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THE Labor Congress in Berlin is like our own Senate in Executive sesgion. Its proceedings are to be secret, but the news reporters advise the public that "the pseudo secreey of the sittings will not prevent the securing of reliable accounts of the proceedings,"

Those who pa-s through this March weather without suffering from disease | funeral director the other day, "Indeed, of any kind may be considered well out of every head of any that ninety-nine whisper from ise ween the clinched of any kind may be considered well out of every hundre 1 persons have, and teeth of his reckless and determined such changes - not quite so great in range, however-have taken place within the month,

one, as far as floods are concerned, as ast year was. If, as is claimed by high authorities, the cutting down of the firests of the country is one of the causes of the floods, the Federal gove nment should take some active measures looking to the protection of the forests now standing and the growth of timber wherever possible.

In two cases before the coroner recently the victims were boys who had been playing on railroad tracks and Many other accidents investigated by the coroner in the course of a year result from the recklessness of people who use the railroads as public highways. In England the railroad authorities vigilantly guard their tracks agood many lives if railroad companies here were equally severe.

THE preparatory work on the Nicaragua Canal is making progress. The force at work numbers some 500 perof all kinds are constantly arriving. In the eastern division there are twentyeight camps along the first thirty-one canal, all occupied by engineers, artisays and labovers. In addition to these there are eight working parties sent out from the camps along the route who are employed on the proposed line of railroad, the line of telegraph, telephone, etc.

THE National Zeitung of Berlin, in in the United States, eulogizes the universality of American gentus, which, it as erts, has wrought the most proligious achievements in every field of human effort: young Republic's unexan I prosperity has enabled it to pent to the world the rare spectacle greatest State debt on record. While European treasuries are chronically empty, American reserves and American power may, within the next decade, seriously threaten Europe's peace, though America's evident mission is one of civiliza-

THE death of Major General George Crook, of the United States Army creates another gap in the rapidly thinning ranks of brave soldiers who imperiled their lives for the preservation of the Union. His services in the far West for nearly a quarter of a century have been of incalculable value to the material growth of the country. Energetic and fearless, his campaigns against the Indians were conducted with great skill. The vanquished savages confided implicitly in his sense of honor and justice; and to his efforts is undoubtedly due the increased safety which has been enjoyed of late years

Twenve or thirteen years ago, when Chancellor Bismarck sent in his resignation of his official power and dignities, the old Emperor indorsed on it "Never" and sent it back. Ten years later the Chancellor, "a weary and broken old man," as he described himself, again resumed, and the son and jof this kind I ever had was that of an successor of the Emperor William told artist who lived in a couple of rooms by him that the country could not dispense with his services. So his resignation was rejected for a second time. But it appears that the young man who now occupies the German throne has no need of the counsels of the greatest statesman of this epoch. The Emperor may yet have occasion to change this self-confident opinion.

The advantages of kindergarten in struction for little children have been widely acknowledged, although the higher education of the few has received more attention from legislators and public instructors. An association of benevolent men and women in New York proposes to establish and maintain free kindergartens in that city, for the benefit of the children of the poor; and certainly no form of benevolence could promise better or more enduring results. The training at such schools brings healthful and rellning influences into the lives of the poorest children; those influences extend to others, and thus help on the work of social and moral development.

A snip railroad is now being conroad will be on a smaller scale than the proposed Eads ship railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, it has this ad-Isthmus of Tehuantepec, it has this advantage over the enterprise, that the in the ordinary manner she would have project is now actually under way. The had five." road is to be capable of carrying a ship to be raised by hydraulic rams and a Chicago Merchant Furnishes A placed on the railroad. English engimuch interest because it is thought ing when the night police reporters for like ours, above all others, this truth that if a ship refront can be made a success on this some it is practicable for the transport of the transpo the transportation of larger vessels, were thinteen men in the room, and they will have good homes, good clothand may eventually be used to carry ships inland, to Birmingham, England, for instance, at a large saving of cost

TOLD BY AN UNDERTAKER.

Crotesque Incidents of the Funeral Director's Grave Calling.

