## A Capital Story.

" - " Fram the Ohio Parmer INSIDE OUTWARD. OR THE

DIFFERENCE BETWHEN CASHMERE: AND CALICO. BY HELEN L. BOSTWICK.

"Did I tell you about it, Eunice?" "About what?

"My going to the city wrong side outward." "What do you mean?" said Eunice.

"Oh, I see you never heard the story, so I. will tell you. Two years ago I spent a few great deal of shopping, and not a tittle visiting in the city, and of course patronized the railroad connecting their little village with the Green street Depot, to no trifling extent.

"Now you shall see what a handsome and gentlemanly conductor we have on this route," said Bell Wilmot to me, as I took a luxurious cushion in a crowded car lor a first:

added Kate.; "let the car be ever so crowded he is sure to find a place for ladies, and neverobjects to our band boxes and carpet bags, as many ill-natured fellows, drest in a little brief authority, are apt to do, and if our purses are short after a shopping excursion, he often-... Kate's-rhapsody was interrupted by the start-

"We were whirled into A--- in about twenty minutes, yet I had an opportunity to notice that the labeled official was indisputably very considerate to our party. He opened the window which was swollen by damp weather at a look from Kate, and ordered a Dutchman, smoking meekly upon the platform into the baggage car, at a symptom of faintness from Bell. I could but acknowledge that Fanny Fern should add to her list of models a 'model conductor," taking this one for her original.

Arrived at our destination, I was again entertained with my friends' praises of the various merchants and milliners they were accustomed to patronize.

"I always purchase silks at Weaver's: they are so conscientious, and never try to naim off an inferior article upon a customer. At Mrs. Lasalle's you will find a superb assortment of gloves and embroideries. The proprietress is a reduced French Countess, she one of the most lady like persons you ever saw ;" rattled Bell Wilmot.

"And if you wish to buy shoes, be sure and call at Marvin's; they are so accommodating; they never make wry faces, if you happen to break a string, or loosen a clasp, or any other such triffing accident," added Kate.

This was enough, yet if I needed more to convince me of the superior excellence of these aristocratic shopkeepers, that afternoon's observation would have furnished it. No sooner did the rich brocades, and crapes and ribbons of the fair Misses Wilmot flutter inside a shop door, than every attendant, from proprietor to errand boy, proceeded to don their most obsequious smiles and agreeable deportment. It was not strange, Eunice. the young ladies carried heavy purses. we're easily persuaded to lighten them.

The afternoon passed pleasantly and faliguingly enough, in chatting and shopping, in shaking hands with old acquaintances, and trying to bow gracefully to new introductions, and on our return, amid many expressions of satisfaction as our purchases were enrolled and exhibited before Mrs. Wilmot and Aunt Lucy, the girls forced me to confess that the A--- merchants and the A--- and O--conductor far surpassed any others in the known world.

And so it was, almost daily, for the first fortnight of my stay. At one time we called on a celebrated dentist for some trifling tooth operation. He was an acquaintance of Bell's and she presented him to me as her friend. 11e was very handsome and his voice and smile captivating to one who could appreciate music and sunshine, Eunice, I was amuzingly pleased with that man. I who am so fastidious, I fancied him the impersonation of skill and benevolence-the head and the heart-the means and the end-glorious combinations for those who set themselves up as the world's healers and teachers. He impressed me as one of the few to whom science may safely commit her priceless treasures, sure that they would be used only for the blessing of humanity. Ah, Eunice! I had

only seen the silken side ! "Pray go on," said Eunice.

One rainy morning I received a letter from nome, giving notice that my young sister was about to take a Western tour with a friend. "New dresses of course, are requisite," wrote my mother, "and I wish you to procure and send them immediately. Then followed a list of the articles needed.

This letter had been longer than usual on the route; that moment, I knew sister Lib, amid a sympathizing conclave of waiting milliners, marveled my long delay.

The articles must be purchased that very day, raining as it was, and moreover I must go alone; Bell and Kate had gone to bed with hair in curl-papers, and novels under their pillows. Toward noon the rain abated.

