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In Darkness

eath the woodbine in the sultry eve I sit alone, and watch the setting moon, While a sad flute, in a regretful tane, For her departure sweetly seems to grieve.

The shadows deepen; night moths flutter by;
A firefly flashes in the odorous dark: A falling meteor's shining track I mark; Prev to unrest and loneliness am I,

O revelation, like a firefly's flame You show us but the shadows with your

spark.

To a pale poet sounding in the dark,
Out of the silence once a question came. Never an answer! All in valu we reach

to the utmost verge of human thought: What anxious, waiting soul has ever One faint reply in heaven's immortal

If heaven in pity would a message send, And you should come, and, kneeling my side, Should say, "Love, I have been your con I promise still to lead till life is done:"

If I should touch your band, and see your face, Should hear the pet name that was min If your firm fingers should my own en-

And I could nestle in my olden place-With one caress, love I would let you go, Nor crave your presence in the years to

Knowing so well that in your restful This vexing life of mine you still would

It would not pain you! On death's hindering bar All human passions break and drift from Only love purified they know to-night.

In happy islands where the sinless are. I would not keep you if I could, my friend; For I should know that though you were my guest, Once having tasted heaven's pure joy

Your love for me would fail ere life should

And though I could not hear your tender I still should feel your power to love and Should know your old unvarying tender-

And nevermore should live my life alone.

A STRANGE CLIENT.

biting, snow-laden nor'-easter was sweeping over the wide expanse of generous attension stammered a reply Murley Heights, and apparently exult- that was neither coherent nor expres ing in its untrammelled freedom Op | sive of much gratitude. When his visposition to its wild will upon these downs | itors were all gone he buried his face there was none. The only defiance to in his feverish hands. the keen viking's blast was found in the person of the solitary pedestrian muttered fiercely. the threatened snow storm in his eagerness to journey from Ettisdale to Murbent and shriveled with cares and toll away in the north of England on an if not with age. But his head and important confidential mission. His neck were of the true English bulldog son was both legally and mentally qualtype, and upon his face there was ified to control the business during the the contrary direction. stamped an expression of sindomitable parental absence. Frank was reading resolution and unwavering persever- and re-reading, with clouded brow and ance. He was dressed in a rusty and a look of ugly determination in his threadbare suit of black, which to the | e e, a letter from his father, he had average observer would doubtless have in marked him out as belonging to the o large and saddened army of the shabby | il genteel. But in the easy assurance of his carriage, in the flash of his gray eyes-on occasion almost gleeful-in end of all nonesense concerning Murthe conscious power lurking in the rell's daughter and you. I hope you rigid lines about his mouth, there was understand this. I'm a man of my nothing of the despondency, the nerv- word, and I'll consent to no folly, I've ous diffidence, the futile resentment at told her this by the same post. But if fortune's thrusts, which are the moral she is a girl or sense she'll hardly need inheritance of the class.

mistake," the traveler muttered, paus- to give you up. There is, indeed, no aling to gather his thin coat more tightly ternative." Han! But I'm not the man to be stop- cost." ped by either storm or sunshine-I've I'll keep my word."

And on he plodded. was at the mercy of failure, induced it'll soon be over," he soliloquized. largely by past illness and fatigue.

"If there were a cottage anywhere ligation, nigh as I could get a warmin-" he Donaldson's farm. However, 1 shail dismissal. soon be there, and-"

He reeled, gave a helpless little cry, ond purpose of my call."

irched heavily forward and lay—a "I beg your pardon." lurched heavily forward and lay-a senseless, spider like object- on the damp turf. If he had not indeed re- well as your debtor-though with you ceived a "chill," he was in imminent lawyers the first word generally indanger of taking one. Fortunately cludes the latter," said the visitor, succor was at hand.

A gentleman's glg was ratiling over

"Fitch, what is the meaning of this?" serveant.

The groom bestowed a single perfunctory glance upon the prostrate you for your name, please."
form, and answered. "Drunk, sir."
"John Green." "Quite as like overcome by cold and fatigue. The poor fellow looks lil- er's face caused the suspicion that this clad and thin, anyhow," and Frank was an alias, but the young solicitor Archer followed his arrest of the horse entered it without audible comment. by a transfer of the reins to his atten-

dant. In another second he was trying to arouse the s'eeper; he shook him he shouted in his ear-without effect. "The man is in a stupor of some kind. It will not be safe to leave him ened. Of what conceivable importance thus," said Frank in dismay.

