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### Beleet Wocten

[From the New York Ledger.] The Game of Life-A Homily.

BY JOHN O. SAXE, There's a game much in fashion-1 think it's called

Euchre.
(Though I never hav played it, for pleasure or fucre.) In which, when the cards are in certain conditions. The players appear to have changed their positions, And one of them cries, in a confident tone, "I think I may venture to go it alone!"

A moral to draw from the skirmish of cards, And to fancy he finds in the trivial strife Some excellent bints for the l'attle of Life ; Where-whether the prize be a ribbon or throne-

When great Galileo proclaimed that the world In a regular orbit was ceaselessly whirled, But only derision and prison and chains. "It moves, for all that !" was his answering tone, For he knew, tike the Earth, he could "go it alone !"

When Kepler, with intellect piercing afar, Discovered the laws of each planet and star, And doctors, who ought to have lauded his name Decided his learning and blackened his fame. For he felt in his heart he could "go it alone !"

Ains! for the player who idly depends in the struggle of life, upon kindred or friends; Whatever the value of blessings like these, They can never atone for inglorious ease,

There's something, no doubt, in the hand you may hold Health, family, culture, wit, beauty and gold-The fortunateowner may fairly regard Ar, each in its way, a most excellent card ; Yet the game may be lost, with all these for your own

In pattie or business, whotever the game, Let this be your motto-"Rely on Yourself!" For, whether the prize be a ribbon or throne,

Unless you've the courage to "go it alone !"

#### Select Miscellann.

MANY FACTS IN SMALL COMPASS .-The number of languages spoken is 4,064. The number of men is about equal to the number of women. The average of human life is 33 years. One-quarter die before the age of seven ; one-half before the age of 17. To every thousand persons one only reaches 100 years, and not more than one in five hundred will reach 80 yeaes. There are on the earth 1,000, 000,000 inhabitants. Of these, 33,333, 333 die every year, 91,824 die every day, 7.780 every hour, and 60 per minute, or one every second. These losses are about balanced by an equal number of births .-The married are longer lived than the single, and above all, those who observe a sober and industrious conduct. Tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more chances of life previous to the age of fifty years than men, but fewer after .--The number of marriages are in proportion of 76 to 100. Marriages are more frequent after the equinoxes, that is, during the months of .June and December. Those born in Spring are generally more robust than others. Births and deaths are more frequent by night than by day.

Archbishop Whately, in his "Annotatiens on Bacon's Essays," relates the fol lowing anecdote: "A curate of a London pasish, of most exemplary conduct, was accustomed to remonstrate very freely with any of his people whose life was not what it should have beec. They wished much to get rid of him, but could find no pretext for complaint, either to the Rector or the Bishop. They therefore hit upon this cunning plan : They drew up and respect. I believe he is laboring under a signed a memorial to the Bishop, setting forth the admirable character of the curate, lamenting that his eminent worth ulations Delilah. assuring them that he would continue all marching beyond the State. probation."

HOW A CURATE BECAME A RECTOR .-

REMARKS OF HON THADDEUS STEVENS. Bill to Raise a Volunteer Force for

that is to use economy, and to restrain the bill. expenditures of the Government within all

sent to us. The Committee of Ways and ing him for asking the passage of this they are incapable of understanding it. Means will have to report a deficiency bill bill; but if the Department require these to appropriate more than six hundred mil- the Committee on Millitary affairs, yet I itous method of rallying slaves to our ceeded on her way to sea, leaving the fort right, just, patriotic and glorious as long lien dollars, wi hout the addition of a sin- cannot vote one dollar for another troop to standard. There are 200,000 free blacks about 11 o'ciock. The whole affair was as it was applied only to Democratic padoing, and as we propose to do by this bill bring it within the line of duty, as I re- the number, counting women, children, The Rinaldo is a serew steam sloop-of but of the whole country, must give way, urge the Department and the Commander- of such a population would be immensely guns, and is manned by two hundred hands

six hundred and sixty thousand men. am told that eighty thousand of these are in Kentucky, constituting the command of General Buell. If that be not enough, it is most remarkable that out of the six hundred and sixty thousand now in the field. enough cannot be spared to guard Ken-

