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THE GLADNESS OF NATURE. Is this a time to be cloudy and and, When our mother nature laugus around. When even the deep blue heavens look glad, And gladness breathes from the blossoming ground.	quarter of a mile to walk before home was a quarter of a mile to walk before home was reached, so Alice hurned through the grove, where the trees had already shut out the	"It was at this hours Will by she whis	What'll You Take ?	glass bombs it is probable that on being	A Trapper's Life.	"Cold This Mornin."	BRIEFS.
When our mother nature laugus around. When even the deep blue heavens look glad, And gladness breathes from the blossoming	reached, so Alice hurned through the grove, where the trees had already shut out the	"It was at this hours Will " abe mbis	and the second se	thrown it would have exploded.	Floyd F. Lobb, was for thirty six years	Fairly in the road, a man came and sat	
When even the deep blue heavens look glad, And gladness breathes from the blossoming	where the trees had already shut out the	as was as anis nour, will, she whis-	'Take a drink?' 'No. sur. Excuse my	Supposing the bombs were provided with		down in front of me and turned around	-The elevators of St. Paul hold 214
And gladness breathes from the blossoming	where the nees had already shut out the	pered, "and this is the first time since that	seemingly unnecessary firmness, but if you	percussion cape?	north morels near where Dome New		982 bushels of wheat.
And gradness breaking from the broadening	lingering daylight	shudder, in the gloaming."	knew what cause I have to despise whisky you would not have asked me.'	Then the bombs would have to be thrown	North is now situated He sum when	" fold this mornin ! he said	-Opium kills 3,000,000 Chinese ever
	She had tied a small veil of gay tissue	shuuder, in the gioaming.	'What cause have you, Mr. Rilmick?'	accurately. A shell thrown from a gup	he first rouched Pisson in 1990 it was a	I folded my paper, and fanned myself	
There are notes of joy from the hangbird and	over the gaudy hat, as she left the cottage.		I will tell you. Several years ago after		vast wilderness. Deer, wolves, and fur- bearing animals abounded. In half a day		-Weston has walked 55,000 mile
wren.	and she hoped, if she met any acquaintan-	Two Playing at the Bause Time,					
And the gossip of swallows through all the	ces she would escape recognition.	"My dear !"					in France.
sky , The ground squirrel gaily chirps by his den ,	When she was half way through the grove she heard quick footsteps coming		Gilmer. He was a noble young man, full	necessarily be touched or exploded. The	caught next to the largest salmon-trout	season, the long absence from home, and	-Louisiana's rice crop is estimate
And the wilding bee hums merrily by.	from the village, and a moment later a	"Hem-1 want to tell you something."			caught next to the largest salmon-trout that was ever caught in that lake. It weighed 26 pounds, measured 3 feet 2		at 250,000 barrels,
	Voice said. "You are punctual," and she						-There are 175 breweries in lows
the clouds are at play in the szure space	was caught for a moment in Godfroy Hill's	ings pass off slow y with us, as you know,					and 4000 saloons.
And their shadows at play on the bright green vale	arms,	and a friend has been learning me a new				kerchief, and said in panting tones:	-Herbert Spencer, the philosopher
green valo	She knew his voice, and struggled to	game which I doging you to hearn and I				'I don't find it so.'	is in deficate health.
And there they roll on the easy gale.	mistaken her for the village beauty.	have purchased a bran new pack of cards	my friend's ho pitality. I of course, did so	How much more effective such a ball would be if it wars filed with the fulni	salmon-trout weighing 27 pounds. This fish was caught by Timothy Thurman, one	The man looked astonished. But pre-	-Half the population of the Unite States is in nine States.
bere's a dance of losves in that aspen bower.	"Pooh !" he said, releasing her. "Don't	for the occasion, and -"				"Maybe you've been a runu'ng ?"	-The winter pork-packing at Mil
There's a titter of winds in that beechen			Some future time. I sam tiscovered time	The Iniminate of mercure constitutes the		"No,' I replied, 'I have been asleep for	waukee was 325,585,
There's a creat of mining to mining there are	house?"	"Why, Darnus Botch, I wouldn't have a				the past two hours, in a sleigh.'	-Alexander III is 35 years old, and
bare's a smile on the fruit, and a smile on		pack of cards in the house for the world."	drinking. He made repeated enorse to re	inaving that had an agent more powerful	Lobb a prisoner. He luckily had provi-	'And ye didn't feel cold ?' the man m-	has four children.
the flower,	and yet curious, her woman't wits quickly		fornt, out anter a rew days he would this	than hitro-giveerine, and it has been known	sions and wood, but no snow-shoes. He	quired.	-Last year the government sol
