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The Stranger on the Sill.

By Thomas Bucianan Read. Iveen broad fields of theat and corn Tae lowly home when I was born : T peach tree leans against the wall, Atthe woodbine wanders over all; The is the shaded dorway still, Bus stranger's foot has crossed the sill vee is the barn-and as of vore. smell the hay from the open door, e the busy swallow's throng, dear the peeree's mournful song he stranger comes oh ! painful proof-Sheaves are plied to the heated most mere's the orchard-the very trees ener my childhood knew long hours of ease sud vatched the shalowy moments run in Inv life imbibed more shade than son. Thiswing from the lough still sweepes the air, the stranger's children are swinging there.

ere bubbles the shady spring below, ith its bulrush brook wherethe hazels grow, vas there I found the calenus root, d watched the minnows foise and shoot, I heard the robin lave his wingthe stranger's bucket is at the spring. te and daily cross the sill.

lightly, for I have it still : and when you crowe the old barn eaves, Thea think what countless harvest sheaves Mave passed within that scented door To gladden eyes that any no more.

Deal kindly withthese orchard trees; And when your dildren trowd their knees, Their sweetest from the by thall impart, 'As if old memorietstirn ed their heart. To youthful sport \$1| leave the swing, And in sweet revence hold the spring. The barn, the trees he brook, the birds, The meadows with eir lowing berds;

The woodbine on the cottage wall---My heart still lingerswith them all. Ye strangers on my nive sill. Step lightly, for I lovet still. [Godev's Lody's Book for July.

A gentleman of the name & McLaffin, resi rkable for his engacity. He ane day sold dog to and find a handkochief which

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and started for home.

Printe Letter to Maj. Jack Downing Post Office, Downingville, State of Maine.

June 30, 1848. R NEPHEW: Bein our army is about breaks up in Mexico and coming home. though the best chance to get a letter to you would be to get your old friends, Mr. Gales and Sation, to send it on that way, and may thi come across you somewhere on the so be you are still in the land of the living Your aunt Keziah is in a great worriment about you, and is very much frightened for less somethin has happened, because we haven't heard nothin from you since your last letter. I try to pacify her, and tell her the Is, Circulars, Bill Heads, Notes, fighting was all over, and nothin to do but to finish up the court martial the last time you writ, and that there isn't agoing to be any more annexin' till Mr. Cass comes in President, and you'll soon be along. But all wont pacify her; she's as oneasy as a fish out of water, and says she lays awake half the night thinking of them garillas, for fear they've got hold of you, So'I hope you'll write home as soon as possible, and let a know whether you are dead or alive, and set your aunt Keziah's heart to rest.