"I have met with a thousand and one odd faucles and curious notions was pale and his form trembled. during my connection with the undertaking business," said a prominent ghost," he gasped. funeral director the other day. "Indeed, acclimated. They have had to stand express a preference of some kind or companions. A party of six was made pain as a punishment for having broken sudden changes from temperatures of another as to the disposition to be made up. g degrees above zero to 73, and three of their bodies after ceath. Sometimes ghost was questioned. He was a bright their requests are complied with and lad of 18, and told a hair raising story. race, sometimes they are not. Generally the Last Monday while delivering papers preference relates only to some minor with his buggy, he came across a corpse detail either of the coffin, of the grave or of the burial ceremony. Some pro- o'clock, and the streets were absolutely which she found it. FROM the reports of the high waters | pie want a plain woo len coffin -mahog- | deserted. | The shock this sight gave in the southwest it looks as though the any, walnut or chony. Some want a him quite numerved him, but next present year would be as disastrous a metal casket. Some want their casket morning he was at his work again. He covered with black cloth, some with again passed the spot on Leavitt street white. The desire for a certain style of where the corpse had lain, but there handle is often expresset, and women was nothing there out of the ordinary. He turned the corner into Madison

"Very often people want to be buried high the grave is to lie and how deep burial.

are. But there are requests made by peo- the ple in regard to their obsequies that are extraordinary and in some instances ridiculous. I'll tell you about a few it but a moment. It melt d away, and punish trespassers. It would save cases that have come under my own and all he could see was the bright

"There was an old lady died a few near the middle of the store. years ago who had a new and very palpitating heart the boyleit the spot costly set of teeth made just before her last illness, When she learned that death was imminent, her greatest lament seemed to be that she should much for the carrier, but he had to sons, and machinery, lumber, materials never have an opportunity to wear work, and the next morning, about those teeth. Finally a bright idea 4.50 again he approached the hallway. struck her, and calling her husband to this time with much unsgiving. No her bedside she begged him to have her sooner had he delivered his paper than lips so arranged after death that her miles of the projected route of the friends would be able to see and admire rattled as if a key was being turned, her beautiful teeth. The old man and the ghost vanished suddenly. With promised, and almost with her dying a loud scream the boy fled. A watchbreath she reminded him of it. We man stopped him. The boy took the were summoned to perform the neces- watchman back with irim, but the sary duties after death, and the widow- ghost did not show itself. The watcher, having explained the matter of the man was asked to be there next mornteeth, declared that his wife's request | ing when the boy delivered his pap r. must be carried out. He had promised and could not think of deceiving her. He, too, saw the ghos . Nor were they We did the best we could. The resulf the only ones who saw it. The horse, referring to the proposed World's Fair was rather startling, but the teach which could not be influenced by any showed, and the old man was satisfied | hallucination, also caught a glimpse of -so we didn't have anything to say of the strange vision, and with a load

> "I remember another case of a midgreat dresser—a regular dandy, in fact. it and determed to escort the youngster He left directions that he should be buried in the last suit of clothes he had bought. As he was a man of consider- | ing," he said, when told of the arrangeable wealth, and had left some very ments. A carriage we secured and the man, decided to comply with his request, and his valet was told to bring the suit. When he returned he carried the loudest suit of clothes I ever saw. It was green, blue and yellow in color. it came a shirt covered with pictures f ballet dancers in every conceivable attitude, and a necktie to match. The of the reporters. appearance of these unexpected articles let him have his way, and bury him as street and made a dive for the hallway he had requested. The body was acngle eyeglass placed over the staring No. 709 and cried:
> ye, and the dandy was ready for his 'There it is. See it?' He ye, and the dandy was ready for his a-t resting place.

o me with a small jar, and said that the door. nd carefully preserved in alcohol,

such cases. Several times, however, have sold people their own coffins, and in some instances two or three years or longer before they died. Some imes the boxes were left with me until ceded, and sometimes they were taken home at once. The most peculiar case himself in the western part of the city. Ha had plenty of money, and his rooms were elegantly furnished, but all in the nost sombre colors. One day he came o me and ordered a coffin made. It was to be black inside and out, and was to be large enough to be in comfortably. Another thing he was explicit about was that it was to be line! throughout with spring cushions. I made it and ent it to his rooms as he directed, four years later I was called to bary im. I then found that during all that

ane he had used his coffin for a bedleeping in it always-and he had left a quest to be buried in it. He sail he ad grown used to it, and did not think e would sleep well in any other. "I once had a man w. o was about to tie send for me and order a coffin. He was a very small man, not more than our feet high, but said he wanted his offin six feet long. 'The law,' said he ives every man six feet of earth, and

am going to have my full share." 'I frequently have people try to rive bargains with me for caskets for eir dead friends. About the best case of economy in that line I ver had, however, was that of a sung widow who gave orders that her ausband's coffin should be placed in the round perpendicularly. A year and a maif later she had another husband to A snip railroad is now being constructed across the narrow isthmus chignecto, which connects Nova Scotia she had more husbands to bury, and the other carriers throw in the different papers my sons and I take. Of course, I'm in my night shirt, and go incl. to bed. This morning I did it as with New Brunswick. The isthmus is finally when No. 5 was placed under seventeen miles wide, and while the the soil, no more space had been taken now, whereas if they had been buried

FRIGHTENED BY A GHOST.

