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The Journalist.

earer eyes and teeming brain, be lesser that men dole thee; the fraitage of thy years of payour, yet scorn the tree. igh the treasure of thy nervous rich within of misel and heart, suitty down before thy Moloch's

Men cry, "It is not art!" a newspaper!" Quick read, quick ms the treasure that it carries nied under feet, who counts thy Sureyed Intelligence?

enameiers, best-loved host! ri recalls more than one vanished the rank of totlers-early los of news, young martyrs of the

of giving from largeness of and steeped in tenderness,

waning names can hold forever To spring and live at last.

within the swarming in speeking deeds of, Your thoughts will live again.

the generation, this thy fate; to loves his kind does, first and

A work too great for fame.

ROUND ROBIN.

way of gratifying a long-cherished of mue, 1 determined to spend holiday, if possible, in a fashioned house situated far from the busy hum of men, where gravine peace and recreme time that I rode my dan hobby as much as I likedralong time such a desideratum was in the market; there were country ents and Queen Ann houses and mes and farm-houses by the dozen sery paper, but nothing that apel my real requirement. At oth after some weeks' minute study sepapers, and dancing attendance se-accuts, I flattered myself that adget "the very thing" and read don't drink beer!"

A fine old Tudor mansion to be three months from July, replete h every modern convenience, but stattlm expense of its antique charder, walled kitchen-garden, flower rell.-Apply Mr. X., el-conteras

to my wife, with almost the ling-

"Stanning!" exclaimed Bobby, home Sure to be a ghost, and rom sebrool doors, and secret se things we read about in Ains-

m, aged sixteen. "Pve fong wanetto read Astrophel and Arcadia in a

'Yes, but we cannot be too careful these old houses," I said as a sort check upon too exuberant anticipaand magination. "I shall not confeany arrangements until I have

So I went down, and was received at little country-station by the "X" the advertisement, a prosperous, conmis the estate had been for centuwhose wife had been ordered ange of air, and who, being a farmer, unbled at the had times, and had re serce, to a respectable tenant.

The house came quite up to my extations as formed from the wording the advertisement. I can leave an old family man sert," and the farmer, "if you like." els a queer old fellow; but, being an retainer who was born on the estate on must not mind his little peculiariist I must warn you however of one

risks and hazards. "By which I suppose you mean," I

"Precisely," answered the farmer, But, mind, if you catch him in the act, or have reasons to suspect him, mak him off to his friends in the vilage without any delay. He is under a By than not that your being a new hand will cause him to break out again there he is-you can take stock of m without his seeing us." So we slipped behind a laurel-bush,

ad the subject of our conversation ame into view. He was a jovial-lookg old-fellow, standing considerably r six feet, with a ruddy face and me, and a hage development of the wer part of his trunk which sufficientproclaimed long and intinate ac-As he rolled along almost with mair of proprietorship, he trolled forth a rich voice the words of an old Kensh love song-

"His real name is Robin Hayden," ald the farmer; "but because of his exe and corpulance he is universally thown as Round Robin. He's off to the 'Piough' now, and, if he cannot keep them alive there, no one else can." We impected the house and grounds, resected the necessary formalities, and I went home thoroughly satisfied that I had found what I wanted. It did not take us long to settle down

before, advising us as to the best bedmons, and pointing out with great pide the kitchen and larder arrange bats, patronising the servants whom lad brought, and immediately instalin their good graces.

I was delighted so far with the result se old staircases, oak panelling, and a ers; whilst, although the scenery of seneighborhood was charming, I was not to be tempted away from the quaint formal old gardens, with their terracer and pring grass plots, their shady walks and dark shrubberies. My wife was delighted, for the kitchen arrangements of the kitchen arrangements of the kitchen arrangements of the kitchen arrangements. It is a dreamin'! Hallo, though it is wonderful did you find your way here? There's not a soul livin' as knows this important to tell me!"

Nonsense! ghosts in these days?

You're old enough to know better,"! Is! Why, how in the name of all that's wonderful did you find your way here? There's not a soul livin' as knows this important to tell me!" which was big enough to hold provisions to a regiment of soldiers, as likely thad in the old days, and which

judging from its height and its groined roof, seemed to have been structed for another purpose. The children were lelighted, for the house, with its galteries and broad landings, was a splen- Now run away and play," I said. But did playground in wet weather, whilst all the same, I was not at all as assured the four acres of meadow gave them a as I seemed; and there are few things apital place for cricket in fine weather further, there was the attraction of the

fruit-garden, which was a veritable Eden for productiveness. For a week or two I think my wife and drink by our household was too great to be satisfactorily accounted for as the mere result of change from town | went as fast as before, although, since to country; but, when, in the course of the tap of the beer-cask had been reen days, it was found necessary to or- moved for safe custody, the rats had ler a new cask of beer (our servants not indulged in moist wood as they had were all testotalers), and when the hitherto done. utcher's and baker's books came to e examined, her suspicions were arousrecall what the farmer had said about Round Robin; so I called him into the room which every country gentleman, although the title may be but temporary cels bound to call his study.

