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#### THE "SAND-MAN,"

Twilight is here, and the baby is weary-Weary of laughing and weary of play; Sleepy-by comes, and the eyes of the dar

the day. Calmily it lies in the arms of the mother, Holy and pure, like an angel, it seems, One little smile and a sweet little dimple, And luby has gone to the land of the

Hush! not a word, not a footfall around

Turn down the clothes of the little, white Turn down the light, for the "sand-man"

has found her, And angels are guarding the baby at rest

Now, as I look on this mother's own tren-Idol of home and the comfort of all, Sadly I think of the woe without ir

ows that cling and the tears that will As I'm recalling my own without number

ing at night when I'm longing for I'd keep her a baby forever, to slumber And smile, in her dream, on her fond mother's breast,

Hush! I am fearing my thoughts will awake Baby, sleep on, while thy angels attend; Sweet, little durling! the "Sand-man" has When haby has grown may he still be a

### AN ORIENTAL ESCAPADE.

Over the walnuts and wine after dinner, at the new hotel in Oriental Cairo. a party of English-speaking tourists manner a subject that was deserving of more respectful treatment than it was receiving from the good-looking broad- to to-day?" cried her friend, suddenly shouldered young American and his wheeling round, "Stop this cowardly fair-haired English companion with the beating about the bush and tell the silky drooping moustache, who, for the truth at once! Are you going to meet Pyramid, whence they bad returned just before dinner.

"A truce to your sentiment!" cried the American, Harry Thorne, when his triend ventured to speak of a fantastic legend of the spirit of the Pyramids.
"Think of the condition of that man

who pushed you up !"
"I flatter myself I had the advantage of you, Thorne," returned Lloyd Norris, with a shrug of the shoulders; "for dragged you would be difficult to imagine! Washing in the Jordan seventy to purify us from contact with such fel-

was listening with eager interest to this | perhaps I will tell you later, Any way, conversation—silently at first; but the li am resolved to go, and, if you refuse dolorous sigh which was heard in the to go with me, I shall go alone!" pause following the last remark called

attention to her direction, urning over the bad fit of your Bedouins of the desert?"

"Neither, papa; but, if you all knew me so heartlessly in carrying out such post the Khedive's Palace. For fully a

"Now, Florence, don't be a donkey!" grunted her brother. "My dear, put such an idea out of your head at once," was her father's dictum, "It certainly is the last place

"Surely your brother's experience aught to settle the matter for you, my

last remnant of hope to the only mem- alone have been enough to make me unber of the party who had as yet said dertake such a scramble. Well, Louise, nothing—she was not accustomed to if you had heard the pompous dictatoopposition from this quarter. lazily in his chair when thus addressed, wish to mount the Pyramid-some im-

"I am sorry to say anything disagreeable, Miss Florence; but I am afraid it would have rather a damaging effect I have been."

upon my respect for any lady to imagine her hauled about in so free-and-easy a style by such a pair of fellows." Florence drew back, flushed with ris was a most insufferable prig!" vexation; and the next remark came

unnoticed, a raw-boned, masculineing to the whole conversation. "Gentlemen, you are all quite mis- a prig," taken," she said emphatically. "Ladies

and hope to go again before I leave Florence glanced gratefully at this

for a moment; and in the pause which ing the room, walked out on the adjoin-"Upon my word, that's a cool old retired.

lady!" murmured Harry, as all, with "Are you coming into the garden,

deprecatingly, lingering behind the thing driven like a hammer into her others, and turning to Florence, who back, a straining as if her arms were had not favored him with a word or being wrenched from their sockets and giance since he had expressed his un- every limb torn asunder, and the first "No, I thank you," responded the

on the verandah.

resolution. "Madam," she began nervously, "I to explain all-

beg your pardon. You said, I think, you have been up the Pyramid?" "Yes, Miss Thorne, I have," answered Miss Brooks, with an amount of energy which somewhat startled Florence; "and I hope you will not allow all that nonsense to which you bave been listening to keep you from going

"You really think it might be done?" interrogated Florence, not giving her courage time to evaporate, do you think ladies could do it alone, without a gentleman? Two ladies to-

gether, for instance?" "A gentleman!" ejaculated Miss Brooks, in sonorous, scornful accents, loud enough to cause Florence to glance den, dreading possible auditors.

took her departure. peared in the breakfast-room to see her brother for a moment before he went peared. out, as she said. That young man, not accustomed to such attentions, received change came over his face when she preferred the request she had to make.

