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THE WINTER OF LIFE.

"No snow fall so gently as the snows of Yet none are so heavy, as they never The snow of winter gently falls,

And whitens o'er the ground; Thus, with the showy wreaths of time fibe brow of age is bound. it never melts, but slowly falls,

Silent and scarcely seen, Until the heads of those we love Glitter with silver sheen. Time never heeds the pain or grief

Which human nature feels, No backward movement ever makes But onward rolls its wheels; less of the bitter wait

Of hearts by anguish riven; the songs of routh, the plaints of age, Unbested, rise to heaven. On could we find the tabled spring

Which would our youth resto or gaze, like traveler outward bound, on the receding shore: But all in valu—the bounding wave

Still bears us from the strand; The mystic water's power's naught but a tale of fairy land

Better to bear with cheerful heart. The change that time may bring, and garner treasure for old age, Then sigh for endless spring

freasures of faith, of hope, of love, Freely to mortals given; peath will restore our youthful bloom, There's no old age in heaven,

QUITE AN ADVENTURE.

A good many years have passed since one bitterly cold night—the last night as I tipped him. in the old year-I was taking the 7 p. m express from York to Newcastle The train stood ready to start; but either not like leaving the cheerful warmth of waiting and refreshment rooms until the last moment, for I paced the platform in gloomy sollitude, trying to decide governor or first class and please myself. My father was a large shareholder, and pointing toward us, took an active interest in the working of the line. He was not satisfied with getting good interest for his money, but wanted to the very full amount all the principal was capable of making. One of his maxims was "Make the thirdclass carriages as comfortable as you can, and then far greater numbers will

"It is not the solitary first and secthe hundreds and thousands of mill hands and mechanics. When you travel on our line, never lose an opportunity of going third class, and then you will be able to suggest improve-

And so I usually followed his advice but on this night I was sorely tempted to make an except on to the rule. I remembered by ver, with an uneasy conscience, that I was bound to please the old gentle man just now, if possible, Be might have a talent for making money, but his son had been largely endowed with the gift of spending it; an linew well that in a few days I should te obliged to again appeal to his genensity to free me from my liabilities; and so, with the air of a martyr, I walked up to the door of the nearest

"Are these corner seats all taken?" Lasked of two ladies who were the sole occupants of the carriage. "All but that," said the elder one. pointing to the one opposite to her. I threw in a small satchel and some

"You are not going third on a night like this, Mr. Lawson?" said the guard addressing me.

"Certainly! Why not?" demanded I bravely; but I f it I was a most selfdesying young man, and should, most assuredly in my first letter home make a strong note of the sacrifice I

"I will get you a foot-warmer; you will need it to night," said the guard as he was hurrying away. "Thanks! Bring one for these ladies

as well," returned I "Have you any loggage, sir?" the man inquired, a few moments later, as though her heart would break.

fulfilled his commission, he stood waiting to give the signal for our "In the van," I replied,

"And your friends?" asked he. I turned to the ladies. The elder one nedded and I answered, "Yes," "All right?" the guard shouted, and blew a shrill whistle; and in a few mindes we were on our way to Newcastle.

But traveling was heavy work, as the main were encumbered with snow. My companions were not talkative. The old lady indeed listened to what I had to say, and now and again ventured a remark on her own account; but the younger one merely gave monsyllable replies to any observations addressed to her. I thought however that she had the most musical voice I had ever heard, and felt provoked with her fortalking so little and keeping her face concealed by a thick Shetland veil which made it an impossibility to see what her features were like.

At length I gave up all efforts at conversation, and sat wondering who my fellow-passengers were, and devising a scheme that would make the ung lady throw back her veil. As I lay back with closed eyes, visions of a air-harred, blue-tyed, gentle girl floated before me; and already I was more than had in love with her. I was a young man, and had never before felt the charm of a sweet voice, and I determined that I would not lose sight of the possessor in a hurry.

Presently 1 let down the window and

attempted to look out; but instantly there was such a volley of fine white show that I was compelled to close it again quickly. The ladies shivered, and then more carefully and tenderly folded my plaid about the young one.

At last we ran into D rlington stawine negus to be brought to us as hot as it could be made, I exulted in the glampse of the young lady's face. But devise no plan to elude him. I was doomed to disappointment. "You had better keep down your

veil, dear," the old lady said, turning toker companion; "this wind will make your toothache worse," After this I sat down in sullen silence

to brood over my ill-luck. Traveling grew worse. The old lady was evidently agitated. She slipped her hand into the young lady's muff-

Newcastle to night," said I, bending man?" towards them. Surely!" burst from both their lips

in such consternation as made me sorry to have imparted such disagreeable information.

"But we must be in Newcastle tonight!" said the elder lady irrationally;

no possibility of our arriving to-night?" will try to get a telegram sent for you

from the next station—that is, if the wires are all right," "There is no need, thank you," replied the young lady quickly. "No, thank you," echoed the elder

"I was but reflecting on the unpleasant position we should be placed in as two improtected ladies. My daughter too has not been well for, some time."