For ny part, I hope you will hurry along back as last as you can. Our politics is very much mired up and in a bad way about the Presidetcy. It would puzzle a Philadelphy lawyer is sell how it's comin out. It was very unlicky hit when President Polk sent old Zack Taylor down to Mexico. He wasn't the the mail. Angol of not stoom to see right mar. But, then, I 'spose Mr. Polk had no idea d what sort of a chap he bad got hold of. It can't be helped now, but it's like to be haint seer a well day since Taylor first begun I dont know, after all, but this annexin' Mex- throughout the world, subjects of vast imporico will ran out to be an unlucky blow to the tance connected with the commercial relations party; for what will it profit the Democratic of the country, we fear, may not be sufficiently party if they gain the whole world and lose the considered. was a shiftin and whithin of currents, and the carriage of mails, &c. will be considered in a while I'm writing !) in the stillness of my quiet wind and the tide was settin us on to the rocks, subsequent article connected with this subject. chamber, (Ha! ha! oho! good !- what's that?) in spite of us. We soon see that old Rough We have now nearly two thousand ships on I sit down to write a few lines to you. You and Ready, as they call him, was agoing to be the ocean. Amid all the contingencies to which know how to dress salad -- you do ! Although ing in Rockingham county, Aw Hampshire, too much for Cass. But, as we was all making our Government is liable it would be well to I feel the pang of separation (fill up! Tew years ago, possessed a do that was re- up our mind that it was gone goose with us, have a protecting arm over the vast Commerce; -so; thank you;) from your dear self at this Mr. John Van Buren of York State-he's a and when contemplating the condition of our moment, yet it is a pleasing reflection to know smart feller, a son of President Van Buren, and present Naval armament, which counts about (what's the state of the game now!) that a few beeper. a chip of the old block -- he sings out, "Dont one hundred vessels --- large and small --- inclu- short days will enable me to be again with you, child hed loss in a distant field while pick- give up the ship yet; if one hoss aint enough ding ten ships of the line carrying about 3,000 (a segar Joe;) and once more press your genberrie The dog started off with his usual to draw the load, hitch on another." Well, the guns, less we believe than one-third the extent the hand in mine. (Oh! I can't take a hand but in the course of an how or two re. idea seemed to take; and they stirred round of the Naval armament of Great Britain, we now.) Again I shall leave this city, tiresome inwithout the handkerchief, looking as and got up another Convention at Utica, in are to seek for strength other than that which deed during your absence, (We won't go home York State, to see who they should put up, and arises from the mere force power of the Navy. till morning !--oh! keep still, will you?) and st-fallen as though he had been caught in a they all puched upon President Van Buren .-- We have many forts that are useless, and it every hour of the interval will be counted (capabbor's sheepfold. The master cuffed his Mr. Van Buren patted them on the shoulder, would be far better if they were appropriated to ital story, that, Billy !) with anxious solicitude s sharply, and sold him to go and try again, and sold 'em to have good courage and go shead, the relief of disabled seamen; and many ves- by me. As I sit here alone, in the stillness of ad not come back until he found it. The dag for they was on the right track, but they must sels that could easily be dispensed with that the night, [Come, give us a song? I can't streed off again with apparent reluciance, while hitch on somebody else besides him for he had are sustained at great expense and are of no pon my word !--oh, do ! | Secluded by my te master followed behind, and unperceived made up his mind four years ago not to take practical service. One Railroad stretched a- self, my mind is filled with tender recollections he day went towards the field where the child bold again. But they stuck to him with tears cross a populated country, terminating at a sea- and a lowness of spirit comes over me [Gaily picked the berries, and set down on his in their eyes, and told him there wasn't anoth- port town, providing facilities for concentrating still the moments roll] which I endeavor [While sunches -- held down his head -- and appeared er man in the country that could draw like him a body of men at any given point, is more need - I quaff the flowing bowl] in vain [Care can ascertain how that calf got through that auger along side of Cass, and if he still had any pa- ful than numerous forts, floating batteries and never reach to soul!] to shake [Who deeply hole, and I can't make out, to save my life," He sat in this attitude for perhaps half an triolism for the party left be musn't say no. - gun-ships, all of which are kept in existence drinks off wine off. I now lay down my pen, when he suddenly jumped up with a pe- And they worked upon his feelins so much at enormous expense, yielding no revenue and [Bravo! bravo!] for fatigue [one moment, boys.] yell of excharion, and started for one hat at last he didn't say no. So now we've may never (as is most likely) be brought to any overpowers me. Adieu, my dear wife, [in a mer of the field. Here he stopped for a mo- gos two candidates, Cass and Van Buren, and use whatever. the second, and thus con- as I want o that we shall give him a pesky large as 1,600 tons burden, and as many ne

ty strong. You know this appointment in the prise .- N. Y. Tribune! Downingville Post Office, that you got Gineral Jackson to give me, has always been a great comfort to me, and it would be a sad blow to me to lose it now in my old age. I wish you would make it in your way to call and see Gineral Taylor as you come along home, and try to find out how he feels towards me; because, if he is to be elected any how, I can't see any use there would be in my biting my own nose off for the sake of opposing his election. And I dont think that patriotism to the party requires it; and I'm sure prudence dont.

