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THE GOOD OF TO-DAY. Of better days that mortals sing, When all were happy as the spring;

When none knew want or discontent; No back by selfishness was bent; When hearts were pure and heads w When not a grumbler could be found. If folk were wiser, better then, Pray tell us where it was and when, For brighter days let mortals sigh And hope for fortune by and by-Presperity to fill the land, With plenty strewn on every hand, When all men shall be wise and good,

Bound up in one grand brotherhood

But point out now some of the men Who are to be contented then. "Tis in the future or in the past Anabitions man must live at last, He looks belind or hopes before. Despising all his present store, Forgets all blessings of to-day And follows fancy for away. What man has not be ninguistes. And pleasure with possession dies,

Quaint Characters of Addison

some years after Muckenhaupt, from The writer's grandfather was a magis- do

of a peculiar make-up. practically well, needing nothing but and it remained, as did the tree, until a not a man for foolishness. When the col-The doctor was sent for, and, after have came to the tree, we instinctively quick. with the 'Squire, they all suffered alike ly, the patient did not die. So careful and sit on the log. to a water trough or stream, when he less had been to Somerfield once and had those who preceded them chew, and, after washing them again, until "the wee sma' hours," when they gibes, now." Let us hope that "after would resume his journey. Sometimes took their more or less devious and tor- life's fitful fever, they sleep well." he would be sent for to see a sick person, tuous way towards Petersburg. and after promising the messenger he | When they got to the fane, leading up would be along soon, would not go at all. to Stein's grave, Labb, whose name was

Then, sometimes he would go to see a Jacob, proposed to Abraham to go up and patient, and stay with him until he got interview Stein. Abraham objected, but well, neglecting his other patients; at Labb insisted, and, as Abraham by this other times he would be very attentive time had his fears aroused, he was in a to all and pay his visits regularly. quandary as to what to do. He was The doctor had a faculty of making afraid to go with Labb, and more afraid noney, and, in his industrious moods, to go on or stay alone, so they went to rould accumulate a good deal, and at Stein's grave and seated themselves on imes, had considerable property. He the log. Labb, who feared nothing, called parried late in life a girl hardly one- out in a lond voice, "come forth, Islae," hird his age. After this he became so Stein's name "here are Abraham and adifferent that he would scarcely visit a Jacob, who want to see you." Abraham, patient at all. His father-in-law conclud- although in a mandlin condition, finally ed to go west, and the doctor and his wife | managed to get his legs under him and were going along. Some one inquired he made a bee line down the lane and how he was going. He replied: "I do not down the pike at more than a 240 gait. know how Barney DeWitt is going, but When he reached Petersburg he declared as for me and Mrs. Sayder, we are going Stein had been at his beels at every n the coach." Ones he was boarding at jamp, and most likely Labb was dead. the botel and had some dispute with the He was a more sober, if not a wiser, man landlord, and in telling of it afterwards than when he started for Somerfield. said he "had given the landlord a few Labb speat the night trying to interview effectual kicks and left the establish- Stein, going into the church and calling ment." He had a peculiar voice that bim, when he could not raise him at his made his founty sayings and epigrams grave. sound more fruny than the mere recital ! em. Another citizen whose eccentricities were known all over the country was named Eufield. He was a small man, but very pugnacious, and often imbibed as he did not have any religious views o pretty freely, which he did rather frequently. He was ready for anything that turned up, fight, foot race or fun. Once he made a bet with some one that

ares in talking, when Enfield came s

A man came to this place once name

lose that he happened to strike him.