It was nearly 4 o'clock in the mornpervaled the atmosphere, casing a dark shadow over them. When the telephone bell rang the tingle sounded great interest of this country is labor."

of printer's link; but brown or which paper and old letters and envelopes a cheerful and the people happy. The the best. The finer the paper is cut torn, the lighter it makes the pill. w.

flashed across the wire; "One of our newspaper carriers has

seen a ghost several times. Look into The man who had received the mes ssage turned from the 'phone His face "Boys, I've got to interview a

The carrier who had seen the

ag, wanting it of a color to suit their street and jumped from his buggy, as outplexion. Some people, too, want their was his wont, and began zigzagging she sets her heart upon, because the offins large and roomy, others to fit across the street delivering his papers. the horse following him. At No. 711 he was in the habit of throwing a pan a particular spot, and give express per into the ballway. At No. 7/9 there is structions as to the direction in is a sewing machine store, and as the youth came from across the street to timust be. Then, too, some persons throw his paper into the hallway, he caught a quiet, private funeral, while caught sight of a white robed figure in want a quiet, private funeral, while caught sight of a white robed figure in others are uneasy until promised that the store next door. He paid no attenthey will be given a grand and costly | tion to it, but disposed of his paper. As he started to get into his buggy, which was now in front of the store, he heard casely attended to, and they generally the old fashioned handle of the door rat-He looked through the door window and saw a white figure, like a humain being and yet unlike one. He saw and e-pecially her husband and children

HE SEES IT AGAIN.

This second shock was almost too the specter again appeared. The door He consented to stand across the street, snort dashed away from the spot.

This ghostly visitation continued lie-aged single man who had been a every day until the reporters heard of to his rounds.

oy was told to go ahead just as usual, and the reporters were to steal along in of pland two or three mehes broad, and the shadow of the hous, and surprise the ghost. Two policemen appeared just at this moment and stood across street watching the strange actions

It was about 4.3 | when the carrier's caused some constentation, but the hor e trotted up to No. 709 and stopped. send man's friends finally decided to A moment later the boy ran across the of No. 711. He turned suddenly just cordingly robed in the flashy shirt and as the reporters made a run forward, ouit, a dog head pin stuck in the tie, a pointed his finger as the doorway of

was intensely excited. His hand trem-"I was once called upon to bury a loled and his eyes dilated. The curtains man who had at some previous period on the windows and door of the store hopped off one of his great toes. Just | were down almost all the way, but sti was about to screw down the cover the reporters could see the shadowy f the casket his weeping widow came form of a human figure standing near With an ear piercing shriek or husband had expressly desired her the boy dashed across the street as fast o bury this with him, I looked at it and as his legs could carry him. The reound that it was the missing toe, neatly | porters and the two policemen who had of carefully preserved in alcohol. come up also ran. In a moment they "I never buried any one who had returned, and the boy, gathering courande his own coffin, but I have heard age again by their presence, came back.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.

There was a rattle of the door, the white specter again appeared, the door peared and it stood before reporters, cemen and the carrier. It was at

The specter did not wear coat or vest. It was harless and in its stocking feet. was a short ghost with a long beard. As the frost laden breeze skurried down Madison street it toyed with that bear as with a Union Jack at a masth-ad-The ghost's teeth chattered as it de clared itself:

"I'm getting tired of being bothered ry morning. If you don't keep away from here I'll have you arrested. What do you take me for?"

"A ghost!" cried the chorus. "I am't," replied the specter. 'Yes you are," cried the carrier.

"Haven't you been getting up every morning and rat ling the door?" The specter looked pityingly on the rgumenative boy and said in an injured one of voice: "I get up at 4.30 every morning to let in the newspaper carriers when they come around.

"Didn't you shake that door yester hay at 4.15?" insisted the youngster. A chilly blast from the west struck the specter with full force. It vanished, slamming the door behind it. At a more seasonable hour it was again seen. It was the proprietor of the

"If I had known that I was taken for ghost this morning, I would have had some fun," he said, "I have been in the habit of getting up every morning just about the time that boy comes ound. I unlock the front door to let the other carriers throw in the differback to bed. This morning I did it as usual and saw the crowd run. I thought it was a drunken gathering and went back to bed. When I heard olces I got up and listened. 'It's an of or some one walking in his sleep, heard somebody say. I saw a police men outside and went out. Yes, I'n serry I didn't know what was up or I should have had some fue." With that the "ghost" laughed heartily.

Daniel Webster said: "In a country consequently a heavy and ominous pall ing, good food and the means of edu-

harsh and unmisical. The message Through Woman Paradise was Lost Through Her It May Be Regained. So well to know

Her own, that what she wills to do or say
Seems wisest, vartuousest, discreetest, best
—Milton.

