THE PINE ARKANSAS GENTLE MAN. ONE OF THE OLDER TIME.

Now, all good fellows, listen, and a story I will tell, Of a mighty claver gentleman, who lives extremel

Where he gets drunk once a week on whicky, and

Of five or six thousand agree or more of land, that will be worth a great deal some day drother, if he don't kill himself toe soon, and will only condescend to wait; And four or great coses magrous, that had rather work

than not,
And such quantities of horses and centre and plan
and ether praisey, that he never pretends to
know how many he has got;
This See Arkansavgentieman close to the Chocley

Union from drought, or worm; a bad stand, or some other d-d centingency, his crop is short,

And when it's picked and ginued and baled, he pate it in a boat, And gate aboard himself, likewise, and charters the bar, and has a devil of a spree, while down to New Orleans he and his cotten float; This fluo Arkaness gentleman close to the Chestav

And when he gats to New Orleans, he sacks a clothic And puts up at the City Hotel, the St. Louis, the St Charles, the Worandah, and all the other hojels in the city; if he succeed in finding

Byery man from Kentucky, and Arkansas and Ale bama, and Virginia, and the Choc'aw maile and every other d-4 vagabone he meets;

The last time he west down there, when he thought of going back, After staying \$bout fifteen days, er less, he discovered

that by leading, and by spending, and being a proy in general to gamblers, backgaen, loafers, brekers, bestlers, tallors, sevrants and many other individuals, white and black; uted this essets, and got rid of all his

And had nothing to show for them, bearing two o three headschos, an invincible thirst, and a extremely general and promiseus us quain es in the aforestid Mow Orleans;

WANNIB-BURGOTT'S NEW YEAR. BY KARL DRURY.

"Of all people in the world," Nauxie Burcott exclaimed, 'I am just the most surprised, Mrs. Elleraly, to see you back in Harrisford. I suppose you have come up from the city to superintend matter at your levely Willowmere."

"And anything but a lovely Willow mare' I have found it Napnie," was the reply of Mrs. Ellersley, a pretty, briskspeaking little matron, of porhaps five and thirty. "I always did hate the country in winter you know. And then matters at the farm are in a most pell mell condition. I don't know whether John Merris, my everseer, is irresponsible for such a capacity, or whether I, his mistrees am to blame for atter ignorance of didn't suit me a bit, and se I flew into a plains the mystery, however."

When dinner was served, about an assion at poor John and came over here. Thaven't but ten minutes to spare, my darling, before taking the next New York appear at table, and Mrs. Ellerslay ex- age on that day." min So we must condense all that w have to say to each other, must n't wo? · Mrs. Ellersley's last sentence was quite seriously spoken. Those deep brown eilky lashed eyes of Nannie Bureott were

fixed rather intently apon the floor, while in low, hesitating tones she answored: "If-if you mean about-Leavitt Seymour, Mrs. Ellersly, I-I-haven't much to say on that subject."

"And why not, Nannie?" Mrs. Ellers ley had taken one of Nannie's slender, eatin soft hands in her own, and was coarching the young girl's face very attentively. "Tell me about it." she whis pered, and the whisper had a very comfortable sound to poor, sad hearted Nannie. "All I know, darling, is that you engagement with my nophow whom you metat Willowmere last summer, is an engagement no longer. Leavitt has been very reticent about the whole shair, since ke gave up those weekly trips of his to Harrisford. I nearly died with amazoment, last Saturday evening, when he called on me at my house in town, and

"That we were not going to marry each other. Mrs. Ellersley?" Nannie broke in -and then two great tears were glittering on her delicate, rose tinted face; " -I-think there is very little to tell."

But who was to blame, Nannia?honestly, now, who was to blame ! You've had time to reflect upon the quarrel or disagreement, or whatever it was, and to what conclusion have you arrived?" "Don't ask me, Mrs. Ellersley; please

don't sak me !" The girl wassobbing quite passionately

"Well then, Nannie, I won't. But can guess at the truth, my dear, all the same as if you had told me. I am sure that little demon of yours has been at work again. We all have our demons Nambio: yours is very unmanageable sometimes, as perhaps Lasvitt Soymous has discovered. Come, now, confess that the whole disagreement sprang from some trifling cause, as for instance, your unwillingness to grant a cortain request of your lover's, believing that to do ac would anvor too strongly of obsdiance and submission. Don't tell me what i all really was about." Mrs. Ellersley eded: "I truly don't wish to hear. Ah, Nannie, Nannie, how often did I my to you last summer -- 'oppose Leavitt Sey mour for the mere sake of oppositionrefuse to be guided and directed by him. and you will certainly attain trouble where you seek victory.' Do you remore ber my having said, this derling? But, mersy me! I like consumed my ten minutes grace, or nearly consumed it and have not yet told you Namie, tha I shall expant you to pay me that long promised visit in New York, a week from to-morrow. That will be the day before New Year's day, my dear, and so New Year's will be spent with me. As for this dreadful affair shout Leavits and yourself, we must dissume it more at length; Nannie, when we again most."