"To morrow, I'll be at your service," said, was my port monnaie. Bell, but not to day. Why you're crazylook at the clouds-you'll take a dreadful for ye this blessed while, said he; saure shockingly.

slubbornly adhered to my determination, the lored, uncorrupted Irish heart!

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idicule me without mercy if I returned. But | sun though it was low in the west, was shi-I looked at my dress, and thought of my bon-net, and was thankful that the old brown veil dies Room, and soon emerged there from a I found crumpled in my pocket would protect the latter. My mantilla was of watered silk, of the latest importation. As the conductor. handsomely trimmed, and I remembered a crossed the platform to give orders I stepped

soolish I had been to wear it, "Well Eunice, what do you suppose I did? have a vivid imagination, Eunice picture the I turned it wrongside outward! It was lined countenance of that gentleman; with the usual black muslin, from which the gloss had disappeared in spots. I was the young ladies?" said Eunice. city of A—. In the family were two joyed the full benefit of an eight by ten look, they were delighted with them, affirming that young ladies who found it necessary to do a ludious and speing what a lithis silk come from Wassers to do a ludious salous and speing what a lithis silk come from Wassers to do a ludious salous and speing what a lithis silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithis silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithis silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithis silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from Wassers and speing what a lithig silk come from the speing was a lithing silk come from the speing was a lithing speing what a lithing silk come from the speing was a lithing was a lithing speing wa only occupant of the Ladies' saloon and enludicrous figure my old veil and rusty gar- | chant had anything like it, and this lace came ment made, in contrast with my fine cash from Mrs. Lasalle's, they remembered seeing mere traveling dress, with its richly trimmed basque, the idea of going to the city thoroughly disguised, at once presented itself. The skirt "I think the wisdom you purchased of my dress was separate from the body, and had lined it for comfort in the winter, with other place to which I wish you had gone." an old gingham dress clean and whole, but I must confess, sadly faded. Well, I turned this wrong side outwards, also."

"You don't mean to say that you went to

the city in that style," said Eunice. hear. Scarcely was my toilet completed, characteristic difference between the surroundthick veil over my face, I made my way to the nearest car. And now commenced the readers know that when the Yankees marched development. The handsome and gentlemany conductor nearly knocked me over in the doorway, in his willingness to pioneer a lady | the line of invasion .- Across praries, through in blue silk and four flounces, a satchel, a hat box, a parasol, and a lap-dog safely out upon a platform. Returning, while I stood gazing vacuatly at the rows of hats and boots paper, type, and ink, editors, contributors, before me, none of which moved to relinquish a seat in my behalf the model conductor working onward. Infinite were the uses of pointed to an uncomfortable corner seat, be- the press. It carried orders through the ween a black woman with a baby, and a camp. Every morning the soldier read in white woman with two babies. Of course it the story of the previous day. It anticipa-I expected it, and the cunning pranks of the ted the gazettes. It desseminated orders of little African made my hard seat endurable.

way to Weaver's fashionable store. The made known every want; supplied every inskies were weeping briskly, and I, carrying formation; exercised, inspired, and animated a blue cotton unbrella, probably did not call up golden visions to the eyes of the young gentlemen clerks who lounged upon the counters, or sat with feet elevated at alarmingly tinople; and these papers reflecting the huacute angles, as I entered. When I enquired for silk, tissues, gernadines, and fine summer dress goods, there was one undivided stare.

"It would take too much time to tell how some stained silks, and half cotton berages hals for authentic information of what occurs were first produced, and how I eventually convinced them that I understood their proper | their own tents. Jonathan is far ahead of us quality. Suffice it to say I purchased nothing there, though tempting articles were finally displayed before me, but suited myself at less pretentious establishments.

"Next to Mrs. Lasalle's I went, whose anathemas upon me for detecting the cotton laces presented me for linen, I will not repeat, full dip into the sugar-barrel for big lumps but must say they were delivered in a very uncountess like rage, though in excellent French.

had sedulously concealed from the family, plan to fix him. chiefly because Aunt Lucy's infallible remedy in such cases was whisky and ginger, boil- him a wink," why did you not throw that aping hot, a remedy to me, infinitely worse ple sauce away?" than the disease. Perhaps Dr. R. could name something less objectionable.