"Robin," I said, "it is very disagreeable for me to be obliged to find fault at such an early stage of our acquaintance; nocent. "My dilapidations? I haven't but my wife tells me that things disappear from the larder in alarming quan-

"Dear me, sir," said the giant, without moving a muscle of his setting sunlike face, "that's exactly what my master never did find fault with. 'Robin,' he used to say to me, 'I can't for the with the utmost simplicity. life of me make out how you sustain that log body of yours upon such mod-erate eating and drinking. Why,' he would say, sir, '1'm not half your size, for our wants." Robin, and yet I eat more at a meat than you do in a day!"

"Well," I returned, amused at the serious impudence of the fellow, "it's say, 'Poor old Robin, I treated him unincomprehensible; but there's the fact -the meat goes, the beergoes, the bread goes, the puddings and pies go.'

'Excuse me, sir," said Robin, "but have you asked your servants, sir? Town servants require a powerful deal Evidently I had been unjust to him, of feeding-so my brother, who's a Lunnon policeman, says.

"My servants," I answered, "have lived in my family for years, and my wife knows almost to an ounce what they eat, and, as to beer, they never touch

"Well, sir," said Robin, with the light of a discovery on his face, "I tell you what it is! It's an old house, sir, ain't it? And rats and mice is uncommon fond of old houses, sir. Depend on it it's the rats and mice!"

Robin, not in the least disconcerted by what I flattered myselt was a clincher. "No, sir; but, if you'd been born and bred in the country, as I have you'd know that, if there's one thing rats and ted on the long gallery, and in my medlawns, sirrubberies, about four moist wood of a beer cask, and they and down amidst the pictures. At bores and bores, and the beer escapes," He seemed to think that I was satis-

> could not keep my seriousness up to the proper pitch; so I said-Well, I shall lock up the larder for the future, and my wife shall keep the

fied, because, despite all my efforts, I

"Do, sir!" he said earnestly. "I've never been suspected afore, and, if you have reason to suspect me again, send me out of the house, and I'll go like a innocent lamb." And he waddled out

of the room.

When the door was closed behind him I was obliged to give vent to my feelmys in a hearty laugh; but, all the same I was convinced that he was at the bottom of the pillage system.

Baited traps were put in the larder. which the door was kept constantly locked. Still the viands and the beer disappeared. Cold fowls went-and there was not a cat in the house; cheeses appeared at the table with systematic wedges cut out of them; the beer had wel to let the old house, during his to be renewed as frequently as before. Then one or two strange circumstances occurred.

The children, who were of course all over the house at all hours, were con- and then came a sharp turn to the left. stantly finding out new nooks and corners; and one day they hit upon a new playground amongst the gables and chimneys on the roof, which they insisted I should see. So I went up with them to the top of the house. But when wakness he has-that of satisfying his we arrived amongst the garrets, I was faring for animal and liquid food at at a loss to perceive how we were to proceed farther.

and that his ideas of meum and tuum trap door in the ceiling, which could be Engards bodily sustenance are a little reached only by standing on an old oaken press. It was so small that I, although not a big man, could with difficulty squeeze myself through it; but, when I had, and found myself on the broad stretch of leads, I was as deme was mapped out a lovely panorama right; I was walking on planks, and stretching from the dim Beil Harry Tower of Canterbury, on the one hand, to the distant glitter of the channel near Sandwich, on the other, whilst far below lay the estate, with its gardens and greenery, and the little brown-roofed village nestling at the lodge gates.

I walked about admiring the view,

when I saw the broken fragments of a obacco-pipe, an empty match-box, and a piece of newspaper. This was curious, for I had never been here before ntance with the good things of this and Robin could not have squeezed himself through the trap door to save his life. I looked about in vain for another means of approach to the leads; but there was none apparent. The children then insisted upon my playing with them at "castles," as they called it, a square leaden place in the middle serving as a "keep," which I was to defend. The "keep" was not a very my mind to be immured for the night. solid affair, tor, when I struck it with my foot, it sounded hollow. I examined it, but it was tightly enough fast-ened down. Then it occurred to me as old houses are constantly being re- situation at once, turn feroclous, and paired, the workmen last engaged might have left the relics I had found; but, alas knife lying beside the mutton. the newspaper was dated within the past fortnightl The whole affair was der. He mu mured that it wasn't his or other I did not feel comfortable,

The next occurrence took place one evening. I was in my "study," when again; this time he started with a snort the children came hurrying in one after and at up.

the children came hurrying in one after and at up.

Gradually, as his returning senses another with fright depicted on their faces.

"Oh, papa!" they began in chorus, Engaged so far with the result and then stopped to take breath.

Semine relic, with scores of rooms, and a starrases, oak panelling, and a ed at being interrupted in the midst of Edlery of old family portraits, within a most telling sentence I was writing, "now what is it?"

