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The growth of a town of 40,000 inhabitants in one year is regarded as A Sovereign Who Every Other Day remarkable when it takes place in the Dressing. West. Here in Philadelphia such towns grow up yearly. Already this year permits have been taken out for the reason to believe. Elizabeth is known construction of 7923 dwellings. In to have had a collection of eighty wigs. 1880 there were in Philadelphia 5.79 and her dear cousin, with the unusual persons to a dwelling. At that rate the new houses for which permits have been granted would shelter more than accounts of her personal expenditure persons to a dwelling. At that rate the advantages of so many seasons in Paris, 45,000 people.

WHAT the American brass band most ing." When General Mahone opened band needs watching.

garded as a triumph of engineering hair; and others and contemporaneous skill, but the proposed erection of a historians say that she inherited most beacon light on the Outer Diamond Shoal, off Cape Hatteras, will be a task of far greater difficulty. The shoal is fair complexion and Grecian features, composed of shifting sand, into which a caisson will be sunk, and the cylinder will then be filled with quick-setting fine." Froude, in later days, pictures concrete, thus making the structure her as graceful alike in person and in practically a monolith. Work can only be done when the wind is off shore. In towing out the caisson it will have to be lifted over an eight-foot bar, and when the site shall have been finally reached the difficulty will be in getting it sunk evenly and quickly into the sand. It would be difficult to decide which is the most wonderful, the tremendous force which necessitates such bulwarks. or the inventive skill and power that can triumph over obstacles, which at but it gives us of to-day no better notion of Katherine's beauty than do all one time would have been regarded as insurmountable.

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THE site for the New York Exposition seems to have practically been agreed upon. It has the merits of Central Park in being accessible by steam railroads, elevated and surface, and by many horse car lines, and it What sort of men make the best busembraces some beautiful lands overlooking the Hudson river. As it adjoins Central Park a portion of the latter may be used for recreation purposes without erecting buildings thereon, and be so unfortunate as to give her life's thus the general objection to the use of happiness into his hands. A selfish the Park itself for Fair purposes be man may be drawn out of his selfishavoided. The only objection to the ness through a few weeks' courtship, site is the difficulty of getting title to married life come on, and he will inall the many blocks of property now in private hands and the added cost of the dom radically changes a nature. Only exhibition arising from the necessity of the grace of God can do that, and it buying or leasing the ground. This takes more grace, I often think, than buying or leasing the ground. This many people get hold of.

"The best insbands I ever met," says very little time to spare as the commit- the author of "John Halifax," structing buildings and getting the grounds in order.

OF .- It is absurd to hear the proprietors | self to all women. They grew up true of riding schools and "equestrian academies" making a protest against the use of Central Park for the Columbus Fair, on account of the "rough and it occurred to me how truly the mother vulgar" element that will congregate about it. In a city where English fashions are followed so subservently it is true that the riding schools, sheltering, as they do, many road parties, are and protect them manfully and lovingmore conspicuously brought forward than the quieter ones in this city. The delicately minded young women- courtesy, chivalry and tenderness in should the Fair use the upper portion the men they marry, and will be satisof Central Park-will see their own fied with nothing less countrymen in huge numbers, doubtless, but it is not likely they will be insulted by them. The baser elements of Continental cities will hardly be would do well to have their daughters likely to come over, so it is only from commit to memory this single passage, New York's own population of low if no other, from the world's greatest instincts that the disastrous consequen- poet. It speaks for itself, and comcase of coming between the wind and ment is unnecessary:

"And while thou livest, dear Kate "And while thou livest, dear Kate

last century as battle ships. War has themselves into ladies' favors, they do always reason themselves out again. has always been spoken of as costly, What! a speaker is but a prater; a but a hundred years ago a very respectively in but a ballad. A good leg will table war might have been fought out fail; a straight back will stoop; a black between two first-class Powers of Eu- beard will turn white; a curled pate will rope at less than the present cost of a hine of naval vessels. The Royal moon, or rather the sun and not the George, which was launched from the moon; for it shines bright and never Royal Dockyards in England in 1789, changes, but keeps its course truly. and which was the most formidable war ship of that time, cost in round numbers \$338,000, and this sum in- That's it. That shoe is too large. Let cluded the sum of coppering and copper bolting, of masts, yards, rigging, "Really, madam, if you take my adsails, anchors, cables and all other boat-swains' and carpenters' tools. The Royal George was then the terror of fits like a sack.

The smaller guns, was 190 feet long, 52 broad and child, a pretty little tot of about 2 was 2286 tons. The ship, which at the years of age. They fitted tightly and so very proper and polite that one can present time corresponds with her at showed that the foot was a very the head of the British Navy, is the one, but they pinched the child and made it cry.