Of course I offered my protection and secretly felt glad at the probability of spending several hours in the company of "my daughter."

"There is a long cutting not far off," remarked presently. "If we get through that, we shall reach Newcastle two or three hours late; but, if not, we are deemed."

As I finished speaking we came to a dead stand In a few seconds the guard opened the carriage door, We shall be obliged to stay here for the night, Mr. Lawson," he said; "there

are some cottages just near!" "Send to engage at least one room for me and my frieds," requested I. "This young lady is not well, and would be glad to get to bed, I dare say, if such a luxury as a bed can be procur-

"All right sig," said he, touching his cap, and giving me a knowing wink

"I was positively informed," said some one in a loud voice, "that the party I want to find took this train at there were few passengers or they did York; and I have a warrant for his ap-Both ladies trembled violently as we.

passed the man. "Well, you see he is not here, "answerthe travel third class, and please the passengers."

You have seen all the passengers." "All but those," said the stranger

"I tell you again," cried the guard, this is young Mr. Lawson!" "Yes, yes," allowed the detective

-for it was no other-"I know him but those ladies?" "They are his friends, Came with him to the station at York, and-"But I must and will know more

about them!" broke in the detective. "Mr. Lawson," shouted the guard ands, Bob my lad," said he, addressing impatiently, "you will please come me, "that will make the affair pay, but here a moment?" "Oh, say we are your Mends!" pleaded the old lady. "I will give you

a full explanation afterwards." "Well?" said L as I joined the two "I am really ashamed to trouble you sir," answered the guard; "but man won't take my word for it that

those ladies are your friends," Perhaps he will take mine, 'said I. "Then they really are friends of yours?" interrogated the dective. 'Certainty! They are going with me

to Newcastle," I answered. apologies to follow the advice given him by the guard-"Get back to York as fast as

other time before you begin insulting respectable ladies and gentlemen!" When I had ushered the ladies into the little sitting room which had been reserved for us, I looked from one to

can, and know what you are about an-

the other for an explanation. They did not keep me waiting. "We are in your hands, sir," the elder lady said, rising, and, taking the hat and veil from off the head of the younger one, displayed to my sight not the blond beauty I had been dreaming about, but a pale delicate looking youth I stood dumfounded. What a descent

from the sublime to the ridiculous! "I don't understand," said I slowly trying to take in all the facts of the "Then are you really the people," I went on, and then paused.

"Yes," answered the old lady finishing the sentence for me, "we really are the people the detective is looking for; but, oh, sir, have pity, and spare us! -and here she broke down, sobbing as The young fellow hid his face in his

hands and wept like a child. After a little while, the old lady told me her story. She had had misfortune and trouble, had experienced loss after loss -indeed everything had seemed to have gone against her. At last her only daughter fell III. Weeks passed on; but there was no improvement. The doctor told her plainly that the only hope of her recovery lay in her being provided with better nourishment, and ordered expensive wines and various delicacies. But the question was how, limited means, to procure these. Affairs were in this condition when her son Paul, who was in a bank, embezzled some money, intending to refund it, but the defalcation was at once found out; and as there had been other petty frauds on the bank of late, the manager and diretors were determined to make an example of the de

"And now, sir," concluded the old lady, "we are in your hands. You must do with us as you please. Had it not been for you, we should now have been in custody."

It was no question of right or wrong I felt I could not give these people up to justice, and at once assured them of my protection, although in so doing I felt rather guilty, for on that very mogning my father had been discussing this case at breakfast, and hoping the delinquent would be caught.

We were detained several hours, and it was not until the evening of the next day that we arrived in Newcastle. As we alighted on the platform, whom should I see but my friend the detective Luckily neither of the others observed him. After seeing to the lug-gage, we entered a cab and drove away I felt terribly nervous, but thought it tion; and, as I hastily ordered port was better for the present not to acquaint my companions with our real That we should have a visit thought that at last I should have a from the fellow I felt certain, but could

The ladies, on arriving at the hotel, pleaded fatigue, and were served with a cup of tea in their bed-room, whilst had dinner, and afterwards went into the billiard-room to smoke a cigar and think over a way of escape for my new

'What, Bob, is that you?' shouted a familiar voice. 'I should as soon have thought of meeting my great evidently for sympathy.

"I am afraid we shall not get into in the world have you sprung from the world have you

And there, to be sure, was wild laughing Ted Vercoe or mad Ted, as was more frequently called amongst his friends. "What if I ask you that question old

fellow?" said I. "Oh, it is easily answered in my night, and, had it not been so, we should

and the trans stood in her eyes as she added, "Do you really think there is just down the water a little way, all festivities at Greystone Lodge. Any manned ready for starting on another "I am atraid not, madam," said I; long cruise, and had it not been for my "but, if your business is very urgent I rascally confidential man just at the get married and settle down on land, I should have been no one knows where now. I shall be off directly if I meet with one to suit me. You know, Bob, I am rather hard to please. I want a fellow that I can make a companion of at times.