When the time arrived for Namus Burgott to pay Mrs. Ellersley the visit which We have heard that lady mention, the young girl was in no manner anxious to leave Harrisford for New York. Harrisford, it is true, was a dull, evantless, cour try town, and New York-to Nannie, at least-was an abode of perpetual merry

making and festivity and happiness But she and happiness had taken a life long farewell of each other, Nannie Burcott more than once desolately told herself, during the period which intervened between Mrs. Ellersley's visit at Harrisford and her own projected visit to the

city. She had wifully quarrelled with Leavitt Seymour, a man whom she loved with all her most powerful strength of loving; but a man nevertheless, whom she had not sorupled to wrong by an exercise of paltry rebelliousness and obstinate vanity.

Of course, poor Nannie-as many and nany a "poor Nannie" has done before mmitted, and would have sacrificed not a little to have stood once again on the old terms of mutual fondness and detion with her absent lover. But it was oo late now. Leavitt Seymour had left Harrisford, one morning, wearing upon that honest, noble face of his, the pallor of a miserable grief, and hearing the harsh, contemptuous words of one whom he loved better than life echo themselves

earily enough through his heart. And Namie, weeping wretched tears of repentance an hour after the silly, causeless quarrel was over, felt that she had rockessly signed the lettre do cachet of her wa happiness I

'My dear," said Mrs. Ellersley, meet ing Nannie, just arrived from Harrisford in the hall of her handsome city residence "my dear, you are looking wofully pale, and need brightening up. To-morrow, I am sure will do wonders for you. always have multitudes of callers on New Year's day, and you shall assist me in

ecciving them." "Indeed I would much rather not do so," was Nannie's reply, as her hostess led the way into a costly furnished little library on the ground floor of the house. Bolieve me Mrs. Ellersley, I shall enjoy the day in the nursery with the children,

a great deal-" Tut, tut, my dear ! Nursery indeed ! Brother Robert, here is a young lady who has not yet reached her twenty-secondbirthday, and who professes to prefer children's society to that of young gentleman. Isn't she a thorough curiosity? Allow me to introduce this curiosity, by the way, as Miss Nannie Bureott. Nannie darling, this is my brother, Mr. Rob.

ert Chalmers, lately returned from Europe. You have often heard me montion him. am suro." Naunic bowed, while Mrs. Ellersley's brother, an elderly gentleman, with gray sons say "it is unfortunate that the great hair and blue spectacles, rose from his omfortable arm chair and bowed also. 'I am sure." remarked Mr. Robert Chalmers, in a feeble voice, "that the children, whoever they may be, are quite fortunate in having secured this preference on the part of Miss Burcott. As

for the young gentlemen, they are greatly o be pittied." "What a charming compliment, Bob! laughed his sister. "It's wonderful, how, at your age, you still retain the faculty of paying them so nicely. I suppose thew things your three years residence in Paris ex-

hour afterward, Mr. Chalmers did not a "holy horror" of setting out on a voywing words:

"Robert's health is misorable, and the lead the most abstemious life-dining in the middle of the day, and all that

sort of thing." Then Mrs. Bliersly proceeded : Talking of abstemiousness, Nannie, our this evening, so as to wake to mor-

row, refreshed from your journey, and ready for what I may term the exigencies of the day," Nannie complied with the request of ing in no mood for assisting Mrs. Ellers- Friday. ley to receive her guests. "I think it was altogether wrong of me to accept of the United States transpired on Fridthis invitation," she reflected, while day. It was on Friday November 10,

making her toilet. "I somehow cannot 1620, that the Mayflower, freighted with feel as I used to feel. Mrs. Ellersley's her precious cargo of Puritans, reached light hearted gaiety only saddens instead the harbor of Provincetown. On the same of brightening my spirits. I am very, very miserable!" 'Woll, Nannie," her hostess remarked, as they rose from breakfast that morning, "I trust that your horrid desive nut

to be social to-day, has thoroughly disyour charms, conversational and other wise. We need not begin dressing, my Pilgrims lauded, their institutions were dear, until ten o'clock, and it is now only a quarter to nine. Suppose we go inte the library for a chat with my brother Robert. He is really quite charming.

when you once know him. He break fasted about an hour ago, by the way, and is now enjoying his morning paper. The two ladies ontered the library. Mr. Chalmers, scated as on the previous evening, in his comfortable looking arm chair, rose politely.

