MIFFLINTOWN, JUNIATA COUNTY, PENNA., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1881.

# LIGHT AT EVENTIDE.

The day has been dark and deletel. With the sound of ghostly fingers Upon the window-pane; And never a gleam of sunshine

The cold gray sky has cross Weary with vain regretting

For things that could not be. Weary with counting over The graves in memory,
I opened the Book of Comfort,
And in its pages read What one of the grand old prophe

I heard like a voice from heaven, The royal singer's song Of faith in Biernal Goodness To triumph over wrong. The day may be wild with tempest

And remember the sweet old promis Of light at the eventide. And lo! as I read the chante So dear to the weary heart saw the clouds at sun

Like curtains swing apart, And it seemed like a glimpse of heaven, That touched my eyes like balm As I sat in the sunset glory

### . THE ANTIQUE DESK.

It was the last week of the year, when, one morning, I read aloud this both of his Advertisement:

WANTED-To buy an antique desk, price will be paid for one satifac

"Oh, Lucile!" I cried, "this is your chance. You can now retrieve your

and looked over with a sigh to where, the post of honor,

"I should feel as if I were selling my old days..." grandma's bones," she said, decisively. She broke down. She could speak she knew-

Here Ruth stopped me with a look, and began telling something that had emotion. Monsieur Lamont pressed happened in the store that day. Ruth ker hand, bowed over it, and kissed it in was saleslady in the cloak department in his foreign fashion. Then looking one of our great city establishments. I around at us, he told us the rest of the taught school, and Lucile had been the story. How he had come to this coun-French instructor in a young ladies' try for a few years to establish a branch academy. We kept house together until quite recently in two rooms in the third story of a New York house. We chased and fitted up a house to suit her had our own furniture, and cooked our fancies; how, when his agent had own meals over a little gas stove. To brought him the desk, his mother and who had been motherless from childhood, he were struck with the resemblance it bottle of brandy kept in the house for and to those, to whom the word "home" was a word with no meaning, such a in France. life was very pleasant.

days, though she was quite reticent to younger sister. Buth was sturdy, in- joiced that such a happy future was to dependent, and New England born, and be the fate of our dear girl. so true-hearted and brave that we look-ed up to her in everything, and felt safe smoother. The mother and son were under her protection. As for me, I of one mind, and hurried matters as was Mollie, born in the sunny south, wilful, high tempered, but capable of deep feeling, they said. The war had ruined the fortunes of my family, and mistress of a beautiful home. my life had been full of hardships ever In a few years they are to go back to

very tranquil, happy life, until a month husband, meantime, has purchased. or two before the evening of which I So the New Year's eve that open write; when a cloud had appeared on so sadly ended in a happy New Year. our horison.

That night Lucile came home flushed and indignant. It took but little quesemptorily. Two days later she received and the commodore was invited her dismissal, and that, too, without a churn. recommendation.

ingly, "you need a rest, and Mollie and I need a housekeeper. This is your home, you knew."

The garl's dark eyes filled with tears "You are very kind," she sobbed

"But ah! it is this that makes me think of the old days in France, when grandmama was alive. We lived in the country, you know, and in such a beautiful little chateau. And the neighbors were so kind, especially those in the next place. Ah! what pleasant days I had," she added, recalling it with for publication. a sigh, "playing in the meadows with their son, Henry; and what pretty fetes they gave. But then granma lost her fortune; and she was too proud to s'ay three or four pumps, and stepped into where she was known, and she came out to America and died. You know the rest. Oh, you are very kind,"

We tried, after this, to get her another situation, but were not successful. In came Joe, took up the iron, but Finally, I found two of my scholars who dropped it instantly holding up his burned to take French lessons, and this burned hand, and roaring with pain. Finally, I found two of my scholars who

went to the desk, passing her hand of bouquets, composed of hammers, lovingly over it. It was a quaint, old-coal, and horse-shoes fashioned thing, it laid with different kinds of wood, in the style of the last century. It had belonged to Lucile's grandmother, and to the family before, and was the only relic she possessed of forests of Nubia is found a tree that uther happy childhood in France.

