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# Interesting Sketch.

From the Boston Transcript. An Evening With Madam Pfeiffer.

I had the good fortune to pass last evening in company with the celebrated female trav eler, Madam Ida Pfeiffer. She interested me exceedingly, not only because she is the first woman who has had the courage to travel over the whole world, alone, unattended and unprotected, but because her character, of itself, is a powerful and remarkable one .-In person she is slightly and delicately form ed, of scarcely the midle height. Her fea tures are quite small and regular, her complexion darkened by exposure apparently, and her expression worn and aged by fatigue. And here allow me to remark, how strange it is that different individuals see the same objects with such different appreciative vision. Madam Pfeiffer has been called plain. I do not understand how one who has ever seen her smile could say so. Her smile is won. derful and extremely fascinating. Her soul beams out of her face with amazing brilliancy and sweetness. I could compare it to nothing but the genial sunshine breaking out from among dark clouds on a dull day. My friend said, when a brilliant thought excited her, her eyes were like stars, and with a smile playing over her face, it was like a

meteor passing athwart an evening sky. She is very unpretending in her manners affable, and easy in conversation, although speaking English imperfectly. Of course, she talked of her travels, and her thoughts

often passed in a moment, from one part of the world to the other, in illustrating a story, or in comparing traits of character. She has been where a white man has never yet

dared to penetrate, in the interior among cannibals, in both hemispheres, and I placed my three fingers within a wound (now cicatrized) on the upper parts of her left arm, made by a huge negro and cannibal in Patagonia. I said how did you escape the perils of such an expedition-but I 'need not have asked-the regard of her eye was so calm, strong and resolute, her smile so sweet and winning, that I saw how she overawed those wild, untutored savages. "Yes," said she laughing, "when they threatened to kill and cat me, I patted them on the shoulder, and told them I was old and tough."

In the course of conversation, she spoke of Russia, of its nobles and officers; "they are all," she said, "incapable of truth; they know not honor in its high and chivalrous sense." "Ah," she said, "the black slaves at the South, in the United States, are not so unfortunate, nor so cruelly abused, as the serfs in Russia, the 'white slaves.'"

She phid a warm tribute to the followers of Mahomet, their noble hospitality and truth-travelling among them (that is the Turks, Arabs, &c.) she said, "I was apparently poor, but the women treated me like a mother; the men, with honor and honesty; but in the samelcircumstances and condition among Christians, quite different, quite different," with a good deal of emphasis. "Of all the countries I have ever visited," said Madam Pfeiffer, "of all the vile, immoral places I have ever seen or heard of, in savage or civilized lands, the gambling saloons in California are the worst. I went there in company with friends; the doors were open; everything invited entrance .--Splendor in every form, temptation most subtle and powerful, combined to lure the soul and body to destruction-splendid cur 'tains, carpets, exquisitely painted pictures whose subjects were so impure, that I involuntarily placed my hands over my eyes; wines, liquors of all kinds, free, and to be had for the asking, all combined to lure the poor mortal to sin and death. Yet all was so voluptuously respectable, so perfect in good taste, so refined in appearance, so beautiful to the eye, that its influence stole into the soul, like the deadly poison of the upas tree. What wonder if with awakened passions, and brain made insane by liquor, allured by lovely young women, who preside at the table and overlook the game, with gold around, and, on every side of him, the poor victim rushed to the gaming table, for a new excitement and a new phase of stimula-

had not her resolution been invincible, her determination indomifable. She is not unsexed by her intercourse with the world, she is still sweet-voiced, subdued and quiet. I felt attracted towards her both by love and respect in a wonderful degree. She needs no protector-the strength within her own soul, is a panoply and shield, and there is One above, whose care is ever over those, who put their trust in Him.

May she ever find hearty friends; and a tome warm with hospitable cares for her comfort, wherever her wandering feet may lead her. and in whatever land she may find i temporary or permanent abode.\*\* M. C. W. S.

Miscllancous. THE GREAT PLAGUE

In Dicken's Child's History of England, vol. 2, we find the following respecting the London, in the seventeenth century :

"During the winter of 1664, it had been whispered about that some few people had died here and there of a disease called the plague, in some of the unwholesome suburbs | a mixture of English and Arab blood. of London. News was not published at that

time as it is now, and some people believed and they were soon forgotten. But in the ed city, and large sums were paid for any

kind of conveyance. 👒 "The disease soon spread so fast that it was were all deserted, grass grew in the public ways, and there was a dreadful silence in the air. When night come on, distant rumblings used to be heard, and these were the wheels of the death-cart attended by men with veil-

ed faces and holding cloths to their mouths,

selves into the river. These were not all the horrors of the time.