"Mothers exhibit more vanity than exclusive of armament, was in round judgment in their selection of shoes for numbers \$4,313,970, or nearly \$4,000,—their young children," said the shoe-000 more than that of the English dealer, after the lady had disappeared, man-of-war of 1789. This formidable to a reporter who wanted a pair of rusengine of naval warfare is 345 feet long and 73 broad, having a tonnage of 11,940. If it were to be assumed that that means and am always sorry for the It costs now, according to the above showing fee times as much to build a petual motion power. Then I trust to petual motion power. Then I trust to the mother's sense for results. If it's first-class war ship as it did a contary ago; at that care of increase, a owntory ago; at that care of increase, a owntory ago; that also down not want the freezeway. of \$40,000,000. That should be an its exactly or she won't take them. I segment for the Universal Peace tell her that the child's weight will push

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS.

That Mary wore false hair and

are numerous items of perruques de cheveux, and Sir Francis Knollis, writing to Burleigh of the ever faithful "Mistress Mary Seaton, the finest busneeds is a managing editor. On the ker, that is to say the finest dresser of occasion of the late serenade to Senator a woman's head of hair that is to be Sherman by the Ohio Republicans the band played "Listen to My Tale of Woe" and "The Campbells are Comwas said to be perewyke that showed very his campaign the leader of the band got hath a new device of head dressing, in his fiendish work by playing "Listen without any cost, and yet setting forth to the Mocking Bird." The brass a woman gaylie well." This variety and eccentricity of coiffure naturally adds to the confusion, and makes greater the difficulty in identitying positively any THE building of the Eddystone light of the portraits or descriptions of her. house on a reef of that name in the Historians say that her mother was tall English Channel has always been re- and beautiful, that her father was digniof the characteristics of her parents, "being about the ordinary size, withand a nose somewhat longer than a painter would care to perpetuate;

her face was oval, her forehead high and intellect, and as possessing that peculiar beauty in which the form is lost in the expression, and which every painter has represented differently; and Brantome one of the ancient chroniclers, summing up all in one fine sentence, describes er at her marriage to the Dauphin as being "more beauteous and charming

than a celestial goddess." "An angel is like you Kate, and you are like an angel," was a very pretty speech for Shakespeare's "Henry V" to make to the French king's daughter, the composite portraits by painters and historians of the wondrous loveliness of

Mother's Responsibilities.

Few mothers reflect that the family s merely a school for husbands and wives, says The Rural New Yorker. bands? Those who as boys had the best mothers. The boy who will criticise his mother's speech or dress, who will find fault with her coffee, or bread, will do the same with the woman who may

tees will find when they get down to out of a family where the mother, a actual work. At least two years will most heroic and self denying woman, be required for the actual work of con- laid down the absolute law, 'Girls first; thought of in protection and tender-ness. Consequenty the chivalrous care which those lads were taught to show to their sisters naturally extended it- you kan safely put him down as one gentlemen-gentlemen, generous, unexacting, courteous of speech, and kind

It was while reading the above that molds and forms the future husband. It is a fearful responsibility, I grant you, sisters, but the reward is a glorious one. If you teach your sons to yield generously to their sisters, to shield ly, not only do they make better husbands, but the sisters who have been so cared for, will look for the same

Right here I want to give a quotation from Shakespeare which occurs to me. There isn't any special connection or

the nobility of wealthy riders is likely take a fellow of plain and uncoined constancy, for he perforce must do the right, because he hath not the gift to the right, because he hath not the gift to the right, because he hath not the gift to the right because he hath not the gift to the right because he hath not the gift to the right because he hath not the gift to the right because he hath not the gift to the right because he hath not the gift to the right because he hath not the gift to the right because he hath not the gift to the right because he had not not the back of her father's old manuscript. APPARENTLY few luxuries have so woo in other places; for these fellows of his manuscript, as though paper greatly increased in value during the of infinite tongue, that can rhyme

> HOW BABIES' FEET ARE SPOILED "Now stamp down your foot, dear.

"I want a smaller shoe. That one

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vessels of war are to increase during the next hundred years in size and cost proportionately as they have done since 1789, the building of naves alone bids it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it a size larger than the foot seems, but it is size larger than the foot seems, but it is size larger than the foot seems, but it is size larger than the foot seems, but it is size larger than the foot seems, but it is size larger than the foot seems, and it is seems to be of a nature to cheer and dress, and it is seen and continued to the continued to t fair to bankrupt the wealthiest nations. I do; at least I get it on as well as one actual pain during this tremendous its costs now, according to the above one when the fact is operated by a per-

objects by squalling. She says the Historical Anecdotes of the Table. scraph is teething or hasn't had its usual nap, and declares the shoes are

wants several pairs to take home for for the seven following days, the tables trial, and I notice that the only ones I consider unsuitable she selects. Children would have better looking feet if they had wise mothers, and the fault lies in the first shoes worn. One pair too short will ruin the feet, no matter too short will ruin the feet, no matter of silver were arranged upon a pave-

these afflictions because their mothers

The place of honor, which, with the wanted them to look cute."