I knew what her feelings were when plaintive notes. Sometimes these sounds I suggested the idea of selling it, but I are shrill and clear, at others die away knew still better that she needed the to an almost imperceptible whisper, as money sorely. There was an unpaid if some captive spirit were complaining doctor's bill that haunted her, which of its lot. The effects is singular, weird, Ruth and I dare not pay on account of and startling, until the cause is known.

The next night was New Year's eve, and when Ruth and I came home the desk was gone. There were traces of tears on Lucile's cheeks, but she made

no complaint. We said nothing; but we felt all the evening as if there had been a funeral in our little home.

The next day, Lucile told us about it. was furnishing his house, in the anagent to find him a desk. The agent garine. came, and looked at it; was delighted, as well he might be; paid a large sum, and had it carried away.

That evening, Lucile sat playing low, soft airs on the piano we had rented, when a rap at the door startled us. I rose to open it A tall handsome young man with an unmistakable foreign air, milked the cow. stood there. He bowed with highbred grace, and inquired, with a slight accent, for the young lady who had sold an antique writing-desk, the day

of the voice, came forward. Her dark eyes shone; the color flushed into her "Henri!" she cried. She had extended her hand, but drew it back in-

Lucile, who had started at the sound

stantly, and stood there blushing and The gentleman started, gazed eagerly at her, and then clasped her hands in

"Lacile! Lucile!" he cried. "Mon

Dieu, what a pleasure!" His eyes shone with delight as he spoke. Lucile, after a moment, turned to us.

"Oh, girls, only think," she said, "it fallen fortunes." And I tossed the is Henri, my old playmate. You renewspaper across the breakfast table," member my telling you of the boy who Lucile read the advertisement again, was so kind to me. Often and often in the churn. we children played in the library, where between the windows, an old desk, such the old desk stood. Many an hour we as the newspaper described, occupied have spent puzzling our heads over its quaint inisid ornaments. Ah! the dear

"Well, I don't believe your grand- no more. The memory of those old mother," I began, "would blame you if days and of all her troubles since she had been left alone overpowered her. She turned away her head to hide her bore to the one they had seen so often medical purposes.

"We were both sure it was the same." Lucile was a dark-eyed, graceful he said; "there could not be two, and

us, about it. She was so innocent and day. We were not so blind but we beautiful that Ruth and I loved and could see the little romance which was guarded her as if she had been our unfolding under our eyes, and we re-

France, and, though we shall miss I do not think three girls could have Lucile, we shall know she is living once been more unlike. And yet we led a more in the dear old chatean, which her

Joe and Commodore Rogers tioning to discover the cause. The brothers and blacksmiths. They had a assistant principal of the shool had long great reputation for being practical annoyed Lucile with his attentions, and jokers. One day Joe bought an oldher studied avoidance of him did not fashioned churu for the purpose of manuseem to make any difference. He facturing their own butter; and as the dogged her steps, wrote her notes, and sent her flowers, until the poor girl was with Joe, all such work as churning nearly crazy. At last, unable to endure naturally fell to him. One day, after it any longer, she had refused him per- supper, the first churning was got ready,

> "Hold on," said he, "till I go down and get some tobacco. He went, and while he was go did the churning, took out the butter,

and left the buttermilk in the churn. The commodore returned, looked at the churn, took off his coat and remarked: "Wa'al, old churn, it's you and I, and

here is for ye! After churning a couple of hours emarked that he "guessed it would be chesper to buy butter than to make

"I think so," said Joe, "if you are go ing to churn it out of buttermilk." The commodore's remarks were unfit

A few days after the churning proess, Joe put one end of a small bar of der the bed. Belshazzar hardly awake, Ward; in common with about four miliron into his forge-fire, gave the bellows the back shop. While gone, the com-modore heated the iron to a black heat, then changed ends with it, and stepped out the front door to watch the progress.

"Put on buttermilk, Joe. It's good advertisement, she left the table and for a burn!" said the commodore, as he

## The Complaining Tree.

In the deep and almost impenetrable

ters at times the most mournful and The tree is a species of Acacia, and the

margarine. He didn't know it until he It seemed that some wealthy gentleman had eaten it. That made him mad. Of tique style, and had commissioned his butter and then find out it was oleomarcourse it did. People don't like to eat

> Well, he swore he would be deceived no longer.

