A SONG FOR OLD FRIENDS.

The earth to the songs of the post Resounds in a deathless tune, Chough hearts be upon or below it-Though the winter be here or the June Of the numberless songs that are ringing, Let the ordence of one song flow Vor the Aprils fled and the living an The friends of the Long Ago.

Sing the charms of the winsome Molly, el the graces of Madeline fair-The heart of Sue that was jolly, And Jean with her glory of hair Sing of John and of Jim and the fellow Confessing we did not know That so much of pure gold the bosome sold hold

Of the friends of Long Ago.

The red of the April's blooming, By the whispers of springtime fauned, Cannot shine where the gloom is entombing-But they'll know and will understand!

They will know of one heart that is yearning For the old year's genuine glow,

folly

And their dust, long still, it will tremble and thrill-The friends of the Long Ago.

-Nashville American.

ATTACK OF LUMBAGO.

"Ahl" exclaimed my friend Thorley, the eminent physician, throwing down But my wife (to whom this was evi- I suppose?" the evening paper, which he had just been perusing, and delivering himself been perusing, and delivering himself "To be sure,' she cried, clapping her "To be sure,' she cried, clapping her the evening paper, which he had just dently a new idea) took it quite serious-

for the matter of that, may often be have never thought of him. Of course, latent in two or three commonplace he's the very man.' lines of print!"

"And what, pray, most saplent philosopher, has evoked from you that profound sentiment?" I inquired, laugh- joking. You don't suppose that the play without Hamlet, would it not?" ungly.

"The concluding sentence in this obit- you?" gary notice of the bishop of X." he said, taking up the paper again and bridling. 'Margaretta is good enough reading aloud the passage: "He mar- for any man."

ried, in 1806, Margaretta, third daughter of the Inte Joshua Barker," edy, my philosopher, or a tragedy that marrying man. In fact, for all his filtt-

lurks in that very shaple historical an- ing propensities, he is as confirmed a flouncement? "Umph! A comedy. At any rate the

comic element prevails." days, I believe?"

"Infimately, and his wife, too, In fact, I myself was a spectator of the ta about,' I suggested, slyly.

imarchage." You were?"

pressive air. I saw that he was burst- crossly, 'It is scandalous that the vicar ourselves in a corner of the club smok- not to be allowed. Everybody admits ing room. There are men from whom, that it is the bounden duty of a bene-In like circumstances, I should have fieed clergyman to marry. Look what fied incontinent, pheading an immediate an invaluable help a wife is in a parengagement. But Thorley was an ex- ish! You can't deny that, can you?" cellent raconteur and 1 had nothing particular to do for half an hour, 1 indisputable.' 1 assented, for it was therefore lay back in my chair and reafter dinner. 1 was spoiling for my

garded him encouragingly, nap, and it was my hope that if I al-"I believe," he went on, "that you lowed my wife to silence me in argu-Usuggested.

And, nothing lonth, he began: "It all happened more than thirty the subject just then, this idea which years ago," Thorley sold. "I need hard- I had so lightly mooted and which my ly say that the bishop had not, in those wife had jumped at with such eagerdays, attained to episcopal honors. He ness was not allowed by that perseverwas, in fact, merely, the vicar of Pem- ing angel to rest. The keenness with borough, where I, a youngster, was which she threw herself into her new

ations. In fact, the patient's "Margaretta was a handsome and movements when trying, if you underprepossessing girl; though even in stand me, to sidle round that particuthose days she showed some slight ten-dency toward that richness of form and will be gripped, and to gain the desired feature which she has since abundant. perpendicular by dodging, so to speak, ly realized. You have never met the the muscles of his own back, are often bishop's wife? Ah, well! She has extremely grotesque. Take it, also, long measured a good forty-five inches that the patient is one who prides himround the waist and is now the pos- self on the dignity of his deportment sessor of four chins. But in her girl. as our vicar did-and this grotesque hood she was pretty and fascinating, ness is appreciably enhanced. Indeed and slight, and not a few local bloods what could be a funnier sight to se

were enamored of her. These local than dignity struggling with lumbago? bloods, however, were all of the plebs I, myself, though hardened by profesplebian, and Margaretta was a girl sional experience, have often derived of aspirations. She wanted to escape the hugest amusement from it, And I altogether from the sordid vulgarity of certainly did so in this case.

