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Two Fishers One morning when Spring was in her tee

A morn to a poet's wishing,
All tinted in delicate pinks and greens—
Miss Bessie and I went fishing. I in my rough and easy clothes, With my face at the sunshine's mercy; She with her hat tipped down to her nose And her nose tipped vice versu.

I with my rod and reel and hooks, And a hamper for lunching recesses. She with the balt of her comely looks. And the seine of her golden tresses.

Eo we sat down on the sunny dike Where the white pond liles teeter, And I went fishing like quaint old Ike, And she like Simon Peter.

All the noon I lay in the light of her eyes, And dreamingly watched and waited, But the fish were cunning and would not And the batter alone was batted, And when the time for departure came,

The bug was flat as a flounder; But Bessie had neatly booked her game A hundred-and-eighty pounder.

MY SICILIAN FRIEND.

I have not seen my old Italian friend for a very long time. I made his acquaintance more than twenty years ago in a town some 240 miles know how to commence a conversation. stand, on which a wax candle was from here. He had charge of the grounds of a school in which I was a He was always up with the lark, and like the bird whose voice is early rising, was singing among the pressed more than all the words in any turned I could not see his face. In a aroused from slumber at break of day during the summer I prefer to have the operation performed by a meadow lark to the ear before we comprehend their My blood was hot. I wanted to strike significance. The eye catches them him down. But I kept my place. I er a songster imported from the south significance. The eye catches them of Italy. There is, in truth, something in an instant, very charming about being awakened by soft, sweet music. I listened to his express my condition. I finally gained to say that they confirmed my worst and found that it was not produced by my composure so as to ask him if he any bird whose song I had ever heard, then and on other occasions had been any bird whose song I had ever heard. I looked out of my window and saw trying to seek or to avoid me. He the creature from whom the sweet spoke now slowly, cautiously, solemnly: strains of music proceeded. It was an "For more than a year I have been strains of music proceeded. It was an Italian about 26 years of age. He was trying to find a suitable opportunity to transplanting some flowers from a hot bed while they were yet moist with not like to address you in the street in retreating as I had come. dew. He was the picture of health and the daytime and to mortify you by beauty. His eyes and hair were glossy baving your acquaintances see you talk-black, his form erect and his move-ing with me. A like reason prevented black, his form erect and his move-ments graceful. He was not a typical me from approaching you in the even-he had committed a crime that would Italian. His features more nearly re. ing at a place where the sidewalk was cause his arrest if he did not escape to sembled those represented by a Greek well lighted. I have followed you the mountains that night, demanded

beautiful specimen of peninanship. possessed of all these. His voice showed he was not a bandit from the Sicilian fire at, or shutting myself up in a room

escape punishment. came from Central America by the proceed with his narration, and I asked solved to engage in any kind of work ber them:

he had left behind with the intention and I was sick most of the time till we of sending for her when he got estab- got to Gibraltar. Once on the Medilished in business. He showed me her terranean and it was pleasant enough picture, and on my complimenting it he so far as good weather was concerned. said she was the beauty of the neigh- Still the nearer I got to my old home borhood where they lived. She had the less I seemed to care about going grave where they placed her. I am many suitors, and among them was to it. I had a suspicion that something the rich orange shipper who had as- was wrong there, and it grew on me sisted him to come to this country.

day by day. All the crew were from
Naples, and they knew next to nothing
wages. I was of assistance to him in
sending the remittances. I also assisted him in directing letters to her, that Nicolal Pietro had not been a He informed me that the postal regu- shipper of fruit for years, and he was letter addressed to a married woman business circles at Palermo, Then it should give not only her name and occurred to me that he had induced his occupation. He translated to me all the letters he received from his with him at the time? Had she during a woman whose husband was out of the country. He was seen going to her wife. They were at first frequent and my absence failen into his power? shorter and there was a longer interval between them. I suspected the reason. walked the deck nearly all night. The tracted to the cottage by an unusual promised husband stood. "I have just seen Guy," but fortunately for his peace of mind he did not. His trust was as devout as of them thought I would be better on his love was ardent. After some shore. As we were to put into a small months he informed me of his intention | port on the island of Sardinia, I conof going back to Palermo and bringing | cluded that I would wait until the next his adored to this country. mote plan was to continue his occupa- Messina arrived. A week passed before means to engage in fruit raising in a measure regained my health and com-Missouri or southern Illinois, That posure. On the new boat there were fall I returned to Chicago and had no several sailors who lived at Palermo. means of learning whether he carried out his intention of going from New fellow said he knew Pietro. He had York to l'alermo on a steamer engaged in the fruit trade or not. I hardly expected that I should ever see him ever had and was leading a hard life. again, but I had such pleasant recoilections of him that I entertained very favorable opinion of his countrymen. I tain parts of the island. His comselected Alexander Ribolla for my barber, and cultivated the acquaintance of Mr. Cornlenth, who was employed in the office of the county clerk. I bought the fruit I ate of Italian street

