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Had I But Known.

Had I but known that nothing is undone From rising until rising of the sun, Teat full-fledged words fly off beyond That full-fisdged words fly off beyond our reach.

That not a deed brought forth to life dies

I have at last met with a kindred spirit (let me not be ashamed to own it), for which me the same of th

I would have measured out and weighed to bear good deeds had been my sole en-Had I but known.

Had I but known how swiftly speed away The living hours that make the living day, 'tis above delay's so dangerous is houghthe luring wisp-light of to-morrow.
I would have seized time's evanescent

I would be spared this unavailing sorrow, Had I but known! Had I but known to dread the dreadful that lay in ambush at my heart's desire,

Wherefrom it sprang and smote my And left a mark forever to remain, I would not bear the fire's ignoble brand; I would have weighed the pleasure with

Had I but known! Had I but known we never can repeat

spring-time freshness or its summer Nor gathered second harvest from life's Nor aged winter change to youthful

spring, a me life's flowers their honey all would vield: I would not teel one wasted moment's

Had I but known!

SEPTIMUS POTTER'S FIANCEE.

it was exceedingly hot in the little parlor of the country inn where Edmund Fenwick lay tossing on the horsehair sofa, inadequately supported by pillows -the very picture of weariness and

there came a day when he had not heard for a whole month. He was He had come down on a fishing expefrantic with vexation; some of his lition with a few select companions, friends had begun to talk, and tease and, as ill-luck would have it, he him about his new flame; should had met with an accident jumping out he lose her now, just as he was about of the dog-cart, and had broken his leg to have his salary raised? He could the second day after his arrival. not brook the thought. "Just come up from the station, sir.

Eighteen-pence to pay; and sixpence It was the current number of the

large bouse of business in the city. Rosalinda had been ill; she had parted The exact nature of the business trans- | with her employer, and had gone to be actions of the firm by which he was employed it would be hard to describe, but principally it had to do with hides journey from London; she dared not Septimus was, consecommercial character which bore would write again next week. Adieu, directly on this subject. So far, he was and again adieu! in the same position as sceres of young | But she did not write. Days went men in the city; but, in one particular, by, and at last, one foggy morning he differed from his companions-he toward the end of November, Septimus was thoroughly ashained of his work. received a communication from a Aunt Zoe?" Indeed, he had kept hides and tallow stranger, a gentleman who signed himength of time; and even his most worst fears were realized. The gentlentimate friends, the Windles-who man wrote that it was his painful duty lived at Brickbury, in the same street to inform Mr. Potter that Miss Rosaas himself-even Emily Windle, whom linda St. Clair was suffering from he admired, and who was not unfavor- so severe an attack of Illness that the ably disposed to his advances, had doctors declared that there was no hope never had an inkling of the truth till it | for her ultimate recovery. As Mr. came out one day by accident. Then Potter and the young lady had never Sam Windle had very naturally made a met, the writer hoped that time would few jokes at the expense of his friend, soften the blow and reconcile Mr. Potand these jokes, as often happens, had ter to the inevitable. The ring and not been appreciated. The fact was, other trinkets would be forwarded that Septimus, who was only gifted to-morrow per rail. The postmark on with very ordinary capacities, firmly the cover was Charlhill. believed that his avocation was Art, and that he was a misappreciated genius. He had been given a fair start | think to tear two loving hearts asunin life by a bachelor uncle; the firm | der!" And then descending from the treated him well; he had a rising salary, and was considered by his

Septimus lounged into a reading-room the firm that a relation of his was to which he subscribed. It was a alarmingly ill in Northshire, and to beg dingy, shabby place, with a torn carpet | for a few days' holiday. He was not to and a dusty velvet sofa. More than once he thought of Emily's tearful gaze-of the cosy drawing-room, and ness would be worse than useless), but the happy evenings he had spent there to take a ticket to Charlhill and burst drinking tea out of gold-and-whiteupon the conspirators like a bombshell, cups; ornamented with butterfly handles, which he had himself presented to Mr. and Mrs. Windle on the twentyfifth anniversary of their wedding day. No, he would stay where he was, and is she? Is she better?" show his spirit as a man of character. So he sat down to a table with a determined air, and dragged a paper toward | dangerously ill!" hlm. It was the Brickbury Chronicle. A corner of this select publication was devoted to advertisements, and as Septimus looked down the column, a the lane." timus looked down the column, a pathetic appeal met his eye: "An elderly widower, no longer handsome, engaged in the ham and sausage business, desires to correspond with a young and beautiful lady-possessing £1,500 not?