"Our excellent vicar was extremely sorry for himself. He gave me a Pemborough society and to blossom into some more select and fashionable sphere. Thus, at least, she frequently graphic account of the torturing agonconfided to my wife, who, womanlike, les which he had endured, in trying to aided and abetted her in this ambitious rise from a kneeling posture in church -where he had been suddenly selzed-

"My wife was talking to me about and how it had taken him good five Margaretta one day. She was deplor- minutes to regain his feet, I prescribed some of the usual remedies, and prom ing the fact that there was no well born and bred young men in Pembor. ised to call again in a day or two. When ough to marry the poor girl, and re- I reached home the first question my move her into that higher circle in wife asked me was: "'Well, what is the matter with the which she was so well qualified to vicar? shine. And I said, laughingly:

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"'Only a touch of lumbago,' I an-" "There's the vicar. He's splendidly connected. Why shouldn't she make swered. "Then he will be unable to attend a match of it with the vicar?

the parish conversatione this evening, "It was simply a little joke of mine. may keep all his social engagements, Church is the only thing tabooed, be-

"'Perhaps so,' I observed. 'Far be !! from me to depreciate Margaretta. But denly fallen into one of her absent fits. dered any future explanation impossi-"Indeed," I said. "And is it a com- you see, my dear, the vicar is not a Soon afterward she left the room and ble." was enveloped in a brown study. bachelor as I have ever come across." " It is a crying scandal that such

> it outrageous." " 'Especially with girls like Margaret-

little comedy which resulted in their "But my wife was in no mood for jesting over this affair.

"'I wish you wouldn't make jokes "I was," said Thorley, with an im- out of everything,' she retorted, quite tions, for which last-named amusement consequence was the little biographical ing to tell a good story. We were by should remain a bachelor. It ought ages were not inconvenient; the more story."-London Truth. so, as the said lobbies and passages

were but indifferently lighted. "At this particular function everybody, of course, was present, including Margaretta, her parents and other adolescent members of her family. My "'Certainly not, my dear. It is quite wife bore down upon Margaretta the moment she appeared, and I saw them soon engaged in a whispered conversation in a corner of the tearoom. I did

nap, and it was my hope that if I alwould find the story rather diverting." ment she would let the discussion drop, "Then, by all means, let me hear h," Wherein, to my great thankfulness, I was not deceived.

"But although no more was said or carrying on my first practice, and scheme, the energy with which she set from her-which was not for twenty where Margaretta's father was brew herself to execute it, excited my su- minutes-I noted, with a grin of amuse-

ters, was in need of a congenial com , bago does give rise to some very ridie ; of movement which is so eminently characteristic of lumbago. It was a supremely ridiculous spectacle, this reverend dignified parson fixed on one knee and vainly trying to sidle upward I was within an ace of betraying my presence by bursting into a toar of laughter. But I just managed to con trol myself.

"'Oh, please get up, Mr. Travers! murmured Miss Margaretta, blushingly, affecting to be ignorant of the true state of the case. 'Oh, please get up! nebody will see you."

"'I-I-will you-give me your hand? gasped the vicar, desperately. "She did so, in the prettiest confusion. The vicar clasped it with all the fervor of lumbago.

"Then it all came about more suddenly than you would believe. For there stood Joshua Barker and there stood my wife, as though they had dropped from the clouds. And Joshua was shaking the still kneeling vicar by the hand and saying:

"'Congratulate you, my dear vicar, congratulate you! I ought not to intrude just now. But I was passing, by Jove, and couldn't help seeing and my lings as a father got the better of my discretion. You have won a treas ure-a treasure, sir,' etc.

