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#### LIFE'S GOOD NIGHT.

How tenderly touching though sad, Is the calm, serene death of the old, How unlike the fading of happy youth E'er the blossom its leaves unfold ; But when the duties of life on earth, Have each been nobly done, And when afar down the horizon fouches the sinking sun ; When the purple twilight shadowy falls O'er the future and the past. When memory, with dim eyesight, O'er the backward shadows cast Can scarce e'en spell the records Of the vanished nights and days; Or gather up the tangled thread Of infes bright morning ways. When surrounded by friends and kindred Death comes, like a musical strain, Like the sweet, low tone of Acolian harp, In the night wind's sad refrain,

If the day has been long and weary Tis then that the end is sweet, When the tired head shall be pillowed, And rested the weary feet. For life is a shadowy, winding road, And we travel a little way; 'Tis at best a few short steps we tread To the land of brighter day.

'Tis but from the tiny cradle. With its lullaby of love, To the narrow bed 'neath the willows, And the wak ning in realms above. all must stop at the "Wayside Inn," To the old it seems pure and bright, While the death-call sounds to the . But a calm and sweet "good night."

And the furroughs from out the placid brow By the hands of love are pressed, Amid flowers and tears, we yet must feel How sweet to the Aged is Rest.

#### "BELP WANTED."

We want a girl 1 Now, do not start, gentle reader, (of course all readers are gentle"--it's a peculiarity that modern writers always endow them with.) and imagine that we are developing cannibalistic symptoms, which induce us to call for "a girl" with a view of having her served up in any manner ; neither do we wish to awaken recollections of our bachelor days (the time when we were always in want of a girl) -for Mrs. O'Pagus has given us a large enough dose of that kind of a girl to ast a lifetime. No! When we say 'We want a girl !" it would be more clearly expressed if we said "We want a young female to assist Mrs. O'Pagus in housekeeping and domestic duties years,' And do not fancy for an generally." instant that this "want" is a novelty in our establishment. Oh, dear, no ! We have been wanting them, on and off, (and generally having them on and off.) for the last three years-or ever since our domestic dynasty has been established. We have repeated this demand at intervals of several months-sometimes every two or three weeks, and even so often as twice in one week. Of course we know we are not alone in this course we know we are not alone in this cry of distress. But we are alone, and far beyond all competitors, in the mis-for times attending the comings and go. ings of our helps; and we are positive engage every girl that appeared. Five tained, afterward, that she was subject call myself a coward, I can tell you my are occupied for all sorts of purposes. One's imagination revolts from the idea, to exhibit his supernatural powers, answered the advertisement, and all to these attacks in the fall o no romance can furnish a greater variety of incidents and accidents than the hired girls have furnished our family, and still continue to. As another evidence of our ill-luck in this respect, we are now again in want of a girl, and repeat the old cry : "We want a girl !" Of course, we can imagine that some prospective "pater familias" will advise "advertising." We can hear some inexperienced young female inhabitant of the honeymoon say : "Why den't you go to an intelligence office?" Gractous powers! Why, we have sat in intelligence offices from nine until one o'clock; we have neglected business; and Mrs. O'Pagus has allowed the meat to be so well done that it looked more like the joint from a negro than the round of beef it was bought for ! And then we were compelled to return home empty-handed, heavy-hearted." We are now on the yearly list of every select ntelligence office in the city, and sev. neat, could wash white shirts, eral that neglected to have the word "select" painted on their signs. As for ther wing to his building, and called t "the O'Pagus grant;" or, at any rate, made us a 'life-member on his advertising list. The obliging clerk be- us, sir! Does Miss Stagg live here ?" hind the counter, who attends the sooner sights Mrs. O'Pagus than he and dreaming we heard the dinner-bell, is situated at Shen jo, a suburb reached writes down: "Girl wanted; small when we awoke and found it was the amily; no children at present," &c. Yes! We have tried every way, and all kinds. We have had half-grown, fullgrown, and overgrown : white, black, and variegated; Irish, German, French, Swedish, Scotch, African, and American. We have had them single, martiesl, and divorced; with cousins, and do you want her for, this time of night?" without ; some endowed with beaux by the dozen, and some destitute of a single "follower;" all sizes, shapes, and ages. And as for names, we have had with a sick father, who sends a couple di the names in the Bible and Webster's of messengers at half-past one in the for the process so simple, stood a few Unabridged (tkat would serve as a handie) at home in our kitchen. Of Marys we have had about twenty; Katies about eighteen; Sallies about seven-teen; Lazzies, sixteen; Bellas, twelve; Bridgets, ten ; Annies, nine ; Julias, eight ; Gussies, seven ; Jennie-, five ; Carolines, four; and at least two or phus, Josies, Beckies, and other Christ- the fire ourselves. That nice girl who time, but under the circumstances the ian names not so common, with now and then a colored Cleopatra or Semiramis. We can no more remember the names and faces of the girls who have already graced our house, than could ghost ! But that was our luck ! If we glowing flame, fanned it with a piece Brigham Young remember the time he ourted his first half dozen or so ! We cannot enter a grocery or a cigar store, ent of our usual ill-luck with female or a German lager beer saloon, without being greeted by some female with the being greeted by some female with the words: "Why, Mr. O'Pagus! how do you do? Why, don't you know me? I'm Mary," or "Katie," or "Lizzie," help. Well, we were discouraged. Mrs. O'Pagus said, "Defeated, but not by any means dismayed !" Our next venture came recommended I'm Mary," or "Katie," or "Lizzie," you do? Why, don't you know me? I'm Mary," or "Katie," or "Lizzie," or some other one of the numerous by the minister's wife. names that have at one time or other the inferior of the States and her sister ligured in the domestic vocabulary of was female major domo of the reverend our home. But Mrs. O'Pagus knows them all. Let her but clap eyes on one of her former airy belles, and she will say: "Why, that is Fanny, who used tive pounds of cooking sugar in one week !" or, "There is that wretch lived out before, and as homely a morlieckie, who left the week after she got her Christmas present !" Or in church she will suddenly start up and say: 'Look, Arry ! There is our first Sarah, with the very feather in her hat that I gave her when I bought my violet velvet bonnet last fall !" Once, in a crowd coming out of the theatre, she shocked nutmeg-grater ! In shape she also reus with her sudden exclamation; "There ! Arry, is that Caroline we had last spring, with the very dress on I didn't elope at night, although that was gave her a week before she ran away ! I feel like going and making her take it off right here in the street !" But she didn't. Still, Mrs. O'Pagus was with them all day, engaged them and discharged them, so she ought to re-(that's Mrs. O'Pagus); "You see, my member both them and their peccadil- dear-you see how easy it is to keep a 1.100