"Get married," suggested I. "That would never do. I couldn't get rid of a wife just when I wanted. No, Bob, I don't want a wife. I want a man to see to my clothes, arrange my books, keep a duary of our travels, and dine with me, or take a hand at cards with me when I think good to ask him.

I give a liberal salary.' "I believe I can fit you with just the arcticle you require," said I.
"From your description of him, I
will take him," said Ted a few moments later, "especially as you think you can persuade him to come at once. Well"-taking out his watch-"I have a few things to arrange. It is now seven o'clock; I should like to leave is a regular block. Lucky job there here a few minutes after eight. You see I have a long way to go and not much time for it. I have a very heavy

wager on the voyage." "I will do the best I can," I assured

'Well," said Ted, "we will meet in this room again in a quarter of an hour; and, if this friend of yours will go with me, we will sleep on board to-night, and be off before you are awake in the morning. Oh, by the-bye, Bob, Mrs. and Miss Spence are here! They are occupying No. 10 sitting-room. you they were snow-bound last night, Don't say anything about my starting off to-night-the old lady is such a fidgety dame!"

"Fortune favors the brave," muttered I to myself, as I went to inform Paul of his danger and and opportunity of escape.

"I have told Mr. Vercoe nothing of your previous history, but that you are a gentleman who has been unfortunate we none of us had much rest the night reign in far more brightness than did and is in trouble," said I. "Tell him just what you like yourself, and when you like. I shall give him the number of your room; he is sure to be punctual. I shall see you no more," I added, holding out my hand. "No thanks, please. Redeem the past, I will look after your mother and sister for the present.' "So far so good," thought I, as I was

probably have slept in the same hotel and known nothing of each others pres-

Mrs. Spence. "We too are on our way For two or three years we lost sight of to Greystone, and, like you, were detained for some hours owing to the snow having drifted so as to render the roads impassable. And so you must leave us now for a short time?" she take a cup with us, and bring Mr.

I can't answer for himebut I shall be delighted to come myself," said I, bowing to the ladies, "Ten minutes late!" growled Ted,

as I entered the billiard-room. "Have you succeeded?" "Yes, This is the number of my

friend's room," said I, handing him a slip of paper. "Now let us have a few strokes at billiards," I added. We played very listlessly, talking and now and then giving a ball

stroke. "Eight o'clock, Bob," said Ted; and in walked the delective,
"Let's put more life into the game,

Ted." I said, feeling terribly unstrung. 'Sorry to trouble you, sir," observed the detective to me, in a low voice; "but you have two ladies here. Can I see them?"

I raised my eyebrows in surprise, "Se my friends? What do you mean

"Now it is just this, Mr. Lawson, know the party of whom I am in search left York last night by the 7 P. M. express; I saw all the passengers but the two who were traveling with you, I must and will see them!"

"If you must, you must," said I, as suming a carelessness I was far from feeling; "but really— Vereoe, will you excuse me a moment?" Then turning to the detective again-"You say you must and will see these ladies at once; well, wait a few minutes-no. no trickery! I am going to have a cup of tea with them in their private sitting-room, and you can go with me as another friend I have just met acci-dentally in the billiard-room, as they know I met Mr. Vercoe a little while ago. You see, I could scarcely enter the room and say, here, ladies, is a policeman demanding an interview with one or both of youl' "

"Time's up!" said Ted; and we clasped hands as two old schoolfellows and friends will do. "Let me hear from you now and

"All right, Bob. My secretary shall give you full accounts of our doings, and now and again I will enclose a short note; but you must not expect much from me in the letter-writing line," My heart beat fast as we entered No.

10. What if my protege should be captured just at the last moment? I look ed like a man ill at ease as I said-"Excuse me, my dear Mrs, Spence but I have quite unexpectedly met this gentleman, and, as I did not like to deny myself the pleasure of your company, I have claimed the privilege of an old friend, and brought him with

"Any friend of Mr. Lawson's will always be welcome; but you have forgotten. Bob, to introduce him to us," Mrs. Spence replied affably. "Dear me!" said I, pretending to augh. "What a breach of etiquette!

laugh. Allow me to introduce to you my friend Mr. Arthur Randall." The fellow was completely crestfallen he sat down, but seemed as though he hardly knew what to do with his feet and hands. Mrs. Spence saw his em-barrassment, and tried to draw him

into conversation. I trembled, but at

that moment-welcome sound !- Ted and his companion passed the door. I drew a sigh of relief. "What dreadful weather we are having!" Mrs. Spence observed. "Have rapidly becoming scarce,—is now used, you travelled far, Mr. Randail? Mr. A powerful hydraulic press for com-Lawson and me were snow bound last

way it is lucky we have him here as a protection. It is foolish, I know; but says; The Queen having upon Saturday I do not like staying for a night in a last moment taking it into his head to strange hotel unless we have a gentle- the thoughts of many of her subjects man belonging to the party." Conversation flagged, and both ladies

emed relieved when I begged for a little music. "Do you like classical or popular mitsic, Mr. Randall?"said I mischievously.

