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Old Friends. The old old friends !

Some changed; some buried; some gone ont of night;

Some enemies, and in this world's swift fight No time to make amenda.

The old old friends-

Where are they ? Three are lying in one grave And one from the far-off world on the daily WAYS

No loving message sends.

The old dear friends ! One passes daily, and one wears a mask; Another long estranged cares not to ask Where causeless anger ends.

The dear old friends, So many and so fond in days of youth ! Alas that Faith can be divorced from Truff, When love in severance ends.

The old old friends ! They haver round me still in evening shades; Sure y they shall return when sunlight fades, And life on God depends.

-W. J. Linton.

FASHION REPEATS ITSELF.

I, Robert Ogden, at twenty-four, was a tolerably good-looking youth, with a position in Wells & Banker's wholesale store as bookkeeper at a salary of seventy-five dollars per month. Noth-ing very brilliant about all this, to be sure; but I think I should have felt well satisfied with my lot in life had I never indulged in dreams of sudden wealth-in other words, if I had never heard of my rich Aunt Mahala. Now unfortunately-or fortunately, just as you please to consider it-I had not only heard of her, but she was the oracle to which our family listened on all occasions. She was a spinster of the severest type, but she was the possessor of two hundred thousand dollars in good securities, and this, as you may imagine, covered a multitude of defects.

When I was six years old and my cousins. Bert and Jim Osgood, were about the same age, Aunt Mahala announced her intention of setting one of us up in business to the extent of hall her fortune when he, the lucky boy, should become twenty-five years o age. Whichever one of us best anited her in general behavior and in the choice of s w fe should be the favored one, she declared. On that day my trouble commenced. Of course the choice of a wife had not yet entered my youthful imagination, but as I grew into boyhood I manifested a natural desire to have as good a time as other boys, and this was entirely contrary to Aunt Mahala's strict idea of propriety.

"The idea of your letting that boy go off with a lot of other young loafers to ride down hill till 10 o'clock at night !" she would say to my mother, and for that winter, at least, my fun was spoiled, or else procured under the sion to be too important to lose my greatest difficulties. Oh, I hated Aunt temper.

face that was more attractive than mere regularity of features, and she knew how to make herself irresistibly charming to her friends. Gay, stylish and nelined to flirt I found her, but be-neath it all she was pure and true and womanly, and I loved her as I had never even dreamed of loving any woman.

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I plucked up courage at last and told her so, although I knew she could do better as far as money was concerned, unless, indeed, Aunt Mabala decided in my favor, which at present seemed very unlikely. And now that Ray had promised to be mine, and I was looking forward to our marriage, I longed for the one hundred thousand more than ever. It would enable me to place my darling in as good a home as I should take her from, and I could not endure the thought of anything less. I did not want to take any advantage of Jim and Bert, however. Once I ventured to broach the subject to my avant, and pro-posed that she should divide the money equally among the three of us; but I was promptly told to mind my own affairs, and not trouble myself about money which would never trouble me.

Bert happened to be the one to in-form Aunt Mabala of my engagement to Ray Ansdell.

"I tell you she's stylish !" I heard aim say in conclusion, and with ma-licious intent, I was sure, for the word "stylish" slways goaded the old lady into a lurious humor.

"Stylish!" she snorted ; excuse the verb, but no other one expresses her "Of course that's all he wants, one. then! Any little fool who can mince along and look like a fash ion plate will do for him ; no brains, no common sense -but never mind, if she's only stylish 1

At this juncture I walked into the room, and Bert, who did not know of my proximity looked a little crestfallen,

and soon took his departure. "So Bert was kind enough to inform you of my engagement," I remarked.

"Oh, yes! It was nothing to me, of purse! He culy happen ad to mention

This in her most sarcastic tone of coice, and I knew she vras offended pecause I had not made a confidante of her.

" It is only a few days since it was all settled, and I was awaiting an oppor-unity to inform you of it," I said, anxious to conciliate her, if possible. "Don't trouble yourself to make

excuses, young man. Of course no one expected you to think of your poor old aunt at such a time as this. She has nothing in common with lofty young gentlemen nor giggling little flirts, oither" either."