"At the same time my wife was kiss-

ing Margaretta, who had covered het blushing face with her hands, and God blessing her and heaven knows what beside, looking the while as innocently "'Oh, no. I have told him that he pleased and happy as a guileless child. "It was splendid sport for everybody -except the vicar. And he-poor man! many complete comedies, and tragedies hands. "There's the vicar. I wonder 1 cause the poor man cannot kneet, or -was more taken aback and flabber-

"To be such ands. "There's the vicar. I wonder i arabe when he kneels cannot are's the very man." "Again." "I haughed aloud at the eager serious-ness with which she said it. "My dear," I told her, 'I was only joking. You don't suppose that the there—for Margaretta, do "Yes—for Margaretta,' I replied, jestingly. "Section of the suppose to draw my in the vicar had run the gantlet of a hun-the vicar had remark, and I saw that she had sud- he simply gave himself away, and ren-

> went upstairs, humming a tune, a "He must have been extremely weak thing which she always did when she minded."

"Perhaps. But then, you see, he was "We both went to the parish conver_ in an uncommonly tight corner. He a man should be a bachelor,' exclaimed sazione that evening. It was one of a had been flirting in a risky way with "You knew the bishop in his young my wife, in an indignant tone. 'I call series of functions held quarterly by Margaretta, and it was quite natural the vicar and the church wardens to that she should misunderstand what promote social intercourse and friendil- occurred. Under those circumstances,

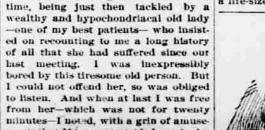
ness between the members of the con- to disabuse her would have been a gregation. These gatherings took delicate task, from which any man place at the town hall, and consisted might well be excused for shrinking. of tea and coffee, twaddle and flirta- At any rate, he did shrink, and the

STATUE OF CHOATE.

The Historic Jurist and Statesman to Be Honored.

The memory of Rufus Choate, the historic jurist and statesman, is to be honored with an appropriate monument in bronze David C French the noted not observe them again for some little a life-size statue of Choate, which is to New York sculptor, has just completed

STATUE OF RUFUS CHOATE.



16-YEAR-OLD GIRL HAS NERVOUS PROSTRATION

he Revivifying Effects of a Proper Ner-Food Demonstrated. From the Era, Bradford, Pa.

From the Era, Bradford, Pa. Several months ago, Miss Cora Watrous, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. I. C. Vatrous, a locomotive fireman, of GI Clarion treet, Bradford, Penna, was seized with a servous disorder which threatened to end or life. The first symptom of the aliment ras a loss of appetite. For some little time diss Watrous had no desire to eat and com-bianed of a feeling of extreme lassitude. Th's was followed by severe pains in the nead. For three weeks the young lady was seariy crazed with a terrible headache and opthing could be procured to give her re-lief.

The second product of product to give not re-tist. Finally, after trying numerous remedies, a physician was called and began treating the patient. He said the trouble was caused by impoverished blood, but after soveral weeks of his treatment the young lady's coadition had not improved and the parents decided to procure the services of another physician. In the meantime Miss Watrouis' nervousness had increased, the onins in her head had grown more severe and the sufferer's parents had almost given up hope of her recovery. It was at this time that Mr. Watrous heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. He found that the pills were highly recom-

of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Fale People. He found that the pills were highly recom-mended for nervous disorders and con-cluded to give them a trial. A box of the been taken there was a marked improve-ment in the girl's condition. After a half dozen boxes had been used, the young "ady's appetite had returned, the pain in her head had ceased and she was stronger than at any time previous to her illness.

than at any time previous to her illness. Miss Watrous concluded that her cure was complete and left home for a visit to relatives in the grape country near Dunkirk N. Y. She stopped taking the medicine and by over-exertion brought the ailment back again. As soon as the returning symptoms were feit, Miss Watrous secured another box of pills and the illness was soon driven away. She is now in better physical con-dition than she has been for years and de-clares that she owes her life to Dr. Williams'

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Wooden Shors.

