

nation of a Heroules, a Joe Miller, a Bayard, and a Tom Hyer; had a person like the Bel-gian giants; mountain music in him like a group wild beast, bui of a royal sort, gian giants; mountain music in him like a group wild beast, bui of a royal sort, swiss; and a heart plump as a Cour de Lion's. Though born in New England, he dragged out of a ship's hold, like a smutty exhibited no traces of her character, except that his heart beat wildly for his country's freedom. He was frank, bluff, companionable as a pagan, convivial as a Roman, hearty Allen, the unconquerable soldier, by----as a harvest. His spirit was essentially Wes- You Turks never saw a Christian before .-tern-and herein is his peculiar Americanism -for the Western spirit is the true American one.

For the most part, Allen's manner while in England was scornful and ferocious in the last degree ; however qualified by that wild, heroic sort of levity, which in the hour of oppression or peril, seems inseparable from a nature like his-the mode whereby such a temper best evinces its barbaric disdain of adversity -and how cheaply and waggishly it holds its malice, even though triumphant, of its foes. Aside from that inevitable egotism relatively pertaining to pine trees, spires and giants, there were perhaps, two special incidental reasons for the Titanic Vermonter's singular demeanor abroad. . Taken captive while heading a forlora hope before Montreal, he was treated with inexcusable cruelty and indigni-(y; something as if he had fallen into the hands of the Dyaks. Immediately upon his capture, he would have been deliberately suffered to have been butchered by the Indian allies, in cold blood on the spot, had he not, with desperate intrepidity availed himself of cluded) into the seethingest syrups of Tophet's his enormous physical strength, by twitching | flames." a British officer to him, and using him for a living target, whirling him round and round against the murderous tomahawks of the sav. ages .- Shortly allerwards, led into the town, fenced about by bayonets of the guard, the commander of the guard, the commander of the enemy, one Colonel McCloud flourished | lived rebel. his cane over the captive's head with brutal insults, promising him a rebel's halter at Tyburn. During his passage to England in the same ship wherein went passenger Colonel Guy Johnson, the implacable tory, he was

kept heavily ironed in the hold, and in all ways treated as a common mutineer; or, it may be, rather as a lion of Asia, which, though, caged, was still too dreadful to behold without lear and trembling, and consequent cruelty. And no wonder, at least for the fear, for on

tierce, and this morning out of your littered barracks there, like a murderer-for all that, you may well stare at. Ethan Ticonderoga Stare on I am he, who when your Lord Howe wanted to bribe a patriot to fall down and worship him by an offer of major-gene. ralship and five thousand acres of choice land in old Vermont-(Hah ! three-times-three for glorious old Vermont, and my Green Mountain Boys! Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!)---I am he, I say, who answered your Lord Howe, "You, you offer our land? You are like the devil in Scripture, offering all the kingdoms in the world, when the dsoul had not a corner lot on earth! Stare on !"

"Look you, rebel, you had best heed how sword about like a school master's ferule. "General Lord Howe? Heed how, I talk of that toad beatted king's lick-spittle of a scarlet poltroon; the vilest wriggler in God's worm-hole below: I tell you that heards of red-haired devils are impatiently shorting to

ladle Lord Howe with all his gang (you in-At this blast, the wasp-waisted officer was

blown backwards as from the suddenly burst head of a steam boiler.

Staggering away, with a snapped spine, he muttered something about its being beneath his dignity to bandy further words with a low-

"Come, come, Colonel Allen, 'here said a mild looking man in a sort of a clerical undress; 'respect the day better than to talk thus of what lies beyond. Were you to die this hour, or what is more probable, be hung next week at Tower-wharf, you know not what might become, in elernity of yourself." "Reverend Sir," with a mocking bow,