I had hoped that Kentucky was not so much in danger. We had a rose-colored view of the state of affairs in Kentucky in the President's message. He informed us that Kentucky had made such progress that she was now able to take care of herself. We were told that Missouri was in the same category, and would never more be overrun. We were told the same thing in respect to Maryland. But now it seems to be thought that unless there is a continued military occupation in Kentucky, when the Army of the country has driven the enemy from the State, her own citizens would not be sufficient to guard her. Sir, if they be not sufficient, let her have as many more troops as she calls for. In God's name, I would not expose Kentucky to any danger. I had never supposed there was any such danger there as that suggested by the gentlemen from Illinois, [Mr. Lovejoy ] But if there be any danger that the troops there are not sufficient to guard the State, after the enemy has been driven off, let the Government order just as many more as Kentucky requires. I can well understand how, if the troops are withdrawn, there will be an immediate rising of the rebels there. I have no doubt that if our Army were to be withdrawn from Maryland, she would be thrown into secession in a week. I do not believe anything about the loyalty of the Maryland people: I do not know how it is that Maryland has seven regiments in the service of the United States and none in the rebel service . I do understand where the President gets his facts which he states in this hallucination of mind upon this subjects as fatal as that of Samson under the manip-

recommending him for the preferment .- more troops in Kentucky, let more be sent. have been no government left us." Said Soon after, this very living quite unex. I understand there are six hundred and he, "If the Democracy had served me and duced to its real meaning, the action of restored safe from Lynch Law, which is very efficient, and one of the best there. pectedly became vacant, whereupon the sixty thousand men under arms somewhere. my administration, such a trick as Mr. Bishop, considering how acceptable, as well I do not know where they are. I do not Corwin and myself served the Administraas deserving, he appeared to be, presented see their tracks I know they are lying tion of Mr. Polk during the Mexican War, promise that Government will support and to consider whether the measures of the him to it, informing him of the memorial. about somewhere, where they can be very we should now be in the hands of Jeff Da. ree them if they do. Behind this invita-The good man thanked his people with well spared. They are doing nothing. vis. At the time we were traitors to our tion is the hidden incitement to servile in- sistent with the interests of civilization? tearful eyes, rejoicing that they had taken Let them be sent into Kentucky to guard country, and gave aid and comfort the Mex- surrection; but the fanatics of Congress Is it to be endured that the United States as little for the negro's gratitude as for

of force shall be raised of senty thousand grayes."

COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT. General & Political, men. We are asked that the President Congress. The Emancipation Question in that he will hasten to the lines of our army congress. the Constitution is conferred alone upon Congress, to impose rules and regulations in regard to the composition of that force, In Congress, December 16, 1861, on the that he may convert these twenty thousand men from infantry to mounted rifles. Do gentlemen know what those twenty thous-Mr. Ssevens. I rise for the purpose of and men will cost the Government for a stating the reason why I must vote against year? If they are infantry, they will cost this bill. It is estimated for by no De- \$20,000,000. If they are mounted men, partment of the Government. It is call- you all know, who are familiar with the ed for by no Department of the Govern- operations of this Government, that regi ment. I think that if this House mean ment of mounted men costs \$1,500,000 a that the war shall be carried out to a suc- year. I ask this house if they are prepar. slaves, resolved that our Generals shall Argus. cessful termination, it must be done in ed to add to the burdens their constituents such an economical manner as that the now have upon them, and which they must them free." The non sequiter is as appapeople shall not become alarmed, and that bear, twenty or thirty million dollars a rent as it would be in fact if the proclamait shall not have to be abandoned before it year more, unless there is some imperative tion for the negro allies were sounded .is finished. The only way to guard against necessity be shown, I cannot vote for this They would not follow to the call.