And a laugh from the brook that runs to the	"I must go, too, before long, though I	cards, and you know itI have-" "Been out till ten o'clock every night	in the room, my friend drew out a revolv-	mite, mtro-glycerine, glucodine and gun-	The one and a quarter mines from the	'Man !' I said, in tones of amszement, 'cold, on the 9th of June ?'	293,000,000 postal cards.
ses. ad look at the broad-faced sun how he smiles.	had far rather stay here in the wood with	since October Darms you cruel cruel	er, and handing it to me for examination.	cotton are all forms of the same thing	and the address man is man improvemente tot	(Trans 1) he ashead shall have been as	-Queen Victoria made \$4,000 o
On the dewy earth that smdes in his ray.	vou, sweetheart."	man."	asked me if I thought it would do destruc-	and the effort has been to make these	the to walk our according of the depen of	'are you crazy ? It's the 9th of January !	stock farming fast year.
to the leaping wates and gay young iales,	"Your sweetheart is at the house, Ahce	"Well, my dear, if you will learn to					-During the pork packing sensor St. Louis put up 474,159 hogs.
Av. look, and he'll smile thy gloom away.	said, trying to assume the jealous tone of	play the game, I will stay at home three	was noted for destruction, the specimen he	why should the conspirators have used	being, letting his fire in the open fire-place	June to me.	
	an uneducated girl.	evenings in the week, sure as you live."	cameneo man oc a representative or no	these? They had a known agent, effec- tive and certain, and there was no need	go out nights, fearing a spark might set his	"It's mighty fine sleightn', all the same,"	-There are 3,500 grocers in Phila- delphia who employ 6,000 hands,
In the Gloaming.	"What ! That chalky-faced girl in	"Oh, dear, those awful cards, but I'll	"But why do you ask?" I continued.	to look for an infernal novelty	bou or mennoca bougus on me. Inus ne	I told him without a blush, that I had	-The weight of the circulating blood
	black ? Not a bit of it. Didn't I love you long before she came to take what is	play just to please you, and keep you at home, but it's awful wicked "	" 'Because,' he replied, taking the pistol	What fulminates are common and what	remained till a thaw came and the snow froze, forming a crust on which he could	never seen the mud worse on Ohio roads	is about twenty-eight pounds.
"You are the best judge of your own	mino 217	The young man drew a shining pack of	and shoving it into his pocket, 'I intend to	would have been their effect?	walk, thus liberating him One day,	since I could remember.	-A man annually contributes to
esat, but 1 do not think your future	And a curse followed, coupled with her	the criminal things from a side coat pocket,	shoot myself if I ever get drunk again. 1	The fulminate of mercury would have	while out fishing, he saw what he at first	'Where on earth,' he asked, in utter	vegetation 124 pounds of carbon.
romises much happiness as the wife of	own name that thatlad them fill what	explained the gauge, dealt out the required	can never amount to anything if I continue to drink, and I might as well end an exis	Tuone, an ounce of h caploded off this	supposed to be a deer swimming across the	stonishment, 'did you come from ?'	-The public schools of the United
adfrey Hill. Remember who and what	horros.	number of cards with the ease of an old		races would icar a noie infough R. It	lake. Lobb went after him in his boat. He	'Dayton,' I said.	States cost \$\$3,529,000 a year.
These were the words over which Alice	"But they say you will marry her," she	miner, turned up a trump, looked his hand over, and said:	"I argued with him, but saw by the de-	costs only \$8.50 a pound. A glass ball, such as those the marksmen shoot at, about	caught up with the supposed deer, but	His eyes began to creep out and look at each other over the top of his nose.	-The value of the New York has
fill nondered as she walked slowly through	persisted, calming her voice as well as she	"What will you do?"	termined expression of his face that his	the size of a hen's egy if filled with fulmi-	bear Lobb had too much prude and crit	'When I' he asked.	crop is estimated at \$60,000,000 a year —The exact population of New Yorl
he grove at Bellows Falls. It was her	WThen our sight I Twill means her and	1.187 H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H	words came from a part of his nature where	nate of mercury and exploded as the bombs	to back out. He had nothing but his oars	"This morning,' I said calmly, since	State by the census of 1880 is 5,082 982
avorite walk, when she wished for solitude,	have my own ! Then when the is dead	with you, and I'm going to,"	a jest was never invited to take a seat. " 'I believe, however,' he went on, 'that	were exploded which killed the Czar, would	and fishpole, yet he determined to have	eight o'clock.'	-The centennary of George Steph