The wicked and dissolute, in wild desperation. were stricken as they drank, and went out are seen two gorgeous saddles and bridles and died. The fearful and superstitions per. presented to the Emperor by the Sultan, the suaded themselves that they saw supernatural saddle-cloths of which are most richly emsights-burning swords in the sky, gigantic broidered with gold, all the mountings being and round the dismal pits. One mad-man, Lord upon wicked London. Another always went to and fro, exclaiming :---"Yet forty third awoke the echoes of the dismal streets, by night and by day, and made the blood of the sick run cold, by calling incessantly, in a deep hoarse voice :-- "O, the great and dread. ful God!" Through the months of July and August, and September, the Great Plague raged more and more. Great fires were lighted in the streets, in the hope of stopping the infection; but there was a plague of rain, and it beat the fires out. At last, the winds which us time did the like, to whom came a voice from ually rise at that time of the year, which is Heaven, "Anthony, thou artnot so perfect called the equinox, when the days and nights are of equal length all over the world, began to blow and to purify the wretched, town. The deaths began to decrease, the fugitives to Alexandria, where he found the cobbler. The return, the shops to open again, and pale, cobbler was astonished to see so reverend a frightened faces to be seen in the streets. The plague had been in every part of Err

LOUIS NAPOLEON'S HORSES. The Emperor's splendid stud of horses ex ited the admiration of the Prince's suit, and is not unworthy of notice in connection with the Emperor's well directed efforts to improve the breed of horses in France. The cavalry horses of the French army are mostly bred in Normandy, except the horses of the light cavalry, which come from Tarbes, near the

Pyrences, and which have a mixture of Arab and bone, and Napoleon's attention is un-

ceasingly directed to this object. Large made by his agents, and seeing the prices valry which exists between the buyers for the French-and German Government to secure

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breeding establishment at St. Cloud, at which colts of extraordinary value are reared from-

The Imperial stables at Boulogne, which are in close proximity to the Hotel Brighton, these rumors, and some disbelieved them, the Emperor's residence, are an extempore construction of wood, erected in 15 days, over the town that the disease had burst out and covering nearly half an acre of ground. with great violence in St. Giles, and that the They contain 36 English saddle horses for people were dying in great numbers. This the use of the Emperor, his suite, and visitsoon turned out to be awfully true. The ors, 36 carriage horses for the Emperer's caroads out of London were choked up by leches, charabancs, and other vehicles, and people endevering to escape from the infect. 30 post horses. The Emperor's chargers, reserved for his exclusive use at reviews and

in the field, are six in number. They are all English, as are, indeed, the greater part sick people were, and to cut them off from their former names are retained, and every communication with the living. Every one stall has the horse's name painted over the of these houses was marked on the outside animal's head, the English visitor might forof the door with a red cross, and the words: get that he was in a foreign country, and -"Lord, have mercy on us!" The streets imagine that he was walking through the stables of some English nobleman.

The Emperor's favorite steed is a dark chesnut horse, called Phillips, after Mr. Phillips, of Knightsbridge, of whom the Emperor purchased him. He is a noble and spirited animal, and is usually ridden by the who rang doleful bells, and cried in a loud Emperor when he reviews the troops, where and solemn voice,"" bring out your dead I"- | he distinguishes himself by his beautiful ac-The corpses put into the carts were buried tion and by his habit of bowing and praneby torchlight in great pits, no service being ing when he approaches the colors of a regperformed over them-all men being grand iment. As the Emperor at the same moo stay for a moment on the brink of the ment raises his hat, the horse and the rider ghastly graves. In the general fear, children appear to salute the colors together, to the ran away from their parents, and parents grout delight of the troops. Both the Emfrom their children. Some were stabled of peror's stud and establishment at St. Cloud strangled by hired nurses, who robbed them and Boulogne are under the superintendence of all their money, and stole the very beds on | of the premier piqueur of his majesty, Mr. which they lay. Some went mad, dropped Gamble, whose thorough knowledge of the from their windows, ran through the streets, points and treatment of the animals under and in their pain and frenzy threw them. his care is well known to the English sport-

ing world. The general control of the stud is confided by the Emperor to Colonel Eleury, Premier said one. "What, my child ?" I was thinksat in the taverns, singing roaring songs, and Ecuyer to his Majesty. In the saddle room ing how much better the branches would

day in getting my living, and I keep from all falsehood, for I hate nothing so much as I do deceitfulness; wherefore when I make any man a promise, I keep it and preform it truly; and thus I spend my time daily with my wife and children, whom I teach and instruct, as far as my wit will serve me, to fear and dread God. And this is the sum of my simple life."