"There's no house nigh, sir." We'll just have to drive back to Murley with him. You and I can lift newspapers," him into the trap, I fancy, I shall be late for my appointment, but when life is at stake business must wait "

The groom, whatever his private op'nion of his master's quixotic conduct, obeyed orders, like the model satellite he was, with no word of de- ed his head. mur, and being a champion in rural feats of strength, found his alloted task light.

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property?"

"My father is." In a very brief space the gig was climbing the hill it had so lately descended.

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Either the disturbance of removal or figures?"

What are the the motion and the renewed breeze, or both combined, gradually revived the sufferer. He first groaned, then shifted his bead uneasily off Fitch's supporting shoulder, then unclosed his half-vacant eyes, and murmured inarticulate words which sounded like "sorry—trouble—couldn't help—cold," His friend in the first groaned his first groaned, then shifted his bead uneasily off Fitch's supporting shoulder, then unclosed his half-vacant eyes, and murmured inarticulate words which sounded like "sorry—trouble—cold," His friend in the country buying up mills but the listener was recovering can proceed."

Gradually the listener was recovering and a proc

yard of the chief Murley hotel. The explanation was soon given, the stranger assisted within doors and a

surgeon summoned. "I'll be responsible for damages, but I can't stay for Clark's report," said Frank Archer, and again he set out on his journey.

The man of medicine gave it as his opinion that the patient had suffered no serious harm, and would quickly recover, adding:
"But another half-hour in the open,

where Mr. Archer found him, might easily have produced much greater mischief; in his weak state fatal consequences even might have ensued. He was rescued in the very nick of time, and should be grateful accordingly." Perhaps the wayfarer was grateful, as he rested in the warm and well-lighted inn parlor immediately in the rear

of the bar; as the dusk crept on in the street without he grew more and more himself, and began to listen to such scraps of gossiping conversation as reached him through the half open door A tiny group of Murley idlers was in Mr. Green. the passage beyond, and their words were full of interest to the unsuspected listener.

"Murrell carries his head as high as ever, though his mill is to be sold, and all the countryside knows as he's ruined;" said one, in cynical tones, absolutely devoid of sympathy.

"I'm sorry for his daughter," swered another; "'tis no fault of Miss Carrie's, and it'll cost her her sweetheart. Old Archer won't give his permission for that match now if I know him, and young Master Frank must choose between his fortune and his fancy. I hate to see young people crossed, but fact is fact," "Hush! Here is Miss Murrell!" cried

a third. A sweet, girlish voice was inquiring for the invalid. Before the occupant of the parlor was aware, he was confronted with the vision of a fair, blushing maiden-z vision whereat he started, turned ashy pale, trembled from head to foot. To his eyes it was as shough the grave had given up its

"I thought you might like some fruit and so I have ventured to bring these," the girl said bravely and simply, placing on the table a basket of exceedingly fine oranges and apples, "I am so glad you are better; I heard in the village of your accident, or illness," "And if Miss Murrell can do a kind

act to anybody she will," said the inn-It was a bleak December day. A keeper's wife effusively. The recipient of this graceful and

"Agnes, you were mine! Mine!" he

Frank Archer sat alone in the inner sanctum of his father's office. The He was a little man, and chief Murley solicitor was at present t received. The paragraph which

asioned his annoyance and perplex-"Now that the crash has come, as I always prophesied it would, there is an the telling that it is her bounden duty "This is a bitter day, this is, and no to recognize facts as such, and at once

"I rather think that is a mistake," der, was afraid I'd get a 'chill,' as he the young man growled, "Resign Car-calls it. Little the landlord of the Bell rie! Never! There shall be an alternaruessed as he'd seen me before! Hah! tive. I will make one at whatever