once put before him in black and white. He read, and at the same moment resolved that he also would confide an excellent journal. Should an elderlya plain pork butcher meet with success, and be not? Farther down the list he saw touching appeals from loving ladies, who wished to meetwith eligible neat, glazed card, which he had lately husbands. Had he eyer been disdain-ful towards the fair sex? Ah, well, The servan Emily-pshaw! She was a simple girl who could not appreciate his higher aspirations; well enough, doubtless, but too uncultivated for him, He had already paved the way, he would break off that unfortunate affair on the spot, and hope for a better future. He sat up until 2 o'clock that morning, writing and rewriting his advertisements, card, while she threwher head backtearing up sheet upon sheet of rose-colored paper in his endeavors after perfection. At last he was satisfied, and

tions of feminine coquetry were not the masterpiece read: "A young gentleman, whose morning hours are devoted to the pursuit of commerce"-so he got out of the hide and tallow difficulty-"wishes to correspond with a maiden of great personal attractions, his own being not to be with dismay. He would willingly have despised, with a view to matrimony. His prospects are good; he stands five feet eight in his boots; his eyes are blue and his hair auburn. His great desire is to meet with a partner who has similar tastes, as his are refined to a high degree. Photos could be exchanged and returned if not approved. Address; Rupert, care of the editor of the

Brickbury Chronicle." On the evening of the following Saturday, two letters lay on the table. mus, much impressed by her dignity, expressed note from a young lady in a hairdresser's shop. He threw lady in a hairdresser's shop. He threw and a great deal more, but the rest of liting large and larg it indignantly on one side; what had

he and she in common? lilac paper, the envelope sealed with a

which my heart has long yearned! see my nephew?" Gladly-ah, gladly would I enter into

not for me. You would spurn the poor

-dare she sign herself?-

"Affectionately and humbly,

visited his Rosalinda at her home in

to come; he should not first look upon

her in the halls of slavery. Her Rupert

must wait till fate smiled upon their

path, and she enclosed a little poem on

the subject which made him happy for

days. He sent her a ring-two golden

her long letters every day, which she

answered at first once a week, and

then, once a fortnight. At length

wrote

hands clasped together-and he

supportable to him, etc.

Thomas Gawkroger,

"Not so will I be baffled!" cried Sep-

timus." Does this impertinent stranger

heroics, he confided to an intimate

"Beg pardon," said the servant.

"No, no," exclaimed Septimus, ar-

"This is Miss Dynoch's house, is it

"I dunno what's to do," said the

"Strange that they are all in league

The servant left him standing in the

her presence full of dignity; yet indica-

"Yes, that is my name. Perhaps

"I have come, madame," said Septi-

"to demand Miss St. Claire-Rosa-

"Aye; but she's at hoam."

"ROSALINDA ST. CLAIRE.

Gladly—ah, gladly would I enter into correspondence with such a one as Rupert, but, alas! I am an orphan card, with the address of his firm maid, and the world's riches are printed in the right-hand corner. "Mr. Thomas Gawkroger has written girl who must gain her humble crust to me, and I am here to inquire after the health of Miss St. Claire." by her own exertions. Yet, perhaps, The lady shook her head, her manyour noble nature might not turn from

the despised companion. Did I but know! My dearest aspirations are to ner became more severe. "My nephew is from home at the be elegant; to cultivate my mind to a nt. I must ask you to wait high pitch under your tuition would in the hall till his return.

leave nothing wanting to gratify yours She approached the bell, but Septimus pushed forward, "Your nephew!" he exclaimed; "my letter is from Mr. Thomas Gawkroger."
"Then there is decidedly some mis-

"I enclose my photo. I am a bru-nette, with flashing yet melancholy take. I must wish you good morning."
"Madame," said Septimus, with
great solemnity, regardless of the fact dark eyes. Ere sorrow met my path, I was not considered unlovely. Your answer, should you deign to send me that the terrier was worrying the heels of one, will be forwarded to me by a his boots on the chance of their being rats friend. Till then, farewell!-Address, -or did he smell the Dutch cheese?-R., Postoffice, Great St. Paul's street, "do not put me off! I am not to be deceived. I am aware" (he was beginning to get nervous) "that you have a The weeks went on; his holidays a companion-a beautiful young ladywere at hand. He would fain have Surrey, but she besought him not

"I have no such thing," interrupted Miss Dynoch, with some temper, "and never had in my life. Do you mean to

"No companion!" gasped Septimus, "Does not Miss St. Claire live here? Your nephew wrote and told me that she was dangerously ill. I've come all the way from London to see her. I have corresponded with her regularly for months.' "Then you ought to be ashamed of yourself?" said Miss Dynoch, and the

rosebuds rattled in her cap. "My intentions, madam, are honor-Your nephew, Mr. Thomas Gawkroger-

"My nephew's name is Mr. Edmund Fenwick. Leave the room instantly! You have come here under false pre-In despair he wrote a few hurried teuces. Quit my house immediately!" lines, begging to be allowed to see her, "But Rosalinda, where shall I find bemoaning her long silence, Life. without his Rosalinda was inher?" asked Septimus, looking wildly around as if he thought it probable that In answer to this appeal he received his fair lady-love might be concealed behind the yellow silk curtains,