"I have the honor. Miss Burcott," he said, addressing Nannie, "to wish you a Bunker Hill was seized, Saratoga and very happy New Year.' What a moskery the words seemed to poor Nannie, though she smiled a pleas-

ant enough acknow,edgement as the gentleman uttored them. "I'm glad to find you in such a good humor, Bob," said Mrs. Ellersley. "I'm Colonies were, and of right ought to be, going to tresspass upon it, too by asking free and independent.

f you won't entertain Miss Burcott for a few moments, while I superintend some household matters." "That will be rather a difficult task for an old man like myself," Mr. Chal-

mere said, while Nannie took a chair haside him, and Mrs. Ellersley disappeared rather precipitately from the library, as if glad of an opportunity to escape ing her domestic cares. "Why so, Mr. Chalmers?" Namid

asked, a touch of surprise in her tones. "Because, Miss Burcott, we have ne friends in common. And to interest a person of your age, conversation should have what I may call a human flavor." Then, after a moment's pause, the old centleman continued: "I am wrong, owever, in saying, Miss Burcott, that

we have no friends in common. There one, but I am perhaps not privileged to speak of him. Leavitt Seymour has ean, since his boyhood, a very true ance are you liable for assault? riend of mine."

" Yes."

"Leavitt Soymour !! came from Nannie's parted lips, in a sort of agitated

"You cannot mean, Mr. Chalmers that you have heard--'

"Of his engagement to you, Miss Bu cott, and of the quarrel which has sepa rated you? Yes, I have heard of both. In spite of the great difference between our respective ages, Leavitt and I are what is termed confidential intimates. Nannie's face was scarlet, now, with shame and embarrassment.

"Then you know," she at length mur nured,. "how wickedly I have behaved, Mr. Chalmers. I do not hope for Leavitt's forgivenness," her tearful voice went on. "This is not the first time that my cruel pride and folly have out road affords, by giving employment to a regretted bittorly the fault she had raged his noble precious love !-- a love large class of men, and affording busithat I understand and appreciate nov that it is too late!"

"You say this sincerely, Miss Burcott?"

"Frem my inmost heart," was the low, fervently spoken response. "And you believe sincerely, also, the it is too late ever to regain Leavitt Sey mour's love ?''

"I do." "Then learn, Nannie, that far from re gaining, you have never lost it !" Simultaneously with the words, M. Robert Chalmers rose from his chair, and then, while Nannie started back with an amazed cry, Mr. Robert Chalmore became himself no longer. A gray Our policy, which we have always been wig and a pair of blue spectacles lay on careful to keep within our chartered limthe floor at Nannie's feet—a face that its, and to make subservient to public inwas none other than Leavitt Seymour's terests, has been steadily and perseveand drawn very close to her's.

" You. Leavitt! Is it possible? "Yes. Nannie : let me prove that I am reality, by this flesh and blood kiss." "And-and-you forgive me. Lea witt?"

"Not until I obtain your forgivenes Nannie, for the sliecking deception I have practiced." "I freely grant it," was the murmur

reply. "And I mine. Let us seal the con -pact of mutual pardon with another

And so it happened, reader, that Nar nic Burcott's New Year, in spite of her miserable thoughts concerning it, proved road; we have every reason to believe by far the happiest she had ever spent.

IS FRIDAY AN UNLUCKY DAY! Few educated people put any faith in the popular superstition which has obsined among the ignorant and unlearned, from time immemorial, that "Friday is an unlucky day." Yet we have heard perasemblies consummated their union on Friday."

We are well assured that, notwithstand ing this superstitious projudice does not provail so universally as it did in days gone by, there are many good meaning and excellent people who feel reluctant to un lertake a work of great moment or im portance on a day which vain tradition has marked as inauspicious in the calendar. It is seldom that ships set out on a long voyage on Friday. Hardened, sturdy, and daring tars who will spring to the top gallant and stand on the yard arm amidst he surging of a tempest tossed ocean and the fearful rocking of the frail bark, hav-

walks to the hymenial altar on Fri day. Many would look upon it as ar doctor has positively commanded him to omen that forbeded much ill if the banus were celebrated on what is sometimes

called the 'hangman's day.' Few of our readers, we think, indulge is any such feeling. There is no reason why any should. The facts will not warwant you to go to bed at a very early rant the assumption that Friday is a day of ill omen.

