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THE OUTET HOUSE.

mathers, with and weary,
With carr's that haver cease,
With never time for pleasure.
With days that have no peace,
With little hands to hinder,
With reast that his unfailsned,
Deem not your lot too hard.

i know a house where childish things
are minds it out of sight—
where never sound of little feet
is heare from morn thi night—
No tiny hanes that fast undo,
That pull things all awry—
Ne haby huris to pity
As quiet days go by.

The lause is all in order, and free from tiresome noise— so moments of conjuston— No scattered broken toys;

Just as they had were work.

And she, the sade yed mother,
What would she give to day
To feet your cares and burdens,
To sale your wears way!
Ant happest on all this earth
Could she again but see
The rooms all strewn with playthings
And the children 'round her kneet'

Exchange.

THE UNEXPECTED.

"I don't care-I'm happy," said Frank. "i'm sure I don't care, I'm happy,

perfectly happy-don't see how I could be more so," said Nellie. • Neither was looking at the other. Fach tried to absorbed in a book; but certainly neither was absorbed; for on the average, Joring the entire afternoon, they had made remarks similar to the foregoing at least once every ten do?"

minutes. "Did you say, Nellie," continued Frank, just a trifle doubtfully "that Frank, there was enough in the house for sup-per and breakfast?"

I'm quite sure, dear," said Nellie, that there is enough for supper, and perhaps for breakfast. But we shall want much for breakfast. You know that you have very often said that you did not care for much breakfast, and really I can get along on nothing at all. 'I don't see what we have to worry

about, then, do you?" "Indeed I do not, I think we have every reason to be perfectly happy,"

"Sure of supper to-day and break-fast to-morrow—I should say we have every reason to be thankful," continued "Yes," added Nellie. "Just think of

of a cannibal-Just what I was thinking," broke in Frank. "He is dependent on the of five hundred a year."

chance call of a missionary-surely a "Oh, Frank, you are joking!" said

responded Frank,
"While I am perfectly happy," said llie, "I do wish that the firm had not failed, and that you had not los vonr position.

Yes, and while I am perfe tly happy, said Frank, "I do wish that our parents had not objected to our mar-The idea that we, who are children,

both of us, of rich parents, should be left to the disagreeable expedient of pawning the few wedding presents that we received!" "Say rather the disagreeable expedi-

pawning the last wedding present that we received-now-now-now -little wife, you are going to crv.'

'Indeed, I am not," said Nellie, struggling bravely to suppress the tears, "I think we are very lucky to have any wedding presents to pawn.

"And so do I," a ided Frank, "very, very lucky-" just there he was

interrupted. There is no better time than an in terruption to explain the condition of affairs in a romance, so I will take advantage of the present one, which may be the only interruption in my story. Frank and Nellie Hayward had married against their parents' wishes. Their parents, though rich, refused to help them in any way, or even to receive them in their homes. Frank was brave and manly, and Nellie was sensible and womanly. They determined to do for themselves, and at the very outset made a solemn compact with each other that, come what might, they would consider their love for each other compensation for all the

For a time things went very well. Frank obtained a position that enabled them to live very comfortably in a furnished flat. But, as in the life of everyone else, the time came when luck turned sgatost them. The firm that employed Frank failed, and he was unable to get another position. The little money that they had saved up from his salary was soon exhausted. They were forced to the disagreeable expedient of pawning such things of value as they possessed, and finally they had come to the end of even that resource.

either acknowle ged to the other that they were anything but happy. The crisis, however, had just about been reached. They were in a quandary. It was a question whether they would be forgiven by their parents under any circumstances, and they were not at all willing to acknowledge that they had made a mistake.

But there was an interruption. ft was a knock at the door. Nellie rose from her scat, and Frank was about to do so, when it occurred to him that the chances were that it was a creditor, and he thought it hardly worth while to go to the door. He was rather surprised, though, when at the invitation of his wife the door was opened by a queer old man, who looked at each of em over the rims of his glasses for a full minute before he spoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, I believe? ne said at length. "Yes, sir," replied Nellie. "Will you take a chair?"

"Ought to have been named Wayward, I suppose," he said, chuckling to himself, as he took the profered chair. "I suppose my visit is rather unexpected?

"Decidedly," said Frank curtly: "Well, it is the unexpected that al-ways happens," said the old gentle-man, "I was rather surprised to hear you through the door, accidentally, of ourse, assuring yourselves that you all that sort of thing.'

"May I inquire what business it is of yours, sir?" asked Frank. None, except that it assured me that I had found the right place," answered the old gentleman.

"And what place were you looking for?" asked Frank. "The house of a happy married and, Fra Diavolo, is among the possessions of the museum of Nancy, to which it was presented by General

"Ah!" said the old gentleman. "It is quite a curiosity. I suppose you will pardon an old gentleman like myself, if he asks a few questions. I am a student of human usture, you know, and who knows?—perhaps this visit may redound to your advantage." "Fire away," said Frank, who was beginning to be interested.