a girl (one of our Bridgets, we believe) til you have seen the end of it. Mrs. who came to the house, and, in an- C'Pagus had gone with us to spend the swer to Mrs. O'Pagus' question as re-gards "followers," said she hadn't "a reterning home about ten o'clock, we 'friend' outside of Ireland !" And the were rather surprised to see a bright spot I was as nearly killed as any man very next day a first-consin had arrived, light illuminating the parlor-shades. and was sitting in the kitchen in his But a greater surprise was in store for shirt-sleeves, with a very short clay- us; for on entering we beheld our Belle, pipe stuck in a very wide mouth, su "our girl from the interior, recommendperintending Bridget and the ironing. ed by the clergy," striking an attitude of The way that cousin made the voyage graceful defiance with a red table-cloth from Ireland in one day was beyond from Ireland in one day was beyond our comprehension. Bridget explained that this was not the cousin from Ire-land; this was a cousin from her-land; this was a cousin from herland; this was a cousin from her and a large tin cup filled with black ink, kept cheering on his stumbling horses mother's side. He worked in a sugar- with which useful liquid she was so bus- with a succession of yells worthy of a little artificial eminence, the tumble- ther of them is at all given to baseless refinery at night, and could only call on ily engaged drawing heads and busts on hyena. All around us huge dark green his relatives and friends in the day- the parlor wall that she was entirely time. After a few months had elapsed, oblivious to our presence. Mrs. O'Pa- top, surged up like rolling waves, while Bridget and her sweetly refining cousin gus didn't faint, although she would along the steep rocky slope on the other got married ; and she was succeeded by have been justified in so doing, for there | side of the valley ran like a long gray a Pennsylvanta German girl named Liz-zie, who cooked as if she couldn't count leaves, which she considered a living ought to be traveling at that moment. three. But she could-for she never accused Mrs. O'Pagus of giving her and filled with hideous caricatures and whole hiniside behind us had suddenly four dollars, instead of three, at the head-pieces, one labelled "Cromwell," end of her week. Lizzie, the first few another "Shakspere," still a third "Gen-weeks, earned the title of "Paragon;" eral Washington," whose head was belonging to it with a rush right down and Mrs. O'Pagus began to think she nearly joined to one labelled "Jack into the valley. had secured a jewel. Lizzie only had Sheppard," and so on through a long one peculiarity. Every evening about eight o'clock, she got drowsy and sleepy, and went to her room. This was, how- anger could find utterance she shrieked ever, considered rather praiseworthy out, "In heaven's name! Belle, what either, on the whole. The language than otherwise and was attributed to are you doing ?" Now this was in re- was rather a puzzle at first, I must conher being brought up in the country. ality a useless question, for it was too One evening Mrs. O'Pagus returned evident what she was doing and had