"I rang gently, and was admitted. The Doctor, who was talking and smoking with a dashing young man, glanced at my dress as I entered, and without further notice, went on with the conversation. Finally I instituted a slight cough, and he turned toward me

you ?"

"I enquired in a suffering voice, the cure for an aching tooth."

"Crooked iron, marm, applied cold, is the best thing, and animal magnetism is next best. Ever try it, hey?" And the man of science winked and grinned at his companion, who ejected a quid of tabacco from his mouth, quite near my poor gingham skirt, and laughed immoderately. In two seconds was in the street, and on my way to the Depot, questioning myself, whether there are such qualities yet remaining in our world, as the frugality which acquired it. Dash lost by unbought honesty and kindness. My doubts were to be removed. The train stood at the Depot as I came in sight and I hurried my steps lest it should depart without me.

"I managed to gain a seat, but had no time to purchase a ticket and when the conductor came, I felt for my port monnaie to to pay the necessary fare. It was gone.—
An exploration of my pocket to its lowest depts availed nothing, and I was in a dilemma. I explained the matter to him, assuring him I should leave the train at the next station, and would there borrow the amount:-He left me, multering his suspicions that the

story was a lie, and went his rounds. "Soon after, some one touched my elbow and I notified my friends of my determinh and on looking around, I was greeted by a tion to go to A..... The young ladies lank, ragged, uncombed Trishman, who started with astoniahment.

Faith and hav nt I been earchin the cars cold-don't get satin striped tissue; it frays 'twas meself that saw ye take yes handketchief from yer pocket, and send this ere thing I dressed, walked to the station, but a few a spinning on the paying stones. And ye didrods distant, and found myself half an hour n't see Pat Crugan after ye faith, if I had't 100 early. Very soon the clouds lowered been comin the same road, a precious hunt and rain fell in cataracts. Nevertheless, I ye might have had for it. Bless the untu-

more stubbornly, that I knew the girls would "And now I was at O. Station, and the not, I want 'em turned out."

"Did you relate your adventure to the

it there !" I kept my own counsel; and now

"I think the wisdom you purchased was cheen enough at all events. Yet there is one

"And where is that ?" "To church," said Eunice !!!!!!!!!!!

MILITARY LITERATURE. -- American papers are remarking on the absence of all lite-"I did, and enjoyed it too, convinced that rury efforts in the Crimea, and are therein was doing a sensible thing. But you shall nothing-very much to their own glory-a fair-the self laudation is not unjust. Our into Mexico, they carried with them a printing press, and published a newspaper along dangerous passes, over mountain ranges, sometimes on mules, oftener on men's shoulders, occasionally in wagons, traveled press, and pressmen, fighting, foraging, writing, the day. It perpetuated the gossip of the "Well, I reached the city, and made my camp; reflected public opinion in the army; every heart. Had the Americans been in the Crimea, they would have had daily papers at Bulaklava, Eupatoria, Yenikale and Constanmors, incidents, and life of the camp-would have ranked among the best historical documents of the war. As it is, our soldiers in the Crimea are indebted to the London Jourin the camp hack, and within a mile or two or

in some respects.—Athenæum. AN INJURED MAN.—A merchant in a town near Boston, had a customer more dreaded who was always ready to taste early fruit without buying any, eat raisins by the handand fill his snuff box from the jar on the counter, under pretence of taking a pinch. This game got to be insufferable. He had a "I did not try the shoe store that day, but barrel of choice apple sauce in the store, a in passing Dr. R's office, something prompted fact which our sponge discovered, who seatme to enter. I had been amused and not the ed himself beside it, and when the storekeepleast disappointed by my afternoon's experi- er's eyes ware turned he would dip into the ences, but now a little anxiety mingled with barrel and scoop out a handfull at a time and much curiosity. I bethought me of a ner- take it down at a gulp. The dealer had seen vous tooth-ache that had robbed me of sleep the whole by means of a looking glass which for a portion of several nights, and which I reflected the store, and he resolved upon a

"John," said he to a young man, giving

Without waiting for John's answer, the sponge broke in with-"Why" what's the matter with it? It's first rate, I think."

