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Whiskers Erect. A person who cultivates his Whiskers, is apt to

neglect his mind.-Sammons said that, Ours grows spontaneously .- Col. Greene. It is much that I'll ask you to leave me I'll own,
But Oh! leave me my Whiskers, and leave me
alone.—N. O. Pic.

Son-t hielt man wort nach Deutscher art, Und schwur bei seinem bar ; Allein seit langer zeiten her Da tragt man keine barte mehr.—Seume, 184

Time was when Germans kept their word, When sworn to by their beard; No more, Alas! the oath is heard, For beards have disappeared.

Did not from this price The epithet of bare-faced lies !- Democra

Oh, how much time there has been lost! What toil au I trouble it has cost To shave the chin! And than the torture to the head! What lots of blood there have been shed! How many collars colored red By loss of skin!

"How like a best around thy throat! O, what a chin! a gent! a g at!" Some people shoot.

Is that the re son then you shave? Are you to beasts so much the slave? Then don your beards and trouble save. Aprs go without - Norfolk Gaz.

Description of the African Pota-

The Yam Massicor, or potatoe of St. Domingo, and supposed to be a native nd, it is thought, would be particular- weather. fruitful in a warm, sandy region like arnwell, if planted with a southern yith all other potatoes—may be boiled, paked or roasted, and when cooked is said to be of a bright Gamboge color. [Kentucky Farmer.

The importance of Water.

The best water for horses is soft, fresh and pure rain, river or pond water; and it is absolutely necessary, to preserve health in the stable, that a constant and ample supply should be on the premises. In order to effect this, when well or spring water is the only water to be obtained, it should be put into troughs having some clay and chalk at the bottom, and softened before use by the exposure to the sun and air. Such is the effect a change of water has been known to produce, in a horse, that in some instances even the loss of a great race has been, with much of reason, ascribed to this cause alone; and careful trainers have even gone so far as to carry with a horse, on the eve of an important engagement, a supply of the water he has been accustomed to .- [Whyte's British Turf.

Durable Polish for Furniture.

Take your table to the cabinet maker and make him plane off the wax or varnish, then take some very fine sifted kin, or kershaw, when cut in small pie- himself, it would do no harm to try it brick dust, mix a little sweet oil with it, ces and kiln dried like fruit, put in bags before. just enough to make it stick together and sunned occasionally, can be kept or strong old whiskey, and continue fruit is scarce.-[Ib. rubbing until you have the required polish, which will be the more beautiful and far more durable than varnish. the brick dust, as at first.

says, that cold water thrown upon an lime, and destroy them. animal poisened with this most destructive acid, recovers immediately. A clared himself well.

SUNBURY AMERICAN.

AND SHAMOKIN JOURNAL:

Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.—JEFFERSON.

By Masser & Eisely.

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Substitute for the Sun.

The newly invented light of M. Gaudin, on which experiments were recently made at Paris, is an improved modification of the well known invention of ces, fore and aft, which carry no burs sought, but who comes to you of his own Lieut. Drummond. While Drummond den, and are necessary only to facilitate accord, and talks to you briefly every pours a stream of oxygen gas, through their motion through the water. This day of the common weal, without disspirits of wine, upon unslacked lime, Gaudin makes use of a more etherial kind of oxygen, which he conducts boats of sheet iron, in form like a scow, ry in proportion as men become more both night and day. through essences of turpentine. The Drummond light is fifteen hundred times and stern pieces each ten feet long, and feared. To suppose that they only or thirty thousand times stronger than ment, by a simple contrivance, reducing mocracy in America. gas, and of course, ten times more so the length twenty feet. When the lock than the Drummond. The method by is passed they are suffered to drop into which M. Gaudin proposes to turn the their position. The Schuylkill Navigaisland of Point Neuf, in the middle of the Seine and centre of Paris, a lighthouse, five hundred feet high, in which is to be placed a light from a hundred thousand to a million gaspipes strong, the power to be varied as the nights are light or dark. Paris will thus enjoy a sort of perpetual day, and as soon as the sun of the heaven has set, the sun of the Point Neuf will rise.