I began now to feel that I was master of the situation. "I don't care much for music at any time said he in a low voice, "but should but the precedents are clearly in favor like to have a word with you in private of the celebration being held at the beginning and not at the end of the 50th year. Mr. Lawson.

"But I should like to return to York by the 90 train," he began hurriedly.
"All right," said I rising to follow

Spence asked looking bewildered at years shall be unto thee forty and nine such strange behavior.

few seconds," I assured her. throughout all your land. And ye "I don't know what apology to offer, shall hallow the 50th year, and proclaim you," stammered John Dobson alias libery throughout all the land unto all Mr. Arthur Randall, as soon as the the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubdoor was closed.

demanded I loftily.

"Nothing is more certain. I should never have came to Newcastle, but that the inspector was so positive they took the train you came by, and blew me up soundly because I had not seen the ladies who were with you. It would that it will have been added to the list.

The occurrence, therefore, is so interest to the second that the have been a great rise for me to take unusual that it will be of interest to that young rascal. But, for the present, the ciue seems lost. I have a notion he is hiding in London."

sitting-room alone.

As the night wore on, I thought it The comparison, if it does nothing strange I had never before noticed the soft low music of Laura Spence's voice despite the many sorrows which have I liked to hear her sing, and felt charm-afflicted her middle life, will see the ed when she spoke to me; and, although before, we did not separate until a late

The time at Greystone passed all too quickly; but I did not leave there un-til Laura Spence had promised to make than a year after the Great Charter had the happiest man in the world.

The nine days' talk of the North

The reign was as troubled as it was me the happiest man in the world. British Bank robbery ran its course, long; The Barons had tasted of power, and then died away, to be remembered and were not inclined to forego it; and,

ence here," I remarked—"perhaps have
left to-morrow without seeing each
other. I am over-due at Greystone
Lodge, having been detained on account
of the snow-storm."

Ted over two years, and then left for arbitration.

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limited a strange coincidence!" said 'What a strange coincidence!' said | the diamond-diggings in South Afric went on, as I rose to go. "I have or- had embezzied with interest. A few dered tea for half-past eight; come and | months later a gentlemanly little man called at my house and inquired for Mr. Lawson. My surprise may be imagined when I saw Paul Rivers standing before me.

"Why, this is an unexpected pleasure!" said I, holding out my hand. "As soon as I was a free man I could not resist the longing to come over and thank you for all your kindness to me

and those at home." he said earnestly "You are not going back I hope?" "Oh, yes!" he replied. And back he went in a short time, taking with him his mother and sister.

Paul is a rich and prosperous man now. He often writes to Ted and me; and his letters are always full of hope and happiness; for he is blest with a olear conscience, a good wife, happy children, and an abundance of this world's goods.

At Payta we took on a battalion of Peruvian soldiers, with one brassmounted officer to every seven men. The wives and families of the Peruvian army always travel with them like the squaws and papooses of the North American Indian. In camp the women do the cooking; on the march they carry on their backs and heads a great part of the campequipage, and in battle they nurse the wounded and rob the They are poor, miserable, degraded creatures; just one degree above the dogs which follow at their heels. Their power of endurance are extraordinary. Often it is the case that they will march twenty or thirty miles a day over dusty roads, carrying a child on their backs, without water or food.

The poor children have the hardest time, for they are always without rest or shelter and often without food. But it is the experience they are born into, and they know nothing of a better life The officers tell me that the children often die on the march, when their mothers strip the clothing from them and throw the bodies into the sand or woods, without even a burnal or a tear. On the contrary, the women seem to be glad to be relieved by death of an incumbrance.

According to an emment physician, the age at which running can be practiced, by a healthy man in training, is from twenty to thirty. Boys and girls also of ten or twelve can run with no Balls and banquets, fire vorks and feasts apparent fatigue. In boy's races, for were soon forgotten, but mementoes of those under fourteen, no previous training should be inflicted No one should train for running until he is eighteen, seen a "Jubilee Ing"; and at the but twenty would be the safer. Between twenty and twenty-seven is the best age for ottaining speed in running. Between thirty and forty a wise man will think twice before undergoing showed that it was baked in celebration training for race-running. Older men should run under no pretence whatever. It may be added that no woman should run on any pretence whatever, except, of course, when chased by a cow; and, since every rule must have its exception, a man, even after his fortieth birthday, must not hesitate upon occasion to run away from a pretty girl. That is the only way.