When you get to Washington, call and see Mr. Richie and try to comfort him; I'm told the dear old gentleman is working too hard for his strength-out at nights in the rain, with a lantern in his hand heading the campaign. Try to persuade him to be calm and take good care of himself. And be sure and ask him how the Federals are goin this election, for we cant find out any thing about it down here. I used to know how to keep the ron of the Federals, but now there is so many parties, the Democrats, and Whigs, and Hunkers, and Barnburners, and Abolition folks, and Proviso folks, all criscrossin one another, that I have my match to keep the run of 'em. But your aunt Kesiah says the clock has struck, and I must close

> So I remain your loving uncle, JOSHUA DOWNING, P. M.

the rum dour party. The Democratic party The World united by Steam-Ships,&c. his Pally the battles; and now we are all shiv- and the earnest desire on the part of our peoerin as bad as if we had the fever and agay .- ple to watch the progress of liberal principles

Presidency ? Ye see, the Whigs have put up That innumerable benefits would be conferred Taylor for President; and it has completely upon the country, in every particular, from a knocked us all into a cocked hat. There isn't steady and reliable communication with the one half of us that knows where we stan or Southern seacost towns cannot be doubted, but which way we are goin; and there isn't a par- the manner of rendering the benefits available ty fence in the country that is high enough to to flow from the establishment of such interkeep our folks from jumping over. They are course is a subject that may well occupy attengetting kind of crazy, and seem to feel as if old tion in connection with the importance of fra-Hickory had got back again, and they was all ternizing the people of every portion of our running to vote for him. The Whigs laugh vast and fruitful continent. Unbroken lines of and poke fun at us, and say they have as good communication either by water or railroads ed before sunrise, carried to a proper reposia right to have a Hickory as we Democrats are to be sought for. We have now the Port- tory, and pounded into a mass there, and then have. We put up General Cass first, and land and Bangor line through the Eastern thought we should carry it all hollow; for he's States, joining the line of the Sound, terminaa strong man and took a good deal of pains to ting at this City, which forms a link to a conmake the party like him all over the country. tinuous line South. There is a line of Railroad And if the Whigs had done as they ought to, from Portland in Maine through this State exand put up Clay, or any one that they had a tending to North Carolina with the exception right to put up, we should a carried the day with- of a few miles South of Washington City .out any trouble. But the conduct of the Whigs! There is a canal and railfoad from the most rehas been shameful in this business. Instead mote Western part of our State. So that from remember that early travelers in that country of taking a man that fairly belonged to 'em, they the most extreme Northern and North-western have grabbed hold of a man that got all his pop- portions of the Union we have already, nearly ularity out of our war, and was under the pay perfected, the varied facilities of land and water ice." of our Administration, and has been made and communication as far South as New-Orleans built up by our party, and the Whigs had no --- by steamboats, railroads and canals, beside more business with him than they had with the the electric telegraph. The only steady com- city during their absence in the country in the man in the moon. But, for all that, the Whigs munication that can now be looked for beyond coming summer months, will experience some had the impudence to nominate him. Well, that point is to be derived from Ocean Steam- alleviation by reading the following:that riled our water all up, so we couldn't see ers. The question as to how far Government . My Dear Wife: In silence and alone, (boys bottom nownere. But we soon found there shall facilitate private enterprise---regulating don't make such a tacket there, if you please,

ig to near the middle at each succeeding hard tog. Some are afraid we aint hardly strong steamboats of various dimensions, building at He went round the field about twen- enough yet, and they've called another Conven- our dock-yards. Those vessels all extend-our I yell of triumph, piekced up the handker- up another cardidate. But others are faint- enterpise, and would be more servicable as a ing the public interests, therefore it becomes another pound would kill him."