Oxymel.

The Oxymel of the ancients, or a weak solution of vinegar sweetened f Africa, is raised in the garden of Mr. with honey, is an excellent drink for ohn Michel, of Charleston, from cut- invalids. It gives tone and vigor to ings of the fruit. It does not produce the stomach and bowels, and is strongthe earth, but grows upon a vine ly antiseptic. This was the drink of Rowhich runs upon trees to the height of man soldiers, to protect themselves from wenty or thirty feet. Each vine bears, the diseases to which they were liable. nore or less numerously, from twenty A weak solution of vinegar, sweetened thirty potatoes of the kind here shown. with a saccharine matter, with the adlany of them are twice or thrice the dition of a little ginger, makes an exze of these, while others are smaller. cellent field drink for the farmer, in hot he vine is rich and luxuriant; the weather. A few grains of pearlash or uit issues from the several joints, is Salæratus, added to a tumbler of this, rge and beautifully shaped like a heart. makes a good temporary beer. These he plant readily grows in open air, drinks are good prophylacties in hot

TO PRESERVE HAMS FROM FLIES .en exposure, against woods upon the Take down the Bacon early in the orth. The woods would serve for spring, and after sunning for several ne to run upon, which, in the garden hours, prepare a kettle of strong decoc-Mr. Michel, is planted a foot of the tion of elder, made by boiling tops and te which supports its fruit. This po- bark, and while hot, immerse each toe is described as being superior in piece, holding it in a few seconds, then vor to the Irish potatoe. It is not hang up and smoke well (as before) ect. It is cooked in the same way with green hickory. It is better than red or Cayenne pepper, or ashes, or any thing I have tried .- [Ken. Farmer.

> Elder.—An infusion of elder leaves is recommended by an English paper, as good to sprinkle over rose buds and other flowers subject to blights and the devastation of insects,-[1b.

> CHEAP BLACKING .- To make a cheap blacking, take ripe elder berries and mash them well, and after fermentation takes place, strain out and bottle up for use. I give it the preference to all liquid blacking that I have tried .- [1b.

> EARLY TURNIPS .- Sow spring turnips in February, or early in the spring, as soon as the earth can be found in order to receive the seed: they come on at a time of scarcity of vegetables, and are much tenderer and better than those kept over winter. An hour or two is sufficient time to sow enough for a few weeks use. I have raised them the two last seasons, and my neighbors and friends seem to admire them very much.-[Ib.

DRIED PUMPKINS .- The potatoe pumplike flour : rub this mixture on the wood for pies the year round, and is generalwith a pumice stone, until it is perfectly by preferred by children to a fruit pie, John Adams, in his correspondence by which it was burnt to a cisp! The little suffersmooth: then add some spirits of wine and easily cooked. This we dry when with Mr. Cunningham, gives the following and easily cooked. This we dry when with Mr. Cunningham, gives the following and easily cooked.

TO DESTROY RATS AND MICE,-The following has been recommended for Water may be thrown upon it without this purpose, and is worth the trial. Room. And what is a Pouting Room!

Improvement in Boat Building. can be made to pass through a sixty at the same moment. A newspaper is foot lock. In all boats there are spa- an adviser, who does not require to be waste space is twenty feet in an eighty tracting your private affairs. Newspa- there has been the real rush, where the Clerks have feet boat. In England they make such pers, therefore, become more necessas had great difficulties in keeping up with customers and the full length of the lock; the bow equal, and individualism more to be tons more than the present boats. Ex. Paper.

Rotary Engine.

An engine upon this principle has been recently tried in Leeds, England. in the presence of several engineers. Its enormous power in so small a compass, (the whole machinery, with the exception of the fly-wheel, being contained in a box two and three quarters inches in depth and ten inches diameter.) surprised every one present; the speed was tremendous, making from 600 to 700 revolutions per minute. Its the extent that the shaft was actually mission of a quantity of specie. He had sent on the expense will be considerably abridwatchmaker, of Leeds.