Greeks, was at the end of the table, was

children's shoes?" they grow up, will appreciate the fact by having perfectly formed feet, free from corns. The spring heel introduced a few years ago is now worn by children as young as two years old, but is more fashionable for children in their teens. It is nothing but a strip of leather inserted between the sole and plan-low and broad."

"How are babies' shoes numbered?" "No. 4 is the first size out of babysor of the knit wool bootsthat are worn by babies in long dresses, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 have what is called the turne the Queen of Scots.—Laurance Hutton French kid, with calf uppers, or, what is still better, a half boxed round too, tinped with patent leather," — New York Mail and Express.

Josh Billings Letter.

Money iz like charity, kovvers a mulitude of sins, Yung men, larn tew listen! -I don't mean at a keyhole. Trew liberty konsists in making good laws, and obeying them.

A "gentleman about town" iz one who pays cash for everything except hiz debts. One of the hardest men in the world tew collekt a debt or iz the man who iz alwus willing tew pay, but never reldy. rice, ambition, vanity and envy have

hunt for a Christian A pedant is one who fills himself in a cellar with the klam broth ov literature, "came and then picks his teeth in the society

> I suppoze we never shall kno in this life how big a phool a man kan be bekause he iz not allowed tew have all his wants and vanities gratified. When yu find a man who iz very solistus about the welfare ov everybody,

> who iz hunting for misfortune. Thare is but little, if any, cerimony between two w ze men; but between a wize man and a phool cerimony is the only thing that will make a phool feel

> respectable.
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> There iz plenty of happiness in this ife if we only knu it, and one way tew find it iz when we have got the old

The devil iz probably the best judge ov human natur that ever lived and he must hav beleaved in the dockrine of total depracity or he wouldn't have undertook tew tempt the Saviour.

Authors' Manuscripts. Macaulay wrote on foolscap and in a very large hand. George Sand wrote neatly upon nicely

ruled note paper. Robert Louis Stephenson's cript verses are easily deciphered. Charlotte Bronte wrote in the minut-

est of characters in a diminutive note Miss Alcott did some of her best work

were scarce and dear.

Some of Mark Twain's jokes are said to have originally occupied entire sheets of cardboard.

Douglas Jerrold, jotted down his witty inspirations on narrow, ribbon like strips of blue paper. Victor Hugo, preferred immense sheets

of paper and the coarsest of pens. Bartley Campbell scribbled off his famous play, "My Partner," on common wrapping paper, with a blunt lead

Both William Black and R. D. Blackmore cover dainty sheets of note paper with their almost microscopic

Who doesn't enjoy a good hearty nand-shake? Did you ever think of the different modes of doing it? First, there is the very genteel way, in fact, scarcely realize it at all, and it looses its identity. Next is the firm grasp, denoting strong, friendly and sympa-thetic feeling, but without any shaking motion of the hand.

There are people who do not seem to have strength enough to shake hands-I do not mean invalids-they simply sch your hand for mere ceremony This sort of a skake makes one feel de

pressed at once.

The hearty, sincere hand-shake seems

The other examples of royal luxury just lovely and papa will be delighted. are shown us by Ahasuerus who is "The chances are that when she thought to be the same as "Artareries wants another pair she will leave the Long-Hand." This prince entertained baby at home, and bring down the old for six months, all the princesses and pair literally burst out at the toes. She governors of his 127 provinces and kept

too short will ruin the feet, no matter how loose subsequent ones may be."

"Then some women accept your advice?"

"Yes, after the little people have laid the foundation for corns and bunions. I know many children between the ages of two and three years who have both for two and three years who have both for corns and bunions.

"Is there no change in the shape of with the Persians in the center. At state festivals the women were separat-"None. There can't well be, because ed from the men; thus during the feasts the sole must be sufficiently broad to given by Ahasuerus, queen Vashti had stand the wear and tear. Square toes the invited ladies on her side. One are preferred to round, because they allow freer development of the toe. In warm with wine, in order not to fail in European countries they make very national traditions, ordered the seven stylish shoes for children. They will eunuchs, who served him, to bring have heels, pointed toes, patent leather tips and so forth. Some mothers buy them here, but the plain common sense shoe is the best, and the children when them here, but the plain common sense she refusing to have such an exhibition shoe is the best, and the children when made of her charms, was set aside, and replaced by Esther. The monarchs celebrated with much

pomp the anniversary of their birth. The repast that they gave on this occasion was called tyxta, that is to say

The king was the only one permitted that part of the shoe pressed by the wearer's heel. It is seldom that a smalling than No. 8 is made with a regular possible to elude the demands which possible to elude the demands which hasty the val; and he made all sorts of presents to could be heard retreating rapidly down were presented to him during this festi- hasty thought. val, and it is for this reason that Xerxes was not able to refuse his wife, Acres was not able to refuse his wife, hanging on one ear, collar snapping.