I have a little dabbled in your theoligies,-And let me tell you, Reverend Sir,' lowering one occasion, when chained hand and foot, he and intensifying his voice, that as to the world was insulted on shipboard by an officer, with of spirits, of which you hint, though I knowhis teeth he twisted off the nail that went nothing of the mode or manner of that world, through the mortise of his handcuffs and so, no more than you do, yet I expect when I arhaving his arms at liberty, challenged his in- | rive there to be treated as well as any other | centleman, of my merit. That is to say, far ear-that I, Ethan Allen, am to be hung like a thief. If I am, the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress shall avenge me; while I, for my part, will show you, even on the tree, how a Christian gentleman can die.----Meantime, sir, if you are the clergyman, you look, act out your consolatory function, by getting an unfortanate Christain gentleman, about to die, a bowl of punch." The good natured stranger, not to have his religious courtesy appealed to in vain, immediately dispatched his servant, who stood by to procure the beverage. At this juncture, a faint rustling sound, as of the advance of an army with banners was heard. Silks, scarfs and ribbons fluttered in the background. Presently, a bright squadron of fair ladies drew nigh, escorted by cerall Wearing the king's plate, as I do, tain outstriding gallants of Falmouth. "Ah," sighed a soft voice, "what a strange sash, and furred vest, and what leopardlike toeth, and what flaxen hair, but all mildewed; is that he ?" "Yea, is it, lovely charmer," said Allen, like an Ottoman, bowing over his broad bovine forehead, and breathing the words out like a lute ; "it is he-Eathan Allen, the soltrobly a captive." "Why, he talks like a beau in the parlor -this wild, mossed American from the wood," aighed another fair lady to her mate; "but can this be he we came to see ? I must have a lock of his hair."

ally send to Ethan Allen, so long as he tarried a coptive in her land The withdrawal of this company was followed by a different scene. A perspiring man in top boote, a ridingwhip in his hand, and having the air, of a

prosperous farmer, brushed in, like a stray bullock, amongst the rest, for a peep at the giant-having just entered through the arch as the ladies passed out. "Hearing that the man who took. Ticon-

deroga was here in Pendennis Castle, I've ridden twenty-five miles to see him, and to-morrow my brother will ride forty for the same purpose. So let me have the first look, "Sir," he continued, addressing the captive, "will you let me ask your a few questions, and be free with you,"

"Be free with me ! with all my heart. I love freedom above all things. I'm ready form in the atmosphere, or to cold, or to to die for freedom; I expect to. So be as free as you please. What is it ?"

"Then sir, permit me to ask what is your occupation in life ? in time of peace, I mean." you talk against General Lord Howe," here said a thin, wasp-waisted, epauletted officer of the Castle, coming near and flourishing his is my occupation in life? Why, in my younger days I studied divinity, but at present I am a conjurer by profession." ence.

Hereupon every body laughed, as well at the manner as the words, and the nettled farmer reforted :

"Conjurer, eh? Well, you conjured wrong that time you were taken." "Not so wrong, though, as you British did,

that time I took Ticonderoga, my friend." At this juncture the servant came with the punch, when his master bade him present, it

to the captive. "Nol-give it to me, sir, with your own hands, and pledge me as gentleman to gentleman."

"I cannot-pledge a state-prisoner, Colonel Allen, but I will hand you the punch with my own hands, since you insist upon it."

"Spoken and:done like: A true gentleman, sir, I am bound to you."

Then receiving the bowl into his gyved hands, the iron ringing against the china, he put it to his lips, and saying, "I hereby give the British nation credit for half a minute's when not better employed braiding my beard, good usage," at one draught emptied it to the | cing the segment of a circle. The edge of bollom.

hog at a trough," here scoffed a lusty private of the guard, off duty.

"Shame to you !" cried the giver of the howl.

sea of flame, traversed by dark rays. floods

scientific. SOMETHING NEW ABOUT THE

AURORA, SALES 5.1

To say that attempts have long and often een made to explain the cause of the aurora, is not new f but it will be new to many readers to hear that progress has been made in reasoning about this interesting phenomenon, as well as in the demonstration of facts less difficult of proof. According to theorists, the cause was to be found in certain effects of refraction, or antagonisms of cloud strata, or the presence of metal in a gaseous electricity; while others' regarded it as cos-mical-belonging to remote space. Among' so many explanations, which was the true one? This was a question not easy to decide, and so savans have gone on experimenting and speculating with praiseworthy dilithe other is essential to the progress of sci-