There came a ring at the bell, and seen a bit of both in my time. I vowed liter a minute's parley in the anterior there was admitted into the apartment a figure Frank recognized with very nearly a gesture of impatience. "Wants to thank me for picking him

contemptuous of difficulties, the flesh up yesterday afternoon. Bother! But It was as he suspected. The wizen-When some two-thirds of the weary ed little stranger, whose attire, scarceeight miles between the villages had ly refreshed by the arduous brushing been accomplished an ominous numb- of the inn "boots," looked more dingy ness seized upon the wayfarer's limbs, and thread bare than ever in the mornhis gait became uncertain and a strange ing light, began to apologize for the darkness seemed to close in upon the trouble he had given and to express in

stiff, uncourtly phrase his sense of ob-"You are very welcome to any ser soliloquized. "I'm nigh perished with vice I have been able to render," Frank cold; but there's no house nearer than said concisely, in accents of a polite "Then, sir, we may pass to the sec-

"I'm minded to be your client as

with a sardonic chuckle, In spite both of his gloom and of his the curve of the billside at a pace which mystidication, Frank smiled. He was told either of confident horsemanship plainly in the presence of a 'character' or of an errand which brooked no need- and he had a fondness for studying

out-of-the-way types of humanity. "You are satirical at our expense. asked the stalwart young driver of his But I am at your command," he answered, and he took from a pile of papers a small note-book. "I must ask

A peculiar expression upon the speak-

"There is a large steam flour mill at Raybeck, nigh here, to be sold, I understand?" Frank Archer's bewilderment deep-

could this ill-omened fact be to this "Yes; the advertisement is in the

"It is from them I obtained my information. The present proprietor Thomas Murrell, is a bankrupt?" It was a harsh word, which, for reasons of his own, grated on the lawyer's ears. He frowned, and slightly inclin-

"You are agent for the sale of this

happens."

From an inner vest pocket, cunningly hidden behind folds of lining, he ab-

stracted a greasy leather case, Unfold-ing this he displayed to Frank's gaze a sheaf of bank notes.

"Examine them," he chuckled; two pathetic, happy meetings.
They're genuine, every one. They're "And now, Carrie, you will not "They're genuine, every one. They're all hundreds, and I've more where they came from. You musn't always judge by appearance, young man. Now what is the price Murrell's creditor's expect to get for this mill? For sale by 'auction or private conteract,' the advertisement said:

"The terms for the latter, exclusive of everything, are 6,000 guiueas, Mr.

The client reflected a moment, "Say £6,000, and I'll close."
"Done," and the light of triumph over a clever bargain shone upon Franks

"You'll have the contract note ready this evening. I'll make the vendor secure on my side." "There shall be no necessary delay

"There's a mystery here," murmur ed Frank, as he returned to his seat from accompanying his visitor to the And then-such is the potency of love-his thoughts went back to Carrie

Murrell, and the ordeal of renuncia-

tion or contumely and suffering with which he was confronted. "No, Frank; you may plead as you please—it is a sweet torture, she whis-pered aside—but I will not consent that for my sake you should sacrifice your prospects and incur your father's resentment. He is a hard man, but doubtless he is right, after all, according to his light," and Carrie Murrell shivered a little as she glanced round mechanically at the whitened fields. and then turned as if to re-enter the mill precincts alone, and thus end what

to both lovers had proved a very harassing discussion. But Frank Archer barred her path. "I will not give you up at any one's behest!" he cried, hoarsely; "and as for poverty Carrie, why, we will meet it together and be better man and wo-

Wearily the girl heard him to the end of his impassioned outburst, and

"It is impossible," she said; "as see my duty, it is impossible, And -there is my father also; I have him to care for. He has but me, and, now that he will soon be homeless"—Carrie's words were interrupted by a short, sharp sob-"I cannot forsake him."