"Aunt Mahals, please don't pass judgment upon Ray Ansdell until you have seen her and become acquainted with her," I begged, feeling the occa-

"You will please be more respectful Aunt Mahala, "and I shall come again in speaking of her and to her," I re-torted. "I don't expect you to like her. If I brought down an angel out of heaven you would say she didn't know anything ; but if you do not treat Ray Ansdell decently I will never forgive you, and when I have a home of my own you shall never enter it. Now

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mark my words." "You insufferable puppy!" shouted Aunt Mahala, furiously. "You look well talking about angels out of heaven! You look a great deal more like mating with an angel out of the other place, with your smoking and swearing and your disrespectful manner-

there she choked for breath and I es-caped from the room. I reflected that I had been exceedingly foolish to lose my temper when talking with Annt Ma my temper when talking with Annt Mahala, for when this bappened she never failed to get the better of me; she cer tainly had done so now, and this fact would put her into something as nearly resembling good humor as she ever allowed herself to indulge, consequently now was the auspicious time to present Ray.

I hurried at once to her home and found her waiting for me.

"You don't say a word about my new suit," she suid, as soon as we started. "It just came home from the dressmaker's, and it is quite too stylish for anything."

My heart sank; Aunt Mahala would hate the dress and its owner, I thought, as I looked down at it. It was a plain, full skirt of some silky material, with a queer, gathered waist, and puffs at the top of the sleeves; nothing fancy about it, but if it was stylish, its fate was sealed as far as Aunt Mahala was concerned.

"Rob, something troubles you this afternoon," exclaimed far sighted Ray. "Do I look so very hideous, and are you sure that Aunt Mahala won't like me?

"You are charming, my pet; but I was thinking how miserably poor I am. Bay, have you ever reflected that with my salary I cannot provide all the luxuries to which you have been accustomed in your own home?"

"Rob, have you ever reflected that so long as I have you I don't care a penny for luxuries or anything else?" "But when you are deprived of them

you may miss them more than you imagine, my dear Ray," I urged.

"If you keep on talking in this ridic-ulous way I shall think you are becoming tired of me, and in that case there is no use going to see your Aunt Ma-hala," exclaimed Ray, stopping short and pulling her arm from mine.

"There, there, Ray! I won't say another word; we'll take each other for better or worse, and I'll work-oh, how I will work to make a fitting home for

very soon. "Robert," said my sunt, as Ray was tying on her quaint poke bonnet to go home, "Rachel looks very much as I did at her age." This was the worst insult of all, but I

bore it without a murmur, and Ray exclaimed, impulsively: "I hope I shall look as nice as you

when I get to be your age !" I actually thought I saw tears in Aunt Mahala's eyes, when Ray threw her arms around her neck and kissed her

good night, and her voice certainly trembled as she said: "Good-night, my dear child. God

bless and keep you !

"Yes, I believe she has some," I anwered, hypocritically. "Then I am sure she intends giving some of it to you. She asked me how I

expected to get along as the wife of a poor man, and I said I should be very economical. I told her we were going to work together and make money; that I should do most of my own work, and ali that She chuckled and nodded her head, and kept saying, 'We shall see-we shall see l' and I couldn't help. thinking she meant to do something for you. I hope she will, Rob, for your years. sake. I don't like to think of your toiling behind that desk to make a bare

living for us." Then I told her all about the one hundred thousand which I had not the slightest doubt would now be mine.

"And all because you are the dearest, sweetest, most sensible woman in the whole world !" I declared.

"No," contradicted Ray, "it's because fashion. like history, repeats itself. If the old sty es had not become new I shouldn't have had my dress made in this delightful, old-fashioned way, nor should I have been carrying Grand namma Ansdell's work bag, nor should I have been knitting lace such as your

Aunt Mahala made so long ago; and you know very well, Rob, that it was all this which pleased the dear old lady." "Then we'll call it Providence working in our behalf, and be thankful tor-

evermore," I said. "And you will do something for your cousins, who will be terribly disap-pointed," pleaded tender-hearted Ray. "Certainly," I replied. "I always intended to help them if the money came to me." came to me."

The next day Aunt Mahala informed me that I might get into any branch of business that I desired, and she would furnish the money. "You have some business tact," she

said, condescendingly, "and with such a wife as Rachel Ansdell, you can't go far wrong. I thanked her heartily, and kissed her to emphasize my thanks, at which she

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The Yellow Pane.