Professor de la Rive, of Geneva, is one of was due the origin of hail, of electricity, of the variations of the magnetic needle, and of the aurora; and he now finds himself in a. position to state, that the view then put forth has been confirmed by all subsequent observations. As chroniclers of the advance of science, we think we may worthily offer a

him in the Bibliotheque Universelle de Geneve. Let us presume that an aurora borealis is always preceded by the formation of a sort of vaporons veil, on the horizon, which rises slowly to a height of from four to ten degrees. Presently that portion of the sky which is in the magnetic meridian of the place of observation, begins to darken with a brownish hue passing into violet, and embrathis segment is boarded by a luminous are of "The rebel gulps it down like a swilling brilliant white light, that sometimes quivers and dances, and appears in a strange kind of effervescence for hours together. A play of colors, through every tint, from the darkest to the lightest, with bewildering rapidity, long

those extremely tenuous frozen particles out of which the follier clouds and misis are formed.". Of the existence of these particles, and in inconceivable numbers, there is no sort of doubt. In the balloon ascent of Barral and Bixid at Paris, in-1850, the aeronauts found themselves on a sudden, although the sky was cloudless, in the midst of a thin transparent haze, which-was alone produced by needles of ice so small as to be scarcely visible. Lunar halos, rain and snow, almost invariably preceede an aurora; it is to the presence of these needles that the halos are due; and the rain and snow to their condensation of aqueous vapors. They form also the auroral veil, through which, owing to their tenuity, the stars are visible.

From simultaneous observations made by observers forty or fifty miles spart, the parallax of the autora has been ascertained, and its height above the earth determined. This ranges from six to ten miles; the phenomenon, therefore, takes place within the limits of our atmosphere. With respect to the auroral arch, there is reason to believe it to be a luminous ring, with its center at the northern magnetic pole, and cutting the magnetic gence and curiosity; for the one as well as meridians, which converge towards that pole, at right angles. Hence it is that the apparent summit of the arch always appears to be in the magnetic meridian of the place of obthe few who have made the aurora a special servation. The arch, moreover, is supposed object of study. Nearly twenty years ago, to have a sort of rotary movement from west he suggested that to one and the same cause to east, which is precisely what might be to east, which is precisely what might be predicated from the course of the electrical current.

The nearer we approach the pole, the more frequent are aurore; and as the appearances take place in all northerly latitudes, it sometimes happens that the observer is surrounded by the auroral matter escaping from the earth, and he then hears the fluttering or day on some important question, and bebrief outline of his theory, as developed by rustling noise which has been alluded to. It came very animated, during which he griis only when too distant that the noise is hot maced terribly; which set a brother member heard. On this point, M. de la Rive speaks his opponent of the question, to laughing,positively. He considers the cause to be This annoyed him very much, and he inthe action of a powerful magnetic pole on dignantly demanded to know why the genluminous electric jets closely surrounding it ;<sup>28</sup> and by means of an ingenious apparatus, he I was smiling at your manner of making has succeeded in producing a similar noise with attendant phenomena. The sulphurous odor proceeds, as in thunder storms, from the conversion of the oxygen of the air into periment, for nature has saved you the ozone, by the passage of electric discharges. trouble ! Like the noise, however, the odor can only be perceived by an observer situated in the midst of the auroral matter. It is well known that in some of our Arctic

expeditions, which might be considered most "Nay, sir; his red coat is a standing blush streamers flash upwards to the zenith, and a favorably situated for observation, no move- us a few days since, of one of our State ofment of the magnetic needle has

Jesus is described by Lentulus, as a tall. well proportioned man strait in stature, of nearly six feet in height; his hair was the color of new wine from the roots to the cars and from thence to the shoulders it carled, and fell down to the lowest part of them ; upon the crown of his head it parted in two, after the Nazarenes ; his forehead was flat and fair, his face was neither round nor sharp, resembling his mother's, and was adorned with a very graceful vermillion ; his beard was thick and forked, and of the solor of his hair, which he wore long, the scissors having never been used upon his head, nor had the hand of any one touched him except that of his mother, when he was a child his neck was not stiff, nor was his carriage proud, he stooped a little with his head; his hands were large and spreading, and his arms were very beautiful; there was an air of screnity. in his countenance, which attracted at once the love and reverence of all beholders; in his reproofs he was terrible, and his exportaseen to laugh, but ofien observed to weep, gravity, prudence, mecknes and clemency, were strongly depicted in his countenance, and he was considered the handsomest man in existence.