Mis Dynoch became perfectly rigid with suppressed rage. She pulled the the companion of a maiden lady of bell violently. At the same instant the door was thrown open. "Susan!" cried Miss Dynoch, "show this person out." Septimus turned to make one last ap invite her Rupert to the house that was mently, engaged in avocations of a her temporary home. If better, she peal, and almost fell into the arms of a

good-tempered young man, with a brown beard and twinkling eyes. "Hello, my good fellow, take care!" the matter? I hope you are not ill,

"No, Edmund, my health is predismiss this person from the house. He is a dangerous character; he has

the most disrespectful language!"
"I assure you madam," began poor
Septimus, who wished himself safe at home in Brickbury, "I mean no disrespect."

"What's your business here?" asked the new comer. "You see that you are annoying the lady."

"I received a letter on Monday," explained Septimus, taking an envelope from his pocket. "I was prepared for ill news, but not-not for such treatment as this. Consider my position in the word, Mr. Thomas Gawkroger!" "Oh, ah-yesl" broke in the man kroger, to be sure, he wrote to you, did

friend his intention of checkmating old "He did. And if you can tell me The two young men laid their heads

together, and between them hit on the girl-"Edmund!" cried Aunt Zoe, with following plan: Septimus was to tell raised hands, "what is the meaning of all this? Do you or do you not know to whom this person refers? Do you or do you not know who Mr. Thomas answer Mr. Thomas Gawkroger's letter Gawkroger may be?" (to write to Rosalinda on a bed of sick-

"Well, Aunt Zoe," replied the newphew, gently stroking his beard, 'I have heard of such a man." "Then I am sorry for the company

you keep!" "Miss St. Claire?" he inquired of a 'The fact is," he said, turning to the buxom, high-colored woman-servant. discomfited Septimus, "my aunt, Miss 'I am her intimate friend. How Dynoch-" "Do not drag my name into the dis-

cussion, I beg."
"No, by no means, dear aunt. The "Miss St. Claire-the lady who is so fact is, your name's Potter-Mr. Septi-"There's none sick in th' house mus Potter, of course?" now," said the woman stolidly: "but

Septimus bowed. "Of 4 Prospect place, Brickbury?"

Septimus bowed again.
"Then, my dear Mr. Potter, you and ranging his fur coltar. He could see in I have a few words to say to each other a glass in the hall how well he looked. on business. Come and have a glass of These matters are best arsherry. ranged without troubling the ladies, Aunt Zoe, if you will excuse me, I'll "Well, then, I have come to see the take Mr. Potter into the dining-room at once."

"Sit down, do, Mr. Potter," said his sorry that you have had this long joury for nothing,"
"For nothing," shouted Septimus, ney

"Yes, I know what you are going to

ask, and upon my word I'm ashamed to answer your question; but if you insist upon it, you shall have a full explanation. Though," here he smiled and his eyes twinkled, "though I hardly expect and a table-spoonful of sulphate of lime you to believe me."

"Who is Mr. Thomas—"
"Gawkroger? You are as bad as my aunt, Mrss Dynoch. Well, I don't exemple the principal ingredients of sea water, and those chiefly active in rendering its effects salutary. actly know. I never imagined anyone would be so foolish as to believe in such trash. Where is Rosalinda? Nowhere. Why? Because she doesn't exist, and never did, out of my brain."
Septimus put his hands to his head.
"Who—who is Rosalinda?" he

gasped. Mr. Fenwick succeeded with some difficulty in suppressing a violent cough that threatened to become unmanage-

"If you insist upon it, Mr. Potter, to put the case clearly, "I don't believe there' no sich a person!"

"Sir," stammered Septimus, who was totally unacquainted with the works of the great writer from whom Mr. Fenwick quoted, "I fail to comprehend your meaning. I don't know what you're driving at. Rosalinda, the young lady, is—"

"Now, my dear Mr. Potter," said
Edmund Fenwick, cordially, still with
his handkerchief to his face, "you have "I beg your pardon. I must ask you to speak up."
"Miss St. Claire, madam," repeated Septimus, raising his voice and endeavoring to drown the shrill bark of the shril

last time, I do assure you, that Posalinda is a myth pure and simple.

And Emtly forgave him when he told her the whole story. She and Sept'm were married the following Christian and they have a charming house in Brickbury. Septimus still wears a velvet coat in the evenings, but he has dropped his airs and graces, and it the most devoted husband in the world, while his sweet-tempered wife treats him with the profoundest respect, and never has so much as referred to Loss-

linda since their wedding day. Life at a German Bath.