When overhead the gray clouds meet, And the sir is heavy with mist and rain, She clambers up to the window seat, And watches the storm through the 'yellow pane.

At the painted window ahe laughs with glee, She smiles at the clouds with a sweet disdaim And calls: " Now, paps, it's sunshine to m.e,

As she presses her face to the yellow pane. Dear child, in life should the gray clouds roll,

Heavy with grief o'er thy path amain, Stealing the sunli ht from thy soul,

God keep for thee somewhere a ye'low pane I -Walter Learned, in St. Nicholas.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

There ought to be a great many red ears in the corn crop this season; it has been talked about so much.

It takes 6 000 000 miles of fence to keep the neighbors' cows and hens out of the gardens in this country.

As between the cheese press and the printing press, the former is the strongest, but the latter is the more rapid.

Perhaps the reason why the voice of truth is so rarely heard is beca se, living in a well, she is apt to have a cold.

"Does the world miss any one ?" you ask, Julia. No, it don't miss any one, unless he takes somebody's money along with him.

"Don't be discouraged, my son, but take heart." "Should be delighted, father," was the reply; "but whose heart shall I take ?"

Nothing makes so much noise as a rickety wagon with nothing in it, unless it be the man who insists on talking when he has nothing to say.

Sharks on the Atlantic coast are unnsually stupid this year. They grab at an old suit stuffed with hay when a school ma'am is kicking the water not two rods off.

"Do you believe in signs ?" asked the shopkeeper. "Well, yes, I used to," said Fogg; "but since you placed in your window, "Selling for less than cost," have weakened considerably."

She was decked in flaunting jewelry, one was decked in insunting jewelry, and as she sat occupying double room in the car she looked the perfect picture of self-sufficiency, selfishness and cheek. A bluff-looking gentleman, evidently from the rural districts, halted abreast of her seat, but she did not deign to move. He gave her a searching glance, looked at the rings, and then remarked looked at the rings, and then remarked to the nearest gentleman, "They wear 'em in the snout out in Ohier !"

An old man with the palsy went out to shoot squirrels, taking his son with him to carry the gun. Spying a half-dozen in a tree the boy tock aim, fired and missed several times in succession. The old man took the gun in his shaking hands, put in a fearful charge of powder and shot, fired and brought down three. "There ! That is the way to shoot squirrels." "Well," answered the son, "I might have done as well if I had fired all over the tree at the same

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

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Seasoned wood, well saturated with oil when put together, will not shrink in the driest weather.

A Russian paper reports that a German has succeeded in producing petroleum in a solid form.

At the distance of Neptune the solar attraction is 900 times less than at the distance of the earth.

The temperature required for kindling matches varies from 150 degrees to 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

Sap is water with sugary, saline, albuminous, mucilaginous and gummy matters dissolved in it.

ruptions and earthquakes. It is said that there are upward of

Steam at ordinary pressure, when sent into saline solutions, raises their temperature considerably above its

An estimate of the quantity of sediment carried down by Chinese rivers indicates that if the deposit continues at the present rate the Yellow sea will be converted into dry land in 36,000

MM. Grehaur and Quiquand have determined by a series of interesting experiments that the total weight of blood in the system of a live mammal is be tween one-twelfth and one-thirteenth of the body weight.

A process for making gum from At-lantic and Pacific algee has recently been devised from France. The result ing product is said to be useful in Ithe arts, especially in the manufacture of eather substitute.

After a cruise of a few months in the South Pacific, a French man-of-war was recently found to have specimens of living coral growing upon her hull. This interesting discovery has thrown some light on the question of the rapidity of growth of corals. The evidence tends to show that the vessel on passing a reef of the Gambier Islands, against which it rubbed, had picked up against which it rubbed, had picked up a young fungia, which adhered to the sheathing of the ship, and grew to the size and weight it had when observed, a diameter of nine inches, and a weight of two and a half pounds, in nine weeks. Chronic poisoning by arsenic has re

ceived the experimental attention of Doctors Caillot de Poncy and Livon, and the results of their observations may be of value to certain ladies and not a few medical practictioners. Small doses were given to cats at intervals. Under the influence of the arsenic they were able to take more than the normal quantity of food. For a time they in-

The microphone has been successfully used in studying the noises of volcanic

3,000 steam plowing machines now em-ployed in England and Scotland.

own.