"There are ghosts here!" was the re-

"and there's nothing above the long a lamb; so I said-

gallery but the leads." "Rats, children—that's what it is. get out. You didn't think I should Now run away and play," I said. But bowl you out, did you?" "Rats, children-that's what it is. more unpleasant than to be convinced that there is a way of getting into your

nust have been too generally ecstatic to | find that the cost of our living at this otice that the consumption of food out-of-the-way rustic spot would be tomed to spend in town; the victuals

ed. Then, and not until then, did I evident that he, and no one else, was recall what the farmer had said about responsible for these mysterious proceedings. I called him into the "study.

"Robin," I said, "I gave you fair warning last time, and I did not think you would continue your depreda

broken a single thing, sir!" "No, ne; I mean your-

said impatiently. "My largeness, sir? I can't help it, sir; if I don't carry my largeness, sir, I don't know who would," he answered,

"Very well, sir," ha said; "you'll

common bad, and I'll ax his pardon. Howsomedever, sir, I'm off;" and, with a profound salute he left the room.

Robin had been gone a week, yet the disappearance of viands continued. and I sent to the village to find him out

HWe held a council of war; the servants were called up, and said unanimously that nobody could get to the larder without their being aware of it. The larder itself was examined, and the only possible means of ingress for the leanest of cats-supposing it could have climbed a perpendicular wall some twelve feet high-was by a small grated window near the roof. The village locksmith examined the bolts and locks "But," I objected, "rats and mice of the entire establishment, strengthen-"No, sir; that's very true," said we did all, so we thought, that could be done to render the house impregna-

One night there was a violent storm of wind and rain. My "study" abutwas at its height, I was startled by a tremendous crash. It ok my reading-iamp to see the cause, and found that few inches above the floor, had fallen face downwards. I placed the lamp on the floor, and stooped to raise the pic-ture, when 1 felt a piercingly cold draught of air. Bringing the lamp to picture had hung. Examining it further, I saw a very small iron knob, scarcely noticeable amidst the ornamentation of the wood-work. Pressing this, the door flew inward, a rush of cold air came in, and, peering before me. I beheld a flight of steps leading up

and down into utter darkness.

scent. with a blank wall. I was about to return when my eyes caught a small bolt the stone slipped back, making a tiny aparture. Up to this I brought my into the larder. Notwithstanding my watch hole. Now how did he get in? And, although I searched every inch of

the wall, I could find no appearance of an entrance. door, which was fast closed, and ascended. The stairs made a turn to the and that after all, there was reason in what the children had said about hearing footsteps above their heads. Then I came to a small wooden door ajar. I pushed it noiselessly, and my astonish ment may be imagined when I found myself in a fair sized room, in which were a bed and, enugly snoring in it, Mr Robin! On the floor at the foot of the bed were the remains of a cold leg of mutton and an empty beer-bottle-

my mutton and my beer-bottle of coursel A ladder in the corner led ap to the cess to be gained to the leads, so that

I touched Round Robin on the shoulvery mysterious, and for some reason turn to sing a song, as Mike Hedges hadn't sung-his dreams were of the parlor of the "Plough," I touched him

> mastered the fact that there was a man standing over him with a shaded lamp the expression on his face changed from irritated boredom at having been disturbed to the most genuine astonishment I have ever seen on human features before or since. At length he

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"Yes," was the corroborative chorus; sleeping lion should have changed into

house of which you know nothing.

The next day my wife said that realething must be done, or we should considerable more than we were accus- you out."

So I was resolved that Round Robin should be got rid of, for it was very

"My what, sir?" said the injured in-

out it in plain language, your larcenies,'

"Well, I think you had better live

and that things will go on 'xactly the same when I'm gone; and then you'll

but nobody had seen him. ed some, and put in new ones. In fact

I began the descent, and, to my horhad hardly taken three steps when the door by which I had left the gallery closed gently behind me, and to all appearance I was literally walled up. However, I thought the steps must lead somewhere, so I continued my de-

I went straight down for a long time, 'Evidently leads out into the garden," lamp, and by its light I looked directly

I retraced my steps past the gallery

the appearance of the smoking adjuncts

thereon was sufficiently explained. Now what was to be done? I must awaken Round Robin, or else make up very much to my own discomfort and inconvenience and, what was more, to - Well, at any rate, I put away the

"Why, Mr .- ! No, hang it, it can

"Now look here, Robin; I want to

He looked at me quietly and said-"More you haven't, sir, yet. You want to get out. Well, get out if you can without me! No, sir-we're quits; so we'd better keep so. You've found out my secret — I've got you in my power. Very well, sir. If you promise as a gentleman, not to say a word to the farmer about this, I'll let

What could I do but promise? As Robin was putting some clothes

on, he said-'You see, sir, in the old days, when this house was built, in Henry's reign, it was a rough time for the Papists; so they contrived this ere convenience. Your larder was their private chapel, and the stairs led to it, and, when they wanted air and exercise, they could go up you ladder to the roof, where they ould see everything and not be seen.