an emaciated, sorrowful looking, dark complexioned man was a little way

wanted of me. I was going south on lighting the lamps on the streets. Seve- You will find me ready." Dearborn street, in the direction of the ral beggars addressed me, to some of purpose that I informed him I should postoffice, when I noticed him follow- whom I gave some sums. The narrow never reveal his secret while I believed ing me, as I had many times before, street I was on took me past the little that he was alive. It did not cheer He lagged behind at the Monroe street chapel where we were married. I him up when I told him that my prescrossing and did not quicken his pace stopped and looked in Candles were ent convictions were that the guilty till he came to the next alley. I was a burning on the altar, but the place was had suffered for their crimes in the quarter of a block in advance of him, at a place where the sidewalk was well I returned to the street and resumed the matter should end. I advised him lighted. There I suddenly turned, as if I had forgotten something, and walking quickly back. I confronted come so far to see. When I got beyond dark world. I do not think that he the stranger before he had time to re-trace his steps. To my great surprise little vineyards and orange gardens I him. Perhaps he followed it about as

I found him to be my old acquaintance, Raffaele Nicola. He was indeed greatly affected my ear very differently from by vines I notselessly approached the the way it did the first time I heard it. place. I heard loud voices, those of a funeral, though we first became accustomed to its tone when it was ringing the sharp bark of a dog, when the man covering his name, but recollecting on the occasion of a wedding. His used harsh language, I took advantage hand trembled when he took mine, and his dark eyes fell when I looked him in out making any alarm. I looked and the face. He was speechless, and I saw her whom I had loved, no longer was so embarrassed that I did not lovely or beautiful. She was behind a

if I am condemned to be language can convey. Disappoint-from slumber at break of day

To say that I was norrifled does not

He found it difficult to converse in pleasant to hear, not what you would with a terrible oath that he would take English, although he understood nearly like to hear of me, but which must be it from her by force. As she screamed dragon, all the words addressed to him. On spoken. A secret of guilt and shame the dog leaped at the would be robber, asking his name he picked up a piece punishes as no executioner can. It and in so doing overturned the stand of planed board, like that which formed the border of the bend on which he was that it may torture him the longer. I the wretch to the ground. I did what to that, then, has it? Well, I've exat work, and in a plain and delicate must relieve my mind of it and see I intended. He fell, and in doing so pected it this some time. And all I've Nicola, Palermo, Sicily, Italy. I took and where I can meet you alone for frightened woman before him. Her the card to my room to preserve as a half an hour. It had better be in the I am to speak."

ness. It also indicated culture, taste quite positive that I am, I have dangerous experiments, and once to the effects of training and his manners save a friend. I would do the same cigars and wine, and took them on were those of a gentleman. His hands thing again, were occasion to require, experience in the cultivation of trees, out in a heavy sea in a birch bark since I left America. No sense of shrubs and smaller plants. Evidently canoe, serving as a target for people to wrong kept me awake. mountains who had fied the country to with a madman. However, my curiosescape punishment. scape punishment.

During all that summer I assidus ance and words of my old acquaintance, the night before. One of them gave clear." ously cultivated his acquaintance. As and I desired to aid him if it was in me a paper containing an account of he made rapid progress in learning my power. I appointed the next even-English, he was soon able to tell me ing at 8 o'clock as the time, and the about his history, his connections and room where I ordinarily did my writing As I was reading the paper and smokhis hopes and prospects. He stated as the place of meeting. I slept little ing a cigar on the deck of the steamer that he came to New York to engage that night, and was very nervous durin the fruit business, a wealthy friend in Palermo, Nicolai Pietro, having ous of having the hour of meeting arrive as of having the interview over. which to make a start. He found, Punctual to the exact minute he ar- it. A wild mob was following a prihowever, that too many of his country- rived at my room, and the door being soner, who had obviously made an atmen were already engaged in jobking ajar he entered without saying a word, in tropical fruits there. Some of them He took a roll of papers from his hands were fastened together with advised him to go to St. Louis, where there would be less competition. He went there, but found that the city at the same time tossing his hat into a control of the contro was generally supplied with fruit that corner. Evidently he was ready to understood all about the matter.

where I found him, he applied for the ticket on an Italian steamer for Mes- that was the way the papers spoke of place and obtained it. He did much sina, with the privilege of stopping work for very little pay, but as soon as over at any of the leading ports in times in succession in tolling. That be became a general favorite he seemed Spain, France or Italy till another boat contented and happy.