hough it lay at some distance from her onne, the stately house that crowned an	you shall have your old beau again, Lizzie,	"Yes, my dear, but you have the right	I can conquer my thirst, hat if I don't	rend the ground asunder and produce effects identical with those which have been	that bear, although he knew that bruin,	How ?' he fairly shouted.	enson, June 9, 1881, is to be celebrated
acline stretch of ground overlooking the	and come to the great house, my wile. It	to beg, if you choose." "I am no beggar, Darius Botch, and you	Econ-ofe-	instantal The offerst of these fulminates	and a heat will do has beet to at	'In a one-horse sleigh,' I said. 'Sakes alive !' he shricked, 'it is impos-	-There were 160 fires in New Yorl
ullare.	as only waiting a year or two.	know it."	"Several weeks passed, during which	is the same as that of descrite Demonite	always and must the set of the test	sible. It's only eleven o'clock now, and	during February, an average of six :
Remember who and what he is !	"But she may not die !" gasped the hor-	"But, my dear-you don't understand;	time he callies the piston. The pisten all	he only a waabar lass meanship form of	and the second terms of the barries of the	Dayton is tifty miles away !'	
Mrs. Hill had said these words very		if you haven't lots of eards like the trump,	competences, and man include man enoug	them they operate instantaneously	manand the attuck has been chost wid	'Couldn't help it,' I insisted. 'I left	-Queen Mary II, daughter of Jame by Anne Hyde, died of small-pox h
lowly, and with due emphasis only a few		you can say 'beg,' when I shall deai off	the start and the the chartery reported to butter	tennowher works gradually and moves the	chine more has proper herrin materenad the	there a little over two hours ago in a	
ours before, when Alice had read to her a etter, in which Godfrey Hill had asked her	But what ails you? You are shaking as	three more cards apiece, turn up a new	my story, the memory of which rises up	builet from a gun. Fulminate of mercury	fire vigorously by attempting to board	sleigh, had a poor horse, drove slowly,	-The famous destructive earthquake
, has his with	if you had an ague fit. I've talked it all	trump, and you may hold a much better	before me like a ghost, and makes the hair	exploded in a gun would act instantly, and	fire vigorously by attempting to board Lobb's craft, as if trying to come the whale and Jonah dodge on his assailant.	wheels all the way It was warm as May	which occurred at Lisbon was in the
Who was he, then? He was the second		"I tell you I won't ber. Darius-so	of remorse rise on my head. One night 1	come the gun would be shattered. If you	Lobb, although tough, thought he would	and I seen enough a now to make one boy	
and Alion a man of about tweater	Went off into such shakes! It is nothing	there."	went into the room and found my triend	put your shoulder to a wagon and applied	not set easily on his bearship's stomach, so	slide in five thous and miles.'	-There are in this country 729 Uni-
even, who had been brought up by his	"But-you-would-not-murder-	"Well, play away, then, and let me beat	what promuted me to such a fundish as	force gradually you would move the wagon.	not set easily on his bearship's stomach, so is he concluded that he would rather trust to	The man's hair stood on end, and he got	versalist churches, with 32,947 mem-
manifather in the house moon Rellows	her?" the pocr-girl gasped, drawing her				his boat as a means of getting on dry land instead of submitting to the old way. So		-Twelve torpedo cutters are to be
feight, and had supposed his inheritance f house and fortune assured.	veil closer.		trout my preserve and castilling a rag. I	would burt your chastles. That is the	has actuated a placet distance. Desile the	"If was and crazy and believe you	added to the Russian fleet in Chinese
Alice and her widowed mother had never	"Come now, none of that," was the				wise acted as if to say, "I am sick of this	be 'he said, with grave earne tness, "you	waters.
stared the stately house while old Mr.	rough answer ; "you're not going back on	keen them back to eatch game with "	groancu, awoke, rubbed his eyes, and re-	and a fulminate."	kind of work if you are " and was making !!	are an awfal liar.'	-The revenue of the Sultan of Tur-
till bread but had supported themealwas	me now, after all you've heard of my plans.	What accombing to Allal 1 mm down Do	marked that he oreamed of being drunk.	The is no mason why the assauring	off when Lohh made for him erain this	'Good man,' I said, 'I expect I am, but	key is \$70,000,000, of which \$55,000,000
w keeping a school for young children.	You've swora to keep my secrets, or I'd never have told you them. But what is	ring."	"By Heavens!' he exclaimed, a few minutes later, 'I taste the broth of hell and	shouldn't have been contented with the	time running his boat way up on bruin's	am not a fool. I may tell startling lies	goes to the army.

