The First President of the Club-A Victim of His Associates Under Startling Circumstances.

French shipping merchant. Mr Vatable was quite wealthy and one of the most genial of men. He was Treasurer of the Iron Pier Company, and was interested and was a great favorite with the ladies. His face, fringed with gray whiskers, was the personification of good humor. He caught the idea of the Peanut Club in Marseilles, where, when a young man, he was a member of an organization fully as unique. He organized the club in New York city. Its members all carry ivory peanuts inscribed with their names. follow suit under penalty of five dollars fine. The fine was formerly one dollar, but so many Wall street men became to five dollars. At any hour of the day if on hand in case of ere or night, under any circumstances, if in the night, may save baby's life. one peanut is shown, all members within hailing distance must return the compliment. The fines are booked and collected at stated intervals, and spent in recherche banquets. Such men as James R. Keene, Wash. E. Connor, Frank Osborn. Charlie Bemeisler, Chauncey M. Depew, James Hunsted, Charles E. Loew, Casimer Thoron, Napoleon L. Thieblin, the wicked Senator Gibbs, Herman Oelrichs, Rufus Hatch, Buck Houston, Frank Allen, and G. K. Lansing are among the members of the club.

The Yankee members quickly proved too smart for the cheery old French gen-tleman. For years his fines furnished exquisite entertainments. All sorts of games were played on him. He went to Washington in 1876 to secure legislation in favor of a commercial scheme. At 1 A. M. he was quietly sleeping in Willard's Hotel, when there was a loud cry of "Fire!" at his door. He bounced into the corridor in his night shirt. There stood foxy Rufus Hatch arrayed in evening dress. With charming grace and nonchalance he shoved an ivory peanut under the nose of Vatable. The French be opened for weeks. But when a sick gentleman of course could not respond, resignation. One day Charles E. Loew invited Mr. Vatable to ride. He had a spanking team of trotters. Vatable was crazy over fine horses as General Grant. He took the ribbons, and the span sped along along at a two-minute gait. the height of their speed they took fright at a Jerseyman. Vatable braced himself against the dashboard and see-sawed right gallantly. At the acme of his tribulations, however, the inevitable peanut appeared under his nose. He dared not drop the reins, and his Christian resignation again came into play. The fine until soft enough to pulp through a cozed from his pocket without a murmur. Wash. Conner once took him on a short cruise on his yacht. Vatable was in ecstasy. In an evil hour, however, he was inveigled aloft. The dancing masts swung him hither and thither over the foaming waves. He clung to the rigging like a coon in a hurricane. 'At this awful moment Conner placed a peanut before his eyes. It was effective. Vatable dared not lose his hold for a second, and afterward paid his fine with silent regret. On evacuation day Mr. Vatable got caught in a crowd on Broadway. He was wedged so tight that his feet scarce touched the pavement. His hands were pinned to his sides. He could hardly breathe much less move. He was discovered by Jake Hess. In an instant Hess produced . his peanut, with a sarcastic smile. The old Frenchman struggled in vain. was forced to nod his head in acknowlwith remorseless vigor. Five years ago day at Long Branch. Warren Leland ment and serve. persuaded him to go in swimming. The temperature of the water was delightful. The Frenchman swam hand over-hand, tried it dog and frog fashion, and finally turned upon his back and drifted toward Sandy Hook in a dreamy languor. Suddealy he heard a noise like the spouting of a porpoise. It was no porpoise. It Warren Leland. His fat hand flourished a peanut in the air within a foot of Vatable's head. Warren had carried his own ivory pod in his mouth, and had swam out to Vatable for the express purpose of imposing a fine. The genial Gaul exercised his usual Christian resignation, and was docked as usua'. That night the Frenchman returned to rest filled with good cheer and virtuous resolutions. At midnight there was a knock at his door. A telegram of unusual importance was announced. The messenger was shown into the parlor. Within a few seconds Vatable appeared, clad in a flannel nightcap and a Crittenden chemise. The telegram was produced. It was bogus. But there was nothing bogus about the peanut. That called for five dollars, and it got it. The amiable Vatable again retired, but his cheerful temper and virtuous resolutions had vanished.

