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Italy, it is announced, is strongly opposing emigration.

The President of the Mormon Church bimself admits that the days of polygamy

It is an interesting fact, remarks the Atlanta Constitution, that of 1335 acts passed by the recent Congress, 1081, or more than four-fifths, were for pensions to individuals.

An English experimenter, E. T. Chaplin, has given an account of hypnotizing a laying hen, and inducing her in that manner to sit on a sitting of eggs until seven of them had hatched out.

The Manufacturers' Record claims that "the agricultural possibilities of the South are greater than those of the balance of the country all combined, based on the aggregate values and on actual profits to producers."

Five years ago those who enjoyed bowling on "ten pins" in and about New York city certainly did not number more than 5000, says the New York Times. To-day, if a census would be taken it is doubtful if less than 20,000 patrons of the alley would be counted.

The Indianapolis (Ind.) Ram's Horn says: "An erratic old gentleman in New York recently went hence and left a large fortune to be expended in teaching people to eat with their forks. Had he left one-half of the sum to provide something for them to practice on, his memory as a benefactor would have lasted longer."

A Chicago inventor claims to have produced a machine for picking cotton that will do the work in the Southern fields for one-tenth the present cost. The present cost is estimated at nearly \$100,000, 900 a year. It follows that if this machine will do all that is claimed for it, the saving effected will be not much less than \$90,000,000 a year.

Great preparations are being made in Australia for the forthcoming Australasian Federation Convention, in which all the Australian colonies of Great Britain will be represented, and the meeting of which will be the first step toward a national organization that is intended to include all those colonies in one powerful unlod represented in a federal par-

Lawyer Simon Stevens says that when he sold the Mariposa grant for General Fremont the latter realized \$1,237,500. He urged the General to put \$600,000 into a trust fund. "He was at first inclined to listen to me, but Mrs. Fremont was full of ideas that it could be invested by him in speculation, where it would yield him untold millions, and she carried the day."

The fact that the Freuch colonists in Algiers show increasing fecundity, while the French in France are steadily falling off in that respect, suggests that the mother country is overcrowded and the social system unfavorable to marriage. The try is again raised that the Latin race is dying out, which, asserts the Washington Star, the fact recorded in Algiers and Latin-America do not bear out. Another reason for decadence in population is the early army age and long military service exacted, which, with other causes, prevent the multiplication of the population.

"It is singular," declares Frank Leslie's, "that the rise in silver threatens to seriously affect Christian missions in foreign lands. When silver was worth twenty or thirty per cent. less than it is, an American dollar was obviously worth in the debased silver coinage of foreign countries twenty or thirty per cent, more than it is now. In other words, the rise in silver has brought the currency of silver lands pretty nearly to an equality with that of countries banking on a gold basis. It is said that the Methodist Missionary Society will, by reason of the rise in silver, require a special appropriation of \$20,000 to meet the increased cost of exchange in India, and that all other religious missionary societies will be seriously affected."

It is interesting to know that when the new naval vessels are completed the effective force of the United States navy compared with the European navies will be as follows: United States, forty-two, of which five will be battle ships and ten other armored vessels; England, seventysix armored, 291 unarmored; France, fifty-seven armored, 203 unarmored; Russia, forty-nine armored, 119 unarmored, and Germany, forty armored, sixtyfive unarmored. "But the comparison with these greatest powers of the world is more flattering, admits the Washington Ster, than that with the smaller navel powers, such as Holland, Spain, Italy, Turkey, China, Sweden and Austrin; for we are surpassed by them all even with the new ship added."

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REVELATION.

Brain-weary, heart-weary, soul-weary, I sit me down to-night; And sadness deep enfolds me

The little grains of gladness We pick up, day by day?

Not for myself I sorrow, My lot is heavenly bright ntrast to the many That throng my thoughts to-night.

Bo much of needless pain! So much of wasted riches Of hand and heart and brain!

I strive to put it from me, This puzzle old as Time-Of unrewarded virtue, Of thriving, happy crime.