"in the first place, what was the oceasion of your saying just now that you were lucky?" "Because we had some wedding

presents to pawn," answered the ingenuous Frank. "No," corrected his wife, gently, "because we had had some wedding

presents to pawn."
"Dear me!" said the old gentleman, "they are all pawned, then?" "Yes," answered Neilie, "but that does not make us unhappy. "I suppose you occupy a good posi-

said the old gentleman to tion?" "I have lost my position, sir," the latter answered. "You have plenty money in the

bank?" "None."
"Undonbtedly you have a well-

stocked larder, though?"
"It is about exhausted." "Of course in case of real di tress, you have your parents to rely on?"
"On the contrary, we would not wish to ask them to help us under any cir-

cumstances.' "Well, young man," said the old

me what I am going to do," answered "Nothing," arswered the old gen-

tleman, solemniv.
"That's what I have been doing for quite a while. "The fact is continued the old gen-

tleman, "you are precisely what you were saying you were when I knocked on your door - you are lucky. I am a man of whimsicalities. I have been looking all my life for a happy married couple. Someone, never mind who, told me that you were the couple I was looking for. for a long tu e, but when I discovered that you were in hard luck, and still were not complaining, I began to be- She took to doing it up with one hairlieve it. My mission on earth is to assist happy couples who are in hard lnck. This is the first time I have She took to jerking her head, too, so task, for the call must be from the peothe number of people in the world who It is all the more to your advantage, ever had a chance to fulfil my mission. are sure of neither supper to-day, nor though-there is more money in the breakfast to-morrow. Take the case fond than there would be if the world were stocked with happy couples. I propose to settle on you a little income

The old gentleman paused to see what effect this startling announcement wo ld have on the happy couple. The effect was not marked. They "Proof that I am perfectly happy," looked at him very much as they would look at a curiosity "I suppose you think I am an insane

> te said, angr "No," answered Nel'ie, "but I think you are my father wi h a wig and eyeglasses and a very poor attempt at a diagnised voice.

> threw her arms about his neck. "Well, I am," said the old gentleman laughing, as he removed his dis-guise, "and frankly confess that for a long time I have had a disguised heart. I didn't want to help you until I thought you needed it, so I waited. But I will tell you this-if you had acknowledged that you were not happy, I would have given you double the

allowane · I have."
"I don't care," said Nellie. perfectly happy. "And so am I," said Frank.

THE WHITE-LIPPED PECCARY.

The various species of Pigs, constituting the genus Sus of naturalists, which are met with in Europe, North-ern Africa, and Southern Asia, and its islands, altogether fail in the New World, where their places are taken by animals of inferior size, and slightly different organization called "Peccaries." Of Peccaries, only two spe cies are known to exist, namely the Collared Peccary, and the White-lipped Peccary, of the latter of which we now give an illustration from some spec imens lately added to the Zoological Society's collection. The Peccaries have a wide range in America, extending from Mexico throughout the central and southern portions of the continent down to Paraguay, and the northern provinces of the Argentine Republic. The larger mammals, being scarce in these parts of America, Peccaries are much sought after by the native hunters as articles of food, and much prized when they are obtained. Peccary, however, is provided with a strongly odoriferous gland sit-uated in the hinder part of his back, and unless this gland be removed as the North into worn-out forms; of soon as the animal is killed, its flesh is Justinian the Emperor, who dowered said to be hardly eatable. The Col'ared the city with the art heritage of the Peccary is the commoner of the two Greek. The mausoleum of Placidia species, and the one most frequently and the baptistery represent the first met with in captivity in Europe. In the Zoological Society's Gardens it has buildings of the city fall; those rebred on more than one occasion, but mains of the Theodosian epoch being produces only two young ones at a time, intend of the numerous progeny of the true Pigs. The White-lipped Peccary is a larger and flercer animal, and is said to be rather dreaded by the native hunter when met with in large San Vita berds. Some singular stories are told Fleet. in British Guiana about persons having | The little mausoleum of Placidia been compelled to mount trees in order | may claim a first visit. There for to escape their attack, and to pass 1,100 years her body sat upright in many hours of siege in this condition, jeweled cerements in her sarcophagus. before the infuriated Peccaries chose and was the very type of her city's to move away. But it is a little doubt-ful perhaps, whether this is more than a sportsman's tale. In captivity, at any rate, the White-lipped Peccar, seems to be a well-behaved and inoffensive

England, supports an annual dice-shak- body crumbled in fire and ashes at a ing contest in which Bibles are given as moment when the renaissance had atprizes. The custom is a very old one, tained its full strength. dating back 325 years.

animai.