He would make his own butter. He bought a cow. He milked the cow That is to say, his wife did, but

In time cream rose on the milk

It rose in goodly quantities, and wa ollected by the wife. On Saturday evening as the man was starting out to spend the evening, the

"You must come home early so as butter before going to church."

He said he would. He came home early-in the morning. About two o'clock. His wife remarked distinctly: "Now sir, I want you to prepare-

"Two pair-hic-ne good." That was sufficient. She soon after rose.

He retired without the formality of emoving his boots. She was mad. He was sleepy.

Being mad, she churned the butter and put it away, leaving the buttermilk his superior intelligence. Being sleepy he did not hear her Before leaving for church she wiped who is not a husband. the outside of the churn, concealed the

butter and left the buttermilk in the churn was already for him to commence

operations "D-d-d-dash'er churn." "It was a dasher churn. He feared his wife, as all men do

nmenced churning. At half-past nine he looked to see if

It did not appear to be. At a quarter past ten he looked again Result of inspection not encouraging. At twenty minutes to eleven, perspiring freely, he happened to think of the

The butter was not coming neither was his wife But the brandy was forthcoming.

At a quarter to twelve he stopped Result was to warrant another drink He was getting mad.

At half-past twelve he took and commenced churning. At ten minutes past one he look see if his wife was coming.

She was not-nor was the butter At half past two he could stand it n

And therefore took another drink. Than he churned five minutes Then he swore a few minutes Next he took his gun and loaded it.

Belsharear and his Brother Bill Belshazzar Smith had a very bad and

dagger. So he crept over to William's side of the bed, stepped over William's slumbering form, jumped out on the floor, and slid under the bed. He staymare having changed, he emerged upon the other side of the bed, and got under the cover in his old place.

The rope, it will be observed, was be bedstead; as he did so he heard William skirmishing across the blankets above his head. Once more he rushed out, poor. just in time to see William glide over he other side. Belshazzar just then became sufficiently conscious to feel the rope pulling on him. He comprehendd the situation at once, and disengaged

Perhaps little William was not made He was in the hospital undergoing repairs, for about three weeks, and when sleep alone.

Belshazzar anchers himself to an anvil

About Shoe Heels.

It is said that a man can always tell a sensible woman by the heel of her boot. There is the high heel, hooked in under the instep, which indicates giddiness, bad taste and a want of culture; then there is the medium heel, which indicates a desire for fashion, and yet an objection to excess; then there is the lady-like, small heel, eligibility curved, not quite so low as the

That milk is a compound of water Oil City, recently purchased some oleo- chalk and sheep's stomach. Milk always comes from the cow-a great way said : from the cow.

That brass band music is unpleasant lived for years next door to a band-room relate?" and has never uttered one complaint in all that time. He is a deaf mute.

That railroads are intended for the enefit of corporations. They are in-

That a small boy hates an overcoat.

That whistling is disagreeable. It is always agreeable—to the whistler. That druggists are extortionate in their prices. They pay such high salaries to their clerks that they are forced get up in the morning and churn the to sell their goods at one thousand per cent above cost in order to make any right under our eyes. The woods, too, father for the trick. All the lumbermen noney for themselves.

That the market is overburdened with spring poetry. The waste basket cap- with them as they came in to eat the erness?" tures so much of it that very little of it moss which grew on the stones. I could "I remained there till I was over comes on the market.

That any fool can write poetry. It is only a fool here and there that can do

That women go to church to see other That a boy thinks he knows more than

his father. He only prides himself on ber, as they were so abundant in those stay a few nights with me I will show That a widow wears weeds to catch

husband. She would rather catch a man That a silver watch will tell the time just as well as a gold one. A gold watch lifetime, and I expect to kill a few more, the camp." will tell the time ten times to a silver although they are pretty scarce now." watch's once, and be just as fresh as

he be a particular friend, you know,

clude one person in that category, name- the bellowing of a bull, when running of the number killed, ly, himself. That extemporaneous speakers prepare their speeches beforhand. They

get somebody else to do that, That the average married man dislikes marriage. He is all the time yearn-

That people hate to Le laughed at.—

ed many that weighed from two hundred story has taken several shapes, and has al
ed many that weighed from two hundred ways been a favorite.