That wreathes my window pane. So gaunt and grim and ugly In its torturous twistings there; So full of thorns, so gracel

"Fit symbol," muse I, sadly, All barren, bent and wasted,

These words of rebel gloom, A strange, delicious fragrance Pervades my lonely room; And starting up in wonder, I trace the perfume's source To a bud upon the branches

I had scorned as mean and coarso! I watch it, wonder-stricken, The clasping leaves unfold, And reveal its matchless beauty,

So pure, with heart of gold! I feel its mystic message To my very being's core, And the burden that oppressed me Is gone to come no more Could ever awester token

Or surer answer come, Than this perfect, stainless blossom From its strange, unsightly home? A flash of revelation Enlightens all my soul;

My heart swells up in gladness, In gratitude and love, In faith and trust, implicit,

That from our pain and strife, Will bloom in perfect beauty A glorious after-life! -Boulah R. Stevens, in the Housewife.

In one of the back settlements of Bouth Carolina, in the days which ren-Bouth Carolina, in the days which ren-But," she added, in a tone of con-"But," she added, in a tone of conroes, forever glorious in the annals of their country, dwelt a brave and devoted family of patriots, named Hart.

Abijah and Abigail Hart were scarcely

The elder son would have been two and twenty had his life been spared; but eight months before he had fallen an innocent victim to the rage and malice of the Tories, who swarmed in pred-

his nineteenth year—afterward the celebrated Indian fighter of Hardin County, Kentucky-swore to be revenged, when-

bride of Randolph Darell, a brave young officer, at one time upon the staff of

Young Darell was in the habit now nearest the window sprang to their feet and then, whenever he could make an in terrified astonishment. excuse to obtain a furlough, of paying

ly the the entire distance from the Ameri- I'll blow his brains out!" can camp to the residence of the Harts,

ored him, and the Tory rangers, not advancing ruffian fell to the floor, while where they tumultuously demanded of ing him instantly. Mrs. Hart, who was standing in the door-way, if she had seen a horseman pass by who wore the uniform of an American officer.

The woman shrewdly surmised who the officer might be who would be coming alone in that direction, and promptly nquired if the horse he rode was a sorrel one. To her seemingly careless question the Torries promptly gave an affir-

der, by a cartpath that leads on to the "It is sa Beechknoll road," answered the quick-father." witted woman, with an admirable presence of mind, and an apparently cool indifference to the subject, which carried instant conviction to the minds of the Tories, who again spurred on in supposed | vening woods. pursuit of the fugitive; but, to their great disappointment, the cart-road presently terminated in a bog, and, on a care-to blow it, and as she lowered the horn knowledgment of his thanks sent the ful examination, they discovered that no from her Rps, now rendered colorless other horse-tracks had been left there from her recent fright, her anxious eyes

said the leader, after fully satisfying his and a faithful negro servant were at

has had ample time already to escape. got of the squint-eyed old woman at the farm-house in the way of eatibles. But Hearing the first shot that had been isn't she a big one in size, though!" fired and then alarmed by the other two isn't she a big one in size, though!"

which was only a short distance, just as

farm-house, the Tory leader ordered Mrs. Hart to prepare dinner for the party, and bestir herself.

"How can I give you dinner when I've nothing to cook!" retorted the resolute-looking woman, angrily. "I should need a full larder to satisfy a half-dozen

Tory, in a commanding voice, "and do our bidding." "I'll soon give you something to cook," he added, leveling his carbine as he spoke, and bringing down a plump turkey gobbler that was struthard the plump turkey gobbler that was struthard to come just at this time, when we had no reason to expect him?" ting along under cover of the garden wall. "There, now, go and pluck that

corner, started up in alarm when she had Lieutenant Darell ridden straight to the spot where the bird had fallen.

was just on the point of dashing out of our eyes. So you see, my girl, the ways his cover to go to the rescue of the of Providence are better than our ways, females, when he saw his affianced rush for they always turn out for the best in out, and bear the turkey hastily to the the end.

immediate danger to his sweetheart, so enfolded in his manly embrace. The quick eye of the Tory leader took of breath.

in the graceful outlines of the fair girl's figure, as she rushed from the house. "By the beard of King George!" he exclaimed, admiringly, "who 'ould 'ave hexpected to see such a hangel in petti-

"You dare to lay your cowardly hand like a pack of dogs, the whole cowardly on my Leah," cried the enraged mother, doubling up her great, bony fist, "and we can afford to cut it on such a right-I'll strangle you like a cur!"