"Harry, I am very anxious to see "Oh, my Louise this morning about a—the dress- irrelevantly. maker, you know. Do you think you with remarkable readiness-"nothing

could be easier! Do you think I might go there immediately ?" ageously early." So within two hours Florence was scape in the world, ruefully examined closs ted with her friend, discussing their tattered toilettes. plans which would have made the hair

we will leave the notel within half an aching limbs, extortionate Bedouins, thought herself unobserved. Monsieur fail to profit by the experiences of

"Very well, dear-and what then?"

back of her new dress in the mirror. "Well, then," continued Florence, you are to entertain me by taking me for a drive; and, if you should happen were discussing in rather an irreverent to take me to the Pyramids-why, of

course I couldn't help it !" "Florence Thorne, what are you up

description of their scramble up the deck, or Teeddy, or the Marquis, or-" "Nonsense, Louise; you are deplorably frivolous and depraved !" responded Florence, in scorn and disgust; then, remembering Miss Brooks-"What can mids? No; I wish to go up the large

Pyramid." "But, my dear," Louise exclaimed, in mock surprise, "I thought your par-ents had settled that question already?" "How dreadfully stupid and disagreeanything more appalling than the state | ably you are to-day, Louise! Of course that copper-colored villain who you understand that they are not to ment, and had a burried consultation agged you would be difficult to im- know anything about it. If they are among themselves; then, to the girls' so blinded to my real interests and show times seven would be scarcely too much so little sympathy with my thirst for proached and began over again the imknowledge and investigation, it is quite portunate cry—time I took matters into my own hands. "Bakhshish—bakhshish! Harry Thorn's pretty sister Florence | Then, too, I have another reason, which

"Of course I will go," responded "What's the matter, Florry, my have never had any desire to ascend the few and of little value that day. pet?" asked her father. "Are you Pyramid, I have always heard that it

A few moments later the two girls lurn. were seated in a carriage which they how ardently I desire to ascend the Pyr- had bired at the door of the hotel, and an id, I am sure you wouldn't oppose were soon draving over the bridge and quarter of an hour an unwonted silence

authoritatively to her companion. "Now, Florence, I wish to know the rue reason-at which you hinted a in the world for ladies;" while her there to-day; for of course I know that deathlike awful desert. At last the your thirst for knowledge and all that

is mere nonsense."

"You are not polite, dear," Florence "Mr. Norris, do you think it so very confessing that my devotion to history bad ?" cried the girl, turning with a and the relics of antiquity would not if you had heard the pompous dictatorial speech which that thresome Norris silver bracelets regretfully. Fortunately Lloyd Norris was lying back rather made yesterday, when I expressed a and, before answering very slowly, sur- pertinence to the effect that no lady garments they wore. veyed in a somewhat absent-minded, who would do such a thing could hope meditative way the lovely flushed face to be honored with his respect-you of the girl awaiting his decision so anx- | would not wonder that I feel obliged to show him what I think of him and his

> "Ah," said Louise, with a sidelong right! I was sure your friend Mr. Nor-

"How absurd !" exclaimed Florence from the other end of the table, where, with unaccountable vexation. "Mr. Norris may be rather particular in some looking American lady had been listen- of his ideas, but nobody with the least atom of common sense would call him

The only effect of this unmistakable who are moderately strong can ascend snub was a merry peal of laughter from the Pyramid with very little inconve- Miss Hilhard, in which Florence-after nience. I know what I am talking vainly biting her lip-was at last comabout, for I have been up there twice, pelled to join, and allence was banished made no attempt to draw off-on the effectually during the remainder of the

On leaving the carriage at the Pyraunexpected champion; the others—a mid of Cheops the two ladies were as-little startled—found nothing to reply sailed by a perfect mob of importunate Bedouins clamoring for the privilege of followed the stranger rose, and, cross- escorting them. The young ladies each chose three of the least objectionablelooking of the Bedouins, and the others

With an awful sinking of the heart, the exception of Florence, rose from Florence surveyed the long row of steps, each over a yard high, up which they must be pulled in some fashion. Miss Florence?" asked Lloyd rather Suddenly there was a jerk, a tear, some-

three steps were passed. But what had been the meaning of young girl frostily; and she disappeared a quick succession of cracking, tearing sounds, like the explosion of a child's Miss Arabeila Brooks was standing pop-gun, which were audible at the first at the farther end, looking down into step? Alas, the two girls understood the street; and to her Florence imme- it but too well, and the eloquent glance diately made her way, walking quickly, exchanged as they were allowed an inas if she somewhat doubted her own stant in which to take breath only needed Florence's doleful exclamation

"Yes, every single string burst !" On they went faster and faster, until Florence, gasping, groaning, almost weeping, felt that every bone in her body must be broken or reduced to Why had she entirely forgotten pulp. her very small Arabic vocabulary? Why could not she remember some exfiends to moderate their pace? Ah, gone through." thank Heaven, a word had occurred to

her! With the energy of despair, she cried, "Yalla, yalla!"—and flew on with redoubled speed. "Florence," came a voice from above, uncertain between tears and laughter, "you are telling them to go quicker! Islanna, islanna!" And now, to Flor-

ence's inexpressible relief, she was set nervously in the direction of the gar-den dreading possible auditors. "I down for a moment on one of the steps. But even such an exceedingly mauvais

a man could do you! Don't talk nonsense, Miss Thorne! Any woman who
sense, Miss Thorne! Any woman who
respects herself and has the least atom
of common sense can go wherever a
small can go. Why shouldn't she, I

The next morning, some time before had thrown among them the handful of of your esteem." her usual breakfast-hour, Florence ap- loose change she usually carried in her

peared. "Well, Mis Thorne, are you satisfied? Is ascending the Pyramid the delighther somewhat distrustfully; but a total ful experience you anticipated? And ring on her finger. how do you feel as to historical associations and antiquities now?"