Since the United States Constitution was adopted, Massachusetts has beeen ing contest at Wilkesbarre, Pa. She the birthplace of two presidents; New won, jumping 840 times without stop-Hampsh're, one; Vermont, one; New ping. Then she died. But her be-Yerk, two: Pennsylvania, one; Virgin- reaved friends can console themselves North Carolina, three; Kentucky, champion rope-jumper of her town.

The prospectus of an Indian match factory has been issued in Calcutta, sailors who are off the southern coast The promoters, who are all natives, have collected different kinds of wood have collected different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh suitable for matches from different son, where they can procure fresh son from the son parts of India, and have forwarded simples of them to expects in London coast. The volume poured out by the

The pontard of the celebrated brig-

GEN. JAMES B. WEAVER. The Candidate of the People's Party for

Sentinel La and

President. Gen. James B. Weaver, the candi-12, 1833, and graduated from the law school of the Ohio University, Cincinnati, in 1854. In April, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Second Iowa Infantry, and on Oct. 3, 1861, was made Major. In 1865 he was lantry in action. After the war he



GEN. WEATER.

esumed legal practice, was elected 1874 he was elected to Congress. In Congress by the vote of the Green- minimum factor. and was one of the founders of the People's party.

Making an Impression. The girl is lucky who finds out I did not believe it | suddenly that she has something nice who learned that she had lovely hair. plu, and she used to look like a mon on the third day of a house-cleaning. opinion that is the bardest part of the that the hair would come down, and ple and not from a few reformers who cheon, or in the cars. She would an individual ax to grind. When we waggle her head so that her words shall have trained wardmasters, thorwaggie her head so that her words oughly understanding the topography would come out scalloped, and her nose got all spread around. A girl tive merits and economy of gravel and with a next fact to the worst nuisence. I know. She always has it stuck out proper machinery; we shall see a coring her dress and making you nervous. on the product of his labor and an in-It just about spoils a girl if she finds creased value in his land. As the inteeth. Good-by to quiet expression plies a corresponding increase in taxat once. Her eyes roll, droop, snap, shut, open, dance, and sparkle all shut, open, dance, and sparkle all the State, it will be readily seen that over the place, till you wonder why the State can well afford to take the they don't get sprained. 'Meanwhile her teeth are working just as hard. She smiles twice a minute, and often her eyes are getting in some fine touches that don't go with a smile at out and training expert roadmasters all. The effect is awful. I got so who will be sure of permanent and tired looking at a girl the other day paying employment in this most imthat I wondered why the man with portant work.

> that she doesn't care. - Philadelphia Ravenna is the end of the old, the beginning of the new, says a writer in cribner's: "Toward Rome all ancient history tends, from Rome all modern | history springs;" but here for a brief moment the broad current of history was dammed up into this little space, then ebbing away, even as the Adriatic has done, it left Ravenna full of strange, stranded monuments of a time that has elsewhere been swept out upon the tide into the ocean of

oblivion. Among the graves of the buried past the sarcophagi of exarchs, captains and priests which lie scattered in the churches and the streets—waifs from the shipwreck of Italy when Alaric burst upon her-are the sepulchers and effigies of three rulers who epitomize the art history of the city; of Galla Placidia, the conquered Roman Princess, who subjugated in her turn and married her captor, and preserved to Ravenna what remained of old-time splendor; of Theodoric the Ostrogoth, who infused the vigor of followed by the works of the Ostro of man.' gothic period, San Apolinare Nuovo and the tomb of Theodoric; while the

art grew rigid, swathed away in the embalming clothes of conventionality. gilded and stiffened, mummied within the stone walls till, eight centuries

It is a tact not generally known that of South America, and are in want of water, make for the mouth of the Amariver is so great and so strong that it sweeps back the ocean itself.

A CHEMIST advises that canned fruit and, Fra Diavolo, is among the possessions of the museum of Nancy, to be opened an hour or two before it is which it was presented by General ised. It is far richer after the oxygen of the captor of the robber,

A PLEA FOR GOOD ROADS.

From the earliest times of which we Gen. James B. Weaver, the candi- have record, and even in prehistoric date of the People's party for Presi- times, as shown by ar-heological redent, was born in Dayton, Ohio, June | mains, human intelligence has devised means for surmounting the obstacles of travel, which the physical necessities of man have called upon him to perform. In the Section of Transporation and Engineering, in the U.S. National Museum, at Washington, may be seen arranged, in chronologica brevetted Brigadier General for gal- order, the various means used for promoting travel and commerce, and for conveying intelligence, makin; a unique and interesting memorial of the genius of man as be created, link by link, the grand chains of communi cation which have exerted so powerful an influence on civiliz tion Here we may see brought together from every available source the appliances of travel by land, beginning with the simplest aboriginal devices for the conservation of muscular force in the first-that is the human beast of burden: skin bage woven, baskets and cases, toboggans, carrying chairs, the various stages of progress until we reach the smooth iron tracks and powerful steam engines and palace cars of

our XIX Century.