"Why, you squint-eyed old beauty," retorted the Tory, mockingly, "I took you for a hangel, but I find you are wickeder than a she wolf with whelps!" The rest of the gang laughed boister-

ously at this weak attempt at wit. Then turning to Leah with a gallant smile, the Tory inquired how long it would take to pluck and cook the fowl.

Leah answered in a modest tone of womanly anxiety, that it would require of a beloved son simply and satisfactorily at least three hours to serve it to their avenged.

pork and some cold potatoes and corn- into one common grave. cake in the pantry, if they will answer." they and hours fasting, declared that the articles wedlock; and soon after the close of named were good enough, and that they our glorious Revolution, the whole sion for her sake.

With great alacrity, but with an anxiously beating heart, Leah spread the room, homely board, and brought forth the Weekly promised viands, which she laid out temptingly before them. She then placed what chairs and stools the house afforded around the table, and politely invited her

unwelcome visitors to be seated, Complying with her invitation, the Tories carelessly stucked their cabines near an open window, and, seating themselves at the table, fell to, greedily devouring the repast.

Mrs. Hart, in the meantime, with a eroism superior to her sex, had watched her hungry guests till she saw she was not observed by them, when she slipped out slyly from their midst, and, no lessly approaching the open window, she succeeded in drawing out three of the

The moment the Tories perceived the deadly purpose of the giantess, the three

covered.

"Stand back!" she cried, in a threat a flying visit to Gum-Tree Farm, the ening tone, presenting one of the loaded humble, though comfortable, home of carbines with an air of resolute determi ening tone, presenting one of the loaded nation. "The first villain of you that On one of these occasions a party of stirs a step, I'll shoot; and the first one seven mounted Torics pursued him near- that touches another mite of that pork

Without heeding her blazing eye, he, however, contriving to elude them in her stern verbal warning, the Tory leader a piece of woods just before reaching the sprang fearlessly toward the stack of An abrupt bend in the road had fav- there was a report of a carbine, and the

A third, rendered desperate by the trying situation, made a reckless attempt to get possession of one of the carbines, and instantly paid the penalty with his life. Throwing the second empty carbine aside, Mrs. Hart caught up the third one, with which she now covered what

remained of the terrified party. There were but four left, and not one

The young girl, half-terrified out of her wits, promptly obeyed the maternal command, and a long, winding blast echoed and re-echoed through the inter-

She had left the house and joined her ther horse-tracks had been left there from her recent fright, her anxious eyes were bent in the direction of the distant corn-field, where her father and brother and left from the leader, after fully satisfying the said the leader, after fully satisfying the work, although a narrow belt of timber and in beating the ground farther, for he stretched between them,

has had ample time already to escape. She uttered a quick exclamation of We may as well make a virtue of neces- joyous pleasure, for at that moment she sity, and go back and see what is to be saw all three strike out of the wood and

"And uglier-looking than sin, thun-derin' sight!" added one of the men.

The Tory horsemen now wheeled about and retraced their way to the farm-house, where they were then at work.

The moment they had quitted the tim-Randolph Darell was on the point of ber they saw at a glance, by the several emerging from the wood; but luckily he horses hitched to the fence and the beldiscovered them in season to escape their ligerent attitude of the heroic giantess at notice, by abruptly retreating back again | the window, pretty nearly how matters stood at the house, and they all three Alighting once more at the door of the sent up an encouraging shout to the

Just at this point they heard the ringing sound of a horse's boofs in an posite direction, and, turning suddenly, Lesh beheld her lover dashing furiously toward the house. This additional reinforcement, coming so opportunely, yet so unexpectedly, filled the heart of the timid such dirty rescals as you are."

"Silence, woman!" thundered the maiden with increased confidence.