elevated railroad station near Hanover Square. The cars, station, stairs, street, ticket-agents, and conductors were full. Vatable stood at the foot of the stairs. Within two hours he reached the platform. He caught the railing of the hind car, and moved toward Franklin Square suspended between heaven and Pearl street. The Hon, James Oliver saw his situation and whipped out his peanut. At the same moment the conductor asked for the Frenchman's ticket. Vatable acknowledged the corn in both What a geer combination of check and percases. The ticket was collected and the tine recorded. One day, however, he saw real trouble. A job was put up and he was robbed of his peanut by an expert pickpocket. The news was quickly spread among the members of the club. He was waylaid at every corner. By a provision of the by-laws, on losing his peanut no member can secure another For blowing his own horn, he has a propenere the lapse of forty-eight hours. That day the club became richer by hundreds of dollars. Toward nightfall, however, Vatable fied to Hobeken, and went into eitle. Two days afterward his friends made the amende honorable, by giving him a gold peanut studded with diamade the amende honorable, by giving him a gold peanut studded with diamonds. At his death he willed it to

Some years ago there was a jam at the

UNIQUE INSTITUTION. Cassimer Thoron, who carries it to this day .- Chicago Times.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

An Emergency Shelf.

An old country doctor, with a widely extended practice, one said: "If peo in existence nearly twenty years. Its first President died last spring. He was Mr. Amadeo Vatable, a well-known French shipping merchant. Mr. Victoria have a call from five miles off, and frequently I have had to lead my horse, the road has been so dark." Now if people only would be sick when we were ready, similar enterprises. He was as rotund the watch, it would not be so wearing to as a fall pippin, but by no means as nerves and temper but if baby has the nerves and temper, but if baby has the He dressed in exquisite taste croup it will be pretty sure to be at a great favorite with the ladies. night, and Harry will cut his finger nearly off in cleaning house time, or little Mary will be taken with chills when no one can conveniently go for the doc tor. Now every good housekeeper ought to have an emergency shelf-and this must be looked over as regularly as the linea drawer to see that every needful article is supplied and in its place. See that the mustard is ready for little Mary's Whenever and wherever they meet, if that the mustard is ready for little Mary's one exhibits his peanut the other must foot bath, so that she can be bathed quickly and a quiet sleep is sure to follow. Lots of old cloth rolled up for cut fingers and soft linen handmembers that five years ago it was raised kerchiefs for burns, and ipecac, small bottle of ammonia will allay the it hing from mosquito bites, and a box of vaseline will be good for chaing and sores. And a mother with little children ought to have a rainy weather and a Sunday shelf. The little ones are cross because they cannot go out, or must be kept quiet. Now, suppose mamma brings out an old Noah's ark, that will be quite new to the children, or a picture book that has lain on the shelf for weeks because the children were tired of it, or a ball of string or a rell of bright paper. A hundred things might be put aside and brought out on a dark day to make the children happy. One mother interested her children when they were getting up from the measles in making a sick-box. It was quite a large soap-box, and she lined and covered it with pretty paper. Then the children were told to select from their collection of toys and picture books, the things to be put in the box. They were not to play with them when they were well enough to be out doors. day came, then came the delight of getand submitted to his fine with Christian ting the key from mamma and having a grand rummage in the box. But the first day they could go out it was locked again and put in its place in the dark

Hints and Recipes. Red ants will never be found in closets

or drawers if a small bag of sulphur is kept in these places.

The broth in which mutton has been The tomatoes must be baked

To make good tea. Scald teapot well, add one teaspoon tea for each cup, pour on a little bolling water, and steep five minutes, but I entreat you, if you desire a good cup of tea, do not let the tea boil. Boiling injures tea.

Any gold jewelry that an immersion in water will not injure can be beautifully cleaned by shaking it well in a bottle der the circumstances, no matter from which a little prepared chalk has been added, and afterward rinsing in clear, cold water and wiping it dry.

A cool and refreshing drink that may be used by young and old is made as follows: Put the thinly out peel and the juice of one lemon in a jug or jar with a quarter of an ounce of cream of tartar. He Pour over all one quart of boiling water and sweeten to taste with granulated edgement of the fine, which was booked sugar. Cover it up, and when cool set with remorseless vigor. Five years ago it on the ice and it will be ready for use. Mr. Vatable was spending a hot summer Pour off the liquid clear from the sedi-

Corn bread is more wholesome than hot rolls for breakfast. Made in this way it is excellent: Half a pound of Indian meal, half a pound of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, and one tablespoonful of baking powder sifted into a bowl. Beat one ounce of butter, one ounce of sugar and two eggs together, and add to the sifted meal and flour. Add gradually one pint of milk for a thin batter and bake in a hot oven.