There are several wooden shoe factories in America. The Hollanders various alcoves in the lobbles and pass- circumstances which has evoked the brought these durable foot coverings from the old country, and were long made sport of by the irreverent. But the Americans have, within a few years, been coming to the conclusion that in adopting the wooden footwear the Dutch had pretty level heads. The shoes are especially desirable for work in laundries, breweries, and stables, as well as on the farm when the ground is wet. They do not become saturated with moisture, never get out of shape like leather boots, and are surprisingly

> tion they are cheap, and will outlive several pairs of cowhide boots. The awkwardness of wearing the shoes soon passes away, and when the wearer enters the house he kicks them off for shoes or slippers of more graceful build. Wooden shoes are made entirely by hand. Small, solid blocks of wood are first shaped like a shoe. They are then turned over to the borer, who the hole for the foot He first bores the looks like an exaggerated cheese spoon works his way toward the toe. Once started with augers, knives, scoops and scrapers, the place for the foot is rapidly shaped. The workman often uses calipers and measures, so that one shoe of a pair shall be as near as possible the mate of the other. The shoe is then sent to the drying room to remain a month, when the final touches are to AN ANIMAL HAMMOCK give it the last scraping and the artistic finish. In this country, the wood used a limb and crawls about from tree t is basswood, as it is light, easy to tree. In this position he can sleep hours at a time. When a little sloth i work durable and dry. Occasional orders are received for fancy shoes to be born it uses its mother for a hammoch made of maple or walnut, and once an until it is big enough to climb for it The sloth grows to be about two feet The shoes are especially adapted for wearing in wet places, and the demand

"Mamma, if I had a hat before I had this one it's right to say that's the ha had had, isn't it?"

"Certainly, Johnny." "And if that bat once had a hole t and I had it mended I could say had had a hole in it, couldn't I?" "Yes, there would be nothing inco

rect in that." "Then it'd be good English to say that the hat I had had had had a hoi in it. wouldn't it?" "Johuny, you make my head ache."-Chicago Tribune.

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Laglest Animal in the World. In the deep forests along the Amazon River in South America there dwells one of the oddest and laziest creatures in the world. It walks upside down, it rarely, if ever, drinks, and it is said to feel no pain. The animal is known

as the al, from its peculiar piping cry, or the three-toed sloth. The last name is very appropriate, for a lazier animal never lived. Often it takes less than fifty steps a day, and it will be a month or more going a mile. It is not necessary for it to go any faster, because it lives in the trees and its food of leaves and soft twigs is always within easy ieach. Sloths have three toes on each foot, and each toe bears a

strong booked claw. When the sloth warm and comfortable, and in addimoves he simply hooks the claws over

Refused the Wrong Beggar. "I never refuse the ples of a beggar," ys a leading member of Congress. You must not use my name and adverse me as a philanthropist, for I am ot. It is simply a matter of necessity vith me. I am obliged to give somehing to every beggar or I could not eep at night. I made a bad mistake nce, and I would rather give occasionilly to the unworthy than to ever deny ssistance to the worthy. "Once upon a time I was in St. Louis

n business. It was winter, and you know how cold that town can be when it tried hard. I was out on the street at 11 o'clock one bitter night when a chap struck me for a dime. He was poorly clad, looked hungry and sick, and I ought to have handed out the money at once, but I was just brute enough not to do it. He followed me a hundred feet, begging and pleading. and I finally threatened to have him arrested. He turned away with a sob in his throat, and I went on to the

hotel. "There was a big snowstorm that night, and next morning they found him in a drift, frozen stark and stiff. I saw the body and recognized it. The pale face was pinched and drawn with hunger and suffering, and the eyes were wide open as yourse-great big blue eyes, sunken back in their sockets, and staring at me in an awful way. Yes, sir, they seemed to be fastened on me How to Secure a alone, and to follow me as I moved. When I heard car drivers, draymen, bootblacks and newsboys saying how gladly they would have given the poor wretch a quarter to buy lodgings and food I sneaked away, feeling that I was a murderer. It hurt me more than 1 can tell you. I don't wait now to be

can tell you. I don't wait now to be part asked for alms. I give to some who are, no doubt, undeserving, but I take my chances on that. That thing rests into the clivit Service Examination. ' furnishes not only full information about Postals, Customs. Internal Revenue, Railway Mail Departmental and other positions, salaries, date and places of Examinations, etc., but also materially assists you to consetility assist you to consetility assist the competitive examinations.