It has been found that compre teak may be made to serve some of the purposes for which borwood-which is pressing teak for loom-shuttles has just made during the pre-ent reign with the been made in Manchester, England, state of affairs in the three other reigns

The Jabilee of Victoria.

entered upon the 49th year of ber reign, will turn to the next 26th of June, when her Majesty will commence her seem surprising that the auspicious date is so near, for there appears to have been an impression upon many minds that the celebration would take place in 1887, when the half century of reign will have been completed. "Certainly!" I agree. "I will retire The most direct is that of 1809, upon the with you for a short time directly we 25th of October, when rejoicings were have had tea. A servant is just bring held throughout the empire because of the entrance of George III, upon jubilee year; and thus the original institution of the jubilee itself was obviously followed. "Thou shalt number." says the Mosaic law, 'seven Sabbaths of "You gentlemen are not leaving be-fore you have had some tea?" Mrs. and the space of the seven Sabbaths of years. Then shalt thou cause the "One or both of us will return in a trumpet of the jubilee to or was closed.

"Are you convinced of your error?" in the whole tale of our history have been suffered to see the opening of such

compare, in however brief a way, the circumstances under which the three overeigns named entered their jubilee "Quite likely," I assented; and a few Year, and those under which it is likely minutes later I returned to Mrs. Spence' to be the lot of our present monarch to iom their company in this particular. more, will serve to show that the Queen, sun shine upon this fiftleth year of her either of the three to be considered. Henry III, had ascended the throne in October, 1216, at the age of 9, upon the death of his father, John, a little more ushered into No. 10.

"Wonders will never cease!" said good Mrs. Spence, coming forward to greet me. "I was surprised at the table-d-hote to meet Mr. Vercoe, and now here is Mr. Lawson!"

"Had it not been for Ted, we should with the field way, to be remembered and were not inclined to forego it; and, by very few. My father seemed much in the midst of internecine struggles, interested in the affair, but feit certain that the fellow did not go in the same train "that my son went by," as of course I knew no hing of any one and swering to the description given by the police.

"Had it not been for Ted, we should by very few. My father seemed much in the midst of internecine struggles, in the midst of internecine str Time passed on, and Laura Spence that the dispute between the King and became my wife, and then I told her of Barons was referred to the French

year of jubilee with the embers of civil war still warm around him, and with a speedy revival of them into a flame a

An almost equal gloom attended the entrance of Edward III, upon the fiftieth year. The greatness of the King who had won Cressy and Poitiers and who had added Calais to the English dominions had become sadly by the weakness of his later life. Much of the popular hatred which had been the portion of the elder and younger Despenser, hanged by the Barons at the beginning of the reign, was showered upon Alice Perrers at the end; and the earlier victories in France, by which general enthusiasm had been fired, had been almost forgotten in the national shame which followed upon the later humiliations in Spain. The teachings of Wielif, directed though they were to a reform in religion, deepened the discontent; and, when the "seven Sabbaths of years" of Edward's reign had passed, the opening of the jubilee found a miserable King and a mutinous people. Before the year was out the Black Prince, once the nation's and his father's pride, passed to his rest, and Ed ward himself the next year went almost

unwept to his grave. Not far from four centuries and a half rolled away before another King's jubilee could be celebrated in England, and then for the third time the circumstances could not be considered other than sad. "It was a melancholy season for a jubilee, this close of the year 1809,' says a historian of the period; "yet a jubilee there was. The old man himself was nearly blind and his wits were wavering; he was at variance with his heir: his favorite son was just disgraced and he was in displeasure with the others of them.

In the midst of the depression abroad and the quarrels at home, in defiance of the gloom which was settling down upon the world, the jubilee was to be held and men were to be joyful and loyal on the 25th of October at least, whatever had gone before or should come after. But, despite the surrounding gloom, the occasion was celebrated with much enthusiasm and fervent lovalty. Through the livelong day services were held, cannon roared, poor and rich were feasted, and all deserters from army and navy received a pardon. There were grand doings in the far corners of the earth, by appointment, in sympathy with home; meetings in Canada, balis at Bombay and Calcutta, and some remission of toll, some faint revival of the sensation of citizenship among the convicts of Botany Bay. the occasion lingered for a long time. In some remote towns/are vet years ago, could be inspected, carefully covered by a glass shade, a crumbling biscuit, the impression upon which of the jubilee of George III.