Amestris, to surrender to her, her bean-like the Star Spangled Banner on hood. No. 0 has a soft sole of white kid and pasteboard, and is the successor of the knit wool bootsthat are worn mutilated without pity.

tiful sister-in-law, of whom this queen a windy day, and my coat sticking straight out behind, I fell half way down the stairs, tore out the front All Persians celebrated also the day

of birth by a feast; the rich displayed chewing gum on the gate post, while sole, sewed together on the wrong side an ox, a horse, an ass or a camel, roast-turned out. There are from four to ed whole in a furnace; the poor confive buttons on the side, and a black tented themselves with serving upon growled. tassel is now fastened at the top in their tables the head of a small beast, The Persians borrowed of the Assyrians the use of couches at the table, but they made an important inovation in the construction of these seats; they inmoney have you got?" the construction of these seats; they in-

vented the footstool. and the Romans had the custom of eat-ing boiled meat with rice. The latter, other naturalists, wheat and the most hand into my pocket and drew forth a of our grains were indigenous and not dime. from Sicily, as the Greeks pretended, but from upper Asia and especially from the north of Persia.

The Persians used oil of sesame. They obtained from palm trees wine, vinegar, syrup, flour, etc. In one of their songs we conect a deac ov in the man who in that Strabo the geographer mentions, was willing tew pay, but never reldy. When I diskover that all hatred, available three hundred and sixty five, and I've got twenty-two fifty. I a side street and made direct for the different articles which this tree proinces. Herodotus made a en jous r

> ing customs, they deliberate while drunken over affairs most worthy of attention. The next day, fasting, the master of the house where they assemble submits to them again what they have resolved upon. If they approve it they execute it, if they disapprove it they reject it. On the contrary, that they have decided upon fasting, they revise when drunken. One attributes to the Persians, neigh-

oors of the Medes, the invention of ight bread, but we know already that his invention has been attributed to the Cappadocians.
The butter of Partha was celebrated,

great expense, not knowing how to pro-pare it themselves.

The Caramaniens, whose country bordered that of the Persians, had a strange custom. In order to show a sincere affection, they opened, at their charge of the chink and I'll do the talking." mixed their blood with wine, then offerwith ointment, sometimes of roses or of from becoming injurious.

They were not the only barbarians stomachs with girdles.

The Thracians seated themselves in a circle in order to eat and placed before | tal. each guest a table with three feet; these tables were covered with cut meats, to which were attached by pegs large loaves of fermented bread. The Illyrians and the Thracians dwelt in that part of the country called to-day the peninsula of the Balkans; this will permit us then to pass into Greece without having recourse to a tradition less natural and less legitimate.

Among my lovely holiday gifts, cama box that has been a perpetual comfort; a plain, Quakerish little affair, but aintily put together, and full of possibilities in the matter of suggestion to people who have but little time; and erhaps less money.

six inch one is preferable for handker-chiefs—let it be two or three inches in depth; sever the parts with great care in preparation for covering. Cover each piece neatly inside, and out with pale, fine linen, ecru-tinted or brown, as one likes. The sewing, overhand stitch, must be done with great neatness. Arrange in due order the bottom and four surrounding pieces; join them, with sewing silk of same color, then add the cover, sewing firmly its entire ength to the back section of the box, band around the four sides a contrast ing ribbon about an inch wide (satin preferred). Commence this in front, where a handsome bow should cover the connection; if intended as a workasket, put inside the cover a few neatedged flannel leaves for needles, and on-holed loops for tape-needle, bodkin, and seissors. A dainty bow on the cover aids a pretty finish, or one dery silk to match the on, work a few quaint designs, or convenient, four good-sized brough the four corners (by using a odkin) and well fastened on the inside,

moute that corrupy the minds of young sen, and I will tell you what is to be amounty objected to my bringing it in."

Two little hands, so careful and brisk, Putting the tea-things away; While mother is resting awhile in her chair, For she has been busy all day. And the dear little fingers are working love.
Although they are tender and wee.
"I'll do it so nicely," she said to herself—
"There's nobody else, you see."

Two little feet just scampered up-stairs,
For daddy will quickly be here:
And his shoes must be ready and warm by the

And there's nobody else, you see."