And here Alice found herself shaken It had never crossed their wildest imngination that the old gentleman at Bellows Falls would remember them by even a trilling legacy, and they were inclined to anger. Godfrey was heir-st-law to her Darius put on his Jack and smillingly think they were the victims of a practical newly acquired fortune, and if he suspectoke, when they received the lawyer's letter ed her identity, in those dark woods, she

And if she was in

which his companion left him.

Falls. It was like a dream, to come to the from the rough grasp on her arm, "and splendid home, to know there was to be I must hurry on. Wait for me here, until no more weary struggles for daily bread, to I do my errand at the house and come wander through magnificent rooms and ex- back." "Be quick, then," was the gruff reply. tensive grounds with the deliciously novel

after Godfrey's cousin, Alice's father, had never have told you them. But what is "Hoyle, you mean, Amelia. the matter ?" "Have it your own way, sir-but I cal-

culate I know what I'm talking about." They played all the cards out, Mrs. Botch hauling in every trick till the last, when scooped in one. "Here, sir, that trick is mine; you denied informing them that Alice was the heiress did not doubt, after what he had already said, that he would take her hfe. of the entire estate of John Hill, of Bellows "I am not well," she said freeing herself Jack, Amelia."

"and is Hoyle.

might well be satisfied at the rapidity with

"There you go again, Amelia-"What authority, Mr. Botch, have you

trumps. "But you have the right to hold back a Rock Gezette.

himself?' 'No. He pawned the pistol for a quart. Let's take a drink. What'll you take?' "A little mild bourbon." Give me an apple apple toddy.'-Little arlor Magis.

went into a saloon and seizing a bottle drank at least a pint before I could pre-vent hum. 'Now,' he exclaimed, drawing a revolver, 'now, I stand upon oath— 'Go ahead, Rilmick. Did he shoot himself?'

from a number of percussion caps or cart-ridges. The bigger the bomb the more disastrous the explosion, of course; but a

fulminate of mercury. It is cheap and back, and giving him a whack with his but I do not talk like an ass, and I would -Of 257 women in Burlington, Vt., common. When it is wet it can be trans- paddle near bruin's "skylight" between be thought a liar or a maniac, rather than

drive up to the train in a sleigh, spinning New York. The Czar Nicholas, of Russia was a man f hasty temper, but very full of generous f hasty temper, but very full of generous disastrous the explosion, of course; but a ball the size of a hen's egg, as I have said, would have contained enough of this sub-stance to produce the effect reported. Ful-minate of silver might have been used. It is the fulli-built the to beart the Crar ordered a review. is more highly explosive than the fulmi-is more highly explosive than the fulmi-integer of marcury. Fulminate of gold is his regiment. A kind man, too, who could Borrow a Panama hat, the more Captar sive the better, and hold it up so that your andience can see that it does not contain andied it.'

the taciturn brakeman by remarking.

"Cold this mornin ?"

ran in this channel.

hrough.

nations.

teen horses ?'

didn't want to say we had the only

no humbugs.' 'Have you the only baby elephant ?'

use of blowing about it ?'

tigers, of course?"

-Mount Ararat, on which the Bible

And it must be confessed that Alice at first thought but little of the dispossessed

died.

She scarcely knew how she reached her But he introduced himself soon as home, tore off her borrowed finery and wrote to Godfrey Hill, declining the honor cousin, and visited the house as a welcome guest, he had proposed to her, but giving no other

For, in answer to the second clause o reason for her refusa! than the statement Mrs. Hill's question, what was he? Alice that she did not love him sufficiently to be could have answered truly that he was the most fascinating man she had ever seen.

"Mamma," she said, coming into the And Alice Hill, though a bread-winn drawing-room, "I have written to Godfrey. in the busy world, had moved in good refusing his offer, and sont the letter to him society, having aristocratic family conby James. I have remembered who and nections both on her father's and mother's vhat he is. Mr. Godfrey Hill's amazement was un

She was no novice to be won by a merely courtly manner, but she had never met a man whose intellect was so broad, whose courtesy was so winning, whose face was waiting him. so handsome as were those of Godfrey

And yet there was a letter in her writ ing desk, written by the dead man whose haded grove, and in the course of their heress she was, warning her that "because over-like conversation, that damsel told he is unworthy, because he has betrayed the trust I put in him, I have disinherited shawl on the previous evening. Godfrey Hill."

