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 June 20, 1856.

Salet Cule.
THE VALUE OF A PIN
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One of bation iuvited us mos to a a capitital

werc aumorized to publisth it, wimit be. esteemed menufacturer, who won one of the filfonor-was the most conspicuous guest We all looked with sincere admirntion at the
industrious and gifted engineer who had beindustrious and gifted engiaeer who had before tho nge of thirty, nequired so large an anount of wenlth nud distinction; the more
so beousie there was a report current that so beouuse there was a report current hat
the new decore had succeeded in making his way through wany impediments aud difficul. ties, and that be had atiarted from ac, very low station in life., I determined to now he
truth, at all ereutt; and as I had the good fortupe to occupy the bent near our French friend, I was soon on intimato terme with him, and when dinner was over, aud we were comfortably and quietly sipping a most excellen anp of coffee, I suddenly alked our bero give us the 日tory of his life. Ho compied without reluotance or atfeoted modesty we following nafrative.
Some fittoen years ago, I was a kind of oung pagabond, sloy to learn. hint very enger
 of Paris possess an unpleasayd tey null - merit seeper, in vary moderate cic cuan tances, anis I attended the muigigipal solhoul next to uur
house, or rather I pretended to nttend it , for house, or rather I pretended to attend it, for
I liked muoh better to stroll along the Boule rards and anuse my melf in the Cbamps Elysees Thers was, in sthort, overy prospeot of ay becorigna my god honest father, when o the grief of my good, honest father, When mo back to my senses and to the right pntib. It is a trifliog aneedoto, if we may use thie wdra without impropriety, in a world where the happiness of a whole fa
penda on so ôlled trifles.
pends on so allled trifles.
I had not gone to school thict day, $?$ bacinuse I bad met on the Boulovards a loog funera procession-thousands and thousands or mourners or all agos and condicons, depa
ties and meclianics, high diguitaries and bum ble artisand-a corrious but interesting mix ture of conts and blousés, following a ver sioplo bearse. It was the peoplo of Paris nd companying good old Jacques Lafitte to fiz last abodes: There way Bomething so anforsing
ith this demonitration-tliat of a whole popu lafion bestowiug on a simple citizen honor refubed to: tuiggsiand only trom time to timi grainted to suob patriots as General Roy, Lav
fanyette, or Garaier Pages-ihat eren if $I$ hud not bean loo gretext, offered so unoxpectedity to my vagrant propensity, ahould have followed the funeral. So I tooik halao in the gortege with a companion, and on we wont, to, thio
cemetry; which could scarcelyj hold us all, and was closely gaarded by a number of por
fioemen and a detaoliment of mubicipnl guntids oven after they have breathed their last. 1 listoned with deep omotion to the specohe delivered by some of the popilar 'oruiors of the time $;$ nd-at -last, whon-all- was over, on with me; and, as is matter of ocurse, inculging in as many by-roids as we possibly
could. You must iot, therefore, be surprised to find us in the afternoon sitting on on benel in the Jardin des Plantes, watching the einnbols of the monkegs, ind disoussing the pur litienl merits of the pure democrat whose loss
 thus picked up two pins that thad probably fallen from a lady's dress; but, nis you 'miy suppose, I threw them darelessly
continued my declamatory addrew
". You may beliève it or
 ditizen Lafito," Here I monle un the worthy
 peeted nni mupleasant manner
 and a good-for-nothing fellow all sour life.," Tetirted nnd looket rount in confusion when I saw that the prophet of evil was, as
venerable old man. leaning on a tree, ani venerable old man. leaning on a tree, and!
listening unceremintiously to our boyish. conlistening uncereminiously to our boyish con" You will never become aserich and honored ns good Jaquird Lifite ; nnd 1 will tell you
 owed his, firtune to that circiomstanco. Tabe my wor, for it, the youth who doés not value
a pin-will neverbecome-a wealthy minn I wns speechless and miy pyes aloue betrnye my feelings. Tho kiud old man, for such th wis, in spite of his assumed har
$a^{\text {'sent beside us, and spoke thue }}$
$\because$ Let me tell you the story of
fitte's progrees, and many it bo in lesenc la Merymife! Jacques was ne of tho numer
 thinery imphamtint depury, a-states

