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LITTLE NELL'S OURSY.

nu," said little Noll, one day, "What does all Deaters Thans, That makes him group in Sunday school in such a solemn tone! When I went there the other day To play with little Bells, reaght he was a pleasant man And liked him very well. But, out to day in Sunday enhant, When he got up to pray, he put out such a solenni tone. I wish I'd stayed away is he afraid that died son't locat And answer him, manning? Why don't he ask him pleasantly. Just like nov dear paper? When I've asked you for things that sometimes, manuna, I've kn You wouldn't give me what I wished, Jutil I changed my tone; And isn't be Goll's child, mamona? Then it is plain to see, God wants him to ask properly For things, as you want me. And so, when I go there again, I'll just tell Deacon Duane, That God will give him what he asks, If he will change his tone." No, darting, that would not be best For, though it may norm strange To you to hear him pray that way, You could not make him change. But learn a lesson from him, dear, And use a pleasant tone While you are young, and 'twill remain When you are older grown." And, after Nellie went to play, Her words I pondered o'er; This off had caused me serious thought, And troubled me before. Can it be right for suppliants thus Their dearest friend to greet,

Bestowning all their pleasant words On others whom they meet? Right to approach the King of kings, Who sits upon his throne. Expecting he will favors grant, When asked in such a tone?

THE MAN IN POSSESSION.

"I won't pay a farthing-no, that I won't-not if I have to go to prison for \$9,555 and down comes my fathers clentched hand on the table with such a thump that it makes the reels in my basket jump as if suddenly attacked with St. Vitu's dance.

Yesterday my father had made his first acquaintance with the County Court, having been summoned by a tradesman for the balance of an account which my father had declined to pay, as he firmly believed it to be a gross over charge; but facts went ag inst hum, and he was ordered to pay. My father vowed that he would do no such thing. He called the judgment "iniquitous and one-sided," and ultimately expressed his determination to emulate dear old Mr. Pickwick, and go to prison if necessary, rather than to submit to such an injustice.

'But, father," I ask in an awe-struck tone, "what will they do if you don't Shall we all have to go to prison?" pay?

"No, my dear," replies my father, calming down -"not exactly. The cution,' and try to put a man in posthan a match for a County Court bai-balliff, and I have let him in, and papa will come back to find his home devoid iff." Father smiles while saying this,

some other dog. Naughty, quarrel-He will most likely bring young Mr. some lattle thing! She will be killed!"! Starting from my seat, I seize the all right," I think that a real nawyer key of the gate and a large garden must prove more than any bailiff can broom which happens to be standing withstand. near, and; heedless of "executions" and 'The "Wilderness'' is a wild deserted "men in possession," I open the gate spot at one end of the grounds, and cautiously whisper to him-and rush out into the road, there to see far from the road. It has been allowed Be careful, father, and when I open my poor little Tiny in the grip of a most to run wild on account of its pictur-disreputable-looking cur. My efforts esqueness. A broad, fussy stream fails but look round first to see if anyone is but look round first to see if anyone is to part them are at first fruitless; but over some rocks to a depth of six or at lest, after one or two vigorous pushes seven feet, making a terrible noise, and with the broom, I succeed. Tiny is widening into a small lake on the bank rescued, but at my expense, for the angry cur directs his wrath against me. with ivy. It consists of a solitary tow-Terribly afraid, I turn to run, but my er with two or three narrow slits for get in. opponent is too quick. He seizes hold windows, and rejoices in the name of of my dress and shakes it as if it were the keep. I remember with joy that it a rat. I scream to Jane for assistance, has a stont oak door with a very strong but relief is at hand. A gentleman lock. rushes forward, and with one or two I creep out softly through the consmart raps of his stick drives the dog servatory, locking the door after me, away. I snatch up Tiny and make a and dodge between the scrubs until I start for the garden before the attack have placed a safe distance between is renewed. Fate however is against myself and the flower-garden, where I me. The horrid little dog has torn my bear my victim walking. In a breathdress, and of course I must put my foot less state of excitement I reach the

through the hole and awkwardly stum ble A strong arm, outstretched in Ugh! What a nasty, damp, miserable time, just saves me from measuring my | place it is-just like a dungeon in some length in the dust. a retreat."

"Bow-wow-wow !" yelps the little "out you must go ! If he is tired, he monster in contradiction, as, executing a cantous side-movement, he renews be too handy as a battering-ram"—and be too handy as a battering-ram"—and the set of the state of the stat the attack. There is nothing for it but I throw it out after the spade and rake.

to run; and run I do, not stopping till My next proceeding is to carefully I reach the other side of the garden examine the lock. This nearly foils gate, the little dog at full speed after me-it is so stiff that I can hardly turn me. But my deliverer is equal to the it. I am at a loss what to do, when I

occasion. He makes a rapid plunge, catch sight of a small bottle of oil and seizes the dog by the back of its and a feather standing on a little ledge. neck-which unexpected attack so I joyfully seize them. "Just the alarms the animal that it suffers itself, thing !" I cry. The bottle is very without a snap or bite, to be ignomini-ously expelled from the gardan and their dirty and sticky, but I am too excited pocket somewhere." ously expelled from the garden and the to heed such petsy discomforts, so I pull gate closed upon it." "I hope you are not hurt ?"