Little Jack Horner" has the following That it is hard to attend to one's busiess. Lots of people think nothing of it, and have plenty of time to attend to the business of a score of others.

## Death, Divorce, Bankruptey,

"No, George Jones, I cannot marry The speaker was a fair young girl of

scarce thirty summers; the tone was sad, vet unvielding.

distance. One night a pantile distance dis look of filial pride, "has often made as one of his somnambulistic saunterings he would charge out of the window and kill himself, so they persuaded him to tie one end of a rope around his body, and the other around little William.

The very first night after this arrangement was made, Belshazzer dreamed that a burglar was parsuing him with a dagger. So he crept over to William's "Stay, Maria, and know who and of the window and killed and dressed, but I fought it off. It was evidently very hungry. I consider myself a first class shot. The best gun, and indeed it is my favorite to-day, is an old-fashioned single ball muzzle-loading riffe. It was made in the German, but not exactly as free lunch route and dine at twobit route and dine at twobit route and dine at two trong that a burglar was parsuing him with a dagger. So he crept over to William's "Stay, Maria, and know who and of the naw forced riffer any solution of the seine of the day: the solution of the sean-stalk."

And so of 'Jack and the Bean-stalk."

"Babies in the Wood' is a very touching fanct this may be faunt tells as shot. The considered a very old tailad, which tells of Richard III. murdering bis own dear little to-day, is an old-fashioned single ball muzzle-loading riffe. It was made in the other around little Red Riding-Hood' is a very touching faunt to the sean-stalk."

"And so of 'Jack and the Bean-stalk."

"Babies in the Wood' is a very touching faunt to him ke to ergin of this may be four, I think the origin of this may be faunt to have a wire run to the platform. It was made in the best gun, and indeed it is my favorite Richard III. murdering bis own dear little to-day, is an old-fashioned single ball muzzle-loading riffe. It was made in the other around in the German, but not exactly as we tell it in England.

I must now tell you of the meaning of the day: "Admirably, sir, was the proprietor's reply. "I will go down myself to your place, sir, and see that everything is done if the nave of the carried for the platform.

"And so of 'Jack and

what I am. My Storey County hatchet although I have a very fine double-baris although I have a very fine double-barit has been to be seen the earth and the sky, the flat looking ground being the is sunk deep in the cherry-tree of truth, reled one." and like my illustrious initial namesake, ed there a while, and then, his night- I am no dazzling economist of facts. I am no dazzling economist of facts.

Five years ago I arrived at Reno, per emigrant train, and walked over the Geiger grade to this city of stove-pipes and other men's wives. Since then I have worked in the Scorpion: sat on.

"Were you ever frightened while entry the sky being the concave top crust. "When the pie was opened." i. c., when day began to break. "The birds began to sing," i. c., the tours too begin merrily. "The king in the parlor counting out money;" the "king" is the sun, the monarch of the day. There he is enthroned in the sky. The rope, it will be observed, was be neath the bed; and it was pulled out, too. Early in the morning, Belshazzar, about half awake, scrouged over against william. To his surprise, the movement jerked William clear out of bed. Belgray-day; twisted brakes on a V, T. gravel train; graded for a week on the gravel train; graded for a week on the gravel rain; graded for a week shazzar leaped out to ascertain the gravel train; graded for a week on the cause of the phenomenon, and at the same time his brother disappeared unwas scared, and he dived beneath the lion of other scientists, I discovered the present comet, and now I am no longer "What! Do I hear correctly-

have gold?" "Aye, proud girl and a pocket checkook on the Nevada Bank."

"Do you belong to the railroad ring! Are you building a narrow-guage or working tailings at Dayton? Have you struck a copper-mine in Goose Creek section? Are you running a quartz-mill at Red he came out he had a strange desire to Canon, or a smelter at Corson? Tell me, George whence came this wealth ; 1 perspire with anxiety."

