The Vermonter's Wife, OR AN UNPROFITABLE TRIP TO THE GOLD REGIONS.

'I think,' said Mr. Dana, as he pushed back his chair from the breakfast table, and looked hard at his wife, a pretty little woman with large, blue eyes, 'I think that I should like to go to California and try my luck. Darn it all, every body is going about here. Do you think you could spare me for a year, Nelly?'

Mrs. Dana made no immediate reply, she appeared to be very busy turning out a cup of tea, although a keeper observed that her husband would have noticed an uncommon tremulousness in her hands, as Mr. Dana

ceased speaking.

I think I might do well there, the husband continued, as though speaking to him-

'Are you not doing well here on your farm?' the wife asked at length.

'I'm making a living, perhaps, but its only by hard work. Now, if I should go to California, and be lucky, why, we could have a great many more comforts than we are blessed with at present.'

afford, Mrs. Dana replied.

'Yes, we have enough to eat, and clothes to wear, but we can't buy lots of good furniture, and have a piano, like Squire Bolton .from his chair, and walking back and forth in the kitchen with energy.
'Mr. Bolton is far from being happy, with

all his wealth,' said the wife.

'Well, I know that; but then who could be contented with such a wife as he has? She's either crazy half the time, or efse-

'Hush!' cried Mrs. Dana, with a reproach-ful look; 'remember if she has faults, so have we all.

'But what I meant, Nelly, is that if he had

such a wife as I've got, and with his wealth, he couldn't help being happy.'
'And yet you want to leave a wife you think so highly of,' Mrs. Dana said, with a reproachful look.

But don't you see that it is for your comfort and benefit in the end. You know, Nelly, that nothing in the world would induce me to quit you, unless it was the hope of making a fortune in a short time; I wouldn't be gone longer than a year, and if I liked the country, and I thought you would be contented there, I'd send for you.'

The young wite strove hard to retain her composure, as she asked-

'And what will you do with the farm while

'I will get my youngest brother to come and live here and carry it on. You shall be left in full charge, Nelly, with power to do as you please. Give me a week to think of it. the wife

replied; 'at the end of that time I'll make up my mind whether to consent to your going

Mr. Dana was too well pleased to obtain even this concession, to argue any further that day, and after bidding his wife read the accounts in the newspaper, containing the latest news from California, he started off to his work.

Mr. Dana owned a farm of about one hundred acres, near the town of Windsor, Vermont. He was a young man, and a person of considerable energy, and had, during his minority, saved a small sum of money, which he had safely deposited in the saving's bank, until such time as he should wish to use it.

After he became of age, he had added to his capital, and when he thought he should like Jane Perkins for a wife, and proposed to her, and was accepted, he bought the farm which we find him occupying; and was doing as well as any young farmer in the neighborhood.

He had been married two years when the gold fever of 1848 and 49 broke out, sweeping off thousands of our must industrious mechanics and farmers, and leaving many a hearth-stone desolate, and many a wife to mourn an absent husband.

How few have returned with their anticipations fulfilled? Thousands who left the New England States, expecting to win a competency in a short time, have been glad to work their passage back in some slow sailing tub, while others, too proud to return empty-handed, have toiled on, barely gaining a livelihood, and now rest from their cares and troubles by the banks of some river, with nothing but a rude board to mark their grave.

After Mr. Dana left-his wife; she washed her dishes and put them away, and sat down to read the glowing accounts of the gold discoveries. The more she read, the more fascinated did she become, until she at last came to the conclusion that if she were a man, she would be tempted to try her luck.

Twice during the forenoon did she peruse the paper, and each time her resolution of not consenting to her husband's departure grew weaker, until she finally made up her mind, if he asked her consent again she would

give it. Mrs. Dana was a woman of considerable mind. Eversince she was a child she had been obliged to labor, and by her contact with the world she had acquired a knowledgd of business, which did not, however, impair or detract from the natural modesty of a good

woman's heart or mind. A week had not passed before the husband again alluded to the subject uppermost in his mind. A company was about to leave Windsor, and many of the young men of the town were enrolling their names. Mr. Dana thought that it would be a good chance for him, as he would have acquaintances to lend a helping hand in case he was taken sick .-His wife thought the same thing, and delighted her husband by giving her consent to his

They were not aware of the selfishness exhibited in the gold regions, where each man struggled for himself, and though it waste of umphant. time to help his feverish friend to a cup of cold water, or make him a mess of gruel, to song, I suppose. keep him from starving.