It is woman's place to change this world to a paradise. It is said that it was through her indiscretion that the Garden of Delights was changed into a wilderness, and among the legends is one to the effect that she has ever since been suffering

brought so much suffering upon the There would seem to be a sort of eternal fitness in her restoring the

up the original arrangement, and

Can she do it? She can come nearer to doing it than man, because she possesses more of the qualities that go to make up an agree able, social and religious being. Wha see lacks in crude or physical force is more than made up by tact and address. She can accomplish whatsoever sons of good mothers, and the husbands of go d wives are ready to concede that good women are more nearly right at heart, more generous and more philanthropic than man,

If Eden is ever restored it will be due to the efforts of woman. She feels that she is more to blame than man for the present state of affairs and will take special interest in trying to undo the mischief she did when she was in Eden before.

Every woman has it in her power to do this by cultivating the eden in her hear!. If she desires her associates. to enjoy the garden of delights-the nome-she cuitivates the tender and glow of burning coal in a large stove loving impulses of her nature, seeks to make all around her happy, and scatters sunshine wherever she goes. It is not impossible that heaven, eden

and paradise are mere conditions of the soul, and that they can be largely enjoyed in this life. Man is woman's burden-bearer, her protector, her servant. Heretofore it as necessary for him to have more muscle, more combativeness, more

mal, that he might clear out theforests, and provide a comfortable home for er where she would be free from harm Since the heaviest part of the work has been finished we find that woman developing more rapidly than man. Within the last century she has grown from the position of a household appenlage to be queen of the household, and

physical courage and more of the ani-

lay by day she is taking higher post-May it not be that in the course of ime man will become the household ppendage? After all the handiwork has been

lone there will be little demand for strong muscle, great physical endurance and courage. The chief object of life will be happiness, and in securing that woman is far more successful than When this time comes-when them

he carrier's buggy. At Leavitt street are no more forests to subdue, no more oth stopped and all alighted. The nd no more hard labor to perform-it will be in the power of woman to retore man to Eden. This time is surely oming, because the demand for muscle s becoming less every day, and it will ot be long until the same will be true brain, as applied to the arts and clences. Then will woman be mistress t e world and make it a veritable Even now she can make her home a

Prescribed While Asleep.

"I had an unusual experience a few lights ago," sail a celebrated woman-mysician, "which illustrated how acn the activities of the day during the nterval of sleep, although such unconv. A few nights since I watched al ight at the bedside of a very sick paent. Early in the morning I lay own, telling the nurse to call me ich and such changes occurred. The anges came and she did call me. se, went to the bedside examined the patient carefully, changed the mest ne and ordered a different treatment Then I went buck to bed, When awoke again, and the nurse referred to he change in the night, I did not know v at she meant. I had not the faintest recollection of having been called or of having prescribe 1 anything else. examined the patient; she was better Usen I turned to the remedies; the ere just what the case required. ad carried on the proper course of ensoning, and I had met every emern y of the case, and yet I was sounleep all the while," @ low Ice Cutters Rescue Horses.

The danger of cutting ice before i has attained a thickness of eight inches or more is great, and numbers of horses have been lost by their breaking through the ice while working the lows. Old icemen say, however, that y putting a shipnoose around the ani al's neck before it goes under the ice. the work of getting it out is not great. The action of the moose stops the antmul's breathing, and soon causes the body to become inflated with wind s that it will float on the surface, when it is easily tauled out upon the ice.

Cold Comus Townigh the Feet.

A noted medical antibur observed: "No doubt much of he grippe comes through the feet. Thin soled shoes, or thick soles, standing on ice or snow or cold wood until the sole attains the same degree of cold as that on which it rests; then cold feet, cold legs, cold ab lomen, cold in the throat, in the head; he eyes, the nose, the mouth speaking witnesses, testifying to the body rest ng on the feet and the brain resting or he body that a p ain violation of every reasonable rule of health has been per-mitted, to be paid in penalty of suffering and pain; of lost time, of care as anxiety of friends, it may be of death is not this and this result sufficient warning?"

Paper Pillows.

The latest fad in England is pape pillows. The paper is torn into very small pieces, not bigger than the finger nail, and then put into a pillow sack of drilling or light ticking. They are very cool for hot climates, and much su perior to feather pillows. The news papers are printing appeals for them or hospitals. Newspapers are not nice to use, as they have a disagreeable ode of printer's ink: but brown or while paper and old letters and envelopes ar the best. The finer the paper is cut of

ast night, my darling, as you slept, I thought I heard you sigh, and to your little crib I crept And watched a space thereby; then, bending down, I kiss-d your brow-For, old I love you so—

on are too young to know it now But some time you shall know ome time, when in a darkened place Where others come to weep, our eyes shall see a weary face

Calm in eternal sleep.
As especially slips, the wrinkled brow,
The patient smile may show— You are too young to know it now, But some time you shall know ook backward, then, into the years, ee, O my darling! how my tears