That's where I has my evening 'bacca."
I followed him down to the larder wall, and he showed me a ring in the floor, by raising which a step was seen leading down to a square hole from which another trap opened up in the middle of the larder. We retraced our steps to the gallery door.

"And now, sir, you ve seen all," said Robin, touching a spring, whereupon the door flew inward, "Hallo! The door is precious easy to-night!" he exclaimed, "Well, in course, if the wind hadn't blown Sir Geoffrey down, you'd

have never found me out, sir." To cut a long story short, Round Robin made no more depredations upon our larder, but turned out an honest good fellow, so that it was with genuine regret that, at the end of three months we packed up to return home and said good-bye to him. We occupied the old house three

years in succession in the same way, When we arrived the third year Round Robin was missing. We asked where he was. "Poor fellow," said the farmer, "la met with a sad fate-fell down a see

cret staircase near the long gallery and broke his neck!' "I discovered that secret staircast three years ago," I said to the farmer "and it leads-where do you think? In to your larder!"

'And that s how all the things used to disappear!" exclaimed the farmer, astonished. "Well, he paid dearly for it, did poor old Round Robin!"

A Visit From Captain Kidd. "Lord John Gardiner one June even ing observed a mysterious sloop with six guns riding at anchor off Blockisland. It was Kidd's last vessel, the Antonio. are d.e. If you ain't got anything This Lord John was a large, hearty don't comise, only pay when you have man, who lived generously, 'was clever' money to the Indians and squaws, and had so much ability in affairs that, although he married four times and spent a great lamp to see the cause, and found that deal of money, he portioned off his one of the large pictures, hung but a daughters handsomely and left a large sloop; so, after she had lam in sight two days without making any sign, he put and inquire: off in a boat, to board her and inquire the panelling, I examined it, and saw what she was. As he came up over the what was evidently the crevice of a side, Captain Kidd-till then unknown door immediately behind where the to him-received him with the tradito him-received him with the traditional politeness of a thriving desperado, and asked after the health of himself and family. Then, in answer to Lord John's inquiries, he said that he was on his way to Lord Bellomont at Boston: would Gardiner do him the til he returned or sent an order for back to the island. The next morning Kidd resumed intercourse by sending ashore a request that Gardiner should come on board at once, and bring six up and down absorbed in their purchasheep with him. This was rather forhave thought; but he complied. Thereupon Kidd promptly ripened acquaint-auce into intimacy, and asked him if he I moved it, and discovered that half sending two of his men ashore to fetch

I thought, Suddenly I was face to face could spare a barrel of elder. Lord John once more proved neighborly, and a lump in his throat and ran off. The found that he could spare the eider, it. While waiting for their return, Kidd got out from his cargo two 'pieces' of damaged Bengal muslin,-a rare and valued fabric in its pristing The children pointed out a small position, I almost shouted at the dis-state,—which he put into a bag and re-This was evidently Mr. Robins quested Gardiner to take as a present on her breast. to his wife. It is likely enough that the captain, seeing in Lord John a capacity for such things, produced some of his fifty shilling rum, or three hundred pound Madeira to be tasted. Soma- into the store and his eyes were red and thing, at any rate, warmed him up to swollen. increased generosity, for 'in about a "Mine leetle Jake," he began, quarter of an hour' he presented the then broke down and said no more. Lord of the Isle with some muslin for his own use. When the men came back four pieces of gold for their trouble. Furthermore, after getting ready to sail, he offered to pay for the cider; but grietor of the hearts of the people he Gardiner protested that he was sufficiently rewarded by the present to his

> gallantly firing a salute of four guns, stood for Block Island. freight before going to Boston. During good will from those he served, his stay near the island two New York "We wish we had known that sloops took off part of his cargo; and three days later he returned from Block | wants or perhaps saved him," his emisland in company with another nefari | ployers said with sad regrets. and committed to his charge a chest, a | ten morgen," Little Jake." box of gold, a bundle of quilts, and four bales of goods. The box of gold, as Gardiner afterwards solemnly deposed, was destined by Kidd for Lord Bello mont. All the treasure and merchannear Cherry Harbor, beside Pond, within a mile of the Manor

head or your son's.' " HE bowed, and ventured to say, Excooz me, I dink I haf met you at Brighton; my name is Moses." 'Really, I do not recall your face: but your name has a rather familiar

A RAILROAD DISASTER. - Dumley was telling how narrowly he escaped from being run over by a railroad train. "Why," he went on, "it fairly took my breath away." "Did you say the train had two engines?" asked young Featherly, very

much interested.

"Certainly not; I said nothing about two engines. 11 "Well," responded young Featherly, "I don't see how a train with only one engine could take your breath away. '

SHADERCK YEGEVE

tlow a Man Looks Who is 125 Years Old-He Don't Drink or Use Tobacco.