> have that potency which they ought to have. 1 But for Heaven's sake do not let us go on piling mountains upon mountains of debt and taxation, until the nation itself is final-

#### ly destroyed in the operations of this war. Management of the War.

We learn from Washington that the joint committee of Congress appointed to inquire into the management of the war meets with little or no success in its investigations. The Commander in Chief of the army declines to give the Committee an audience at present to discuss the Ball's Bluff disaster. Not having the resolution under which this committee was appointed before us, we are unable to say whether it contemplated only an investigation into the causes of the disasters to our arms, or whether the Committee is designed to act as a supervisory junta to control the future operations of the Commander-in-Chief .-If the latter power is granted or assumed, it is evident that this Committee may become, in the hands of politicians, an instrument of much mischief and disaster .-The same uneasy class of politicians who forced the Government into the Bull Run fight, are impatient for another advance. and if permitted to have their own way would precipitate the army into another defeat before the close of another week. The Commander-in-Chief is naturally jealous of such interference with his plans. and it is not surprising that he has interposed obstacles to an investigation that can accomplish no good, and may work incalculable mischief.

GOOD ENOUGH TO BE TRUE .- The Washington correspondent of the Bucyrus Furmer says, that in a private conversation with the President the other day, he asked his opinion of the course of the Northern Democracy in the present crisis, and he reports the following reply :-

"The honest old Railsplitter replied with a blush, that "their patriotic support to the Constitution and Union is just what he expected from the followers of Democ-

his life the course which had won their ap- But now we are asked that a novel kind well amed with bloody hands to hospitable quick car of the negro will catch the vessels laden with stone, to be sunk to inclination to take up arms, as it were to the 12th of February negro will catch the vessels laden with stone, to be sunk to inclination to take up arms, as it were to the 12th of February negro will catch the vessels laden with stone, to be sunk to inclination to take up arms, as it were to the 12th of February negro will catch the vessels laden with stone, to be sunk to inclination to take up arms, as it were to the 12th of February negro will catch the vessels laden with stone to take up arms, as it were to the 12th of February negro will catch the vessels laden with stone to take up arms, as it were to the 12th of February negro will catch the vessels laden with stone to take up arms, as it were to take up arm

had already been adopted by the Government, and was now in operation, the Rad icals of the two Houses of Congress, on the first day of the session, precipitated before both Chambers the question of quence in that long line of falla cies, Emancipation. The process was as logi- which underrating the energies and the cal as the attempt itself was reasonable! power of our adversaries, has led us from recruit them into the army and declare

We are wearied with the pertinacity of As I said before, there is no call by the folly with which the factious leaders of a possible bounds, consistent with carrying it Administration for these troops. I do not minority attempt to force the delusive and something about what it will be called on ment made to him respecting the views of heed not right; nor of the Constitution, to appropriate, according to the estimates the War Department, and I am not blam. for they mock it; nor of expediency, for

even after Congress appropriating \$318, twenty thousand additional troops, let them the 600,000 white soldiers in arms, in derived at that port last night. 000,000 last July. We shall have to ap send a requisition here showing there is a feace of the Constitution, and of the vast propriate from one hundred and sixty to necessity for them, and for adding twenty Navy of the Federal Government, and releasing the rebels, the tugboat Starlight two hundred and fourteen million dollars or thirty million dollars to our annual ex- must needs recruit from the black popula- left this city shortly before 10 o'clock this more to make up the deficiencies for this penses, and to the public burdens, and I tion, why not commence at the North? If forenoon, and stopped at Fort Warren, fiscal year. We shall also have to report shall reluctantly vote for it. But until blacks are needed for soldiers, why not where she took on board Mason and Slia bill making an appropriation of \$413,- then, although I have the highest respect marshal the free blacks to the rescue, in- dell and their two Secretaries. After re 000,000 for next year. We will thus have for the gentleman from Kentucky, and for stead of attempting this tardy and circu ceiving their baggage, &c., the tug progle dollar beyond what is estimated for .- be raised beyond the six hundred and six in the loyal States, and an army of 25,- conducted without any display, in perfect Now, sir, that in itself is alarming. I con- ty thousand now in the field until the ne | 000 might easily be supplied from their quiet, and in the ordinary manner of confess I do not see how, unless the expenses cessity is shown by some one further than numbers. To get the same force of able veying passengers. The tugboat will probare greatly curtailed, this Government can it has yet been shown While I am reluc. bodied men from the slave population, we ably reach Provincetown this afternoon possibly go on over six months. If we go tant to vote against any bill which the gen- would have to take within our lines, and and the prisoners will be transferred withon increasing expenses, as we have been theman from Kentucky desires. I cannot support till the close of the war, eight times out delay to the British gunboat. the finances, not only of the Government gard it, to vote for this bill. If he will the decrepid and incapable. The burden war, 200 horse power, mounts seventeen