Life at a German bath begins sarly at 6 a, m. or 7 a, m. at latest, the the Homburg wells to take their prescribed quantity of water. The scene then in this charming valley is interesting and lively. The long alley leading from the Kaiser to the Elizabeth's ring is thronged with people of ever age and nationality, all slowly parading up and down, listening to the muse of an excellent band near the principal well, thus shortening the interval necessary between the single does of water. At 9 o'clock the environs of the springs are nearly empty; every one the springs are nearly empty; every one has hurried home for breakfast. After a pause of pleasant rest the remainder of the forenoon is generally employed in the use of the baths, which are crowded, often overcrowded, in act,

from 11 to 1, at which time lunch again empties the streets and calls visiters to the different hotels and restaurants. The afternoon is employed in different ways. English visitors flock in large numbers to the lawn tennis grounds, one of the finest in Germany, splendidly situated in the middle of the park, and carefully kept in order by the administration. Others prefer excursions to the mountains, where there is much to interest and amuse, and no one will omit a visit to the runs of the Saalburg, an ancient Roman "castel-Between 4 and 5 o'clock the neighborhood of the springs again grows lively; many patients now take their afternoon dose of water, and now, just as the Elizabeth well was the most frequented in the early

morning, the greater number of vis-

itors are gathered around the Lud-

wigsbrunnen, or the iron waters, the Luisen and Stablbrunnen. After dinner, which takes place generally at 6 or 6,30, the kursaal forms the center of attraction. It is a spleadid building, the survival of days when the demon of play held high revels in its gilded chambers, all of which are he said to Septimus. "Why, what's spacious, the dining room especially, the matter? I hope you are not ill, which is remarkable not only by its size, but for the artistic and tasteful decoration. Music enlivens the scene; there are constant performances by military bands in the kursaal gardens, hitched to a substantial-looking phae or, if the weather is unpropitious, in the concert rooms. Balls and dances are of frequent occurrence, an pera the theatre, and all but the complaining chronic invalid may be as joyous as they please. Only the hours are early; at 11 or soon afterward, certainly be-

fore midnight, all Homburg has retired

As far as I know, a new use has been discovered for seltzer water. It is to bathe in. The real luxurious tip for a morning bath is, my friend Snobson with the beard. "Mr. Thomas Gaw- assures me, a carbonic bath. It is so delightfully bracing and stimulating, "don't chew know." It ought to be. But there is nothing so very wonderful where he has hidden away this lovely in the use of mmeral water baths. Alnost all the German mineral waters now so popular were originally utilized for bathing. Epsom and Glauber salt baths, too, are prescribed in Europe, in the belief that they have a purgative effect taken externally as well as internally. Carlsbad was originally a bath. It was only when science took the matter in hand that its waters were adapted to table uses. The same is true of Vichy, Kissingen, and I don't remember how many others. Even now, visitors at the springs bathe in as well as drink of them.

A much more curious and common bath than mineral water, now popular here, is of goat's milk. I don't know what virtue it has or is supposed to have, but it is coming into extensive vogue as an accessory of metropolitan luxury. The histories tell us how the sirens of ancient Rome laved their white forms in ass' milk, and fought age off till they were great-grandmothers by this charm. Do our own Messalmas find the process useful, I wonder? The tribe of donkeys has been unusually increased among us of late, I notice, Ordinary milk bath are also not unknown, the physicians assure me, and starch baths and bran baths are said to have a favorable effect upon the skin. These latter are prescribed for certain skin companion, pleasantly. "My name, as diseases, but are of use even when the you already know, is Fenwick. I am skin is sound. Wise men and women skin is sound. Wise men and women who can not go to bathe in the sea throw a handful or two of rock salt in the household bath and enjoy a firstwaxing bold under this civil treatment. class imitation of the original—quite as good, indeed, as the so-called sea salts procure. If any one wants to compound a close approach to Coney island for domestic use, a scientific friend of mine prescribes a cupful of common to half a bath-tub of water. These are

> Equal to the Emergency. I was going along the road away out

the other day at a place where an or-chard adjoins a grove, and I happened to see a policeman peering warily into the trees. What is it?" said I.

"Look in there behind that wall," said be. I did, and there was a boy, about 12 years old, barefooted, with a tuft of hair sticking out through a hole in his hat, pegging stones into a pear tree and

worked his way in through the trees and jumped on the boy before he saw either one of us. "Aha!" said the pollceman; "I've caught you at it!" "Caught me at what?" said the boy. "Stealing pears,"

The boy's trousers' pockets were stuffed out on both sides with pears. "Oh, these," said he; "why, I found are favor-blefto the substitution of sheep for cows, believing that in producing

clear, firm, running hand. We cannot do better than give it word for word:

"DEAR AND GALLANT SIR: I feel,

"There must be some mistake, I Rosalinda, to mention the lady for the Salary for his Crimpled Master. An African Railroad's Ape Earns a Salary for his Crippled Master.