eyes when she beheld her jewel-her said in a madner which in the master of paragon-stretched out, and forming a the house always commands respect, right angle on the floor, with a brandy-"What do you mean by this shameful bottle in her hand from which the spirit conduct ?" She whirled around with had flown, and her hair streaming down a "Begone, vagrant! I have just reher back like a fashionable school-girl ceived a letter from my cousin, Queen of the period ! This was too much for Victoria, notifying me that Prince Ar-Mrs. O'Pagus, Lizzie had also evithur and the Duke of Wellington will dently had too much ! Mrs. O'Pagus be here this evening to meet the King was touched by the scene. So was Liz- of Abyssinia and Martha Washington, zie-not only touched, but moved at well! for the purpose of learning how to make On examination we found that our mince-pies, and I am ordered to arrange Bucks county diamond had emptied all this parlor to look like Windsor Castle the ale and brandy-bottles in the cellar, I think this picture is too gay." And and had replaced them, carefully corked, with these words she gave the oil-paintfilled with pure Schuylkill water ! That ing of Mrs. O'Pagus's mother a daub shook our faith in girls from the rural with the brush, extending from the left districts. After a long intermission we eye downwards to the waist. "His decided to advertise, and see if fortune Highness is fond of fresh air," she conwould not favor us. As Mrs. O'Pagus | tinued, and with this she dashed a fine said, she "couldn't understand it I glass vase through the window. Then Other people had girls three and four turning to Mrs. O'Pagus, who all this, breathed more freely when we had got She had no small children, and time stood there horror-stricken and her husband was "not handsome-that speechless, she continued : "And now is, not dangerously so !" So we adver- get you gone! Get some ham and eggs that I showed you just now, away Now, we had frequently adver- for her Majesty's envoys! And you, tised before, and bad plenty of re- sir, attend to the wine cellar." Then

sponses. Some of the applicants had she stopped short and sung : promised faithfully to come the next morning. The last time we had occasion to use the press to engage help Mrs O'Pagus hired several, with the understanding that they were to come the very next day. The next day came and and then discovered that the poor thing fiding . Whirlwind.

"You see that big stone yonder, close to the bridge ? Well, just at that very ever was who lived to tell of it." . The announcement was a startling one, and made me look at my traveling companion with more attention than had yet given him,

We were winding slowly up a seem mountain ridges, wooded to the very monument to her good taste, all daubed But about a week before my arrival the flopped over like the leaf of a book, and

"I was an engine-driver on the line list of celebrities, and the length of the when it was first opened." resumed my parlor wall. As soon as Mrs. O'Pagus's companion, seeing that he had attracted my attention, "and it wasn't bad fun fess: but after a while I picked up enough to make myself understood, home, and would hardly believe her been doing. So we turned to Belle, and and then I went along well enough.

"My Russian mate was a very good fellow, and we were soon like two brothers together, although we never managed to get hold of each other's names properly. He was called 'Yakov Ivanovitch,' or James the son of John (it being the correct thing in Russia to call every one by his own name and the name of his father), but as I couldn't quite bring my to gue round to 'Yakov, Isturned it into Jacob. Then he, again, having heard me called 'Jack' by somebody, turned that into Yack, and so we remained Yack and Jacob to the end of the chapter.

"In the fine Summer weather, when there was no snow to block the line, and when the hills were green and the sky was bright overhead, we quite enjoyed our work. But there was one place that we never liked, and we always past it. I dare say you can guess which bit it was-that piece of steep hill-side t'other side of the valley.

"If the line had gone up zigzag, as it ought, it would have been all right; but they must go and run it up as straight as they could, so that 'twas just like climbing the side of a house. Fact!

A little initiage grated in, And a stick to stir it round 1" our steam wouldn't help us there, and We wanted to hear no more-we just started and made her "stir around."

ands from the southern provinces of India. In approaching the Guiana coast, if your captain has his bearings before the land itself is seen ; for, as 1 off the land by an extensive system of dykes. As your vessels makes her way through the mud-colored waters and objects begin to assume distinctness you will see directly under your bow, on a down fort which guards the mouth of the Demerara river. To the left will as parent only by the line of courida the tall chimneys of sugar estates, scattered here and there; while to the right ending on the western horizon with the Island of Wakenaam, which lies directperhaps half a mile up the river you will drop anchor before the city itself, the sight of which will certainly not repossess you in its favor, especially if the tide is up and the long green ooze left uncovered by the reced-

ng waters are in view. The day will, without doubt, be hot -for all days are hot in this Southern land-and you will be besieged by shouting negroes in bright colored boats, who will worry you more in one minute than our much-maligned hotelture will end sometime, and you will crowd of coolie porters and negro don-

from the numerous clubs which are supbody, and supply solid and liquid refreshments to a vast majority of the

Two authorities, no less exalted than the Archbishop of Canterbury and the correctly, the taller buildings of Catholic Archbishop of Concinnatti, Georgetown and the masts of vessels in have recently pronounced in the strong the harbor will appear over the horizon est manner against afternoon and evenbefore the land itself is seen ; for, as 1 ing weddings. The English primate have said, Gulana is a mud flat, and its has announced that hereafter he will coast lies four feet below the level of refuse his consent to such weddings, the sea, the salt ocean being only kept except in extraordinary cases, and the Catholic prelate declares that they are the cause of most divorces. Both of these gentlemen have excellent opportunities for learning the effect of the custom which they condemn, and neior visionary theories. We must conclude, therefore, that they are right in b) seen a long stretch of sea-coast, made their opinion, and that with a large section of English-speaking people martrees which grow along its edge, and by riage is a sort of a post-prandial amusement employed to refieve the tedium of the afternoon or to provide some gayety will appear the same monotonous scene | for the evening. A man, having finished his day's work, diverts himself and his friends by taking a wife; or it may be ly in the mouth of the river Essequibo. that in some cases the evening affords Sailing around the little port and going an opportunity for a runaway match which would never occur in broad daylight. Elopements might indeed take place before noon. Horses are as fieet and railroad trains as convalent then as later in the day. The trouble is we presume, that men have not the heart to take so decided and vigorous a step