"Yes," said the storekeeper," it was, but a cat and four kittens were drowned in it last

The victim turned pale and moved towards the door. He felt as if he was an injured "Well, old lady, what's the matter with man, and silently vowed not to patronize that store any more

> How to Spoil a Box-To spoil a boy, give him a rich father, this will give him a laste for idleness, while idleness will give him a taste for billiards, ballet dances, fast horses, and brawling. This in time, will lead to broken shins and broken heads. The former will belong to the young man himself, the latter to his parents. To do a person good, money should be earned. Dasit inherited half a million, but as he did not inherit the operation. Dash" goes it stout" on cham pagne suppers, Dash is now training for the delirum tremens; the effects of which will be, that in a year Dash will go to the lunatic asylum, because he mistook his house for a clipper ship; and undertook to cast anchor by throwing his man-servant out of the fifth' story, into the cistern.

A gentleman, a few evenings since, while taking a swim in the lake at Buffalo, N. Y., was horrified, on casting his eyes towards the heach, to behold a rag-picking female deliberately put his shirt, white pantaloons, stockings, etc., into her basket, and vamose. Pursuit was in vain, and the "denuded one" was compelled to make up the deficiencies of his wardrobe with blasphemy. In fact, in the language of scripture, "the clothed himself with curses, as with a garment."

"Halloo, steward!" exclaimed a fellow in one of the steamboats, after having retired to

Here, massa." "Bring me the way-bill."

"What for, massa?" "I want to see if these" bedbugs put down

### Education of the Youth.

A great error prevades the community in reference to the kind of an education the young should receive. Too much attention is bestowed upon showy accomplishments.-lady told me that water would spot it. How up and tendered my fare, tenying my purse: Education is valuable just in proportion to its had been found and returned to me. You usefulness. The principles of truth and virtue impressed, with an ahiding sense of christian duty, upon the youthful mind, will necessarily produce uprightness of conduct and correct principles of action. Nothing is really noble, in the conduct of men, that is not the result of choice, produced by a correct system of enlightenment. The plodding automator may, by a force of circumstances and fixed habit, move in the path of rectitude; but this is the result of accident, not of choice. The divine spark that should animate the breast is wanting. There is none of that soulelevating sentiment which prevades the heart of every freeman, causing him to perceive the truth and to adhere with unwavering firmness to its dictates. An educated man feels a stinging remorse whenever his actions do not correspond to the dictates of conscience. The prison statistics of the United States show that about three fourths of the convicts cannot read or write. Observation everywhere proves that it is the when the whistle sounded and drawing the ings of an English army. The contrast is uneducated that idle away their time and plunge into all manner of excesses and brutal habits. Money and time expended in acquiring an education is so much capital invested towards the future and enduring glory of our country. Every minute spent in cultivating the mind adds to the pecuniary resources of the individual. The following eloquent remarks from an eminent scholar (Dr. Channing,) will meet with a hearty response from every friend of popular educa-