For the first time I look at my pre- the lock through the keyhole. server, and meet a pair of merry brown eyes looking at me with an amused

twinkle. "Stupid fellow!" I say to myself. "I wish he would not stare so. I don't me with a slightly astonished yet amused know what to say to him." now what to say to him." To add to my discomfort I feel my "reply. "Can I assist you ?" he inquires; and, theeks getting crimson-I have such a tiresome habit of blushing-and a tru- without waiting for my permission, ant lock of hair will keep blowing about the bottle and feather are taken from my forehead. I wish that he was a me, and my voluntary assistant, heedhave plenty of self-possession when talking to a shy person; their diffidence lock as if he had been a locksmith all "Joking girl !" he repeats

gives me courage. I push my hair from his life. He works on quietly for a my forehead with an unpatient hand, little time without speaking, while I and, raising my eyes to his as he is assuring me that he is quite unhurt, I catch a glimpse of a blue, official-game There is the prison, and there session; but I think I shall prove more "man in possession !" He must be a without a crowbar," he remarks.

rible thoughts, but at last the hands of wer, but in a moment he has drawn me the clock point to half-past five | He | to him. I pillow my head on his breast, room window, and watch the road till that I am his and that he is mme. I see him coming, and then I rush to

watching, as the bailiffs are here, and

have been trying to get in." I cautiously unhook the chain, and open the door so gingerly that father has to give it quite a push before he can

"On, dad dear," I cry, as I kiss him, "I am so glad you are come back ! I've him." And I clap my hands, and laugh gleefully, as I relate to my father

old castle ! There is nothing inside buovercome. "No," I say to myself, release your friend. I dare say something warm for his inside and some golwine. "He was very pleased to see me. I had quite a long chat with him. He says that his nephew, whom he intends to succeed mm, is very clever. He is a fine-looking fellow, I should they have abandoned the practice. say, Judging from his photograph. His

my father pulls out from a packet of out the feather and begin to oil the lock. "Oh, thank you!" I hurriedly exclaim. I make myself in an awful mess, and it papers a small-sized carte-de-visite which he hands to me. I take it from from the time it is born until it is able is such slow work getting the oll into him, and look at it. One glance is sufficient. I dash it from me, and, bury-"Oh, you nasty, thresome thing !" I ing my face in my hands, I cry outery, passionately stamping the ground. "Who-I or the lock ?" and turning "Oh, dad, dad, the bailiff !"

"Where, where, girl?" asks my father, springing from his seat, and round, I behold my victim regarding look. I am too much nonplused to upsetting his wine as he looks eagerly about the room, as if expecting an am-ouscade of County Court myrmidons. "Oh, what shall I do?" I exclaim. "Tell me, I implore you, father, that that is not Mr. Barton's likeness ! You little awkward or bashful, I always less of the dirty moss-covered step, is on are only joking-I know you are !"-

> agine it to be ?" "The bailiff's-the man I've locked

up in the ruin "" "Wnew I " whistles my father.

Court will issue what is called an 'exe-cution,' and try to put a man in pos-ed its way out of his pocket. All at once it flashes across my mind-the is! I should not care to be behind it lawyer from London! Gentlemanly

to him. I pillow my head on his breast, his arms are round me, and I know that I am his and that he is mine. "Hey-day !" exclaims a volce, as my father suddenly appears on the scene. must be here soon; so I go to my bed- his arms are round me, and I know the door, and opening it on the chain, father suddenly appears on the scene. "What does this mean ?"

Life in Alaska.

When a young Indian wants a wife, he the man who should attempt to remove was dark. had such an awful fright. The bailiff has been here, and would have got into she gives her consent he goes to where stance. At every ebb, after a souththe house but that I was too clever for the lady of his heart is cooped up in west wind, it was Ring's custom to men crossed the flord to the sand-bank her father's house, taking his next best friend with him. Through the latter the exciting events of the day; and he he sends word to his inamorata that he rich burden of the pale yellow fossil the shore, and the waves came rolling calls me his "brave little girl," and "a is near and would wed. If she has a resin. Sometimes the harvest was less in with a gloomy sound. Just such a heroine," but only laughs when I assure leaning toward the suitor she returns satisfactory, and Ring bade them keep night it was as that in which Jonas had him that the bailiff looked "quite like" word to him by the friend that she is fierce watch upon anyone whom they accompanied the fisherman in his inclined to join her interests with his, might suspect of hovering near the search for amber. The men, well

continues, as he reflectively sips his Mormon elder. Polygamy was prac- name, was rather shunned than sought

there would hardly suit in this region. satisfaction, since he let the fisherman The mother carries her child about go without further molestation. Until that time she keeps it wrapped Holmsland gathered upon the Klit, or up in a sort of fur sack. The moment | sand-bank, to watch the movements of

mercy, and thus fail to do their duty ground that he was the only one who "Joking girl !" he repeats, "What do to their offspring, the mothers do not had escaped from the doomed ship, you mean ? Whose likeness do you im- perform the bathing rite themselves, which had sunk with all the rest of her but delegate some brother or sister to do the dousing. These conscientious and a bed, taking all possible care of aunts and uncles vary the switch with the unfortunate survivor.