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before dinner. At first thought it seems almost in-

credible that the time of day when the ceremony may occur should determine people's conduct in so serious and lasting a matter as that of matrimony, and runners would in an hour, but the tor- one's respect for human nature is not increased by a knowledge of the fact. eventually find yourself on one of the If it be a fact, however, the part of aumerous "stellings," or wharves, sur- wisdom is to make use of it by regulatcounded most likely by sugar hogsheads ing, through the law, the frequency of and rum puncheons, and a disorderly marriage; and in a certain unconscious and blundering manner this has been key drivers, all anxious to take you and done. Thus in England, an over-popuyour baggage to some hotel. There lated country, the law is, as everybody are only two hotels in the place-the knows, that marriage may not "Tower" and the "Demerera Ice place after 12 o'clock noon without the the ground sunk abruptly to a depth House"-so that no great effort is re-quired to make a choice. Both are intends to be very chary hereafter, and equally bad, and neither can compare the payment of a sum beyond the means in accommodations or table with many of any but the rich. In the United feet wide and one hundred yards long, ess pretentious establishments to be States, on the other hand, a country found through "the islands." Perhaps which has been thought to need a larger the middle of the ledge, where a cave this may in a measure be accounted for population for the development of its by the opposition which they receive resources, no limit has been placed upon the hours at which weddings may lawported here by everybody who is any- fully occur, and hence their frequency,

The possible applications of this principle, however, are many and startling. white men of Georgetown. Perhaps Let us suppose, for instance, that our them from the top of the ledge of rocks, the best place to get an idea of the lawmakers should prohibit all mar- at a distance of a hundred yards, and strange life here is in the Stabroek riages except such as were solemnized the savages returned the fire, shooting market. This handsome building,cov- during the ordinary dinner-hour of the their arrows with such force and preciering a whole square, faces Water community. Would anybody's affection suon that several of the men were street; and runs back to the river. It survive such a test as that? Or, worse we had to be wound up or let down by is roofed with corrugated iron, and yet, the Legislature might forbid all their shields of tule rushes were not a wire rope, like that new railway up such portions of it as are enclosed are marriages that took place let us say bullet-proof, and retreated within the Down one side are the fruit-venders Now and then, perhaps, in the country,

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Smudging the Modocs

summer following, a number of men

took up claims in Shasta Valley and cut

small bands of stock to their country, a

questionable if they were guiity of half

with forty-six fine mules and horses,

Modocs there was ample evidence to

show. A company of twenty men was

raised, consisting chiefly of miners from

whom hastened to warn the village of

danger, while the others took shelter

behind rocks and juniper bushes, and

discharged their arrows at the advanc-

ing party as soon as they came within

range. A bushwacking contest was

shelter, tying their horses in front of it,

the cave. The whites opened fire upon

wounded. They soon discovered that

the cavern the imprisoned savages

maintained a close watch upon the be-

which the enemy had beeh reduced,

they had rolled a last contribution upon

the fresh air, scatter the blazing logs

and brush, and moisten ther parched

throats with cooling draughts of water,

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white men further.

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In March, 1851, gold was discovered -Paris is to have a baby show. in Yreka Flats, and in a few weeks -There are 40,000 news venders in several thousand miners were working England. there and on Greenhorn Creek. In the

-Buffalo is to have \$1.50 gas after October 1st.

-London has an average of 2,000 hay for the Yreka market. Besides the old teams used in hauling the hay to irths a week. town, they all ranched a number of

-Vanderbilt's household expenses are \$250,000 a year.

horses, mules and cattle belonging to themselves and parties in the mines uselves and parties in the mines. -California produces figs eight-inches in circumference. The Modoc Indians made occasional forays into the valley, and drove off

-The most fashionable ladies now year scarcely any jewelry.

hundred miles to the eastward, Much -The famous Dark Day of New stock that was no doubt stolen by white England was May 19, 1780. thieves was charged to the account of these savage marauders, and it is very

-Crossing stores on her avenues are ressingly needed in Atlantic City. -The rents of French dats are on

of the thefts ascribed to them. Late in the summer they stampeded a corral of the diminuendo scale in New York. animals near Buttevville, and made off -There are 138,065 masonic lodges

a the world, with 14,160,543 members.

many of them belonging to the pack -A cave full of honey is said to train of Augustus Meamber, then on have been found near Santa Barbara, his way to Yreka with a load of goods. Cal. That this act was committed by the

-New York marketmen say the rop of potatoes will be very short this year.

-The confectionery trade of the the vicinity of Yreka, to follow the thieves into the heart of the Modoc United States amounts to \$32,000,000 yearly.

country, punish them for their roguery, -It is said that over three million possible, recover the stolen trees were planted in Great Britain in 1883.