> Two years ago when I was in South Africa for a New York firm of exporters I was informed that eight es up the railroad, which runs from Capetown north, there was a trained ape which acted as a switch-man and drew a regular salary for

> Of course I believed the story to be Colony and was directed to a small switch house, 200 yards up the track from the place where the train had stopped. The switch tender was sit-ting outside the door in an arm chair, and by his side stood, or rather crouched, an enormous African ape, which was fully five feet high when erect.

As the switch tender arose to answer

stood thrown to the left. At a signal from the switchman the ape jumped forward, seized the key, unlocked the padlock, which held the switch in position, and grasping the lever with his muscular arm threw it the switch to the side track of the station, and in a second the switch was thrown back into position, and the are again took his seat by his master to

wait for further orders. It was certainly a wonderful performance, and I would not believe it unless I had seen it. The man informed me that he had lost his arms in a railroad accident while employed by the company as a switch tender. During the five years previous to the accient he had trained the ape more as a matter of recreation and to employ his lessure time while stationed at that lonely outpost of the Capetown rail-

The work of amusement turned him In good stead when he was able to satisfy the company that without arms he could as fully protect its interests as when he was in possession of those limbs. For more than two years the ape had performed the duties of switchman, and had never made a mistake.

Old Dobbin's Feast.

It was a patient, care-worn horse, whose general air suggested disgust A Boy in Court. with men and things, that stood ton on Wabash avenue. In a few were pleasantly disturbed by a handful of sweet prass held to his mouth. Three little girls, the youngest a little toddler of five and the eldest proba bly not more than eight, came romping along. They spied the steady-looking old horse, determined to give They spied the steadyhim a treat, and all three were soon busy digging their tiny hands into the sod and thrusting the long fresh grass into his nose and mouth At first the smallest feared to pu'

her hands so near his mouth, and would pass the grass to one of others and then stand back and delightedly watch the proceeding. Unaccustomed to such marked attention, and as though entering into the spirit of the thing, the old horse grew restless and nervous, now and then pawing and backing and going forward to the end of the hitching-strap. Finally the little lady of five years plucked a handful of grass and marched boldly up herself to be the giver. The horse had gone forward a little, and as she reached toward him from the curb the little woman in her eager nervousness lost her balance and fell, a heap of tiny, dainty skirts, almost under the old horse's feet.

A second more his hard, pawing feet would have killed the little creature. But the old horse never pawed after the matter, and when the little girl's companions had run screaming for help he carefully stepped backward with every foot lifted clear of the child, and stopped at the length of his hitchingstrap, the body of the little one just in front of him. She had not yet uttered a sound, but now she she looked up, saw the horse's head above her, and, slowly rising, she put out her hand, and giving him a gentle pat on his vevety nose, ran off after her companions.

Origin of Slanting Roofs.

To find the source from which th European nations have derived the art of building in stone we must look to the land of the Pharaohs. From Egypt the craft passed to Greece, and from ness, and for this little book, I would the Greeks it was taken up by the Romans, to be by them disseminated through the north and west of Europe in the process of colonization. The similarity, in regard to the constructive parts of the ancient Greek build-lngs to some of those found in Egypt of older date affords strong confirmation of the tradition that the Greeks borrowed the art from the Egyptians, The Greeks, however, in adopting it added a new feature, the pediment, and the reason for this addition is easy to find. Egypt is practically rainless. All the protection from the climate required in a palace or temple in such a country is shelter from the sun by day and from the cold by night, and for this a flat roof supported by walls or pillars with architraves is quite sufficient, but when, as in all European countries, rain has to be taken into account, a slanting roof becomes a necessity. The Greeks, with their eye for symmetry, provided for this by forming the roof with a central ridge at an obknocking down pears. The policeman tuse angle, from which it aloped down equally on either side. The triangular space thus formed at the end of the building above the architrave was occupled by the pediment, and this part f the facade, which owed its buth to the exigencies of climate, was henceforth regarded as so essential to the sald artistic completeness of the work that it was said that if a temple were to be erected in the celestial regions, where rain would not be possible, the pediment could not be omitted.

It is stated that New York dairmen

LONG-LIVED WHIMS.

Curious Directions Contained in the Wills of Various People.

An old woman who died lately in a so attached to her home and its belongings that she bequeathed it to her furniture was removed from the place it had occupied during her life. Any change made in the house or furniture a canard, but felt that it was worth while investigating. I stopped at a little station on the railroad in Cape explosion the house and all in it were hattered to fragments.

In no way do the ruling passions of men show themselves so strongly as by their wills. A curious collection recently made of these last testaments exhibits the extremest forms of vanity, benevolence, malignancy and humor. John Reed, a gas lighter in a Phila-

panied the switchman to the place friend, who articulated the skeleton where the white arm of the switch and dressed it in Bentham's own clothes.

to the right. The train dashed over of the large legacy left him by a former will, now revoked. been expressed by wills. Sieur Benoit | the shells and give it to 'em raw.'