share his fate. No whining now, but

exercised over everybody residing Maria's brow as she listened to this dis-"Ouly the man in possession !" replies within his dominions a despotic rule. closure. To have been betrayed by sea level. the door come in as quickly as you can; Mr. Barton, grasping my ta her's read- All that was cast by the sea upon his her lover was fur more terrible than shores, whether goods or floating the actual danger to herself. Scarcely wreck, belonged to Sivart Ring, and it believing her ears, she staggered to her was strictly forbidden to every one to reet, and selecting a by-path leading to my a kand upon such property. By her home by a shorter way than she sia's army.

"Marriage among these Indians is a pecuhar institution; in fact, there is no marriage-simply the taking of wives.

a gentleman." "Well, dear," my father begins, as we si, down to dinner, "I saw old Mr. "We si down to dinner, "I saw old Mr. armed and vigorous, were headed by 'Don't be frightened," I hear a a spade and a rake and an old gardent settle the matter at once-in fact he There are no further ceremonies, ex- borhood a few years before a poor man, In his hand he held a drawn sword, pleasant cheerful voice exclain; "there stool-these I carefully remove. I hesi-is no danger. The little dog has beaten tate over the stool, but compassion is in the wrong—so after dinner we will no complaint to make to them about had it that he had found a treasure In Sam's house not a sound was heard, her husband, they are given presents buried in the sand by some seaking of and a lamp burned in the window to

> "That's my brave boy," said Ring. knew I could depend upon him to set ticed even by the so-called Christian in the limited society of the island. tribes when I lived in the territory, and Little cared he, however, living comtheir evolution must have been rapid, fortably in his cottage with his pretty Lucky for me that the notion came into my head last winter to make this roving biade of mine, who had just returned from a long sea-voyage pretend Alaska Indians, and the children begin to niole it before they think of walking. ing for him, asked many questions about his mode of life, all of which to gain a footing in Sam's house. By the rascal contrived to fish up amber, but where the stolen goods are kept. Follow me in silence and we'll soon

swing for it if I'm fool enough to let the girl go free." Pushing open the door of Sam's cottage. Ring saw, hanging by a cord

The fisherman, his daughter, and all their store of amber had disappeared, ny is something terrific. The cries of roast. At midnight there came a leaving not a trace behind. Nor were the young ones are piteous, and, for fear that their maternal breasts might man, and a handsome young man pre-Improving H-11 Gate.

"If New York had a building 20% feet square by 110 feet high it would

Sam's family remaining with him until

these half civilized tribes, and is cred-itable withal. Their old disabled mem-bers are carefully attended to and or told the fisherman of the her. Jonas

-Chicago has no public buth houses -Artificial ears are now made of oal

NEWS IN BRIEF

NO. 40.

-Laurei Hill is 2,500 feet above the

-White rabbits are mahimable pets in Paris,

-It costs \$60,000 a day to feed Buy

-Two sons of the Khedive are living in Geneva.

-It will cost \$500,000,000 to complete the Panama canal.

-Texas boasts of a cattle ranch with three million acres.

-There has been no rain in Artsona since last December.

-American hand-made fishing poles are \$21 or so in London.

-Cholera has killed over 10,000 people in Spain this summer.

-Statistics shows that Southern prisons contain 12,000 convicts.

-"The government at Washington' receives 50 000 letters a day.

-Spotted typhus is said to have been the cause of the Mahdi's death.

-Swinburne calls Victor Hugo the greatest Frenchman of all time. -One-third of all the banking done

in the world is done in England. -There are about 2,425 births and

1,635 deaths in London each week. -It is said there are only about a half a dozen wooden houses in London.

-There are in Paris 150 persons who do nothing but deal in postage stamps, -China has 3,500 miles of telegraph

lines, and only seven miles of railroad. The average of deaths from cholera

in Spain is two out of every five cases. -Only one soldier of Napoleon's 'old guard" survives; he is 94 years of aire.

-The late Dr. Prime could read both Greek and Latin before he was 10 years old.

-The French have more suspension bridges than any other nation on the globe,

-Cattle in Erie co., Pennsylvania, are reported to be suffering from Texas fever.

-Rhode Island retains the greatest density of the population of all the States

-Portland, Me., has substituted the electric light for gas for lighting the streets.

-A law has been enacted in Austria making the observance of Sunday compulsory.

-The water supply in many parts of England is failing in consequence of the intense heat.