Father Matthew and the Physicians.

The above reverend gentleman ap-

vousness."-[Irish Paper.

is liable to those things after he vokes

"What is a Boudoir ! It is a Pouting injury, and when by age the polish Take equal quantities of powdered out. In many gentlemen's houses in France becomes dim, you can in five minutes | meal and unslacked lime; mix them by | there is an apartment of an octagonal restore its beauty by rubbing it with a stirring, without adding any liquid, and form, twelve or fifteen feet across, and cloth dipped in boiled oil, or by using put a small quantity in a place infested thirty-six or forty-five feet round, and by rats or mice; they will swallow this all the eight sides, as well as the ceiling preparation, become thirsty, and the above, are all of the most polished glass Paussic Acid.-An English paper water they will drink will slack the mirrors; so that when a man stands in the centre of a room he sees himself in every direction, multiplied into a row MANURE IN ENGLAND .- Dr. Ure states of selfs, as far as the eye can extend. gentleman who wished to destroy a says Mr. Webster, the extraordinary dog, gave him several drops, but seeing fact, that the value of the manure and of the house is out of temper, when she Lands, ships, canals, rail roads, horses, mines, timthat he seemed to linger, he threw him | nually applied to the crops in England, is angry, or when she weeps without a | ber, crops, &c., is estimated at £2,945,000,000. into a pond of water, when to his as- at current prices, surpasses in value the cause, she may be locked up in this Furniture, apparel, plate, specie, money in chance. New Years, very sugariously killed a mouse, and tonishment, the dog swam out and de- whole amount of their foreign com- chamber to pout, and see in every di- ry, savings banks, &c., estimated at £580,000,000. pat this notice on the outside of his door to chamber to pout, and see in every direction how beautiful she is.'

NEWSPAPERS .-- A newspaper can drop IMPORTANT .- An eighty foot boat the same thought into a thousand minds

> ther periodicals published in this counand the smallest number three.

Horrible Adventure.