Spain, France or Italy till another boat confess that I was affected each time contented and happy.

One day he told me of his wife, whom

The trip across the ocean was rough came along belonging to the same line. ations of his country required that a convinced that he was not known in

gardener till he could save it came, and during this time I had in There were suspicions that he had connections with the bandits in the mounpanions in town belonged to the worst class ,thieves and gamblers, I hesitated about asking the young sailor if he knew my wife. I knew that another

learn about her for myself. We entered the harber of Palermo During the fall of 1880 I frequently noticed when I was walking on Dear-noticed when I was walking on Dear-born or Clark street in the evening that little distance from the docks, born or Clark street in the evening that custom house officers to come on board. behind me, and apparently following A boat was run to the nearest pier me for a purpose. In places comparatively dark he would quicken his pace sengers and crew as wished to visit the confession, written out more fully than as if to exertake me, but as soon as he city. I left my bundles on my bunk I have made it to you. You know

would always remember, though it before the door were partially shaded never followed me any more at night We know the bell that is tolling at a man and woman, who were evidently window, where I might see his haggard ing the movements of a man who was face and sunken eyes. The sight ex- much nearer to me, but as his back was oment I obtained a glance at his ment, misery, wretchedness, despair—face, heard his voice, saw that he had these as words must be slowly repeated a dagger in his hand. It was Pietro.

listened to his angry words, that I will not repeat even to you. It is enough ons. Accusations and confessions left no chance for doubt. For a time my anger abated. I was not thirsting for revenge. I blamed myself for the trust I had shown. I was weak with the feeling of mortification, dis-

I did not entertain this thought long. The treacherous male villain advanced been an appropriate ornament for a recognize me or stop in some doorway park or flower garden. As she hesitated about givor alley and speak to me. I have ing it to him, he went toward her with something to tell you, something not his dagger in his hand and declared what the effect will be. Tell me when his danger entered the heart of the got to say is returned to the city. I bought some

> Those who went ashore the next morning brought back word of a terri-

Two days afterward there was a way of New Orleans. He soon ran him to do so. Following are the de- quiet funeral in the little chapel where short of money, and accordingly re- tails of his story as nearly as I remem- I was married. The body over which garden, with a bunch of scarlet hollyservices were held was that of a false the bell struck for the eighteenth year. That was for the year of our marriage I afterward learned that the dog that followed the murderer in anger followed the hearse of the murdered woman in sorrow and leaped into the glad that there are creatures in the drooped on his shoulder. world with just intelligence enough to

Nicolal Pietro was tried and convicted before I left Italy. The case was although how they're to get over the clear. All the evidence was against lifteen years between you and father I clear. All the evidence was against lifteen years between you and father I don't know," he added, with rather a residence, but those of her husband and | me to go to America simply to separate | long sustained | improper relations with country. He was seen going to her my absence fallen into his power?

I could not eat, sleep, or rest. I found there by persons who were atwere covered with blood. A dagger, known to be his, was sticking in the bosom of the murdered woman. A dog belonging to her was clinging to his throat. The character of the man was steamer plying between New York and as bad as it well could be. The night before the murder a robbery had been committed and he was suspected of it.
Articles belonging to the man who was
robbed were found in the pocket of Pietro. The evidence was perfectly conclusive, there was absolutely no

defense. With this account my visitor stop ped. He had evidently completed the story he had to tell. At my request he informed me about his return from Messina to New York on a vessel, where he paid his passage as assistant to the cook. He likewise told me of his brief stay in eastern cities and of his coming to Chlcago, where, under an assumed name, he obtained employday would bring me where I could ment in a restaurant on Clark street. It was while there that he discovered

> he remained and showed no going. At length he said: "There are all the papers about the matter and my confession, written out more falls."

approached a street lamp his steps became short and slow. One night I resolved to find out who this mysterious old island home once more. It was beperson was and to ascertain what he ginning to get dark, and they were or you can come for me at any time. way they should, and that with them began to grow excited, as the cottage closely as the author of it has, so I where I left her was but a few rods should not complain about its being changed, though it was easy to recog- further on. I soon saw it, as it was thrown away. I saw him a few times nize features as marked as his. His lighted. There were no curtains at the after this, but I believe I never exvoice, too, was one that a stranger windows, but they as well as the porch changed any words with him. He

would be useless. Her Lovers; or, Father and Son,

Guy Paler was only rourteen and had fallen in love with his nurse, Dorcas Wynter, who had brought him back health again after he broke his leg in trying to run away from school. No one who had ever seen the young

once thought that I would consult

that he stated he lived under an as-

sumed name I saw that the search

lady's beautiful face would have been surprised that a susceptible youth should fall in love with her. She had beed a governess once, but was now an assistant nurse in Dr. Delfer's infirmary; a pretty girl of nineteen and all e in the world.