-It is said that 55 per cent. of all persons dying in Paris are buried at the -A Frenchman has made his suicide cemarkable by dropping from the tower of Notre Dame. -- Pittsfield, Mass. , business men have organized to resist a proposed advance in telephone rates. -The fastest train between Omaha nd San Francisco averages a little less than 22 miles an hour.

den ointment for the palm of his hand and the wedding is over. This may be oid. Others suspected him of being in ward the road. will soon put matters right. Old Bar-ton is ageing very much," my father may become as well-to-do in wives as a ence Sam, for such was the fisherman's turning to the others exultingly.

The Amber Fisherman

from what I remember of them, if daughter, Maria, who kept the house. Ouce, indeed, Sam had fallen under "Dried salmon is the luxury of the the keen scrutiny of Ring, who, send-

le voung one shows a disposition to a strange vessel, laboring amid giant c a vl she yanks the fur off its constitu- waves, from which it seemed hardly tion. This is done by giving it a souse possible she could emerge unharmed. from the centre of the celling beam, in the sea or river every morning, and Night closed in, and the watchers the lifeless form of his own son Jonas. the chorus of yelis that greets every separated, sure that on the morrow village during this interesting ceremo- they would find a wreck upon their

not be prooff against these appeals for sented himself, asking shelter on the

the bath, in vam attempts to make the The young man whose name was "That's it, is it ? Here's a pretty ket- one overawe the noisy results of the Jonas, became in this way a member of

bailiff indeed ! Action for false im- these half civilized tribes, and is cred- formed a warm attachment for Maria, carefully attended to, and or- told the fisherman of this lattter fact. powder cartridges to lay, and the drill

The way they bring up children out were apparently answered to the ruler's this means I've found out not only how One winter's evening when the wind to creep, no matter where she goes, blew strong in shore, the inhabitants of catch a fine rat in our trap. Sam shall

represent the \$0,000 cubic yards, or 160,000 tons of rock we have excavated," said Lient. Kirby, who is engaged on the Hell Gate channel improve

ments. "We are slowly laying the explosives, but we are doing so with great There is one thing noticeable among the Spring, and in the course of time care. Dynamite is a very honest mate-

Braining Children.

The Largest Railway Station.

as if the latter person were a very con-

What do they mean? 1 am afraid to go on quietly with my work, waiting uptil the frown shall have left his brow.

"Mary," at last exclaims my father, "I have to go to Bardmoor to-morrow, and I was thinking that it might be a wise thing to consult young Barton; he has just come from a large office in London to help his uncle. I dou't know much about him, but old Barton the gate. has always been considered a good lawyer, and perhaps the nephew has been following in his uncle's steps. At any rate I will make the attempt, and see if he can't save me from this atrocious swindle, I wrote yesterday, asking him to call here, if passing, as I wanted to see him about those leases; but I suppose he has been too busy, or perhaps my letter has not reached him.

My father does not volunteer any more information, so I wish him "good night," and retire to rest, to dream of executions at Newgate; and that the murderers explating their crimes are the "men in possession."

The next morning, on coming down to breakfast, I find that my father has started by the early train for Bardmoor and has left positive orders that during his absence the gate is to be kept locked and no one admitted under any pretence whatever.

"But tell me why, Jane?" I ask our old cook who has been with us longer than I can remember, and to whom the orders have been given.

"To keep out the bailiffs, miss," regood, for they are as sharp as needles permission I will wait for him. I hear it, and nothing can keep 'em out if they 've a mind to get in."

see one?"

"Only one, miss, and that was quite enough. A bailiff is the man in posinto a house they sell all the furniture

cution." "But, Jane," I argue, "if we keep the doors locked, how can they get in?" don't know how artful they are! If I hurry into the house in a great state don't know now arter a bouse very of terror, lest he should hurry after me am always prevented from gardening they want to get into a bouse very of terror, lest he should hurry after me am always prevented from gardening much, they will disguise themselves and force his way in. as play-actors do. I remember when was thrown off his seat and fell into that the eigar is a good one. I like groans the man. Could et's see where shooting suit fits him ! It is so neat in bit,' says uncle, 'and let's see where shooting suit fits him ! It is so neat in bit,' says uncle, and the sate which a storing and its min : it' is so neat in pattern and colour—a quiet gray, the pattern so small as to be almost invisi-him to limp into the house. 'Sit down to be almost invisihim to imp into the make yourself at ble-not a gigantic check like walking door!" and rest yoursen-many joints own window-panes. He takes off his "deerhome; and mankee, I will,' grinned stalker'' to shade the fuzee from the the old rascal, plumping his ugly self into the chair. 'I'm the man in posses-

sion,' says he, and pulls the warrant sion,' says ne, and path out, my good such a nice-looking fellow should be a out of his pocket, 'so fork out, my good borrible bailing to Samaritan, or else I sell every blessed And so Jane rattles on with anecstick you've got dotes of the sharpness and unscrupulousuess of men in possession until I

begin to regard them as something form my usual nonsention deeper since man." I commence cogitating over all floor, have been papa's housekeeper since kinds of plans until I give myself a How slowly the time passes! Three dear mamma died-and then, taking a beadache. I am just about to confess a clock four other passes! Three have a quiet read before luncheon, The reading has not advanced very far when I am startled by an agonised yelping and barking just outside the gate. say to myself.