There was no specific charge, no direct accusation, but the young herress was warned against her cousin.

Yet, in the many long conversations the two had held together, Godfrey Hill had chalk. endeavored to convince his fair cousin that the grove at all, then, yesterday ?" his grandfather had been influenced by false friends to believe statements to his dis credit utterly untrue. He had almost convinced her that he was

an innecent victim to unfortunate circumstances, a victum to a mistaken sense of

She was young, naturally trustful, and her heart was tree; so it is not wonderful that Alice Hill was included to restore the disinherited man to his estate by accepting the offer of his heart and hand. Absorbed in her reflections, Alice did not notice that clouds were gathering, till a sudden summer shower broke with violence above the tree tops.

The rain came through the branches sud dealy, dreaching through her thin black dress, and she ran quickly to the nearest house for shelter.

The nearest refuge proved to be the cot-tage where Mrs. Mason, who did the washing for the great house, lived with her daughter, Lizzie, one of the village beauties.

There was great bustling about when Alice presented herself at the door.

"Mercy sakes ! You're half drowned," the old woman cried, hurrying her unex-pected guest to the kitchen fire. "You're wet to the skin, dearie. Now ain't it a blessing there's a whole washing in the basket to go home ? You can go into Lizzie's room and change your clothes, and I'll do up them you've got on Dear, dear! Your hat is just ruined-crape won't bear weiting-and you've no shawl. You must just put on a dress of Lizzie's to go home

in. It's nearly dark anyway." "Where is Lizzie ?" Alice asked, Sewing at Mrs. Gotham's, dearie. She'l be coming home, soon. I allers make that a part of the bargain that she's to be let home afore dark, and it gets dark now by six-fall days are shorter than summer

ones. So she'll be here soon. It's clearing up." It was clearing up, and it was also growing dark, so promising to send home the borrowed dress in the morning, Alice started of her young heart. It made her shy of suitors for a long for home.

time, fearing her money was the magnet that drew them to her side ; but there came She smiled at herself as she stood before the cottage mirror, for she had not worn a a true lover, at last-one she trusted and gay color since her father's death five years loved, and who won her for his tender

Lizzie's blue dress, scarlet shawl and gay faithful wife. And Godfrey Hill left his old home neve Sunday hat were oddly out of place upon the siender figure, and setting off the pale, return.

refined face of Alice Hill. There was no thought of revenge "Dear me," said the old woman. "I hope Alice Hill's heart, when she heard of the death of her cousin, nearly three years after his departure from Bellows Falls; you'll soon chirk up a bit, Miss Alice, and take off your black. The cld gentleman has been dead a year, now. Them roses do suit you beautiful." after his departure from beien thought but she could not restrain a fervent thought of thanksgiving, when she realized that there was no murderous thoughts hanging upon her possible death. After her relief she told her husband, Alice glanced at the staring red flower

reflected in the mirror, and smiled as she

"I will take great care of Lizzie's for the first time, of that involuntary mas

prove that it is right t "Authority! authority! Mrs. Botch! The yery best in the world-Mrs. Mina Crimp! "Oh, you false hearted bear! and that either a savings bank or a white whale. where you have been spending your even-

ingsi I am-" "And pray give me your authority, Mrs.

bounded, when returning to his home, in the vilage hotel to dress for his promised call upon Alice Hill, he found her note

But he did not renounce his hope 'old sledge,' Darius, and if you are satisfied, haking her resolution until the next day, why, I am." when he met the true Lazzie Mason in the

The Chocolate Man.

Emile Justin Menier, who cared no him who had worn her gay hat and red "An' she sent a five-dollar bill with the lress, because it got wet," said the girl. oughly American than in his appreciation "An' that I call real handsome of her. of the value and methods of advertising. Why, what ails you?-you're white as The great belettered slabs of wooden chocolate spelling out his name have wearied the eyes of all civilized people, "Nothing-nothing. You were not in

but his master-pieces in this line were naturally reserved for France. For years "No; I couldn't get off till long after lark and so I stayed all night. I knowed it has been at least impossible to stir abroad there without reading "Le meilleur chocolat est le chocolat Menier" as once it

you'd be mad, waiting for me, but 1 couldn't help it this time. Why ?" For her lover had started for the vilage without even the ceremony of a good-

He lost no time on his way, till he stood in the office of Jermyn & Jermyn, his but it had one fault-it grew white as grandfather's lawyers. White as death, with a voice hoarse and thick, he said to the old partner : "You told me my grandfather left me en thousand dollars, upon certain condi-

"Quite correct. The conditions are that you leave Bellows Falls and never return o it, and that you sign a deed relinquish-

ing all claims as heir-at-law, in case Miss Hill dies before she is of age. Mr. Hill did not draw up this paper until his will was signed and scaled; and he was reminded that he had made no stipulation for the reversion of his estate."