On the afternoon of the second day, -Consumption causes more deaths having penetrated into the celebrated eds south of Tule Lake, about a than any other disease does in New dozen Indians were discovered, some of Orleans.

> -The wholesale cost of the oysters consumed in New York yearly is \$3,-000,090,

-Two slight earthquake shocks courred at Santa Barbara, Cal., on the 4th inst.

maintained for a long time, the savages -Over four hundred silk mills, it is falling steadily back toward the village. estimated, are m operation in this This was situated on a plateau and country. along a crescent ledge of rocks, where

-A church at Cowela, Ga., has in its membership 23 members who all belong of about twenty feet. Within the ledge was what appeared to be the smooth o one family.

-Leadville, Col., contains seven bed of a stream. It was about thirty hurches, all "high"-over 10,000 feet with a slight incline terminating near above sea level.

-Some of the medical professors of opened into the rocks. Here the mienna are delivering lectures in the abitants of the village had taken English language.

-A prairie wolf, captured in Epping where they could protect them with Forest, has been added to the collection their arrows while lying concealed in in the London Zoo.

-In 1875 there were 156 newspapers and periodicals published in Japan. Now there are 2,000.

-Louisiana has in the neighborhood forty-eight billion feet of pine nber in her forests.

-The five Peers who are members of the English royal family never vote on political questions,

-Seven Chicago policemen, it is said, have been sent to lunatic asylums during the past year. emerged from the cave so enveloped in —A sheet of fire from 75 to 80 miles long was recently raging on the prairie near Shoshone, Idaho. -There are 550,841 miles of telegraph in the world, of which 163,940 are in the United States. -Hartford, Conn., which covers a large territory, is to have mounted letter-carriers in a few days.

idest of our girls had no "followers" right kind I" "hon they were engaged. We once had But never call a day a happy one un-

five were engaged. That evening Mrs. and her affectionate relatives had man-O'Pagus was offering bets, with odds, aged to get her off their hands early in came-and all five wanted to remain. one. We shall never forget that morning ! at the tower of Babel. Three brought she thinks of Belle. We cherish the we went. belles! One had ordered her baggage one, paying three a week's wages each.

and sending the last one next door. by Mrs. O'Pagus because she appeared likely to make some amends for all the misery we have endured.

fluting, and also because we pitted her, as she said she was an orphan. Her we were awakened by a fearful ringing at the door-bell. We opened the win-dow and asked "Who is there ?" "It's front-door-bell again ; and, raising the window the second time, the same voice saluted us with : "Don't Margaret Stagg-don't Maggie Stagg-live here?" Now, we had never heard her surname; here. Her name may be Stagg. What "Well, we want to see her. Her father first received in the house of the manais very sick, and sent\*us." Here ger, where tea was served in priceless was a novelty, indeed ! 'An orphan morning ; By this time Mrs. O'Pagus paces from the house. On entering it had been attracted to the other window, where she sat with a watchman's rattle peared to be two butter tubs resting on in one hand and a pitcher of water in a few faggots of wood. There were the other, ready to rattle either or both | two cavities about two inches deep and at the slightest provocation. We told were filled with shavings. According them if they did not leave the place at to municipal law, no burning is to be once we would call the police! They done before half-past six in the evening. left. The next morning we had to make It still wanted two minutes of that was so neat, and who could wash white manager thought it would be safe in shirts, and do fluting, had eloped over anticipating the hour, and the shavings night with the wash from the line and were fired. the messengers sent by her father's had selected any other of the five, she of wood. It caught the dry faggots, would have acted precisely the same greedily licked the sides of the tubs,

help. Well, we were discouraged. Mrs. by the minister's wife. She was from recommended by the clergy, never tal as imagination could paint ! Her name was Belle ! She was our first of and give them sepulture: that cognomen, and, as far as appearances went, had no claim whatever to the title. The ravages of small-pox had class the body is burned separately, a left her pitted and marked, and with a face as full of holes as a large-sized sembled that useful but not by any very dark night it must be, at that ! She was with us just four months ; and girl when you only get a-hold of the

year, heart was in my mouth every went over that place. "Well, one day we were just getting

"I wish I had a pint of gin, And sogar half a pound,

and no takers, that no girl would come. the summer without taking the trouble ready to start the down-train from But they did come-all five of them to mention this trifling infirmity to any Tiflis, when up came two big trucks We didn't go to the minister's wife we were to take in tow. I thought at The scene was animated in the extreme for any more girls. In fact, we re- once of that bit of hill-side, and what They appeared to represent all parts of mained in a state of helpless domestic a strain this extra weight would be upon the globe, and Mrs. O'Pagus had the whole world to choose from. That moru-have new paper in the parlor now, but the wire rope. However, there were our orders, and we had to obey 'em; ing we formed some idea of how it was Mrs. O'Pagus always shudders when so we hitched the trucks on, and away

their escorts, staggering under trunks that would have shamed Cape May hope that our book of experience in this respect is full, and what we don't know seemed gloomy and out of sorts that about the troubles and tribulations of day for the first time since I'd known to be brought at night, and the other had had her wardrobe all on at the time. Well, we settled it by keeping present venture; and the fates only know if the chapter then to be added bit where the wire rope was. And then, to the "chronicles of the hired girls of just as we were a little way down it. Now, the one we kept was selected the period" be one of horror, or one there came a shock that threw me off my feet, and away we flew like a bullet from a gun. The rope had parted !