Abraham once attended a Methodist lass-meeting, or rather he was at preach ing and stayed for class. When he came at some one inquired where he had been, any kind. He told where he had been, and was asked what they said to him. He said they wanted him to "line," What did you say then? said the inquirno person could lift his head from the er. "I told them I was as good hout as floor by pulling at his ears, the person to hin, then I would save the quarterage, stand astride of him, and he lie on the said Abraham, a logic his interlocutor floor. The man who was to do the pulldid not attempt to deny. Towards the ing put rosin on his fingers, and comend of his life Abraham's eye-sight fallmenced to pull. Enfeld's ears began to ed considerably, and one day a mischievstretch and crack, but such was his grit ous boy thought he would have some and stubbornness that, persons present fun with the old man. So he got on all said, he would actually have allowed his ours, threw semething like a sheet over ears to be pulled off his head before he nim, and went into Abraham's room would have said a word. The bystandbackwards. The old man did not know ers compelled him to get up from the floor exactly what was coming, but he con-Enfield was not often without a law duded to investigate with his cane, a suit on hand. Once he sued a man mamheavy hickory, at the same time bringed Piper before Esquire Frey, in Somering it down with terrific force on the posfield. Piper did not like him very well. and when the 'Squire's back was turned only once, but a good many times, before a moment, Piper struck Enfield a blow the boy could get away, which he did that knocked him down and made his howling with pain. For some time afse bleed on the 'Squire's carpet. The ter the boy preferred standing to sitting, Squire was a very fastidious man, who and was never known to try to scare ared more for his solied carpst than he Abraham again. Labb, the man spoken did for the dignity of his court, although of, was a Marylander by birth, and alhe was much aggrieved at that also, A fight was imminent in the 'Squire's office, in which Piper knew he would come out which he had followed in his youth. second best. So he apologized to the

ways had a good deal to say about cockfighting, horse-racing and eard playing, He was a hard drinker and a very pro-Squire by saying he was making gest fane man, but all at once he quit drinking and swearing and joined the Presbyterian Church and lived a sober life ever afterwards. Some young fellows under-Kylar, who had been among the Indians took to seare him once, but they were and claimed to be able to, and, most ompelled to retreat in confusion and likely could, speak the language, Eu lisorder, as he was not one of the scary field said he could talk Indian too. So kind. He lost his mind once and was Kylar commenced, and Enfield replied sent to the Poor House, at Somerset, for a any kind of jargon he could think of. treatment. After he got well he said the and, of course, neither understood the name poor house was a mistake, for it other. Enfield swore Kylar could not was the richest house he ever was in talk Indian, and a fight was soon on. Labb took great delight in an argument, Entield had a habit of putting his face no matter what subject, religion, politics, lose to any one he was talking to, esscience, philosophy, anything. There ecially when drunk, and once he was in was not much in his arguments, except a very earnest conversation with another the persistence with which he stack to m in, and was drinking at the same time. his position and the loud tone in which The other man protested against his he spoke. A man, as queer as any blowing the toleneco smoke in his face. have mentioned, named Isaac Boyer, at Enfield smoked harder than ever, puf- so lived here, and, for real originality, he fing great clouds in the other man's face, was the peer of any one. He was short saying: "yust as you blease, neighbor, of stature, but very strong, unusually so, yust as you blease." Another man lived in fact, with a comical leer on his face in Petersburg a long time named Spauld- and a funny way of sticking out his ing. He presented the rather strange tongue when talking, and a tone of voice anomaly of being a regular blue-bellied absolutely incapable of being described Yankee, a rock-ribbed Democrat and a He rode a horse whose hind legs were as red-hot abolitionist. He took especially straight as the front ones, more so, in fact, good care of the cemeteries, calling on as the front ones were knee sprung, and any one who had friends buried, in eith- all his legs were remarkably long and er, to come on set days and help clean his body lank. Boyd was one day rid- | Chicago man or a Bostonia things up, threatening them with ex- ing this horse through town, when, right communication in case they did not in front of DeWitt's tailor shop, the come. In cold weather he liked to as- horse scared at something and threw cend some hill and inhale as much cold Boyd off on the hard pike. DeWitt came air as possible, and it seemed to do him to the door to commiserate with him in SPECIALTY. good, for he never was known to be sick. his misfortune, but Boyd wanted none of He would draw all the air into his lungs | it, and he said: "That's all right, Mr. he possibly could, and blow it out like DeWitt, this horse always throws nine All work guaranteed. Look at my an engine, with a peculiar snorting sound. tailors before breakfast," in his inimita- Wilhelm II, who, since he was crown-He always were low ent shoes in winter | ble way and his indescribable voice, and | ed between six and seven years ago, In those early days the old "boys" used