He had some money on hand, and with it he determined to cross the Isthmus, in company with his townsmen, as he thought he could make enough in a weeks time, after his arrival, to pay his passage.

They wrote to engage steerage berths, and received answer that the steamer would sail on such a day, and that they must be promptly on the spot. This news caused the party to hurry their arrangements, and the day before they were to start, Mr. Dana requested his wife to accompany him to a lawyer's.

'I'm going a long journey,' he said, 'and may be gone longer than I anticipate. I shall leave you the farm, to do with it as you please. If you get tired of carrying it on, sell it to the best advantage; I shall make money enough while gone to buy a larger one when I return. But I hardly think I shall live on a farm when I come back. We'll get one of the grand new houses in town, and live like 'Squire Bolton.'

His wife thought at the time that there might be a failure in his schemes; but she was hopeful, and would not say any thing to dash his bright anticipations.

The day of parting came, and with it tears and mournful looks; but it was not until We have everything that we could wish for to make us contented, and I'm sure I sigh for no luxuries, excepting what we can well turn, that the young wife felt the loneliness turn, that the young wife felt the loneliness of her condition.

For a week or two she was low-spirited and sad, but as she received letters from her Darn it, I want to be rich as he is, and then I vein, and bidding her to be of good cheer, as should be contented, Mr. Dana said, rising he should certainly rejoin her in the course he should certainly rejoin her in the course husband in New York, written in a lively of a year, she became more composed and reconciled to his absence.

steamship, nor cross the Isthmus, where he narrowly escaped drowning, while ascending the river; nor will we tell of his arrival at San Francisco, and departure for the mines, where he worked in the bed of the river, and was quite fortunate, until attacked with the fever and ague, which roasted him at one moment and froze him the next.

He would lie in his tent, and wish that the gentle hands of his wife could wipe the moisture from his brow, or cover him with blan-kets when shivering with cold. All of his adventures might be written out, and perhaps Mr. Dana will, some day, give the world an account of his doings in the land of gold.— They will, possibly, serve as a warning to other husbands, and thus prevent many a heart from mourning for the absent.

Mr. Dana's fever got no better, and at last the doctor told him he had better seek a change of climate, as he might shake himself to death. Dana thought the same thing; for it appeared to him, when the chills came on, that every bone in his body would be wrenched apart, and when the fever returned, ho imagined

himself in an oven. He considered the subject, one day, and determined to start for home. A team was to leave next day for Sacramento city, and, as soon as his resolution was formed, he engaged a passage, sold off all of his clothes, excepting enough to reach Vermont, and found that he was the master of a capital of only five hundred dollars, after working in the mines for four months. To be sure, his sickness had made during the last nine months, and invescost him a large sum, and his doctor's bill

was frightful to contemplate. He started the next day for home. He determined to live a farmer and die one, if the Lord spared his life. He had seen enough of thought of buying one. Now, are you anthe gold mines, and as he was going in the gry? cart, and jolted over the uneven roads, he thought what a ninny he had been, to leave a comforthble home, and a loving wife, for the sake of trying to accumulate a fortune.

The jolting of the cart may have benefitted him, for the fever rapidly left him, and by the time he reached San Francisco, he felt like a new man. He had a mind to turn back and try it again, but he thought of his wife, and nature and love conquered. He went immediately to the office of the steamship company, and secured a passage fer kome.