Sicily, the Chevalier R , payma ter general of the Neapolitan forces, was travelling through Calpower was tested by placing breaks u. alria for the purpose of joining the arms, having pon the fly-wheel, which was done to been to Naples to make arrangements for the transtwisted in two pieces, but no accident his servert before him, to prepare his quarters at occurred. It is the intention of the in- the town of --- , expecting to arrive there him | publican, in one of his letters gave some offence to ventor to apply the machine to propel self at nightfall; but the day being very sular, he same of the members of the house. Politics were carriages on common roads, for which had lottered on the road, and at 9 o'clock in the purpose it appears admirably adapted, evening found he was still at a considerable disikewise for the purpose of marine na. tance from the proposed end of his journey. He vigation, where the small quantity of was so much harrassed and fatigued that he deterroom it requires is a material considera. mined to put up for the night at the first convenition; in short, it will answer all the enthouse. He at length entend an old remarked that he would hold another, Mr. Bogy, of purposes wherein steam is required, and building on the road side, inhabited by a man and his wife, the former a stout muscular figure, with a man. The next intelligence will probably be that ged. The inventor is Joseph Briggs, swarthy countenance, almst wholly shrouted in a a duel has been fought. While this was going on mask of bushy whiskers and mustachies. The travel in the house, a little by-play tack place outside beeller was received with civility, and after partaking tween Mr. Bartlett, a member of the house, and Mr. of a harty supper, was conducted up an old crazy Bay, attorney general. Blows were possed. staircase, to his apartment for the night. Not much pears to differ very much from the fa- fancying the appearance of the place, he shut the culty; and although he does not seem | door and fixed a chair against it; and after priming anxious to enter the list with them, still his pistols, he put them carefully under his pillow. thousand nine hundred and twenty steam engines, he has run full tilt against them on He had not long been in bed, when he heard a noise some important points. At the late below, as f persons entering the house; and, somemeeting at Johnstown, Father Matthew time afterwals was alarmed by the sound of a man's alluded to the custom of the physicians footsep on the staircase. He then perceived a light in recommending delicate ladies to through the crevice of the door, against which the drink porter. "He would, instead of man gently pressed for admittance, but finding some that hog wash recommend milk; and resistance, he thrust it open sufficiently to admit his he would undertake a lady acting un- hand, with extreme caution removed the chair, and der his advice, would become stronger entered the apartment. The chevalier then saw his than one acting under the advice of a host with a lamp in one hand, and a huge knife in doctor, who recommended porter. * the other approaching the bed on tip-tor.-The che-. When ladies were nervous, valier cocked his pistols beneath the bed clothes. doctors ordered them the very drink that the noise of the spring might not be heard, that produces continued cause of ner- When the man reached the side of the bad, he hold the light to the chevalier's face, who pretended to be in profound sleep, but contrived nevertheless, to ANTIDOTE AGAINST MARRIAGE. -- Joy steel an occasional glance at his fearful host. The says that if a man feels very much like man soon turned from him, and after hanging the getting married, yet imagines he ought lamp on the bed post, went to the other end of the not to, the best remedy he knows of, is room and brought to the bed-side a chair, on which to help one of his neighbors move a he iam diately mounted, with the tremendous knife house full of furniture ... borrow about still in his hand. At the very moment the chevanine of his children for three days, and her was about to start up from his bed and shoot hear them cry. If that fail, build up a him, the man in a Lurried monner cut several enorfire of damp wood, and when the mous slices from a piece of lacon that was hanging smoke in the room is thickest, hire a over his bedstead, though it had been wholly unnowoman to scold him about four hours. ticed before by the agitated traveller. The host then If he can stand all these, he had better passed the light before his eyes again, and left the get married the next day; give his wife | room in the same cautions way in which he had enthe pants, and be the "silent partner" in tered it, and unconclous of the danger he had esthe great firm of matrimony. We think esped, returned to a crowd of new hungry guests the remedy is severe, but as every man below stairs, who were of course not very surry to perceive that he had saved his bacon. A DREADFUL STORY .- A Mrs. Mar. of Free-

dom township, Maumee county, Ohio, on the 1st POUTING ROOMS ... The late President line, in a fit of insanity, threw her infinit on the fire, lowing definition of a Boudoir. An but as often did the insune mether thrust it in again. excellent idea --- a thing that might poss until it perish d amed the embers! Mrs. M. has man who makes it an easy life." sibly be found useful in many dwellings: heretefore been su ejet to firs of mentel aberration

> her modest beam retires from vulgar notice; but emblem and an emination of the heavens.

Charles Phillips

CAPITAL OF GREET BRITAIN AND IRELAND .-The grand total capital of Great Britain and Ireland joiced if you and I were going to be hanged !" is estimated at £2,629,000,000. The value of The national debt is about £764,000,000.

From the N. Y. Express.

The Goods of the Garrick. There saldom has been so great a squabble for damaged goods, whether wet, or burnt, as for those of the shipwrecked Garrick. At the suction House, which first disposed of them as invoiced, there was a great rush of purchasers, but at the retail stores,