So you see what sort of a pickle we're it, our province to scrutinize the claims of all peand how much we need your help jest now, titioners for such favors. So far as regards the But there's one thing I have on my mind pret- patronage that should be given to private enter-

> Keeping Cool in Hot Weather. Chambers' Journal gives the following devi-

es in hot climates and seasons :-"The means in present use for artificial refrigeration, are very various, some of them very interesting. Among these, the employment of porous earthen-ware may receive an early place, The Moors introduced into Spain this luxury, in the shape of very elegant vasses, wonderful light and porbus. Water kept in these became rapidly deliciously cool, and from some pecuharny in the process of the manufacture of the ressels, it acquired, in addition, a very agreeable flavor. In Egypt and in India, and in most cultry regions, this expendient is at the presant time a very prevalent one. It has also for some time been extensively employed amongst ourselves -- porous wine, butter, and ware keeps water coolest where the clime is hortest, the very increment of heat being made water vessels, which suffer a little water to exude, and thus keep the remainder comparatively cool. A common method of cooling wines in India, is one which will almost appear a paradox : the bottle is wrapped in flannel wetted with water, and placed directly in the rays During the political revulsions in Europe of the sun; violent evaporation ensues, and the wine actually becomes very cold.

is often applied in a peculiar manner for the purpose of freezing water. Near Calcutta, in an open plain, there are large shallow excavations made in the ground, and filled with straw; upon this many rows of small, shallow porous pans, filled with water, are placed at sunset. During the night ice forms in thin cakes upon the surface of the pans; it is carefully removcovered over with blankets. This manufature can only be pursued during the months of December, January, Febuary; and in the it is never produced naturally. This ingenious process must wholly disappear before the import of Wenham Lake ice. What a revolution has commerce effected in India, when we were looked upon as liars and imposters for as-

Coningal Affection.

First Rate Stuff. Doctor, that 'ere ratsbane of yours is first nes, when he jumped up into the air with tion to meet h Buffalo the 9th of August, to put commercial transactions, are the fruits of private rate, said a Yankee to a village apothecary. — tered notes have recently been presented at the Know'd it ! said the pleased vender of the State Treasury. The fraud is generally comhearted about it and say it's all no kind of use; naval protection, if required, than the unwield-drugs- don't keep nothing but first rate doc- mitted on such notes as are must form and dee veracity of this narrative may be relied we may put up trenty candidates, and Taylor ly vessels belonging to the Government and tor's stuff. And doctor, said the joker cool- faced, and is not confined to any particular We received it from Mr. F \_\_\_\_, a Bap- will whip the whoe lot : it's a way be has ; he built for "the service" There will always ly, 'I want to buy another pound! Another bank. syman of great respectability. Now, lalways did jest so n Mexico. If they brought he schemes on the part of individuals for ap- pound?' Yes, sir, I gin that pound that I log reason mathematically? Does twenty to one agin im, it made no odds; he propriating the Government revenue to their bought the other day, to a pesky mouse, and it add proof that sussince is out another whips the whole ring from Pally Alio to Bona uses, under some plausible presence of promot, made him dreadfully sick, and I am pretty sure --- that we are cog-weels, pushing each other