"I expected him," said Mrs. Hart, with quiet assurance. "I knew it was fine fellow, my beauty, and don't belong he the Tories were in pursuit of, and I about it, or we might be tempted to serve was determined to outwit them, if it lay in the power of a woman to do it. Every-Leah, who had shrunk timidly into a thing has turned out for the best; for heard this threat, and made her way out here, instead of lingering in the wood, as he did, he would doubtless have been Randolph Darell, alarmed at the shot, captured, and perhaps murdered before

In another moment Randolph Darell In a moment be divined the cause of had alighted at their side, and in the the firing; and not apprehending any next, the blushing and happy Leah was

long as the Tories were only anxious to While the lovers were thus pre-occuappease their appetites, he went back to pied, Abijah, Silas and the negro arhis cover. . rived, fearfully excited and wholly out rived, fearfully excited and wholly out

Silas recovered first, and was about

"Don't shoot them! Leave them to me, Silas. I will mete out their punishcoats 'ere. Come, my lass, and give ment to them. We haven't forgotten us one kiss from the rose-bud of a Eben's murder yet, and shooting is too good for 'em. We will just hang them

> cous and heaven sent occasion! Randolph shuddered, for he under stood the determined character of the woman and knew that she would not be long in putting her terrible threat into execution. Nor, indeed, was she; for within the ensuing hour, in spite of their the four Tories went dangling from the nearest tree. And thus at the hand of a resolute and heroic mother, was the death

After the Tones had hung a sufficient time, they were cut down and tumbled ciliation, "we have a piece of roast indiscriminately, with the other three,

Shortly after this event, Leah and The hungry party, who had been some Randolph Darel! were happily united in would forego the turkey on this occa- family emigrated to Hardin County, Kentucky, where they could have, as Mrs. Hart expressed it, more "elbow room," if less civilization.—New York

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Nov, the point is to add together any six of the above figures and make the total 21.—Philadelphia Record.

Trade in Cast-Off Teeth.

A medical statistician estimates that arms; but before he could reach them the citizens of the United States are carrying gold to the value of \$500,000 in the recesses of what ought to be their dreaming of this adroit move on the part of the flying fugitive, dashed furiously on till they came to the farm-house, temple, who was seated at the table, killwho spend so much money upon them as the Americans. No doubt the habit of hurried feeding and the wholesale consumption of sweet dishes have assisted much toward this end. But is it not a mistake to suppose, as says the medical statistician, that false teeth set in gold are buried when their owner shuffles off this mortal coil? If this is the custom in America, it is not so in England, or why the numerous advertisements offering to of the four dared to move a finger.

"Leah, blow the dinner-horn!" cried are not bought to use again, as some the mother, in a tone of resolute triumph.
"It is safe now to call in Silas and your sake of the gold.—Popular Provider.

He Enjoyed the Pass.

THE ATHLETES OF JAPAN.

MENT OF HER WEESTLERS.

Their Heroic Mode of Training-The Bath is All-important-Herculean Coal Minera.

The Japanese contortionists have an international reputation. On every country road of Japan you will find bands of three little boys, ranging in age from six to fourteen, and these boys will twist themselves into more shapes than the india-rubber man of the American dime-museum. They will wrap their toes about their heads as they lie on their stomachs, and will look out of their almond eyes as they frame their faces with their ankles. They will turn their heads around so that they seem to be set on their shoulders wrong side first, and will bring themselves into so many positions that you can hardly believe that they have any bones in their bodies, and you feel that they are hardly human.

Among the best developed men I have ever seen are the laborers of the Takashima coal mines, who work all day underground, and whose labors are carried on in a network of passages of more than fifty miles in length, extends under the sea about one of the islands of western Japan. These men carry great loads. They work from dawn until dark, and their daily hot bath and their rice diet give them muscles of which any turner in America would be

The Japanese consider the bath and gymnastics of such importance to health that they have introduced them into the training of the soldiers of their regular The soldiers of Japan are put through a full set of exercises every day. They swing dumb-bells, jump on the parallel-bars, and go through the severest of physical training. The bath-rooms are one of the institutions of every barrack, and the soldiers are required to bathe all over once a day, and they have to take hot baths three times a week. Their duet is rice instead of hard-tack, and they have an allowance of six cents per day for other food.

the great wrestlers who seem to be of a different race from the ordinary Japanese, and who have a system of training very different from that of John L. Sullivan or Jake Kilrain. These men believe in the accumulation rather than the reduction of fat, and they are great, tall fellows of six feet or more, and weigh from two hundred to three hundred pounds. They train themselves largely by pound-ing and by being pounded by their fellows. They have great strength of neck, and they increase this by butting against one another with their heads and striking their opponents in the chest, so that the noise is that of a batteringram. They butt at wooden posts with their shoulders, pound their flesh, and stamp the earth with their feet. saw an exhibition at which about a hundred of these wrestlers contested, during