But with all the Yankee facility for invention and with the numberless devices for promoting travel, our country District Attorney, and later served roads, and often our city streets, are gen leman, excitedly, "will you tell me six years as Assessor of Internal Rev. noted for their wretchedness, and the what in the world you are going to enue for the Fifth Iowa District. In pa ient farmer pays more than enough nue for the Fifth Iowa District. In pa ient farmer pays more than enough in taxes and in the wear and tear of "I would much rather have you tell June of the following year he was smooth and level road, were it manvehicles and harness to procure nominated for the Presidency by the aged with the "brains" for which we, Greenback Labor party, and in the as a nation, pride ourselves, but which election following received 307,740 in the matter of our country roads rotes. in 1885 he was returned to seem heretofore to have entered as a

back Labor party. He was re-elected In the promotion of all great reforms two years later. Since then he has there needs to be a continual bringing pity!" been active in political movements of the subject before the people in order to so mould public opinion that the people, as a body, shall call for legislation upon it, for, however careless may be our public servants in the "What it administration of their trusts while the public remains apathetic or unin-terested, a general demand for the rethe matter with her. I knew one dress of wrongs by the great American people is invariably followed by a re-

sponse from the government. But it is this moulding of public then she did look lovely, especially if may prove only to be "cranks," or t happened at the theater, at lun- from a class or section who may have with a neat foot is the worst nuisance asphalt and broken stone and the in the car. Her shoestring is always responding improvement in the con-coming undone. She is forever lift dition of the farmer, a greater profit ation, thus enlarging the revenues of matter in hand and provide for systematic road construction. And here the Agricultural Colleges and other industrial institutions, maintained by the State, may do a good work by fitting

her didn't marry her just for the sake. When we survey our miserable of tying her eyes fast to her nose and country roads, miles of sticky clay knocking her teeth out. As for me, alternating with wretched corduroy, give me a girl who knows she is almost impassable at some seasons of homely or one that is so good-looking the year, we can well imagine the agriculturist surveying the wreck of dilapidated vehicles and broken winded horses, caused by the laborious hauling to market of his produce, and count ing up these losses and the growing taxes he has paid for this wretched failure, we can readily imagine him exclaiming with the ubiquitous street gamin, when he dropped his hard

"Oh, where is my pocket-book gone to And the money, I loved it so much?" As it is a self-evident fact that "the farmer feeds the world" the matter becomes in this way, if no other, a subject of the deepest concern to us all. By the improvement of country roads every branch of our agricultural, commercial and manufacturing interests would be benefited. Every article brought to market would be diminished in price, and the number of horses needed to carry on business would be greatly reduced," says an eminent authority. The city, too, sharing in these benefits should provide well paved streets, so as to attract to her markets the products of the surrounding country.

If it be true that "the road is that physical sign by which may be best understood any age or people," one might easily conclude that the people of America, to-day stood on a lower plane than the Incas and Aztec nations, whose broad causeways of stone, con-structed without the aid of the labor saving devices of to-day, were a wonder to Europeans who discovered them. Humboldt, never lavish with his encomiums, says of these vast roadways, The roads of the Incas were among the most useful and stupendous works

The excellent opportunity for pre senting the subject at the World's last group, that of Justinian, boasts Fair should not be neglected. Col. San Vitale and "St. Apolinaris in the Fleet."

Fleet. S1600 as the beginning of a fund to raise a building on the grounds of the Columbian Exposition, has begun the good work, and if other capitalists and manufacturers, pecuniarily interested would assist, we might have such a display of machinery and materials for proper road construction, exhibited by skilled workmen as would be an object lesson to every visitor and would go far to convince the most spathetic, that the remedy for this having rolled by, the spirit of an- great evil of bad reads is within our tiquity rose again and the chrysalis reach and only needs that the people It is said that a church in St. Ives, was forgotten, even as Galla's actual of the country should wake up to its importance. Let us then petition our Congress, that while making such liberal appropriations for our World's Fair as may give opportunity to fairly represent the industry and ability of our country, that this important subject shall have such conspicuous exhibit as its importance demands, and that, among the buildings set apart for such Yerk, two: Pennsylvania, one; Virgin-reaved friends can console themselves special representations as may be de-ia, seven; Onio, four; New Jersey, one; with the reflection that she was the manded by their consequence to the interests of the people shall be seen that devoted to the 'Department of Road Construction and Maintenance." E S. CRANSON.

> Blaudyte is the name given to the new material made of Trinic ad asphalt and waste rubber. It res'sts the heat of high pressure steam and lasts well in the presence of oil and greass The long life of birds has been inter-

preted as compensation for their feeble fertility and for the great mertality of

THE IDYL OF A SEA-MOSS.