It was a cold blustering day in the middle of winter when Danda reached Windsor .-He pulled his cap over his eyes to prevent bebut once since hehad been absent, and he hardly dared to hope that shewas well.

so many happy hours. He glanced over his farm, and saw that everything appeared to be well cared for. The stone walls were in good order, the barns looked neat and well repaired, and just as he was thinking that his wife and brother had done remarkably well, the train on which he had ridden from Boston whizzed past, directly across his farm. He groaned in anguish at the sight. His beauti- of positive law, cannot exist without it,) is a ful meadow was ruined, he thought, and it domestic institution, and that Congress has was all owing to his wild goose chase for a neither the power to legislate it into any terfortune. His wife could not be expected to ritory or State, nor to exclude it therefrom, know how to attend to such things, and he but to leave the people thereof perfectly free had swindled her.

He approached the house and knocked timidly at the door. It was opened, and there stood his wife, as handsome as ever, but she looked at him with surprise. He had forgotten that he had not shaved since he left her.

He spoke and held out his hand, then his arms. There was a shrick, and then the latter were well filled. Two hours afterwards they were talking seriously and solely upon matters of business.

'I am sorry that the railroad passes over our meadows, he said, 'it renders it almost use-

They have the right of way, but it has not injured it as much as you think,' she replied. 'I don't suppose they paid you more than one hundred dollars for the land.'

There is where you are mistaken. They gave me twelve hundred dollars for merely the right of way.'

'I suppose they paid you in stock?' Dana said, suprised to think she had got so large a 'Yes, they gave me part stock and part

cash, the wife replied, trying not to look tri-'And the stock, what is that worth, a mere

I sold mine the very day I received it, at

Mr. Dana's arrangements were soon made. In advance. It is not worth so much per le had some money on hand, and with it he share now. I thought I had better have the

money than to trust to an uncertainty.'
The husband was slightly astonished. He Nelly?

'I took six hundred and bought the rich meadow of 'Squire Bolton's. You remember how you used to wish you owned it?'

Dana did remember perfectly well. He had thought of the land when in California,

and was in hopes of getting back with money enough to buy it.

'The other six hundred and fifty I placed in the saving's bank, where it is at interest.'
'You are the best wife in the State,' the husband cried, with admiration.

But I have not given a full account of my stewardship as yet. You remember the forest to pines on the hill just back of the meadow? Dana nodded an assent. He was wander-

ing what was to come now.
"Well, there is no longer any forest there. I sold every tree just as it stood.

'Why, who was a fool enough to buy pine wood? Dana asked with a laugh.

'The railroad company. They must have wood to get up steam. They gave me four hundred dollars for the privilege of chopping down the trees, and I was glad to get rid of them, for the purpose of making a sheep pas-

'A sheep pasture?' cried the husband in astonishment.

Yes, it makes a very fine one. I bought one hundred and fifty sheep, and then had some money left, which I added to that in the We will not follow him in the crowded bank. Last summer I sold four hundred pounds of wool, at forty cents per pound.

That amounts to one hundred and sixty dollars,' said Dana, after a slight calculation. 'Precisely without counting the increase of lambs, I think I did very well by that trade.'
'You are a better manager than I am, Nelly; Hereafter you shall be the head of the

'Thank you, but 1 am perfectly contented to resign, now that you have arrived.'

'Then you have no more wonderful bargains to relate?' he asked.

Yes, she replied, with a slight hesitancy, I have made one more trade, but perhaps it is one that will displease you.

'What, after my hearty welcome? You can do nothing in future, that I'll not approve of. Remember, Nelly, I've returned poor in pocket, and none too well in health. 'I will take such excellent care of you that

your health will be quite restored by spring, and as for being poor, why that is absurd, when you have a good farm, well stocked, and nearly a thousand dollars in the bank.' 'Besides a treasure of a wife.'

'Thank you. But will you step into the parlor and see my latest trade? Dana followed his wife, and as she opened the door, she pointed significantly to a dark object in one corner of the room.

'A piano!' cried the astonished husband. 'Yes, a good, well toned piano. But before you express your surprise let me tell you ted the proceeds in an instrument that I knew you longed for, and, to tell the truth, I was rather anxious to own myself, but I never said so, and until I found myself able I never 'Angry?'

Mr. Dana has never expressed a wish to roam again. He is perfectly satisfied that he can find more happiness on his farm, and in the society of his wife, than he could if surrounded by all the gold mines of California.

Beautiful and True.

