

ALERT PATTY.

ALERT PATTY of my plighted,
If you could see her now,
On Sunday, with her steady maid
And such, untroubled brow!

THRILLING SKETCH.
AN ADVENTURE IN TEXAS.

During the recent war between the United States and the Indians of Texas, a great number of volunteers joined the expedition. One of these, Captain Ferguson, of Kentucky, became celebrated for his hardihood and success in the terrible hunting of Indians.

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his horse's eyes, and another so as to envelop the animal's mouth and nostrils; then he covered his face, in a similar manner.

of devoured by the wolves. As to Captain Ferguson, he was seized with a fever, which confined him to bed for many weeks.

HUMOROUS SKETCH.

From the Autobiography of P. T. Barnum. A PERILOUS JOURNEY.

[We select the following from the advanced sheets of the work, kindly forwarded by the gentlemanly publisher, Mr. RAYFIELD.—Ed. AGITATOR.]
In 1836, I was traveling in the South as proprietor of a "show," which was called "Barnum's Grand Scientific and Musical Theater."

a flinged hunting-shirt and moccasins, which we had secretly purchased at Mount Megs, and coloring his face with Spanish-brown, which we had obtained for the purpose, and mounting his head with a cap of colored feathers; he shouldered a musket and followed the track of Vivalta and his party, looking as much like a real Indian as any we had seen the day previous in the camp.

Quick as thought, Vivalta turned his pockets inside out, and the Indian seized his purse containing eleven dollars. This was all the money he had about him, the rest being deposited in a trunk in one of our wagons.

How TO RECEIVE YOUR PASTOR.—When your minister calls to make you a friendly visit, receive him without ceremony. His time is precious, and he cannot well afford to wait for you to change your dress, perform your toilet and put things to right.

GEOGRAPHICAL AND POLITICAL CONUNDRUM.—The Philadelphia Bulletin propounds the following: Why is President Pierce like the Globe which we inhabit? Because although he was thought at first to be perfect in his sphere, it is now known he is "considerably flattened at the Poles."

SELECT MISCELLANY.

Tempering and Grinding Steel.

Mr. Chestman, of Sheffield, England, has lately invented and patented several valuable improvements in hardening and tempering steel, and in grinding, glazing, buffing and brushing steel and other metallic articles. The process of hardening and tempering apply principally to thin steel, such as are used for saw blades, for example.

For the purpose of grinding both sides of a flat article, or the entire periphery of a circular or similarly shaped article, the inventor fixes upon a central tube or axis a grindstone in the form of a roller or cylinder, and makes this stone plain or indented with semi-circular or other grooves, according to the shape of the article to be ground; and over this grindstone roller he mounted another similar to it.

These improvements in grinding will be found of especial advantage in the case of saw grinders, who as a body, are subject to severe diseases of the chest and lungs, called the "Grinder's Complaint," caused by standing or sitting over the stone.

BABY WISDOM.—A little girl about five years old, one day heard a preacher of the Chhaband order praying most lustily, till the roof rang with the strength of his application. Turning to her mother and beckoning the paternal ear down to a speaking distance, she whispered, "Mother, don't you think that if he lived nearer to God he would not have to talk so loud?"

How to Choose a Husband.

When you see a young man of modest appearance, but given to good habits, and who will make a good husband, do not be deceived by the same kind man who will alter marriage. When you see a young man whose manners are of a bombastic and disgusting kind, be sure enough to carry him away, and do not let him marry his girl, for he will not make a good husband.