If the king, and no
fe: und that, nfter ful-
 stutions in life, his , by a whole nation, nnu fify thousnad mours
ors would follow him to the ors would follow him to the gave-the won
derfal prediction would have been linglied a even by $n$ fond monther, For poor young Jac ques had not the advantage of going toecthoo and Le deplored it bitterly: while yon indulg only in playing and rambling, nod do. not a vuil yourself of the opportunities which you rumily and the state offer you. Ho lenrne the rudimente of rending and writing, as it
were, by bimealf; and certainly with muc were, by bimenelf, and certainly with muct
difficulty; and after having been 4 kind o errand-boy in a country-office, and improved Paris ne well na be was able nothing to trust to but Goid nnd a letter of sieur Perrígnux. As soon as might be, bo went to he boue of this gentlemion, and ha heart bent lóndly when be presented this let in lif. He had not enten anything that morfing, and did not posesess a siaglo, sou t to buy a dinger; ond, besides he was enm and father nad his poor minither were perhiphs suarning, with nearly nilluzuer children rothul Lhem. Nonsieur Yerregaux read the letter without even remarking the pale oounteuance
of the young man, and returned direotly the diecouraging ninswer that he bat already five or six clerks too many in his office, and that there was no room for anew one. Poor Jio ques, on bearibit thit, was in the net of retir ing slowly and withoat a word, although the direst oonsterpation. : He bent his hea this position, he saw a pin glittering on the floor, and obeying inatinatively a well taug
lésion of his beloved mother-to anre emallest things-he ${ }^{6}$ pioked the pin up and put it on the mantle:piece, sajing, by way of apology to the banker; who had watohed the
 however bad noticed the nection, and reoalitig tho industrious yopth, exolatimed saddenly, -I will make room for you in the toan
your thioge, and como bnok direotly.
"It was a a aniban stinto through ib dark olouds which Fad till then overhung the path of tho needy garpenters ing ine with wht exnuitation he greeted this ray of Lope. Thus Jacques Lafite be partaer, and at last the succeabor of M. Perre. gauc. (In this manner he became very richbis numerous brothers and sisters happy. He was not meroly wenlity-that is oommon
enough-he was a mart of unsullied integrity; and we all know hovi the Emperor Napoleon
when denintiog for his gravo in St. Helean, nutee or receipt ; how Linficue mhtried his danghter to the Prine de II Moskown, the el dest yon of the illustious Mrribnl Ney; how ho was elected doputy and, and bechme one or
he most influential members of tho House ow he play infued tho foremost part in the revo
 ers: how he was named by Louis' Phitipp res: how he whe named by Louis Philippe er than sign anti popular decrea; how he be came poor again in the service of his country and how the grateful picople subsribed tw millions of fraucs on ${ }^{n}$ bis belalf to ro- establish Mis fortunes. .You yourselves ghy to day how
Irnce honored this gfeat man to the hast
 Gö then, my inds, attend diligen
andleirn to value even a pin!".
Having this spoken the old mann went nway
nd I saw him vo more. But his atory had
 the school of industry, and learied $t$ grea denl in the way of engineering. . wacques and in passing through the street which tiear the name of the illustrious depaity. I nlwnyt
felt tho Eime sort of religioue cinotion ns when
 Whiked past nchurch, somen nuventions What you see me-a nut unimportant membe
of society, on the roid to wealth and distinc of soci
üot.
CAPT. MARCY.S EXPLORATIONS Who bas not a friend amoug the nemy off cers, and their fumilies, on tho frontiers of Texas and Arkinsas? Who has not thought
of such a friend ns lost in a dim region that a such a friend ng lost in a dim region that ess made up of forests that bogin and en notrhere, deserts that have no outhiney, rivers
that run every way nad never get in the sen,

 bout in neconfusion of loculities, beỹorid $n$ latitude and longitiude? Now, here is somo:
 River of Louisiann in 18іे2," by Coptuin Randulph is Mirey and G B. MeClellnui, with arge maps aud numerous lithogra
ry, geology, plauts aud auimals.
Captain Marcy, singular ns it may seem Was the first to explore the bource of a grea civer, pouring iteelf througb a State neary
fifty yenrs old. Frou his concise and suien fic, yet picturegque narrative, enbracing journey of a thousund milos; we take $n$ fery the nore juicy episodog, onily rémarking her the ekilful oonduct and good fortung of thit long expedition, in which not one of the me or the catle were lost, nor suffered very erely by the way. The voluminuus research

## bapactry of the inean.

"Severnataneectites which wore rolated to no by our guide, concerning the habits of tho igher position io the scale of naimal iustinct nuangacty haa rhat of almost any othe andrupe. Cor instance, be sayg that befo. ably goees severul hundred yards with the vind, at a distrnce from bis tyack. Should nenemy now come upun his track, epar's keen sense of smell; be is almosic oertinin to be made awgrerf hise presence, aud has time escape beftre lie is himself seen.
"He also btates that when pursued, the arth or rocks, where the huiter oftion endearors, by making a amoke at the entrance. to force him out; but it not unfregeñtly Lap. pens that, ingtead of coming out inten the moka becomes too oppressive . be very delib rately advances to the fire, and with hig fore reet beats upon it until it is extinguished; o he had often reen. Although these state': ments would, seem to endor bruin with some. hing more than mere animal lastinot, and ex ince a conception of the conncection/ between Fas related to me would go, to prove this cu ious quadraped one of the must stupid felams in theibrute creation.
My intormant says that when tuo bear can not bo driven out the care by smoke, it some times begames necespary for the huiter t nke his riffe, and with a boh to enter the thise a very hazardons nudertaking and that the animal vold soon eject the presumpte as he sede the litht approaching ho site uprigti on hia haunches, ana with bis fore para covers tita face and eyes, and remains in thit osition until the light is romoved. Thas the unter fi onabled to approach as olose ai ge te
desires without danger, aud taking doadly aim with bis faithful rifle, poor bruin is slain, ferent Indiang; in whose veracity I have much