What will it cost to sustain a population over ten thousand pounds. The interm Fortress Monroe now are? The elements up. of the calculation are to be found in that experiment, and it is in the power of the Commander. - Hewitt : First Lieuten Government to give the results also. We ant, A. Arlington; Second Lieutenant, K. venture to say that there never was a body Turton; Master, G. Smythe, Surgeon, A. Tod deserves the greater punishment be-Houses, so unproductive and wasteful and sistant Surgeon, A. Nelson. useless, as the laborers at Fortress Mon-

roe, and their large dependent families. We do not believe the people are rich enough to support such a body of prisoners; or that the suffering citizens of the lecture of Wendell Philips in New York

have to pay them ? rush into the experiment of a general levy out, ignominiously.

answer. Every man can answer them. tes of Paris to applaud, The country has already answered them. Not a State has sent a single black man to the defence of the country. The Governracy-that if they had not rallied to the none. It is a mere trick of words, a de- It says: should not be rewarded, and carnestly But, sir, as I said before, if they want support of the stars and stripes there would lusion and falsehood, to talk about recruit. Supposing reparation to be made for slaves to desert their masters, with the law, will it not be for the powers of Europe

Without waiting to receive the Message blood of his master and mistress and chil-South into submission.

It is but a new delusion, another se "Whereas," the resolutions generally ran, one error to another, in a long career of

#### Mason and Slidell Gone.

We are informed that Messrs. Mason doubt what the gentlemen from Kentucky fatal policy upon the county. We shall the affair untill the hour arrived for their Certainly not the people. They would not leges allowed, the almost entire absence of Now, sir, the House ought to know [Mr. Wickliffe] says is true as to the state- not argue the question of right, for they departure. The steam tugboat Starlight even have made him Governor had they drunkenness was generally remarked. was employed by the Government to convey the prisoners to Provincetown, Cape Cod, where they are to be transferred to But if Congress distrusts the power of the British gunboat Rinaldo, which ar-

In accordance with the above plan of

and the people will be involved in one gen in Chief to send troops now in service into greater than that of any similar number including the officers. Her guns, thirtyind the people will be involved in one gen in Chief to send troops now in service into of the most expensive troops we now have, this state, I hope they will gratify him.—

Now what does this bill propose to do? I have no doubt his recommendations will it cost to extravagant estimate.

Now what does this bill propose to do? I have no doubt his recommendations will it cost to extravagant estimate. of 200,000 slaves during the war, fed diate deck is used for the accommodation with daily rations as the "contrabants" at of the officers, and is comfortably fitted

> Th list of the officers is as follows :of men, outside of the established Alms Archer, ; Paymaster, A. Thompson: As-

#### A Treasonable Affair. A gentleman who attended the recent

North will patiently abide the idea that city, informs the Argus, of an incident while Government leaves them to their which aptly illustrates the cheracter of the bitter fate of hunger and cold, it is mani- audience, and shows it to have been fully festing paternal indulgence and bestowing in harmony with that of the speaker. His its liberal bounties upon the vagrant pop- oration was a complete farrage of treason, ulation of the South, whom it has invited one fifth of which, if uttered by a Demointo idleness. And then when the negro crat, would have consigned the individual class has sucked its millions from the instantly to Fort Lafayette or Warren .-Treasury, the master class is to have its The incident alluded to is not reported in turn! How many millions will this take, the daily papers. At the close of a treashe was for the Union now only because he Will the Northern soldier stand, side hoped the Contitution would be overridden, by side, in the ranks with the black freed a person in the hall celled out, "Three men ? Try it! Let the experiment be cheers for Abe Lincoln and the Constitublack population of the North, before we "Hustle him out!" and he was hustled

of troops at the South. The Northern Gen. Fremont was present, and whennegro, if freedom is an advantage, is the ever his name was uttered by the speaker, better man of the two, and is certainly this gang of treason-mongers and despisers better educated, and disciplined, and self of the Constitution vociferously applauded, reliant. What would be the fate of a brig- while Gen. M'Olellan's name was passed ade of blacks, officered by their own class, over in utter silence. Fremout alone, of or even by whites, and marching to battle ? all the Generals of the army, was juged to What would be their discipline, their tone, have shown sufficient contempt for Constitheir courage, an! to what extent would tutional restraints, and enough of the diethey clevate or depress the warlike senti- tator, to suit this revolutionary conclave, ment, and esprit de corps of the Army ? which reminds one of the clubs in which We ask these questions, but we seek no Robespierre used to rant, and sans culot-