> nheritance. ow him to the grave or show any sign | Joe can make \$3,000 a season. of respect or grief on pain of forfeiture.

There is something pathetic in even malignant at empts to make a man's the joker was plainly in sight, peepin last puerile effort of weak human nature to defy death.

cence to carry on a successful war against craft, or to expect a child to Shell, and then appealed to the boys, if outwit a skillful lawyer who tries to they knew, not to tell. break him down by cross-examination.

But sometimes it happens that the settler.

Settler.

11 go forty, says my friend, who incident, which is said to have happened in Chicago. He did not know that his word was doubted, and he answered truthfully, without embarrassment. The incident occurred in Judge Barnum's court room during the hear-

ing of an ejectment case.

A little boy of 8 years was presented by one side as a witness, and the opposing counsel of jected to him on the probability that the child was unaware of the nature of an oath. know what an oatk is, Charlie?" asked the court. "Yes, sir," answered Charlie. It is to ask God to help you to tell the truth," "Where did you learn all this?" frowned the opposing counsel. "In the catechism," said To sit Charlie, not to be frowned down by the Friday. biggest lawyer in the business. "In the catechism?" "What catechism?" the 10 cent catechism, sir." "Who told you to look in the catechism for the definition of an oath?" "My sister. She told me last night and I got it and studied it." "Have you got your catechism with you?" Here it is," and the well-thumbed little pamphlet was forthwith produced from the depths of that mysterious receptable for all known olds and ends, the

trousers pocket, "You see the boy has his documents," interposed the court with a smile, and a quiet titter went around the court room as it became evident your uncle. that the legal luminary was being puzzled by the child. "H'm! Let me see the book. I wondered if you know anything more that's in it. Who made you?" "Why, God, of course," was the reply, as if the lad pooh-poohed the idea of being asked such a simple questen, and wanted "something hard." Several questions were asked, and elicited ready replies. The lawyer, though loth to acknowledge it, accepted defeat as gracefully as possible. ada, Turning to the court, he said: "Your honor, I guess we will accept this witsubmit it to my learned friend, the counsel for the other side, and recommend its careful perusal by him. It will do him good,"

An Earthquake Lexicon.

ate words as a contribution to Seismology-The science of earth-

quakes. Seismography-The science of reporting, registering or describing earthquakes. Seismometry-The measurement of

earthquakes. Seismometry-Pertaining to the ob-

quakes.

quakes.

or living by the consumption of earthquakes. but it will suffice for ordinary reperto- lives are lost in this business. rial uses, and the enterprising correspondent will find that, combined with

such epithets as abysmal, cataolysmic,

to the most commonplace write-up. kinds are the feature in fall fabrics.

TRICKS OF THE FAKIRS.

The Cane Racket, the Shell Game, and the Vanishing Pea.

"Try your hand, sir; purely a game An old woman who died lately in a of science and skill," said the young willage in Western Pennsylvania was man, running what is known in fakir slang as "the cane racket," A hundred and fifty canes, more or less, were in a daughter so long as not an article of rack, and for a monetary consideration the customer is furnished a certain number of rings to throw at them. If e "rings" a cane he gets it.

The lookers-on intimated that "the ane racket" was a mild form of gambling; that the "ringing" of a cane was a matter of chance, and that skill did ot enter in the game at all,

"I'll show you as to that," said the young man, and selecting a particular ane he very deftly put three out of five rings he threw over the cane. It had a crooked handle at that, "I can do better than that," said the operator, but you see it isn't gambling at all, Every now and then we have a custoroom, to be used only as "poor Yor- mer who can come ringer nearly every throw. We don't care for that, because it induces others to throw who can't make a 'ringer' once in fifty times. The United States this season. best throwers are quoit pitchers,

Baseball men are not more expert than the ordinary run of throwers. "We've not made any money this season. We have been going to picnic and old settlers' meetings, but can't catch on. It may be better when the A wealthy English nobleman, dying country fairs come on. The old settler. about a century ago, left five guineas when he pays his nickel, pitches seven for the purchase of a picture of a viper rings and doesn't get a cane is expected that stinging the hand of his benefactor, to feels that he has been swindled, and be even larger. be given to an ungrateful friend in heu | cholera morbus couldn't make him groan worse. The shell racket is catching on better this summer than anything else. Every kind of whim and freak have I sometimes think I would like to take

desired that he might be buried in an | The shells are three half shells of the old leather trunk which had gone English walnut, and the old game of around the world with him three times.