In a late article in Frazer's Magazine, this brief but beautiful passage occurs: "Education does not commence with the alphabet .-It begins with a mother's look-with a father's smile of approbation or a sign of reproof with a sister's gentle pressure of the hand, or a brother's noble act of forbearance—with handfulls of flowers in green and daisy meading recognized, and then started on foot ow-with bird's nests admired but not touchto his home. He had heard from his wife ed—with creeping ants and almost imperceptible emmets-with humming bees and glass beehives-with pleasant walks in shady He quickened his pace, and came in lanes, and with thoughts directed in sweet sight of the house in which he had spent and kindly tones, and words to mature to acts of benevolence, to deeds of virtue, and to the sense of all good, in God himself."

LET THE PEOPLE RULE. -The following is one of the resolutions adopted by the Ohio Democratic State Convention, which met at

Columbus on the 8th:-Resolved, That slavery (being the creature had no doubt but what the railroad company to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States.

SITE SELECTED .- The Secretary of the Treasury has selected as the site of the new Custom House, Post Office, and United States Court, to be erected in Detroit, Mich., a lot at the corner of Larned and Griswold streets. the property of Henry Barnard. The price the Government is to pay for it is \$24,000.

CURIOUS ELOPEMENT .- The Chicago Democrat of Tuesday says that a woman arrived in that place a few days previous, with the dead body of her husband, which she was ta-king East for burial. On the route, she fell in with a young man and, on the arrival of at Vera Cruz, he asked for an escort to the cars at Chicago, they went off together,

been received by the Commissioners of Patents. This wheat is very productive—a crop of five hundred bushels having been raised from thirty-four bushels of seed.

The power of faith will often shine forth the most where the character is naturally weak. There is less to intercept and interfere with its workings.

Dr. Kane.

A SKETCH BY DR. WILLIAM ELDER. When a man's life is heroic, and his name has passed into history, the world wants to had received for a narrow strip of land as know him personally, intimately. The much as he had given for the whole farm.

'And what did you do with the money, over his beginnings, presents him abruptly in his full-grown greatness; men render the admiration earned, but the sympathetic emulation awakened is concerned to know how he grew into his maturity of excellence.— This curiosity is not an idleness of the fancy, but a personal interest in the facts that springs out of those aspirations which put every man upon the fulfillment of his own destiny. How came this man to excelwhat was in him-what happened to develop it? "Some men are born great; some achieve greatness; some have greatness thrust upon them." How came this man by it 2-In it within my reach also? and, by what means? History provokes us with such queries as these: Biography answers them.

Doctor Elisha Kent Kane is not quite thirty-four years old, yet he has done more than circumnavigate the globe; he has visited and traversed India, Africa, Europe, South America, the islands of the Pacific and twice pen-

ica, the islands of the Pacific, and twice penetrated the Artic region to the highest latitude attained by civilized man. He has encountered the extremest perils of sea and land, in every climate of the globe; he has discharged in turn the severest duties of the soldier and the seamen; attached to the United States Navy as a surgeon, he is nevertheless, engaged at one time in the coast survey of the tropical ocean, and in a month or two, we find him exploring the frigid zone; and all the while that his personal experiences had the character of romantic adventure, he was pushing them in the spirit of scientific and

philanthropic enterprise. As a boy, his instinctive bent impelled him to the indulgence and enjoyment of such adventures as were best fitted to train him for the work before him. His collegiate studies suffered some postponement while his physical qualities pressed for their necessary training and discipline. It was almost in the spirit of truancy that he explored the Blue Mountains of Virginia, as a student of goology, under the guidance of Professor Rodgers and cultivated, at once, his hardihood of virtances and these elements of natural seitalenergy and those elements of natural science which were to qualify him for his after services in the field of physical geography.--But, in due time he returned to the pursuit of literature, and achieved the usual honors, as well as though his college studies had suffered no diversion—his muscles and nerves were educated, and his brain lost nothing by the indirectness of its development, but was rather corroborated for all the uses which it has served since. He graduated at the University of Pennsylvania—first, in its collegi-ate, and afterwards, in its medical, department. His special relishes in study indicated his natural drift: chemistry and surgery: natural science in its most intimate converse with substance, and the remedial art in its most heroic function. He went out from his Alma Mater a good classical scholar, a good most nerote function. He went out from his Alma Mater a good classical scholar, a good chemest, mineralogist, astronomer, and surgaged in this service, the government by its gaged in the reach of all the predecessors of the American exploration in the reach of all the predecessors of the American exploration in the reach of all the predecessors of the American exploration. geon. But he lacked, or thought he lacked robustness of frame and soundness of health. He solicited an appointment in the navy, and upon his admission, demanded active service. He was appointed upon the diplomatic staff as surgeon to the first American Embassav to China. This position gave him opportunity to explore the Philippine Islands which he effected mainly on foot. He was the first man who descended into the crater of Tael; lowered more than a hundred feet by a bamboo rope from the overhanging feliff, and clambering down some seven hundred more