There seems in this city to be a perfect passion for damaged goods, and such a rage is there to get stronger than that of burning gas: the of the usual form, and these hung on by serve to protect freedom, would be to them, that it is fren worth the while to d mage them Gaudin light is, we are assured by the stout hinges. In entering a lock these diminish their importance: they maininventor, as strong as that of the sun, are elevated perpendicularly in a mo- tain civilization .- [De Tocqueville's De sell for a better price than if neither burnt nor wet. Thus, we are told, many of the goods brought out in the Garrick are now selling for a higher price than NEWSPAPERS IN THE UNITED STATES. if they had paid full duties, and been sold in regular -According to a recent calculation, marker-for while the belief is p evailing that they new invention into use is singularly tion Company should construct such a there are now one thousand five huns are cheap goods (the cheaper for being damaged to striking. He proposes to erect in the boat at once. It would carry twenty dred and fifty-five newspapers and o- be sure) there is not much higgling among the La y customers at the price,-but what is asked is genertry; two hundred and sixty-seven in ally given. It is in serious contempla ion, therefore, New England, (Massachusetts one hun- with some of the regular dealers to put tubs under dred and twenty-four;) two hundred their counters to which they can duck their linens. and seventy-four in the state of New silks orginghams; and some are reasoning whether York; two hundred and fifty-three in they would not be better off, if they burnt off the Pennsylvania, and one hundred and se- end of their hostery, or dashed their counter with a venty-four in Ohio. The next largest stram from a fire engine. Even the bad weather number in a single state is sixty-nine, for some days post has not dampened the arder of the shopping people, for in spite of rain and mud, he Ludies would turn out and buy the goods of the At the period when Mutat was about to invide

Doings at Jefferson City, Mo.

From the late St, Louis papers, we learn that members of the Missouri legislature at Jefferson city. A Mr. Green, reporter for the St. Louis Heshould be expelled from the bar of the house, was offered and finally passed. During the discussion, the words blackguards, skunk, &c., were firely pass. ed between members, and one of them, a Mr. A-hby. St. Louis, personally responsible if he was a white

The water power of our city, says the Rochester Daily Advertiser, is estimated to be equal to one of twenty horse power. The river supplies about twenty thousand cubic feet of water per minute, when it is at its medium level.

After one of the skirmishes, in which the Americans had been successful, an English Officer was left on the field of action. Gen. Putnam, who had been bred a carrenter, immediately threw off his regimentals and constructed a cond-I in which the wounded officer was a mycyed with ease to an adjacent hospital.

When purnam heard or his recovery and that it was awing to hes humane care without which he must have beed to death in the removal, he exclusived, " then I glory more in having been bred a carpenter than if I had been born a prince."

A Usuann.-A Usuaer who took 9 per cent, in er st, instead of 6, the legal rate, was asked if he ever thought of what God would say to his extortions! "Oh yes," replied he, "but when God looks down from heaven the 9 will look like a 6."

PHETET FAIR,-A London paper says that a Yankee has offered Congress to build ships of India Rubber, containing more valuable properties than either wooden or iron vessels. Congress is said to have thrown every discouragement in his have been sixty at least. way, faring that in sailing across the line, the ships may rab it out.

Samuel Johnson that he had not been a clergyman, Isoppose !" "Yes, sir," was the reply, "I am thankbecause he considered the life of a clergyman an ful," replaced the former, "that the Lord hos opened case and comfortable one, the doctor made this mem- my mouth to preach without any learning." "A orable reply; "The life of a conscientious clergy- similar event replied the lates, "look place in Baman is not easy. I have always considered a cler- laum's time, but such things are of rare occurrence gyman as the father of a larger family than he is as at the present day," ble to maintain. No, sir, I do not envy a clergyman's life as an easy life; nor do I envy the clerg -

Woman,-The hour of udversity is woman's Secretary Thurlow, once went to dine with the "I saw him two minutes ago, galling drunk at the hour. In the full bl zo of fortune's rich meridian, Lord Mayor, the populace tent the air with their Pi zza." congratulations, and the streets echood with "Long when the clouds of was called around us, and live my lord Protector!" "Your Highness," shades and darkness don the wand rea's path, that a id the Secretary, "may see by this that you have disadvant g s of long thir, is a case in which a lachaste and I-vely light shines forth to cheer him, an the voice of the people as well as the voice of God dy mistook a genteel sosplock's curls for her muff. with you." "As to Gal," abserved Ctomwell, A party were capsized from a sleigh into a mow "we will not talk here shout him, but for the popu. bank: and in the meles a young lady pulled the lice, they would be just as noisy and perhaps to. h ad of hair aforesaid, under the very natural mir-

> Evantsa run Cusron .- A certain retailer in bit it. the liquor tine, finding that the state of his finances would not admit of his keeping Sopen house" on in consequence of a death in the family."