Shadrack Nugent is a light-skinned

mulatte, who has lived in New York

since the war of 1812. He was born,

ne says, in 1760, in Frederick County, Md ... near the present town of Frederick. He owns a couple of houses, and is rather well provided for. He is universally respected by both white and colored and is a steady church goer. He uses a care only when he goes out at night, and while rather shaky he walks well enough for a man half his age, whatever it is. He cannot read or write, though he sticks very carefully to date, and seldom gets mixed up in his reminiscences. He is known as "the Moon Man" for the reason that he has devoted many years to observations of or the moon and the relations of the moon to the changes of the weather. Of late years Sindrack has seldom gone very for from his home, which is on M street, between Twenty-second and Twentythird streets. The sight of one eye has gone entirely, though the other is nearly as good as it ever was. He has never worn any beard on his face, shaving it almost every day. His hair is somewhat louger than most colored people have. It is pure white and but little kinked. He talks remarkably well, though he has lost most of his front teeth, and delights in talking of King George's days and what he heard about them in his boyhood days. The old claims to have seen all the Presidents since James Madison, and to have talked to them all with the exception of President Cleveland. He is going to the White House soon to talk with President Cleveland. He says he was not a body servant of General Washington, but claims that he was a servant of Lleutenant George Graff who served in the Levolution. Shadrack's ideas of norality can be gleaned from his words that follow: "I smoked when I was a boy and for some time after I grew up, but I was never much of a smoker. bewed tobacco because I was not allowed to. Mr. Graff said it did not look good for a boy to chew, and I did not chew. He chewed, and the ruffles of his shirt were dirty all the time with tobacco juice. I believe that was the reason he opposed me chewing. Yes, I have drank some liquor in my life, but very little. I haven't touched a drop of any kind of fiquor since General Lafayette came to this country. I was awful drunk the night he arrived, but a ter that no more. My experience has been with white and colored people

that I quor causes more trouble than everything else put together. Regular-

Little Jake what he siweys was called, estate at his death. He was not a per- for, although he was the elevator boy son to be scared by a mysterious armed in a big dry goods establishment, he was so small that ladies would look in

> "Where's the man that runs the elevator?" Then little Jake would pipe up from

his corner: "Here I be," I do not know anything to compare hun to but a ray of sunshine lighting up a dark place. He was of such lowly statue that when he was in his corner there seemed to be nobody there. But favor to carry two negro boys and one negro girl ashore, to be kept there unface grew visible, and as you looked it brightened into such a happy smile that them? Gardiner consented, and went the little man seemed to fill the whole

elevator with sunlight. I wonder if the ladies who used to give him a nod or a word as they went ses will miss him now and speculate as to what has become of the quaint little Staking a Fortune on an Ace and fellow who was ever smiling, helping,

always doing his duty bravely He went home sick one night and said "Good night" bravely, swallowed day after this his father came in. "He was petter, mooch petter," his

father said. Then his mother came; they wanted the place kept for the boy. "Oh, so sick. He is too much sick here," the mother said, laying her hand

"Tell him to get well and he shall ward on the table, flanked on either have his place," said his employer. side by a spade or club, his faith in "To-morrow we shall come to see him." it knew no bounds. He was said to But on the morrow the father came

It went the rounds of the store like with the barrel of cider, he gave them dead, and you would have thought at rarely won. He had wasted away least that he had been the proprietor. And he was, in his small way, pro -a dividend that will serve him better They parted at last, and Kidd, than money in the land where he is to

They sent, every one of them, beauti-"His purpose in lingering in these ful flowers to little Jake's funeral; he when he had money. I was with him as to get rid of his suspicious was covered with the last offerings of "We wish we had known that he was

ons sloop, which relieved him of chests containg plate and gold and other goods. But there is nothing to regret. "It's well with the child." And its no long-This time Kidd again sent for Gardiner er "Guten nacht" with thee, but "Gu-

This is not a disease in itself, but the dise was buried in some swampy land result of a feverish cold. A dry, horny scale forms on the end of the tongue, preventing the bird from eating. The house, to be kept for Kidd or his order. bird becomes weak, its feathers grow "If I call for it and it is gone," Kidd ruffled, its beak turns yellow at the bird becomes weak, its feathers grow declared to Lord John, I will take your base, and, without attention, it dies. The cure is simple. With a sharp knife black pepper with fresh butter three times a day for a week.

> A CORRECT ANSWER .- Teacher-"Can't you answer that question?"
> Little Nell—"How can I? I never saw a wall built." Teacher-"Well, I will put it in another shape. If it takes one servant nine hours to do the entire housework

of a family, how long will it take three servants to do it?" Little Nell-"Oh! I can answer that. I heard mamma speak of it this very Teacher—"Well, how long will take then?"

Little Nell-"Three times as long."

RIVERS

Streams That Present Unique and Carious Features.