PREPARING ANOTHER CAUSE OF WAR. -The London Examiner, of December ment has asked for none, and will accept 14th, is preparing for another causs belli.

ongress is this-an invitation to the seems too natural a sequence to Wilkes'

Gov. Tod and the Newspapers. The people of Ohio elected David Tod

Governor of the State, last October, in of the President or the reports of the dren dripping from his knife ? and those entire good faith, and with the confident expectation, hope at least that the fear of great trust. They awake now with the that they have "caught a Tartar." Gov. Tod's persistent hunting down of the in the drama he marks out for himself as of both houses of Congress on Thursday "Congress has no power to emancipate disappointments and calamities. - Albany Chief Executive of the State. As Presi. should be simply a matter of form to addent of the Mahoning Railroad, he forbids journ over till Monday, nearly all the Senathat it even be carried as express matter; tors and representatives had left the city. and inasmuch as the corporation once reforenoon, and left Fort Warren at about Herald is excluded. Gov. Tod writes that indispensable duties, and fasting upon the 11 o'clock. The arrangement for their the Herold was "dangerous," and that the turkies pies and knick-knacks, whole wagreturn was very quietly made, and noth- "public good" requires him to attempt to on loads of which had been provided by ing was known in this city in regard to suppress it. Who made him censor?— their friends. Notwithstanding the privisuspected such things a week before the election. The press of the entire State- ed a general holiday. Dress parades were except the local rivals of the Herald, who the only military duty required. A large reap a temporary benefit by its short sales number had their private Christmas din--denounces this act of Gov. Tod. and ners, speeches and music. Most of the well they may. When he is Governor, tents were tastefully decorated with everthe Lord only knows what newspapers in greens, and otherwise rurally ornamented.

> has at last been applied in a case to touch the Republicans "on the raw." It was all pers; but when one of their own treasonable organs is made to feel the grasp of arbitrary power, they are very indignant and denounce the act and its author with deserved severity. The Cleveland Heraliss offence was the persistent defence of Fremont and severe denunciation of his removal from command. This was no crime and not half so "dangerous" to the public interest as Mr. Tod's despotic and lawless hundred cases, and been praised therefor. The question of the Tribune in regard to Tod-"who made him censor?" may as pertinently be asked with reference to Seward. Both have committed offences meriting confinement in a penitentiary. But cause he professes to be a Democrat, and has gone to the extreme of Republican despotism from motive of interest-just as a few "pro-slavery" Democrats have become ultra Abolitionists from motives which us ually govern mere mercenaries and soldiers of fortune .- N. H. Patriot.

SPEAKING PLAINLY .- Au article in a recent issue of the North American con-

tains the following paragraph : "We speak plainly because it is necessary to do so. At the very time when the people have looked for retrenchment, and

the Secretaries of the Treasury, the War and the Navy departments have earnestly and who but the Northern laborer will onable passage, where Philips avowed that advised it as requisite to enable the Government to meet its expenses, the Van Wyck Committee has laid bare the fact that untold sums have been squandered on wretched contracts, illegal and monstrous made with the soldiers recruited from the tion!" The response was instant shout of commissions, and by a thousand other varieties of that genteel robbery which goes by such names as peculation. I seems to us that there is at this crisis another more expressive and far more appropriate designation for these offences, and that is treason. The rebel who fairly stands up in the ranks of a hostile army we know how to contend against; but the secret enemy in our own ranks who goes with us merely to bag the public money and steal away to some more congenial clime with it, who broke their fastenings and wildly ran in rotten blankets to shield them from the rude wintry blasts, is he less guilty than capture. A large quantity of harness and the open and avowed rebel of that crime a house occupied as a dwelling by the which the Constitution defines as 'giving teamsters were also destroyed. This large aid and comfort to the enemy ?"