Good Catch. "Bagger, the professional base-ball

player, has married an heiress." "Ah! good catch!" - Philadelphia North American. Farmers in New Brunswick have been greatly retarded in their farm work this spring owing to the excessive amount of



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But even then his preme won

spiritual life of the parish. I suppose "You, my dear fellow, are a married his age must have been about 40, man, and you know the ways of womthough he looked older. And he was a en. You will, therefore, feel no sur- could see plainly. That this mischief it a most admirable portrait, both in for them is steadily increasing. continued bachelor. So much so, in prise to hear that neither Miss Barker fact, that the single ladies in Pembor- nor my wife thought for a minute of ough of whom there were many, hard being content with these unpractical ly regarded the vicar as a matrimonial flirtations. Nor will it cause you the ly possibility; albeit, with his high con- smallest sensation of wonder to be innections and good prospects, he would have been an excellent spec for the vicar's declining to toe the scratch was est of them. "Not that he was a boor or a brutal man,' etc., 'If I had been half a "west of them.

misogynist or anything of that kind, a straw for my wife's peace of mind," Very much the reverse. He mixed free etc., 'If I had been at all like some othly in the social life of the place. He or husbands she knew,' etc. However, enjoyed the company of ladies, and, you, being married, have all this, of indeed, it his sanctified way, was quite course, at your fingers' ends, so I will a proficient firt. But to that deeper, not go into that part of it. Nor will I insting sentiment which leads through dwell upon the piteous accounts given up to wedlock he was entirely me by my wife of poor Margaretta's strange, and I honestly believe that the breaking heart, and of how she was bare idea of matrimony had never pining and wasting away, and qualifycrossed fils mind. ing for early quarters in the local cem-

"Now I will revert for a minute to every. That is an old story which I the Burkers.

"I have said that Joshna Barker, the my narrative after an interval of twe head of that family, was a brewer of or three months, indifferent been in spite of the qual ity of his mait liquors he did a large stness, having many fiel houses, and was worth a considerable sum of mon suffering was of quite a trifling nature,

But then he was the father of being nothing more serious than an aton children, so that his fine in | tack of lumbage, and not a very severe one was semewhat discounted. attack at that, for he was perfectly shall not have much to say about any free from pain, in most postures, and f them, excepting his eidest daughter | was only very violently gripped by the the whom I knew better that malady when attempting to rise after others and who was a great stooping or kneeling. Still, of course, and of my solids. In fact, the young this was sufficiently inconvenient to a event a great part of her time at clergyman, as it precluded his taking and I was glad that she part in the church services, and he was did so for my wife lawing only lately particularly anxious to be well again been married to use and having come from a house full of brothers and de "Now, there's no doubt about 't, lum

with the week i - la fairdhe The result size that well and strong A to Arris to -1 I take grout pair ng friend of it an THE R. L. LEWIS CO., LANSING, MICH. Mrs. 1. 3 · West, Fort. 11, 1800 WEIGHTY WORDS Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

1 Mar- by my wife), had made her pounce, and who did not, indeed, seem at all loth to the greater seclusion of the dimly light-

"Ton't you think this room rather the lobby for a few minutes?

"'Certainly-a good idea,' answered "And off they went-iny wife throw- in Boston. The staute in the clay has

glance over her shoulder as she passed. distinguished nephew of the great man, That she was up to some mischief I and it is said that he has pronounced was in connection with the vicar and feature and figure. The statue depicts Margaretta I could conjecture with Mr. Choate in one of his characteristic tolerable certainty. But beyond that attitudes. He is standing erect, one general impression, I was quite in the hand grasping the lapel of his Prince dark and, being detached just then and Albert coat, the other holding a numseeing nobody about with whom I had ber of pages of notes, from which he is the least desire to converse, I strolled speaking. The pedestal on which the out myself into the lobby with the idea bronze figure will rest is to be of mar-

of seeing if possible what my wife's ble, and the total height of pedestal ittle game was. "As I sauntered slowly along one or The monument is a gift to the city of little game was. the side passages, I heard the sound of Boston by some person who does not murmured conversation on my right, desire that his name shall be known. Powerful Explosive Is Lowered and Glancing in that direction, I descried Rufus Choate was a native of Massathe vicar and Margaretta seated in con- chusetts and was born in 1799. He was They were too much taken up to have He was educated at Dartmouth, studthe eavesdropper. will take leave to skip, and will resume