"Oh, my arms," grouned Florence could manage to get her over here?" "Think what a pair of guys we shall be going home! Look at this great tear

A long silence followed, while the "Yes; the Hilliards breakfast out- two girls, totally regardless of perhaps the most interesting and striking land- noticed with unspeakable disappoint- decidedly

But even the most careless and frivo- preted in exactly the way she had of her masculine protectors stand on lous must at last be impressed with feared; but he was much perplexed to such a sight as met their view; and the understand a sad, deprecating, almost "Louise, you are to invite me to spend the rest of the day with you, and dreamy reverse while, forgetful of turning suddenly once, when Florence like many other foolish people, not only

fertility and desolation. asked submissive Louise, turning and hour later by the return of the Bedouins, who had any attractions for him that, twisting in a vain attempt to see the who put to flight all serious reflections with sorely-wounded vanity, he soon form cures in a number of cases in Florence, somewhat frightened by their making a remark just before thoughtless liberality. But, alas, they caught sight of a few glittering gold morning. pieces, and, pocketing the silver be- The next afternoon Forence was sit

more threatening in their gestures. benefit of their friends, were giving a any one there? Is it Herr von Wal- all night if we do not give them every- when she was startled by a voice at her thing in our purses," said Louise, with elbow.

a white face. As she spoke, the men angrily turned to depart, reiterating their intention of leaving the two girls to their own devices, when Florence sprang desperbeside her, and answered his polite incounters and ardent Sabbatarianism. I possibly want of men at the Pyra- vices, when Florence sprang desperately towards them and threw the purse into their midst.

> "There-take it; it is all we have!" all night." The men grinned, retired for a mo-

> utter amazement, one of them ap-Louise managed indignantly to explain that they had already given every penny they had; but, to her consternation, the man still continued his de-

mand, at the same time pointing to the Louise meekly, "though I confess I ornaments they wore-fortunately very nearly splits you in two and bursts off men really departed, with the cheering

"Oh, Lanise, what shall we do?"

cried Florence, in an agony of terror. the ring.
"Must we call them back?"

What "Certainly not!" her friend some other party will come up.

For what appeared hours the two while ago-why I am to be dragged up girls waited alone in the midst of the had happened. sound of scrambling steps greeted their delighted ears. Looking over eagerly, their disappointment was at first intense responded calmiy; "but I don't mind at seeing only the returning figures of two of their persecutors; but, in their terror and loneliness, the sight of anything human was something of a relief, suppose we must do what they

Just then the two men appeared at the top with their accustomed demand -this time in triumphant jeering tones significant of success. Silently each of opinion; for of course I shall take great | the girls removed her bracelets and earrings and surrendered them into the rapacious grasp of the Bedouins; but this was not enough. They roughly seized glance at her companion, "you are quite a hand of each; and the two friends saw that they must part with their rings as well.

Thank Heaven, my gloves were too tight to allow of anything but this plain gold ring!" muttered Loul-e, while Florence laid a milk-white pearl reluctantly in the outstretched dirty

Another ring had been below the pearl-a peculiar arrangement of turquoises, so small as to have been almost hidden by the pearl. This Florence contrary, closing her hand very quickly and doing everything in her power to hide it. Unluckily she had not been quick enough; the man saw her moof value, insisted upon having it also.

"No, no, no !" cried the girl. surely have enough; this I will keep." frightened by the gleaming eyes, the clenched fists, and the angry menacing

"Oh, I can't-I can't! I must keep | der ?" my ring !" cried the girl, fairly break- Nearly an hour Louise spent in ex-

erable dejected, sorry-looking a pair as stairs at such a pace as almost to upset could possibly be imagined. Louise, promise me solemnly never

to tell a soul of this escapade," said Florence imploringly, as they drove swiftly towards home. "I should die smaller reception-rooms, where, withof mortification if my friends-espe- out giving her courage time to evaporwhy could not she remember some ex-pression with which to implore these cially Mr. Norris—heard what we have ate, she rang the bell and asked the