## •••• · A Fearful History,

What if the history of a distillery could be written out !--- so much rum for medicine. of real value; so much as a tonic, of real val; ue; so much for the arts, of real value. That would be one drop, I suppose, taken out and shaken from the distillery. Then; su much sold to the Indians, to excite them to scalp each other; so much sent to the Africans, to be changed into slaves to rot in Brazil; so much sent to the heathens in Asia, and to the Islands of the ocean; so much used at home. Then, if the tale of every drop could be written out-so much pain; eo much sadness in eyes; so much of the diminution of the productive power in man; so many houses burnt; so many ships foundered, and railway trains dashed to pieces; so many lives lost, so many widows made doubly widows, because their husbands still live; so many orphans, their father still living, long dying on earth; what a tale it wo'd bel Imagine that all the persons who had suffered from torments engendered on that plague-spot, came together and sat on ridgepole and roof, and filled up the hall of that distillery, and occupied the streets and lanes all about it, and told their tale of drunkenness, robbery, unchastity and murder, written on their fuces and foreheads. What a story it would be !- The fact is stranger than fiction .- Parker.

There are people who talk with their whole dody. The Frenchman talks with his arms, shoulders, and head : a Yankee with his eyes and face.

A certain member of Congress from one of the Eastern States, was speaking one monkey faces, sir, was the reply.

Oh, I make monkey faces, do I ? Well, sir, you have no occasion to try the extrouble !

The hammer was distinctly heard amid a roar of laughter, calling the house to or-

A GOOD ONE.-An anecdote was told to icers and eli known ciergyman of this place, which is too good to be lost to poster. ity.

sulter to combat. Often, at Pendennis Castle, when no other avengement was at hand, he would hurl on his foes such howling tempests of anathema, as fairly to shock them into retreat. Prompted by somewhat similar motives, both on shipboard and in England, he would often make the most vociferous allusions to Ticonderoga, and the part he played in its capture, well knowing, that of all American names. Ticonderoga was, at that period, by far the most famous and galling to Englishmen.

Israel Potter, an exiled Englishman, while strolling around Pendennis Castle, where Allen was confined, chansed to hear him in one of his outbursts of indignation and madness. of which the following is a specimen : "Brag no more, old England; consider

that you are but an island ! Order back your broken battallions! home! and repent in ashes! Long enough have your hired tories across the sea forgotten the Lord their God, and bowed down to Howe and Kniphausenthe Hessian [-----Hands off, red-skinned jack-(meaning, probably, certain manacles,) I have treasures of wrath against you British."

Then came a clanking, as of a chain :many vengful sounds, all confusedly together, with strugglings. Then again the voice :

"Ye brought me out here, from my dungeon to this green-affronting yon Sabbath sun-to see how a rebel looks, But I'll show ye how a true gentleman and a christian can conduct in adversity. Back dogs | Respect a gentleman and a Christian, though he be in rags, and smell of bilge-water. Yes, shine on, glorlous sun ! 'Tis the same that warms the hearts of my Green Mountain Boys, and lights up with its rays the golden hills of Vermont !

Filled with astonishment at these words which came from over a massive wall, inclosing what seemed an open parade space, Is-rael pressed forward, and soon dame to a black archway, leading far within, underneath, to a grassy tract, through a tower. Like two boar's tusks, two sentries stood on guard at either eide of the open jaws of the arch.-Scrutinizing our adventurer a moment, they signed him permission to enter. Attived at the end of the arched way where

the sun shone, Israel stood transfixed at the scene.

Like some bailed bull in the ring, crouch ed the Patagonian looking captive, handcuf-fed as before ; the grass of the groon trampled and gored up all about him, both by his own movements and those of the people around. Excent some soldiers and sailors, these out of curiosity. The stranger was outlan-Indian, half Canadian, sort of a dress, con-

"It is he, adorable Delilah; and fear not; though incited by the fee, by clipping my locks, to dwindle my strength. Give me your fettered. Clip it yourself, lady."