"Reminded by you !" was the bitter rejoinder.

"Reminded by me! He was shown the he reached the eminence of a Deputy danger that you might become a suitor to the young heiress." "Well, that danger is over. I have been

a sincere suitor to the heiress, and she has refused the honor of an alliance." than in the Chamber of Deputies-and at "Hum !"

"So, having lost that stake, I am pre pared to accept the conditions, take the ten thousand dollars and turn my back on Bellows Falls for life."

It was with a sense of great relief from very urgent fear, that Alice Hill heard "The gentleman wishes to reproach me with my trade," said he. "His uncle used from her lawyer of the demand upon the estate, that made her poorer by ten thou-sand dollars, and removed Godfrey Hill from her path for life.

age'," should de Cassagnac, in a white rage. M. Grevy at once interposed; a dozen deputies simultaneously should in-sults and sarcasms in a breath, half the She told no one of the walk in the gloaming that had revealed to her the black treachery of the man who woed her so gently and had so nearly won the treasure nembers rose in their seats, and in short,

memoers rose in their seats, and in short, the scene was peculiarly French. How it might have ended the world will never know, for suddenly there was an interrup-tion not at all germain which diverted every one's attention. A man rose in the

gallery and shouted: "Vive Napeleon IV." Of course, it was not a new rebellion; he was only a lunatic Imperialist, as it was concluded, after he had explained to the

police that he had long felt an incontrolable impulse to say something in the Chambers, of which he had been for weeks a silent habitue, and, the confusion acting upon his nerves like music on a canary bird, he scized the opportunity of relieving

-Edison has got \$300,000 from his telephone in Europe.

You then procure an ordinary kerosene lamp, remove the shade and light the wick. You are now ready. Pass the hat five or Alone With the Crar.

Lay a wager with some gentlem throwing back his head, assuring him that the floor will not be obstructed in any manner. This trick never fails, and its manner. This trick never fails, and its glittering suite thronged round him and the success depends upon having a well-waxed through through through through through through the same the same the same through th thread streched across the room at the stir height of the gentleman's throat. Do not

attempt this with your father. A good conclusion to an evening's en-tertainment of this kind is cailed 'Dissolv-ing Feat,' in which you,turn out the gas was impossible here to get the cabalistic legend "S. T. 1880 X." off the tired retina. One day a Frenchman said to him that he liked his chocolate tolerably well, for sixty seconds, and on lighting it the room will be vacated of all but yourself.

interesting to know how many million pounds of chocolate Memer have since nevertheless, make your friends you are. Before the audience assembles been bought because of that remarkable quality. Whether Menter's checolate does having, of course, first instructed him as really grow white with age, and whether other chocolates do not do so as well, and whether doing so is or is not a recommen-to the barrel, and, giving it a sharp rap dation, of course nobody ever knew. Menier was more than a mere manufacwith your knockles, say: 'Are you there, sir?' The reply comes. 'No, I am some-where elsel' Then you hold an animated turer; he was, or thought he was, a states- where else!' man, his hobby being direct taxation, or the taxation of acquired property. One day he mounted the tribune in the Assembly—

form your audience that you will imitate he reached the eminence of a report after having first been an Alderman of Paris—to defend his views and read a through a hole in the head of a barrel, all grievously disappointed with the mean

Explosive Bambs.

than in the Chamber of Deputies—and at last, when he spoke of taxing "articles which deteriorate," Paul de Cassagnac cried, "Lake your cocoa, for example." Menier's retort was at least equally witty, 'How was the bombs made which was ised for the assassination of the Czarl' This question was asked of a gentleman who is connected with one of the great powder companies of the city, and who derstands thoroughly the subject of explosives.