Mahala in those days, and wished her a thousand miles away !

When I was old enough to realize the immense help her money would be to me, I did, for a time, try to please her ; but her whims and her almost constant interference provoked me beyond the bounds of endurance.

"Let her keep her money!" I declared wrathfally to my mother, who was always expostulating against my impatience. "If Jim and Bert want to impatience. get down on their knees to her they can do so, but I am resolved to be independent '

Now all this sounded very fine and I felt every word of it ; at the same time one hundred thousand dollars was a nice sum, and nothing would have suited me better than to have it at my disposal.

When I obtained a situation at Wells & Banker's, Aunt Mahala for the first time acknowledged herself plensed.

" I like to see young men get into " siness," she said, emphatically. "There's nothing more disgusting than to see a young sprig like yourself sauntering around wi h a cane and a cigar, trying to make folks think he's a man when he don't know any more than a baby."

Strangely enough, she advised all her nephews to get married.

Men are poor, miserable creatures unless they have a sensible woman to look after them and keep them from atternoon. making fools of themselves," she said "Ansde to me.

I did not contradict this sweeping assertion, but I might just as well have done so, for she took up her last remark exactly as if I had.

"Yes, fools-perfect fools! They always will be, for they always have been.

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"Was that the reason you never married one of them ?" I ventured to ask, although I knew that my chance for the one hundred thousand would sink a trifle thereby.

"None of your impudence, young man! I refused better fellows than you before I was sixteen years old, because they didn't know anything."

This was very flattering, but I mod-estly refrained from making any reply whatever, and Aunt Mahala went on:

"The wurst of it is the women don't know anything nowadays - a shirtless, lazy set, with no more common sense Why, when I was a than a peacock. young-

But I recollacted a pressing engagement. and left the room.

It was about this time that I met Ray Ansdell. She was an only child, and although her father was not wealthy he was in possession of a good income; so Ray dressed handsomely, went in the the young lady to set up housekeeping

"Well, bring her around," she condescended to say. "I confess I'd like to see the girl who is fool enough to

want to throw herself away on you. It would never do to slight this courteous invitation, so I explained to Ray soon afterward that an eccentric old aunt of mine desired to see her. Ray expressed her willingness to go and pay her a visit.

"I dearly like eccentric people," she declared, enthusiastically.

I greatly doubted her liking Aunt Mahala, but I would not discourage her by saying so.

"I will come for you early Saturday afternoon," I said, as I kissed her good bye at the door. "And, darling, you must not mind if my aunt makes peculiar remarks ; it is her way."

"Ob, no! And I shall make her like me, in spite of your forebodings to the contrary.

"Now, Ray, I never said -- "

"No you never said so," interrupted Ray, "but you looked it all the time. Y u imagine your Aunt Mahala and I wou't get on together ; well, we shall 600.

"I don't know how any one can help loving you," I cried, snatching a dozen kisses from the bright, roguish face so close to mine.

Saturday, immediately after lunch-con, I informed Ann' Mahala that I should bring Ray Ansdell to see her that

"Ansdell-Ansdell," she mused. "I used to know a man by that name a

good while ago — a poor, shiftless, drinking fellow. What did you say her other name was?"

"Rachel," I replied, thankful that it was an old-fashioned name, for Aunt Mahala persisted in liking anything and everything dating fifty years back.

Then why don't you call her Rachel instead of that silly nickname? But then I suppose it would not be stylish enough for her ladyship."

I kept my temper with an effort, and tried to say calmly:

"Auntie, I hope you will say nothing to Miss Ansdell about your fortune or your intentions regarding it. She promised to marry me believing me to be a poor man with my way to make in the world, and as she will probably have to live with me as such I don't want you to say anything to raise expectations which may never be realized."

"Don't be alarmed." said Aunt Mahala, grimly, "It's not likely I'd be bragging of my money to a little chit like her, who don't know the value of a dollar except to fritter it away on candy and ribbons. By the way, I should think it would bequites come down for She was not a brauty, strictly menner that made my blood boil.

