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New York, July 23, 1773. Ever since it has been known that the Graphic people intend to allow the representatives of a few leading papers to have berths in the balloon with which they intend to test the feasibility, of aerial navigation to Europe, there has been a steady stream of individuals offering their services as correspondents on this expedition, and it would probably require the Great Eastern to accommodate all who ap-

ply for passage.

The reasons why these folks want to go away are considerable. One is out of work, and wants to get anything to Another has a few notes coming due in September, and it strikes him that if he were in Europe at that cime his mind would be more at ease than if he were here. Another has some theories of his own concerning the distance of the clouds from the earth, and he wants a chance to take up a tape line to measure it. Another has bet that the concern will come to grief in mid-ocean, and he wants to be on the spot to see that he wins his bet. But the majority seem to believe there is no particular peril, though they may pretend to think there is, and that if they go they will have good pay, a pleasant trip, and something to brag of for the rest of their lives; so that whenever any one begins to talk of his shipwreck, his California experiences, or his adventures during the war, he may crush him by telling how he went to Europe in a balloon. young Englishman applied, whose idea seemed to be that the balloon would descend in his uncle's lawn near Exeter, just about breakfast time; that he would get out of the ear, walk into the house, and say, "Good morning, dear uncle, here is day before yesterday's New York paper, just glance over it while I am eating my break-

fast."
Yet in spite of this real belief, they all want to be paid as if they were volunteering for the forlornest of forlorn hopes. The least that is asked by the unmarried ones is their traveling expenses to New York, letters of credit for all the principal cities in Europe and Africa, and permission to send un-limited cable dispatches. As for the married ones, they all want the office to insure their lives, and to settle an annuity on their wives, and all agree in the statement that, if these terms are granted, the afcresaid wives will make no objections to their departure.

But the probabilities are that if these venturesome fellows knew exactly the risk they were about to run, they would not allow even an annuity for their wives to tempt them. What PROVISIONS, Prof. Wise says, or thinks, is not to be taken as Gospel. There is an infatua-tion about ballooning, as about all these perilous employments which are with eternal snow. No hotels, no not purely mechanical. The same grocery stores, no place where they thing is found among lion tamers and can stop and buy even a box of sarthe companions of other wild beasts. dines or a can of oysters. It is posttoo often to the well. The list of zero- away. It is getting chilly. The gas nauts who have died on the field of is nearly all exosmosed. They are creasing. The last one fell a mile or so the other day, and "expired without a groan," as the novels say. But then his chances are far better than those who shall be—but let the curtain drop of the gentlemen who accompany Prof.
Wise, who are exposed to a succession
of mishaps rivaled only by those of
Baron Munchausen when he was blown
in the up to the moon; and the chief trouble is that there will be no survivor to tell

hands, and cigars in their mouths-no, that will not do, for smoking is strictly prohibited-with their carpet-bags and umbrellas then, step into the car and look around them with haughty air sometimes observed in a brevet Second Lieutenant of Infantry, draw out their handkerchiefs and have them ready to wave. The crowd looks on respectfully. A few women cry, and some small boys on a fence call out to "let her off." The signal is given. The ropes are cut. And then it either AND OATS. mysteriously refuses to go at all, or it goes off without the car, and suddenly becomes a speck in the sky, while the passengers feel like people who have gotten into an omnibus with no horse hitched to it, and an admiring throng locking on. They omit waving their the messengers of wrath, more dan-handkerchiefs, they take their um-brellas and valises and march off sword, were to hit the balloon. It through that shouting assemblage, deciding to postpone their trip to Europe until a future occasion.

Or the balloon may start all right.

which astronomers call "oxosmosis," it will descend in an apple orchard in the aforesaid county. The proprietor will come out of his little dingy red plank house, will ask them what they to get the benefit of the great air rivincredible sums, Californias and Perus, as a compensation for damage done. The passengers, being what bumped and tossed, will attention to him, and will prese surrounded by able-bodied citizens of Connecticut, armed with pitchforks, man's enclosure, trampled down his

summer's day.