There was a rustling among the dry eaves at the adjacent corner. Clearly the lovers were not alone beneath these winter heavens. Their collogny might have already been overheard. The matden flushed scarlet at the thought, and with a few hasty syllables of more conventional farewell she disappeared down the mill lane. Depressed, at odds

"Andaew Mur-ahem John Greenplaying the eavesdropper! I am dis-gusted with you," soliloquized the new proprietor of Raybeck Mill, whimstcaly addressing the wavering reflection of his own personality which confronted him on the sluggish current of the mill-stream. "And yet," he added oracularly, "they mayn't be sorry either by-and-by, if they ever come to guess. A noble pair they seem. They deserve better fortune. For once-ahem! John Green-you will change your plans, I

sight he too retraced his steps-slowly, like one in deep thought-to the village scattered on the heights above. The negotiations for the definite

transfer of the mill property had been suspended until the return of the senior solicitor, and meanwhile the guest of the Royal George furnished a topic for many conjectures and much perplexed remark to the bucolle mind. His advent from nobody knew where, his real position, his plans, were all unsolved

enigmas. By the middle of the following week the Christmas week-Mr. Archer the elder had returned, and Frank lost no time in introducing to his presence the protege who had so unexpectedly developed into the client.

"Mr. Green-my father," he said. The two men bowed and shook hands.
"Mr. Archer, I'd like to have a word
with you alone, if this young gentleman will pardon my rudeness," said the soi-disant John Green.

Marveling not a little, Frank with The stranger's opening question was

at least an equal surprise to Frank's "Your son is engaged to Miss Murrell; and it is said that you object to the

match. Is this true?" The elderly lawyer's face grew slowly purple, half with confusion, half with rage.

"I cannot see, Mr. Green; that my family affairs—" he began. "Concern me. That's as the event may determine," the other answered, with a jarring blitheness. "I believe I've stated facts, and the ground of your objection is the recent failure of Miss Murrell's father, and the girl's consequent poverty. Now, Mr. Archer, I've a story to tell, and I'll be brief about it, as you lawyers like. Five-and-twenty years ago I hved at Murley—at Raybeck Mill—with my father and my

you returned. Now; if you agree, we

need tooled his horse straight into the I've a cure for your doubts handy, as it shall come to an agreement, Mr. Mur-

Frank's battle was won when he least hoped it. That same evening there were in the old-fashioned parlor of Raybeck Mill

sist upon spoiling my Christmas-tide, upon taking all the sunshine out of my life," the young man pleaded. "For my own sake, no," the maider

answered. "And, Thomas, if love divided us, love-of others-shall also reunite us. I have been hard-" "And I was treacherous,"

"But let the dead past bury its dead." "Amen! And in your magnanimity you are revenged, Andrew, my brother nce more.

"Hark!" "Ah! the Christmas chimes are pre paring."

And with that happy peal a peace, as of God's benediction, fell upon these ong alienated hearts.

A GRAND SIGHT. The Intricate Evolutions Performe by Wild Steeds.

I had encamped near the forks of the Platte, and was aroused just at daylight by footsteps around me. After listening for a moment I felt sure that they were the footsteps of horses. They seemed to be circling around me-no at a canter-not at a trot, but at a moder ate walk. It was well that I had secured my horse in a thorough manner for I never saw him so excited. He tugged and pulled at his lariat, stood up on his hind legs, neighed and snorted and pawed and pranced, and it was he actions that gave me a clew to the identity of my visitors.

They were wild horses! Had they been Indian ponies my trained horse would have remained as dumb and silent as a post. Indeed, In dians would not have approached me it

that manner. I remained very quiet, hoping the horses would remain in sight until daylight should give me a good view of them. I had to wait a full hour, but when the light grew strong the spectacle was one to make a man's blood tingle. The circle had been enlarged until it was half a mile across, and my little camp was the center. Every horse, and there were one hundred and twenty-nine of them, stood with his head to this center, and soldiers could not have taken positions on the skirmish line in more precise order.

I pitied my own animal. He stood with the lariat drawn taut and trembled forever end his drudgery.

alarming the drove, but, nevertheless, had a clear view of each horse. Most both with himself and fate, feeling the very peace of snow-clad nature an imsult in his present mood of stormy dis-

a true circle, and they made the circuit the bank, Green took the paddie and long, single line, or "company front."

left wheel and galloped straight off or sight.

turned in two ranks. I had an almost irresistible desire to I had an almost irresistible desire tr "Now, Green," said I, "use the pad-kill the leader with a bullet. Indeed, I dle, for all depends on that."

pointment. I rose up then and waved my blanket Instead of rushing off in affright, as 1 y, as we were within easy gun shot disexpected, the leader of the band delib tance. erately approached me a few rods and stood and snorted and pawed as if send