Dropped from the two pretty eyes:
Two little arms stretching out in the dark.
Two little faint sobbing cries.
"Daddy forgot I was always waked up
When he whispered good night to me.
O mother, come back just to kiss me in bed—
There's nobody else, you see."

Two little tears on the pillow, just shed,

OUR TANDEM.

"I say, Bea," crie1 Mel Howard, springing into my room at the academy, 'get on your clothes quick, there's-"
The slam of the door drowned the o have his hair perfumed at this festi-"There's fire around here!" was my

With vest on wrong side out, hat down the stairs, tore out the front door-to find my chum contentedly waiting for my appearance

"Takes you an awful long time!" he "Where's the fire? Whose is it?" "Nobody said anything about a fire," as the cool reply. "How much

Like the Carthagenians, the Greeks and the Romans had the custom of cat.

Was this what he wanted when he called me in such a hasty manner? moreover, was not wanting; for from observations by Sprogel, Oliver and finding he was, mechanically thrust my I looked at him closely to see if he

"Is that all you've got left out of your quarter's allowance?" he inquired, in tones of astonishment.

"I 'orgot I had that, or-" "You'd have bought that jointed fish pole of Davis' yesterday," he finished. think we can rake up two and a half academy.

"But what's it all about?" I asked in bewilderment. "Didn't I tell you when I called you that there's a fellow over at the hotel with a tandem for sale?"

"A tandem!" I repeated, in dismay. "Now, Mel, what-" "Oh, yes; what do we want with tandem? Maybe we want it for scrap iron! I am informed that it is a device like a tricycle, destined to carry two persons-you and I, for instance, said last week you wished you had

something to make the fellows envious. Now, here's your chance," Did I go into the scheme? To be sure I did, head over heels.
While he started out to "rake and fifty years after Aristotle, the Greek's supplied themselves with it at my room to finish my hasty toilet. 'Are you sure he'll take fifty dol-

lars?" I asked, as I joined him a few oments later. "He'll have to, if he sells it to us, was the wise reply. "Here, you take

"Mr. Morton's not up yet," replied ed the cup. This was for them the proof of perfect friendship that of drinking reciprocally their blood. After they drink they annoint their heads After a tedious wait of fifteen

quince, sometimes of iris or of nard, in utes, he called to Mel and pointed to a rder to obviate a little of the effects of gentleman standing near the dining the wine, and to prevent the fumes of it room door as the party we wished to "Well, yes; I've got a tandem for

who had extraordinary customs. The sale," he said slowly, after a few pre-Illyrians when they drank bound their liminary remarks had been exchanged, eyeing us with a view of making cer tain culculations on our combined capi-It was on the top floor. "There it is," remarked Mr. Morton.

a small room and pointed to a five foot concern standing in one corner, the light from the wimlow glistening on its polished nickel and enamel. "It's ball bearing all around, with automatic steering bicycle handles. forty-two inch drivers twenty

steering wheel," he went on glibly. "Axle is driven from the center by two detachable link chains and sprocket wheels, fitted with an automatic balance gear, composed of three bevel wheels and a shaft, by which the power s equally transmitted to both wheels, (Pause for breath.) "It has been used but few times; original cost two hundred and fifty; will take one fifty. What do you think of the bargain?"

We had been examining the machine, but at the mention of his price our hands came off simultaneously. One hundred and fifty dollars! If he had up. said \$1,500 our surprise could not have "Hem!" said Mel. cautiously looking

ery critically at me over the machine! Is that the very least you'll take?" "Oh, I couldn't take less than that! eplied Mr. Morton, decidedly. What's the reasons for selling?" inquired, running my hand over the tires to keep up appearances, seeing he looked at us rather astonished. They were cut in a great

places, to show it had been run rather recklessly, if used but a few days. "Never mind the reason for selling answered Mr. Morton, sharply, has nothing to do with the sale. Neither noticed the short reply, o perhaps we would have thought twice before proceeding.
"We'll give you \$50; that's the ber

he machine into the middle of the we can do," was Mel's offer.
"Oh, he couldn't do it! Why it cos road, I mounted. Mel held a driver in two fifty; but after twenty minute arguing, and numerous false starts for the door, he suddenly changed his and, accepted the \$50, and we became the happy possessors of a tandem.
"Mr. Brooks, the proprietor,

fully. And then his footsteps died away

petuous Mel. "I know Mr. Brooks,"
"Oh. very well!" he replied with a

peculiar smile, as he picked up a valise.

'I hope you'll have no serious trouble.'