with him his portrait of this hideous cavern, and the specimens which it afforded. Before he had returned from this trip, he had ascended the Himalayas, and triangulated Greece, on foot; he had visited Ceylon, the Upper Nile, and all the mythologic region of Egypt; traversing the route, and making the acquaintace of the learned Lepsius, who was then prosecuting his archæological

through the scoriæ, he made a topographical

sketch of the interior of this great volcano,

collected a bottle of sulphurous acid from the

was drawn up almost senseless, he brought

At home again, when the Mexican war broke out, he asked to be removed from the Philadelphia Navy Yard to the field of a more congenial service; but the government sent him to the Coast of Africa. Here he visited the slave factories, from Cape Mount to the river Bonny, and through the infamous Da Souza, got access to the baracoons of Dahomey, and contracted, besides, the Coast Fever. from the effects of which he has never entire-

ly recovered. From Africa he returned before the close of the Mexican war, and believing that his constitution was broken, and his health rapidly going, he called upon President Polk, and demanded an opportunity for service that might crowd the little remnant of his life with achievment1 in keeping with his ambition; the President, just then embarrassed by a temporary non-intercourse with General Scott, charged the Doctor with despatches to the General, of great momant and urgency; which must be carried through a region occupied by the enemy. This embassy was marked by an adventure so romantic, and so illustrative of the character of the man, that we are tempted to detail it.

On his way to the Gulf he secured a horse in Kentucky, such as a knight errant would have chosen for the compannio and sharer of his adventures. convey him to the capital but the officer in leaving the dead body of the husband in the depot, where it has remained since.

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emy giving him their especial attention .fore foot, floored his man; and wheeling suddenly, the Doctor gave the other a sword wound, which opened the external iliac artery, and put him hors de combat. This subject of the Doctor's military surgery was the young Maximilian. The brief melee terminated with a cry from the Mexicans, "We surrender." Two of the officers made a dash for an escape, the Doctor pursued them, but soon gave up the chase. When he returned, he found his ruffians preparing to massacre the prisoners. As he galloped past the young { men. officer whom he had wounded, he heard him cry, "Senor save my father." A group of the guerrilla guards were dashing upon the Mexicans, huddled together, with their lances in rest. He threw himself before them -one of them transfixed his horse, another gave him a severe wound in the groin. He killed the first lieutenant, wounded the second-lieutenant, and blew a part of the colonel's beard of with the last charge of his sixshooter; then grappling with him, and using his fists, he brought the party to terms.— The lives of the prisoners were saved and the Doctor received their swords. As soon as General Gaona could reach his son, who lay at a little distance from the scene of the last struggle, the Doctor found him sitting by him receiving his last adieus. Shifting the soldier and resuming the surgeon, he secured the artery, and put the wounded man in condition to travel. The ambulance got up for the occasion, contained at once the wounded Maximilian, the wounded second-lieutenant, wound received in defence of his prisoners! When they reached Puebla, the Doctor's wound proved the worst in the party. He was taken to the government house but the old General, in gratitude for his generous services, had him conveyed to his own house. General Childs, American commander at Puebla, hearing of the generosity of his pris-