"Two weeks ago I had a dead point o stocks from an insider; he gave it as a great favor, and told me to buy every-

"Well!" "Well, I did-not. I coppered him. "Yes, and naturally I'm now riche han he feared or hoped I ever would

eath, divorce, or your bankruptcy."

Hammersley, of Pennsylvania, recently

"I'm the boy that can tell you good stories and not depart from the to the ear. We know of a man who has truth, ther. What do you want me to "Where were you born, 'Uncle Jake,"

and what is your age?" "I was born at North Point, Pennsyl- follies now prevailing. We were stout, vania, in 1814 where my father first set-rugged and hearty, and enjoyed ourtendeded for the benefit of the people—tled. When I was about fourteen years selves. the people who hold the majority of of age my father moved up Kettle creek and settled on what is kown as Hammerslev's Fork and cleared up a little farm. father was of the first settlers. He was He likes it so well that he dislikes to It was a dence wilderness then and there where before my father, and he lived to were no settlers near us. He lived to the

> reached a great age also." "Did you learn hunting early?" "Yes ; we had to learn in those time were full of deer, and many a time I in that reigon know Pfouts." have seen the creek literally swarming "How long did you live in the wild-

nothing of it. ing your lifetime?"

"Did vou ever kill an elk?" in herds. I have heard them often.

"As to the bear. I have killed one hundred and twenty-five, I killed fifteen pounds. I could estimate the weight of a bear very closely. The rule among old VIII., there lived a Mr. Horner. Henry,

"Did you ever have any encounters "Did you ever have any encounters with these savage animals?"

"Listen, George. I am, as you know, the only daughter of a daring speculator in low price stock. "My father,"

"Did you ever have any encounters supposed to be Gles Delaval, Lord of supposed to be Gles Delaval, Lord of with these savage animals?"

"Now, I've asked for your ideas," the says that he has harvested this season gentleman went on complacently, "and to get them. The next thing is to give you cost him \$50,000 a year ago.

"Were you ever frightened while en-

"Any foxes?" "Foxes! They are not worth count-

ave killed five hundred. "Any otter or beaver?" "Oh, yes, I have shot many otter on Kettle creek and also beaver. I can't tell how many. Never kept any account of them. They were plenty on that stream forty years ago. At one point der they had a dam and populous colony.

bermen invaded the wilderness and logs were floated down the creek they frightened the beaver away. A lying tongue puts a "How did you enjoy yourself in th wilderness in those early days!" "Splen lidly, sir; I tell you we got a the game and fish we wanted. The very

streams in those days. They were not

sley's Ford did you lumber any?" 'About 1830 Simon Pfouts and mys

chaps. You could go out with a common and line and catch ten or fifteen dozen in a few hours. But you can't do when it's going for the chicken coop, "When you were living on Hamme

bought a tract of land on the Cross Fork of Kettle creek and made lumber rafts In answer to inquiries Uncle Jake for four years, which we run to market n the spring. It was then that I learned to be a pilot, a business that I have followed for many years. When lumbering we keep ourselves supplied with enison without any trouble. I suppose we killed one hundred deer. Those were jolly days, indeed! We were not troubled with any of the fashions and

"Where is Pfonts now?" "He still lives on the creek, very great age. I must tell you a little age of ninety years and my mother incident in the life of young Pfouts I speak of. If you ever see him just ask him if he remembers the time when he ior the wolves were so plenty that they across Kettle creek in the slush-ice and came up to our door and killed sheep the sound thrashing he received from his

kill four or five of a night and thought thirty years of age, when I returned to this place, where I have resided up to pay, but he seemed to be pleased be-"How many deer have you killed dur- the present time, engaged in farming during the summer season and hunting "Well, I never kept an exact account, in the fall and winter. I am going up women's bonnets. They merely go to but whenever I tried I killed from fifteen to Young Woman's creek to hunt bear to twenty-five of a season. In fact, I this fall and winter. I have three camps never made an effort to kill a large num- up there, and if you will come up and days that there was no difficulty in get- you how hunters rough it in the wilderting all the venison we wanted. To keep ness. We live well, better than you city within bounds and speak truthfully, I fellows; I mean we have more substanhave no hesitancy in saying that I have tial food in the way of fresh game. I killed three hundred deer during my tell von it is delicious as we cook it in