But suppose them safely off, the sky whirling them along, the important question is, where are they to fetch up, for in this kind of business it is the last step which is serious, not the first which countries we are on friendly terms, and where they might not insist on passports. But a scientist of emineuce, celebrated for his investigations into the Theory of Hot Corn, has stated that as the balloon goes up it gets a twist put on it like a billiard ball and that it goes spinning off at an angle, subtended by the plane of its own meridiar, or nearly so, and proportionate to the earth's parallax at that particular moment. Therefore, the balloon will either reach Spitzbergen, if the twist is to the left, or a point near the Congo River in Africa, if it is to the right. The notions of the persons dwelling in this last named country as to the rights of property and person are not very distinct to begin with, and the travelers may be stripped of all they have on. The heat of the climate is such that they will not mind this much, but they will also

tive of his adventures in Africa, and see what a time he had of it. But this is cakes and ginger-bread to what will happen if they go to the northeast, on the way to the Polar Sea. Beneath them, they see vast stretches of half-frozen water, broken by land, fringed with icebergs, and covered with eternal snow. No hotels, no honor is very large and is steadily in coming down nearer and nearer to

be held as slaves and put to hard work,

which is not pleasant, and will lower

their opinion of the colored race. They

had better read Capt. Riley's narra-

Then it is very possible that the balloon may burst while it is high up in the air, and the contents will run a lively race to the ocean. While they is that there will be no survivor to tell the tale and magnify the sufferings of himself and his companions.

These disagreable possibilities begin at the beginning. These travelers with their little carpet-bags in their course this will not save their lives, but it will serve to pass the time. Down they will go, unnoticed and uncared for, unless some ship should happen to be sailing by and the Captain should make an entry in his log book to the effect that several things, supposed to be meteoric stones, fell near them that day. Every scientific reader can imagine for himself the hazards to which one of these great balloons is exposed. Tranquil as the bright worlds beyond the clouds may appear, they are in a state of constant change. Tiny spheres of matter break up and dash earthward, but are mostly consumed by reason of the intense heat generated by friction with the atmorphere before they reach the surface. Just fancy the consequences if one of balloon may fail them, and they may have to take to the life-boat. It is a It may soar off majestically after the delicate operation, this swapping horfashion of balloons, and leaving far see, and if successfully done, results in behind and below it the steeples and leaving a party of people, mostly uncrowded streets of New York, may accustomed to sailing, affoat in a

Besides, these volunteers do not sem to remember that, when they get in those higher regions which the balloon must necessarily travese, in order mean by coming in his orchard with er, they reach a place where the cold their darned old basket, and demand is so intense and constant that the chilliest days of winter are as nothing to it. Here, too, it is always blowing a steady gale of about five hundred it no one knows whither. It may be borne into some airy maelstrom that who will take them to a Justice of the lies far away beyond the uttermost Peace, where they will be charged stars. It may be hurried beyond the Peace, where they will be charged stars. It may be hurried beyond the with having broken into this gentle-bounds of space and wrecked on the shores of unknown worlds, whence the herbage, and done divers and sundry newspaper representatives could see things tending to injure the said com- the sun that lights us shining as a plainant. Since there are so many of mere point in the infinite distance, them, they will probably be called a Let these young men reflect how they mob, or a riot, will be committed to will feel when they are up aloft, wild the county jail, to which they will be winds screaming and howling through the county jail, to which they will be winds screaming and howling through taken in an ox-team, the journey of a the cordage of the balloon, they themselves lashed tightly to the car to keep But suppose them safely off, the sky above them, the "foam of perilous ter sinking lower and lower until the seas" below, and the steady air current whirling them along, the important which sting their faces and their lifeblood running more and more slug-gishly. Their frozen hands cannot pull the ropes to dicarge the gas. The inone. According to the programme tense frost does its work, and with eyes they are to land somewhere between the control of the balloon, with this street work and with eyes they are to land somewhere between the control of the land of the control of the land of the control of the land That is, they may land in Portugal, spain, France, Great Britain, Holland, Denmark or Norway, with all of of the upper world, a warning to all who carry curiosity beyond natural bounds, and at last, in the slow course of time, it would descend somewhere, and the people gathering around would see these frozen men, sitting in a circle, clothed in the garments of other days,

with gaunt and obsolete instruments and utensils around them. It must be remembered that these cople are not going to travel in a Pullman dining car. They have no stoves, for fire is a dangerous thing in the windy ways they are to traverse. Their coffee is warmed only by the heat generated by slacking time. They cannot even smoke. They cannot exercise. They have to sit wrapped in overcoats with gloves on, and cannot play cards. They can only talk with chattering teeth and blue lips, and sigh for land and wish they had not come. Is it, then, worth while to ex-pose one's self to all these discomforts and perils for the sake of a little money, and a little temporary reputation? And if they die, on the sea or shore, there will merely be a para-graph in the papers that the several idiots, names given in full, who under-took to go to Europe in a ballcon, died, as might have been expected. "The sacrifice of so many lives might be mourned if their misfortune did not deter better men from following their example."