WELL MATCHED .- The Transcript quotes blood. With many excellent qualities of from the article in the last number of the endurance, the horses of the French cavalry N. A. Review, on the use and abuse of words, are capable of great improvement in blood the figure of speech of a farmer, who replied to a rather complimentary remark) on his horse-"Yes; but he is as slow as cold mopurchases of English horses are frequently lasses !" We think we can match this .--Once on Lake Ontario, in an old tub of a which are given for good steeds, and the ri- steamer, a substitute for a regular boat, bound at the rate of six miles an hour, from Oswego to Niagara river, we asked the skipper if the best animals, some astonishment is ex- he meant to take the usual rout via Toronto. pressed that English farmers do not more. "Go to Toronto in this thing !" was his angenerally avail themselves of the facilities swer, "I would as soon undertake to drive a Great Plague that prevailed in the city of they possess for rearing first rate horses for load through a barrel of tar." There was so certain and good a market. Besides the significance and appropriatenes in the meta-

COUNTERFIT CHAMPAIGN .--- A trial in New York has brought out some singular facts touching the manufacture of Newark cider into the choicest brands of champagne. Empty champagne bottles are bought at the hotels and other places, the labels are ingemonth of May, 1664, it began to be said all but extremely convenient and well arranged iniously imitated, and the whole finishing and backing are in exact resemblance to the genuine article. The effervescence is given to the eider by forcing air into the bottles. The spurious champagne is sold in great quantities to the hotels and to dealers, and the quantity of it drank, it is said, greatly exceeds that of the genuine importation.

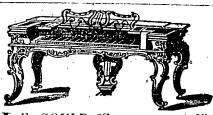
TURKISH SOLDIERS .--- One peculiarity of the Turkish soldiery is, that they will smoke. necessary to shut up the houses in which of the saddle and carriage horses, and as It is a very common thing to see a sentinel with a cigar in his mouth; and it is not un. usual in pássing a corps de garde, to be respectfully asked, " Have you any tobaco, sir?" Nothing is commoner when one happens to be smoking than to be checked by the military in a voice between entreaty and command, "Wait sir I.A light sir, if you please !"

DEPRECATORY .--- A genine Down Easter was lately essaying to appropriate a square of exceedingly "tough beef at dinner, in a Wisconsin notel. His convulsive efforts with a knite and fork attracted the attention and smiles of the rest of the comapny, who were in the same predicament as himself. At last "Jonathan's patience vanished under his ill success, when taying down his "uten-sils," he burst out with, "Strangers, you needn't laff-if you hain't got no regard for the landlord's feelings, you orter have some respect for the out butt." This sally "brought down the 'house.'

AMBIGUOUS .- An old lady possessed of a arge fortune, and noted for her penchant for the use of figurative expressions, one day assembled her grand-children when the following conversation took place:

"My children," said the old lady, "I'm the root and you are the branches." "Granma?"

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I asked Madam Pfeiffer, of all the coun tries she had seen, which she should prefer as a residence, quite aside from her love of her native land, (which is, I think, Prussia.) She said, "Ceylon, the Island of Ceylon, the -climate is so fine, the country so beautiful, the

people so kind, hospitable and courteous." Madam Pfeiffer is a genius and of course a wonderful woman; she is a rare combina tion of delicacy and strength not only men-

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arms and darts. Others pretended that at of solid gold, and the bit of silver gilt. One night, vast crowds of ghosts walked round of these saddles, &c., was used by the Emperor when riding out one day with the Prince naked, and carrying a brazier full of burning Consort. Its value is estimated at 250,000 coals upon his head, stalked through the francs. Another splendid saddle, with erimstreet, crying out that he was a prophet, com- son velvet seat, was a present from Abd elmissioned to denounce the vengeance of the Kader, with three Arab horses. The Imperial carriages and liveries are of dark green, the former all manufactured in Paris. Few days and London shall be destroyed !" A things grieved Louis Napoleon more than being obliged, when President, to break up his stud and dispose of his horses, but now that his exalted position supplies him with the requisite resources, he loses no occasion to secure the best English horses that money.

can procure.-Boulogne letter, Sept. 11.

ST. ANTHONY AND THE COBBLER,-We read a very pretty story of St. Anthony, who being in the wilderness, led there a very hard and strict' life, insomuch that none at that as a cobbler which dealeth in Alexandria." Anthony hearing this, rose up forthwith, and took his staff, and traveled till he came to father come to his house. Then Anthony said to him, "Come tell me thy whole conversation, and how thou spendeth thy time ?"-"Sir," said the cobbler, "as for me, good works have I none, for my life is but simple and slender; I am but a poor cobbler; in the morning when 1 rise, I pray for the whole city wherein I dwell, especially for all sych and dimession point of our share the second

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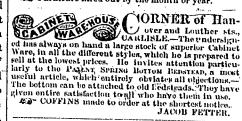
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