## onfidenco, and 1 have no doubt aro btrictl

 That is certaing bluting ones eres to un ensant trutha, or doe the benregeets to has he shmpanting biden of dying coverering bis o? As wonderful at that of bruin, is the
sagacity of the indin.
"This man bins orten been among the prai "This man ling often been among the prai:
Indiang, underetands their languago ano naracter well, aud the moment the seeg.
nillinalue by them; or añ old deserted camp ho at ongédeterniues what nation they were
io number of horbes and nules in their' pois ession $;$-whether they were acioupuniod by heir funilies, oud whether they were upon (irespedition or otherwise; as also tho ting (within a how hours) of their

## These faculties appoar to

onfured exelusively to the-Indiant. evor scen $a^{2}$ white mañ hant coula judge are nattery with such certainty ns they.ans to dan, one of our Doluwares looked for momentat the foot prints, picked up a blad of grues thai had beon crusbed; nud said the trail wai made fwa days sinco, when to us it
had every appearance of being quite freeh.subsequent obyervations sintisfied us that b $\stackrel{\text { vas currect. }}{\because} \mathrm{A}$ Upou ano

- Upou another ooceasion, in riding alon over the pruirie, I say in the band what ap
peared to be a benr track, witti ithe impression f all of the toes, foot and heel. On pointin it out to one of, he Indiane, he instantly cal: dod my ntention to.n whe of grass-hnoging
wout ten inches over-the parks, uad explain to me thut while the widd is blowing, the bhades aro pressed towardy the eurth, and the
oscillation ileretby produced hud scoipel out e. Iight enud ins pro form Thave meatione his wheu explaned, was perfectly siuple an atelligible, but I nen very nuch inclined $t$ beliove the solution of it would hinve puzzled time,
Our lady equestring, who that rizes a ngricul
wilh:
thibnaizons uy tig pramise. It is when mounted that the Cnuingeho oy iy at home, and bis akill in vurious mana urero which be makes avainble in bntleuch as throwing himself, entirely upon one ith great rapidity to torard tho opposife side, rom beenth the animial's neek, while he is a fill speed, is truly astonishing. Mony of the omen aro equanly expert, as equentiana, th tho men. They ride upon the anme sad les, and in the anmerminner, with a leg up heir triill in horsémanslip, two young wome of ono of the bands of the Northern Caman. thes, while wo were oncamped near them, upon seeing some antelopes at a diatnace from the camp, moonted horses, and, with lassos f this fleeteat inhábilant of the plains. Af r pursuing them for some distance, and tagng all the advinutages which their oircuians course permitued, they finally came dear en, nod, throwing the lasso minh unerriag recision, secured each animul, and brought
IIistory docs not afford worther esamples
Ahtirveneas to duty
"An incident which was related" to ${ }^{m}{ }^{m} \mathrm{~m}$ a courring with one of these guides a fow yeare ince, forcibly illustratei their character. The officer having charge of the party to Which ho was nttatghed sent hlm out to exam. he purpose of ascertaining the prairie, for lead to. The guide, after following it as far as he suppoised the would be required to do returned and reported that it led off into "th graries to no particular place, - 0 far ae bo of batitifactory, and directed to take the trail agnin, and to follow it until he "gained the re quired information. Ife aecordingly wen out the second time, but did not return tha day for the next and the party after a time began to be alarmed for his safety, fearing h and weeks pasned by, but otill nothing wat hand of the guide, until, on arriving at the first bordor vettlement, to their satonithment he mado Lis appearanca among them, and, ap protohing the commanaligg oficer, zaid, Cap: thin, that trail Fhich you ordered me to follow terminates hore. He had, mith Indomitabe resolute energy, traversed alone eiveral hundred miles of wild and desolaie prarie; with nothing but his gun to depend upan for sub sistence, determinod this time to cerry ou
 arughtily gample of youpt men who wero
$\triangle$ anser oom font to tanir payigr.
"Theg are perhap, as, arrant freebooters
be found upont the face of the earth : and
they regard stenling from strangers as per rectly legitimato and lonorable, snd that man obl highly hoonored by bis tribe: Indeed, ung mai ho not ale. ese expeditions in to Mexico is held in bo tilo repate, I wae told by ar old olief of he Northern Camanches, that he was the fait of of four sons, who, he gaid; wère us fine oung men as conld be fonid; that they were great source of comfurt to him in his old age, ad could steal more horses thitn any othe oung men in his tand."


## A Picture of our Country.

America, as sha now stands, is a striking ci. The Westeri clearings, the imniense e foreign immigration, toiling Africa cliaine the ear of commerce, gorgevin nud reckles New York, anil sudden Son Fraceisco, excitehador They repregent boily mary n wonderful and moviug story;
or busivess has its dangers and daring; its

 ban the talee of tho Arabian Nights. This old enterprise that atretclies $10^{\circ}$ tho $0^{\circ}$ Paicitio, his skilled nnd thoughtful race graisping a ast empiríl like a bouestend; to cultivate aña plant, and adorn ; this brave army of worship. pers, warching on irresistibly to the conquest of nature, from a. kraud spectuctr. though
their weapons-the aie, the pluygh, and the