To clean windows: Wash with lukewark water, rub with any clean, dry cloth to take off the first dampness, then finish with a piece of chamois. A large one can be purchased for fifty cents, and it will last a lifetime and save so much hard work. When soiled wash in soapsuds, rinse well and dry, then rub it in the hands to make it soft. For silver it is unequaled. Also wring it in tepid water, and use it to rub off the finger marks on the piano, then rub with a dry

There is danger in some of the patent hair dyes, and hence the Scientific Amerioffers what is known as the walnut hair dye. The simplest form is the ex-pressed juice of the bark or shell of green walnuts. To preserve the juice a little alcohol is commonly added to it with a few bruised cloves, and the whole digested together, with occasional agitation, for a week or fortnight, when the clear portion is decanted and, if necessary, filtered. Sometimes a little common salt is added with the same intention. It should be kept in a cool place. The most convenient way of application is by means of a sponge.

Man.

Versity, Insolence, pride, gab, impadence, vanity, Jealousy, inte, scorn, ba-eness, insanity, Honor, truth, wisdom, virtue, urbanity, Is that whimsical biped called man!

Who can fathom the depths of his innate depravity! To-day he's all gayety, to-morrow all grav-ity.

Even under clouds of singular density. Oh, mystical clay-bank called man!

This curious enigina called man.

-W. J. O'Reardon, in Life.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

A single oyster opened the other day by a Fair Haven (Conn.) man contained

Pomatum was introduced in 1596. It was compounded of the pulp of apples, lard and rose water.

Sparrows have taken possession of the tall pillars that support the elevated railways in New York, and there, amidst the din of travel, thousand of little sparrows are yearly hatched out,

The harvest moon is the moon near the full at harvest time in England, or about the autumnal equinox when the moon rises nearly at the same hour for several days. The autumnal equinox occurs about the 23d of September.

A most astonishing phenomenon of the Javanese earthquake was the splitting of the Papandayang Mountain. In a flash of time it was split into seven parts, Where the lone mountain had stood loomed up seven peaks each some 7,000 feet high

On the Devoushire coast in England a sea grass is boiled, chopped, mixed with a small proportion of oat-meal, and made into bread, which keeps from four to eight days, and is much used by the poor Welsh people, most of it being sent to Swansea

An English ethnologist has made an interesting discovery. Sir Samuel Baker notes as a curious fact that the negroes never tame elephants or wild animais. The elephants used by the Carthaginiars were trained by the Arabs and Cartha ginians, but never by negroes.

A dozen years after Henry Hudson had satisfied his Dutch employers that the river which bears his name was not a strait or arm of the sea, the impression prevailed in England among educated people that it really was so, and that in consequence New England was an island.

A thing with which they circumvent caterpillars in the Boston and New York parks is a belt of iron with a circular trough contain ng kerosene. The iron belt fits around the trunk of the tree, and when the climbing catterpillar attempts to pass the trough of oil it is overcome by the fumes and so falls back-as dead as a door nail.

A French entomologist has described the bird-spider of tropical America, the largest of the several hundred known species of spiders, as a formidable creature having a body four and a quarter inches long, or a d.ameter of seven inches with the legs extended. Its nest, in the centre of which its 1,500 or 2,000 eggs are deposited, is so strengthened as to be capable of arresting a small bird, and the spider is sufficiently powerful to destroy not only young birds and adult humming birds, but large lizards and reptiles.

Sensitive Animals.

A gentleman who recently made a trip on horseback through the mountain region of the West, evidently made an observation which was to him a discovery. In writing an account of his journey, he boiled can be made into good tomato says: "The behavior of our saddle horses was very amusing, and showed the prairie life plainly. The moment they felt the cold storm they turned their backs around toward it and dropped their heads, and took no little urging to induce them to proceed, as at each gust they would whirl their tails toward it as if turned by a crank."

The writer seems to have thought the conduct of his horses peculiar to those bred upon the prairies. It was, howwhat part of the worl brought. It should be known to all drivers of horses with what reluctance these animale face a storm or even a chilling wind. It may be quite reasonable to drive before the wind on a stormy day, when it would be positively cruci to go over the road in the opposite dire tion.