A wealthy Kentucky iron-master, who now-you-don't" is played with them. died a few years ago, ordered that his The little black pea or "joker was forbody should be kept unburied by his merly made of blackened cork. It

family, and as soon as it was put under ground that they should forfeit their "Indianapolis," continued the cane man, "has some of the trickiest boys on A shrewd merchant in Bremen left the road. 'Windy Frank' is one of streets. large legacies to six friends with the the best shell men to be found any-condition that none of them should fol-where, but 'Sheeny Joe is still better. Five obeyed the conditions, the sixth three people with him, cappers, to help tember. rode as chief mourner and threw run the game and encourage the suckflowers upon his coffin. A codicil was ers to put up money. The other day discovered by which the loyal friend an old settler squealed because his 5 who should disregard the will should cents hadn't brought him a cane, received treble the amount given to the A few minutes later I see him watching the shell man had his board up next to me. The lit-

whims live after he is dust. It is the out from under the edge of one of the shells. 'Any gentleman want to bet a lollar he can pick out the shell that has the joker under it?" inquired the shell

"I'll go you twenty,' says the old

the case of a little boy in the following saw the roll of bills in his hand and sized 'em up. It seems there were \$60 in the pile, and the venerable socker put it all on a sure thing. The shell was lifted. The little joker wasn't

ceived an invitation from the govern-"He was the most surprised man you ver saw. As he looked up, I caught eye and remarked, 'You'll squeal n five cents again, will you? Now on've got a dose that'll do you some

It is Unlucky.

To be struck by lightning on Mon-

To break the mirror your wife's mother gave her. To fall down-stairs with the parlos stove on Tuesday.

To speculate with other people: noney and get caught.

To get wet when you fall overboard hile boating on Thursday, To dream of snakes after drinking der in a prohibition town. To see a bill-collector over your right

oulder on Saturday. To see a bull-dog over oulder in your neighbor's orchard. To see your overcoat over either

houlder as you pass out of the shop of ing wheel struck a boulder, producing To bet all your money on a horse grain, and 240 acres of wheat, 550 whose driver has bet his money on acres of grass and 150 acres of stubble

To marry on Wednesday a girl who ractices with ten-pound dumb-bells. To spill sait in the coffee of the man ho has the carving-knife.

To be one of thirteen at table when there is only food enough for six. To meet a detective at the depot when you are buying a ticket to Can-

On the map of Iceland may be seen

speck of an island called Grimsey.

It is the most northern, and conse quently the coldest, of the Iceland latest ingenious Persian method of group. Eighty-eight people—no more— "equeezing" an obstinate rich man is live on it. They have tried to keep a to shave the victim's head bare, and few cows, but the winters are too hard cover it with a cap for them. Two horses and a few sheep crabs and spiders. Half an hour's tor-For the assistance of the reporters, with very coarse fleeces are the only ture inevitably brings the most obsti-we offer the following list of approprianimals of the kind on the island. A nate to reason, good minister, Peter Goodmanson, lives in this remote place. He is a poet and an astronomer, and is employed to take observations for the lation very rapidly, He expects the Meteorological Institute at Copenha-next census to give Pittsburg 300,000 gen. Once or twice a year some of the islanders visit the mainland, but the cities and towns that virtually form a stormy seas, covered with icebergs, part of the same community will bring make the passage always dangerous. It up to half a million, On one side of the island, which is a servation or mensuration of earthhigh precipice, countless birds build
—A convict in the jail at Athens,
their nests, and the collecting of eggs
Ga., stripped the iron hoopes from his Seismogony-The generation or birth is one chief means of living for the lit-cell tub, made them into saw blades, Seismogony—The generation of officer in the face of the rock by ropes. They square, making a hole in the window forcetelling of or by means of earth-wear suits thickly wadded with feath-fourteen inches square; soaped his foretelling of, or by means of, earth- wear suits thickly wadded with feathers to save themselves from being hurt naked body and thus slipped through Seismophobist—One who fears earthon the sharp rocks. Each man carries it, and was then detected by the sheriff, a pole to help himself with and a ladie. He said that he had to get out of his Seismophile—One who is addicted for scooping up nests that he cannot to the collection of or loves earthquakes. There is in his —The Scientific American is respon-Seismophagous.—Habitually eating frock a great pocket in which he can sible for the statement that the horse put one hundred and fifty eggs. There This list might easily be prolonged; him. Many accidents occur and many 200,000, of which 30,000 are used in

Some of the new plush broche bordered woolen stuffs are as rich and chaotic and the like, any one of the above will lend a very effective coloring broche.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Chicago has had 500 burglaries in three months.

-There are 725,000 more females than males in England.

-We imported \$10,000,000 worth of precious stones during 1584. -Nine pupils in the public schools of

Allegan, Mich., are married women To prevent flat-irons from scorching, wipe them on a cloth wet with keros-

-The New Jersey cranberry crop is abundant, while that of Wisconsin is

-Ten thousand public schools receive financial support from the government of Mexico -Over \$18,000,000 has been expen-

ded on monuments in Massachusette since in 1801. -A Dakota man succeeded in getting forty-four mortgages on his prop-

erty and then left town. -About 25,000 cattle will be driven into the Canadian northwest from the

-Arizona now contains about 600, 000 cattle and horses. Cattle are listed for taxation at \$15.50 per head. -Sheep are only worth 15 cents per

head in Fayette county, Alabama, and hogs are a drug at 10 cents per head. -Last year 100,000 barrels of oysters

were shipped from this country, and it is expected that this season's trade will -The world now uses 40,000 barrels of coal oil daily, and America has enough on hand to keep up the supply

for three years, -New Florida oranges are already coming to market. They are a little premature as to ripeness. The crop will be unusually forward this season.