"I am not discouraged by the objection, that the laborer, if encouraged to give time and strength to the elevation of his mind, will starve himself and impoverish the country, when I consider the energy and efficiency the weighty responsibility-many hours of of the mind. The highest force in the universe is mind. This has changed the wilderness into fruitfulness, and linked distant countries in a benificent ministry to one another's wants. It is not to brute force, to physical dreaming of beautiful farms, fields of waving strength, so much as to art, to skill, to intelectual and moral energy, that men owe their mastery over the world. It is mind which has conquered matter. To fear then that, by calling forth a people's mind, we shall mpoverish and starve them, is to be frightened at a shadow. I believe, that with the the happiness of their families and the future growth of intellectual and moral power to prospect of their children all depend upon that the community, its productive power will increase, that industry will become more effi- their goods, bid adicu to their friends and cient, that a wiser economy will accumulate wealth, that unimagined resources of art and path in which they are traveling. One would nature will be discovered. I believe, that the means of living will grow easier, in proportion as a people shall become enlightened, sympathy of those whom they meet, but they self-respecting, resolute and just. Bodily or soon learn by experience that conductors and material forces can be measured, but not the baggage-masters, ticket agents and hotelforces of the soul, nor can the results of in- keepers, hack-drivers and little, teasing, fruit creased mental energy be foretold. Such a and novel pediars, care little about any one community will tread down obstacles, now except to get his money. They, perhaps, exdeemed invincible, and turn them into helps. The inward moulds the outward. The power low traveler if they make his acquaintance, of a people lies in its mind; and its mind, if but he stops at the next station or takes a diffortified and enlarged, will bring external ferent route, and they are left alone again. things into harmony with itself. If, howev- Nature begins to present a different faceer, I err in this belief, if, by securing time they see no friends with whom they may and means for improvement of the multitude, converse, and they begin to look back with industry and capital should become less pro-ductive, I will say, sacrifice the wealth, and ved to leave their friends. But their story is not the mind of a people.

"Nor do I believe that the physical good commenced. It is evening and they are at of a community would in this way be im- Dunkirk, Buffalo or perhaps Detroit—we will paired. The diminution of a country's say Detroit to make the story short, and they wealth, occasioned by general attention to step aboard the cars for Chicago, two hunintellectual and moral culture, would be fol- dred and eighty two miles distant. Perhaps lowed by very many different efforts from they never rode all night in the cars before, those which would attend an equal diminul and may think they are going to have a tion brought about by sloth, intemperance pleasant time, but they will get mistaken. and ignorance. There would, indeed, be less production in such a country, but the nothing can be seen from the windows now character and spirit of the people would ef- to excite their curiosity. Conversation has fect a much more equal distribution of what ebbed except with here and there an individwould be produced; and the happiness of a | unl, who is still trying to press upon the percommunity depends vastly more on the dis- son who sits beside him, the wonderful transtribution than on the amount of its wealth. In thus speaking of the future, I do not claim the fails to interest him and nothing now greets any special prophetical gift. As a general my ear except the puff of the engine and the rule, no man is able to foretell, distinctly, the continued rumbling and rattling of the cars, ultimate permanent result of any great change. But as to the case before us we ought not to doubt. It is a part of our duty to believe, growing sleepy and they begin to nod on the that by nothing can a country so effectually gain happiness and lasting prosperity, as by the elevation of all classes of its citizens;-To question this seems an approach to the end of time.

-"If this fall,

The pillared firmament is rottenness, And earth's base built on stubble,"

Let no one bring forward the plea that poverty prevents him from storing his mind with useful knowledge. He might just with as much propelety, say that he was too poor to follow his daily vocation. An educated laborer becomes a more successful producer. A farmer that adapts his grain to its propersoil, and applies the right kind of nourishing stimulants to that soil, will earn far more, than he who prepares and sows his fields without intelligence .- Elevator.

A woman in Boston has commenced suit of divorce against her husband. because he would not allow her to hoply her tongue to the stopper of the molasses jug every time she used it a privilege which every Yankee woman considers sacred.

A person out in fowa is offering for sale grass-seed gathered from the "path of rechtude." A religious contemporary fears that

#### For the Agitato INDIAN SUMMER.

It has been eaid, (and I for one think, truly.)
That "e'on a cat may glower upon a king!"
And so, perchance, who chooses to, is duly
Licensed, of hackneyed themes to rhyme or sing;
And so I sing of that which out of view key,
But just before the fall-wind came to fing
The crisp, dead leaves about—a welcome comer,
June's late-born peer and sister—Indian Summer.

Tis but a narrow rift in Autumn's clouds,
Through which thy softer skies just now appear;
A burst of sunlight through the gloom that shroud
Thy charms, O, Second Childhood of the Year!
For thou dost type that second bight which crowds
The young child's cradle on the old man's bler;
Yet there is healing in thy bainay breath,
That robe the garner of the Reaper—Dearn!