A number of rivers that can be found in almost any atlas possess remarkable characteristics which entitle them to ran among the natural curiosities of the world. In Algeria, for instance, there is a small stream which the chemistry of nature has turned into true ink. It is formed by the union of two rivulets, one of which is very strongly impregnated with iron, while the other, meandering through a peat marsh, im bibes gallic acid. Letters have been written with this compound of iron and gallie acid which unite to form the little river. In Colombia there is a river which, by admixture with sul-cited players were grouped around the phuric acid, becomes so sour that it is table, and the clink of deliars was inappropriately named Rio de Vinagre, fish abound in the large Orange river mescal. Refugio sat almost in front of of South Africa until the river passes through a rocky region containing cop- features, and his great, heavy belt in use in the time of Henry IV of Engper ores, below which the water is said front of him.

to be poisonous and to kill the fish that venture Into it "China's Sorrow" is a name that has which rises in the mountains of Thibet and follows a wonderfuly circuitous channel for 2,500 miles to the sea. The waywardness of this mighty volume of water makes the river a constant source of anxiety and danger, instead of wealth, to 170,000,000 of people inhabmouth over 4 degrees of latitude each time, emptying its vast floods in differ-ent directions and digging a new channel for itself where scores of villages had stood. It has greatly changed the physical character of a wide area, turning fertile regions into a sandy waste or making shallow lakes of them, n which nothing grows, and over which sothing can sail. Whether it is within the power of western scionce to save this great plain from disastrous overlows and changes of the river bed is a uestion that has been considerably iscussed in Eugland of late years.

Some recent explorers of Alaska tell us that the Mississippi can no longer be regarded as the largest river of the North American continent, They claim that distinction for the great Yukon river, which, acording to Mr. Ivan Petroff, who spent two years in Alaska collecting materials for the last census. empties into Norton sound one-third more water than the Mississippi pours into the Gulf of Mexico. The Yukon basin comprises the most of southern Alaska, and is a mile wide 600 miles from its mouth. Many centuries before it was visited by white men it very likely served as the highway into the interior of tribes who are believed to have crossed from Asia to this conti-

crocodiles. Though it flows for hundreds of miles through fertile lands, the immense volume of water never reaches the sea. A little north of the equator the river loses itself in a desert region a few miles from the Indian

Very few great rivers have ever been theroughly explored by going up stream. Travelers tried for 2,000 years to find the source of the Nile by ascending the river. By the time they had reached the difficult part of the stream their stores and energy were exhausted and they could go no further. It was only by seeking the fountain heads first by overland routes that Schwatka was able to float down the Yukon, that Stanley mapped the Congo, and that Speke solved the se-

cret of the Nile. A GAMBLER'S SUICIDE.

Losing.--A Tragedy of Thrilling Interest.

"There used to be in the neighborhood of Camargo, an old and wealthy ranchman who was ridden by one of the most singular gambling hobbies I have ever seen. His name was Refugio Garcia. He was a devoted monte player, and his idiosynerasy was the ace of diamonds. He had a tremendous reverence for that card under all conditions, but when it lay face upside by a spade or club, his faith in it knew no bounds. He was said to value. Their costume is as peculiar as have obtained his superstition from a their personal appearance. It condream of his dead wife, who was sists of two parts-the cubury and the scalped by Lipaus three years before shalear. The entarry, or dress, is a "Mine leetle Jake," he began, and I knew him. It may have been so and long robe, trailing about a yard behind, it may not. Anyhow, he clung to his and resembles much the morning dress card with a reckless love. And the of a European lady, only the caburg is wild fire the news that little Jake was most singular part of it was that it composed of three skirts, as it were, many a fat cow on it when I first saw him, but threw away more afterward. The front skirts are not thrown open, When the first gambling booth was opened and before the trainmen had fairly prepared for the opening night Refugio was there, gazing patiently at back, which, pressing upon the skirt the dealer and waiting for the game to behind, serve to form the train. When commence. I knew him, as I said, the ladies are under no restraint of drink, during a part of his long chase after either tucked up to their girdles or fortune and I was to be with him at held in their hands, and thus they walk the death. The train, under command | about the house in a free and easy style, so fil. We might have ministered to his of Juan Nandez, arrived at Camargo and pitched its tents. It was a big dancing, strolling in the garden or enone and brought lots of goods and gaged in household work. A belt or

"There were several gamblers connected with it; in fact, they were nearly all gamblers by instinct, but slippers are worn slipshed to facilitate the loudest and the wealthiest and the fanciest—the man with the finest booth | they ascend and seat themselves on the and the greatest quantity of money sofas. Their movements are graceful, spread on the table before him-was a their forms being under no artificial the first man, too, who was ready for yelept the corset, is never worn by fugio. I had learned that the old man had sold his last ranche a few weeks before, and he was supposed to have the money with him. He entered the tent, as if "skimming the earth" in a sort of the Bull, the famous violinist, is about to visit Norway with her mother, and it is thought will appear in concerts there. She possesses some of her father's talent as a violinist. business, and, of course, he caught Rastooping low at the entrance, and I folremove the scale at the end of the lowed him. When he staightened up in their estimation. The bang is purely tonge, and give two or three grains of in the glare of the lamps I saw that his Turkish, having originated with them. face was very pale. His lips twitched nervously and his hands shook as he broad belt. He spilled a few gold coins on the table and carefully replaced

the remainder. "I will play only a little to-night, he said; 'but, Autoine, I dreamed of Juli-anna last night and I shall win from

" 'Glad, very glad to see you, Senor Garcia. The fair has only commenced. We will have a long sitting. In two weeks' time you should be able to win back all your ranches, and he laughed. Many go for sage reflections, precious

vou.