-A judge of Cleveland, O., has decided that the chestnut gong is a nuisance. He fined three young men \$3 and costs for ringing the bell on the -The longest drought that ever oc-

curred in this country is said to have taken place in 1762, when no rain fell course the shell man has to have about | from the first of May to the 1st of Sep--The consumption of oysters has much increased in Paris. Butter has decreased in demand, since it has to a

great extent been replaced by fats and margarines. -The public schools of this country now employ over 300,000 teachers and pay them \$62,000,000, a not very flattering annual average of a little more

than \$200 each. -The western window-glass factories expect to resume operations the "The old settler saw the pea as plain first of October, the workmen having an increase of wages,

> -Chicago is to have a public half capable of seating from 5000 to 8000 people. The building which will be nine stories high, will also contain a hotel with 500 rooms. -The tallest chimney in the world

> has recently been completed. It is 440 feet high, six more than the famous chimney of St. Rollox chemical works, near Glasgow, Scotland. -Dr. Cohn, one of the professors at the University of Heidelberg, has re-

ment of Japan to accept a chair in the Faculty of Laws at Tokto. -It is estimated that the wheat crop of California will be worth \$54,ood. Go home and tell the story to 000,600 this year, as against \$28,000,000 our grandchildren.' ''

\$16,000,000, a gain of \$7,000,000 over last year. -The new tea route from China and Japan to Europe via, the Pacific Ocean and the Canadian Pacific railroad has begun to do a good bustness. The

sixth tea ship is now on its way across the Pacific. -The Vatican library contains 24,-000 manuscripts, of which 2 164 are Oriental, 3,052 Greek and 17,049 Latin. A complete catalogue is now, for the first time, being prepared and is to be

published.

-A foreign lady who lost £12,000 at the Monte Carlo gaming tables has com-mitted suicide. This makes the seventy-sixth case of suicide owing to losses at Monte Carlo since the beginning of the season. -At Merced, Cal., a harvester driv-

grain, and 240 acres of wheat, 550 were burned. -Prof. Pickering of the Boston Institute of Technology, with several skilled photographers, went to Grenada one of the West India Islands, to ob-

sparks which set fire to the standing

serve the sun eclipse of August 29. -The wife of a prominent merchant at itee Heights, Dakota, after a crossexamination by attorneys as witness in a suit, became hopelessly insane, and has been taken to the asylum. Her husband thinks of bringing suit against the lawvers for damages,

-According to a contemporary, the -A Pittsburg real estate agent

-A convict in the jail at Athens,

population of New York city is between works with the sea roaring beneath 60,000 and 75,000, and that of London public carriages, an equal number in omnibuses, and 10,000 in street cars.

-The tanning of sturgeon skins is carried on to a considerable extent on the east shore of Lake Winnebago, Wis. The skins when tanned are very

the most commonplace write-up.

One-piece dresses of wool and silk soft, and are said by those having worn are both worn and preferred by many boots made of them to be more durable ladies of unquestioned taste and fash.

Brickbury Chronicle. Septimus Potter was a clerk in a short epistle in a shaky handwriting.

friends to be a most fortunate young Gawkroger in the long run. man. Nevertheless, he was not satis-

-who would meet him at the hymeneal lady who is companion to Miss Septimus had no originality, but who quicker to seize an idea when it was Dynoch." servant, eyeing him suspiciously; "but the mistress is within. Will ye give a advertisement to the columns of this name?" with Gawkroger," said Septimus, to himself, as he handed his card to this hall, but returned almost immediately to say, would be walk in.

Hat in hand, Septimus entered and found himself in a handsome drawingroom, face to face with a prim, elderly lady, with a small terrier yelping at his heels. The lady had a gold eye-glass in her hand, which she held close to the wards after the fashion of people of weak sight. Her gown was of rustling silk,

wanting in the arrangement of the lace tippet on her shoulders and the rose-buds that dangled from her cap. The carpet was soft and velvety. Septimus glanced at his muddy boots made a more splendid entrance into the halls of slavery. "Miss Dynoch, I believe?" he said, with his best bow. you will be so good as to inform me to what cause I am indebted for your visit, 17 She did not ask him to sit down and she remained standing herself.

The second letter was written on seal bearing the impress of a Cupid. The letter itself was neatly written in a oring to drown the shrill bark of the