> the secret of your affection for looking a trifle surprised at the summons, They were closeted together that trumpery little turquoise ring.
> At first Florence obstinately refused any account of the ring; but a judi- young lady sent a servant to ask Miss cious mixture of coaxing and reproaches soon put Louise in possession of the facts of the case. Lloyd Norris had ion of the

their ears; and it was not until Louise you consider me a friend worthy a share coming from the brightly-lighted hall

had meant a great deal more, as Flor- felt had grown dearer than all the world ence had more than suspected, as she to her. blushingly allowed Lloyd to place the

will imagine that I don't care for him, "And my back!" wailed Louise, and I think-yes, I do believe that I like him better than all the rest I"

> On the following day Lloyd Norris ment that Florence no longer wore his ring. The meaning of this he inter-

her own room unobserved.

was received with such scant courtesy them. Notwithstanding the fact that The quiet was interrupted half an by the only member of the company by their repeated demands for bakhshish. said good evening and disappeared, which man and beast were said to have leaving gesticulations, drew out her purse and which brought the guilty blood to Florendeavored to satisfy their demands by ence's pale cheeks-viz., that he intended ascending the Pyramid in the of ailments attributed to the malign

stowed upon them, grew every instant ting alone in the verandah before dinmore exorbitant in their demands and ner, musing sadly over the loss of her ring and the consequent marked avoid-"They declare they will leave us here ance of her society by Lloyd Norris,

> ope she is not ill ?" Glancing up rather impatiently, she quiries a little shortly. As she turned her head, she saw something which

mourned! the same fantastic arrangement of the ed his part, the witch doctor informed stones-even one missing, as she re- his employers that the vessel was now membered. With a desperate struggle sained, and might with safety proceed tor self possession, she made some com- on its voyage without skaith or acciand, after chatting easily for a few mo- of immunity from danger of any kind, ments, left the balcony, as not for the smack proceeded on its voyage, and worlds would she have questioned the on entering the Sound of Rona struck Marquis on the subject, or allowed him on a sunken reef and at once became a "No, no!" cried Louise; and the to suppose she had noticed the ring. A total wreck, and the crew of two young few moments' thought told her that he men were with difficulty rescued

ex- was a problem far too weighty to be tor. He has not appeared in public claimed, almost sobbing with vexation. solved without assistance; so, in- since. "It is too outrageous. We can't go stantly resolving to call her only confidown alone, of course; but perhaps dante to her aid, she retired to her own

the following afternoon, a chamber- the witch doctor should receive his fees

presence can cause you nothing but upwell to you so write a few lines instead Your ceasing to wear my poor little ring her watch and chain, as well as Florald of course have but one interpretation for me. Need you have added going through several mysterious perence's, were hidden under the outer such a refinement of torture as to force me to see it worn by a man whom I formances, such as rolling about his dazzling vision of beauty and splendor tongue in his mouth, turning up the must of course now consider my successful rival? It was an action of lie incantations, places his finger on his which I could not have deemed you capable. I have loved and still love you ger, removes a short hair from his truly and deeply, Florence; such love can injure no woman, and I feel that I sent the troublesome object in the pahave done nothing to deserve this treatment at your hands. Farewell! May you be happy with the man you have chosen! I cannot however stay to wit-

ness your happiness. "Florence, Florence, what in the world has happened?" were the words which interrupted the convulsive burst of sobs with which Florence had greeted this heavy blow; and the young girl found her friend Louise kneeling beside her, with affectionate arms thrown around her, while tears of true sympathy mingled with her own weeping, even before Louise knew what had

taken place. Florence's only answer was to place tion, and, imagining from her reluc- vaguely comforted at the presence of tance to part with it that the ring was some one who knew and sympathized with the whole story.

"Oh, my dear Florence," exclaimed "But, Florence," said her friend, is dreadful! But you will of course tell him the whole story now ?" "Oh, no, Louise! How could I?

movements of the barbarians in whose power they had so completely placed see him again. How could I tell him the persons of West Coast Islanders. themselves, "that ring is worth nothing all about that miserable excursion when comparatively. You surely will not be declared that he could have no reallow all the other things we have sac- spect whatever for a woman who would rificed to go for nothing just for that do such a thing? Was there ever a being so utterly miserable as I am, I won-

ing into a fit of hysterical weeping; but hausting every argument and persuasion the Arab seized her hand, tore off the that could enter her ingenious little ring with a jerk, and the next instant head to induce her unhappy friend to the terrified girls found themselves be- alter her resolution; but all in vain. ing dragged down to the ground even Bidding her adieu at last, Miss Hilliard more expeditiously than they had as- paused for a moment in the corridor in ended.

Their carriage awaited them at some deep thought; then, with a resolute pod which set all her soft brown curls dancdistance, and they were soon driving along the shaded road to Cairo, as misa stout old gentleman just then laboriously ascending. Instead of continuing her way to the

vant who immediately entered if Mr. "Of course I shall keep quiet, "Louise Rorris were in the hotel.