We had arrived at the house by this time and I led the way at once to my Aunt Mabala's room. The old lady arose as we entered, and gazed steadily at Ray.

"Where did you get that dress?" she demanded, without paying the least attention to my formal introduction.

" Madame Guthbert made it for me, answered Ray, manifesting no surprise at my aunt's abrupt question.

"It's the first decent dress I've seen on a girl in fifty long years ! Why, child. I had one made nearly like it when I was a girl; and a bead work bag, too l' exclaimed my aunt, snatching at the dainty morsel of glistening steel which Ray held in her hands. "Just such a one as I had given me on my eighteenth birthday! I used to carry it wherever 1 went, but one day I was out in a boat with a lot of young people and some one dropped it overboard, and that was the last of it. I can't under-stand how you happen to be carrying one so near like it in these days," Aunt Mahala said, in a dazed kind of way.

"This was Grandmamma Ansdell's when she was young," Bay explained, brightly. "It's exactly like the fash ionable ones now, and mamma said l might have it for mine. I'm knitting lace," she went on, as my aunt con tinued to gaze at her like one in a dream; "so I thought I'd bring it mong and work while we talked.'

"To be sure, my dear 1 Sit right here by me," said Aunt Mabala, drawing out the easiest chair and seating Ray in it.

All this time I had stood by, so astounded by the old lady's amiability th t I hardly comprehended what was being said. Had she suddenly lost her mind, or was Ray bewitching her?

They were soon deep in the mysteries of lace-making, and Aunt Mahala brought out piece after piece of lace yellow with sge.

"All my own work when I was a girl," she said; and Ray pronounced them lovely, and asked to copy some of the pafterns.

Never had I seen Aunt Mahala in such a mood as this, and I could only be thankful and hope for it to last.

"Rob, the poer old goose, doesn't seem to appreciate lace work," Ray said, with a side-long glance at me. "That's so," replied 'Aunt Mahala,

evidently agreeing on the goose question. "And he can go about his business, if he has any.

I left, and only returned in time to take dinner with them, rightly judging that they would get along as well with out me.

"Your sunt has given me the loveliest hand-embroidered handkershief ?" Ray informed me. "And she is going to teach me to do the gamo kind of em-broidery. Ob, I've had a delightful afternoon I" she weat ou, turning to credit is to take no note of him.

was greatly incensed, and told me not to make a fool of myself.

Bert came over that same morning. I fancied he was a little anxious to know how Aunt Mahala liked Ray. She did not keep him long in suspense, but sounded her praises until he appeared to grow tired of listening.

Wait until you see the girl have my eye on," he said, lightly.

'You couldn't find one like Rachel Ansdell if you hunted the world over. Why, never shall torget how I felt when she walked in here yesterday. She looked like some dear old picture stepped down out of a frame. It brought back the days of my youth -it did, indeed I" declared Aunt Mahala, verging on the poetical.

The old lady has never lost her good opinion of Ray, but always looks upon her with especial favor. She is losing some of her sharpness of tongue and temper, too. I think she is ashamed to indulge before Ray, who is good nature and sunshine itself. If she keeps on improving she will be quite a lovable old lady, but however that may be, Ra-

and can never forget how much we owe her.

How Sae Got Even.

They tell a story of a would-be funny broker, who last season adopted a most fiendish method of setting even with one of the chronic flirts who are said to make the piazzas here lively later in the season. He obtained half a dozen energetic crabs from the fishing beach, and watching for an opportunity when no one was in a particular tank except the inconsistent fair object of his venceance, he dropped in the crustaceans (way up term for crabs). The young indy continued her natatorial exercises (jam up term for paddling) a few minutes longer, when she sud-denly uttered a blood-curdling shrick, and was helped up the ladger with a crab hanging on to her pink little She had several consecutive toe. epileptic fits while the marine corndoctor was being removed. The Mephistophelean glee of the broker, however, gave him away, and for fear of some counter-trick he decided to bathe early in the morning thereafter. A few days after that the bath-house keeper was startled by some terrific yells, and hastily entering the tank-house he beheld the broker floundering out with a big, jagged-toothed spring rat-trap clenched on his heel.