Guy was very sorry when his father came to take him away from the infirmary; sorry to leave Dorcas, whom he had firmly made up his mind to marry when he was of age. Mr. Paley was surprised to see the charming young lady who presented herself to receive his thanks for having been kind to his son. He had expected a woman of with a double chin. Guy was delighted when the doctor suggested his nurse should accompany him home.

"I am sure a boy with your appetite don't need a nurse any longer," said Miss Sophronia Paley, who was Guy's statue. As a statue he would have thinking that you might notice me, the money she had last received from aunt. She has been here a month, and -- " "But she's not to go away for all that, Aunt Soph," said Guy, who was

devouring roasted chestnuts like a Paley one of these days, and --"

"Seven years from now," said Guy blood spurted on his face and hands. with his mouth full of chestnuts, "I night, as it is of a dark matter of which The fierce dog sprange and applied his will be twenty-one and she will be jaws to his throat. The candle on the twenty-six. Not enough difference to character of strangers by their hand character of strangers by their hand writing. This writing would indicate decision, promptness, care and exact-decision, promptness by their hand bruisers, plug uglies and reckless indicated up the room. I surveyed the scene with as much composure as I would a bed of flowers I had planted. and refinement. He was certainly periled my life several times in trying lessurely came out upon the road and as soon have a death's head and bones around the place any time,"

He was sitting curled up in the board the steamer, where I shared them easiest chair in the library, reading a did not look like those of a working but I could never make out how any man, though obviously he had much being would be benefitted by my going with the passengers and some of the book, half an hour afterward, when the door opened and his father came

> Something in the paternal glance and movement struck the boy. "Aunt Soph is going to marry some

said Mr. Paley, laughingly. "About what, sir?" "About my engagement." The book fell with a crash to the

"Your what, father?" "At least you told Aunt Sophronia about it. Well, I'm glad you are pleased, my boy; and Dorcas says she shall always love you as if you were her own son. As a general thing, I don't approve of step-mothers, but you

room with an odd suffocating-sensation in his throat. He met Dorcas coming in from the

berries in her hand, he could find to do. Learning that a gardener was wanted at the place after you left me. There I bought a false lover, Nicolai Pietro. At least are as false as the serpent-woman. You She comprehended him in an instant,

> though his voice was choked into She flung away the scarlet cluster and put her arms tenderly about him. "Dear Guy," she whispered, "I love nim; but if you are unwilling-if it

takes away any of the home-feeling for you-it only remains for you to say so, and-" Her voice died away, her head

There was an instant's silence, and then Guy said bravely.
"Well, so let it be. My father is a deferred till the crime is forgotten.

Neither is it of long continuance.

Nicolal Pietro was tried and assume the suppose people would say at the continuance.

forced laugh. And then and there Guy Paley learned his first lesson in self-abnegation. Dorcas picked up her holly-berries and went to the library, where her

"I have just seen Guy," she said. "Isn't he pleased?" "Yes, I think he is," hesitated Dorcas. "Guy is a strange boy-a noble creature. I am not sure, Horace," she added with a dimness in her eyes, that I would have married you if I could not always have had Guy with

"And my true wife will be Guy's true mother!" said Mr. Paley, drawing Dorcas tenderly to his side:

The Fall of An Apple. Every one knows the story of Sir Isaac Newton and the falling apple. which was quite as common an occurrence as the swinging of a lamp, for apples had fallen since the creation, but no one took to reflecting upon so ordinary a matter. Newton opened the eyes of his mind as he saw the apple descend, and wandere! from the orchard to vast fields of science. The great central law of the universe-gravitation-was caught from observing one of the most trivial of events, and the

Scientists say there is no plant that does not serve as food for some animal; the mineral kingdom is common salt.

ARTS OF GAMBLERS.

loaded Dice and Marked Tools

"I want to knock two gambling myths on the head-loaded dice and narked cards," The gentleman who made this re

mark to me is known among the fraternity as Billy McClellan, and he has recently been employed by a club ouse in Baltimore to "protect" the poker game. His duty was to stop any "work"—that is the generic term for all underhand practice-and to keep professional card players out of the house, and he did both so quietly and so well that nobody except the culprits knew the real character of his employment. A tap on the shoulder, an interview in the hall, and a man who went lown stairs and never came up againthat was all there was to it; but to do upon the streets and never showed any inclination to enter into conversation. this, and never make a scene or a mistake, required a wide and checkered