of furniture-everything seized. I strong as an elephant, so that I might temptible and insignificant thing. "Execution!" "Man in possession!", ants waiting outside. "I am very much obliged to you"_I It is still a little stiff, but you will be

longer," I continue, "I am not at all irrepressible smile of amusement that afraid." And I hasten to the gate to he vamly strives to conceal. open it for his departure; but that wretched animal, with revived courage,

is waiting outside, and, as soon as my hand touches the latch, "Bow-wow- moved-my dress, all tumbled and wow I'' it yelps, springing savagely at creased, is smudged all down the front I jump back with a start, and the im- my forehead is a great streak of dirty udent bailiff actually smiles; I suppose oil, I suppose I must have used my I must have looked very funny. See- greecy hand as an impromtu hair-brush, ing my look of annoyance, he takes no without thinking of the improvement

notice of my discomfiture. I was adding to my beauty. My volun-"Pardon me," he says, politely rais- tary assistant stoops to clean his hands, ing his hat-and I wonder to myself and, as he is wiping them on his handhow it is that a bailiff can look and kerchief, I notice a very handsome behave so much like a gentleman-"is antique ring on the little finger of his not this Holmfield, Mr. Morton's right hand. Seeing my look, he remarks-

"Yes," I reply with as much dignity as I can scrape together, "this is Holm- has been in our family for generations, field, Mr. Morton's place; but papa is It is very much admired by connoisut, and I do not know when he will be seurs;" and he holds it out to me for back so I do not think it will be any inspection. good for you to wait. Perhaps you had

better call again." ile to myself at the idea of I wait, hoping that he will go. But no, he hesitates; and then, slowly taking some papers form his pocket, he

saya-"I should be very sorry to miss seeing rapidly beating heart I begin-I have come some distance. him. It is about some legal business. I think he has been expecting me?" and he looks at me inquiringly; but I make no response, so he continues-"With your

can amuse myself very well strolling round these nice gardens, if you will "What is an 'execution,' or a 'man in allow me to do so. But may I hand you possession ??" I ask. "Did you ever my card ?" And he takes one from a to see such things.

1 persistently refuse to see it, for feel certain that he must be a bailiff. enough. A battin is the man in post session, and when he or his men get and the legal business have removed and the legal business have removed earwigs and spiders, verv.unpleasant and everything they can lay their hands my last doubt. Notwithstanding his and everything they call an exe-on-and that is what they call an exe-card, which I firmly balance to have the don't you think so ?"

Jane described as a warrant. "As you please," I answer curtly, "Lor, miss," answers Jane, "you and, with a stiff inclination of my head, my gardening tools in there, so that

I fasten the door, and peep out of the me. I wanted to do a little gardening as play-actors do. I the build iffs in. He side window. There he stands where I now." I continue glancing at him timmy uncle John had the dath here weeks left him. He is actually lighting a idly; "but I suppose I must wait till I had kept them out for night here down had kept them out for high three weeks down the is actually righting a ridly; "but I suppose I must wait till I cigar. What impertinence! I feel can find William;" and I try the effect when one day an old care block down a trille softened as my nose informs me of a little sigh. "Success! My fish nibbles! now to was thrown on this state was too the aroma of a good cigar about a place. Inke "Success the road, where he hay as if he was too the aroma of a good cigar about a place. I and him !

> will find them in the recess behind the Hastily following him, 1 pull to the

loor, turn the key with a desperate wind, and I notice that he has beautiful wrench, and, covering my ears with my brown hair, very thick and curly, hands, I dy like a huuted deer towards What a pity," I sigh to myself, "that the hor

away when I relate to her my adven-But what am I to do? I feel sure tures. She declares that bailiffs always that the stroll about the ground is only hunt in couples, and that there is sure pretence. No, he must be concocting to be another lurking about the place. some ruse by which to gain an entrance So, to prevent a surprise, we carefully

into the house. I resolve to prevent lock and bolt all the doors, and, notmore than mortal. After the oreas and resource for any man?" I argue to afternoon, close and fasten the shutters fast things have been removed I per-fast things have been removed I per-fast things have been removed I per-myself. "A bailing after all is only a to all the mind fasten the shutters fast things have been removed t per-fast things have been removed t per-form my usual household duties-for I form my usual household duties-for I myself. "A bailiff after all is only a to all the windows on the ground-man." I commence cogitating over all floor.

dear mamma died-and then, and the headache. I am just about to confess o'clock-four o'clock-no father! If that I am defeated, when the idea so he does not or the the the life as he does not or the the life as he does not or the the life as he does not or the life long fought for comes. I see it all in a press from Bardmoor, he will not reach moment. The game is my own, if I home till seven. Another hour before he can arrive !

lady-quite a heroine ."

"I think you will und it all right now. ask my father, he looks so cross, so I try to say it winningly, but fear and able to turn it." and, rising from his bad that he should make me go with dead are burned as soon as death ensues; and had already begun to talk about indignation drive all softness from knees, the victim faces me with a grave him to release my prisoner, as he insists their ashes are interred on the spot, their wedding, when, one evening, Sam my voice-"I won't trouble you any face, which all at once breaks into an on calling him. Out into the dark we and a rude monument erected over them called Jonas to his side.