The responded. "But now I should like to A few minutes later Lloyd appeared."

nearly half an hour, after which the

Thorne to come to her for a few moments.
"I am not at all sure that she will not been the donor, having asked Florence to wear it as a guard to one presented by her father which was rather large for been the donor; "but I have done my best we treat the immigrant." We did not

should like to know?" and Miss Brooks. Bedouins began their wild dance of the strength of the into a room fast growing dark with the The words had been simple; but the shadows of evening, she walked directly glance and the pressure of the hand into the arms of the man who she now

"And can you possibly care for a woman who would go on such an ex-"And now it is gone, and I can't ex-plain what has become of it!" she you yourself said on the subject?" oaned, as she finished her story. "He asked Florence saucily, half an hour

"Ah, darling, don't remind me of that impertinence, which alone has been Florence was deposited at the New | the cause of all this unhappiness! How in my flounce; and there isn't a string left anywhere!"

Hotel during the dinner-hour, so was shall I atone for it? Shall I do penance fortunate enough to gain the shelter of by taking you up the Pyramid myself fortunate enough to gain the shelter of by taking you up the Pyramid myself

But Florence shook her head very "Thank you, Lloyd; one such excur-

sion is enough for a lifetime!"

Superstition. hour," was the announcement which greeted the visitor almost before she had the prospect of mingled life and death, party in the garden after dinner, but own experience seems to be lost on several well-known witch doctors in Ross-shire have recently failed to perbeen "witched," the credulous and superstitious still resort to them for the cure of natural diseases, as well as influence of the occult powers of darkness. Instead of serving to shake the belief of the devotees of demonology in the reality of witchcraft, these failures on the part of the witch doctors to perform cures have had no other effect than that of discrediting themselves in

the eyes of the superstitious, by whom 'Mademoiselle is looking pale; I they are regarded as impostors. Indeed implicit belief in witchcraft is not infrequently associated with ostenta-A few days ago a fishing smack, which hailed from a certain village situated seemed to drive every other sensation on the west coast of the mainland, had she cried hysterically. "Nothing could induce me to stay in this dreadful place her mind, for there on the little finger ceed to Portree. Before starting on the of the white hand which the Marquis voyage a witch doctor was, as usual, had appeared to place rather meaningly called to sain the craft, which he did on the balcony-rail before her glittered under cloud of night by spitting on it, the ring the loss of which she so describing several cabalistic characters on it with a wand, and muttering Gae-She could not be mistaken; there was lie incantations. Having thus performonplace remark about the weather, dent of any kind. Being thus assured

> spoilers during his visit to the Pyra- assistance. The witch doctor, whose mids that day, and from him purchased popularity had been on the wane for savages. What to do in such an emergency and regarded as an unmitigated imposdante to her aid, she retired to her own objects which may by accident find their way into one's eye, the witch wrote Louise a dolorous account of what doctor has long been regarded as a ago. A pale old lady, with bleached all classes of invalids, while to those specialist. For the successful treat-As she was preparing to go out on ment of such cases it is necessary that crape and cashmere, was mounting the following afternoon, a chamber, the witch doctor should receive his fees maid brought a note to her room; and, in anticipation of a cure, and that he riage on the Place Vendome as I was and salubrious villages which might be recognizing the writing, with beating should not see the patient; indeed, the passing by. "That is the Empress," heart she tore it hastily open and read: greater the distance between them the said a sidewalk lounger as the carriage drove off. I, too, had recognized her. usual course is for the patient to send a When last I saw her (in 1870) pleasantness, myself the keenest pain! verbal message, accompanied by a a painted, powdered, penciled, bewigcan scarcely trust myself to say fare- handsome fee, stating the particulars ged caricature of her fee, the professor of demonology, after

of the accident, to the witch doctor. Having received the message and the whites of his eyes, and muttering Gaesent the troublesome object in the pa-tient's eye, and immediately it is produced the patient is relieved. The other after going through the usual mysteri- one than we had last year." ous performances, somehow failed to effect a cure. Recently an old woman. who had been an adept in curing such

Being such a successful witch doctor, and mules. The borses come in during grew and towered high above the surpatients from all quarters consulted her for their ailments. On one occasion a to arrive in November, but business is branches far out of reach of the schoolman residing on the island of Rona not brisk until December. It continthe note in Louise's hand; but she felt had an accident to one of his eyes, and ues then until April. About fourteen having sent a message unaccompanied | carloads of horses have passed through by a fee to her to cure him, she, after Atlanta in the two or three weeks for wells in the vicinity were completely having gone through the appropriate points south and east. Our local supperformances, found on her tongue not Louise, after reading the letter, "this the usual hair, but a full-grown and well-developed specimen of the pedicu-lus vestimentis, which genus of insects "The mule trade by far. In facare said to find congenial breeding-