Are failing as I write; and feel once more upon your brow The kiss of long ago— fou are too young to know it now, But some time you shall know. MY TWIN BROTHER.

twentieth birthday, and nodded mer-rily to my own reflection in the glass, he bright young face that laughed back at me was that of a handsome, happy, and very fortunate girl. 'Goo !-morning, Miss Lydia Searle, I said. And if all goes well with us.

this time next year, but Mrs. Harry Hatten instead." It wanted but three weeks of my wedding day. I was happy as I was busy just then, for I lived the man slose bride I was so soon to become

with all a young girl's warm untried affe tion. Better than anyone in the world but Fom,' I thought, 'And surely nobody

ever could or ought to be dearer to me than Tom." Tom was my twin brother. The usual strong affection existing between

twins was exceptionally powerful in our case-from circumstances. One of us was born strong and robust, and the other frail and small. Notwithstand ng my sex, I was thfavored one by nature, while Tom was

the weakly twin. That was the first of his misfortune, which naturally gave him a claim on me, and at the same time attached him beartier, manifer boy would not have lone. The second misfortune was that he resembled our father.

in him just as if he had been to blame 'Not a fraction of my money shall go to this second Tom Searle,' he used to

And he kept his word, He h d gave us both a good education, and ot Tom a position in a bank; but when he died-just a year before that wentieth birthday of mine-I was his

o'e belress. It grieved me terribly. I loved Tom meet me as I entered the parlor. Little oetter far than myself, and would have been well repaid, and would have been well repaid. All my sacrifices have been well repaid.

So the best I could do was to spend as much money upon him as possible, nd lend him all he wanted to use. I c ad no objection to that, because, as he would say: 'Some of these days, when I'm part-

ner in the bank, I'll pay it all back again, Lyddy.' And, of course, it was quite probable hat some day he wo ld be partner, once I was about to be married to the banker's only son and hetr.

1 was puzzled sometimes to know what Tom did with so much money, Ie had 'speculations on hand,' he told me. I thought that perhaps he was such a favorite, so and for wife and cather extravagant, too-perhaps some- | cuid-he might have married so adwhat inclined to be wild, 'He is so young and so handsome,' 1 thought. I was always making excuses for him

teadier, and a tend to business better. is chances of promotion at the bank would be improved As I thought of him on that birth-

us d to smile, and a new anxiety ng of last night. Tom had acted very strangely. had lain awake a long time thinking of it last night, and a vague uneasiness postponed, my dear."

What could have alsed him. He had come in, at about len o'clock, the little parlor where Harry and I consitting together, and had remained with us, restless, agitated, nervous, and showing so plainly that he wished

o see me alone, that presently Harry, alf vexed, half amused, took the hint And then he asked me for money. No trifling sum either. He implored se, almost wildly, to 'give him six undred pounds, then and there, for

God's sake. I' He almost took my breath away, ad no such money in the house, of but my brother's conductcourse, nor could I get it on such short tice. My fortune consisted of real eady money, which, what with Tom's nothing wrong in his accounts. ons for my marriage, were nearly

as at his request, I explained to him and her child?' he said. the utter impossibility of compliance. He said : of a word, but dropped into a open the folding-doors, and showed him eat, and sat looking at me as i stupe. Eva and her son.

his fair handsome face, and the delicate in my protection.' clear cut features looked haggard an i areworn. A pang shot through my That evening, seated with the baby on heart as I saw his distress. I ceased to my lar, I asked Eva where she had are or wonder what the money was been married. wanted for. I knelt down beside him.

dear. 'Never mind?' he moaned. 'Poer broken his heart.

Lyddy! Poor girll' he patted my hand

you could, Ah! I've been a bad me to night! And of course I said so-said so weeping. His manner distressed me search. Then I got John Robinson's of reducing it to an 'old soldier,' so; but I didn't know what there was ddress-he was a lawyer, I found-

I was wiser before that birthday was Something had gone wrong at the my heart I thought:

bank, Harry told me. He broke the and with a grave pale face. 'Six hundred pounds, which had been entrusted to Tom to deliver somewhere several and-there were errors, too, in his accounts-

I heard no more, Insensibility snatched me for a while from the agony of Tom's ruin and my own disgrace. For must not his sister share his dishonor? I felt that bitterly at first -I who had been so proud of him. But by-and-by, indignation, shame, anger,

all gave place to love and love's anxletv. Tom was missing. What mattered it to me that he hall My thoughts flew back to his despair

bered how weak he was, how easily led, and who could tell how greatly tempted; and from my soul I forgave him. I had not waited for that, however, When I are e on the morning of my the consequences of his erime.