as well as summer, and a shad-belly coat. DeWitt fled. He was the first person in town to know to have pretty large times when they Bismarek. when berries were ripe, and could be seen any time, at break of day, wending | would get together. The writer has frequently been told of a frolic of some kind his way to some berry patch, as long as the season would last. He never missed held at the place where John Mi.chell's and was always the first on hand, allong ago. Something of a public nature though he did not attend any other rewas going on, the writer does not rememligious services at the churches. He was ber exactly, an old-time muster, raising, be written by himself.-N. Y. San. of a kindly, sunny disposition, well liked husking or something that brought the Undertaker and Embalmer. by young and old, and when he dropped "boys" together at any rate. Along in the out of our lives we felt a friend and wellnight, under the stimulating influence of wisher to all had gone, and the places various and sandry potations, most an excellent method is to use a stick which they were talking about. that knew him once knew him no more After they apparently exhausted their orever. While he was peculiar and eccentric, his good qualities, as is usually yocalculary of quiet fun, they concluded the case, ovorcame whatever bad there to try something else. In casting what next to do, they concluded to marry a In the early part of the century an ec- rather verdant young fellow who was worm is sluggish and falls into the Well, you can guess the end, of it all, centric old German, named Stein, lived present to some one, he being willing to hole, from which he cannot easily es- perhaps, Lois had promised to marry wild Strawbery will check any case of Pa in this country. He seemed to be some- marry any body. They concluded it cape.

what demented, and did any kind of odd | would not be best to marry him to a wo jobs that came in his way. He carried a man, so they dressed Enfield, the man rope with him, and told everybody he | mentioned in a previous part of this pa intended to hang himself, but the people | per, in woman's clothes, and had some had heard him say the same thing so oft- one personate a magistrate, and the mar en that, like the boy and the wolf, they riage went off in fine style, the man nev had no faith in what he said. Finally, er being any the wiser. The "boys" sent however, he was not seen for several the bride to a room and told the groom and be educated. days, but no one thought strange of that, where she might be found, but he could for he often wandered here and there not find his bride, who had in the mean over the country. What was then called time donned his rightful attire. The the New Bury Church stood zome two groom came back where the others were miles west of Petersburg, and was the and laid in a great complaint about the first edifice erected distinctively for re- way his newly wedded wife had treated ligious services in the county. One San- him, who, by the way, was one of the day morning two nucles of the writer, crowd at this time. Pretty soon some half-grown boys, went to the church to one got a blanket and put the groom in open it and get it ready for preaching. and they began to toss him higher and When they opened the door they saw a higher towards the ceiling until he finalman hanging to an old-fashioned bier, ly reached it with a good deal of force, that was used in the cemetery, and de- latter this they bumped his heels against posited behind the door when not in use, the ceiling until his feet were so sore that Most boys would have been frightened. be could not walk. There was nothing but they did not seem to be. Joe said: hardly, in the way of annoyance they did "John, you hold him up and I will climb | not do. He had on velvet trousers, and up and cut him down." So John took in the melee a rent was made in one leg. him around the legs and Joe climbed up | Some one then caught it and ripped it up and when he saw the man's face he said: to the waist band, then another gave it a "John, he is as dead as the devil." They rip, and so on until the trousers were many who resided here. We had anoth- was that of Stein. He had put his on end, and this orgic ended finally, be- dancing. er doctor named Snyder, who came here threatened scheme into dread reality. cause they could think of nothing else to

Eastern Maryland, who, in his way, was trate, and an inquest was held in the They had abused the poor fellow shame church instead of services. Stein was do- fully without intending to do so, but in He is said to have understood medicine nied burial in the cemetery, according to the spirit of pure deviltry, they hardly thoroughly for his day, and was partien- the superstition of the time, and was bur- knew when to stop. The man sued the larly successful in treating typhoid fever. | icd under a large red oak standing in the | whole crowd before the writer's grand-On one occasion he had treated one of lane leading up to the church from the father, who gave as big a judgment for our citizens for that disease until he was pike, a large log was put over the grave costs and fines as the law allowed. He was careful nursing and disting. The patient, few years ago. Stein was the "bojie," in prits were brought before the Squire, one contrary to orders, ate something that the writer's boyish days, with which un- old fellow's excuse was that he "just gave was forbidden, and, of course, get sick. ruly boys were threatened, and, when we him one little black," but it did not go ng been told what the patient had done, ened our pace, and furtively looked to the tune of about seventy five dollars said: "let him die and be d-d; I will around, almost expecting to see Stein af a piece. They did that kind of thing in do nothing more for him," but, fortunate- ter us, and none were bold enough to those days. It is sad to think all the actors in the busy scenes of those by-gone canly was this doctor, that, if he were An old Englishman, named Abraham, | years, have mouldered into dust long ago, riding along the road and wanted a chew lived in Petersburg in those days, as did and only a dim memory comes now and tobacco, he would wait until he came a man named Labb. These two worth- then to some of our oldest citizens, of would alight, wash his hands, take his "looked upon the wine when it was red." | Yorick! Where are thy jokes and thy