"Uncle Jake" is a remarkable Although sixty-seven years of age there "Oh, yes; I killed five before they be- is scarcely a gray hair in his head and he came extinct, I sent the horns of a big is as active as many men of forty, His goods below cost. They frequently fellow to Henry Clay many years ago. hunting record of wild animals killed mark them down much below what the They were splendid. The Complanter during the past forty years may be sumgoods cost the purchaser, especially if Indians hunted them very close and they med up as follows: Deer, 200; foxes, were, soon nearly all destroyed, The 500; bears, 125; catamounts, 80; elk, 5; That the self-conceited man thinks elk is a curious animal and hard to hunt. wolves, 5; panthers, 4; total, 1,019. As everybody is a fool. He does not inThey make a strange noise, a little like to the smaller game he kept no record the proprietor replied.

# Origin of Nursery Rhyme

for three seasons in succession, and I very old story. Thousands of years ago it was told to boys and girls. The origilikes marriage. He is all the time yearning for another opportunity to enter the sacred state.

I used them and then shot them. I used to get fifteen cents a pound for bear meat and I have received from \$8 to \$15 to the king, who made it known all over the skins. That was in 1865. The themselves. That is just what they the state of the state tain opposite Renovo. I generally trap- nal read that an eagle stole the shpper of a

hunters is that when a bear's hindquar- the king, wished to tear down all the fine ter's weigh ninety or ninety-five pounds their lands and pocket the money. This the forequarters will dress one-half Horner was butler, or something, to an old more. I know this to be a good rule abbot, who thought he would gain favor from experience. A bear is always heaviest forward."

with Henry by giving him twelve of his very best and richest monasteries. So the abbott sent deeds of them to the king by "What other animals have you kill-ded:"

"What other animals have you kill-bushed from the to the king by this John Horner. But Horner thought, as the "sat in the corner" of the carriage on his way to the king, that he would see tween seventy-five and eighty catamers, whose deep black and blue eyes ad flushed face showed that he had not Next he took his gun and loaded it.

At twenty minutes past three he dropad down completely exhausted.

Ten minutes later he had demolished the churn with the hatchet, and was just going out to shoot the cow, when his wife came in almost breathless and put him to bed.

"And why not, Maria, "asked George tween seventy-five and eighty catamounts. I killed ten in two years. Caught them in two years. Caught them nearly all in bear traps. I have also killed four panthers, the largest piece of land in his own pocket."

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"Can James Smith or John Robinson make you any better husband than I put him to bed."

"At twenty minutes past three he dropand face showed that he had not been too good and great to have made a dizzy run with the boys the night before. "Can James Smith or John Robinson make you any better husband than I put him to bed."

"And why not, Maria, "asked George tween in the carrying should mean. "He put in his thumb and pulled out a plum"—i. e., he opened and read the deeds, put the one for the largest piece of land in his own pocket, of swert, acrying should mean. "He put in his don't want to have the chairs thumb and pulled out a plum"—i. e., he opened and read the deeds in his own pocket, the largest piece of land in his own pocket, the largest piece of land in his own pocket, the largest piece of land in his own pocket, the largest piece of land in his own pocket, the largest piece of land in his own pocket."

"Can James Smith or John Robinson make you any better husband than I and the other seven and a half feet."

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"During the last six months there thumb and pulled out a plum"—i. e., he opened and read the deeds in his own pocket, the largest piece of land in his own pocket."

"Stay, Maria, and know who and of the new-fangled rifles now in use, four-and-twenty hours of the day; bottom crust, the birds

is the moon. "The maid in the gard of the dawn. Now, "up jumped a little ng. Why, I caught ten last fall, and Aurora, or dawn, disappears as soon as during the last forty years I am sure I king, or sun, arises.