It is not to be presumed that Mr. McClellan learned how to spot a poker sharp by frequenting church sociables; on the contrary, he acquired his art through a career that began on the Mississippi river steamboats in the rac-ing days, extended all over the frontier from Butte City, Montana, to Tombstone, Arizona, and included numerous trips across the big pond, until transatantic gambling was discouraged a few ears ago. In short, he is an expert, and as entertaining a gossiper as ever made the needle of the weighing machine fly around to 210. I ran across im the other day returning from his Baltimore engagement, and we fell into a rambling conversation,

"No, sir," he went on to say, "loaded dice and marked cards are supposed to be the favorite tools of amblers. "It's all a fairy story, like lady temperance workers' talk about the 'curse of rum,' Now nobody

drinks rum." "Do you mean there are no loaded

"Yes. Years and years ago there may have been some very large dice made heavier at one face, but with the small dice made nowadays it would tion it lay. If you will think just a moment you will see that the loaded ade would be exactly as apt to fall on top as below, and even were it |possible to construct a dice so it would fall "Ask papa. She's to be Mrs. infallibly on, say, six, it would be usenumber would excite suspicion at once. I will venture to say that if you would cut open all the dice in the United States you would not find twelve loaded

"But it does not follow," I observed, 'that dice throwing is universally

"Not at all. It is universally crooked. The way to cheat at dice is to be able to have them fall on any face at will. This is done by holding them, two at a time, between the second finger and the edge of the box. When the box is turned over they appear to come out right side up. It requires great dexterity, but once acquired, it bailes detection. The best man at it in the country is John McDonald, of San Francisco, and, by the way, there is an nteresting story connected with him. When Maxwell, the St. Louis trunk murderer, was flying toward Australia after killing Prelier, he stopped a day or two at San Francisco, and in the evening fropped into The "Mirrors, a sporting saloon on Kearney street, Johnny McDonald happened to be there, and regarding the stranger as a promising sucker, proceeded to confidence him out of \$150 of his blood money. The game that caught Maxwell was a dice swindle known as "top and bottom."

Mr. McClelland coaxed the smoulderng end of his Havana into a lamtent coal and took up the thread of the talk

"Now, as far as marked cards are otherwise perfectly straightforward and down to play poker with their friends, They are continually on the lookout for some advantage, and they are the people who buy marked cards. I suppose that thousands of decks of marked

blers buy them."
"How does the modern short card player do his work?" I asked, a little eluctant to let go of the time-honored

marked card theory.
"Well," said the veteran, "there has been a great change in card playing in the last five or six years. The old-time poker sharp was not well equipped unless he had a vest hold out. That was a

"What on earth is glass work?"

were set in silver dollars and laid care- became general among them. lessly on the table; but that is all gone by now, and to-day a man must be able to take a square deck of cards and do all his work without apparatus. In

and deal. Dexterity in over shuffling and shifting the cut are the two things that modern gamblers cultivate in all

complishments, and coolness and nerve, little else is required. "Card playing as a profession is on

the decline, is it not?' "Oh, bless your soull yes," McClel-lan answered with a sigh. "It began to dwindle when the big river boats stopped running, and to-day there are not more than five or six really firstclass men traveling over country making a living out of the paste-boards. "Did any of the old time card play-rs accumulate much money?"

"Well, they made a great deal and then threw it way both hands, and isually died poor and miserable. I can scarcely recall an exception. Cal Somers, who must have made and Ienderson was shot in a brawl near ing of passing a 10 dollar piece to the darkey who blacked their boots. They all died broke, and Roy, who had been a perfect prince in his prime, is thought to have actually starved. He became a very much broken-down old man, and when he was finally found dead in his room—a miserable den—there were

His stomack was entirely empty." Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Henry Wilson used to tell a good story about Ralph Waldo Emerson's attempt to "live like other folks." Stopping while this fit was on him at a country tavern where he was to lecture, instead of retiring to medicate and freeze in his own cold and cheerless room, he manfully sat in the barroom

like the rest of mankind. He endured the tobacco smoke well as he could, and watched, no doubt with a curiosity as lively as M. do no good. A round object, of course, du Chaillu's on his first visit to a canrests on the heaviest side, but with a cube, like a dice, the pressure would be just the same, no matter in what positive the same, no matter in what positive the same and think that a bar and demand and swallow a glass of whiskey; and, true to his determination to be for once like other men, the great ohtlosopher-so the tale goes on-at last rose, and no doubt with a certain less in poker dice, the popular way of throwing, where the recurrence of any port and countenance, advanced to the port and countenance, advanced to the port and countenance, advanced to the dear public by going to sleep as the dear public by going to sleep as degree of diffidence, but no doubt also as he could after those he had just ard, demanded a "whiskey skin."

The barkeeper, a man of high principle, looked into the philosopher's face for a moment and then said: "You do not want whiskey, you want tered that mild and harmless stimulant.

How to Train a Canary Bird.