"None at all!" I responded, cheer-

he won't!" burst in the im

down the hall. After a great deal of "see sawing" we got it through the door. I carried the front, Mel the back, and down the stairs we went. All went well until we reached the bottom flight, leading through the office, when we received startling check, "Hold on there!" shouted Mr. Brooks,

"Oh, no,

hurrying across the office. "Where are you going with that machine?" was our intripid answer, in one voice. "I guess not!" was the emphatic re-

"I've got a \$30 board bill tacked onto that vehicle."
"I felt a sickening sensation come over me. Thirty dollars more—eighty dollars. What next? Everything swam

for an instant; then I was aroused by

Mel's awe struck voice from above:

"I say, Ben, can we stand it?" Involuntarily I glanced back at the shinning enamel and glittering nickel. Its silent persuasive powers were too

"Of course; we'll have to stand it!" burst forth. "Then here goes," was the mournful

eply.

And we once more descended. Mel was a brilliant conversationalist; but it took our combined oratorical powers and the signing of two notes, each for fifteen dollars, before Mr. Brooks would consent to let the ma-

chine pass over the door sill. "No wonder Morton changed his mind and let us have it!" cried Mel, indignantly, as we pushed it into the street. "Eighty dollars is all its worth, "And hoped we'd have no serious trouble," I added, sarcastically.

Then we mounted, I in the front saddle, Mel a foot higher behind, What a sensation we created, spin ning down the smooth streets. How our hearts did beat with 16year-old boylsh pride, as we noted peostop to stare after us; but quickly they sank when a crowd of

small boys gave chasel "Don't hit 'em wid de rock, Jimmy, pleaded a voice from an alley. We both dodged to escape the imaginary missile, to be greeted with boister-

Then followed a series of cries that made our ears tingle.
"Who owns 'em? "Head 'em off from the hall, or we'll be out a clock!" "Who said it breathed?" "Is it tag-ged?" "They use it to haul brick!" "Hurry, please," cried a girlish voice. "Don't let my dog see you, or

he'll have fits again.' That settled it. With faces the color of an auctioneer's flag, we turned down | could.

All thoughts of vanity had fled, leav

ng in their stead mortification Davis met us at the porch with a genuine stare of astonishment, "Hello!" he cried. "What have we Well, now, an't here—a tandem?

could see anything amusing. Evidently, "They're fine for coasting," he .xplained.

scheme to try it on Five Mile hill morrow It's Saturday, you know."
"Just the thing," I cried, enthuslas
tically. "What do you say, Mel?" Same thing." Therefore, all present being unanimous on the subject, it was agreed that | cross—we were in front of her!

miles of steady grade for the pleasure of coasting down. I turned out bright and early next morning, to find Mel excitedly walking | bolt in the smoke box; felt the heat | Eiffel, the brave builder of so gigantic

matter with this machine," he cried, excitedly, as I came up. "What is it?" "That's it," was the rueful reply. T've looked at it for ten minutes, and can't see what it is, though there's

"I say, Ben, there's something the

something wrong." I looked at it, too, with the What could it be? Everything looked all right, yet there was an indescribable to get our feet on the pedals; then the sensation that something was wrong. Coming to the conclusion that we must be laboring under a hallucination.

we mounted and rode slowly out of the solemnly: How invigorating it was to skim along the roads, packed as hard as flint, lined with orchards and hedges, with occasional long, shallow ruts that gave

on a wavy, springy motion!
Two miles of these roads, and then we reached the foot of Five Mile hill. A railroad curves around the left side, going up, crosses the road, and strikes off to the right. For two hundred yards above this, the road has its steepest grade. Here we found it necessary to dismount and push the ma-

A quarter of a mile farther we came to what is called the "Hollow"-a kind of ravine, a couple of hundred feet broad, with slanting banks fourteen feigned when he saw our pallid faces

There are places on Five Mile hill that comparatively speaking, are very near level. On these we would gather strength for another exertion, and then, down?" he gasped." toiling, panting, we would creep slowly

far between. Just two hours and thirty-five minutes after leaving the academy, we stopped on the crest of Five Mile hill, dusty faces, our hands bliste ed and cramped with holding the handles, our such a short space of time, and its eet nearly paralyzed with the strain, But in spite of the above drawbacks, we managed to make a victorious as-

saul, on an apple orchard. Seated on our tandem at one side of the road, we amused ourselves by plac- to think, had they been in our posiing the fruit where it would do the ost good, recounting the trip to find what pleasure we had derived from it -and found none at all-and deciding whether to return or make another as-We decided on the former. Pushing

one hand to prevent its starting, his watch in the other to time our downward journey. 'Ready?' And receiving an affirmative reply, e sprang into his saddle.

To or three turns on the pelals to

money before placing it in his pocket, firmly on the rubber foot rests, hands clasping the vibrating handle bars, we epored for a quick run.