discovery. Nothing could be better addressed to the Doctor's governing sentiments than this adventure. The enterprise of Sir John can exactly in the current of one of his own enthusiasm—the service of natural science combined with heroic personal effort; and added to this that sort of patriotism which charges itself with its own full share in the execution of national engagements of honor; and besides this cordial assumption of his tle force in the appeal of a noble brave spirited woman to the chivalry of the American

oner, discharged him without making any terms, and the old general became the princi-

ding his attentions between him and his son,

who lay wounded in an adjoining room .-

very mouth of the crater; and although he Gulf of Mexico, on the 12th of May, 1850," miles change not the sound of a word,—when he received his telegraphic order to Around every fireside, and from every tribune, proceed forthwith to New York, for duty up- in every field of labor, and every factory of on the Arctic expedition. In nine days from toil, is heard the same tongue. We owe it that date he was beyond the limits of the to Webster. He has done for us more than United States on his dismal voyage to the Alfred did for England, or Cadmus for Greece. North Pole. Of the first American expedi- His books have educated three generations .tion, as is well known to the public, he was They are forever multiplying his innumerathe surgeon, the naturalist, and the historian. ble army of thinkers, who will transmit his It returned disappointed of its main object, name from age to age - Glances at the Mcafter a winter in the regions of eternal ice and tropolis. a fifteen months' absence.

Scarcely allowing himself a day to recover from the hardships of this cruise, he set ing public meeting, held at Uniontown, on on foot the second attempt, from which he has returned, after verifying by actual obser- | declared that the secrecy of the order had now vation the long questioned existence of an abeen abandoned; but, before the meeting adopen sea beyond the latitude of 82, and be-journed "Sam" showed his cloven foot. A yond the temperature, also, of 100 below the motion was made to appoint Dr. Smith Fuifreezing point. His "Personal Narrative," ler, with the concurrence of Washington and published early in 1853, recounts the adven- Greene counties, a congressional delegate to tures of the first voyage, and discovers his di- the Philadelphia Convention, where-upon versified qualifications for such an enterprise. Mr. Veech arose and said, that the meeting

the highest latitudes, and two years and a council managed such affairs!! So the mathalf of unintermitted labor, with the risks and | ter ended. Secrecy is abandoned with a venresponsibilities attendant. He is now prepa- geance.—Democratic Scritinal. ring the history for publication. But that part of it which best reports his own personal agency, and would most justly present the per mills in actual operation, having 2,000 man to the, reader, will of course be suppressed. We would gladly supply it, but as yet this is impossible to us. His journal is pri- cents a pound, 27,000,000. To produce this vate property, the extracts which we may expect will be only too shy of egotism, and his rags are required, 12 pounds of rags being companious have not spoken yet, as some day | necessary to make one pound of paper. The they will speak, of his conduct throughout the | cost of manufacturing aside from labor and terrible struggles which together they endu-

To form anything like an adequate estimate of this last achievement, it is to be recollected that his whole company amounted to but twenty men, and that of this corps or crew he was the commander, in naval phiase; and when we are apprised that his portfolio disease risembling dry murrain. Wild cherof scenery, sketched on the spot in pencil, ry leaves, which contain prussic acid, will and in water colors kept fluid over a spirit- produce the same effect. Cure: Mix a pint lamp, amount to over three hundred sketch- of molasses with a pint of melted lard, and es, we have a hint of the extent and variety | pour down the animal's throat. If the body encountered a body of Mexicans escorting a of the offices he filled on this voyage. He was in fact the surgeon, sailing-master, astronomer and naturalist, as well as captain and leader of the expedition.

This man of all work, and desperate daring and successful doing, is in height about the fair—saints in church—angel five feet seven inches; in weight, say one ballroom—and devils in the kitchen.