It was on Friday that Christopher Colu bus set sail on his great voyage of discovery; on Friday he first discovered land and it was on the same day of the week of her hostess in the matter of retiring that he sailed on his return voyage to early, but awoke on the following morn- | Spain, where he arrived in safety, also on

Other important events in the history day these noble pioneers of Christian civ ilization signed, in the presence of God and one another, the first constitution that was framed within the United States "This" says Bancroft, "was -the con stitutional liberty. In the cabin of the equal rights for the general good. As the

appeared, and that you are going to al- | Mayslower humanity recovered its rights low my visitors an opportunity of testing and instituted government on the basis of already perfected. Democratic liberty and idependent Christian worship at once xisted in America It was on Friday that Henry VII, o

England gave John Cabothis commission to proceed on a voyage of discovery to the orth American continent. Saint Augustine, in Florida, the oldes

own in the United States, was founded by Melendes on Friday, September 7, 1565. George Washington was born on Friday.

Yorktown were surrendered on Friday On the same day of the week, the treachory of Arnold was discovered It was on Friday that John Adams oved and Richard Henry Lee seconded a resolution in Congress that the United

It may be looked upon by some as emarkable coincidence that on the two undred and forty-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Cape Cod Constitu General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church should sign the august compact" of perpetual Union. We may add that it was on Friday the

Pilgrims landed finally on Plymouth Who will say then Friday is an unlucks day in American history? We have the trongest faith that the marriage of the two Assemblies yesterday will be produc tive of the most blessed results; that more abundant fruits even than those produced by the landing of the Pilgrims wid flow from their cordial and fraternal Union .-Pittsburg Gazette.

Does the man who weighs his words use scales ? If you "cut" an acquain

. The saying that " there is more pleas ure in giving than receiving." is supposed to apply chiefly to "kicks, medicine, and advice."

The second secon

CUMBERIAND VALLEY RATL Anticipating a largely increased trade ROAD OOMPANY. To the Stockholders .- We have great

eason to congratulate you that your road ing the past year, and that the prospects of usefulness to the community and profit to you are now brighter than ever. The arch of progress in enterprise and industry which now stimulates the energies of men, has produced its influence and brought into requisition the facilities

which your road affords. We continually eccive manifestations of appreciation of the community of the facilities which the ness to another class whose enterprise and business habits are not only profitable to them, but of great importance to the community. Such men and their business we look upon with interest, and seek to promote it by all legitimate means. But like all other corporations. we have been subjected to the angry pasions of others, who resort to suits at

aw to heal their supposed wrongs. We have reason to congratulate ourselves and you, that such litigation has now been all brought to an end, to the entire satisfaction of the company, whose action has not only been sustained, but has been commended by the Supreme Court. ringly carried out, and will be, until the road shall work its greatest good to the

stockholders in our last annual report you were advised of our purpose to encourage the construction of the road of the South Mountain Iron Company by an advance of two hundred thousand dollars to aid that enterprise. This money has been advanced and paid, and perfectly secured: the road has been fully completed, an large preparations have been made by which will be sent over, and greatly in-

crease the amount of tonnage on our

that this will prove to be a most profitaole investment. The large increase in the manufacture of iron, and the consequent demand for iron ore, has served to develop immense deposits of it in the vicinity of our road, not only along the base of the South Mountain, but in the valley, and in the North Mountain. Hence there is being surveyed and located a road from Cham bersburg to Mont Alto, a distance of about 12 miles, which reaches a deposit of hematite ore, which in quality is ex-

cellent, and in quantity apparently inexhaustible. This road will doubtless be built during the coming year. The South Pennsylvania Iron and Rail road Company also contemplate to build, during the coming year, a road to their mines near Loudon, in Franklin county, starting from our road at a point about six miles above Chambersburg, near Marion Station, and to erect two authracite furnaces at their mines. It will be the policy of our company to encourage both these roads by all the legitimate means in our power, for each will greatly

and promote the interest of the people of the entire valley. The resolutions of the Board to extend their road from Hagerstown to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, have been already communicated to you, and since August last the work was let to a contractor upon terms which were satisfactory, and he is now engaged in constructing it; the grading and making the road bed ready for the superstructure will cost about \$96,000, and the rails. ties, water stations, &c. about \$90,000, and we expect to have the same completed and in running order by the first July next. This extension has