"The jubilee went off well" is the summing up of the historian above quoted, "and those who were most quoted proud of it were most eager to point out bow unlikely it was that there should ever be a other." And yet within little more than three-quarters of a century the question of how most fittingly to celebrate so rare an occasion is once more a fair topic for talk. But the jubilee of Victoria will be far more legitimate cause for national rejoicing than was that of Henry or Edward or George It is not necessary to attempt to contrast the great and solid advances

which have been named. It is as little necessary to try at this date to forecast The London Globe in a recent issue the manner in which the day will be

"year of jubilee." To some it will but of common consent. As the day emigration to the shores of this contidraws nearer the language of praise nent, while the Peruvan cinchons kept will be restrained to tell of what has alive the newcomers who might have with a white stone in the memory of which met the unacchimated adventuyoung and old of every party, of every ect, and of every class in the empire.

ers, and the ice that was so clear before stimulants. that you almost felt timid about put-ting your foot upon it for fear that it the greatest importance to the human

give it a most mottled appearance. only an hour or two long. Even at value and the probability of its success these wonderful and extreme distances these Esquiroaux are never given to premeditated falsehood) that they can fornia. tell whether the herd is one of musk oxen or reindeer by some varying peculiarities of the vapors which I did not clearly understand, and which I

possibility steadily staring him in the never took an opportunity to practically apply, Even the foot of a person walking along as it is lifted from the ground leaves a little puff of vapor to float away from the spot as if the walker nad stepped upon a sponge saturated with smoke, which was liberated by the pressure, and this, too, when there are four thicknesses of heavy reindeer skin between the bare foot and the snow underneath.

Sir Astley Cooper as a Horse Doctor.

In the life of Sir Astley Cooper it is said that he required his coachman to attend every market morning at Smithfield, and purchase all lame young horses exposed for sale which he thought might possibly be convertible into carriage or saddle horses, should they recover from their defects. He never to give more than 7 pounds sterling for each, but 5 pounds sterling was the average price. In this manner thirty or forty horses were sometimes collected at Gaelisbridge, his farm. On a stated morning the blacksmith came up from the village, and the horses were in successive order caught, halter-ed, and brought to him for inspection. Having discovered the cause of their lameness, he proceeded to perform whatever seemed to him necessary for the cure. The improvement produced in a short time by good feeding and medical attendance, such as few horses before or since have enjoyed, appeared truly wonderful. Horses which were at first with difficulty driven to pasture, because of their halt, were now with as much difficulty restrained from running away. Even one fortnight at Gaelis bridge would frequently produce such an alteration in some of them that it required no unskillful eye in the former owner himself to recognize the animal which he had sold but a few weeks be fore. Fifty guineas were paid for one of these animals, which turned out a very good bargain, and Sir Astley's

carriage was for years drawn by a pair of horses which together cost him only 12 pounds 10 shillings sterling. We believe a similiar business to that of Sir Astley Cooper is carried on by a class of horse dealers in New York and other large cities. Lame and otherwise worthless horses are bought for a few dollars and taken to the country, where the change to pasture diet, the needed rest, and the watchful and carefu treatment of the owner frequently transforms a worthless horse into a valuable animal.

Rival cities may be skeptical as t the accuracy of the count, but Chicago increase of her population rom 503,304 in 1880 to 600,000, and Buffalo boasts an increase from 155.137 202,909 in the same time. In this ountry, as in Europe, the tendency of completion toward the cities is marked and our city population increased from 2,897,586 in 1850 to 11,318,547 in 1880 nearly 400 per cent, Gen. Walker predicted after completing his work on the latest census, that the census of 1890 will show a population of 64,437, 000, but he predicted only 49,000,000 for 1880, and it is probable that he has underestimated for 1890, as both in citand country the increase is very rapid a gain of 600,000 in five years being announced by Iowa alone.

He prospers most in life, who learn

The Cook Plant.

We owe many things to Peru, so many made one to be long remembered in fact that were it not for them it is an There is a great good fortune in the interesting queston to study out what fact that the blessings which have be- condition our race might occupy at this fallen the nation since the accession of day different from that of the past. the Queen are not matters of argument, The Peruvian silver turned a numerous been, and the day itself will be marked died of the coast and other fatal fevers rers. Peruvian guano has enriched England and France through the prosperity of agriculture, and we owe a

great debt of gratitude for the same gift. And now we have a new medici-The thermometer stood at 71 degrees | nai agent which promises to become as below zero, Fahrenheit, in the Arctic notable an anaeshetic for local applica-Regions, the unclouded sky in the vi-cinity of the sun, hanging low in the in other ways. This plant has long been southern horizon, assumed a dull leaden known from its uses among the Peruvi hue, tinged near the sun's rim with a ans, who have been addicted to it as a faint, brownish red, not unlike the pleasing and moderate stimulant and skies we see coarsely painted on cheap intoxicant. The leaves are rolled up chromo-lithographs displayed for sale with a little lime in them and are chewin third-rate picture shops. At night ed. The saliva, which is swallowed, time the stars glitter like diamonds produces slight intoxication and a under the electric light, and fairly seem strong inclination to rest. As the native on fire with their brilliant radience. Workmen take their coca four times a Should you pour water-cold water day the prolonged rest which it encoutaken from the well dug through the rages are serious drawbacks to their ice of the lake near which you are industry. As a set off against this, camped—upon the surface of the ice, however, it is claimed that the laborer it greets you with an astonishing, can perform a great deal of labor by the noise, like fire running help of this stimulant with very little through the cedar brush, or like a food. The same claim we think has dozen bunches of miniature fire crack- been made for beer and other alcoholic