"After that everything seemed just Cremation in Japan. like a bad dream, when you keep on money to Sixth and Chestnut strees been with us about four weeks, and had that we have long wondered why the given no cause for complaint, when one proprietor of the Ledger has not added night (it was just about half-past one) government, with shrewd appreciation for the use of the train, as it flew government. There is one nation, now the oldest falling and falling for thousands of of the advantages of sanitary laws, have breath away, and turned me quite sick of late years carefully fostered it. This and giddy ; but I had just sense enough "It's is Japan, where crematories, establish- left to remember that there was a cleft us, sir! Does Miss Stagg live here ?" ments under 'government control are "No!" we exclaimed, and closed the to be found in all the chief cities. In close to that bridge a great heap-of soft bright-colored cluths; while to the right dumb-waiter and sticks the waiers, no window. We were just getting asleep Tokio the principal place of cremation earth; and there I made up my mind to of these is a space taken up by coo

through long lines of busy streets. After an hour's drive through a lane what was coming but there was nothing of busy life, we came to the silent house else for it. I shut my eyes, and out 1 where the dead awaited the last service flew like a rocket. But the rush of the an American city. Small and graceof the living. It stands a little apart train had given me such a send-off, in- ful, with exceedingly pretty faces, great from the main road, a building of a sin- stead of alighting upon the earth heap so we answered : "There is a Maggie gle story, with an innocent looking tall as I intended, I shot right across the chimney, and might be connected with a bridge and gully and all, and pitched in a flowing garb of most gorgeous pottery or a small iron foundry. We were headforemost into another pile of loose earth on the opposite side.

> porcelain cups of Kutani ware. The furlooked down into the valley, the whole nace, if so imposing a name may be used place where the pretty little station had been was just like an earthquake. The train had leaped from the rails just opthere was nothing to be seen but what apbehind it as a cannon-ball might go stores, and what not were all tumbled together in a heap, the bare sight of which was enough to tell me what had become of poor old Jacob, Ugh! I can't bear to think of it now.

"When all was over, and things began to be got to rights a bit, they went One of the men, kneeling before the up and measured that flying leap of mine, and the whole length of it from point to point was good thirty-seven feet and something over. It's a fact, alway. Maggie was but another expon- rose high in the air, and then, with a though perhaps you mayn't believe it ; but I can't blame you if you don't, for horrible thud, the head of the barrel burst outward. Quick as thought the if it hadn't happened to myself

the contents of the barrel are never On the northern coast of South exposed to view. A heavy matting of America, and to the eastward of the wet straw is laid over the barrel before Orinoco delta, there lies a huge mud the fire is ignited. As the barrel burns flat. In our geographies it is called away, this falls in and covers the body. In three hours the work is done. Every is spoken of as the Spanish Main, but particle of flesh is burned away, and there remains only the skeleton. The to the commercial world and to the people generally it is known as Demerbones and teeth the relatives collect ara. Back of this mud flat, at a distance of from 30 to 60 miles, commen

There are three classes of cremation ces the dark forest of Guiana, which at this establishment. In the first stretches in an almost uninterrupted band over the equator and down to charge being made of seven yen (\$7). Amazon River. This muddhat and this forest have their history, and a strange forest have their history, and a strange ten shillings, the difference being that and romantic one it is. But, for the two or more, according to the briskness present at least, I will have to omit the of trade, are burned at the same time. romance and try to give you an idea of means ornamental utensil. Well, she didn't elope at night, although that was probably the only time she could have got any one to run off with her—and a very dark night it must be, at that ! cremation is cheap. As far as I could most at its mouth. Its population, they gather, it is this that recommends itself tell me, is about \$3,000, of which some to the class of Japanese, generally the 45,000 are colored, yellow, black or least wealthy, who avail themselves of the resources of the establishment at Shen-jo and kindred institutions.

mostly fat, comfortable looking negro

pears, sapodillas, mangoes, guavas, water-lemons, and star apples, to say nothing of the familiar orange, pinevarious sizes, the smallest here and in by the State, we wonder that the plan size than a man's thumb, has a most fective than the plague. lelicious, slightly acid taste, and is as far superior to our common banana as can be imagined. Back of the fruit stalls, and covering the whole of the rear of the building, are the fish and vegetable markets, and many a curios-

ity they contain-fish of queer appearance and strange names, querryman, gillbacca, pacu, cartabac, and so on; vegetables like the yam and yuca, which take the place of our potatoes, and plantains in enormous bunches, the staple food of the poorer classes and Indians. Occupying the center of the market are the stalls of Portuguese traders-dealers in all manner of curious things, paddles, parrots, hamwomen who sell the smaller fruits, litjump off. "I felt cold all over at the thought of the cakes or dodoes, and sweetmeats of various rinds. What a sensation one various kinds. What a sensation one of these coolie women would create in