> do. Alas, he has no such intention, I flush angrily at what I consider his for, calling me to him, he places my impertmence. Afterwards when I see hand under his arm and makes me myself in the glass, my wonder is rein dismal forebodings as to the condition in which my prisoner will be found. slaves, if there are any, have still anwith green moss and rust, while across

the door. "Open it, girl !" he says with melodramatic sternness.

I am trembling all over, but with a great effort I manage to turn the key 1876 "I am rather proud of this ring; I and give the door a feeble push I teel cheeks are on firs, as in a scarcely audi-

ble voice I sav-I decline to look at it, coldly observ-"I am so sorry, Mr. Barton. I did ing that I am not an antiquary; and I not mean te--- 1 took you for abailiff talking of "generations," as if he had had an ancestry. He turns away as if to return to the garden. "Now or

his shoulder. never!" I say to myself; and with a "There, there, my girl I" cries my 'Ahem! Would you not like to go father soothingly. He holds me to him, uside our ruin ?" I try to speak in an and, softly patting me with one hand,

he turns to Mr. Barton and savs, "We isinuating tone, while my stupid heart must ask your forgiveness, Mr. Barton; thumps so that I wonder he does not and I am sure you will give it when I explain how my little girl has made a "Is it really a ruin ?" he asks, great mistake. In fact, she took you I'am obliged to admit that it is only for a County Court balliff !"-and my an imitation one; and then I confusedly

father explains everything to him. mutter something about people liking When he has finished, I raise my head and, looking shyly at Mr. Barton, "Thank you all the same," he says, "but I think I will content myself with SAV-"I am so sorry. I do not know how

could have made such a mistake. It was so foolish; but I was so frightcreatures to have tumbling about oneened I" "Yes," I slowly assent, adding kind things Mr. Barton said. He made quickly, as I am seized with a likely

idea, "Oh, yes! I am so terribly afraid of them; and papa will make me keep he related to us.

My father brought out some of his

"Thank you!" I cry, excitedly. "You oner had created a very favorable im-

heart.

held my arms so tightly !

carry our skates into the ruin.

"Remember ?" he cries, looking me full in the face. "I should think I do! It was the happiest day of my life."

Stupid little goose, that I am. I begin o tremble, and my foolish cheeks flash the tell-tale colour. The skates fall to grasped and my prisoner makes me cap-

My father's eyes twinkle merrily as fare the same as the most favored chil- right to expect a richer son-in-law, he he fires off his jokes at my expense. I dren with living parents. These In- could hardly find one more to his taste.

do not mind his chaff, but I think it too duans are original cremationists. Their So the young couple were betrothed, go. I linger behind, hoping that my They have crude ideas of immortality, father will arrive at the ruin before 1 believing that a man has a spirit that lives forever, but they know nothing of future rewards or punishments. Their form you a little about my property. heaven is a place where the spirits of If you would like to go out with me tokeep pace with him, while he indulges birds congregate in one place-the common people by themselves, and fidence."

last reached. The delicate aroma of a his spirit will be in eternal attendance fragrant cigar which salutes our nos- on his master. It was formally the the wind mounted to a gale, while the trils tends to remove our anxiety as to universal custom to kill the slave when beavens were so black that not a star the prisoner's being totally destitute of the master died to insure the latter's was to be seen. Nevertheless they comfort. My father pushes me towards spirit proper attendance. That custom stood out at some distance from the was abolished by the Russian govern. shore, sailing along until they heard ment, but it was still kept up in isola- from land the sound of a low whistle.

ted places, and cases where it has been followed were well known as late as

the door pulled open. I dare not look, the Kanaitze, traveling from place to My eyes are cast to the ground, and my place honting or fishing, have the very excellent habits of leaving behind them point near which a number of fine nets when they break camp a quantity of kinding material at each fire place for | Gathering the nets into the boat, Sam the use of the next travelers who come pointed out to his companion that their and, ignominiously bursting into tears, supplied with this very necessary item by and with skilled fingers he picked

> of some pitch pine and some dry moss stance, and then set the nets again. and sticks all wrapped up in a curl of While the work went on not a word birch bark. The traveler who uses this was spoken, and when the boat sailed and does not leave some for the next homeward, she carried a cargo of one who comes along, is sadly deficient amber that would have required a in the etiquette of Alaska travel."

> > Jumping Watertails.