## Ret as Asser Tree Soap Tree as ton

We noticed some time since, the use in California of the soap plant. From the author of "A Campaign in New Mexico." we get the following particulars respecting it. He says :---"We first met, on this part of the rand; with the species of palm cailed by us soap-weed, from the fact that the Mexicans use its root as a substitute for soap, for which it answers very well. Indeed, it is considered superior to it for the washing of woolens. I believe it is rightly named the lechuguilla. This singular shrub, which is to be met with on the prairies, but where it never grows to any considerable size, consists of a trunk very pithy, sutmounted by a fine head of stiff leaves, each of which is about two feet and a half in length, and armed at the end with a long thorn. The leaves project from this stalk on all sides, and setjas close as possible and are of a dark green col ir. The flower is white and very pretty. As each year's foliage decays, it drops down against the trunk, of a light brown color. These dry leaves, water coolers, of many elegant designs, being when fire is applied, flash up like gun powder, now produced at our potteries. But porous and burn with a bright light. Our night marches could be marked by their flames; which, as the nights were cold (although the days were comto re-act in the re-production of cold by rapid fortable) were cheering. I have been thus careevaporation. The Moorish names for their ful in describing this plant for several reasons; earthern jugs was Alcameros or Bucarros. The one is, its many uses, -of the leaves, the na-Arabs, burnt up with the eternal fire of their tives make their hats; also when dressed like scorching country, make use of goat skins for hemp, it is formed into ropes and sacks, looking like the material known as Manilla hemp. though courser. These plants have a singularly protoking quality ; being from two to eight feet in height they will assume to the eye in the twilight the most deceptive forms. To the sentinel they will appear as forms of men; and many an unconscious soap weed has run the chance of a sentry's shot from not answering It is a common plan, too, for sailors, in warm the callenge "who goes there ?" If your mole latitudes, to cover their wine with cloths con- or horse has strayed from camp, and you start stantly wetted. Apartments are cooled on a to hont for him in the grey of the morning, you similar principle, and an abundance of water are sure to be led first in one direction, and is frequently dashed against the walls with the then in another, by one of these shrubs or high most grateful effect. In India, also, the cold, from a short distance, has taken the form of so daugerous and penetrating on a clear night, your animal. Time after time you may have been thus deceived, yet never seeming to learn experience from a soap-weed."

The Calf's Tail and the August Hole.

The North Carolina Argus tells the following capital story, for which it is indebted to a stump speech of a Virginia meraber of Congress. We have read nothing that has called our cachinatory muscles more violently into

play, for a long while:

The proprietor of a ian yord adjacent to a certain town in Virginia, concluded to build a district where the ice is formed in this manner stand, or sort of store, on one of the main streets. for the purpose of rending his leather, buying raw hides, and the like. After completing his building, he began to consider what sort of a sign it would be best to put up for the purpose of aftracting attention to his new establishment; and for days and wee'as he was sorely puzzled serting the possibility of solidifying water into on this subject. Several devices were adopted, and on further consideration, rejected. At last a happy idea strur 's him. He bored an augur Ladies whose liege lords are tarrying in the hole through the door-post and stuck a call's tail into it, with the bushy end flaunting out. After a while be noticed a grave looking personage standing near the door, with his spectacles, gazing intenly on the sign. And there he continued to stand, gazing and gazing until the curiosity of the tanner was greatly excited, in turn. He stepped out and addressed the infrom the dying mun by the returning laubivib

"Good morning," said be of sussimag law "Morning," said the other without moving his eyes from the sign; ad wood warm hide

"You want to buy leather?" said the storeongrion of the term-ine third I west to No.

"Do you wish to sell hides?" .0681 . 2180 will take place to Detober, and Monate

" Are you a farmers?" on ylan live goendo! nry let, lead; The new executive North "Are you a merchant?" doug to usus a ad

ties he is colled auddenly to meet will on it "Are you a lawyer !" s nemetabons a firm dienity upon the White party.

" Are you a doctor ?" UF Richard Brochead, Member of oNon

"What are you, then ?" (d.01) alic mora "I'm a PHILOSOPHER | have been standing here for an hour, trying to see if I could

## Altered Relief Notes.

There are great numbers of altered Pennminute ; duty before pleasure; and believe sylvania relief notes in circulation, altered from and then commenced trotting around the good strong ones too, both of 'em; and if we can't During the last Summer there have been no me [I'm with you now, boys !] your affection one's, two's and five's. This is effected by the figure "5" and the word "five," and so with the two's, and is done in many cases very neatly. We learn that great numbers of these al-

Nature teaches us that we are all dependent along by filling up mutual voids