"One morning I was sent for in my she was listening with heightening col an era of great men. He died in 1859.

professional capacity to visit our vicar. or and downcast eyes, ever and anon, The complaint from which I found him however, raising those features and than these empty compliments. Once rawned out. tion was coming; but on each occa- lost a battle. sion he pulled himself up just at the critical point, and turned what looked know him better. like being a proposal into a mere piece of firtatious rhetoric. It must have been uncommonly tantalizing for Mar than their own evils. garetta. But she kept her head and Prayer is always easy, when we her temper admirably, and continued kneel on praying ground to smile on him as blandly as hereto. The man who knows h

"At last-having, as I supposed, givon up all hope for that occasion, since was not then aware of the wonderful esourcefulness of woman-Margaretta suggested that they should be rejoin- gets in every home where Christ is ing the others. The vicar agreed. They rose from their seats, and as they did In the robin redbreast speaks the so, Margaretta, happening to glance down at her particularly neat little save." ocs, uttered a sudden ejaculation.

'Oh! Look! The ankle strap of my hoe has come unbuttoned. Oh! dear! ogy human. I-I-if it would not be presuming too

weight against the saloon. "Den't mention it. With pleasure.

murmured the reverend gentleman, as he sank gracefully upon one knee and roceeded to negotiate the strap round her pretty ankle.

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'Hal my friend,' I chuckled to myself from behind my Hercules. 'In the gallant impulse of the moment, you have forgotten your lumbago. Facilits

ol Bed revocare gradum way, he was suddenly grupped and pulled back with a spasmedic fork. He made another effort and another adopt of nature is spiritual. God never made the world for an apothecary shop or a chemical labora-tory, but for a temple; the final word of nature is spiritual. "I did. For as the vicer, still obly-

erected in the newly built court house ing me a meaning but mystifying been inspected by Joseph Choate, the extra fine pair had a mahogany veneer.

> Try Grain-Ol Try Grain-Ol Ask your grocer to-day to show you a pack-age of Grain-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. Grain-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach re-ceives it without distress. One-quarter the price of coffee. It cits and 25 cits. per package. Sold by all grocers.

FLOWING PETROLEUM WELL.

Among the impressive oil region spec tiguous chairs, screened by a big paim. a descendant of the old Puritan stock / tackes the shooting of an oll well always takes front rank. The well that observed me. And, I am half ashamed led law, and, like his nephew, devoted is to be shot has been drilled to the off to confess it, but I did a low thing. I the best work of his life to its practice. producing strata of sand rock, and alipped behind a brawny plaster Her. As a lawyer he was pre-eminent. He there the oily fluid is held in the pores cules, which stood adjacent and played wrote some memoirs that are still read, of the rocky formation. In some inand he might have been great as a stances the gas pressure is sufficient to "The vicar was bending close to Mar- statesman had he had the ambition to blow the oll into the hole drilled in the garetta, uttering many pretty speeches pursue politics. His career as Congress- rock, and no other means is required to -but nowise committing himself-and man and Senator was remarkable in ret the oll to the top of the ground.

long. Its hair is wiry and coarse, and it has no tail to speak of. The natives say that it cannot feel pain, and they prove what they say by showing how the sloth will roll itself up and deliberately fall out of a tall tree in order to save climbing down. Pretty lazy, isn't it? An uglier, more useless animal could not be well imagined.

The Sea Gull.

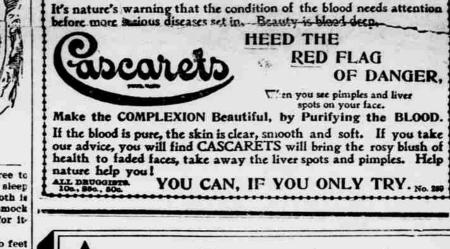
The sea gull is the scavenger of the ocean. It scours the surface of the sea near the shore and frequents harbors to seize on floating garbage, dead fish and other putrefying matter; and these birds have saved many a village and seaport town, round about which they hover, from plague and pestilence. Such being the services of the sea guli it is a short-sighted policy that causes them to be ruthlessly killed by thousands, partly in idle sport, but principally that their wings may be used for millinery purposes. Their eggs are also collected in enormous quantities for museums and for the shops of naturalists.