Mr. Hatton was merci ul. He had

his prayer for my forgiveness, 1 remem-

the family of his old friends-upon the I was permitted to make up the de- joined him in a distant home. cit in the bank's accounts. In order to do so, and for another reason, I in- a small income still, and Tom obtains-

week from his departure. had not appropriated the six hundred

his possession, and had been robbed of Oh, how grateful I was! Every gone from life so early. other misfortune in the world might be

He confessed to me a thousand inliscretions, follies, sins; told me of pression that man had made upon me; many and serious debts that he had left behind him. Most startling of a l, be I thought of him constantly; and heard

:hiid: Tom's wife and child! Who was the? After the first surprise was over, to me and made him cling to ne as a 1 found myself longing to see my new sister and the little one. I went to the address Tcm had s nt

me - went with a carriage, prepared Poor fellow! As if he could help to bring my new relations home. Dis-that! And yet Uncle Elliot resented it appointment met me. Mrs. Searle and to bring my new relations home. Dis- me laughing, er child had gone. 'They were behind with their rent,'

said the landlady, and the husband went away, so I couldn't help her. She I hope,) resides in your city. I hope to left to-day. I returned home discouraged. I olopted us at poor mother's death. didn't want to see or speak to any one Our father had died years before. He just then, so it was peculiarly annoying

just then, so it was peculiarly annoying mas season John came. I think that to find that a young woman, whom I was the very happlest season of my life. had employed to do sewing more than a Of course you goes how it all ended. Shurt, everything connected with the I went down to her. She arose to other than John.

shared anything with him; but he was pretty, genteel, timid creature. and all my loss was gain; I realize work by a dog, which would go interest, poor dear, and wouldn't hear of I started when I saw that she had an that, every time I hear pretty Eva oops and catch the chickens and bring fant in her arms. 'Why, what's this?' I cried. 'My baby,' she said timidly, 'Im-narried since I saw you last, miss.'

I sat down, and bade her do the ame, and then asked her what I could do to serve her.

For an answer she burst into a pason of tears, and, rising suddenly, came and laid the infant in my lap. 'Have mercy on me!' she cried, fall-

ing on her knees. 'This is your brother's child and mine, and I-I am his I was a proud cirl and this blow was a heavy one. My brother, so handsome,

vantage usly, I thought, and here I was called upon to welcome as a sister my own sewing-girl.
But I did. I may have shrunk from o myself; but, of course, common-ense taught me that if he would be surprise; but next minute the thought of that other disgrace, which Tom had

not brought on himself and me, returned to me, and in my gratitude at escaping that i could not murmur. 'ay morning-of course, it was his birtinday, too-the face in the glass all; and the baby charming. All, i had reason to be thankful for the comrept into my thoughts. I was think- fort of their presence soon. For the

very next day, meeting an acquaintance in the street, said she: 'And so I hear that your marriage is My heart sank down like lead.

'Who informed you?' I asked quietly. 'Your intended bridegroom, Mr. Harry Hatton, himself. Is it not true? 'Perfectly true,' I answered. 'And postponed until when?' 'Indefinitely.'

I wrote the same day to Harry: 'You des re your freedom; take it. You will never be called upon to fulfil your engagement with me.

And he took me at my word. He called, certainly, and made pretence of explanation and regret. The almost entire loss of my fortune had influenced his father, not himself; I stopped him there.

'Tom was innocent,' I said; 'and estate, from which I derived a moder- what he lost I have restored. You are income, and a few thousands in have acknowledged that there was xtravagance, and my own prepara- need seek no excuse in his conduct, sir,' He lost his temper.

Do you excuse his destruction of an Quite aghast at his agitation, as well innocent girl, and abandonment of her With one quick movement I threw

'Allow me to introduce you to my Every vestige of color had gone from | brother's w fe and child, whom he left But his words had made me uneasy.

'Alasl' she cried, 'if I only knew.

dear brother's wife.' and requested him to call on me.

He came, a wonderfully grave hand-

'No wonder Eva wept at thought of bitter news to me as gently as he could, his displeasure. He is worth pleasing surely.

I took him to the parlor. 'I wish to reconcile you to your sisweeks ago, had not been accounted for; ter,' I said. 'She is my brother's wife.