been located to terminate at Powell's Bend of the Potomac river, with a branch to Williamsport, a distance of about two niles. But since this location, a movement has been made by the people of Virginia for a further extension of the road up through the valley of their State. by the way of Martinsburg and Wincheser, or by the way of Charlestown and the Luray valley. Our action, there fore, as to the terminus on the Potomac will be suspended a few weeks to meet

this exigency, and until they shall have etermined the route for the further exension of the road; for each of the proosed routes demands a different point of rossing the Potomac river. . It has been the policy of the Board to put and keep our road in the highest state of perfection, hence our expenditures in the past year have been great

the entire track has been raised upon stone ballast, and there have been put into it five hundred and thirty-five tons of new_iron,_twenty-five thousand_nin hundred and seventy-two oak cross ties. and two thousand three hundred and eighteen chairs. There have been laid sixteen hundred feet of new siding at Mechanicsburg, ten hundred and eight sen feet at Middlesex, two thousand feet at the junction of the South Mountain Railroad, five hundred and ninety-two feet at Carlisle freight house, fourtee annared and fifty feet at Greason station two hundred and thirty-one feet at Al terton, four hundred and nineteen feet at Newville, and five hundred and nine ty-three feet at Greencastle, making total of one and a half miles, and all of which cost six thousand one hundred and forty-one dollars and thirty cents. Seventeen wooden bridges over wagen roads and water courses have been taken out. and replaced with wrought iron girder bridges, which cost, including masonry, four thousand four hundred and eight air dollars and five cents. Bix eight wheeled freight cars have also been buil six eight-wheeled and one four-wheele ear purchased, which cost five thousand six hundred and seventy-one dollars and eighty-four cents; there has been expended for a new locomotive engine,

working expenses, have been : tive engine, built in our own ling and laying now sidings ron girder bridges and masonry few froight cars, and cars pureh

which will be finished in a few weeks,

upon our road during the coming year we will require the freight engine which we proposed to purchase last year, but and interests have greatly improved du- did not, because of our heavy expenditures for other purposes. We will also need some additional tools in the shop eight hundred tons of new and re-rolled

iron, and twenty-five thousand cross ties At Shippensburg, an important point of urnished to cheapen the transportation of this article, which will to a most important item of revenue. If it be not deemed expedient to change

sion to the Chesapenke and Ohio Canal, July next when provision must be made for the increased trade which it wil produce. Reaching with our road that im portant point, we must be prepared to furnaces upon the Potomac, lumber to that extensive agricultural region, and bring back the semi-bird inous coal of the Cumberland mines to supply the enwork we must now got feady, and it will require at least seventy-five new eightwhoeled freight cars. We propose to enable us to predict that before many cent, he was a good for nothing drunken years, the business to be done on our the road, and that the work should be ried, and married she was determined to community and greatest profit to the done gradually, without interfering with be-to the first man that would take her. the usual dividends to stockholders. And Rather than see the girl disappointed for this purpose it is suggested that we about a tride like that, the brother, who

distance of four and sever-eighth miles, a of this would be: 29 tons 06 lb rail, at \$75 23,400 Hs. spikes, ut 514 conts rogs, switches and switch timber ding culverts, and cat le guards

1,700 perches stone ballast Lying 4% miles of track This addition to our road would great y facilitate even our present business out when we contemplate the increase which the South Mountain Iron Company will in the next year bring to our oad, such a facility for passing trains seems to be indispensable. The coming year will doubtless find both the Mont Alto, and Loudon roads nearly, if not al-

ogether completed. The tables annexed will exhibit the fiancial condition of the company and vorking operations of the road. And we ake occasion here, in closing this report o testify our sincere neknowledgment of the devoted interest which all our em nlovees have evinced in their respective apartments, to promote economy, secure safety, and exhibit accuracy in all its de tails. By order of the Board.

FREDERICK WATE, President. Officers for 1869-70: President Frederick Watts. Directors-Frederick Watts. Thomas A Biddle, Thomas A. ott, Washington Butcher, Wistar Mor. ris, H. J. Lombært, Daniel O. Gehr, Thomas B. Kennedy, Edmund Smith, J. Edgar Thomson, Josia Bacon, Secre tary and Treasurer-Edwin M. Biddle, Superintendent-O. N. Lull. Statement of the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company, October 1, 1869;

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A minister in Kennebec county, Maine contly preached a sermon on dyspeptics, and after saying that such persons were seven thousand eight hundred and seven dollars and forty-three cents. Thus it guilty of breaking-the law of God and will be seen that the expenditures of the arose in great angel, and said that he shady side, and so I never meet them. nature, a cadaverous looking individual Tear, which do not properly belong to had no doubt but what he was the person referred to, "as he happened to be the only person present who was troubled 17,607 43 with dyspepsia?" Continuing, he said: "I think a minister has no business to 5,671 84 make such personal allusions, and the next time you attempt to meach Mr. Minister, I would be d-d teled if you would select some other individual for

\$80,280 30 the foundation of your remarks."