Did you ever try to tame a canary bird and teach it simple tricks, such as perching on your finger or taking seed from your palm? If you possess a bird suppose you make the attempt. If you are very gentle and patient and the bird is young you will succeed. Golden Days gives the following advice on the subject:

Place the cage on a table near you; after a little conference with the bird, introduce a finger between the wires, near the favorite perch, holding it book or paper the while. Presently, as t shows no disposition to harm him, he cautiously goes up to examine it. Then e pecks to ascertain its quality; maybe he lights it. That is well; he no longer fears it. Pay him with a little bird food; put him away. Next day try him again. He may go farther and light on it, or he may be several days getting thus familiar. Be patient. Once this step is attained, vary the concerned," he continued, "there are plenty of them, but they are made to sell, not to use. It is an astonishing sell, not to use. It is an astonishing door, at first thrusting the finger under door, at first thrusting the finger under the first thrusting it. Next time fasten it open, blockad-ing egress with the rest of the hand as honest, turn into thieves when they sit one finger extends within. When he perches on it, draw him forth a little; next time, tempt him to the perch outside a little, and so on. In a short cap he wears on state occasions, and time, you have but to open the cage, door, uplift a finger, and he is sure to cards are sold every month, but no gam- fly to it; and he may thus be called to any part of the room to rest on the har perch. Most birds learn this familiarity in a few days, yet there are those who will be two or four weeks about it.

Origin of Earrings.

By the way, talking of earrings, black satin vest with claws inside that puts me in mind of an eastern legend else he will have to dye his hair. The and was for years a noted offactor of a came out of the bosom, seized the which I heard a short time ago about necessary cards and slid in again. It their origin. When Hagar ran away which I heard a short time ago about was worked by a chain that ran down to escape the wrath of Abram's wife, ence, and be loose therein. He meas- "ems," the letter "m" being the unit. the trousers leg and hooked to the heel of the boot, and was such a clumsy and her handmaid ever returned she would waist when he has his cotton champion fessor A. P. Lyon: The Bible contains complicated apparatus that I would as cause her to be mutilated, thinking belt off. Across the shoulders he is 3,500,000 "ems," Webster's Dictioncomplicated apparatus that I would as soon think of carrying a threshing machine around with me. Then there was the sleeve hold out, nearly as bad, and different hold ours to fasten to the of so cooling Sarai's wrath that when and different hold ours to fasten to the muthated, thinking belt off. Across the shoulders he is 3,500,000 "ems," Webster's Dictionsonly three inches. From the elbow to only three inches. From the elbow to only three inches. From the elbow to the tip of his fingers the tape-line stretches just four and one-half inches, when the baby gets some of the of so cooling Sarai's wrath that when of so cooling Sarai's w edge of the table. Strippers were also Hagar came back and pleaded with her harsh notes rasped off his vocal octave Britannia 140,000,000 "ems," great favorites—that is to say, decks she decided to forego her vengeance in which the high cards were a little and restored her ex-handmaid to favor. wider than the rest, and cut slightly But an oath was not to be trifled with, He will then be Joseph Deacon Lippun- the nickel five cent piece may be used wedge shape, so that they could be and as Sarai had solemnly vowed to cott. There is already an amiable ridrawn out at will, and a great deal of mutilate Hagar she was in a quandary valtry between Mayor Silpath and to know how to do this without injuring her or marring her fair face. Fin-"The use of a convex mirror about ally she hit upon the expedient of the mite are preparing a spank new piercing a small hole in each of Hagar's suit for the occasion and they are the size of a silver dime. It is fastened piercing a small hole in each of Hagar's with shellac to the lower corner of the ears, and it is said that Abram, to offleft palm, opposite the thumb, and re- set the pretty handmaid's punishment, flects the cards as dealt. Gamblers presented her with two beautiful jewels generally made them by buying those to suspend from the holes. Her aplittle silvered glass globes used for pearance thus adorned excited the adchildren's Christmas trees and break- miration of the other women of the dead. The child's mother was for ing out a piece. Sometimes the mirrors | tribe that the wearing of earrings soon | years employed on his farm and honors

The same precautions against fire are poker the expert short card player will taken in Moscow and St. Petersburg make up the hand he wants out of the to-day that were in use a century ago. discards, or else hold out the necessary Scores of fire towers are everywhere cards until he gets enough and it is his seen. They run up about 75 to 100 deal. Then he drops it on the top of feet, are built like a lighthouse, with little piece of work known as 'top all around at the top, where the watchshuffling,' which consists in shuffling man patrols day and night. If a fire this is over the hand he wants is still recently that St. Petersburg, the capi-

NEWS IN BRIEF. SUCH A LITTLE ONE

their leisure hours, and with these ac- The Tot of Humanity Recently Born in Burlington, N. J.