'It might have been filled with any one of a number of compounds. I read yester-day that it was filed with sulphur and chlorate of potassa. That is a common combination with which every schoolboy who has undertaken the elements of chemistry is familiar. The mixture, rubbed with a hammer or a stone, will flash readily. I doubt if it was this, because there are fulminates which are much more cer-tain and forcible.

The explosion is reported to have torn a deep hole in the pavement four feet in dia-neter. Musta't it have required a very powerful agent to accomplish such an

Certainly, but not an unfamiliar one What are known as the detonating powders have been familiar for at least fifty years, nothing could have been selected

would have been more certain in its results.

Simple chlorate of potash and sulphur make a terrific explosive. If it had been dynamite that had been contained in the 30,000 francs. The whole collec-tion, containing 237 letters, realized nearly 30,000 francs.

prised by her servant abroptly announcing the Czar. It was so early is the morning that she thought it was some joke of her sisters in connection with the day, so she went on sipping her tea. Presently she looked up again, however, and saw the servant standing aghast near the door, a which was still wide open, and behind it in cascue and plume was the stately figure

feat requires a little preparation during the day, as will be seen. You open a book and pretend to read as if from its contents, and immediately a young lady in the sudience will start toward you with a shrick, and if you are wise you will have a rear window open, through which you t can pass. The secret of the trick consists can pass. The secret of the trick consists received me with great kindness, shaking felt mortified at the laugh raised against i heard him opening a conversation with who made the nation's songs so long as he in your reading a purloined letter of your made their chocolate, died recently in sister's from her lover.

Lay a wager with some gentleman in front of you that he can not walk to with-in three feet of you without pausing and throw here here marks of nervousness and anxiety. Some months later 1 saw His Majesty in St. Petersburg, upright of figure, Palace was on fire The Czar rose hastily proud of gait, arrayed in a brilliant uni-form, and covered with decorations. Λ that the Policemaster had presumed to

> hardly realize that the central figure was he was not a faithful husband, but he was this summer, and what will be their value? | land to aid in founding a university in the same man in whose presence I had sat in the squalid Bulgarian hovel; the same fond of his wife and very jealous. Her Majesty was quite aware of this, and, un-made a new departure in that matter, and in the squahd Bugarian hover, the same majesty was quite aware or tins, and, an worn, anxious man who, with spasmodic fortunately, very mischievous. When utterance, had asked me breathless quese ever, therefore, she wished to get rid of will be allowed to wear diamonds. I am employ about one hundred eigar makthose about the shifting fortunes of that an officer that displeased her, she com just going up to the express office to send memorable battle. J told him I could manded him to dance with her, and so sure my seven pins, four rings and sleeve-but-

that he liked his chocolate tolerably well, but it had one fault—it grew white as it grew old. Menier took the bull by the horns, and the next day every newspaper and dead-wall in Paris announced "Le chocolat Menier: the *onty* chocolate that grows white as it grows old." It would be interesting to know how many million make him understand much better if I had as he did so he was sent to the Caucasus. tors home to my brother." we stood and talked there came a strange, month while traveling abroad; the Empress

troubled look to his face which seemed to say, 'What a chance for this man to kill me,' It was only for a moment, and passed for one night that she halted at Hanovere x-ceeded $\pounds 1,600$. He gave, too largely, but away as Ignaties came back with a sheet of foolscap, on which I rapidly sketched posi-tions, and explained details as I went on.'

The Value of Autograph

Pacific who has a slight impediment in his speech, had an interview a few days The price of autographs is as variable as that of pictures, and the collector who re-gards them as valuable capital may find since with his division superintendent, the nature of which gradually leaked out and became a source of considerable fun for the boys. The story goes that on a recent run

carefully prepared speech. There were are wonderfully assazed except your the Frenchman is anywhere more polite brother, who will be madder than a hatter. 'Two of them, sir, but we don't adver-tise that fact. We let people come and be others. At the recent sale of an autograph collection in the Hotel Drouot, a letter of Napoleon I. to Oudinot was obtained for agreeably surprised.' 'Have you got an elephant which

Mistook the signal.