"No, no-1 am\_\_\_\_" among the rest "Afraid would you say ? Afraid of the alter them.

vowed friend and champion of all ladies all around the world? Nay, nay, come hither Para anges

The lady advanced; and soon, overcom ing her timidity, her white hand, shone like whipped foam amid the matted waves of flax-

en hair, "Ah, this is like clipping, tangled tags of gold lace," cried she; "but see, it is half straw??? Bin the weater is no man of straw, lady -were I free, and you had ten thousand fors horse, foot and dragoons how like a seemed mostly town's people, collected here, friend F could fight for you !. Comp, you have robbed me of my hair-let me rob your dain. dishly arrayed in the sorry remains of a half ty hand of its price. What afraid again ?" "No, not that but----""

o him, as it is in the whole scarle better than you British know how to treat an British army." Then turning derisively uphonest man and meek hearted Christain, cap- on the private : "you object to my way of tatured in honorable, war, by \_\_\_\_\_! Every king thing, do ye? I fear I shall never be curve together, and form what is called the one tells me as yourself just told me, and as, able to please ye. You objected to the way, crown of the aurora. This result is, however crossing the sea, every billow dinned in my too, in which I took Ticonderoga, and the er, rare; when it does take place, it always way in which I meant to take Montreal. Se- announces the conclusion of the phenomenon. lah! But, pray, now that I look to you, are The vivid colors and undulations disappear. you not the hero I caught dodging round, in and soon nothing but a few pale ashen gray his shirt, in the cattle-pen, inside the fort? | clouds are seen in the heavens. It was the break of day, you remember."

"Come, Yankee," here swore the incensed private: "cease this, or I'll darn your old markable phenomena; a crepitating noise. fawn-skins for ye, with the flat of this sword; for a specimen, laying it lashwise, but not heavily, across the captive's back.

the steel between his teeth, wrenched it from, panied by a peculiar sulphorous odor. Posthe private's grasp, and striking it with his manacles, sent it spinning like a juggler's dagger into the air; saying, "lay your dirty coward's iron on a tied gentleman again, and | less intense, and so unfailingly, that M. Arago, these," (lifting his handcuffed fists,) "shall be when pursuing his researches in the lower the beetle of mortality to you.!".

The now furious soldier would have struck him with all his force; but several men of the in our hemisphere from the movements of his town interposed, reminding him that it were outrageous to attack a chained captive.

"Ah;" said Allen, "I am accustomed to that, and therefore I am beforehand with vou: and the extremity of that I say against Britain, is not meant for you, kind friends, but for my insulters, present and to come." Then dier : now, since ladies' eyes visit him, made | recognizing among the interposers the giver | vessels steered a false route ; and the error of the bowl, he turned with a courteous how saying, Thank you again and again, my sed away. good sir; you may not be the worse for it;

ours is an unstable world; so that one gentleman never knows when it may be his turn to be helped of another."

commotion growing general, a superior officer stepped up, who terminated the scene by resword, man, turning to an officer. Ah I'm manding the prisoner to his cell dissmissing to the height; while the earth, on the contra-fettered. Clip it yourself, lady." the 'town's-people, with all strangers, Israel

> dews of knowledge and the light of virtue wake in it the richest virtue and the pureat these two accumulated electricities to unite, hues, and, above all, see that you keep its. The winds serve also to mingle them, will-

HORRIBLE PRACTICE—A St. Louis editor complains that the matried men sit in Church with their arms wound lowingly around their almost perfect electric conductor; and that it with their arms wound lowingly around their wives, a practice that confuses bachetors and, is constantly traversed by electric currents. Wny is a married man like a candle ? Be- pole, because those points being always cov-

cause he sometimes goes out at night when ered by condensed vapora, present the best he oughten't to.

the northern sky. Then at that spot to which the magnetic needle points, the rays

These appearances, which are familiar to many persons, are attended by certain refor example, not unlike the rapid flutter of a distant sail, which has been popularly described as the noise made by the petticoats of Turning-like a tiger, the giant, catching the merry dancers ; and this sound is accomitive electricity, too, has at such times been found in the air, the direction of the magnetic needle undergone perturbations more or vaults of the observatory at Paris, could always announce the appearance of the aurora needles. During an aurora in November, 1848, the instruments of the electric telegraph between Florence and Pisa were as strongly magnetized as though the balleries-which was not the case-had been in action. The The compasses of ships at sea have been at times so disturbed by the aurors, that the