A Nelson street dry goods man, who that the old gentleman was called in to help. Among the customers was a young lady who appeared to be waiting to trade with him whose elderly apperance invited her confidence. Soon an opportunity afforded, and leaning over the counter as an invitation for him to do the same, she whispered her order. He bent closer to her, and said, "What's that?" in a voice that started the perspiration to her forehead. Again she whispered. "O, elastic!" said he in a tone that could be heard on the walk, and looking much pleased with his success. "What kind of elastic?" he added, bending his head closer to the burning face of the perspiring maiden. Once more she tremblingly whispered. "For garters, hey?" he repeated, even loud-er than before, without noticing the horror-struck expression of the almost fainting young lady, "Something fau-cy, I suppose," he went on to say, in happy oblivion of the store full of people; "young people now-a-days want things nice. My old woman uses a shoe string, and sails around without noticing the difference." Then he got down with the box, and turned around to show it, but the oustomer was gone. He stood around with the elastic some five minutes in waiting, across, a distance of two hundred feet but she did not return, and it is likely in fifteen seconds. Returning, the car he has forgotten all about the circum-

A solicitor who had recently been engaged by a prominent life insurance firm, returned to the office of his employers the other day, and complained that he had been snubbed by a gentleman on whom he had called. move upon its eastward way until it cockle-shell, possibly to be becalmed down stairs, beaten over the head with cumstances an acronaut might sail gets somewhere over Windham county, far from vessels, and to be driven to chairs, and thrown out of the window, over the Atlantic, he sconts the idea Conp., when, for some unknown realect as if they had been caught off but snubbed, I have never been." The that a mode of transit is reliable over solicitor is driving a coal wagon.

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Sunset Cox tells a good story of his first meeting with Mark Twain. Mark called on Mr. Cox at the capitol in Washington and sent in his card as Samuel L. Clemens. Mr. Cox, being totally unacquainted with the name, left his seat to see what the stranger wanted of him, supposing, of course, the card was a business one. Mr. Clemens began by saying, "I called upon you on my wife's account." Mr. Cox said "Ah," in an unenlightened manner. "She knows you," manner. "She knows you," pursued the visitor. "She told me she had sat on your knee." "On my knee?" exclaimed Mr. Cox. "Really, sir," he said, "your language is incomprehen-sible." "Yes," resumed Mr. Clemens, "she used to sit on your knee; she was a little girl then, and I was not there so I'm not jealous; don't take the trouble to apologize." Here the laugh came in, explanations followed, and a pleasant acquaintance was formed on both sides.

A suit took place the other day in which a printer named Kelvey was a witness. The case was an assault and battery that came off between two men named Brown and Henderson. "Mr. Kelvey, did you witness the af-fair referred to?" "Yes, sir." "Well, what have you to say about it?"
"Thought it the best piece of punctuation I have seen for sometime." "What do you mean by that?" "Why, that Brown dotted one of Henderson's eyes, for which Henderson put a period on Brown's breathing for about half a minute." The court comprehended the matter at once, and fined the defendant ten dollars.

A local politician in our neighboring county of Crawford was discover-ed at one o'clock in the morning, dressed in home span and plowman's shoes, is well known for his politoness, has a with hayseed in his hair and a pitchfather who is an excellent citizen, but fork in his hand making a set speech SUGARS, They like the business for its very dau-tively distressing. Provisions are not a very smooth talker. They were so busy at the store Saturday afternoon had the doors barricaded and the window partially blinded. After an oratorical effort of surpassing eloquence he stepped forward and began bandshaking with the chairs, when he heard a voice from the outside congratulating his horney-handed effort, and all at once the light went out and silence reigned supreme.

The two most important postoffices in Kentucky are held by women. At Louisville, Mrs. Porter, formerly of Covington, and daughter of the late Governor James T. Moorehead; at Covington, Mrs. Sultana S. Farrell, nec Sebree. It may not be out of place to explain why the Covington postmistress was named Sultana. Her father was a steamboat man, and at the time of her birth was the commander of the peerless Sultana, at that time the queen of the western rivers. And so it happened that the name of the pride of the waters was bestowed on the pet of the household.

A man of Springfield, Vt., has invented a now suspension bridge. It consists of a single wire stretched across Black river, and a car that will contain two persons travels back and forth on the wire. The east end of the wire is the highest, and the momentum of the car serves to carry it in fifteen seconds. Returning, the ear travels to the center of the wire without help, and from thence is drawn up by a cord attached to the car, the entire trip accupying only thirty seconds.

The balloonists are waking up generally. Professor S. A. King informs the Buffalo press that he is constructing an immense balloon with a capacibed," cried the manager, "anubbed? ty of 90,000 cubic feet in which he Why, what did you do that he should will ascend from that city about Sephave snubbed you? I have solicited tember 1. His experience demonlife insurance from the Atlantic to strates that a steady current of air the Mississippi, and have never yet from West to East does not exist at been snubbed. I have been kicked any height. While under certain cir-