THE WORLD'S REMARKABLE rustled to the table, Garcia played his money on it—and lost. Contrary to my expectations, he arose and strolled listlessly from the tent. 'I will play no more to-night,' he said. 'You may not

believe it, friend, but I am directed." "I saw no more of him for a few days, but learned that he had lost a few gold pieces every night, waiting patiently for his loved ace of diamonds, seeing the money swept in by the harpy fingers of the dealer and then turned quietly away. On the last night of the fair I walked over to Autoine's tent. On every side the hum of trade, the flashing of lights, the snapping of castanets and twang of guitars were accentuated by the sense that on the morrow the vast caravan would be gone, and the great prairie he bald and bleak in its loneliness. Inside the large booth excessant. Antoine was dealing and his Vinegar river. Many varieties of usually impassive face was flushed with bim, with a strange, drawn look on his

> "'I have here,' he whispered, patting it excitedly, 'the bill of sale of five hundred mares and three hundred gold

been given to the great Hoang Ho, gold eagles, \$11,000 in all. I am waiting for my fate and I shall win,' "Antoine glanced across the table at him nervously, I thought, and raked to-gether his cards for a fresh deal. His fingers trembled as they felt Refugio's eyes on them. The cards were shuffled, cut by the right hand man and the first iting the central part of China. It is two were laid face upward on the table. known to have suddenly changed its. They were the deuce of hearts and the two were laid face upward on the table. course nine times. It has moved its king of clubs. A few pesos were placed on the deuce and turning his pack face downward, the dealer drew the bottom card and with a slight, graceful motion flipped it on the table. It was the fateful diamond ace. Refugio reached over and showered a handful of gold pieces upon it. The next card was the four of spades and it fluftered down by Lefugio's painted shibboth the ace. was flanked on either side by the club Mount Popocatapil at the rate of a ten

a day, it is stated. "Do you take a tap?" he said to An-"Bet all you like,' said the latter, savagely, and pulling out a drawer of

his table he showed the ranged columns of coin. " Eleven thousand pescs on the ace," said Refugio, emptying his belt. "The game paused, white slowly and quietly Antoine counted the money. He examined the bill of sale carefully, expressed his satisfaction, said the money was correct, and while the black and blue eyes of the assembled Mexicans and Americans were fastened on his wiry fingers with an eager interest, resumed the deal. You know Mexican monte, of course? In placing his money on the ace Refugio simply wagered that, the deck being turned face up and the tractions was a bullfinch valued at \$350. top cards removed successively and -According to the last census, there placed on the table, an ace would show is one milliner to every 37 women, while up before a four. The tin lamp flick- there is only one tailor to every 70 men. Shebeyli of east Africa, a deep and rapid stream, abounding in fish and green cloth seemed carved of stone and green cloth seemed carved of stone and the deal went on. Refugio sat with his Many of them have since been organizface hidden, his head resting on his hands. The burly Trenchman showed no emotion, Suddenly, as the cards

> watchers. The top eard slipping down disclosed an ace. "You have won,' said Antoine, and he counted out the money. It left his drawer and table bare. 'I am a ruined man,' he added simply, and walked out of the tent. A moment later we heard a pistol shot. We found him not ten paces from the spot of his ruin, with a bullet in his heart. A tiny, jeweled pistol, a woman's weapon, lay near his State University, Mo., are said to drill outstretched and nerveless hand. On with guest and to be "making excellent the handle was chased in letters of

silver the single word "Julianna." "Had he known Refueio's wife?" "I think not. Simply a coincidence, I suppose."

Vanity Fair.

In personal appearance, Turkish women present a type as peculiar and remarkable as any under heaven. Their complexions are generally fair and of the most delicate softness, owing, doubtless, to the constant use of the bath, as well as the protection of the yeshnak, or veil, without which they Tokar is twenty miles: Trinkitat to never go ahead. Their features are Suakim, twenty-live miles: Tokar to regular, and their almond shaped eyes bright and black, and so valued for their size that great-eyed ladies are promised by the Prophet as one of the sublimest joys of paradise. Beautyspots, or moles, are considered of great open in front and on the two sides, the latter openings extending to the hips, as is the European fashion, but brought together and buttoned up, the ends gathered between the limbs and thrown etiquette, the trains of their dresses are whether rollicking, chasing each other, a scarf encircles the waist, a coquettish coiffure surmounts the head and emtheir leaving them on the floor when Frenchman named Autoine. He was restraint, as that instrument of torture, of the Bible into the Indian language. them. Their gait is also peculiar. glissade, which is considered lady-like in their estimation. The bang is purely as is the square cut of the neck of a dress known as the "Pompadour," dived beneath his vest and unfastened which style that lady had doubtless borrowed from the Turkish belies. Sometimes the cutarry is worn high

An American paper says some go to "The Frenchman showed his white church to weep, while others go to canine teeth, and said, in sibila Spanish: sleep. Some go their wives to please; their conscience others go to Some go to hear the preacher; others "The deal began, the accord diamonds few to help collections.

much of the bust, but never the

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Russia is building a \$2,500,000

-South Carolina has 613 lunatics in her asylums. -General Kilpatrick's widow is to

ave a pension -London, it is estimated, has about 4,931 paupers.