We thus see a very intimate relation between the aurora and certain magnetic or electrical effects; and now we may proceed to M. de la Rive's theory. The atmosphere, But the soldier still making a riot, and the he says, in its normal states is constantly charged with a considerable quantity of positive electricity, which increases in proportion among the rest, and closing the castle gates tween these two a process of recomposition after them. A. CHILD is born. Now take the germ fall of rain or snow ; and less frequently by and make a bud of moral beauty. Let the thunder storms and water spouls, which, in a very energetic form, exhibit the tendency of face and frock clean. ing the positive to the negitive, and the re-

to accompany the aurora. The reason is, as M. de la Rivers explains, that those high latitudes are inside the circle described by the aurora around the magnetic pole, and are not under the influence of the electric currents which circulate outside of it, but neither below nor above, as demonstrated by observation,

The aurora is of daily occurrence, and sometimes actually takes place while the sun | convict us, I can't see how in h-II they can shines, but it is of very variable intensity .---May, June and July are the months of fewest appearances : March. September and October | and I can't see, myself, how you are to be of the most; the latter because the aurorm | punished ! are strongest at the equinoxes, especially the autumnal. The number actually observed in a year varies from two hundred to three hundred.

A striking fact remains to be noticed; it is one that appears completely to identify the aurora with other electrical phenomena; the auroral light is not polarized, neither is there any trace of polarization, in the light obtained from electricity by artificial means .---No better proof of the identity of the two classes of phenomena could perhaps be furnished.

We have mentioned an ingenious apparatus contrived by M. de la Rive. With this he brings his theory to the test of experiment, and as we believe, makes out his case. It consists of a glass globe, in which is inserted an isolated bar of soft iron, bearing a copper ring, which communicates by a wire with was only detected after the phenomenon pasthe conductor of an electrical machine. On exhausting the air within the globe, and exciting the electricity, all the luminous phe-nomena of this natural aurora are produced around the ring and bar.-Chamber's Jour. nal.

CERTAINTY OF A FUTURE LIFE. -- the fact of the future life-how do we prove it, by what class of evidence or method of arguments? . Every thinking man has many a time exercised his mind upon the subject : and our philosophers, from Pythagoras down. wardd, have been piling up volumes of high discourse on the immortality of the soul. Yet who of us does dot see that the fact is far deeper than all the reasoning about it, and that its roots are not touched by the critic's pruning knife or the logicians spade 7 The fact is part of the organic being, and the providential training of the human race standing among the first truths which have their best evidences in themselves. Try to prove it and our chain of reasoning relutes itself when touched by living experience, as the singer, says her voice is delicious pure iron rod which man life against heaven, be- the moonlight, and tendor as a three shilling

Soon after the State officers were indicted by the Grand Jury last fall, one of their number being in company with a clergyman of this place, the following dialogue took place :

State Officer-Well, elder, the Grand Jury have indicted us, that is true, but if they punish us.

Clergyman-O, sir, leave off the h-ll,

## The State officer hasn't resigned .- Ex.

ORNAMENTAL JUDGES .- Our Vermont and New Hampshire friends will take the sense of this : "Q was elected 'side Judge' in one of the county courts of Vermont. He was not very well versed in 'legal lore,' so he called on a friend of his, who had served as a side judge to make some inquiries concerning the duties of the office. To his interogatories the reply was; "Sir, I have filled this important and honorable office several years, but have never been consulted with regard to but one question .--- On the last duy of the spring term, 184-, the Judge after listening to three or four windy pleas of an hour's length each, turned to me and whispered-C., isn't this bench made of hard wood? and I told him I rather thought it was /

"Mr. Dentist, do you see that decayed tooth in my jaw ?" "Yes, sir."

"Well, now put on your tweezers. If it hurts very bad, I'll sing out 'hold on,' and you'll hold on, won't you?". "Yes, sir."

"H-o-l-d o-n ! Thunder and lightning ! you've not only pulled the tooth but half of my jaw-bone. Why didn't you let go when I sung out ?"

"Because you told me to 'hold on,'"

A COTEMPORARY describing a dance at a country village in his neighborhood, says :

"The gorgeous strings of glass beads glistened on the heaving bosoms of the village belles, like polished rubies resting on the sure face of warm apple dumplinge," Did you cver! and the second star

Wunn you see a fence down put it up ; if it remains until to morrow the calls may set over. What ought to be done to day, doit, for to-morrow it may rain,

A WESTERN editor, speaking of a concert shirt. J.