a visit I paid to Japan a year or so ago. The wrestlers came into the room entirely naked, with the exception of a belt about the loins. Before beginning, they made they glared at each other like demons. They made many false starts, and when they grappled, their muscles stood out like ropes upon their great arms, and it was a battle of the giants. They have a wonderful strength of wrist and fingers, and now and then one would grasp his opponent by the belt, and, lifting his would throw him over his shoulder, and he would fall on the earth with a terrible thud, while the umpire would raise his fan and yell out the Japanese word for wrestlers have as great reputations as those of our prize fighters, and the profession of wrestling dates back to the beginning of the Japanese history. The rules of the ring are quite as rigid as those of the Marquis of Queensbury, and there are forty-eight falls which can be made. The very best class of the Ja, mese people patronizes these wrea-tlers, and a rich man often has a party of them come and wrestle at his receptions for the entertainment of his guests. Some of the most noted statesmen are patrons of wrestlers, and one of the cabinet ministers of the Mikado was not long ago nicknamed the "Wrestler." The tling goes on in both its public exhibitions and at private entertainments without the aid of betting, and so far the muscular exhibitions of Japan have not been corrupted by the vice of pool-selling .-- New

A Ghastly Talisman.

"Better than a rabbit's foot." "Better than finding a horseshoe."

So spoke a number of hangers-on the police court yesterday. "What are you referring to," asked a

"To a bit of hangman's rope. It's the best talisman in the world. carries a piece. It's for good luck. About every third crook arrested has a bit of rope in his pocket. He would rather lose a thousand dollars than part with that piece of rope. If he did part with it his luck would turn. The Sergeant always returns it when the crook gets out of jail and demands his property .-

Mr. Heslop of Leeds, England, has devised a method of forming steel boate without a seam by one operation. metal plate used is one-sixteenth inch thick, and of oval shape. It is heated in a furnace and then molded in a die to the required form by hydraulic pressure. Three dies are employed to gain the form by degrees, and thus preserve the metal from eracking or buckling. The beat is then polished, and fitted up with air-tight compartments and other

Footpads are becoming hold and auda-

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A mill at Alpena, Mich., makes good manilla paper from pulp of tamarack. An Iowa court has decided that a neteor belongs to the person on whose land it falls.

Montana claims to have the largest and finest jasper quarries in the world, re-cently discovered.

A new gun has been perfected by Signor Guidolli, of Lucea, which will fire sixtyfour shots a minute.

For every fifteen yards we descend into the earth the temperature increases about ten degrees Fahrenheit.

The fastest ship in the French navy now has a speed of 19.68 knots per hour without engine strain.

An Italian savant claims that injecting a current of electricity through milk delays its souring for several days. A new system of ventilation, never before used on ocean steamships, is to be a factor of the two new vessels now being

constructed for the transatlantic service of the Cupard Line. A rich bed of coal has been discovered in the Russian Amoor province of Siberia, on Usuri River. The quality of the doposit is said to be equal to that of the best English product.

It is the opinion of noted specialists on diseases of the nose, throat and lungs that one baby in every three has a growth in the nose that obstructs respiration. It is due to covering up the head.

One of the steel saws at the Washington Gun Foundry recently cut through a piece of gun-carriage metal four inches in width by five inches in thickness in twenty minutes. The saw is of English

Two chemists are experimenting at Freeport, Penn., with the view of producing carbon points for electric lighting from natural gas. It is said that by burning the gas in a specially prepared furnace pure carbon is obtained, but as yet at a cost too great for practical pur-

A twenty-two-inch iron pipe which was recently exhumed after being buried in the earth for fourteen years, at Lassen, Cal., came out as good as new. The pipe was coated with asphaltum when it was put into the ground. This may be taken as a good test of the preservative virtues of asphaltum.