"Who the dence put this horrible thing in the water?" roared the broker. "I did, sur," sweetly replied the crabbed young lady aforementioned, stepping out of a bath-room. "I put "I put it there to catch those horrid crabs, you know."

The broker went home on a crutch. San Francisce Post.

The way to treat a man of doubtful

creased in weight, and presented every outward evidence of good health. Byand-bye a change occurred. The cats had diarrhea; they lost appetite; they became languid, and they died in an anæmic and lean condition.

The heaviest brain ever weighed in time. this country was taken from the skull o! James H. Madden, who died recently in Leadville. The doctor who attended him during his last sickness had observed the immense frontal and lateral development of his head, and deter-mined to weigh the brain, but his astonishment was great when it brought down the scales at 624 ounces. Ouvier's brain weighed 641 ouuces-considerably surpassing all other records-but the brains of Napoleon, Agassiz and Webster, though phenomenally heavy, were much lighter than Madden's. It is an interesting fact that Mad len was not a naturalist, a soldier or a statesman, but a gambler.

HEALTH HINTS.

Dr. Foote's Health Monthly asserts that an orange eater before breakfast cu bs the craving for liquor and improves a disordered stomach.

There's despondency and degeneracy in musty eggs. Think of their semirottenness cooked and eaten, and made into blood and coursing through the system!

Arsenic poisoning is not always to be traced to green coloring. One case was due to red wall paper, and the sub-stance is found abundantly in white, g sy, blue, mauve and brown wall papers.

A correspondent of the Dental Cosmos says that the best treatment in regard to offensive breath is the use of pulverized charcoal, two or three tablesponfuls per week, taken in a glass of water before retiring for the night.

The cultivation of a powerful museular development does not of itself insure health and long life. It may even entail a certain danger. The map who makes an athlete of himself must continue one, or else drop his exercise with slowness and cantion.

A remedy, which is recommended by good authority as excellent for the complaints of children at this season of the year, is made by boiling for six hours a teacupful of wheat flour tied closely in a cloth. At the end of that time take it out of the water, and let it dry and cool. When you wish to use it grate two tablespoonfuls of it, mix with a little cold milk, then stir into one pint of boiling milk. Sweeten to the taste with powdered sugar.

A foreign journal states that chemi-cally pure glycerine, when taken in large quantities, exerts a prisonous effect on the system, comparable to that produced by alcohol.

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Odd Happenings.

In Elberton, Ga., during a recent rain, a large turtle fell from the clouds into the streets.

In Grant county, Kentucky, a horse was bitten by a mad dog and died of . hydrophobia. Over twenty five dogs leasted on the carcass, went mad and had to be killed.

The liquor drank in Louisiana costa \$47,000 000-\$2,000,000 more than its combined cotton, sugar and rice crop. Virginia drinks up her entire wheat crop annually.

A toper of Carson, Nev., boasts that he has not once went to bed sobersince 1854 and that in that time there was not a single day in which he did not take fifty drinks of whisky.

The ball that put out Peter Vandemark's eye came out at his shoulder a few days ago. It was sent by a Contederate sharpshooter in the late war, but was supposed to have glanced off. He has enjoyed good health since then.

S. H. R bbins, of Greenville, Onio, aged twenty-nine years, previous to the 11th of April last was perfectly white. Since then he has been turning black, and is now the color of a full-blooded negro. His disease is said to be melan-0818.

The most astonished man the clerk of the O'Brien county (Iowa) court ever saw was one who applied for a marriage license and nearly went crazy when he found that just twenty-four hours before another fellow had secured a license to marry the same girl.

When Charles Walters, of Helen Furnace, Pa., was struck by lightning it ran down his body, butting open his coat, trousers and one boot, as if done with a knife. The beech tree under which he was standing gave no evidence of the bolt.

After a Smith county (Va.) well dig-ger dug 300 feet down he went through with a plunge into a subterranean lake, the distance between the earth and the water being several feet. A small boat was let down and he sailed over five miles, when he found the outlet to be a spring in the side of a hill.

As Mrs. Sophia Mervine, of West Philadelphia, was replacing the spout of the tin leader that ran down outside of her house lightning knocked it from her hand. The bolt then passed into the water of the receiving barrel, com-The pletely deluging her with water. most singular part of the whole occur-rence is that neither the woman nor the house was injured in the least.