The Port Hope Canadian says that a ounle residing in the rural districts, not far from town, were engaged to be married, and were "called" three times in one of the town churches. On the day produted for the celebration of the cere ony which was to "make this twain on flesh," the happy couple came to town

irrayed in all the glory of new store clothes, bringing with them a brother of shipment of iron ore, additional siding is the bridegroom, who was to officiate as required. and every facility should be "best man," and who, the result proved, was entitled to that character. Leaving the blushing damsel in charge of his brother, the intended husband adjourned to a bar room to get "something hot." the point of the terminus of the exten- to cheer his spirits under the trying ordeal through which he was to pass. Here he this work may be completed by the First of met some friends, and amid the congratulations with which he was overwhelmed partook of more than was necessary for

the purpose of elevating his courage to the proper point, and soon became oblivi carry anthracite coal for the supply of ous to all sublunary matters, wedding party, bride, prospective bliss and all After waiting a reasonable time for his reappearance, his afflanced and the rest of the party grew uneasy, and finally an gines and shops in the Bast. For this expedition was organized to go in search of him. They discovered him in the tavern in a comatose condition, and reported that fact in the proper quarter. build one new passenger car this year. The bride bore up bravely under this It does not require much foresight to trial, declaring that she didn't care a wretch, and she was glad to get clear of road will require a double track, and a him. Moreover she was not going to be prudont management suggests that this humbugged that way out of getting a should be attained out of the profits of husband; she came to town to be mar-

should now begin to double track the came to do the 'best man' business, volroad from Mechanicsburg to Whitehill, a untecred to be her victim himself. The bargain was soon made, and off he started point to which the road is already double for a license, returning in a short time racked-from Bridgeport. The expense when they were married and started for home, leaving the other individual to enjoy his little spree as best he could. The affair his created no little falls and much morriment among those acquainted with 750 the facts, and the intended husband is now having a rough time among the

11,7 dr 1,800 wags. A man in New Orleans took out an a ident insurance pol'cy before starting o i journey, and happened to be killed. h a railroad accident. The widow, arme with the newspaper report in which h name was mentioned among the killed presented herself at the office of the com pany, but was informed that more definite proof would be necessary, "Why of course he's dead," said the bereaved lady. "That is possible," said the po lite official, and, my dear madam, I ar very sorry for it." "Ye'r sorry, and you sorry?" "Of course I am; I sincerely

sympathize with you in your hereave ment." "Yes." exclaimed the excited and bereaved lady, "that's always the way with you men; you are mighty po_ lite about everything else, but whenever a poor woman gets a chance to make a or additional proof.

A disappointed lover lately went into Iowa drug store and calle of cold p'isen." The druggist, suspecting what was the matter, gave him a powerful emetic. When it began to work, the ntended suicide began to beg lustily for n antidote, saying he was not ready to ie, and by the time the emetic had don its work, he was thoroughly resigned to mything except "cold p'ison.

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Admiral David Glascoo Faffagu

was 68 on the 1st of July last. Lieutenan leneral Philip JI. Sheridan was thirty right on the 6th of March last. General William Tecumsch Sherman was forty nine on the 8th of February last, Presi dent Ulysses Simpson Grant was forty-seven on the 22d of April last. Vice Admi ral David D. Porter is about forty five Major General George Gordon Meade fifty four. Major General George H. Thomas was fifty three on the 16th of last July Major General Oliver Otis Howard wa \$2,141.2 1 5) thirty nine the 8th of November instant. Receipts and expenditures of the Cum- | Chief Justice Salmon Porter Chase, was sixty-one on the 13th of January last. Edwin M. Stanton will be fifty-four in December next. William Henry Seward was sixty-eight on the 16th of May last. Hannibal Hamlin was sixty on the 27th of August last. Benjamn Franklin Wade sixty-Aine on the 27th of last October Vice President Colfax was torty-six on the 23d of March last. Senator Oliver Perry Morton, forty-six on the 4th of lass August. George S. Boutwell, fifty-one on the 28th of last January. Reverdy Johnson seventy-three on the 2d of last 27 67 to May. Senator William Gannaway Brownlow, sixty-four on the 29th of las-August. Charles Sumner, fifty-eight on the 6th of Februay last, Henry Wilson fifty-seven on the 12th of last February. Benfamin Franklin Butler, fifty-one on the 5th of November ult. Corne hus Vanderbilt, seventy-five on the 27th of May last. Jay Cooke forty-eight on the 10th of May last. Horace Greely 2f. ty-eight on the 3d of Tebruary last William Lloyd Garrison, sixty five on \$1,052,310 82 the 12th of December last. Wendell Phillips, forty-eight on the 29th of November. Henry Ward Beecher, fifty Ix on the 24th of June last. Andrey Curtin, fifty-two on the 2d of last