BY ADA M. TROTTER. On the horizon the dancing flames of light proclaimed the rising sun. The laughing waves splashed the crimson rays, scattering them in dazzling reful gence, to spread over the bay, in and out the eddies ebbing on the reef, downwards through the clear water stretching, until the paradise of mosses, swaying with the ebb and flow, caught the radiance, and glanced up, goldentipped and tinted. The blue and gold went drifting on from horizon to shore, as the sun, cloudless, sent forth its myriad rays, to play in and out the depths with rain-bow hues, until recalled by the last

fismes of the sunset. The sunbeams were great talkers. "Why not?" asked the mosses, laugh-ing at the mirt fal babble around "Such travelers as they are, with the whole world lying at their feet! More -more!" was their genial cry.

Sea urchins awoke, and crawled sledges, c rts, har ess, etc., tracing along the ledges of the rocks; crabs put on their utmost speed, lest the ebbin3 tide should leave them stranded. The star-fishes, creeping over the opening mussels, made their morning meal, while the rose-tinted anemone swept the sunlit tide with its fragile t-nts cles, seeking some victim worth assimilating.

The sea-mosses grew from coarse dulse, which clung to the rocks always in deep water. The sun was scarcely up, when overhead drifted a shadow. The beams thus pushed aside cried in warning chorus, "A bcat—a boat!

"Oh, how beautiful!" cried a young girl. A sonorous voice replied, "Let me reach it with my oar?" "You cannot, professor. What

The sea-moss, looking up, saw two rager faces gazing at her swaving, per-fect form. "Can't you get it?" "Impossible!"

"What it is?" "I do not know. My book does not mention it. It is evidently a rara avis. Well, we must give it up."

The shadows moved with the boat

the laughing sunbeams came back. "We found you first, rara avis, said they. 'Were they admiring me? "Of course." "What next?" The sunbeams laughed.

"Yes, that is the way," they said. Now you have tasted a new joy, you will always be asking 'What next'?" "Will they come again?" "Possibly. Probably, however, you are already forgotten.' 'I might go after them. I am tired

of this. Every day I do the same things. Look now at this large breaker! I might mount and flit shore. that may be attached to any drill press wards. I too should travel. I should for boring any geometrical figure, such meet with incidents Most people as round, square, hexagon, octagon, tri-might see me." angle, diamond, star, oval, half round,

After all, such expressions soon pall upon one," replied the sunbeams, "We think nothing of it. It is our daily bread. Poets rave about us; children chase us—live on us. We are courted by princes, loved by queens, sought by rich and poor alike. But what of it?" "Ab! what a career!" cried the mo

float this way or that," among strangers."

"Friends!" cried the moss, with a At Bagdad, in that Territory, the there good services she owed her freedom from care, having nothing to do but

the rocks. "Coarse creatures! Give me good company or none.' The dulse laughed hoarsely, feeling inclined to be very good company. The family possessed a kind of beauty of their own, too, of which they were quite unconscious. When the tide was low and the reef was bare they covered the scarped rocks with mellow tints, golden brown deepening into black, even purple in the twilight.

The delicate moss grew languid as the day wore on, but the gay sunbeams never ceased their dancing. The tide ebbed lower and lower, then turned, and babbled back into the hollows of the reef. With it came a wind from shore, driving the wavelets briskly on, splashing the foam on the rocks, and scattering the sunbeams into millions of sparkling gloams. At length the wanderer was caught in a rocky cave, and roamed hither and thither with its monotone of story. 'So much to do ere sunset-our time for rest, you know-so I must go on. No way out of this, you say, but the way I came! Absurd! Can't go backwards, you know. No I don't want to stay. I'll search about; I daresay there is a crack I can squeeze through. No. I'm no story-teller, but it was in- \$750,000 was collected last year as the teresting, very. A balloon, I think duty on importations of smokingthey call it, with a man-creature sitting, trying to sail. Oh, yes, but I'm good-natured enough—I don't mind being 'sat upon.' I gave him a lift—sent him out to sea. I believe he said, at the time, I was going the wrong way; but It is many miles in extent, and is a you can't believe that kind of creature. North wind came binstering up and thick. so high. I want to get out to see him drown. Of course he will as soon as north wind drops him. Ah! I thought I should find a crack. Dear me! I'm terribly squeezed-there won't be much left of me to roam over the reef before sundown." He gathered his drifting garments and drew them through the tiny cranny, sighing softly his

The waves babbled into the cave calm and peaceful in their ebb and flow, a low moan came from the ebbing depths, prophetic of coming storm, occasionally breaking their monotone

While the sun set. His triumphant course was run without the uprising of a single cloud. Nearing the horizon he cast forth flames of dazzling brilliance, caught the forests, shedding gold upon the boles of the stalwart pines, buried the from horizon to shore, and glowed amongst the rock pools, until the barren reef, purple amidst these gorgeous small flames, was crowned with dismonds and rubies, while the lapping waves, splashing against the rock. waves, splashing against the rocky walls of the cave, for the moment builded ther. in amethyst and gold. The sea-moss swayed beneath the crimson current. Torrents of gold drug. rolled past and over her. The gay sea-creature crept out of sight

into night, and the Eternal drew back the veil that hid the glories of the dis-

reef was covered; its garments of dulse ruthleszly torn by the swirling waters, were swept far out to sea.