had the advantage of the ground. At the hundred and thirty pounds or so, if health and first instant of the discovery, and before the rest would but give him leave to fill up his rascals fully comprehended their involve- natural measure. His complexion is fair, his ment, the Doctor shouted in Spanish, "Bravo! hair brown, and his eyes dark gray with a the capital adventure, Colonel, form your hawk look. He is a hunter by every gift and line for the charge!" And down they went grace and instinct that makes up the characupon the enemy; Kane and his gallant Ken-ter; an excellent shot, and a brilliant horse-tucky charger ahead. Understanding the man. He has escaped with whole bones principle that sends a tallow candle through from all his adventures, but he has several a plank, and that a momentum of a body is wounds which are troublesome; and, with its weight multiplied by its velocity, he dash-such general health as his, most 'men' would ed through the opposing force, an turning to call themselves invalids, and live on furlough engage after breaking their line, he found from all the active duties of life: yet he has himself fairly surrounded, and two of the en- won the distinction being the first civilized man to stand in latitude 82-30' and gaze up-One of these was disposed of in an instant on the open Polar Sea—to reach the nother-by rearing his horse who, with a blow of his most point of land on the globe—to report the lowest temperature ever endured-the heaviest sledge journeys ever performed-and the wildest life that civilized man has successfully undergone; and to return after all to tell the story of his adventures.

The secret spring of all this energy is in his religious enthusiasm—discovered alike in the generous spirit of his adventures in pursuit of science; in his enthusiastic fidelity to duty, and in his heroic maintenance of the point of honor in all his intercourse with

In his department there is that mixture of thyness and frankness, simplicity and fastid-ionsness, sandwiched rather than blended, which marks the man of genius, and the monk of industry. He seems confident in himself but not of himself. His manner is remarkable for celerity of movement, alert attentiveness, quickness of comprehension, rapidity of uterance and sententious compactness of diction, which arise from a habitual watchtulness against the betrayal of his own enthusiasms. He seems to fear that he is boring you and is always discovering his unwillingness "to sit" for your admiration. If you question him about the handsome official acknowledgements of his services by the British and American governments, or in any endeavor to turn him upon his own gallant achievements, he hurries you away from the subject to some point of scientific interest which he presumes will more concern and engage yourself; or he says or does something that makes you think he is occupied with his own inferiority in and the man that had prepared them for slow some matter which your conversation pre-traveling, himself on his litter, from the lance sents to him. One is obliged to struggle with him to maintain the tone of respect which his character and achievements deserve; and when the interview is over, a feeling of disappointment remains for the failure in your elfort to ransack the man as you wished, and to render the tribute which you owed him.

We wish we could be sure that he will not, in his forthcoming work, give us the drama without its hero; or we wish that the expodition and its hero had a chronicler as worthy pal nurse of his captor and benefactor divi- as he would be were he not the principal character in the story.

Dr. Kane's Narrative of the Expedition, This illness of our hero was long and doubt- now preparing, and in process of publication ful, and he was reported dead to his friends by Messrs Childs & Peterson of Philadelphia will embtace the important discoveries made When he recovered and returned, he was in the frozen regions far beyond the reach of correspondence with Lady Franklin became | crowded with romantic incidents, which, in committed for an attempt at the rescue of Sir | the language of the Secretary of the Navy, John and his ill-starred companions in Arctic | "not only excite our wonder, but borrow a novel grandeur from the truly benevolent considerations which animated and nerved him to his task."-Graham's Magazine, Feb.,

THE SCHOOL MASTER OF OUR REPUBLIC. -When our republic rose, Noah Webster bycame its school master. There had never been a great nation with a universal language without dialects. The Yorkshireman cannot country's debts and duties, there was no lit- now talk with a man from Cornwall. The peasant of the Liguarian Appenines, drives his goats home at evening, over hills that look down on six provinces, none of whose He was "bathing in the tepid waters of the dialects he can speak. Here, five thousand

ALL FUDGE .- At the County Know Noth-Wednesday night of last week, the speakers The last voyage occupied two winters in | had no power to act in the matter, that the

> THERE are, in the United States, 750 paengines, and producing in the year 270,000,-000 pounds of paper, which is worth, at ten rags, is \$4,050,000.

> ACORNS WILL KILL CATTLE .- R. J. Lamborn, of Chester county, Pa., lost fitteen head of bullocks, worth a thousand dollars, as it was thought, from eating acorus, the tannic acid of which produced const pation, and a is much bloated, add soapsuds.

> At a late celebration of the old bachelors at Bloomington the following toast was drank:

'The fair-saints in church-angels in the