Prof. Landmark, chief Director of the Norwegian Fisheries, has published some interesting particulars of his studies of the capability of salmon to jump waterfalls. He is of opinion that the jump depends as much on the height of the fall as on the currents below it. If

there be a deep pool right under the fall, where the water is comparatively quiet, It would be useless to relate the many a salmon may jump sixteen feet perpendicularly, but such jumps are rare, and so many excuses for me, and was so he can only state with certainty that it kind and good-natured, that by the time has taken place in the Hellefos, in the we had reached the house I had recov- Drams river, at Haugsend, where two ered my self-possession sufficiently to be great masts have been placed across the

able to laugh at an amusing anecdote river for the study of the habits of the salmon, so that exact measurements Fortunately dinner had not advanced may be effected. The height of the very far when I discovered my mistake. | water in the river, of course, varies, but She told this to her father, who made a very merry party that night. | it is a rule, when the salmon is running up stream, 16 feet below these masts. cherished port that saw only the light | The distance between the two is 34 feet. much hurt to move. Uncle hau a sind heart, so he ran into the road and help-heart, so he ran into the road and help-to admit to myself that, if this one is a specimen of his class, bailiffs must be ed the driver on to his feet. 'Oh!' ed the driver on to his feet, 'Oh!' aroans the man, 'Come in and rest a groans the man, 'Come in and rest a groans the man, 'Come in and rest a on very great occasions; and, as he in. | and the Professor states that he has seen 12 feet have been recorded. Professor pression on that adamantine- a father's Landmark further states that when a

salmon jumps a fall nearly perpendicular in shape it is sometimes able to re-Three months later. A sharp winter | main in the fall, even if the jump is a has set in, and the stream is still. The foot or two short of the actual height. lake is frozen over, and I am sitting on This, he maintains, has been proved by

the bank while Mr. Barton is assisting an overwhelming quantity of evidence. Poor Jaue's wits are nearly scared me to remove my skates. I have been The fish may then be seen to stand for a receiving my first lesson in skating. It minute or two a foot or so below the was so pleasant ! I was not at all afraid. edge of the fall in the same spot, in a My teacher's arm was so strong, and he trembling motion, when with a smart twitch of the tail the rest of the fall is "Do you remember the afternoon cleared. But only tish which strike the

when I locked you up?" I ask as we fall straight with the snout are able to it is struck obliquely, the fish is carried back into the stream below. This Professor Landmark believes to be the ex-

planation of salmon passing fal's with a clear descent of sixteen feet. The Professor believes that this is the extreme the ground as my hands are quickly jump a salmon is capable of, and points

phans become a common charge and Sam answered him that while he had a are to be stopped up with 20,000 dynamilte cartridges, weighing two and a half pounds each. A premature explosion would rum a million dollars worth of work, beside the lives of all connec ted with it. You know that if a dyna

mite charge is exploded all of the other "Listen to me, my lad," he said. charges within twenty feet will explode "Since you are so soon to be my son-incimuitaneously. Thus, if there were law it is but proper that I should inmiles of cartridges-and we have four miles he e-laid within twenty feet of each other and one exploded all the rest night, I will take you into my con-

would follow at practically the same instant. While this represents the dan-Jonas was nothing loth, and when it He rings the changes on suicide and other dwelling place, unless a chief's metancholy madness. The ruin is at slave should die with him, and then the fisherman. They embarked in Sam's it also represents the final explosion to boat, and, as they pushed out to sea,

When asked about the accidents which have occurred he said: "We have had no accidents to our men, but our surface apparatus hashad

some. Flood Rock has often been battered by collisions. The City of Albany, several years ago, rode right across ou "That is Maria's signal," said the drill scow, her paddle wheel walking fisherman to his astonished hearer, "it over it as if it were so much water. is meant to inform me that all's safe Our drill scow has sent many a vessel to

"Some of the Indian tribes, notably along the coast, so that we may now the bottom. She was built especially to return." resist collisions, and has been carried He turned the boat, steering it to a away from her moorings as many as had been placed against the tide. not damaged her enemy goes to the bottom. Ten years ago the Government let its only contract to private parties to do this kind of work. That was the Sherburn contract to remove the Fryrun to my father and bury my face on in their outfit. This kindling consists out every particle of the precious subing Pan shoals. We fished out the remains of the dredge a few days ago. The very first day it was anchored in place a collision wrecked it and destroyed all the outfit. The currents of Hell month's work from Ring and his men heavy that only the littest surface apto c llect after the ordinary fashion of seeking it in the sand. When they reached the cottage Sam concealed his paratus survives, and then only by wrecking everything that collides with it. In still water this job could have

treasure in a cellar so ingeniously contrived that it would have been imapparatus, but owing to collissions, possible for any outsider to discover it. "And now, my son," said the old othing short of our fortifications which man solemnly, "my life is in your hands. I have told you the secret of my wealth. Although I have no fear that you could be so base as to betray hole of 120 feet deep, covering several acres, into which we have dumped over me, especially as Maria is soon to be your wife, yet I exact of you an oath that you will never reveal to any one ists there."

what you have seen to-night.' "I swear it." said Jonas, a deep flush

settling in his face. Summer came and the wedding-day Lord Salisbury has seven children, "The eldest of his five sons," "Is now was fixed. Maria, busy with her pre-24 years old, and is, by his birth; desparations as she was, could not help tined to a political career, beginning observing that a certain constraint had arisen between her lover and herself. his mother says, 'he is condemned to be laughed at it for a gurl's fancy, but many a tear was dropped in secret by a peer.' The second son has all the instincts and tastes of a thorough sportsthe bride-elect.