# Farmer Ben's Saying.

Little roosters crows loud. Every cloud doesn't bring a storm. Light hean of wheat stands straight Gnarly apples don't pay for their fod-

Very few now remain. When the lum-Cornstalks in the weeds li

neighbors. Robin in the tree top's better'n a fifty cent barometer. Weeds in the corne best. Trout were abundant in the

oles in the pockets.

You can't tell by the blo all caught in one season by those city of the apples will be wormy. "You can't guess by the size alf what butter's worth a pound. Chicken hawk never says nothi

-Hats were first made in England by

### Other Tomfoolers

"I have some queer experiences with 1829. persons who want novelties in my line," said a manufacturer of Fulton street, 1783. New York, of burglar alarms and electric indicators, "About the funniest, I Dutch think, was one in which a charming young Brooklyn lady figured. A wealthy in 1830. old bachelor fell in love with her. She -The Ohio State fair made a profit of became enamored of his wealth, and \$10,000. consented to marry him. Well, he pro- King Kalakana has left Paris for vided her with a splendid home. She lavished money on furniture, dress, iewelry, and entertainments. Then I jewelry, and entertainments. Then, I His am not sorry to say, she contracted the a broken heart. burglar scare. I was called in to fit every door and window in the house guenots in 1576. with the most expensive burglar alarm. Why, you can't raise a window an inch, bicycles now in use. or open a door, when the alarm is set, without creating a tremendous din. The ed at Oaxaca, Mexico. seized the tail of an ox and was dragged bride was delighted. She then wanted electric calls for her servants put in last year were \$965,000. every part of the house. I put a contri- -It is estimated that there are seven she could summon the cook or the waitress. Why, she even had a wire laid to be stamped with designs in 1510. her bureau and the side of her bed. Her infatuated husband had a round sum to

> cause his bride was " "I believe you manufacture burglar larms here; do vou not?" asked a tall. dark, elderly and well-dressed gentle man, who entered at that moment

"Yes, sir," the proprietor answered 'What can I do for you to-day, sir?" "Well," the gentleman said, "I live at Bay Ridge. My burglar alarm got A. M. night. Can you repair it to-day?" "No, sir, I cannot send a workman down there so late in the day. But I

will have one there early to-morrow norning. Will that do?" 'It won't do. I wouldn't sleep another Isabella. night, sir, without my alarm. So that nuch of my business is disposed of, 7,000 species of fish now known to men Now for another matter. It requires an electrician possessing gumption, sir. Do

you think you have any, sir?" "Well, I flatter myself that I have;" "I have a wide porch, and a long one, too," the gentleman said, "I have a number of chairs on that porch, and tained 21 dukes, and in 187? precisely I want to be around the next time the

"Humph!" observed the gentlem 'very good. But suppose that those chairs were blown away by a gale in the night, wouldn't I be roused to meet burglars?"

"Yes, sir. But may I ask why you do not have the chairs taken indoors at in China. The gain during the last three night? That would be infinitely simpler years has been at the rate of forty-two and less costly." "Indeed," replied the gentleman

and I like to have them carried out. I for one tract.

together, and one wire will do." mine. I propose to have those chairs and to have a wire run to the platform. 600 and is constantly

reply. "I will go down myself to your place, sir, and see that everything is done greatest breadth from north to south, 1,600 miles; average breadth, 1,200 atisfactorily, and his visitor had miles. meanwhile hurried out—"I'll make you \_\_The coinage of the United States pay roundly, too, for your platform, and Mint at Philadelphia during the month neanwhile hurried out-"I'll make you your wire rope, and your connecting of July amounted to 1,420,000 pieces, wire, and your other tomfoolery.