-There are about 5,000 Chinese in New York state.

-Pickpockets have been "working" Newark (N. J.) churches lately.

-There were 23,310 houses built in ondon and the suburbs in 1882.

-Professor Agassiz is said to be the ealthiest of American scientists. -Diamonds are reported to have faln 75 per cent, in price in London,

The last pensioner of the war of

12, restding in Lowell, died a few days -Pocket handkerchiefs came into

- Vienna officials rigidly exclude the use of velocipedes or bicycles on the streets. -The four-track system on the Pennvlvania railroad now extends a distance

t eleven miles. -There have been sixteen suicides nd two murders at Monto Carle since the 1st of January.

-General Beauregard came out of the war a comparatively poor man, but e is now wealthy. -In New Orleans heads of fish are iried, mounted and sold for table and

mantel ornaments. Thirty-three of the leading citizens of Edgefield, S. C., are under indictment for lynching.

-An old companion of Schurz and Siegel is working contentedly as a barber in Atlanta, Ga. -Sulphur is deposited in the top of

-Ten novels are written and rejected a England, it is stated, for every one that is published there. -Nickel is a better conduct or (13.11) than lead (8.32), is lighter than lead,

and does not oxidize so much,

-There is a "slave corner" in all old New England graveyards, where the blackamoor chattels were buried, Georgia's penitentiary now contains 1332 prisoners, the largest number ever

recorded on the registry at one time. -England has an insurance society which makes a specialty of insuring against damage done by hail storms. -At an exhibition of cage birds in London recently, one of the great at-

-Sixty-four counties in Texas did not vote at the last Presidential election.

-A dog belonging to a Cincinnati shoe dealer chews tobacco, using up sank one by one to the boards, there about a quarter of a ten-cent plug every was a universal exclamation from the day. -Guatemala encourages cattle farmng by prohibiting the slaughter of cows

> heifers. -There are said to be only about 5,000 members of the Society of Friends Quakers), now in Great Britain and Ireland. -Ladies in the Cadet Club of the

and severely taxing the exportation of

progress. -San Jose (Cal.) dry goods dealers were victimized last week by an insane

woman, who ordered an extensive wedding outfit. -Roller skating is indulged in with great arder at the American Institute, N. Y., with over a thousand skaters on the floor in an evening.

-Senator Gorman and Congressmer Townsend (of Illinois) and W. L. Scott (Pennsylvania) are said to have served as pages in the liouse. -The distance from Trinkitat to

Suakim, forty-eight miles. -New York City has eight hundred rag-pickers who gather \$750,000 worth of rags in the streets and roads. The pickers are mostly Italians, -An old farmer living near Indiana-

with the old man's bachelor son. -The Queen of Madagascar is said to have organized a police force to prevent the manufacture, importation or sale of intextcants in her dominions. -- A dividend authorized a few days

polis has just lost his fourth wife. The

first three died and his latest has eloped

(N. J.) Dime Savings Bank brings the total paid depositors up to 90 per cent. -Scientists affirm that diseases such as typhoid fever are in many cases dis-tinctly traceable to the milk of cows

age on the old account of the Newark

who have had only impure water to -A young Jew in St. Petersburg has invented a watch which goes by electricity. The watches are made without any springs, and consist solely of two

-The combined ages of a family of three brothers and three sisters living in Auburn, Me., aggregate 505 years. The eldest is a sister, aged 95, and the youngest is a brother, 73 years old. -At a library sale in New York, the other day, \$050 was the sum paid for a

copy of the second edition of the "John Eliot Bible," being Eliot's translation -Olea Bull, the 12 year old daughter of Ole Bull, the famous violinist, is

-Crystals of oxygen have recently been obtained in Paris by first liquefying the gas under great pressure, and then suddenly removing the pressure. The temperature of the liquid mass is thus greatly lowered, and crystals of oxygen are formed in it.

-Non-poisonous organic acids aid neck, and at others decollete, exposing digestion. Hence the use of vinegar as a condiment is based on good reasons, but with the condition that the quantity must not be so great as to irritate the stomach itself.

-During the present year, forty female students have entered upon a course of study at the Paris hospitals. Only three or four of these are Frenchwomen. There are some English and Americans and a few negresses, but Russia is the nationality most numer-