The delicate sea-moss set forth alone. Dashed now against some ship in distress, now against some hideous sea-monster, her career was no longer free of incident. Day dawned as she drifted shorewards on the heaving billows. The advantages of travel were hers. She saw how large the world might be. Perhaps it appeared a little dreary to her, all alone. "Even those coarse creatures on the

It was a monotonous life, after all, thus drifting back and forth about the island.

ifted from the waters and laid in a "None but the rarest specimens are placed in this collection," cried the

cried the professor gaily. "Your rara avis is in the best of company then," laughed the lady. e rara avis was triumphant, admired of all, shown as a curiosity, her perfect form commented on. "What next?" she asked after awhile.

Life was still monotonous. There was no answer. "The best of company," chatted the live-long day. Here should have been a compensation for the less of liberty. Our sea-moss listered, ready to admire, and, in return, give her own views of life, but, after all, remained

ever silent. Her compsers were dull, self-centred, self-absorbed. Was she as dull as they?

She turned with a warm glow at her heart to her old life on the reef. "I prefer the dulse after all," said she; they have their outside interests, the Too late!

GLEANINGS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

A HOUSE-DOOR letter-box which is so arranged that the postman as he inserts the mail mechanically and automatically rings a bell, is a new inven-

PHOTOGRAPHING under water has ectually been carried out, so it is said. Experiments were made in 1889, in the Mediterranean, to ascertain how far daylight penetrated under water. In very clear water, near Corsica, and eighteen miles from land, the limit of daylight was found by means of pho-tographic plates to be 1580 feet. A TOOL has been recently invented that may be attached to any drill press

of hole having straight sides or curved sides, or both. Any machinist of ordinary ability can successfully use the Ture oldest of the Dutch journals has passed its 226th anniversity, and the publisher has issued to his subscribers copies of the first number of that journal as it appeared on January 8,

breathlessly. "No wonder you do not 1656. It is said that the earlier copies understand our limitations, obliged at of this paper were carefully consulted the slightest breath of the ocean to by Macaulay in preparing his celebrated history. "Nevertheless, you are with your ONE of the hottest regions in the friends. It is better than drifting United States is along the line of the Southern Pacific railroad, in Arizona. scornful recoil from the dulse, to whose mometer has been known to stand as high as 140 in the shade for days in succession. The ticket agent at Bagplay, while the stronger moss clang to dad says that he has seen the mercur;

standing at 128 on the cool side of the depot building at midnight. THE common school children Athens are taught ancient and modern Greek French and sometimes English. Their "readers" are the classics of their own country, and while they are still children they are familiar with Homer, Xenophon, Herodotus and the dramatists. Their nursery tales are the myths of Hellenic literature.

Beleek wase is no longer made in Ireland. It is the thinnest "china" in the world, and Queen Victoria drinks her tea from Beleek cups. A cup and sancer of Beleek ware is a suitable wedding-present. What is called Beleek ware is now made at some of the potteries in Trenton, New Jersey. It is expensive, as there is so much hand-work necessary to impart to it the delicacy of the famous Irish ware. In the new British Pharmacoposia

the metric weights and measures will be a lopted, to the entire exclusion of the English weights and measures hitherto used there and in the United STATISTICS of the Custom house at San Francisco show that the sum of \$750,000 was collected last year as the

opium, at that port alone, with the tariff at \$12 a pound. This means an importation of 62,000 pounds.

solid incrustation of salt several feet

mings.

formerly a law according to which any person found guilty of slander was the streets of the town where he lived, accompanied by the beadle, as a sign that he was unworthy of the name of A discharged apprentice in Vienna,

Austria, revenged himself the other day by sneaking into his employer's cellar, pulling the bungs out of all the barrels, and allowing \$12,000 worth of wine to escape.

and the flower gets its reputation for putting people to sleep because it con-tains so much of this narcotic. A story comes fr m Turkey that people stopping to rest near the large poppy fields there are often overcome by inhaling the

An Egyptian scythe, dug up on the banks of the Nile in 1890, and said to be as old as Moses, is exhibited among the into the crevices of the rocks, awaiting with the sun. Then the after-glow antiquities in the private museum of touched the very zenith in its rapid, apward flight, and, fading as it fied, gave place to the evening star, serene and pale. Then did the dim sky darken by osu ented in a groove.