Then I left them together. After an hour or more Eva came for me. 'John want+ to say good-bye before he goes,' said she, He took my hand in his, and looked

into my eyes, 'You are a good woman,' he said earnestly, 'May God bless you, and

make you as truly happy as you have to-day made mel' There was something in his mere sinned? He was still my brother, and look and tone—a strength, a truth, a thorough reliability-that gave me com

fort, somehow. I found myself thinkthat night - his tears, his self-reproach, | ing: -The old war Generals are passing 'If it had been my fate to love such way. Sherman and R secrans are the a man as that, I should be nearer hap-

piness than I am to-day.' But I kept my thoughts to myself, Only from that hour I was sensible that before taking steps to shield him from legislation from legislation for their own sake, far more than legislation for the legislation for th mourned for the false lover on whom

o wish to bring public disgrace upon they had been founded. One week later all my property was girl whom his own son was engaged to sold. I had paid off Tom's debts; and, accompanied by his wife and child

There we began life anew, I had structed my lawyer to dispose of my a lucrative position. The lesson of the property. And that other reason was a letter from Tom, received just o e rifice I had made was not in vain Dear Tom was a changed man-changed A pitiful letter—the outcry of a for the better, Wintever I had lost penitent and almost broken heart. He had been his gain.

bounds, thank God! but he had been coun el less than nothing; and Harry month, out and drinking, with the money in | Hatton's love was not worth a regret. What was it, then? I sighed for the trust b-trayed—the giamor and illusion

'Oh, to be well and truly loved!' I borne with patience now, since Tom thought, A.d then - my thoughts never went back to Harry.

Another filled them. Strange im-

seen only once; never to be forgotten. told me he was married, and implored from him, through Eva, now and then. 'What is your brother's wife like, Eva?' I asked her once just to try her. 'He has none,' she answered. know what I should wish her to be penned the note. like, though.

And her eyes dwelt on me in a way that made my tell-tale color rise. A few days afterwards she came to

only hear what he says: She reads aloud: 'Tell Lydia, my wife, (that is to be, \$200,000. visit you before very long, and intr -

duce her to you." And he did. With the merry Christmas season John came. I think that year ago, had called and was waiting to 1 smile now, looking back and remembering that I fancied once I loved angether.

speak of me - as I first spoke of her - a-'my brother's wife '

Carl Hess, the German naturalist, says Nature, has proved by minute microscopical investigation that the eye of the mole is perfectly capable of sec ing, and that it is not short sighted, as another naturalist (K dyi) would have us believe. Hess maintains that, in spite of its minute dimensions-1 millimeter by 0-9 millimeter-the eye of this little creature pussesses all the necessary properties for seeing that the most highly developed eve does, that it is, eye of any other mammal, and that in the matter of refraction it does not liffer from the normal eye. In order to bear out the theory of short-sightedness, the physiological reason was adduced that In its subterranean runs the mole is accustomed to see things at close distances, and that its eye had become gradually suited to near objects But to this Hess objects that the mole when under ground most probably makes no use of his eyes at all, as it would be impossible to see anything, owing to the absence of light, but that when he comes to the surface, and especially when he is swimming, he does use his eyes. In order to accomplish this, he only has to alt r the erect position of the hairs which surround and cover his eyes, and which prevent the entry of dirt when he is ground, and at the same time to protrude his eyes forward.

The new crematory furnace founded is not usually regarded as a necessary on August 12 last, at the cemetery of Pere-la-Chaise had, up to December 31 Pere-la-Chaise had, up to December 31 weapon has, however, been trundled last, effected 735 cremations. Of this into Northern Th bet by the expedition number, 35 only were at the request of which the late General Prejevalsky the relatives; 183 coffins containing re-mains of human bodies from the hos-this cannon is expected to serve the pital services were destroyed, and 217 very pacine purpose of determining still-born children from the maternity charities were disposed of. The new through carefied air at the interest of 12 000 furnace is an apparatus based on the feet and upward. Take frequest made system of Slemens. It possesses con- for the African trade, its chief femisiderable advantages over the offer tion will be to make a home, and it has model. The cost of cremation is much the unique distinction of being a canreduced by the substitution of coke for | non with a parely scientific purpose, wood fuel. The expense has diminished from 35 francs to 3 francs. With the old apparatus it required, on an average, an hour and three-quarters to cre-mate the body of an adult; with the Moscow, Bussia: There arrived recently present one, from an hour to an hour at the Hotel de d'Europe the w dow of and a quarter suffices. It is thought a merchant of the neighborhood for a that, before long, the operation may short sojourn in our town, accompanied be completed in three-quarters or an

Advice to Smokers.

'I'il get it for you to-morrow,' I said, Tom took me to church in a carriage, cigar case, carry your cigars in your if I have to mortgage my proper y. It was in this very city, but I don't upper waistcoat pocket, on the left, con't despair; only wait till to morrow, know where. It was because I had no with the mouth end down. The concertificate of my marriage that I dared | stant motion of the right arm (presum-As my hand touched his he started not go to my brother-my dear noble ing you are right-hander) is sure to and looked down at me. He was never brother - who has struggled so hard, crush the tobacco or loosen the wrapvery strong or brave-never fit to bat- and made himself, unalded, an honor- per if the cigar be on the right side le with trouble. It seemed to have able position and a name. I know that and the same result is more readily obrushed him now; tears fell from his a cruel slander concerning me has been talned with the match end down. If carried to him that must almost have you have to let a cigar go out do not pull in the last puff, but blow it I took her hands away from her face through the burning end. This expels ond y. 'I know you'd give it to me and kissed her.