> Burlington believes it has the tinest speck of humanity in existence, says the Philadelphia Press. The protege of the Quaker town on the Delaware river is little Joseph Lippincott, who weighs less than two pounds, this diminutive citizen puts his thumb in his mouth, a bad habit he has recently acquired, he holds to view the smallest of human hands, perhaps ever seen. The forefinger is as thick as a pigeon quill and only an inch in length,

In fact, an ordinary shoe evelet would serve him as a finger ring. pent a quarter of a million, died in stretches himself, which he often does, When this Illiputian Jerseyman the poorhouse at Salt Lake City; Jake he only measures fourteen inches from the soles of his bittle feet to the top of Mobile, and we took up a collection to his auburn-crowned pate. The other bury him; he used to charter steam-boats to get on a drunk with his derby hat and he weighed less than land and Germany. friends. John Waters, Leonard Wells two pounds with all "fixings" on. He and Charles H. Roy were all high has been nearly three months acquiring has been nearly three months acquiring all this avoirdupois and has received the better part of it during ten days.
When Dr. Walter E. Hall brought this

average of 1300 per day.

—In the Grand Court mite of a man to the Lippincott home in November the new-comer was snugly packed in a collar-box. The little dot smiled when told his fighting weight was only one pound and three ounces. He has a way of instnuating that he is some little pieces of bread in his wash onscious that he has beaten the recbasin, and the supposition was that he out them there to soften before eating.

He has set all his mother's fears at rest by letting her know that there is no immediate danger of his collapsing. His lungs are evidently the biggest part of him, judging from his ability to keep the neighbors awake.

William Lippincott, the father of the midget, is a laborer in McNeal's pipe her hair. She was found in her room foundry in East Burlington. He has seated among broken mirrors, crockbeen the father of seven children. All ery and pictures, a raving maniac. were diminutive specimens who never survived the fifth week. He believes his son may have to go to the polls in a | of rall from New York to London. pair of stilts. He is satisfied to know that he will not run up expensive bills at the tailor's. Baby Lippincott encourages his proud sire in his paternal and smiling a pleasant acquiescence. It is regarded as somewhat of a public calamity that Joseph does not smile to see him pucker and roll his marine the gem-like splendor of the tropical blue orbs. He is acquiring a contempt bird.

Mrs. Maggie Lippencott, the mother, is a tall, slightly-built blende woman. She keeps a close watch on the infant, as some of the mothers of the town hight, ginger-pop," and accordingly adminis- have developed a disposition to borrow or steal it. The reporter was accorded the privilege of holding the produgy. A net was placed under him in case belet the precious two pounds fall, Mrs.

Lippincott declares that the baby has grown considerably during the past week, and his appetite is getting to be alarmingly keen. He takes warm brandy regularly before each meal, and fist indicates that he may some day have his name printed in the sporting the occasion of Queen Victoria opencolumns of the metropolitan papers. He is accredited with being a good after her accession to the throne. sound sleeper and an early riser. In | -Francis I., of France, was the first fact, no one in the house has had use monarch who introduced ladies at his for an alarm-clock since his advent. Court. He said, in a true style of gal-The infant is encased in an armor of there patiently, yourself occupied with book or paper the while. Presently as shafts and darts of the Polar breezes spring, or the spring without flowers. that glide up and down York street from the Delaware river. The half-pound of cotton not only serves as a English and Minnesota capitalists, prochest protector and liver pad, but keeps people from breaking and twisting his little ribs when they excitedly grab him to whisper their congratulations.

Master Joseph now receives his many admirers in a suit of missits. Every thing he wears has a tuck in it som where. When Mrs. Councilman Watts knitted a pair of white zephyr socks with blue tassels she did not calculate they were to go on feet that would only measure two and one-quarter inches, To make the hosiery look ship-shade, balls of cotton have been stuffed in the toes, Mrs. Dr. Gauntt provided the it nearly fits owing to the fact that his head is abnormally developed, it measuring eleven inches. A dollar piece held in front of his face entirely obscures it. His jaw-bone n e sures on y one and one-fourth inches, and his nose, which is considerably pugged, defied the tape line and all the marks thereon. If the infant survives the ago she was shipwrecked in the Pacific trials and tribulations of the cherub Ocean, but managed to catch hold of a period and is not injured by too much piece of wreckage, from which she simultaneously with a white horse or vessel. Pussy was brought to Boston fleshiest part of his arm could stand an Hub store. armlet about two inches in circumfer-

Postmaster Lippinestt as to who shall centimeters in diameter and weighs be the god-father. The lady admirers five grammes. Five of the coinsplaced of the mite are preparing a spank new edge against edge give the exact working on it with lorgnettes. The Deacon family, which is a num-

erous one in Burlington, will see to the silver cup and spoons. Joseph Deacon, after whom the boy was named, is now his memory in this way.