Addison, Pa. Proper Methods of Bleaching Linen her remantic heart for a time. and Cottons.

The first green grass of spring is a welcome sight to the good laundress, who has already laid aside piles of household linen to be bleached snowy white beneath the first June sun. In spite of all the make-shifts in the way of bleaching powders and bleaching the atmosphere to produce the snowy whiteness so desirable in linen and cot-

In no way can the bleaching be accomplished with so little damage to the praterial as in the good old way on the grass. Examine the articles to be bleached carefully, and if there are any spots of iron rust or stains of any kind, treat them to a little lemon juice and salt after they are spread out. A few days in the strong sunlight will remove even the most obstinate iron-rust stains, After this wash the spots carefully free from all lemon juice and salt, wet them thoroughly with clear, cold water, and put them back on the grass. Wet the clothes as often as they become dry, using a garden hose or a watering pot, and turn them several times.

Some laundresses are very successful in bleaching their clothes in the hot suds of the rubbing board. All stains or spots which are difficult to remove with rubbing on the board are rubbed with soap and laid out in the sun for an hour or so, until the rest of the rubbing is done. They are then re-rubbed, boil- tions. ed ud and left standing covered up in this method of bleaching in the sads is pered one of her companious. followed by an abundance of rinsing in the morning, and the clothes are hung | not daring to look that way again. out in the sunshine and air, they may terior portion of the boy's anatomy, not often be bleached as thoroughly as if and he never goes anywhere hardly they had laid for several days on the He's so-so exclusive, too, you know." grass.-New York Tribune.

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He is a horse breeder and keeps: He can talk about the art of cookery. read piles of books. He is a friend of peasants and of monbefore him.

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He is rich, and the father of a growing family, and a terror to his foes. Yet he is only 35 years old. One would think that he must be a There may be other interesting peo-

ple in the world, but they pale their

ineffectual fires in his presence or at the mention of his name, He is a seion of the house of Hohenzollern. He is the German Kaiser, has kept all his traits, talents and powers on full display before the world and

It would be impossible to indicate more than a few of the accomplisha funeral service any where within reach, famous hotel now stands to-day, in the ments of this foreign contemporary in small space. A summary of them would fill a book. The book ought to A farmer who has tried several mod-

probably, the fun ran fast and furious. three feet long and I inches in diamground near each plant. The cut ous illness by Aunt Mott.

Lois Mott, with her dove eyes and moon to the old farm, and spent some shy ways, was going to the city to live happy menths in each year with Uncle with her mother, brother and his wife and Aunt Mott. - New York News,

Her city aunt had come down for her bringing all sorts of finery with her, and promising a great deal finer when they got to town. Mrs. Warburton did not attempt to a county the day before, when I came conceal her contempt for her pretty to a seitler scated on a block of wood

tained all Lois's available possessions, to the puncheon floor, and the dozen and confidently informed her, as soon | fruit trees around the house were lying as they were at a safe distance from the uprooted. farm house, that the Warburtons were quite a different set from the Motts, Lois stood not a little in awe of her grand and decidedly handsome city aunt, but she was quite fond of Uncle | that direction, and I thought you

and Aunt Mott, too. The education her aunt had talked so much about proved scarcely what is Mention has been made of Dr. Muck- cut him down, though, and when they nothing but ribbons hanging from the generally understood by the time Lois I guess. He was a big white mule." ahaupt, as being a character among the examined him they discovered the body waist-band. Of course all things have an had a teacher in music and one in

For the rest, she had a hairdresser and mantua maker, who did their best dog, 12 hens, house and furniture. One to distigure that wild-rose prettiness of minit they was all here-next minit hers, and only partially succeeded. Simple Lois was romantic. Very soon, upon her coming to the asked.

city, she had met her hero, and had duly shrined him in her waiting heart. It was one day when she had been out hurt?" shopping with her nunt. The horse had started just as she was entering the carriage, and she would "Where were you when the cyclone have fallen, but for the swift and strong | struck the house?" arm of a gentleman who was passing.

beautiful smile.

bered her. That was food enough for rockin' when I heard a boom-bang festivities which she and her nunt fre- sorter call it the hand of Providence, quented night after night.