A well-known engineer on the Union

twenty-five france, whereas a letter from the Comte de Chambord to M. Villemain this occasion, until he was summoned was carried up to the unexpected sum of 995 francs. This may have been due in great part to the subject matter of the let-'how is it that you failed to report the

great part to the subject matter of the let-ter, as in it the head of the house of Bour-killing of a cow on your run, of such a bon has stated his views on the question date?' of the Pope's temporal power. Letters by 'Id 'Id-d-d-d-don't remember any su-s-s-s

his royal ancestors were knocked down at comparatively insignificant prices—a Louis XVIII. for twenty-two france and a bundle of epistics by the Grand Mouarch himself for 200 frances. Some letters by Madame Malater and the source of the source of the source of the for twenty insignificant prices and a bundle fully. "Well, you certainly must have killed a cow on that run, for it was reported in the formation of the source source of the source of t fully. 'Well, you certainly must have killed a 'Well, you certainly must have killed a 'Have you the sacred cow of India?'' Maintenon were valued at ninety france

due form by the conductor,' insisted the higher than these of her royal partner. Superintendent. Charles VII. realized sixty-three france, 'N-n-n-no, I d-d-d-didn't," said the enand Francis II. only forty-eight francs. gineer.

Some letters of the Prince de Conde brought 410 france; but exactly the same can't remember it,' said the persistent 'Now just think a little, and see if you unsacred themselves." sum was reached by the great actress interrogator. Rachel. A Meyerbeer and a Bossuet sold "No, I "No, I c-ki-ki-can't remem-m-m-m-

for seventy francs; a Sainte Beure for forty-two, Jules Janin for forty, and a Talleyrand for thirty-one francs. By far IX. only brought thirty francs. By far the largest amount was obtained for twenty two letters by Prince von Metternich, the two letters by Prince von Metternich, the great Austrian diplomatist, which were sold for 5,000 francs. The whole collec-tion, contaming 237 letters, realized nearly 30,000 francs.

-In few cities are there more than -It is calculated that sixty tons of

-A new oil well was sunk recently

-French Canadian farmers have been selling frozen milk in Montreal during the winter at 2 cents a pound. -It is said that postal card writing has diminished the sale of writing paper \$12,000,000 annually in the An agent of one of the great circus combinations was recently interviewed: It United States.

-Gen. Robert Toombs, of Georgia, 'How many diamond plus will you wear has given a thousand acres of Texas 'I shall not wear any. Our show has that state.

-It is stated that the new eigar just going up to the express office to send ers.

-The average yield of Indian corn per acre throughout the United States is 29.2 bushels, of an average value per bushel of 28% cents. -The Oxford University calendar

shows a slight increase in the number of undergraduates. There are now 2,-882, sgainst 2,814 a year ago. only 10. We have 10 elephants, but ad-

-A stone pitcher used by John vertise only eight, and so on right Brown during his imprisonment in Charleston, Va., was sold recently at auction in Baltimore for \$2. 'Have you the only man in the world

who can turn a double somersault over six--The average of the pulse in infancy is 120 per minute; in manhood, 80; at 'No; there is another man who can do 60 years, 60. The pulse of females is it, and although he is in State prison we more frequent than that of males.

-The late earl of Seafield was the We shall practice no deceptions and carry hief of the Clan Grant, one of the oldest families in Scotland, having an unbroken line of descent for 600 years.

Yes, sir, but we don't advertise it. We -The exports of Swiss products to n't want to be me towards other combithe United States for 1880 were greater than any other year on record, exceed-'Will your street parade be a mile long?' ing 1879, by 100,000,000 francs.

-There are 3500 children in Massa chusetts under the care of the State. and of these over 2000 are the offspring of criminals.

killed seven men?' 'Seven! Why, he's laid out eight this -One of the vaults in Treasury Building, which is about ten feet square and fourteen feet high now convery winter. I think the list foots up thirty-two, but we don't advertise it. An ains \$375 000,000 in registered governelephant is an elephant, and what's the ment bonds.

-The total number of hogs cut up in 'You have two or three man-eating Cincinnati during the winter season, from November 1st to March 1st, is 'Of course-seven or eight of them, and we also have a list of the names of people 520,425, showing a decrease, compared with last year, of 12,415 head. who have been eaten by them, but

-There are in Scotland 298 priests, 286 churches and chapels, 210 Catholic 'Yes, sir, and the sacred ox of Japan, schools, and torty regigious communiand a sacred calf and sacred pig, but we don't blow over 'em. We let the public come in and separate the sacred from the —Ciark Mills, the separate took a

-Clark Mills, the sculptor, took a plaster cast of the features of Senator Carpenter atter death, from which a "Will you have two circus rings?" We shall have four, but don't put it on the bills. As I told you at the start, we sional Statuary Hall. bust is to be made for the Congres-

-Washington swords are quoted or

valued at \$10,000 apiece, at least that is the price set by Senator Whyte, of Maryland, in a resolution offered in