Prince Bismarck, the great Ger-At midnight the storm arose. The ment, is regarded by his fellow-counman statesman, though new in retiretrymen as their greatest man. Not long since he passed his seventyseventh birthday; and on this occasion 12,000 people visited Friedrichsrube to congratulate him, and 3,000 telegraphic messages were brought in by hard-working messengers. Prince Bismarck is an example of the effect of scholarship and high education in shaping character and helping a ca-Not a few great men have triumphed in spite of lack of education;

Republican.

ness by its aid. Prince Bismarck was an excellent vet seventeen when he completed his studies preparatory for the university; and that these studies were not of a She recognized the voice as she was triffing sort, judged by any standard, is proved by the certificate which he received on passing his examination.

many others have realized their great-

This paper which bears date Easter, 1832, runs as follows: "The written examination com prised Ancient History: 'Bella Romanorum adversus Macedonum Re ges.' a Latin essay. Secondly, Modern History: 'On the political conditions of the leading States of Europe at the beginning of the Eighteenth century. Thirdly Mathematics: To find the area of a figure limited at will by a parabelic curve and several straight lines. Fourthir, a German essay: How Europe accquired and maintained superiority over the other continents of the world.' Fifthly, Greek: ters. Translation and crucial comments on

the passage in the 'Alax' of Sophocles from line 940 to line 970, and a Greek exercise. "Otto von Bismarck received the following certificates in the viva voce examination:- Latin, good and fluent; Greek, good; Ancient History, McClintock very good; Modern History, good; the paper.

Mathematics, generally good, Philosophy, good." The general certificate is as follows. "His knowledge of Latin is good, both in his comprehension of the writers and in facility of composition. His knowledge of Greek is pretty good. He has a very satisfactory skill in the use of German; and a fair knowledge of mathematics, history, and geography. Of the modern languages, he

has studied French and English with special success." The teachers close their certificate of the boy who was to become of the most powerful man in Europe, with these words. "We dismiss this able and well-equipped youth with our best wishes, and the hope that he will pursue his further education with re-

newed energy." Bismarck's university course did t full shori preparatory studies; and in his subsequent career as a statesman continual evidences are found of his

Story of a Missing Diamond. One night a newly engaged couple were going to a ball. In the carriage he asked her to let him see her ring for a moment, some peculiarity of its sparkle having caught his eye, although why she should have had her

him the ring and he examined it for some time in the light of the carriage window. When the carriage stopped she asked him for the ring. "But I gave it back to you and you took it."

glove off no one can tell. She gave

"No, you did not. I have not had it since I gave it to you." Lights were brought, search was made, clothes were shaken-every place where a diamond ring could possibly lie concealed was uncovered. The ring could not be found. Each persisted, he that he gave the ring back, she that she did not receive it Assertion became argument; argument changed from heat to ice; communication was interrupted and finally ceased; the engagement was broken. They went their ways and each married another. One day several years later the woman, ripping up an old ball dress, found in the heading of one of the ruffles a diamond ring. It was the lost engagement ring. She wrote to her former lover a letter of apology and explanation, but the incident had turned the current of both their

CARE OF FINE CHINA.

Vork Sun.

lives. This is a true story.-New

"One of the troubles of a house-keeper's life," said a practical woman the other day, "is the practice that som servants persist in of pouring boiling water over fine china. I went into the kitchen the other day just in One of the natural curiosities of Asia is the Great Salt Desert of Persia. diately turned about and deluged the dishes with cold water from the bydrant. It seems impossible to impress on the minds of these people the fact The latest architectural novelty in Chicago is a book-shaped block, twelve will crack the glazing on almost any stories high, to be known as the Mercantile Register. "This book will have ruin to fine grades of china, and all steel bindings, with terra-cotta trim-They will take the dishes out of the pan, examine them with the greatest In the kingdom of Poland there was care, and declare that they are not injured a particle, and they may not ompelled to walk on all fours through | show at the moment that they are, but soon afterward they begin to 'craze, as the manuf cturers say, and after a time are covered with tiny lines of crackle. There is but one safe way to wash china and glassware, and that is to have the water of just sufficient posite sides of the Danube, was about in it. Water that is too hot for dated municipality now has a popular to have the water of just sufficient posite sides of the Danube, was about the posite sides of the Danube, which is the posite sides of the Danub the hands is too hot for good dishes. I used to insist on the servants preparing the dish-water before putting the In order to keep sea porgies through dishes in the pan. To do this they the summer, the fishermen of Rho's must rub the soap on the cloth, and will easily discover what the proper degree of heat should be. In this same connection, I may say that I never allow dish-mops in my kitchen. Ser-vants are almost absolutely certain to use boiling water, because they do not realize the necessity for cooling it when they use a mop. If the pieces are brushed out with a mop, the water may be actually at the boiling point, and for this reason I think that the di h-mop should be abolished from every wellregulated kitchen."

> the mother of 172 pigs, and now has a litter of eleven. Almanacs for 1893 are out already.