A Giant Natural Barometer.

No need of the weather bureau at Naples, for the huge volcano, Mount Vesuvius, serves as a giant barometer and thermometer of the city. The direction in which the smoke from the the deck and performs a very neat winding stairway, and have a platform crater blows announces unerringly a coming change of weather 24 hours seven years ago George W. Mitchell, beforehand. The direction of the beforehand. The direction of the the lower half of the deck over the upper half without disturbing it. When perfect repose of the populace is almost on top. The cut, of course, beries it, but by a very simple movement he gets the cards back in their original condition. This is called 'shifting the cut,' and can be done with one hand or two Nothing then remains but to go ahead.

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-Pumps were invented in 1425. -Secretary Whitney has a dog for which he paid \$500.

-Amanuensis was the name given o a slave among the Romans who was employed in writing for his master. -More than 60 different kinds of

marble enter into the decoration of the Equitable building, New York. -At least 500,000 orange trees have been set out in California the past year, and their cultivation is constantly ex-

tending. -A woman in New York, seventy years old, died recently from the bite of a cat that attacked her while she was at prayer.

-An English peer, whose revenues have been reduced, has accepted a position as drummer for a piano forte manufacturer.

-The sheet iron trade employs 100,-000 persons in this country at wages -The Salvation Army conducts

100 processions weekly through the streets of the British Kingdom, on an

-In the Grand Court of the Kremin, at Moscow, there is to be erected a monument in memory of the late Czar, at an expense of \$659,000.

-Of all the countries of the western emisphere Chili alone has honored Christopher Columbus by engraving

his face on her postage stamps. -It has been calculated that if 32,-000,000 people should clasp hands, they could reach around the globe. Very likely, but some of them would get their feet very wet,

-A Louisville young woman is said to have been made insane by dyeing -The Siberian Pacific railroad has

been begun in earnest. With bridges he has an helr that has come to stay. over the British channel and Bearing He is not disturbed by the fact that strait there might be a continuous line

reflections by opening his big blue eyes line that exhausts our poetic gentus, -The slaughter of the birds to deck women's head gear may be judged when one London dealer says that last with more regularity. Some of the good year he sold 2,000,000 small birds of mothers in Burlington journey all the every possible kind and color, from way from Mt. Misery and Timbuctoo the soft gray of the wood pigeon to

-Yellowstone National Park's 3575 square miles are filled with geysers, soon as he hears a knock at the front hot springs, rivers, falls, mountains, able wonderland. The Old Faithful Geyser sends into the air every hour a stream of hot water, 200 feet in

-Conductor Stillwell, who was in charge of the ill-fated train that was wrecked and burned near Chatsworth, Ill., and whose hair turned gray from the shock of the disaster, is still in the service of the road. His hair is now as

white as snow. -Sir William Magnay, who is part author of a new Lordon play, "Barren the manner in which he doubles up his | Land," is the son of the Lord Mayor of London who was made a baronet on ing the Royal Exchange, a few months

> -A stock company with a capital of poses to ship wheat direct to Liverpool by the way of the lakes. The princi-pal object of this new plan is to avoid the mixing in transfer elevators, hitherto found so hard to prevent.

> tenths feet lower than in 1886. The effects of the low water are felt at al most every port on the lake, but specially at the mouth of the Chicago river, where extensive dredging will have to be done to make a proper channel. -An old musket that is supposed to te a relic of the time when Colonel Bouquet was commander at Fort Pitt was dug out of the bottom of the Allegheny River near Pittsburg re-

-Lake Michigan, according to Chi-

cago engineers, is this year a foot

lower than a year ago and one and six-

cently. The gun is a flintleck of French make and is somewhat rusty. but otherwise well preserved. -A cat died in Boston recently that had an eventful history. Many years hand-shaking, he will turn the corner | was rescued by sailors from a passing

-Printed matter is measured by

as a unit of measure in calculating by the metric system. It is exactly two length of a decimeter.

-Mrs. George W. Childs is a frequent and cordially welcome guest at Atlantic City, A correspondent at that resort says that Mrs. Child's possesses one of the finest collections of jewels to be seen, though as a matter of fact she wears, as a rule, very few and simple jewels. She possesses, among other things, a rare East Indian gem, that seldom gets beyond the borders of that land, and of which there are very few specimens in America.

-Needles have somewhat of a repu tation for travelling the human body. and now cactus thorns seem to be seeking fame in the same respect. About against a cactus plant, one of its thorns entered the calf of his leg. After the lapse of a week scarce any trouble was experienced from the foreign substance

and the state of