An old sea captain's argument is recalled at the completion of the race be-tween the steamships City of New York and Teutonic. His was the view that the City of New York would win the eastward passage and the Teutonic the westward, because the vessels are evenly matched, and one is better adapted to English and the other to American

The Buffalo (N. Y.) fire department has lately received a novel fire engine which has excited much interest in that city. The carriage is constructed entirely of papier mache, all the different parts of the body, wheels, poles and the rest being finished in the best possible While the durability and manner. powers of resistance possessed by this material are fully as great as those of A new machine has been designed for

the excavation of sower trenches. The material in this system of excavation is handled but once, and the operation is continuous, a line of loaded buckets passing out and a line of empty ones returning to be filled at the same time Ordinary excavating machines require the empty buckets to be returned over the same line over which the full ones are sent out, and it is claimed that for this reason the new machine can work more rapidly and cheaply. The six-inch ordnance rifle which succeeded in demolishing the British armor-

plate at Annapolis is capable of hurling a projectile through 104 inches of wrought on placed 1000 yards from the muzzle of the gun. The power of the eight-inch gun is 16 3-10 inches, same distance, and of the ten-inch gun twentyone inches, same distance. The twelve inch projectile will pierce twenty-eight inches at a distance of 3000 yards. The thirteen-inch gues, which will be provided for the battle ships, are capable of demolishing the heaviest armor.

Scollop Shucking Houses.

When a fishing sloop's hold is filled with scollops the Captain at once sets sail for the "shucking" house, either in New Suffolk, Mattituck, Sag Harbor, Southold, Peconic, Greenport or som other bay side town on Long Island. "Shucking" is the vernacular for taking the shells off the fish. A shucking house is a rough boar 1 building, heated by a log fire. Along one side extends a shelf on which the unopened scollops are piled.

The shuckers are young men and women, and the work affords ample opportunities for flirtation, as each young man can work at the elbow of his sweet heart. Facing the shelf filled with scollops, each "shucker," armed with a bladed knife, dexterously the scollops, propping the edible tidbits in a pan and brushing the shells into traps at their sides.

The shuckers work with amazing rapidity. One turn of the wrist completes the operation. There are from seventeen to twenty-one hundred scotlops in a gallon, and an expert "shucker" will score a gallon in an hour and a half. They are unid sixteen cents a gallon for opening the scollops, which are at once packed in stone jars or new tubs and are a big source of income to the people of many Long Island towns that before the discovery of the shellfish in Peconis. Bay idled through the winter months. New York Herald.

Jones-"I don't think you ought to go around saying that Robinson is the biggest coward alive." Brownhe shows in every way he's afmid of me. Jones Well, your justifiable."

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

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Marriages and death notices gratis. All bills for yearly advertisements collected oper-terly. Temporary advertisements must be paid in

The leaves, so brilliant before they were

Silently fallen with pathos of tears, How like they are to the vanishing years!

Under the leaves and, though sadly fald

With a trust as sweet as an infant's prayer. Under the leaves and the shadowing trees,

light, Under the stars of the soft, jeweled night. Under the leaves and the san's splendid ray, Prophetic sign of eternal day,

Emblems of pureness the angels know. Under the leaves and the blossoms of spring, There awaiting our risen King,

Under the leaves and the white, vestal snow,

Can love be lost that was desper than words O'er the sad, dead leaves, oh, do not grieve

For under the leaves, though the mortal lie, How grand is the soul on high! There, through eternity's cycles untold,

The love that was true shall never grow And there, at last, by the beautiful stream, May our love and life be like a sweet dream.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Noah's arc-The rainbow.

A fiery temper gives adverse criticism warm reception. The cat has nine lives, and spends

One way of getting along in this world is to walk.—Detroit Free Press. There wasn't enough of the Swiss revolution to go round.—Pittsburg Chronicle-

Telegroph. pinch .- Elmira Garette.

Ted-"I'm going to run him a race for Dolly's hand." Ned-"Then it will be a sack race for one of you."-The Week's Sport. She-"Why doesn't Mr. Mullins go

"Well," said the bareball captain, "our cake is all dough?" "How do you account for it?" "We haven't a good batter."-Muntey's Weekly. Fred-"What is the matter? You look

you mean, isn't it? My best girl has said no to me."-Munsey's Weekly. The oldest inhabitant is an interesting personage; but he doesn't make half as

such noise in his immediate locality as the youngest inhabitant does .- Puck. The man who thinks he knows it

man who gave up his seat to a lady on an elevated train, afterward found out that she had been robbed while occupying it .- Puck.

for by coming in quarters and halves .-"How long has your daughter been racticing on the piano?" "To be exact she began one month before our neigh-

bor went crazy, and he's been in the asylum a year."—Figaro.

or these."-Fliegende Blaetter Landlady-"Mr. McGiunis, may I ask what you are trying to find in that cream pitcher?" Boarder-"I am trying, Mrs.