The nicotine that would otherwise two could. Ah! I've been a bad 'We'll find the church,' I sail. gather at the mouth, and prevents the brother to you, dear. Say you forgive 'There must be no slander about my cigar from having a rank taste. Indeed, some smokers question whether And I did find it after a few day's a cigar is not improved by this method

-Here are two sentences, each of which contains all the letters of the half over, though the knowledge seemed some man, with something singularly alphabet: "John quickly extemporized the greatest calamity of my life. some man, with something singularly alphabet: "John quickly extemporized the greatest calamity of my life. manly and impressive about him. In five tow bags," and "The quick brown kind was witnessed at another port in fox jumps over the lazy dog."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NO. 17.

- In a library in . aris, the largest in he world, is a Chinese chart of the envens made about six hundred years efore Christ. In this chart 1,460 stars

are found to be correctly inserted. -A Spanish fea was given recently Washington, No other language as permitted, but the few natives that articipated must have thought that great deal of Volapuk was slid in.

-European countries are said to be urning their attention to the United states as a source of supply for cavalry forses which are very difficult to proire of sultable development, strength and endurance.

While Robert C. Schenck and George rook were not Generals of the highest ank, they were men of the highest -The table upon which Prince Bisnarck signed the preliminaries of purce with Thiers at Versailles in February, 1871, we the only souven'r

of the campagn which the Iron Chan-cellor bore back to Germany with him. He paid his Versailles landlady 24 francs for it. -The marriage of Mes Margaret Blaine, the Secretary of State's eldest taughter, to Walter Damnoch, a York, is to take place on the 17th. A

later date had been fixed, but it is antic pated to met the wishes of friends And what had I lost? The money I who had planned European trips next -At a newspaper office recently a machinist, wantles to reach shafting, jumped up on a barrel of printers' ink standing close by. He didu't notice that an old paper was

serving as a cover, and he sauk up to -A letter from the Philippine Islands, addressed to a sea captain at Bath, Me., arrived recently after being on the road six years. It was rather faded, but still bore a legible direction. The writer was the captain's sister, who has been lost at sea since she

-According to South Russian papers

an attempt is soon to be made by the

Russian Government to raise the two English steamers which sank in Bala-'I told John of your question, and clava Bay during the Crimean war. On one of these vessels, the Prince, is supposed to be a money chest containing -An international Musical Exhibition to be held in Vocum diving March and April, 1891, will show the evolution of the different musical instru-

ments and will metable beirlooms and

souvenirs of great musiciaus, and, in

art which can possibly be gathered tothem out to his mater. The assistant was a big woodly animid, and, the poa dog, knowing that his master would

be along, and soon the pair fell into the clutches of the law. A curious phenomenon is reported. from Batoum, on the shores of the Black Sea. During a complete calm the sea is said to have su blooly receded from the shore, leaving it bare to a depth of 10 fathoms. The water of the port rushed out to sea, tearing many of causing a great amount of damage, After a short time the sex resumed its

-A certain taig of launel [Kalmla latifolia) has borne strange evidence of the open winter, it was cut off the day, and placed in a jar of water by a lady. After awhile it put forth new eaves and recently it blowsomed liberally. It has no roots, and has not been near the earth since it was ent.

-- During the late war II. D. Cole Jr., of Newman, Ga., Secreted a box of silver between the ceiling and most of family. After the was the box could not be found, though diligent search was made for it. Levently Mr. Cole was making some regains on the old house, and had occasion to ten away some of the luterior frame work. As be removed one of the lower partition boar is a silver coin fell out, and upon looking further Mr. Cole was rewarded by finding every dollar of the long lost money.

-A cannon even though a small one

-A Russian newspaper is responsible for the following litteresting item by her only daughter. Asked by the obliging clerk to put her own with the young lady's name on re-ord among the lists of guests, she added after her own signature: "Merchant widow from married daughter, Jacha, 19 years of age, 10,000 roubles dowry, of fair complexion, with light hair and blue eyes, turned-up note, dimpled checks. No other bodily detects or special marks."

-A rare phonomenon is reported from St. Malo, France Between 4 and 5 o'clock of an attenuous three sans were seen all in row a little above the western horizon. The sky was very clear at the time. The central luminary, the sun itself, shone with unwonted brilliancy, while from is supporters darted rays of all the prismatic colors. At the same moment a rainbow made its apprayance at some little distance, but upside down with its convex side towards the horizon, phenomenon, which last-it some time, was witnessed by a number of people, many of whom sk-tchen is. Not long ago a lunar phenomenon of a shellar he northwest of France