending 30th December, she. This is an increase of millions of scres over the quantity disposed of during the five quarters preceding. for cash have greatly fallen off, the disposal of Congressional grants and locations land warrants has more than proportionally increased.

Lands to no considerable extent have been proclaimed and offered at public sale during the year 1856; the present policy of the office being to secure them to the actual settlers under the preemption laws, rather than to favor speculation therein by precipithe means of the settlers to purchase. With the view of making this the permanent policy of the office, the report recommends a slight medification of the pre-emption laws. Other amendments for the equitable adjustment of conflicting settlements upon unsurveyed lands are recommended.

The surveys during the year ending 30th September, 1856, of which plats have been returned and approved, amount to 16,873,699 you belikhe gate? Why didn't you let me returned acres, of which 9,091,884 acres are on the there, for Abeard you. And now, you jade. I've caught ou." In fact, he had. But no sooner did his fingers come in contact with a whiskered ches, and velvet coat-collar, then whiskered ches, and velvet coat-collar, then he attend a dikal cry. "Oh, Lord! it's a 573,654 acres are in California and the Terman acres." ritories of Oregon, Washington, Kansas, Nebraska and Utah. The quantity of new lands new liable to be disposed of is greater wheat was being drawn at the time, and the than at any previous period of the history of our land system. In many of the fand focated. States the surveying operations are confined

The public surveys within the last year on gate itself was thrown open, and, upon my rashing in, it was immediately closed again which I had no doubt led to my chamber. I agricultural lands. In Oregon and Washing and bolted behind me; and this, I was certain, reached it, and was in the act of acratching ton Territorics Indian hostilities have seripresented in regard to the auriferous and without my having been seen from without; about with my fingers for the knob, when the alley.—Besides, the gate was overhang by a great tree, which darkened the alley and the drawing me immediately in, and closing the case of the case of the case of the case of the knob, when the constraint only impeded operations under the surveying system; yet, netwithstanding this considerable progress has been made. In Oregon, between the Cascado mountains and the seen equalled by any blacking.

This little incident, besides moving somewhat my choler, quite changed my resolution of restoring the letter to the post-office and thereby to my namesake. It seemed now apparent that my "alterego" was some rascally adventurer, the fellow, as well as prey, of him who bore the note in hand; and it apparent, therefore, impossible that such a fellow peared, therefore, impossible that such a fellow peared, therefore, impossible that such a fellow peared. Therefore impossible that such a fellow peared, therefore impossible that such a fellow peared. The gate was overlaing by a losson, I was soized by a young female, who leaves of the gate was overlaing by a losson, I was soized by a young female, who leaves of the progress has been made. In Oregon, Irwing me immediately in, and closing the between the Cascade mountains and the door, said with a voice broken with merriment comments by a leave that I could sea nothing of door, said with a voice broken with merriment comments by a woman. And this she made still more manifest by taking me round the neck and giving me a hearty buss, exclaiming—

"Is it younged the darkened the alley and the drawing me immediately in, and closing the between the Cascade mountains and the door, said with a voice broken with merriment comments of the work of the problem of the problem. It was now that the idea first burst upon the letter to the post-office and of whole you make!—Where what a restrict of the problem of the surveys of the public locks and of whole you make!—Where what a restrict of the problem of the work of the surveys of the public of the work of the problem of the work of the surveys of the public of the work of the problem of the work of th I saw at a glance that this was none of my by's Island, some returns have been made chamber. It was a fair lady's bondoir, or under former contracts of the Williamette

> country, and the difficulties incident to the execution of the surveys under fronty stipulations, surveys to the extent of hundreds plats of the same prepared, and the eastern portion of the Delaware trust lands placed in such a condition as to authorise their farm-

In Nebraska the surveys have not progressed so rapidly, attention in this survey-