April. Theodore Tilton, thirty-four or the 2d of last October. Gerritt Smith seventy-two on the 6th of March last And Daniel Drow, seventy-two on the 20th of last July. "How are you Jule? Been in the

city all summer^{ty} "Yes, of course; why should I leave "Why, you owe more debts than I do ind I had to leave." 🦠 "My-oreditors don't annoy me-I

ver meet them." "Why how's that ?" Well, von sec, in the summer time always walk on the cunny side of the street, and in the winter time on the

broke her leg, but would not have the limb set until after the other bandage was pht around her. Why does the new moon resemble a giddy youth ? Because it's too young to

give much reflection.

MABEL'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

It was the first time Mabel had heard he words that day. From early dawn the had toiled at her needles 🥳 The bells were chiming cleven and Mabel stood, dripping and shivering, on the threshold of the wretched tenement, one of whose poorest apartments constituted her home. The night was dark and stormy, and she had had a long walk through the i ving rain and sleet; from the fashionable quarter in which her rich employer

her own miserable abode. "A merry Christmas, Miss Mabel, and there's a Christmas gift for you," said a little, dumpy old gentleman, touching her arm as she was about to ascend the steps, and thrusting a crumpled slip of paper into her hand.

dwelt, to the humbler one that contained

What sharp eyes the little old gentlenan must have had to recognize her in that dim and shadowy light: for it took the second glance of Mabel's young and keen as they were, to make out the jolly features of Mr. Wentworth, who had once mployed her to copy some papers, for which he had paid her liberally. Mabel would have said "thank you

for the gift, whatever it was; but before she had time to do so, the little old gen tleman was off. No wonder Mabel started when she had lit her lamp and inspected her present. Such are selden made outside of story books. It was a cheek to bearer, on one of the city banks, for five hundred dollars

What a munificent gift to come from one almost a stranger! And how oppor anely it came, too! She would be able to pay off the arrearage of rent now, that had given her so much trouble. Mabe went to sleep with her treasure under ber pillow; and while she is dreaming happy cams, in which a face she has striven hard to banish of late, is constantly coming up, let us tell the reader who she is. Mabel Gleason's father, (she had lost be mother in early intancy,) was a wealth nerchant, whose study it had been to lavish on his daughter, and only child, overy possible indulgence, and to adorn her with every attainable accomplishnent. It is not too much to say he idolized her; and had her heart been less

rue or her head less steady, she must iave been totally spoiled. A financial crisis came, culminating in crash, among the victims of which was Mabel's father. Crushed, and broken in spirit, his health gave way, and the end f a few mouths saw Mabel an orphan and penniless, for nothing had been saved from the wreck of her father's fortune Feeling she could better bear her alered condition among strangers, she had left her native city, and sought a home and employment in the metropolis. The

result we have already seen Mr. Wentworth's check was duly honored-it would have been good for an hundred fold as much. Mabel, keeping out no more than sufficed for present need deposited the balance in a savings bank. ittle money, you're only sorry." And She took a tidy room in a respectable the indignant lady left the room in seatch street, which she was fortunate enough to cocure on a moderate terms, and straightway advertised for pupils in

French and music. The ortune "seemed to smile on Mahel a last. She rendered so complete satisfac tion to the first few pupils that gave he a trial, that she soon had as many as she could take. Her income enabled her to add to instead of diminishing her deposit in the bank; and she was beginning not to be so rigid now in her banishment during her waking moments, of that face liat always would come up in her dreams. But a shocking blow was in store for poor Mabel. She was on her way from

the house of a pupil one day, when stranger accosted her: "I am sorry to trouble you, Miss, but it is necessary you should go with me.
I am a detective, and have a warrant or your arrest. As I am not in uniform, o one need know you are in custody." "Will you not at least inform me of what I am accused?" Mabel ventured t

