



AT FORTY.

The sun of life has crossed the line. The summer-land of brightened light. Faded and faded—'t is where I stand. The equal day and equal night.

A Backwoods Elopement.

"There isn't nothing here but the woods," he cried, "a few shiftless neighbors, but if you can stand it, we should like to have you stay," remarked Mrs. Savage.

THE HORSE THAT "DIED OF GRIEF."

One of the San Francisco papers has published an account of the death of a horse from grief at losing his master, the Chronicle says a reporter to verify the statement.

EFFECTS OF TEA ON THE SKIN.

If you place a few drops of strong tea upon a piece of iron, a knife blade, for instance, the tannate of iron is formed, which is black. If you mix tea with iron filings, or pulverized iron, you can make a fresh human blood, it forms with the iron of the blood the tannate of iron.

LAUNCHING A SHIP.

Not one-half the people who witness the launching of a vessel can tell how it is done. They hear a great sound of pounding and driving of wedges for half an hour or so, then a loud shout is raised, and the ship starts slowly at first, but gradually increasing her speed, she slides steadily, statey motion from off the pile of timbers and blocks where she has been standing for months; and where, but a moment before, the huge creature towered aloft, nothing remains but a debris of timbers and planks, while on the water floats one of the most graceful works of art.

A HUMAN GOBBLER.

About twelve miles north of Lawrenceburg, Ind., in Manchester Township, a dreary road which is rarely trod by anybody but paupers, and which, if it leads anywhere, might lead to the mythical city of "El Dorado," a faded familiar name, was being traveled by a man and a woman.

THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS CAPTURED BY HIS OWN SHIP.

There seems to be a strange sort of fascination for most people in the launching of a large vessel, and in our ship-building ports it is not uncommon for a thousand spectators to be present to enjoy the spectacle.

A CHUNK OF NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

A boy about fourteen years of age was smoking a cigar on the south portico of the City Hall, Detroit, the other morning when a citizen halted before him and said: "Boy, do you realize what you are doing?"

ABUNDANT HAIR.

Japanese women are very proud of their hair, which is black and luxuriant. They brush their tresses back from the forehead and gathering them in a plaited top-knot, covered with flowers, spangles, and hairpins of gold, silver and tortoise shell.

BURGLARS' MISTAKES.

For two years past the officers of the secret service division of the government have been endeavoring to unravel the mystery attached to the attempted robbery of the United States sub-treasury in Philadelphia, Pa. Up to this time they have met with indifferent success, and the chances are that their favor will still be with them with distinctiveness who were in the plain.

THE TIME OF DAY.

The callant Irish soldier, General Blich, of Sepoy, came while holding the commission of captain in a dashing marching regiment, was on a trip of pleasure, with his wife, in the north of England, and having come one day to a small Yorkshire inn, he ordered all the host had on hand in the shape of food, to be served up for his dinner, after which he joined his wife in an upper room.

THE HAZARD BROTHERS.

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BRIEFS.