One day she had left her aunt at madame's, ordering a dress, and gone ling to do?" at her desire, and upon an indispensaliquids, no element is so powerful as the and returning, in a sort of trance at been carried off and she left, she'd sharp rays of the sun and the ozone of having met her hero squarely, and inned of recognition, she took a wrong and fly away on the clouds of the self involved in one of those street and humble look." crowds widel, in New York, swarm like magic at the slightest excuse.

Then suddenly she discovered where she was, and before she had time to be frightened, scarcely to be bewildered by the loud talking and rough jostling about her, a voice at her side said ; "Please to take my arm. I think you must have lost the way." And there was her hero again.

He left her with a courteous bow, as soon as he had put her fairly in the right way again, and silly Lois's little feet were shod with clouds the rest of that day. Lois did not meet her hero for some weeks, when, in coming from Brooklyn with a party of friends, she saw him on the ferrybeat. He lifted his hat and smiled and

Lois felt that her dimpled cheeks had turned suddenly to full blown carna-"Where in the world did you get acthe tub to steam over night. When | quainted with Corydon Rupert?" whis-

"Dear me, why?" demanded Lois,

"Oh, you are such a quiet little thing, The young lady who spoke was very fashionable and very plain. She could not deny Lois's prettiness, but she could sneer at her country breeding, which Washin'ton." would cling to her like the scent of a

wild rose or bit of sweetbrier. "My dear," said Lois's aunt in her car, "don't look around, There are your uncle and Aunt Moit. We won't I'd a had any idea that I was votin' fer peak to them here. They've come to a waste of such good farmin' material make a visit, of course, and it will be Pd voted for the other candidate as time enough to recognize them when shore as shootin'!"-Youth's Companwe get home."

"But what if they have seen us?" Lois exclaimed, in painful perplexity. "They have, and are smiling at us frantically. Don't you look, Lois," "How can I help I must speak to them, aunt."

"Yes, and have Corydon Rupert see what a beautiful set you belong to," sneered Mrs. Warbarton, shyly. As the boat touched the landing, Mrs. Warburton bade the driver of her He possesses a literary taste and has carriage hurry off. But he had to wait his turn-there were several carriages Mr. Keys," she said.

> And meanwhile Mr. and Mrs. Mott | ingly. had come out and were trying to get to them through the crowd. In the credit does not belong to me, if I am press Mrs. Mott stumbled and fell, and endowed with genius by a higher pow-Lois, stealing a look that way, saw er !"- Youth's Companion.

"Aunt Warburton, I want to get out," she said, and, opening the earriage door herself, in spite of her aunt's furious looks, she got down and hur-Somebody had helped the old lady to

her feet again, and she stood ready to fold Lois in an embrace which the loving girl would not hurt her by shrinking from, hotly as her cheek flushed under the amused glances she imagined leveled at her. "Dear heart, she hadn't got proud a bit, and she's handsomer than ever," exclaimed Uncle and Aunt Mott, scarce-

view with the moving throng but Mr. To her amazement he stopped and eagerly shook hands with Uncle and Aunt Mott, who poured out their delight at seeing him most volubly, and mingled explanations concerning Lois, es of destroying cut woras finds that till they did not know themselves

Corydon Rupert had boarded with eter, sharpened at one end, with which the Moits the whole summer, and had two or three holes are punched in the been nursed through a somewhat peril-

went home; and though she was mar-

One Was Taken.

I was riding over the path of the eyelone, which had cut a swath across niece's present surrounding, laughed in front of the ruins of a pole shanty. aloud at the little trunk which con- Everything had been taken away down

"How fur hav yo' cum, stranger?" he asked as I rode up. "From Scottsville," "My old woman blowed away in

might hey seen her." "No. sir." "Mule went at about the same time, "I haven't seen him. Then you have lost everything?"