European Population. Enough is already known of the re below.

twenty years ago I hved at Murley—at Raybeck Mill—with my father and my brother. That brother stole from me my sweetheart, and I hated hun as perhaps only brother can hate brother. I went abroad, grew rich, came home to England, saw the mill advertised for sale, owing to my brother's bankrupter grows here intending to have it to the relative growth of population in the began to rise in our ears, my friend looked inquiringly at me. I nodded the across of Europe. During the last five years the population of my brother can hate brother. This is not as high a rate as during the to England, saw the mill advertised for sale, owing to my brother's bankrupter grows here intending to have it the relative growth of population in the began to rise in our ears, my friend looked inquiringly at me. I nodded the across of Illinois, Kanbooked inquiringly at me. I nodded the last five years the population of my bead. "The best thing that could my head. "The best thing that could my head." The best thing that could my head. "The best thing that could my head." The best thing that could my head. "The best thing that could be for us."

I offered to take the paddle several times, but he was not willing. The acreage of the preceding year; the acreage of the preceding year; the acreage in Kentucky and Tennessee shows a reduction of about 9 per cent.

A Narrow .scape.

When I went to Iowa territory in 1818, | sight, I made my home with an old acquaintance by the name of Green, who went from Western Pennsylvania, where he two of his children by the same means, so that he had cause enough to emigrate. He settled on Manson's River, or rather Creek, which flowed just by his door, and which a mile or two below descended fully a hundred feet by a series of rapids which were sure death for any man to attempt to shoot who was not a perfect master in guid-

ing a canoe. Green could never summon courage to attempt it in his birch canoe until he had seen me do it; but he gained it with an ease and confidence equal to

When we engaged in fishing we frequently performed the feat, until it became a matter of amusement with both of us

Green had a wife, and one child of about six years, who was as interesting a little girl as I ever saw. I was the guiding oar uttered a shriek that those that are especially valuable to much attached to her, as I never had a family of my own, and she appeared to regard me with an affection second the air, disappeared in the foaming requirements of plants. And the exonly to that which she entertained for abyss of waters. her parents.

Shortly after I took up my quarters with them, in the autumn of 1818, I was seized with the chills and fever, and did not entirely recover until time there were Indians all around us, and some of them were of the very worst kind. They hated a white man their grasp, not a particle of life simply in accordance with common buryomaster Prague has had for 200 like poison, and I was sure we should have trouble with them. It was that, more than anything else, that made me anxious to remain with them until the country became more settled. The a man called at our house one day, and absence. told us that a party of Indians had attacked the settlers farther up the creek, and after massacreing several families, were descending the creek in a large canoe, for the purpose of serving us in

prospect of escape. Green proposed that we should start through the woods for the settlement: colors, and they ranged in age from the would have succeeded admirably had it

the plain for a mile. Then it broke, as sumed the shape of a triangle and returned. When the leader was within should not clude them in this easy trated papers contain flaming advertised. pistol-shot he wheeled out and the horses manner. I glanced at the miscreants, tisements, in true American style, formed in a square, with the four year as they came dashing down the stream, landing the virtues of soap made from lings in the center. They galloped off almost with the speed of wind, and California borax. Boracic soaps and The following is an account of a for a mile or so, broke again and re saw that the canoe was occupied by borax in the shape it comes from the young Bulgarian girl who took an actfive of them.

reached for my rifle with that intent, but I never saw him use the our with then came the reflection that it would be such skill. He had seen enough of In-little short of murder. Such another dans to understand that it was now a perfect horse I had never seen. He case of life and death, and with his where it is found a renewal of it comes, forming in various parts of Bulgaria black coat showe like silk, his limbs and like silk like silk like silk like silk limbs and like silk like silke silk like silke s a halt was made for a full hour, and that he possessed were needed and put from which pure borax is obtained. she managed to conceal her sex, for then it was only preparatory to taking a that he possessed were needed and put then it was only preparatory to taking a then it was only preparatory to taking a the little swift departure. The last maneuver was a circle at a slow trot, and each was a circle at a slow trot, and each was a circle at a slow trot, and each the little was only preparatory to taking a linto use. Every moment or two the little beautiful into use. Every moment or two the little beautif grass and actually grouned his disap reached her ears. My great fear was Lake and other counties." that the Indians would fire at us, which would be pretty certain to result fatal-