Willie took his father's rasor and his shaving cup To shave himself last week; The doctor charged a fiver when he sewed the gashes up In little Willie's cheek.

"Humph," remarked a young man, my cigar has gone out." "Well, that settles it," replied his room mate. was wondering which of us it be, myself or the cigar."- Washington

Grocer-"What's that about the dozen eggs you bought this morning?" Brown They were all bad except one; and I've called to see how much extra I owe you for the good one."- New York

"This bell," said a well meaning bexton, when showing the belfry of an interesting village church to a party of visitors, "is only rung in case of a visit from the lord bishop of the diocese, a fire, a flood, or any other such calami-

trousers!" Tailor-"Twenty dollars, sir." Travers-"And you say you require a deposit from strangers!" "Yes, sir." Travers (warmly)-"Already I feel myself growing intimate with you."-New York Sun. Brigge-"I want to got some soiled

Briggs-That's what. When you call upon a girl four times a week and she's making a crazy quilt, you will understand that a man has got to bu; neckties at job-lot prices or atspend payment."Clothier and Furnisher,

"is the dark engulfs the light. This daily toil and struggle—

So much of toll and trouble!

I glance about for something
To turn my thoughts' sad strain;
My eye falls on the Cereus

Davoid of all that's fair! "Of our twisted, thorn-strewn lives;

Where hope alone survives "
But even as I whisper

The clouds of doubt and darkness Forever from me roll!

To the Father-heart above! I know, past all distrusting,

A DETERMINED WOMAN. BY MAURICE SLINGSBY.

past the prime of life, although they make blessed with a large family or children, only three of whom, however-two boys and a girl-had survived the common ills incidental to childhood.

atory bands throughout this section. Upon these murdering wretches, who had thus wantonly deprived them of their eldest born, at a time when he might have been of inestimable service them, the father and mother, and only remaining son, Silas, now in

ever and wherever an opportunity should offer to wreak their vengeance. Leah, their second remaining off-spring, was a beautiful and warm-hearted maiden of seventeen, and the affianced carbines before her little game was dis-

the Harts.

mative reply. "Then he has rid into the swamp you-

mind on the subject. There is no use at work, although a narrow belt of timber all in beating the ground farther, for he stretched between them,

"Ob, mother!" she burst out, excited-

to shoot down one of the Tories, when his mother resolutely interfered.

prayers and protestations, the bodies of

A new puzzle has been sprung upon the inoffensive people of this weary world. It is an innocent-looking affair, and an inexpensive one withal, but more deadly than "pigs in the pen."

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Great men do not always write in the grand manner, but Crowfoot, the Blackfoot Chief, was not wenting in this re-He received a perpetual pass over the

The professional athletes of Japan are

e hundred pounds high in the air, The most noted Japanese

"Or a four-leaf clover."

cious in London at night, some going ? far as to "hold up" cabs.

How changed they seem when they cover our

What precious, consoling thoughts they for spire, In hearts now as still as a broken lyre!

Their requiem sung by the mouning breeze,] Under the leaves and the moon's tende

Under the leaves and the dear summer flow Fragrant with memory of happy hours. Beneath the autumnal and storm-swept sky, Yet peacefully resting where pansies lie

Under the leaves and the sweet song of birgs,

But breathe a prayer that shall blend into

Each addition to one's kindred is a elative gain.

them all in vocal culture.

The crab may not be as good eating as the lobster, but it does very well on a

out into society more?" He-"Because society is always out itself when Mullins begins calling.

positively ill." Tom-"Negatively ill.

The man who thinks us knows:
Upon his nose may take a fall;
But he who sometimes is in doubt,
Hut he who sometimes helps him out.
—Puck. Politeness generally pays. A gentle-

We are rather at a loss to know why sunlight is so often described as "gold-en." The "silver" moon is accounted

The Obliging Peddler-"If you don't stop talking to me about your wares I will whiatle for my dog." "I have some most excellent whistles, sir; just try one

Irons, to rescue an unfortunate fly from a watery grave."—Chicago Tribune.

ties."-London Figure. Travers-"How much are

neckties." Astonished Clork-"Soiled neckties, sir! Soiled, did you say!"