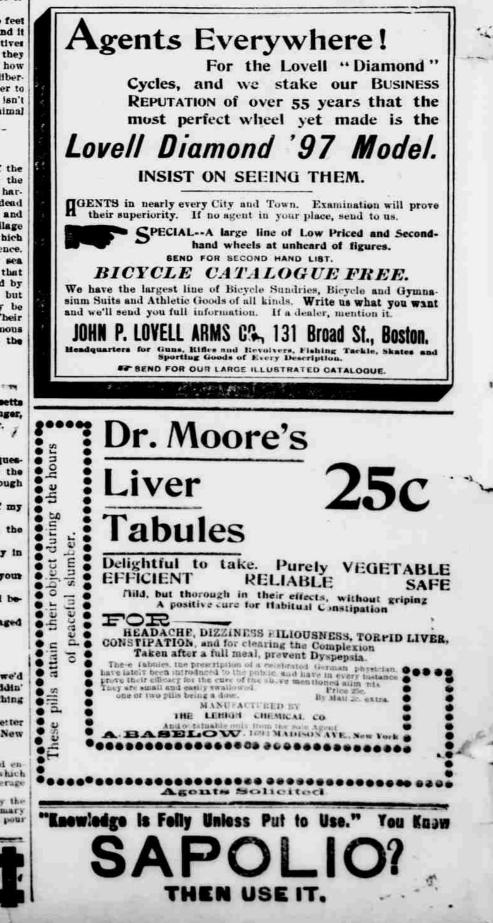
Impertinence Rebuked. Mr. B., who lives in a Massachusette town, was asked once, by a stranger, if he was a soldier in the civil war. "I was not." answered Mr. B. "Why not?" asked the other. Mr. B. evidently regarded this question as impertinent, for he gave the stranger a quick, sharp look through his spectacles before he replied: "I suppose it was on account of my way of looking at things." "What! Were you opposed to the war?" "On the contrary, I was heartily in favor of it from the beginning." "Then what do you mean by your way of looking at things? volunteered, but was rejected beause I was short-sighted." The stranger then went and engaged me one else in conversation. An Imposing Gift. Mrs. Hornbesk-I wonder what we'd

better give Cousin Em'ly for a weddin' This is only in exceptional cases. The present? It ought to be something theap that will make a big show. general way is to lower a long torpedo so as to pass inside of the casing, down Farmer Hornbeak-Guess we'd better give her a load of hay, then.-New York World

> Lee Metford rifle barrels are good en-ough for 5,000 or 6000 rounds, which makes the life of the rifle, with average use, about 20 years. Teapots are used in China only by the poor. Among the wealthy it is customary to put the tea leaves in each cup and pour water on them.

WHEN THE TORPEDO EXPLODES.





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darting at him glances of radiant ten. The gurgling of the faucet is the devderness, meant, doubtless, to evok something from his lips more practical Make a call too short, rather than be or twice I half thought that a declara. The was is not over because we have Whoever knows God well wants to Some would rather face a cannon

The man who knows how to live well

will not have to learn how to die well. Our prayers for guidance will not be heard, unless we are willing to be led. The devil has to fight hard for all he king.

same Christ who came to "seek and

Nature is God's; botany and geology are man's; so religion is divine, theoi

The man weighs little on the Lord's much upon your kindness, Mr. Travers, side who is not throwing an onnce of

The prohibition that gives society the to the bottom of the hole. The torpedo children who never saw a drunkard is a tin can of probably 10 feet in an't be such a big failure. The Creator expends so much force filled with nitro-glycerine. A percusan't be such a big failure.

in sunsets and apple blossoms that sion cap on the top of the can is so arthere must be some great use in mere ranged that the dropping of a weight or beauty. ranged that the dropping of a weight or go-devil causes the device to explode.

If you want to know the spring, open The rock is rent over the bottom of the your heart, so, also, if you would know well, and a basin is formed which be-Christ. Knowledge bloats; love devel comes a reservoir to pump from when the well is ready for that part of the

Forces Out a Torrent of Oil.