But they evidently considered this un- several columns of reports on the condinecessary, as it looked as though we tion of the winter wheat crop covering ing forth a challenge. Then I set up: must inevitably fall into their hands, shouting, waved the blanket some more and he took his place at the head, formed the savages gained steadily upon us—a the savages gained steadily upon us—a the band at "company front," and they fact which was as apparent to them as sown late, owing to the fear of Hessian went off at a gallop and maintained it as long as I could see the waving line, were intended to signalize. When we embarked in our cance I don't think liling during the last thirty days. either of us thought of the rapids The acreage of 1888 is from 8 to 10 per

sults of the German census, taken on December 1 last, to enable German statisticians and publicists to institute as to how we could get away as speed.

See the German census, taken on December 1 last, to enable German little time to think of anything except and high price of good seed wheat at statisticians and publicists to institute as to how we could get away as speed.

See the German census, taken on December 1 last, to enable German little time to think of anything except and high price of good seed wheat at seeding time, and also the generally discouraging outlook for the wheat

sale, owing to my brother's bankruptcy came here intending to buy it, turn Thomas out and live there myself—I was still scheming revenge. On my way here I was saved by your son from a terrible danger. 1 find he loves—ahem!—my niece; I like your son, and—his Carrie. On the day they marry I am prepared to settle upon the bride the whole of this property, and to make

LABOR STATISTICS.—Colonel Fizzle top said to his son Johnny, who is very trifling: "Why don't you go to work?" ward performed. I steered straight for the rapids. As we neared them, the rapids are the rapids. As we neared them, the rapids are stantially these: "The prospects are fair for an average crop, with favorable weather during the next thirty days, lashing waters was so appalling that window?" "I am watching how this window?" "I am watching how this window?" "I am watching how this days are gradually getting longer, pa."

was compelled to grasp his shricking

little girl, who was fairly wild at the sight. The canoe danced and spun around like an egg-shell, and the blinding mist so covered us, that more than once I feared it was all over with us; had led a pretty eventful life, his house but I guided the canoe with all the having been burned twice over his head by Indians, during the early settlement of that State. He had lost calmer water below.

Green. "Yes; it's too late to retreat." The Indian canoe was at this time has become generally known that its close on to the rapids, and anxiously

occupants stop using their paddles, acid phosphate. courage after awhile, and learned to do this channel before. He followed pre- added, it will be seen that a very pow-

chance of safety.

won't be there long. I held my rifle until sure of my aim, and then fired. The Indian who held three chemical ingredients named are sounded far above the roar of the crops, and must be contained in all rapids, and, springing several feet in manures that pretend to contain the

the maelstrom, and then striking a pro- can approach this compound in effectjecting rock, was shattered to frag-ments, the Indians struggling franti-The addition of a ton of stable manure spring. I was nursed and treated so cally for life. I reloaded my gun as forms, with the other three ingredients, well by the entire family, that, when I quickly as possible, and Green and I the very best compost known in the became well again, I agreed to remain managed to send a builet through a South. This compost, which is practithrough the season, and to assist him couple of shaven crowns, which were in clearing his land, and getting his tossed hither and thither like corks. man's formula," has been in use in scanty seed under ground. At that The others needed no such treatment. waters that when they floated out of during the past five years only. It is

remained. We made our way down the creek to tions, the materials that contain the the nearest neighbors, where we re- elements needed by crops and it is mained several days, when we returned to our home, and found that it had not season was pretty well advanced, when been disturbed in the least during our

The Supply of Borax. greatly decreased during the past three is used, a considerable portion of it years," said a dealer to a reporter rethe same manner. This was alarming cently. "It can be bought now for rots so slowly that the growing crop news indeed, and we decided to change half what it cost in 1882. Then the fails to benefit by it. And in all cases cently. "It can be bought now for rots so slowly that the growing crop our quarters at once, while there was a market rate was eleven cents a pound, the oil m the seed retards the rotting and a half cents a pound. The falling manurial value whatever, but only repoff in price has continued notwith- resents so much value wasted when the but as that was twenty miles distant, standing the imposition of a tariff which whole seed is used. in every limb, and he was as wet with sweat as if I had galloped him twenty miles. I realized how he must long to break away and join the wild rovers and break away and join the wild rovers away and join th everything behind us. By this means duction of borax on the Western coast, actual value is thrown away; besides and as the shores were both lined with where it is found, has been steadily on really not as effective as the 800 pounds aged pet pony. a luxuriant, overhanging undergrowth, the increase. Last year 4 500 tons were of meal that could be obtained from it.

colors, and they ranged in age from the yearling colt up to the veterans probably twenty years old. The bays predominated, but every color was present.