"Everything, stranger-wife, mule, they was all gone?" "Were you home at the time!"

"And you neither blew away nor got "Neither one. Come through it all as sound as a dollar."

"Oh, yes-right here to home."

"Waal, the hand of Providence seem-Her aunt thanked him for her, and she ed to be in it. Me and the old woman scarcely during to lift her eyes yet, be- had a row out in the garden, and came somehow aware that he was tall chased her into the house. She turned and distinguished looking, and had a on me like a cat, got a good grip and heaved me down cellar through the After that she saw him from afar open trap door. Then she got a rockin' often, when she was out with her aunt | cheer and sot on the trap and rocked | in the daytime, and she knew by his and hollered to me that I couldn't git glance in her direction that he remem- out till I knuckled under. She was aand I got out of the cellar to find things But she never met him at any of the as you now see 'em. Wouldn't you stranger."

"Weii, perhaps, but what are you go-

"Nuthin'-nuthin', 'tall, 'cept to be ble errand to another street. It was so thankful that I was pitched down celnear she had not taken the carriage, lar instead of the old woman. If Pd voluntarily given him a blushing little | about how she made me take wings direction, and before she knew it, mornin'. If you should meet the old walking as in a dream, she found her- woman, you'll know her by her skeered

A Waste of Material.

had been a farmer before he went into shoulders, and then bathed his arms in polities, was visiting his district not cold water. long ago, and in his rambles he saw a ing to get a plow through it. He went over to him, and, after a brief saluta- learning the tanner's trade, I use tion, asked the privilege of making a urn or two with the plow.

The native shook his head doubtfully as he looked at his visitor's store I could not bear to have any clothes and general air of elegant leisure, but he let him take the plow. The congressman sailed away with it in fine style and made four or five furrows before the owner of the field could pulled up and handed the handles to the original holder.

"By gravy, mister," said the farmer, admiringly, "air you in aggercultural business."

"No," laughed the statesman. "Y' aint sellin plows?" 44No.11 "Then what in thunder air you?"

"I'm member of congress from this "Air you the man I voted for and that I've been readin' about in the papers doin' legislatin' and sich in

4. Yes. II "Well, by hokey, mister," said the farmer, as he looked with admiration over the recently plowed furrows, "ef

Modesty.

phia Press.

The confidence of musicians in their own accomplishment is often a matter of merriment to other people. A certain planist had performed several souatas, to the not too great delight of a private company, when the hostess thought proper to compliment him moderately. "Your playing is remarkably fine,

The planist waved his hand deprecat-"Really, madam," he said, "the

"Blood is Thicker Than Water." The expression, "Blood is thicker than water," was first used by Captai Josiah Tattnall, U. S. N. This gallant officer, in June, 1859, conveyed United

States Minister Ward to the Peiho River, China. Admiral Hope, in command of a British and French fleet, was attempting to ascend the river. A terrific battle took place. Tattnall, though a non-compatant, performed many acts of gallantry in rescuing British and French soldiers and sailors. He was greatly praised for his conduct ly under their breath; and then to com- in the whole affair. It is true that he plete matters, who should drift into had violated neutrality in giving aid to the English while they were at war with a nation friendly to us, and for this he was criticised. It was then that

> he made his famous reply: "I did my duty. Blood is thicker than water, and it was not forme to stand by and see men of my race massacred by barbarians,"

In this opinion he was upheld not only by American popular approval, but by the national Government.

her hero before Uncle and Aunt Mott diarrhoea if taken at the start,

Where Petroleum is Found. If a half a dozen saucers be placed one within another and the edges ground down nearly to a level with the middle of the upper saucer, we should have an illustration of the position of the several layers of rocks which form the basin in which petroleum is found. The illustration does not present an exact parallel, as the rock basins are irregular in their cutline, and uncount in the thickness of the several strata, as compared with each other, and in dif-

ferent parts of the same stratum. The basin in which pretroleum is ound embraces Lake Erie, the western part of Pennsylvania, and portions of Virginia, Kentucky and Ohlo, The rocks were deposited in the bottom of an ocean which was bounded by land on the north and east and was open to ried from Mrs. Warburton's, she and the south and west. The materials for her husband went early in the honey- these deposits were obtained by the wearing away of the eastern mountainous shore of the ocean, and they were distributed by currents over the bottom of the sea; they are consequently of the greatest thickness at the castern edge and become thinner toward the west; they are also composed of coarse fragments in the eastern portion and the sand and other matter grows regularly finer in the western and thinner strata.