It was quicker than we anticipated Down the road we went at a fast in-creasing speed. When we reached sidered a three minute gat Pa. I thought it about time to stop the in

My fingers close 1 over the break lever; it came in nearly to the handle bar, but no slackening in the speed was perceptible.

"One isn't enough," I thought, "Watt till Mel puts his on," What could that mean. I looked back a vine of considerable length and saw his fingers were clasped so end of which there is another bloom.

tightly around both bar and lever that —Charles Dickens, the son of the i

The rods were neatly bolted in the the test holes made for the band, where all the

power in the universe exerted on the doors in Adrian, Mich., for reveral levers could never affect the speed. I saw it all in an instant-one of Davis' practical jokes. He had removed it, no doubt, to cause us an exciting hunt for the missing article. That was what had caused our un

easiness in the morning, yet we had been unable to determine what it was been unable to determine whether the was a subject to the way of th been unable to determine what it was would be the result? There was nothing to stop us from

of course, we were thrown off at the ty. stretch of road we covered with the Mayor of 12 inhabitants, and the taxes

s, eed of a passenger train. A long curve, that in spite of the was invited, all the same, by the Govample space, caused us to run so near ernment to meet his fellow Mayors at the outer edge and a ditch that my the Parts banquet. heart rose into my mouth,

land with stunning force in the hollow. New York Technic, was the courteous A great sweep, a quick rise, and we visit of Junior Lieutenant Edward flew high up, to land with similar | Lioyd to Mr. Douglass and his family force in the road again,
In that one second in the air I ant Lloyd is an officer on the new

swiftly toward the crossing. Would cross before we did, or would it-" the crossing. I shuddered. To go plantation in Talbot county, Maryland, down that last slope, directly into that where Mr. Douglass was born. line of flying cars, meant instant death

move! Yet, in reality, it was flying it in readine s to fire. The charge must along at increased, rather engineer wanted to stop.

He reversed, gave it sand and steam:

the fine sand into a semblance of flour, cape and for the sonders to ladt. The Davis had never rode a tandem through forty-two loaded cars were not to be stopped on such short notice. "Wouldn't it be a great positions in regard to crossing being

directly in the center of the track,

stronger would be the victor. The engine was on the crossing-I clung desperately to the handle bar; my breath seemed to come from Tower, Mr. Edson wrote in the vist-I clung desperately to the handle the region of my toes. Oh, how slow

from the boiler; her pilot was touch- and original a specimen of modern en There was a horrible, grating, jing-I dimly remember of being thrown high in the air, of lighting on the edge of my saddle, of clinging despairingly Mile. Eiffel's fan, which forms a valuof my saddle, of clinging despairingly

to the handle bar to keep from falling off, and of hearing the jingle of the three broken spokes in the driver as we blood royal and the princes of sclenge flew along the now level road. The s. cel was fast slackening, and soon it slowed up enough to enable us

the broken spokes, I heard Mel say "Eight minutes, Ben. Five miles in eight minutes!" Eight minutes! I could only stare at

It had seemed at least eight hours from the hollow down; yet, according to reckoning, it must have been made in less than half a minute. Without speaking another word, we mounted and rode those two miles in

Davis was on the porch with a crowd of others when we rode in. He was playfully tossing a circular object in the air—our brake—and pretended not to see us until we stopped before the porch.

Whether his surprise was real or and haggard looks, I am unable to say, although I believe it was the for "You don't mean to say you come

"You don't mean to say we're up there yet," retorted Mel, grimly. Every one was smiling at our pease, for, of course, Davis had taken care to inform them of the joke; but

their faces became suddenly grave when we related our narrow escape. riders became from the fact that they had stayed on

the frail looking contrivance and rode to the bottom. Between you and me, I am inclined tion, with the same chances to dismount, that they would have stood a

fair show for a share of the praise. corner of the lecture hall, covered with pletely absorbed. Supposing the book a tarpaulin whose sombre color serves to strengthen the lustre of the enamel and nickel that peep through in places.

All who have ridden it declare it perfect in every respect; and, in conclusion, I will state that there are no two

Bass calls his wife phonograph

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-A one legged sparrow—the other one was probably lost in a trap-hope regularly for its meals every day to the house of John Fulton, in West Chester.

-Preparations are nearly completed for the construction of a telegraph line from Pen-Ting Foo, near Pekin, through Shansia, to connect with the Russian telegraph system at Knahta.

-A physician of Salem, N. J., has a morning glory growing in his yard that The next moment Mel leaned forward is quite a phenomenon, a seed in one of and shouted for me to put the brake on. the blooms having sprouted and grown

-Charles Dickens, the son of the fa they were white.

