



A NORTHERN MAT.

The role of fate that decks her rounded form... Is down'd too early for the spring-tide feast...

LOST AND FOUND.

My Aunt Hester declared it to be an insufferable nuisance living in the midst of mills and factories...

ful hereafter, you had better let things alone? Turning to her mamma, she said, "Mr. Shields always takes my fan, if I chance to lay it down, and now it is utterly ruined by the carelessness of that thing!"

When they were gone, I threw myself upon the sofa and gave vent to my pent-up sorrow. No reproaches, however unjust and harsh, no cutting remarks, no scornful looks, could cause me to cry in their presence; I kept control over my emotions, and wept only when alone.

stayed to dinner; still a latent spark of resentment lingered underneath the show of good-will. "My dear," said my husband when we were alone, "were you not my wife, and would you have made no effort to let me know your place of residence?"

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The fashion of carrying cases, however, among the swells and la-bi-de-lahs of New York has each season its rules which are observed with as much exquisite punctiliousness of ladies who wear a poke bonnet one year and a sloop hat the next.

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The next morning Mr. Taylor went to the place of Mammoth, and from information there obtained, was induced to go to Rosedale, N. J., where Mr. Philip Timpson resides.

ability in it, I should have made the experiment long ago, and would be only too happy to co-operate with Commanche, if he would give me the chance, and convince me by scientific explanation that the thing is possible.

"Well, suppose he could. The next difficulty would be in the gas. As I said, it could be easily made; but then the only gas—namely, hydrogen—that is fit for use in balloons, is very expensive, and it is almost impossible to handle. It would be easy to make the gas, if they could get a balloon to hold together until it was filled."

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"Suppose he could overcome this objection and furnish material for the balloon that would be impervious to the elements?" "Well, suppose he could. The next difficulty would be in the gas. As I said, it could be easily made; but then the only gas—namely, hydrogen—that is fit for use in balloons, is very expensive, and it is almost impossible to handle.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Chicago, it is said, has 1000 opium eaters. —Missouri is sending across to Europe to improve the forests. —The Venezuela cow tree yields a liquid with the flavor of cream. —There is said to be one physician to every thirty families in the United States. —In 1764 England had over 20,000 negro slaves, and they wore collars like dog collars. —Of the 1,435,887,500 inhabitants on earth about 870,000,000 are Catholics, 170,000,000 Mohammedans or Jews. —In 1852 the United States produced only 2,000,000 tons of coal, while last year about 70,000,000 tons were produced. —Arrangements for the work of Moody and Sankey in London in the autumn are already making. —A Jewish synagogue of the third or fourth century has been discovered near Carthage and about ten miles from Tunis. —Miss Clara Barton has declined the superintendency of the Massachusetts Women's Prison on the plea of ill-health. —The pension list will fill forty-eight volumes of 600 pages each. The public has been informed who draw the pensions. —Isaac Quinn, a colored youth of Gaston County, N. C., 17 years old, is 6 feet 7 inches in height, and is still growing. —According to an Ayrshire paper there is not a single copy of Burns' poems in the Free Public Library at Manahie. —The Australians, who wish to exterminate the English sparrows, paid up to November last for 37,345 heads and 187,212 eggs. —A young lady of Bamberg, Germany, has been punished by a fine and costs for the offence of playing the piano at night by an open window. —An English inventor has patented a process of making straw incandescent, and now proposes to build cheap straw cottages for the poor. —The town of Grinnell, Iowa, which suffered so much by a tornado last summer, has just sent \$500 to the sufferers by the cyclone in Mississippi. —The number of umbrella makers in Paris has increased from 115 in 1831 to 48 in 1882, and the value of their product from \$33,000 to \$2,600,000. —The largest vessels in the English navy cost a million and a quarter to build, and nearly a thousand dollars a day to keep them at sea afterward. —Of thirty-nine female students of medicine attending the lectures of the Paris Faculty last year, eleven were English, five American, and one Italian. —A pearl worth \$80,000, now in the possession of the Princess Yussouff, was brought from India in 1660 by Gonzalves de Calais and bought by Philip IV. —The Baltimore Sun states that of the 600 tornadoes recorded since 1605 there were 164 in the Southern States, and of these 39 were unusually destructive. —An English traveller in America records as one result of his observations the general silliness on the faces of our men of affairs as they go about the streets. —Barnge, a painter of exquisite little pictures, who was killed by a train in the hands of Miss Wolfe and Mr. Vanderbilt, died lately in a Paris lunatic asylum. —Sir Henry Maine has been elected Corresponding Member of the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences in the place of Ralph Waldo Emerson. —Following the Chinese plan, the British Government has conferred a title upon a dead man. That is to say, it has made the late Sir George Jessel's son a baronet. —The Empress of Austria has been writing poetry, and has had a printing office set up in the palace, and is learning to set type and manage a press, so that she can print her own poems. —John W. Garrett has spent \$4500 in experiments on the Great Hill Park Aqueduct in Baltimore. His latest gift is in the shape of sea lions, which are on their way from San Francisco. —Mackerel are decidedly earlier this season than last. Last year on the Cape Cod coast the first date of catch in weirs was as late as June 20th. The earliest was in 1880, when they were taken April 20th. —A tree standing perpendicularly has been discovered at a depth of 280 feet in boring an artesian well at San Bernardino, Cal. Great pieces of wood, which appear to be petrified, are brought up. —The people of Mound City, near Cairo, Ill., have employed an engineer to make estimates of the cost of building their levee, and for higher than the highest flood line. The work is to be done at once. —More than 4000 darts were heaped around Gambetta's coffin in the Palais Bourbon, and a writer in Figaro says that the number of flowers and garlands and his envious produced them all, natural as well as artificial. —The latest papers from South Australia give an account of what harvestings and thunder storms. —England possesses a Society for the Preservation of Funeral Monuments and Epitaphs, which takes notice of the destruction of memorials of the dead and repairs inscriptions that are in danger of being effaced. —A tramway is about to be constructed for the transportation of visitors to the summit of Pike's Peak. The cost of the work is estimated at \$100,000, and the ascent, which now requires about a day and a half, will now be made in three hours. —In one of the public schools in Boston a room has been fitted up for instruction in wood-work, and two classes have given two hours a week to manual study. The boys are delighted with the carpentry, and the experiment is said to be a great success. The marks of the scholars are all high, averaging as well as better than before. —Some very fine specimens of asbestos are being found in Nevada. The fibre of the specimens shown is from four to six inches in length, and is soft and silky. A strand of it can be tied into a knot the same as flax fibre. It is found in what, from the description given, appears to be serpentine rock, and not very far from the crater of an extinct volcano.

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The Derby Course.

A young American who has traveled, says in correspondence about the Derby track at Epsom, that the course is entirely different from anything we have in America. There are not fifty yards of straight track, as we have here.

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