Would have succeeded attinitianly had to but it has not kept pace with the production. If is employed in welding, glazing, pottery and cleansing. The glazing, pottery and cleansing. The last it contains has an elective value of \$23. "It's use has not grown more limited, that it contains has an effective value We had been observing each other about ten minutes when a jet-black stal lion, who was the leader of the herd.

The light cance comforably industry the business of borax minutes the base of the difference of the beautiful time.

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mines are admirable cleansers. A jve part in the late war against Servia: piece of borax dropped into the water distinguished herself at Slivnitza and "Practically inexhaustible, as when crude borax is removed from the fields of militia—such companies were then 'Is the supply in this country large?" consequently there are many sources with the enemy. During some time

horse whinnied in a coaxing manner to horse whinnied in a coaxing manner to many own steed. Poor Seinn! He strug However, I persuaded her to lie down been worked the longest and has given mander of her company knew her set.

The area of Paris within the fort gled in the most frantic manner to breat loose, and when finding all his efforts of loose, and when finding all no avail he threw himself down on the shivered every time the fearful sound in San Bernardino, and several in Mono its march, and he appears to have loy-The Wheat Crop. A Western paper on the 13th printed cent, below the acreage of 1885. This such an enemy,

Coal Beds of New South Wales. The coal-beds of New South Wales are of enormous extent. The mineral brilliant dragon-fly or devil's darninghas been traced for hundreds of miles needle are each furnished with 28,000 along the coast, and has been worked polished lenses. at various levels from 450 feet below to —The latest are available) was only 0.49. In Italy
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COTTON-SEED MEAL.

tilizer for Southern Farmers.

Cotton-seed meal is coming into general use among the farmers of the South, for fertilizing purposes, as they learn it is a more effective manure "Dare they follow us?" inquired than the whole seed. It used to be the custom to apply it alone to such crops as corn and cotton: but of late years it effects are obtained most advantageous watching their movements, I saw the ly when it is mixed with kainit and

while one of their number took his position in the stern.

The meal contains nearly 9 per cent. of ammonia, but only 2% of phosphoric position in the stern. of ammonia, but only 2½ of phosphoric "That looks as though he understood acid and 2½ of potash, and therefore it," I remarked, as I ceased paddling, when acid phosphate, which contains So it proved. The savage soon de-monstrated that he had been through kainit with 13 per cent, of potash are cisely the course I had taken, and which erful compound is formed. The usual was the only one that offered the least proportions are 1,000 pounds of the meal, 500 pounds of the acid phosphate "There is only one who can bring and 500 pounds of kainit; and when them through," I added, "and he mixed together the total cost of the

mixture will be about \$22 per ton. It must be borne in mind that the perience of cotton farmers has demon-The cance, left without a controlling strated that none of the guanos that power, was seen to spin around as if in are sold for even much higher prices

South Carolina since 1877, but has been They were so mangled by the furious known in Georgia and the other States sense to mix together, in due propor- years,

what any farmer can do for himself. The meal is more valuable for mauure than the whole seed, because it is more immediately available to the plants, and contains a larger percentage of fertilizing matter in propor-The price of commercial borax has tion to the bulk. When the whole seed does not rot, but dries and shrivels, or while at the present time it is but five greatly; while this oil has in itself no

extracted by the various borax mining | Accurately one ton of whole seed has companies in California and Nevada.
"To what uses is borax applied?"