As if by instinct, we both looked manuscript which he has never had the down at the axle where the band brake courage to publish. He realizes that ran on a small, smooth wheel. It was bis work would be compared with his father's, and he does not dare to brave -A dilapidated safe that stood out-

> years was recently sold for old iron. On breaking it up a set of account books and a good gold watch were found in side, and no one knows to whom the watch belongs.

VI about 1425. This continued the title by which the king was addressed going at that heading speed clear to the bottom—five miles away—unless, was succeeded by the title of "Majes--The Mayor in France who has the ho'low or fell off at once.

Trees, stumps and rocks flew past smallest constituency is in the comwith lightning like rapidity. A straight mune of Morteau, it is said. He is

last year amounted to \$0,30. But he

-An interesting incident connected Then came a dark shadow in the with the departure of the Hon. Fredroad, a warning cry from Mel, and we crick Douglass for efficial post as Min-described an arc over the top bank, to ister to Hayti, which is related in the before the Kearsarge sailed. Lieutenglanced off to the left, and there-hor- cruiser Boston, and is a great-grandson rors!-was a long freight train coming of that Colonel Edword Lloyd who was Would it the owners of Mr. Douglass and his mother when they were slaves, and is a Two long and two short whistles for son of the present owner of the old

-A despatch from Chicago says: A There was no turning aside. No; peculiar accident occurred recently in we would either have to beat the train the Libby Prison. Many persons were over the crossing or hold back and let it pass us—the former one chance in a Resting against one of the pillars were undred, the latter an impossibility.

As we started down that last slope was nearer than five feet to them. Sudwe caught sight of the powerful loco- denly one of the muskets was dismotive, its connecting rods flying like a charged, the contents tearing a ho'e in high sped dynamo engine, its soli i mass | the ceiling above. The report was tertrembling with every defect in the rails, rific, and several people were greatly and coming toward us with a speed excited over its suddenness. How the that threatened to cross before we old musket was exploded no one can ex-Oh, how slow the tandem seemed to late war, and some soldier had loaded

-An extraordinary story is being A short, sharp, ear splitting whistle, calling for "brakes," denoted that the cape of a woman and a little boy at Brieg. "During the manusures there they got in front of a regiment of culbut, although the pondrous drivers re- rassiers which was riding at full gallop. We look d at each of er, but neither | luctantly turned, crushing, grinding | It was impossible for the woman to es public raised a shout of horror, think ing the woman and child would be We were very close now, our relative trampled to death, and the foremost officers called to her to lie down. This about equal; that is, we would meet she did, placing the boy underneath directly in the center of the track, her. The whole regiment rode over where, as a matter of course, the her, and, as the horses were all made to leap over her, she was to the astonishment of everybody, unharged

though for some time she was speech less with terror." tors' book as follows: "Top we were moving! I could count every Tower, September 10, 1889,- 10, M. gineering, from one who has the great-est respect and admiration for all engineers, including the Great Engineer, the bon Dieu,—Thomas A. Edison." able collection of autographs, bearing who have visited her father's chef d

> BUVIE. -A remarkable mistake was made at the opening of the Industrial Fair at Toronto, Sir John Macdonald had made his opening speech of congratulation, and before calling upon him to press an electric button startling the nachinery, President Withrow invited one or two other speakers to deliver ad-dresses. One of them was Mr. John Leys, M. P. P. for Toronto. He advanced to the front and laid his beave white hat right on the top of the electric button. Instantly there was a shricking of whistles, and the machinery in the building began to run, The crowd roared with laughter, and after much gesticulation and running about the managers stopped the pro ceeding, and the machinery was re-started by Sir John and Lady Macdon-

> -Mme, Sarah Bernhardt has as cended the Eiffel tower. She performed this feat on the same day as Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, who met the great act ess descending on their way up. Mdme. Bernhardt was dressed in the deepest nourning, and kept her veil down, only lifting it when she reached the third story, in order to enjoy the view. Her ong veil almost reaching the ground, but she has dispensed with the use of crape asserting that it is villainous stuff which catches the dust, and ought to be condemned by all reasonable people entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone about an hour later.
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> --- "At one of the symphony rehearsals

ast season," says a correspondent of the Boston Transcript, 'my attention was drawn to an elegantly attired young woman who occupied a high-priced seat not far from where I was air show for a share of the praise. standing. She held in her jewelled hand a book, in which she seemed comwas giving her an idea of t'e music in store I gave her no further thought, The Symphony began and ended. I had been transported into realms of harmony, only to be called back by the turning of leaves. Taking a seemingly sion, I will state that there are no two firmer, faster friends than the joint owners of "Our Tandem." casual glance at the young woman my curlosity carried my eyes still further, when, to my astonishment and disenchantment, I found she had been readcause she tells everything that is told ing throughout that glerious music her. The Quick or the Dead, ? "