We seem in gentle dalliance with June—
With Sune the the variety of the CoWith thy line skice o'ercanopying at noon.
Both field and forest in their Autumn sheen;
And though the birds come not as thon, to tune
Nature's great harp, and sanctify the scene—
We love thee not the less,—each has its time,
June with its birds and Autumn with its rime.

The latest joy, we mortals love the best:

Summer's last hour is lovelier than its first.

The mother chase her last born to her breast,

The sweetest heart-flower that she over nurst;

The miser drops his last galu in the chest

As best of all—and yet 't is most accursed;

So in thy arms we see the year decay,

Loving these better as thou fad'st away.

November 9, 1855.

M. H.

### Communications. Letter from the West.

FRIEND COBB :- The "West" is a dreary country to some, and I will tell you why They start with buoyant spirits, bright anticipations and a glowing future before them, but become weary, sick at heart, and lose their courage long before they reach their place of destination. Many, perhaps, have never been a hundred miles from their homes beforealways surrounded by friends, whose hearts were overflowing with sympathy, yet they take their families and start for some point, perhaps unknown to them, in in the far off west.

But who, that has ever traveled upon crook ed railways and lake steamers, does not anticipate the many knocks and thumps that they will receive long before they finish their journey. But they are going west-they feel waking dreams have been spent in considering the subject, and many nights of drowsy, feverish sleep, while their minds were rambling away out on some vast prarie, and there grain and comfortable homes already occupied by their joyous families. They wake from their dreams only to run these things through their minds again. Truly it is a great undertaking. There is a vast responsibility attached to it. Their success in life, journey west. With these feelings they pack start-off, while their tears fall and wet the naturally suppose that so great an undertaking should engage the attention and enlist the Change a lew words of sympathy with a lelnot half told yet, for their journey is but just It is nine o'clock and dark as pitch, and actions that he performed while young. | But together with the pestering bubble of a selfconceited fop sitting right before me. All are right and the left. They are weary and would be glad to lie down upon their seats and take a nap, but every car is crowded to suffication and there are four or five of them. Some are so tired that they occasionally get into a drowse, but are soon roused up by a voice crying out Buttle Creek, Paw Paw, Terre Coupee, or some other name that I have not been accustomed to hear. And thus they continue the whole night, and it is a long one as every one will testify who has experienced a similar ride.

It is day light now and all are engerly looking out of the windows upon Lake Michigan, extending as it does hundreds of miles beyond the reach of their feeble visions. It it a beautiful scene-new indeed to me poor Tiogian, and what makes it more beautiful and more novel, there is a terrible gale just now dashing waves and spray all over the docks. Neptune must be very angry this morning. A few vessels are lying off the beach; and seamen are busy going up and down their rope ladders poor honest souls; they feel as if they were laboring for humanity. But here we go whir into Chicago, a hundred tracks apparently on either side. All rush from the cars, while porters, scores of them, are hallooing themselves to death. in order to let travelers know how much merit their names for this berth before I did. If the path must be badly overgrown with grass, and I should say does not possess: ing does, or I should say does not possess. lered shot will seldom hit the mark.

The hack is crowded as full as it can be, and another going to the same place. The barroom is full of travelers, and many of them bave washed themselves and are trying to look brisk, but the poor hungry fellows cannot affect it. Two thirds of them are sick, absolutely sick-you can read the word home in almost every face. It rains, the wind blows, everything is wel; and dirty, they are hungry, have had no sleep, and everybody is teasing them for their money, and why should they not be sick? To be sure that I am not mistaken in this estimate of human nature, I will get in conversation with some of them.

Sir, you are traveling; allow me to ask what part of the country you are from. In-di-a-na, took the cars last night-I'm going to Min-e-so-ta." Ah! do you expect, sir, to better your condition by going away out in Minnesota? "Don't know; but if I had my money back, and was at home again, I reckon this chifd would stay there," He gave this last a sort of Hoosier kink, as much as to say that he had a little independence left after all. But the truth is, the poor fellow has lost his courage. He rode last night on the cars-is now in Chicago, surrounded by stores, groceries, dockyards and depots-unable to get even a glance at the country and yet he is sick of it. He is a stout looking fellow and you would think capable of taking Sevastopotelar a day, yet the poor boy is absent from his mother and his heart is broken. What do you suppose he will do, if he should go to Minesota? Well, a good share of those who go west are as chicken hearted as he is.