## Why Stone Walls are Damp

cause by which dew is deposited on cause by which dew is deposited on grass, or moisture on the side of a glass, or a pitcher that is filled with ice-water Declaration of Independence, now stands and is brought into a warm room. The in St. Paul's church at Norfolk, Va. It "What other animals have you killed?" hanging out clothes," This "maid" is walls become cold, and as stone is a non-was built for a la "Well, I remember killing five Aurora, the goddess, not of the day, but conductor of heat they remain cold for a was by all measurements. walls become cold, and as stone is a non- was built for a large man, which Jo long time. When the weather changes -The State debts amount to \$250. suddenly from cold to warm, the air be632,000, an increase of only a little over
fifty millions since 1852. In 1870, howbird and nipped off her nose." The little bird who did this very ungaliant thing is, of course, the first hour of the day, for ever, the State debts were \$352,866,000, and the large decrease is owing chiefly to scaling and repudiation.

—In the last 16 years more than \$700, on them, and as the warm air is contin-ually coming in contact with the wall, national debt of the United States. The the dampness accumulates until it ap-sum total of the national debt (interest pears like dew upon them and pours bearing and non-interest bearing) redown in streams at times. It is easily prevented. No plaster should be put directly on the brick or stone, but furing strips should be nailed to the wall and the lath put on these. Cellars are frequently made very damp in the same way by too much ventilation in warm reather. The warm air pouring in is -The assessed valuation of real and weather. The warm air pouring in is cooled, and its moisture is deposited on the walls and floor until they are so wet as to surprise the housekeeper, who wonders how it is the cellar will not dry, and the more it is aired the wetter it be- 1870, \$13,898,096,899; in 1880, \$16,258,

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NEWS IN BRIEF. -The first lucifer match was made in

-The first iron steams

-Petards were invented by the Hu-

-There are 331 different styles of

-The net profits of the Cunard line

vance under the dining table, so that with a slight pressure of her dainty foot advocated mesmerism in 1766.

-Iowa has 400 creameries, whose achinery is valued at \$1,000,000. -Christian IX, of Denmark is about

America on "a farewell lecture tour. —Indiana shows up, for 1881, 3,160,-000 acres of corn and 3,179,075 of wheat, -There are 20,000 seeds of oats in a pound and 686,400 seeds of white clover.

out of order, and would not work last | -The Czar, Alexander II., it is said left \$25,000,000 on deposit in London banks. -Louisiana has a school population

-Queen Isabella of Spain is staying

of 290,036. Of this number 139,657 are

-The transfusion of the blood of one body into that of another was first attempted in 1667.

-In 1779 the British peerage con--Mr. Gladstone has one daughter

than any other county in the United -The small-arm factory at Enfield

ten years the number of arms made was -There are 18,516 Christian converts

-The value of the annual

-The greatest length of the United

300,000 pieces were silver dollars and 620,000 cents. -The improved Industrial Dwelling Company of London has just paid a 5 The wails of a stone house and some-imes of a brick house are covered with the death rate on their premises was

-There are 7,092 public houses and

In the Pakhot district of the Province of Kwangtung, China, wild silk worms are found that live on the camphor tree. Just before the caterpillar is about to enter the busy of Caen has just conferred for the pupa stage of its existence the natives cut it open and extract the silk in a form resembling cat-gut.

—Ine number of young women with except university degrees in France is said to be increasing yearly. The Fac-nity of Caen has just conferred for the first time upon a woman a diploma of letters and rhetoric. Of 7552 who applied for teachers' certificates last year, 5022 received them.

The vellum of book bindings began to

to visit Russia, Germany and France, -Archibald Forbes is coming to

-Cadmus brought the invention of

-According to Dr. Gunther there are

-One pound of iron, worth £1 ster ling, when made into watch-springs is worth £50,000.

married. Her husband is Head Master rascals come. Can't you devise some of Wellington College.

was established in January, 1857. In

-Scotland derives \$1,500,000 per coldly. "But I have my own ideas, sir, The Duke of Westminister pays \$10,000 don't want to have the chairs taken in at \_\_During the last six months there

-John B. Raymond of Fargo, Dakota,

mine. I propose to have those chairs gloves at Glovers cille and Johnstown, hoisted up by wire ropes on a platform, N. Y., it is said approximates \$8,000. If any rascal cuts that wire, why, then there will be a tremendous alarm, and I vised New Testament in connection with can get on the scene of action. How's the Greek text, in order to satisfy him-

valued at \$806,200. Of this amoun

dampness. This is due to the very same London generally.