During all the time that these rocks were being deposited the sea was swarming with fishes, and their bones in innumerable multitudes are mingled with the sand and mud that is now hardened into stone. After the lower rocks of the basin were laid down amphibious animals were created, and in the upper and more recent rocks their remains are found in great number mingled with those of fishes. Prints of seaweeds are found in all the formations, but while the lower rocks contains no trace of any land plant, the vast coal deposits of the upper series have been formed by the decomposition of peat and

marsh vegetation. The lowest formation in which petroleum occurs in paying quantities is the orniferous limestone, so called because it contains nodules of hornstone or flint. This is that ancient coral reef which was built up incalculable ages ago in in the warm and shallow waters along what was then the southern shores of the North American conti-

The slow upheaval of the continent continued after the middle of the great basin was raised above the ocean, and it is now 800 feet above the level of the sea. Neither was the work of creation suspended; as the seas were inhabited by successive species of fishes and amphibians, so the vast plains have been the abode of successive species of land animals, which have one after another become extinct. Even after the advent of man this order continued—the abound builders passed away to give place to the Indians, and they in turn are being replaced by another race.

A Stolen Secret-

Jewell, like all men brought up to earn a trade, and who afterward gained prominence in affairs, made now and then unconscious revelations of his early training. During one of the campaigns in which he was engaged he found himself at a country hotel where the table was bounteous, but the cooms few and small. It was necessary in order that the whole party might se housed for each bed to be occupied by two persons. The governor's roommate was a young politician, who could not hide his surprise when the governor just before retiring relied the sleeves A well known congressman, who i of his night shirt even as far up as his

"You wonder why I do this," said nan in a stampy patch of ground try- the governor. "Well, I couldn't sleeunless I did. When I was a young have my arms in the vats all day! PA. though I had been stung with net touch them. So I got in the habrolling my shirt sleeves as far a could, and thus I have slept ever since.

When Jewell was minister to Russia, he played a Yankee trick upon rocover from his surprise. Then he the Russians, the benefits of which we are reaping even to this day in this country. Like every other American tanner, he had long wanted to know the secret of the process of manufacturing Russian leather. He had experimented with a few dollars only to learn that the secret was not to be discover-

When at the court of St. Petersburg, he professed great interest in Russian industries, and was shown through many of the manufacturies there. By and by there came an opportunity to go through a factory where Russia leather was manufactured. Jewell was all smiles and courtesies and scemed profoundly interested in those things. which really did not interest him, and wholly blind to the very things he went to that place to see. But he was not so blind as they thought. When ho came out of that factory, he had discovered, as he believed, the process, and he brought the discovery back to this country with him, so that by and by the United States began to turn out a very good article of leather resembling the Russian product.-Philadel-

Ants as Biters. Ants are terrible fighters. They have very powerful jaws, considering the size of their bodies, and therefore their mothod is by biting. They will bite one another and hold on with a wonderful grip of the jaws, even after all their legs have been bitten off by other

Sometimes six or eight ants will be

elinging with a death hold to one an-

other, making a pecaliar spectacle,

some with a leg gone and some with

half the body gone. One singular fact

is that the grip of ant's law is retained even after the body has been bitten off and nothing but the head remains.

The Wisdom of the Past. "-Twas said by ancient sages That love of life becaused with years. So much, that in our latter stores,

When pains grew sharp and sickness mges, The greatest love of life appears." But to retain the vigor of youth, the enjoyment of life, the bleesings of a healthy appetite, and a good digestion. take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and live to a hale and heariy old age. For dyspepsia, indigestion, "liver complaint" and kindred ailments, the "Discovery" is a most positive remedy. By druggists.

Farmers do not have that knowledge of their affairs that they should, as many of them keep no books. When the census is being taken they can give but little information in regard to the number of bushels of grain grown ench year or the value of their live stock. hence much must be derived from estimates rather than from facts presented. One dose of Dr. Fowler's Ext. of Every farmer should keep books. and set down all the items of receipts and expenses.