—Sir Garnet Wolseley was born in Ireland in 1833. —Fitzgerald is to have a \$200,000 hotel and read the same. —A man in M. turned upside down 4,000 geese. —Boston real estate is worth \$427,236,600. —Apples are worth \$2.50 a barrel in England. —St. Louis railroad bridge earns \$40,000 a month. —The Osage Indians own 12,000 cattle and ponies. —Gold leaf is the 250,000 part of an inch in thickness. —New York pays \$8,240,965 interest on the city's debt. —The total Indian population of Michigan is 10,141. —Queen Victoria has an income of \$3,000,000 annually. —In Germany the ladies take their knitting to the beer garden. —An outbreak of rinderpest is reported in Derbyshire, England. —John Clay, a brother of Henry Clay, is living in Kentucky. —Gambetta is a liberal host and keeps open house all the time. —Petrified grass is found about the mineral springs of California. —All prosecutions against Cuban insurgents are to be abandoned. —Lord Beaconsfield's "Enmity" paid him about 50 cents a word. —Chicago consigned \$1,000,000 worth of wild game to Europe last year. —Fitzgerald is to have a \$200,000 hotel, a stock company being the builder. —The state debt of Wisconsin is \$2,252,057; that of Maine is \$5,883,800. —On a single ranch in Texas 1,000 lambs were killed by this winter cold snap. —There are 35,613,000,000 matches consumed annually in the United States. —Our Indian wars from 1865 to 1879 are estimated to have cost the government \$23,880,000. —The balance of trade in our favor on last year's business with the world foots up \$73,000,000. —A female salmon as a rule carries about nine hundred eggs to every pound of her weight. —New York saloonkeepers, of whom there are 10,000, are to get 75,000 votes in the city. —Kellogg is to get \$600 per night for a twenty-night engagement at the Grand Opera in Paris. —The mines of the United States have produced during the past seven years \$280,000,000 in gold. —It is estimated that the British army coming year, will cost the treasury over \$100,000,000. —The Greeks have for 200 years had a monopoly of the trade in dried carns in the London market. —Walter Scott was born in Edinburgh August 15th 1771. His father was a lawyer or conveyancer. —In Missouri last year \$23,383 of the children were reported as having 249,495 who received no schooling. —An Indian farmer deposited in a bank last week \$2,000 he had had buried in the earth for 17 years. —Philadelphia has forty-two night schools in operation, with a nightly attendance of over three thousand. —The increase in the population of Pennsylvania, as shown by the present census, is 760,395 over that of 1870. —Of the seventy-six United States Senators who have since been born in the states which they represent. —The Parker Memorial Chapel, in Boston, which cost \$110,000, will be sold to a leading "Spiritualist" for \$13,000. —At a recent paper exhibition in Berlin, artificial teeth made of paper were shown. A German invented them. —It is estimated that the cost of the Whitaker court of inquiry and of the Whitaker court martial will be about \$100,000. —The expense of the White House and its occupancy last year was \$119,964, of which the president's salary was \$50,000. —The first complete translation of the Bible in English was printed in 1522. A perfect copy of it was sold in 1838 for \$1750. —The annual sale of pews at Plymouth Church took place recently. The first pew was bought by Horace B. Claflin for \$700. —During the year 1880 \$23,283,279 worth of gold coins was turned out of the United States mints, and \$27,499,708 worth of silver. —A harp, discovered in Egypt in 1829, had several remaining strings which responded to a tone, and arose from a rest of 3000 years. —The Journal Official of Paris has been purchased for \$200,000 by the French Government, and will hereafter be the official organ. —Frederic R. Guernsey of the Boston Herald, is preparing for the establishment of an Anglo-Spanish commercial paper at Boston. —They are making in Russia. The well-to-do government officials report that 701,028 peasants are starving in a certain district in that empire. —Public schools in Tennessee during 1880 numbered 5,322 against 3,492 in 1875. In 1880 the teachers employed numbered 9,504 against 4,210 in 1875. —The University of Berlin during this winter has more than 4,000 students, the largest number ever yet reached by any German university. —The Manhattan Elevated Railway Company has ordered twenty-five new Baldwin locomotives, similar to those now in use on the Third Avenue line. —The Paterson (N. J.) rolling mill has spent \$15,000 in boring an artesian well through 2100 feet of red sandstone, only to strike a stream of salt water. —Wade Hampton no longer goes about on a crutch. He has a wooden leg to replace the one lost by the kick of a mule, and is able to walk without a cane. —Connecticut has 600,000 invested in manufacturing establishments, employing 60,000 persons, the annual product of which is estimated at \$120,000,000. —Lord Wentworth, grandson of Byron, was married December 20th, to Mary Caroline Stuart-Wortley. The bride's white satin gown was embroidered at the Royal School of Art Needlework, and her veil was Antiochian. —The Very Rev. Pacifico Neno, D. D. O. S. A., the present provincial of the Augustinians in America, was recently appointed by his holiness Pope Leo XIII. superior-general of the Order of St. Augustine throughout the entire world. —