One evening, determined to ask her ted to shooting, hunting and riding, yet over frankly what caused his altered manner, Maria went to meet him on his return from Holmsland, whither he had gone to spend the day. Ab. and parties, at meets and races, and insorbed in thought, she did not observe tends to choose a wife not for the merits recommended by Goldsmith's Vicar, how far she had walked until, sitting but for her beauty and elegance. Neverdown to rest behind a sand dune, she theless he will, probably, be eventually was startled by hearing voices close at hand, One of the speakers was Jonas, a very fair vicar. Rather oddly, Gladstone's second son is also a clergyman.' and the other, to her extreme surprise, no less a personage than their ruler,

Sivart King! "Not a word more," Maria heard him

say, in a low, fierce tone; "you are my The largest railroad station in the son as well as my subject, and I comworld is that belonging to the Northmand your obedience. To-night, withwestern Railroad Company at Birmingout fail, I shall come in person with ham, England, which has been comple my men and seize the thief, whether

ted and opened for passenger traffic thou lovest his daughter or no." One thousand men have been employed Jonas spoke' again in evident in its construction for two and a half remain in the falling mass of water; if emotion, but was interrupted by the years. It has cost in its construction

\$5,000,000, and covers twelve acres of other. ground. There are tunnels at either "I am accustomed to be obeyed without remonstrance, and the tears of a end, and through them four hundred silly girl, the prayers of a hardened trains pass each day. The length of the platforms exceed a mile and a half. obtains 90 per cent. of combustion out old sinner, will prove equality without effect in softening me. What1 after 1 There are five signal boxes for working sent you there expressly to solve for the traffic, each of which contains 144 | present. out that, of course, not all are capable me this mystery of the fisherman's point and signal levers, and is operated hen I am statistical outside the gate. and barking just outside the gate. if am sure that is Tiny's bark,"I if am sure that is Tiny's bark, "I if am sure that is Tiny's bark,"I if am sure that is Tiny's bark, "I if am sure that is Tiny's bark, "I if am sure that is Tiny's bark,"I if am sure that is Tiny's bark, "I if this thystery of the instruments by the if am sure that is Tiny's bark, "I if the scalar of the function of the func

-Sacramento's latest sensation is a poker game which lasted for 76 hours without intermission.

-More than three million American chromos have been sold in Europe in the last five years.

-The London House of Industry has trained and sent to Canada 4,020 of the city's poor children.

-Weasels were kept in houses in an cient Rome, instead of cats, for the purpose of killing vermin.

-Archbishop Williams of Buston will be given a Cardinal's hat at the consistory to be held in December.

-Aphos Cal, boasts of a man who upito the time of General Grant's death had never heard of the silent chieftain -Hundreds of English troops are

being brought back from Egypt, sufferfour times in one day, but when she is ing from dysentery, fever and debility. -Postage stamps are used on the Or-

egon railways in making change, there being a scarcity of pennies and 2-cent pieces.

-In a recently prepared paper Lieutenant Danhenhower is said to have taken a firm stand against Arctic explo rations.

-The word cannibal signifies a brave Gate are so swift and the traffic is so or valiant man, and is derived from the name by which the Carribbees called themselves.

-A craze for short hair has seized hold of the young women of Rochester, been done much cheaper with surface N. Y., and is reported to be spreading over the country.

-On an average a railway postal we have put up here could have got cut clerk works about fourteen hours a the rocks. By the way, just off the night for six consecutive nights, then north end of Blackwell's Island is a he has six nights off.

-Divers, by a recent French inven tion, are said to be enabled to go down 160,000 tons of debris. Yet few will a distance of eight hundred feet below take our word for it that such a hole ex- the surface of the water.

-Dr. J. B. Lawes thinks that plants "probably derive the whole of their organic substance from the air-90 to 95 per cent. of dry matter."

-The ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic in New York State are with the house of commons and ending the death of General Grant, said to have been swelled greatly since

-The late Sir Moses Montellore frequently sent checks for the relief of his needy coreligionists in Boston, and man, is full of energy and spirits, devo- never less than \$500 at once.

-A mica mine from which speets destined for a clergyman. He gradu- twenty feet in width are taken is said ates for holy orders in a world of balls to have been discovered about ninety miles from Virginia City, Nev.

> -In the Red river country wild mustard has increased to such an extent that the authorities have been appealed to to take action for its destruction

> -According to Mrs. Mary Treat, the variety of the pitcher plant found in North America is carnivorous, heing a feeder on various animal substances. -United States Fish Commissioner

Blackford has received an electric eel

three feet long from South America, It

-Old Mat, the famous Mammath

Cave guide, who died lately, made over twelve thousand trips into the cavern

during his service of nearly half a cen-

have invented a furnace by which he

of coal, instead of 10 per cent., as at

-Chickens "manufactured" by the

-An American chemist is said to

is said to be the first ever seen here

alive.

tury.