There was no resisting such an appeal as culty in procuring supplies in this sparsely settled country and Indian hostilities, some progress has been made in the surveys by the she was thrown almost into convulsions of extension of meridian, base, connection and laughter.
"Out, you hussy!" she cried, "men are not so impudent. Bless me, don't be so ridicu. Mexico, have been presented to the Surveyor General for examination, with whom has also been filed a number of "Puebla" Indian

sectional sub-divisions. The extent of field operations embrace between 130 and 140 she would have pulled me along into the townships. Attention is drawn to the fact chamber, at which in great terror, I dropped on my knees, and seizing her hand, exclaimed—

that the limits of the Salt Lake City are greater in extent than the town site laid off in 1844 allows, and it is represented that the public domain in the city and out of its limits, were settled by Mormons, is being conveyed by them to Brigham Young, as trastee, and Congressional interposition is

and the light shone upon my face as I knelt. the swamps and overflowed lands to the I never saw such a change from a radiant States in which they were situate, 42,628,158 sirthfolness to the extremity of terror. I see share been selected by the States and reported my hand over her mouth.

"For heaven's sake, madam," I cried, "do ot roin me, and perhats yourself. I will not reported for approval; of which 1.16s, i51 acres have been conjected by individuals, of roin me, and perhats yourself. I will not remark that these selections

BAILBOAD GRANTS.

Upon the passage of the railroad grants of last summer, the lands failing w probable limits were withdrawn from market, so as to seenre the attention of Congress, since which time sales and locations have will retire. Nay, I will even assist you to greatly fallen off. All the means within the ty; for Susan is fuitbless, (she designed to control of the General Land Office have been used to secure a speedy adjustment of the grants, with a view to the early restoration of the withdrawn lands. Iowa was the first to accept and dispose of her grants. Wis-consin, Florida and Alabama are taking the steps preliminary to the adjustment of their grants. Under the acts it is estimated Iowa, for 1.125 miles of road, will receive 3,456,000 acres; Florida, for 630 miles of road, will receive 1,814,400 acres; Alabama, for 1,264 miles of road, will receive 1.218,300 acres; Louistana for 625 miles of road, will receive 1,602,500 acres; Mississippi, for 330 miles of road, will receive 950,400 acres; Wisconsin, for 560 miles of road, will receive 1,622,500 acres; Michigan, for 1,075 miles of read. will receive \$.006.000 acres. Making an aggregate of 13,755.550 acres.

LOCATION AND REMOVAL OF LAND OFFICER. The land office in Kansas, has been located Lecompton, on the Kansas river; for Nebraska, at Omaha City, on the Missouri tiver; for Northwestern Minnesota, at Ojib-way, on the Missoscippi river, and for North and otherwise disposed of during the period wastern Minnesota, at Buchanan, on Lake

The attention of the General Land Office has been called to the existence of silver mines in New Mexico by such reliable repesentations as warrant the commissioner in recommending to Congress to grant authority to make an examination as to the exist-once and extent of silver and other valuable mineral deposits in that territory.

GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS.

The explorations recently made by Dr.

Evans, in Washington Territory, under the supervision of the General Land Office, dis-

over coal in abundant supply on Bellingham

Bay, in strata reaching a thickness of twenty het, producing coke in large quantities, and of superior quality for manufacturing purpo-

"Mr. Engineer, is there my danger,

"Of what, Madam ?" "Of the steam's bustin ?" "No Marm-the only things the fourt" on this, locomotive-are the belier and engi-Deer.

ANOTHER ARCTIC EXPEDITION .- The United Service Gazette states that Capt. George H. Richards, it N., will command an expedi-tion to be prepared forthwith to proceed in search of further traces of Sir John Frankline party, by way of Hebring's Staits. IREN FRACTIONS -The Limerick (Ireland)

Thronicle says :- "Poisonous adulterations

of whiskey were never practised to such an

extent as at the present, by the admixture of one-third spirits, one-third squafortis, one-Pacific coast. Extensive surveys have 10 in made which have not yet been reported. The public. A Little Boy, says the Toronto Clobe, lost his life, on "Geraday, at Washington Square,

> boy was drawn down with the wheat and suf-The Loves or tur Louisons -The Span