Accurately one ton of whole seed has an effective manurial value to the soil of \$18.50, while the 800 pounds of meal

at Pirot, and received two crosses for ally kept it to himself. In all exercises, parades and reviews she took part jointly with her male comrades. At last, when Servia declared war against Bulgaria, the heroine took part in the forced march into Servia, fought at the battle of Slivnitza, and joined in the attack upon Pirot. During the fight she did all she could to encourage be. comrades, and they in return unan imously voted to her the company's pulles. medal for bravery. When, in consequence of the war coming to an end, debt it requires about \$4,000,000 a year the militia was dispersed she went to to pay the municipal expenses of Balti-Sofia and was there presented to Prince | more. Alexander, who awarded her a second decoration for bravery. She then re- ing is on the increase in this country, turned to Widdin, her place of dom- and that it is largely owing to defective icile before the war, where she acts as feeth. servant to an old lady. She says that should the Servians begin another war University, of Montreal, has received she will again fight against them, but the honor of knighthood from her in her woman's attire, for it is not Majesty. worth while to change one's dress for

pected to grow hereafter.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

NO. 15.

-We ate 1,228,000 tons of sugar is

America last year. -Butterflies are said to be disappear-

ing from England. Six new Persian war vessels have ust been launched.

-The King and Queen of Sweden have become teetotalers -During twenty years the populaion of New York city increased fifty per cent., while the expenses of govern-

nent increased 400 per cent. -A balloon that will carry 100 soldiers is a new invention. -A mica mine has been opened in Orange county, New Jersey.

-Connecticut has been visited with frost every month this year. -It is thought that this year will see 4,000 miles of new railroad built.

-A terrible drouth has depopulated a number of districts in Mexico. -The blind staggers is decimating the hogs in Sullivan county, N. Y.

-In Searsport, Maine, are 131 sea aptains-one to every three voters. -The Pueblo, Cal., nail works will use kegs made of compressed paper. -Miscreants are slaughtering fish in Pike county with dynamite cartridges

-The national debt of the United states amounts to \$30 for each inhabit--A colored woman in Ellington

Conn., lately celebrated her 101st birth-

The hop crop in the neighborhood Syracuse, N. Y., is very large and

-The crop of apples in North Carona this year promises to be larger than

-About four thousand roses are required to make one pound of attar of -Fourteen kinds of dogs can be dis-

nguished in the Greek and Roman records -Queen Victoria has ordered that Buckingham Palace be lighted with electricity.

-Sweat potatoes are being shipped l'arge quantities from Eastern Shore, Virginia. -The pearl fisheries of the Persian sulf afford support to about 85,000

-The crocodile is said to swallow tones sometimes, like birds, to aid the rastric mill. -The human skull contains fewer ones than the skull of most animals excepting birds.

ordered a set of false teeth for her -Medical science has progressed until it is now able to make a man a

new nose by grafting. -Ten and fifteen year old girls in Italy earn 12 cents for 17 hours' work and save half of it.

-Forty thousand dollars' worth of -Wisconsin tobacco growers find

heir sheds too small to accommodate their immense crops. -The people of this country paid ast year more than \$9,000,000 for imported precious stones. -There is a two weeks' old baby in

anajoharie, N. Y., which only weighs wo pounds ten ounces. -Last year 1,308 wolves were killed France, marnly on the border lands of Germany and Belgium. -The number of persons killed on

railways in England is proportionally twice as great as in France. -Five thousand German physicia have petitioned the Imperial goverment in favor of cremation. -Wooden pavements have b iven up in London, and the old Mc-

-William Ayres, of Sharon, was killed recently while breaking up furnace slack with dynamite. -A Kansas farmer cut the horns off om fifty of his cattle last week in rder to save building room.

Adamized system returned to.

-The Sultan employs two German

.- The malaria flats on the Potomac exist no longer. After years of exensive labor they have been reclaimed. -The milk of the elephant contains ess water and more fatty matter and sugar than the milk of any other ani-

esidences of London, including the ost populous suburbs is 120 square

-It is reported that defective hear-

Principal Dawson, of the McGill

-Mile. Emma Nevada, the new singer, is of Irish origin, and was born in Nevada City, Cal. Her right name is Wixom.

-The latest device of a Paris news-

-One of the most remarkable tel graphic feats on record was the recent Envy makes us see what will serve to delivery of a message from Melbourne, Australia, to London in twenty-three