Spots which were once part of an-

before the demolishing pickaxe. From a hygienic and sanitary point of view, these relics cannot be regretted, but the antiquarian or artist may be allowed to gia, both Carolinas, Florida and Alabasigh as he sees picturesque corners re- ma. The Atlanta market is relieved placed by broad streets of stone houses in the bastard Italian style of architecture. Another relic of ancient Paris is about to be done away with, through the opening of a street on the side of the then peddle them to the farmers all Impasse du Pont-aux-Biches. This place, some centuries ago, was a narrow surprised to know how much speculapassage, beginning in the Rue Notre Dame de Nazareth, and forming a coninuation of the Rue du Pont-aux- men ready at all times to scoop up a result of each ballot was brought by a Biches. It derived its name from a good bargain for any number of mules. bridge over a sewer, and an inn, of which the sign was two biches, or does, in Atlanta?" There were no doors or windows in this passage, which was about two hundred They are brought here from four to feet long and very narrow. It was seven years old. A four-year-old mule blocked up by barrows and trucks, and already broke is worth from \$125 to often unfortunate wretches who were \$150, though the best of a drove sells without a sheiter made it a refuge.

A fact that cannot smile is never good. There is no moment without some

duty.

Eugenie Past and Present.

A Parisian correspondent thus writes: As Empress, the fair Eugenie was narkable for the taste and splendor of her toilets. Of her might be thus paraphrased the epigram on Charles IL-she never wore a shabby narrow-minded and unintellectual, though very sweet and winning in her high, over-looking the city, are the reexcept for dress. She tried amateur acting at Compeigne, in imitation of Marie Antoinette at the Little Trianon. and, despite her beauty, even her flatterers were forced to confess that she was a failure. She was in her element whilst inventing new dresses—ball toil- if the rock had been squeezed up, ets in puffed tulle with a chaln of diamonds drawn through each puff, dresses in silk and velvet with the low-necked corsages hung with diamond fringes, others all in the costliest lace-clouds upon clouds of poin d'Alencon or point a l'aiguille-mantles of genuine eastern cashmere, stiff with golden embroidery-there was no end to her magnificence and to her caprices. She instituted the rule that at the summer parties at Compeigne no lady was to appear twice in the same dress, so a fortnight's invitation entailed upon the lady accepting it the purchase of a wardrobe of forty-two dresses at the very least, as

especially magnificent ball dresses for possible extra occasions. It would have been well for France had the Empress confined her attention to her gowns and her gewgaws, and left politics alone. She tried to reign, and invented a special toilet in which to preside over Cabinet meetings. She did more than anybody else to bring about the war with Prussia, her reli-gious convictions as a Spanish Catholic having persuaded her that a war with the country of the infidel and the here-tic would be a holy crusade, and one specially blest by heaven. When left a widow she tormented her son's life out with her parsimony, and her bigotry and her exactions. She kept him on the smallest possible allowance consistent with his position as a royal Prince and the associate of the sons of Queen Victoria. She would not even allow him a sufficient income to keep a second horse, or to take rooms in London during the his princely guest could pay up all arrears of rent when he became Emperor. It was to escape from home worries and

life beneath the spears of a handful of beginning of my article. I have seen and balmy mixture of sea and mounher once within the last few years. It tain air, its bright synshine and semihair and a crippled gait, shrouded in former self, the radiant young soverign that I had seen in 1854. Now she looks like the ghost of the dead Empire, the wan, joyless, faded image of what once was the most

shone upon.

Soon after the war Atlanta became a ble position as a distributing point for Georgia and the surrounding states, and day a man by no means deficient in in-day a man by no means deficient in in-telligence, residing in the Parish of local stock dealers. The city has more Europe. Lochcarron, met with a slight accident than held its own in this respect. The to one of his eyes, and forthwith a other day a leading livery stable and messenger was dispatched a distance of stock yard man said; "I anticipate a several miles to a witch doctor, who, great season in our business-a greater

"Has the basiness fairly opened yet?" "No, but we have information which points to very large proportions for it. cases, died in the Parish of Applecross. You see we have two seasons for horses islands. Time passed on. The trees ply is just beginning to come in." "Which is the more valuable to At-

"The mule trade by far. In fact, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Illinois. Atlanta is one of the best cient Paris are disappearing every year markets the stockdealers in those states can find."

"Who buys all these mules?" "They are distributed all over Georprincipally by wholesale. There are dozen, the score and the hundred and tion there is, too. The market is

"What is the average price of a mule "Well, that is not an easy question. often for \$200 or more apiece. Even the courier."

averaging them at \$125 and you have for the \$15,000 mules received here that you are defeated."