black eyes, and a complexion little darker than some of our brunettes, dressed colors, and bedecked from head to with solid gold and silver jewelry, they "When I came to myself again, and are indeed a novel sight. I have seen one coolie girl here-a common fruit seller in the market-place-who wears daily nearly \$1,000 worth of rings, bracelets and bangles on her person. Hardly posite the platform, tern it up like a less interesting than the women are the bit of paper, and gone through the house coolie men; thin, lank, sad-faced fellows, coolie men; thin, lank, sad-faced fellows, dressed in a variety of ways, according through a pane of glass. The broken timbers, the locomotive, cars, trucks, ing on but a dirty breech-clout and a huge turban, and others snugly clad in robes of snowy whiteness and soft-st texture; all barefooted and barelegged, and many with strings of coins around

tions.

### The Queen's Fortune.

Queen Victoria is about to make a as it was when it was purchased by the Queen and Prince Albert about forty. United States, the odds are in favor of years ago. The Balmoral property of her Majesty now extends over 30,000 acres. Claremont was granted to the Queen for life in 1868, with reversion the country; and her Majesty purto the country; and her Majesty pur-chased the property outright three years adjutant of the 36th regiment of Madago for £78,000. Probably its market ras Infantry, stationed at Cannanora. value is not much under £150,000. The Awakening in the middle of the night Queen also possesses some property at and feeling thirsty, she rose to get a Coburg, and the Princess Hohenlohe glass of water. In putting her foot on eft her the Villa Hohenlohe at Badea; the floor she stepped on something cold. one of the best residences in the place. and in a moment she felt the slimy coll With regard to personal property, Mr. and the property left by the Prince had not bitten her, she must have step-Consort is believed to have amounted ped upon its neck, and she pressed to nearly £600,000; but the provisions down her weight firmly upon it, as it of his will have been kept a strict secret, writned and made effort to get free. aged. Since the death of the Prince taken a razor, and putting it down to Consort. the general administration of her foot, cut the snake's head off.

ummate man of business.

wood.

in summer-time, when the dew was on shields that he resembled an animated women, each with huge baskets of fruit before her, loudly soliciting patronage ple might be joined in holy wedlock by he felt so secure that he walked boldly from the passers-by. In these baskets, a hungry and disgruntled priest ; but forth and defied his assailants, only to loaded with Government stores, which and hanging from a frame work, are no city people would ever be married, be laid low by a well aimed shot from all sorts of extraordinary looking fruits -granadillas, paw-paws, alligator "When I think of country an Indian ventured from the cave again." How to dislodge them from their hole become the next question. The men unmarried " But when we think of were out of provisions and could not apple, and banana. These latter are of marriage before breakfast, as enforced besiege the cave, the rocky and desert country affording no game or other "the islands" called a "fig," being the never occurred to Malthus as being means of subsitence of which they could favorite. This little barana, of less more merciful than war and more efmeans of subsitence of which they could gested. Hurriedly gathering logs and

#### The Docile American Horse.

It has long been accepted as a theory by our transatlantic kinsmen that vice in animals is almost always the result of an unkindness and maltreatment received by them from their human companions, and that the paucity of vicious horses in the United States is to be explained by the gentleness, and, so to speak, the familiarity with which the oble animal is treated in every part of the union. There can be little doubt that in no country is the intelligence of quadrupeds more developed and cultivated than in the United States, where it is well understood that by kindness alone can their characteristics, traits, dispositions, and qualities be fully drawn forth. Nothing is more common, for horse harnessed to a buggy and stand-to perish there rather than go out to be having entered a shop-by the curb-sone's edge, in the midst of the crowd and turmoil of Broadway, one of the most crowded and noisy thoroughfares upon the face of the earth. Before descending from his buggy the master says a word or two to his horse, and leaves him standing in the street without restraint. The sagacious animal, whose eyes are not shielded by blinkers, and who is not tormented by a Procustrian bearing rein, understands perfectly that he is expected to wait until his master has transacted his business, and ing fire for twenty-four hours; but being wait, accordingly, he does, sometimes for hours at a time, and without regard to the winter's coid or summer's heat. Again, in the widest parts of the Western and Southern States there is not a farmer who thinks anything of driving his horses by night over a wooden bridge full of holes, caused by many planks having dropped into the stream beneath. The careful beast, who may or may not have crossed the bridge on many previous occasions, feels his way in the darkness, and his head having the darkness and his head having

been surrendered to him by the driver, steps carefully and with as much prenew will. Her Majesty possesses an immense fortune. The estate of Os. indeed, a horse is found possessed of a borne's at least five times as valuable as it was when it was purchased by the word, a "mischancy," temper in the

and rubbing his hands and chuckling his being imported from abroad. so gleefully that some one asked him if he had saved \$500 under the architect's Stand Firm. estimates. "Oh, that isn't my house, but I was planning how I'd get even," Singularly great presence of mind for "With whom ?