really was not there, now instantly race. By a chemical process an alkaturns white as marble, and as hard to loid, or its active principle, cocaine see through as so much snow, caused has been separated from the leaves. by the infinite number of seams running. This drug has the property of produin every direction through it from the cing local insensibility to pain upon any unequal expansion. Many of the Es- part of the body to which it is applied. quimaux children amuse themselves The cocoaine has been chiefly used in trying this simple experiment until the serious operations upon the eye with white spots on the clear ice of the lake great success; but its use in the treatment of General Grant has brought it Vapor and steam seem to roll away into greater notice and has popularized from everything of a hving nature, and its name and reputation. It is exceedthe sledge, with its ten or fifteen dogs, ingly costly, having been sold fo and its four or five humans in harness, several dollars a grain, and it costlilooks like a starting locomotive envel- ness prevents its use, except in rare oped in its escaping steam, and leaves cases. The plant is a small shrub about a trail of vapor behind them resembling five to eight feet high, which bears the dust stirred up on a well used, thick evergreen leaves. The form of road by rolling wagon wheels. Should the leaf is an ovoid, prolonged and narthe party halt to rest in a basin like row at the base. The shrub grows in valley this vapor rapidly collects as a the mountain districts, where it is culfor bank, and in a little while becomes tivated in plantations for the leaves, so dence as to obscure the originators which form an article of domestic comfrom a person at a distance, but really merce, and are sold in a dried state for a makes their whereabouts easily deter- dollar or more per pound. The first mined by this very sign. Herds of crop of leaves is picked when the shrub musk oxen and reindeer make their is five years old, after which an annual positions visible by this means at quite gathering is made. The leaves are now long distances—if the herd be large, imported into Europe and America, four or five miles away, and at from very favorable heights, even three or portant and the value to increase large forr times this distance, so the Esqui- ly for some time at least, as new plantamau hunters claim; so far away, in fact, tions are of slow growth. It is quite that it has been known to take two probable that the plant would grow sucday's sledging to reach them; but my cessfully in some portions of the United readers must bear in mind that a day States or Mexico or Cuba, and the supin the artic winter is very short, often ply be largely increased. Its known ful culture in the United States gives the most keen-eyed hunters claim (and it a general interest, especially to the these Esquireaux are never given to farmers of Florida and Southern Cali-

Agnostics Cannot be Maso

A dispatch from Toronto says: Sev. eral months ago a charge was preferred in King Solomon Ledge of Masons of Toronto against a member named Harrison, to the effect that he was an agnostic, and therefore not entitled to admittance into the lodge room. The charge was investigated, and satisfactory proof of Harrison's agnostic views having been obtained he was expelled from the lodge. As this was the first case of the kind that ever occurred on this continent-and it probably has no precedent in the history of Masonryit excited much speculation as to the justice of King Solomon Lodge taking the action it did, and the decision of the Grand Master of Canada, given today at the Grand Lodge meeting is

Hamilton, has been looked for with interest by Masons all over the world, Harrison, it was alleged, was an agnostic, and not an atheist, the distinct tion being that the latter deny the existence of a God, while the former simply say: "There may be a God. I do not deny it; but I do not know that there is." The decision of the Grand Master of Canada to-day was as follows:

"No person can be initiated who does

not believe in the true God, the Great

Architect of the Universe,'

The Grand Master added that the attention of Masons all over the world had been directed to this subject by the address of the Grand Master of th State of New York, which he quoted approvingly. Masonry, he continued, wisely required no more than a belief in God, who had revealed His will to man and would punish vice and reward virtue. It required that, and nothing less would be accepted. The man who denied the existence of a God was already excluded. Practical atheism should also be excluded in the persons who only admit that there possibly may

The Grand Master also decided that a Quaker, who does not take an oath or administer one, cannot be a Mason; also that an Indian not enfranchised can be a Mason.

This decision has given much satis

faction among Masons in this part of Canada, Harrison is a manufacturer of church windows, and he savs that his expulsion from King Solomon Lodge injured his business. He threatens to take action for damages.

The mountain supposed to mark th

spot where the ark rested after the de-luge is divided into two peaks, Great Ararat on the northwest and Little Ararat on the southwest. The bases of the two hills blend, though their summits are seven miles apart. The summit of Great Ararat is the highest point in Armenia, and is 17,322 fee above the sea level. For more than 3.000 feet below its summit it is constantly covered with snow and ice. Little Ararat is lower by 4,000 feet, and is free from ice in September and October. The two mountains are both volcanic, an eruption having taken place from them as lately as July, 1840, Ararat is the central point of the dividing lines of Armenta; and marks the place, since 1827, where the Russian Turkish and Persian possessions meet,

The London Peabody Fund now amounts to \$5,086,595 It provides for 10,144 rooms, supplying low-priced homes to 18,453 people. Five thousand six hundred and seventy dollars paid all last year's expenses for managen

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NEWS IN BRIEF. -New Yerk has 232 telegraph offi-

-Train robbing is punishable by

leath in Arkansas. -A groom of 15 has wedded a bride of 14 at Athens, Ga.