A student of the color of flowers, Mons. Schnetzler, contends that only one coloring substance exists in plants, and that the various colors of flowers

nearly \$2,000,000,"

A Queer Coasting Place. Cuzco, the ancient capital of the old Inca empire of Peru, is situated high up among the Andes, at a point so elerated that, although under the tropics, it has the climate and products of the temperate zone, says a writer in St. Nicholas. It still has many remains thing and never said a wise one. Like of Inca architecture, distinguished for most Spanish girls, she had received a its massiveness, which are likely to envery limited education. She was very dure for centuries to come. On a hill,

or eminence, nearly a thousand feet manners. The witty and appropriate mains of the great Inca fortress of the remarks which she as Empress was Sac-sa-hua-man, in the storming of prohibited in ten counties in Mississip called upon to make in public were all which Juan Pizarro, the brother of the pi. written for her beforehand, and she conqueror of Peru, was shin. This was as carefully coached in them as fortress was built of gigantic stones, or ever was an actress in the speeches of a rather rocks, and their great size and new part. In fact, she had no talents the accuracy with which they are fitted together astonish all who see them.

In front of this fortress is a curious dome-shaped mass of rock, called the Ro-da-dero, and sometimes also La Piedra Lisa, or "smooth rock," because its convex surface is grooved, as -Johann Strauss has celebrated his while in a plastic state, between irregular and unyielding walls, and then hardened into shape. A mass of dough, forced up under the outspread hands, 900,006 young oysters in the course of would give something of the same ap-

pearance in miniature. But the hollows of the grooves on the Peruvian hill are gallons of molasses from 100 water smooth and glassy. It is said in the old chronicles and traditions that the Inca youth, long years ago, amused themselves by coursing, or sliding, through these polished grooves on fes tival days and holy days; and this custom is still practiced by the modern

youth of Cuzco. There is one advantage, and it is three changes a day were requisite, great one, too, which these boys possess with an addition of some two or three over the northern boys, who live in the land of ice and snow, and that is, it is not necessary for them to toil up a long and slippery hill, dragging after them their heavy sleds, which grow heavier with every step they take, so the longer they ride the harder work it is for them the American buggy. to get back to the starting place. The Cuzco boy sits down at the top of the rock in one of the grooves, and with to 25 cents a pound. a slight start away he goes with all the speed imaginable, until he reaches the bottom, landing in a soft bed of earth;

then he picks himself up, runs around to an easy place of ascent, and is up again in a minute to repeat his ride. Coast Range of Mountains, in the loss by theft, of \$2,500, neighborhood of San Francisco, are A citizen of Des Mo many beautiful towns and villages, in donated the city sixty acres of land to which a large portion of the inhabi- be used as a public park. tants of the City of the Golden Gate season. A French hairdresser on Bond have established their permanent resistreet placed a suite of rooms over his shop at the disposal of the young Prince Imperial, remarking with a multi-line expense of access by train and steamboat; and in every remark the steamboat; Imperial, remarking with a smile that his princely guest could pay up all arcomitants of suburban living. In the at the base of the trunk, matter of chimate they are especially fa- -Hundreds of German children are home exactions that the poor boy went vored. The temperature is mild, dry christened Elsa new in honor of Wag-

there is perfect freedom from the malarial fevers as well as the high winds. the sand storms and the extreme heat beauteous girl-Countess described at the pleasant neighborhoods, with its soft

> mate proves remarkably invigorating. Among these outlying, picturesque named is San Rafael, situated about fourier miles from San Francisco in a northwesterly direction, and looking out upon the upper end of the bay. Its climate corresponds closely to that of Mentone, in Southern France, but in the provision for the comfort and convenience of those who seek the benetits of a genial temperature, not alone to be indicative of an early winter. in winter, but throughout the entire year, the California town greatly surpasses any point along the Rivera. It s not surprising, therefore that such \$20. delightful and health giving retreats as San Rafel are sought out more and more by the people of the Eastern States as places especially for winter sojourn, and that the opinion has taken a firm hold upon those who have visited the California sanitariums that they are far preferable to the better-known neighborhood of a similar character in

About 20 years ago a resident on Ap- ties. sley street, Amberstburg, planted opposite his residence four young poplar trees, which had been presented to him by an old Scotch friend who originally brought the seed from the Orkney rounding buildings, so that birds of the tober and November. The mules begin ar built their nests among the top boys slingshot. At last the trees stopped growing upwards and turned their attention to multiplying roots. Four choked up, After a while the roots took another freak. Wherever one shot up abeve the surface of the ground and found its progress barred by the sidewalk, a floor of a dwelling or anyvery few people know how big a thing thing else, it grew a hard round knot it is. There were 7,000 mules sold from to the end, which gradually increased my yards alone last season, and the city's in bulk until it shoved everything betrade goes to about 15,000 for a season. fore it. Then they changed their tac-They bring mules here from Kentucky, tics, and made tremendous efforts to are said to bring more per cwt, at the propagate their species. Within a ra- factories than wheat. dius of a thousand vards they sent up up millions of shoots. And then the in small change to street mendicants owner got mad and made firewood of and vagrants, and no one can see that a the old trees to the great grief of his bit of good has been done.