THE COLORED PEOPLE ARMING .- We are glad to see that the colored people are moving, and it is likely that in a few days they will complete a strong military organing our armies from such a source. Re- the Trent outrage, and the prisoners to be ization. The colored company in Halifax Montreal Gazette

olitionists, over the U. G. R. R. It says

Christians in Washington.

There was a general observance in Washington of Christmas day, all secular business being suspended. The street Secretaries, without knowing what policy who have not toned up their minds to this hope that he would prove worthy of the crossings were guarded by a few mounted and foot soldiers, to be ready to suppress such an impending horror may drive the very unpleasant suspicion, in advance of any disturbances, the city being visited by his assumption of the gubernatorial robes, hundreds of volunteers, some of whom were arrested by the Provost Guard for being absent from their camp without leave. Cleveland Herald, which he still pursues All the drinking saloons were closed at as a hound would a rabbit, is the first act night. As it was agreed that the meeting The public functionaries of all grades. fused to carry the U. S. Mails, it may be sought relaxation in social amenities, and and Slidell were finally delivered up this they will refuse them again unless the the soldiers onjoyed relief from all except

Our soldiers across the Potomac enjoy the State will be safe .- Chicago Tribune. At Camp Butterfield, Hall's Hill, there We are glad that the infamous policy of was a fantastic parade of the Ellsworth the arbitrary suppression of newspapers Each man was grotesquely dressed, and the usual order of movements are carefully reversed. There was a mock trial of the officers, and other doings, which served greatly to entertain the men and their friends, who were in attendance in large

> From a speech of an hour's length made by Mr. Conway, Republican member of Congress from Kansas, we extract

> "The report of the Secretary of the Treasury tells a fearful tale. Nearly two million dollars a day will hardly more than suffice to cover existing expenditures and in one year and a half our nations debt, if the war continues, will amount to \$900,000,000. This is the immense sacrifice we are making for freedom and Union: and yet is it all to be squandered on a subterfuge and a cheat ? For one I shall NOT VOTE ANOTHER DOLLAR OR MAN for the war untill it assumes a different standing, and TENDS DIRECT. LY TO AN ANTI-SLAVERY RE-SULT. Millions for freedom, but not one cent for slavery.'

A few days ago an officer in the Army of the Potomac published a letter in the ashington Star, giving notice that if this war were to be converted into one of emancipation of the negroes; there would be a general resignation of the officers.

FIRE AT THE GOVERNMENT STABLES. WASHINGTON-Nearly Two Hundred Horses Burnt to Death-Washington, Dec. 26 .- To-night a fire broke out in the Government stables, near the Observatory. They contained over six hundred horses, between one hundred and fifty and two hundred of which perished. Of a train of one hundred and two horses belonging to a Massachusetts regiment, only eleven were it is said, saved! Some of the animals were so shockingly burnt that it was judged humans to shoot them in order to relieve them from their sufferings. It is supposed that the conflagration resulted from carelesaness. So quickly were the flames communicated to the various racks filled with hay that the horses in the stalls were nearly all at the same time suffocated. The scene was sickening and offen-

The remainder of the horses not immediately near the fire were either loosed or cloths our soldiers in rags and gives them different directions, but were pursued by squads of cavalry with a view to their loss affords an additional argument for the employment of steam fire engines, which has long been contemplated.

#### More New Blanks.

Deeds, Summons, Executions, Seire Facias, State Warrants, Commitments, Capiases, School orders, Exemption, Judgment The colored people in Canada, for the with Single and Double Notes, etc., just most part, are fugitives from the slave printed and for sale at the office of the

CONNECTICUT DEMOCRACY .- The Dein good part his freedom of speech, and the country there while our troops are icans; and if our countrymen were to treat have not yet resolved that supernal folly Government shall eke out the inefficiency his appreciation of the blessings of "free. mocracy of Connecticut have called their us now as we treated them, we should be and crime into words. They hope that the of its blockade by the detestible means of dom," that he should thus be showing an State Convention to meet at Middletown on