It is convenient to know this habit of the horse in case an animal has strayed away during a storm or a high wind. will be found to have gone in the direction of the wind.

The habit of the sheep is just the contrary. This annimal steadily faces the storm, holds its head well up, and is inelined to move forward. No domestic animals give their keepers so much trouble by wandering off in stormy and boisterous weather as do sheep; but the shepherds are saved much of the trouble they might have in finding their flocks by making search in a direction against the wind.

This instinctive action of horses and sheep is common to all breeds, and is inherited from their undomesticated progenitors. Whatever may have been the origin of these habits, we can turn a knowledge of the facts to good account in giving our horses more rational care and treatment .- Fouth's Companion.

Destructive Sand Drifts.

On the south shore of the Baltic the sins of reckless forefathers are being cruelly visited upon their descendants Two hundred years ago the coasts of Prussia were defended by a bulwark of magnificent beech forests, that resisted the inroads of floods and dunes; but about the time of the great elector the work of devastation began and continued until some 10,000 square miles of woodlands had been turned into naked sandhills. Now nature is getting her revenge, Year after year the rains and strong floods have washed out the remaining vegetable film of those hills, leaving nothing but sand and gravel, which gradually accumulated in towering dunes, and at last invaded the landward settlements with a perfect avalanche of drift sand,

Seen from the village of Schwarzort, fifty miles northeast of Koenigsberg, the destruction dealing sand ridge looms up to a height of 120 feet, naked and steep ever rising by additional deposits brought in by the sand laden sea storms, and ever threatening to discharge those deposits upon the outhern valleys. The fisher hamlets of Altnegeln and Karwaiten were literally submerged by a single atorm, and the little town of Pilkuppen had twice to be moved, with all its buildings and fences. The remaining vestiges of the ancient woodlands are unable to stay the mischief. A fine forest near Schwarzort has been turned into a sand bank, crowned by the withered tops of beech trees, which a year's work of the entire coast population would fail to rescue from their sand grave, -Felix PATENTS Obtained. Send stamp to the form their sand grave, -Felix Patent Lawyer, Washington, D. C. L. Oswald.

General McClellan's Charger.

When General McClellan took command of the Union army in West Virginia, some of the gentlemen with whom he had been connected on the Illinois Central Railroad presented him with a very fine charger, named 'Dan Webster." He was dappled mahoganybay in color, with three white feet, and a star, a very heavy black mane and a long tail, sixteen hands high and weigh ing 1,286 pounds. He was of Sir Archy and Messenger blood, with an intelligent head, beautifully arched neck, muscular shoulders, a deep broad chest, and every point about him remarkable for strength and beauty. As a parade horse he had few equals, carrying his head as high as his rider's when mounted, and his throatlatch and the tips of his forefoot almost on a perpendicular when in repose. He possessed some curious characteristics. For instance, he would not stamp his feet or shake off a fly, if there were a thousand on him, if his master were on his back reviewing a passing column. To his own species he paid no attention, passing among them without deigning them the slightest notice, even when turned loose in the same yard or field. He would stand anywhere he was left without constraint, and "the boys" used to say that "Handsome Dan" was as brave as a lion and as discreet as a

Cheese as Food,

We ought to eat more cheese and less fat pork. There is no food that is more healthful, and which goes further to sustain the natural waste of the system than good cheese. In Europe it takes the place of meat on the tables of the poor, but that fact would be no recommenda tion to the American. He does not like the idea of eating a thing that is the last resort of the degrading governments of Europe. Let us rather tell him that cheese is an ever present article upon the tables of the rich, which it is. That it is quite the thing for even the children of royalty to feed on cheese. Every respectable restaurant in London has upon small table in the center of the room the half-section of a large golden yellow cheddar cheese, with a knife in it, that says "come and eat me," and there is a plate of crackers to go with it. If we want to introduce cheese-eating into this country we must stop talking about the poor of Europe and tell how the rich enjoy if. Make it fashionable and it will go like hot cakes. - Rural Workman.

The Latest English Puzzle.

The English national mania for puzzles has broken out again, and in spite of Mr. Gladstone and Home Rule, more than half the country, including its bel-ligerent political chiefs, is engaged upon a puzzle which has been launched by Mr. Barry. No one has as yet succeeded in finding a solution.

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