-Drunkenness, it is asserted, is unquestionably decreasing in England. Over one hundred thousand persons pay taxes on real estate in New York.

-Female telegraph operators in Germany seceive \$240 a year with no vaca--The largest tree in the world is a

chestnut tree near the foot of Mount -Threats of lynching are driving Mormon missionaries rapidly out of

Tennessee. - Leprosy among the Chinese population of British Columbia is causing

great alarm. -A couple, aged 75 and 72 years respectively, were married near Clarksdale, La., recently - A plan is on foot in North Caroli-

na to drain the swamp lands of the State by convict labor. -The first Swedish lodge of Odd Fellows was recently instituted at Malm

and named "Scania." - Lead from a pump chain poisoned a well in Lyndonville, Vt., and caused the death of a child. -It is estimated that the Nebraska

wheat crop will be in excess of 20,000, 000 bushels this year. -A bot spring, which emits steam and sulphurle vapor, has been discov-

ered at Osyka, Miss. -Lincoln county, Tenn., boasts of a woman-Betty Frantham-who is reputed to be 149 years old. - No less than twenty three architects

have submitted plans for the new public library building in Boston. -A society in New York city, headed by Father J. J. Kean, has for its object the eradication of profauity.

-A farmer was robbed on the way to his home in Rehoboth, R. I., recently, even his false teeth being taken. -The elephant Emperor, nearly as tall as Jumbo, went for \$500, it is reported, at a recent auction in England. -Twenty-five English and seven Ital-

ian, French and German opera compa-

mes, it is said, are in the field this sea-

-The Methodist Episcopal Church has ninety-seven conferences and includes 25,000 clergy and 1,820,000 mem -Property owners in Springfield, Mass., are considerably agitated over an

advance of fifty per cent, in the insurance rates. -The annual consumption of imported and domestic cigars is sixty to every man, woman and child in the United

-The valuation of Dakota has nearly doubled in two years. In 1882 it was \$47,000,000 and is now over \$80. -Indiana has no less than two hun

dred and six coal mines, which produce

annually two and one-oulf million tons of coal. -A Virginia walnut tree was re-cently sold for \$600. It was so big that the purchasers made money by the

-A divorce is wanted by a 525-pound Waterbury, Conn., man on the ground that his wife beats him with store-lide and lifters.

-The English Postmuster-General says the condition of the English workigman has not been improved during the past 50 years. -Los Angeles, Cal., boasts of a dog

which evinces such a great appetite for honey that he robs hives whenever op--Georgia, it is said, has enough water power to supply 10,000 times as many mills and factories as are now in opera tion in that State.

-Since the development of tree cul-ture, the forests of Europe have increased from one-sixth to one-dith of the entire territory. -Anthony Thompson, one of the last of the old New Jersey slaves, died in

West Orange, a few days ago. He was born at Raritan, In 1798. -The crematory planned for Chicago s to cost about \$25,000 and is to have three retorts, one for men, one for wo-

men and one for children. -There were 1,664 pictures exhibited in the Royal Academy this year, of which 203 have been sold at prices rang ing from a guinea to £1,000. -The faces of all the guests at a lawn

party in Newport recently, were discolred by a practical joker who put sait on the carbons of the electric lights. -A ring was stolen from a jewelry store in Sanford, Fla., recently, and after some search, was found to have

been taken by a pet squirrel. -Leaks in natural gas mains still continue to occur in Allegheny. One took place there a few days ago, the escaping gas being lighted by small boys. -The Government of Canada has recently taken a census of the Indians living within the Dominion and find their number to be in excess of 105,-000.

-The lance is to be banished from the Australian army under a recent general military order, by which the Lancers will be transformed into light cavairy.

-An immense anti-Chinese mass meeting was held lately at Tacoma, W. T., to take measures to exclude Chinamen from Tacoma and the entire Ter-

-The two islands of the Straits of Sunda, Steers and Calmeyer, which sprang up last year at the time of the Krakatoa eruption, have again been swallowed up by the sea, -A three year old boy in Middlesex county, N. J., was playing with a quan-

some way got one of them in his throat which caused his death within twelve -A juror, aged 50 years, in attending Court recently at Monticello, the county seat of Sullivan county, N. Y., said It

tity of lima beans the other day, and in

was his first visit to the county seat, though he had always lived in the -Blank prescriptions signed by an Atlanta doctor are sold for a small sum in Gainesville, Ga., to parties wanting a drink of the forbidden juice of the

hiliration. -The town hall at North Easton Mass., is among the ten tinest buildings in this country, as settled by a majority vote taken by the American Architect, but the Philadelphia new City Hall is not in the list.

corn, and drug stores are centres of ex-