NEWS IN BRIFF.

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-London is said to have been the first city in the world to use coal. -Six militons of dollars are invested

in the manufacture of dynamite in the -The value of the art treasures of the Museum of Art of New York City

ts \$7,000,000. -The people of Russ'a use up 6,000,. 000 packs of playing cards every

vear. -It has been stated that every 800 bullets fire I during the civil war a man

was killed. -Some of the African tribes pull scholar in his boyhood. He was not their fingers till the joints "crack" as a form of salutation.

-From an old account book it as pears that in 1797 tobacco was sold by the yard in Eastport, Me.

-The area of the Czar of Russia's possessions is far greater than that of the entire Republic of France. -Every southern state except Ken-

tucky has passed pension laws for its ex-Confederate soldiers. -A large block of asphaltum was recently taken from a mine in Califor-

nia which weighed two tons and a half. -The tallest chimney in the world is at Port Dundas, Scotland, It is 454

feet to its copestone from the ground. -Photographers say that the facial resemblance of husbands and wives is closer than that of brothers and sis-

-Galileo's first telescope was made from part of a lead water rine in each end of which he cemented common spectacle glasses. -The World's Fair managers re-

held by Lincoln when he was shot. Mrs. McClintock of Philadelphia now has -The author of the "Watch on the Rhine," Max Scheckenburger, is to be commemorated with a monument in

cently offered \$500 for the programme

-The "Sampson" well at Waco, Texas, is the largest one in the United States, It throws up one and one half million gallons of pure hot water daily.

-Picardy, France, claims the honor

the German town of Tuttlingen.

of being the place where the first plate glass was made. The process was discovered by accident in 1688, -The last execution for forgery in England took place at the Old Bailey on December 31, 1792. The name of

the convict was Thomas Maynard.

-The first monument ever erected to the memory of the Union soldiers who fell in the Civil War is that in the cemetery on Somerville avenue, in omerville, Mass. -- A very convenient mucilage can be

made of onion juice. On being boiled a short time it will yield, on being pressed, quite a large quantity of ad -The former record for fast typewriting has been broken by Miss Caht

arine V. Curry, of Syracuse, N. Y., who can write 182 perfect words in one minute. She has been operating nearly five years. -A man living in New England, who is five feet seven inches in height, has a beard six feet two inches in

himself. The beard began to grow twelve years ago. -Of the sixty-four candidates for admission to the Imperial Academy at Berlin, Miss Bella Newport, an American, stood at the head. She excels or

the plano.

length, or eight inches longer than

fornia ships so much of her small fruit is 151 inches long, 81 inches wide and 1# luches deep. They are packed ten. tifteen or twenty in a crate, being placed five deep. -By a recent edict issued by the St. Petersburg (Russia) police has been decreed that every theatrical manager

shall place in the hands of a specified

-The tray or drawer in which Call

official, either in cash or current bonds, a sum sufficient to cover his expense. during an entire for tnight. Quince culture is not generallly overdone, because many fruit growers think it a difficult fruit to produce, and so avoid it. Under a deep, strong. sandy loam, with good culture, there

should be no more reason for failing

with quinces than with anything else.

-A joint committee of the two houses of the English parliament has reported electricity a su table and efficient source of motive power, and recommended that electric railway construction be encouraged throughout England. The natives of Gibraltar, and also the Moors across the strait, have a tradition that somewhere on the rock there

ean passage leads under the strait to the mountains on the other side. The existence of the passage, they say, is known to the monkeys, who regularly use it in passing from one continent to the other. - 'There is nothing so fatal to crawfish as a thunder storm," said a Wash-ington fishdealer. "When I make a shipment of them to any place at a distance I always make sure that the weather promises well. On more than

electrical disturbance. -The newest great city of Europe is Buda-Pesth, the Capitol and metropolis of Hungary. In Kossu h's day, less than half a century ago, the combined population of Buda and Pesth, lying on opone hundred thousand. The consolidated municipality now has a popula-

tion of fully balf a million. -The pains and expense which Gunmaker Krupp will take to bring his best work to Chicago shows the value that he puts upon an exhibit at the World's Fair. He will probably spend a quarter of a million on his display, but he will

-An old restaurant bill of fare, printed in Richmond, Va., in January, 1834, giv s the following war-time prices in Confederate money:

beef, \$1.00; ham and eggs, \$3.00; raw or sters, \$2.00; coffee, \$2.00; bread and butter, \$1.50; a bottle of ale, \$12.00; and a clgar, \$2.00. A PIECE of wood one inch long and

the cheek of a Reading, Pa., young man. The splinter entered his cheek six years ago in a coasting accident.

one occasion I have had entire consign ments killed on a journey by a small

secure an advertisement that will be worth far more than the outlay.

"Soup, \$1 50; chicken, \$3.50; roast

has a sow 6 years old, that has been one-half inch thick was removed from