#### neighbors. Sugar in His'n.

General Strongly, who was once jobbers in mules all through the south Governor of Arkansas, could stand dewho come in here and buy them by the feat or success about as well as any man known to the thrilling history of this country. Once, while his chances through the country. You would be of victory were in the hands of his friends, assembled in State convention, -A man in Greenville, S. C., has the General and several supporters sat been blind for years, yet drives alone to watched very closely, and there are in the rotunda of the leading hotel. The a buggy, and runs both a sawmill and a courier.

'Well," said the General, after receiving returns from the forty-first bal-lot, "if Jackson climbs much more he'll Year. All were provided with certifidown me." "I'd be prepared for the worst," some

"Oh, I'm prepared. Hellomhere's "General, I'm pained to inform you

"That so? Well, boys, come up and let's have something," leading the way to the bar. "What will you all take? "Bill," addressing the bar-tender. "give me a whisky sour." Just then a man dashed in and ex-

# NEWS IN BRIEF.

-There are said to be 100,000 Quakers in the whole United States

-There are five persons of foreign birth in the United States Senate. -There are over 275,000 school teach-

ers in this country. -A treorgia boy of eleven years is serving a term in prison for murder -Quail are now so abundant in California that they throng the roadways, -The sale of intoxicating liquors is

-The value of minerals exported from Australia last year was \$11.194,-

-Prof. Max Muller of Oxford Uni-

-Mackerel, it is reported, swarm in the surf at points on the California

fortieth anniversary as a director in Vienna -One single oyster will produce 128,-

one year. -An Alabama farmer obtained eight

-In Pittsburg 25,000 pupils are er rolled in the public schools, with 536 -There are over 300,000 persons in

England who now use the bicycle and tricycle. -President Arthur pays taxes in

New York this year to the amount -One grain of Dakota wheat in three years produced two bushels of grain. This is authentic.

the world is said by Englishmen to be -Dynamite is a drug in the Mexican narket. It has fallen in price from \$1

-The lightest, pleasantest article in

-It is asserted that about a third of the banking done in the world is done in the British empire. -William Miller is a Wisconsin farmer who has made \$1,000,000 out of the

-Hiram Grubler, a miser in Klingers-Nestled among the foot-hills of the town, Pa., has become insane over the -A citizen of Des Moines, Iowa, has

products of the farm.

-An Ohio ex-Governor, once a man of large wealth, is now selling cigars by sample to retail dealers.

-There is a tree in California 450 feet high and 94 feet in circumference

ier's Lobengrin heroine. -It is estimated that an average of 500 thimbles are annually swallowed by the babies of America. -The Senate House at Kingston, N.

Y., was erected 1676, and is the oldest public building in the country. -Sweet Snow died in Cleburn county,

-A Boston savings bank cashier says it is the poorest dressed people who deposit the most money as a rule. -The island of Cuba is threatened with the cocoanut bugs which the plan-

ters fear will devastate the crop, -England makes 990,000,000 gallons of beer every year, Germany 900,000,000 and the United States 600,000,000. -Wild geese are passing south a

-Five years in the penitentiary is the penalty just inflicted on a negro at Lees-burg. Florida, who stole a little over -Lieutenant Schwatks is going to

month earlier than usual and this is said

in cattle raising in the Aleutian Islands. -The oil tanks of the Pennsylvania oil region are uniformly 28 feet high, 90 feet in diameter, and cost \$8,000

employ himself, after his arctic work.

-People who have buffalo robes would do well to hold on to them. They will soon be valuable as curiosi -There is such a glut of apples in New York that farmers are seiling

-The temperance societies of New York will celebrate Father Mathew's birthday anniversary with great enth; -The cotton seed which is shipped

their crops as low as eight cents pe

bushel.

from the Mississippi Valley to Europe in a crude state comes back to the South as pure olive oil. -The abolition of the business tax is being agitated in Pittsburg, and licenses for the different classes of business

proposed instead. -The first persons in the world to protest against negro slavery in America were the English colonists at German town as early as 1688.

-Bifffalo bones, gathered from the

Westerns plams, to make fertilizers of, -Americans hand \$1,006,000 per year

-The Episcopal denomination has been growing very rapily in Scotland gained over 50,000 members. -A fine of a shilling each was in

posed upon two London newsboys for offering their papers for sale to people going to church on Sunday morning. been blind for years, yet drives alone to

a gin mill-that is, a cotton gin mill.

-One thousand Chinese sailed in one vessel from San Francisco for China a Year. All were provided with certifi--After December 1 the Germans will be taxed for insurance purposes. The

money is to be given to sick and disabled workmen and for the those who die. -There is a stone called Centre Rock located in the rotunds in the Capitol at Raleigh, N.C. If a man stands squarely upon it his words become inarticulate to those around him.

-The rough and uncut dia are due simply to the modifications claimed: "General, six counties have ported from the Division of Kimberly, made in this subtance by the acids or changed their vote and you are elected." in South Africa, during August last, alkalies contained in the plants them—
"That so? Say, Bill, you may put a declared value was £235,912.