"The owner. I've known him twenty years. We used to be the best friends in the world, but for the last seven years I've thirsted for revenge on him. Now I'm going to have it. "How ?" . "He bought that lot, not knowing of a snake around her ankle. Instan-Nields left the Queen over £900,000, taneously it flashed across her that as it that I own the next one. He's fuilding a home. He's got it set back for a lawn, and he's put on a bay window for a view up the street. Next week I will begin building a cheap house and the document, has never been "Thus she stood till her husband struck to rent. I'll take the line between us avast sum out of her income, as he saw her terrible situation, and the forthe south wall, and I'll bring my front out ten feet pearer the walk. which has always been very well man- strong-nerved lady did so until he had Result : Shut in-no air-no sunshine -no view-no redress-revenge l What's the use of shooting or stabbing a man when you can hurt him worse ?"

"WILL you have a small piece of the light meat or a small piece of the dark?" -Flour is now being made out of turkey at dinner. I'll have a large piece of both," replied Bob,

-The palace which the city Marseilles presented to Napoleon III is now used as a cholera hospital,

-A gold nugget, worth \$1.50, was found in the craw of a chicken killed a few days ago at Sacramento, Cal.

brush, the men cautiously pushed them over the edge of the bluff at the mouth -Pickerel are said to be so rapidly dying off in Umbagog Lake, Me., that of the cave and set fire to the heap. the shores are lined with dead fish. The Indians could not prevent this, for

-The agricultural statistics of Irethey were closely cooped up in the cave land continue to show a steady decrease by the ritles of the men who stood guard in the number of separate holdings. opposite. From out the dark recesses

-The gold mining fever is rising in the vacinity of Villa Rica, Ga., where three companies are already at work.

siegers, and each head or arm that was -Rubenstein's new opera, "The Parexposed in adding fuel to the blazing pile rot" (libretto by Hugo Wittmann), is was saluted with a shower of arrows, to be produced in Hamburg, November and one of the men was severely woun-1st.

The heat and smoke rushed into the -The property of the Trinity Church entrance in such volume that any one Corporation, New York, is said to reach the immense figure of \$200,000,but a Modoc Indian would have been suffocated or roasted. They prostrated 000.

themselves upon their faces to breathe -An odd sort of straw hat is made the little fresh air that came in along from sea grass. The maker says that rain strengthens and improves the fabric.

-It is estimated that typhoid fever causes 15 per cent, of the annual slaughtered by their enemies. The attack upon them had been so sudden number of deaths in England and and unexpected that they had forgotten Wales. to take water along with them into

-Wife-beating never gets epidemic their retreat. The place of shelter, also, was small, and had no outlet or at Stockton, Cal., where 90 days in the chain gang is the penalty for that means of ventilation save the entrance effence. through which they were receiving such generous donations of heat and

-Of the 471 laundries doing bustsmoke. They could have held out but ness in Chicago, 180 are owned by little longer, when they were overjoyed Chinese, 54 by married women and 29 to see their persecutors take their de-parture. The men had kept up a roast-Ovsters

-Oysters two feet in diameter and weighing sixty pounds, including the out of provisions, over a hundred miles shells, are said to be found occasionally distant from any source of supplies, in Puget Sound. and not knowing the terrible straits to

-Seventy-three tons of raspberries were shipped from North Troy, Texas, this season. Seven and a haif tons the burning pile and taken up their line were shipped in one day. of march for Yreka. To rush out into

The manufacture of ice seems to be an important industry in Texas, nearly all the larger towns having factories for its production.

-New York, with seven gas com-panies, still continues to pay the same price for the illuminant that it did when only one was in existence there.

-The Mayor of Carrolton, Ga., has published notice that "dissolute men and women" will not be allowed to live there "except in the chain gang."

Cass avenue, Detroit, - the other, day, -Virginia City, Nev., has just adopted a curfew ordinance. The firebell taps at eight P. M., and all minors who do not get home at that hour must suffer arrest.

-The tomb of Thomas Jefferson, according to a Charlottesville paper, is again suffering at the hands of relic hunters who have resorted to the chipping process.

-A collection of water snakes found at sea, ten miles from land, has been presented to the California Academy of Sciences by the captain of a Häwaiian vessel.

-- The wine drank in Paris last, year would give an apportionment of fortyseven gallons to every man, woman and child in the population, a total of 107,426 000 gallons.

-Four and a-half millions of letters were sent to the dead-letter office last year, and of that number nearly 200,000 had been mailed without stamps and 12,000 without any address.

-The number of dogs kept in Great Britain appears, from the return of the "I NOTICE that you always sit at your wife's left, Mr. Miggs," "Yes," frankly returned Miggs, "that's the side her glass eye is on," Britain appears, from the return of the dog licenses, to be decreasing. Last year, as compared with 1882, the licenses fell from from 908,360 to 894.-903,

# their necks, the result, perhaps, of years of hard labor on the planta-

the Queen's private affairs has been confided to Lord Sydney, who is a con-

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