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A Good Joke,

A travelling dandy put up at a tavere in a neighboring town, not very long since, where le concluded to spend the Sabbath. He prepared lumself to attend meeting, but not possessing that very inpariant chattle a watch, and being particularly deirous to cut a small dash, he applied to he landlard for the loan of his watch. The landlard possessing a very powerful plarm watch, very rabley complied with the request, but previously wound up the alerm, and set it at the hour which he supposed would be about the first prayer.

The dundy repaired to the church; he arose with all the grace of an exquisite at the commencement of the prayer, and stood very gracefully as las supposed, with the borrowed watch scale, when suddenly he jumped as if he had discovered a den of rattle-snakes in his pocket; the whizzing of the alarm had commenced, the people started, the dandy made a furious grab at the offending watch, with both his hands outside his pockets, and he etempted to squeeze it into silence, but nil in win; it kept up a continual ter-r r-r-r, and seemed to him as if it would never cease, the cold awest rided off the our follow-he selzed his hat, making one desperare effort towards the door, hurried off with his watch pocket in one hand and his hat in the other. amid the suppressed laughter of the whole congreg tion. He probably did not attend church in the

READ THIS, GIRLS,-Girls are alw ye crying about something. The most delightful motherits of their existence are spent in crying, whetheat is for their sins or not, we cannot say, but they frequently express themselves very much refreshed of "good crying spelt," as they call it. School girls cry over a vain effort to manufacture a composition. they cry when they meet friends, and when they loave them; they cry when they can't get married, and some cry because they are married! What molting cre tures!

A CHAPT-T Sekken,-Mr. Lapstone, the shoemaker, then arose and said, "Mister Cheerman, 'my wo ce is still for war,' as the man says in the play. We should immediately renew the corflet with one sale, and strap our opposents. My upper leather's prime, and I can hammer away yet without getting the at ch. Who's afeard? They have druv a peg into our quarters that's a fact-but we have found u who started a our end, while we can wax warm in the good cause. So i say go it boots !"

Custon.-A number of English shoe dealers once made a voyage to the Cape of Good Hope, to sell shoes to the Hottenfets. They met with no the hone and other beasts of the country. On their return they published an account of their sufferings in thyme. We extract a couplet relating to the visits of the lions:

The custom of these lions was, to come on us un-God knows we wanted custom enough, but we wanted none of theirs."

WARRANTE -- A young appointed to the shoemaking businese, lately asked his master what answer he should make to the oft repeated question, "Does your master warrant his shoes !" "Answer, Tom," says the master, "Tell them that I warrant them to prove good, and if they don't, that I will make them good for nothing."

A lady once heard a man preach, and was so enraptured with him that she sent him a letter to the following effect - " Dear sir, There's my hand, (my heart you have already,) with my for une, which is considerable. Will you accept ! I am &c., Anne," The clergyman unmoved by the entreaties of the lovely fair one, replied in the following term : - "Madame, give your hand to industry, your dowery to the poor, and your heart to God," The lady must

A learned clergyman in Maine, was accosted in the following minner by an illiverate preacher, who To a person who regretted to the celebrated Dr. despised education; "Sir, you have been to college,

GRADUAL INDRED!-A the total manager once spologised for the absence of a favorite actor, on account of sadden indisposition." "Gradual indis-When Oliver Cromwell, accompanied by his position, you mean," bawled a fellow from the pit.

> Long HAIR .- Among the recently discovered take before mentioned. She did not discover her mistake till she put her hand in his mouth, and he

A POLITE DUN .- The edit r of the Amoskens Representative cays he has just printed a very nex-