Perhaps it may be interesting to some of your Tioga readers to state a few things which I have seen in the west. I will do it: In a word I have seen the most beautiful

country, the most extensive farms and by far the wealthiest farmers I ever saw in my life. Some of these farmers, who are now worth from eighty to a hundred thousand dollars, came here a few years ago with from two to three hundred only. They have obtained their wealth by the growth of the country. Everything is progressing in this region. New towns are springing up all along the railroads. There is about twenty five hundred miles of railroad in this state-Illinois. Churches, school-houses, academies, stores and dwelling houses are constantly being erected-farms are being purchased, fenced and cultivated-men are going into business on every side, and a person traveling through this country soon loses himself in the general bustle, and for the time being forgets that there is an east. Most of those living along the lines of railrords are sharpers, and are bound to get rich out of the traveling public.

Prices .- Pine lumber along the railroads, from 17 to \$25 per thousand feet. Cultivated farms, with buildings, shade trees &c., from 25 to \$40 per acre. Uncultivated land from 5 to \$15. Praries are not swamps by any means, but rolling meadows ready for the plow. This is the character of those lying between Chicago and Rock River-south of that they are level. Let a man look out upon these prairies for twenty minutes, and if he does not conclude that the farmer, who tries o plow the hard, stony hills of Tioga, is debasing manhood, then I am no judge.

Friends, who have requested me to write to them concerning the West, will please consider the engagement fulfilled by this letter. Respectfully Yours,

J. B. CASSODAY. Joliet, Illinois, Sept. 25, 1855.

# Curious Love Letters.

MADAME: -- Most worthy of my admiraion, after long consideration, and much medlation, of the great reputation, you possess in the nation, I have strong inclination, to become your relation. On your approbation, of the declaration, I shall make preparation, to move my situation, to profess my admiration, and if such obligation, is worthy of observation, and can obtain commisseration, it will be an aggrandization, beyond all calculation, of the joy and exultation of,

Yours, SANS DESIDERATION.

The following in the reply: Sir-I perused your oration, with much deliberation, and a little consternation, of the great infatuation, of your weak imagination, to show such veneration, on so slight a foundation. I suppose your animation, was the fruit of recreation, or had sprung from ostentation, to display your education, by an odd enumeration, or rather multiplication, of words of the same termination, though of great variation, in each respective signification. Now, without disputation, your laborious application, to so tedious an occupation, deserves commendation, and thinking limitation, sufficient gratification, I am, without hesitation.

Yours. SALLY MODERATION.

/ VULTURES .- A letter from the Crimea tells the following tale: "Vultures are very numerous in the Crimea. They smell the powder and await the coming of the fight to throw themselves on their victims. After one of the recent combats, an English officer was found on the battle field, who had just expired, pressing in both his arms one of these birds of prey, dead, like himself, and which he had crushed in a last effort of agony l"

As women are more affected by the prevalence of immorality, than men, it is really strange that they do not frown down those vices of men, which are so frequent, Many a female who would not refuse to dine with a proffigate, would think herself foully insulted were she invited to take tea with a courfezan; but the only difference between the two is, one wears pantaloons and the other pantalettes—the moral is the same.

THE WORLD'S SHIPPING.—The shipping of the world is estimated at 145,500 vessels, and the aggregate tonnage at 15,500,000.-Hunt's Magazine estimates that at \$50 a ton the shipping of the world is worth the enormous amount of \$775,000,000. Of this fifteen and a half millions of tonnage, more than ten and a half millions belong to the Anglo Saxon race. United States 40,500 vessels, and 5,661,416 tonnage; Great Britnin' 35,960 vessels, and 5,043,270 tonnage.

Concentration of thought will always ensure success upon every subject; whether in writing or speaking." A random and soat-