"My instructions are to answer n uestions," said the man doggedly. You will learn all at the police-offic; and it's my opinion the sooner we go there Seeing no alternative, Mabel acquiesced

and walked in silence by the side of he'officer. When confronted with the Judge - a hrewd, but withal pleasant looking genleman, on a high seat - she was not so xported. She had had time to collect

ier thoughts by the way, and there is gver at true courage in innocence, that makes the weak strong, and inspires the limid with boldness. Will you be good enough to fell me sir, why I have been brought here? Mabel asked, in a voice so gentle and musical, and with a flush on her face so far from betokening guilt, that his Honor forgot the prisoner, and remembered on

ly the lady. "You presented a check some, tim since, Miss Gleason, for five hundred dollars, purporting to be drawn, by Mr. Ventworth on the Bank, on which ou drew the money." "I did." Mabel answered: "it was a Christmas present from Mr. Wentworth

hand," said Mabel, astounded at a charge o unacountable. "Mr. Wentworth has been sent fo and will be here presently, the Judge answered. "Ah! here he comes." in As the little old gontleman bustled his way to the front, and his eyes fell on Mabel, he started with astonishmen "You here?" he exclamed. "What the meaning of all this ?!!...

mself. He gave it to me with his own.

"That is the person who presented the oheok," said the Judge. ""Impossible !!! oried the little old gontleman. But the Jan. 1876 J "She has admitted it."

Mr. Wentworth was dumbfounded

The whole affair was involved in inyste-

ry. The written part of the check, had he not known the contrary, he would have every to be in his own hand, His A New York country girl, on hor way check book, too, was missing, though o church to be married, was upset and how it could have been abstracted from the safe, in his room, of which he kept exclusive possession of the key, was quite past his comprehension. "You gave me the check you ish stand Mation, on the stops of my fodgings late on Christmus night; you surely cannot have togetton it.

"Late on Christmas night !"-why, the old gentleman was sure he had n't BY JUDGE CLARK. stirred out of the room after dinner, and "A merry, Christmas, Miss Mabel !" that he had gone to bed at nine! Whatever conclusion the little old gentleman's mind might have reached in its bewilderment, Mabel's was fast approaching one at the ludicrousness of which she would have smiled under less serious circumstances, which was, that Mr. Wentworth had celebrated Christmas a little indiscreetly, and taken a drop too

· " What-what absurd blunder is this? Who has dared-" A deep flush, succeeded by a deadly pallor, overspread Mabel's countenance, as she tottered, and would have fallen, but for the timely support of her youthful champion. "Uncle!" the latter vehemently exciaimed, "I know this lady, and would

stake my life upon her innocence !" "So would I, boy, though I'm puzzled to my wits end !" " See here !" he continued, addressing the Judge; "this case should go no fur-"The charge can only be withdrawn

she was awake, too.

by those who made it," the Judge an swered. "And who are they? confound

much for his memory! when her reflec-

tions were cut short by the appearance

of a new face on the scene—a decidedly

handsome one, belonging to young gentle-man who had accompanied Mr. Went-

worth to the court. It was moreover

the same face that would keep coming up,

in Mabel's dreams—and sometimes when

"Mabel Gleason !" eried the Young

"The officers of the bank." "The officers of the bank be blowed m one of them myself! I'll go her bail stepped in and said he would take a wife anyhow, and fix it up with the bank af- and two children. terwards '

The proposition was satisfactory. As Warren Harding conducted Mabel home, he learned, for the first time, her out of whiskey, says they live on Twentyhad met, it was in her native city, in the of splendor. midst of a refined and fashionable circle, of which she was the centre of attraction. He had been absent for a year in Europe, and returned but a few days before. How little had he expected u accompanying his uncle to the police court, that the meeting to which he

looked forward with most impatience should take place there. Whatever explanations passed between the two young people, they led to War- petition Congress to pass the following ren's passing a sleepless night. It was past midnight, and he had not yet re- winter: tired, when his uncle, whom he believed snug in bed, muffled, hatted, coated and equipped as for going out, unceremonously entered the apartment. A strange expression in his eyes arrested the young man's attention. Taking a rowing chews, the government will furkey from his pocket, he opened a secret com, from which he took what seemed

aking up a pen, began to write. Warren drew nearer. It was a check ok his uncle was writing in ! Having fluished, the old gentleman neatly cut on the nearest revenue officer and give in, out and folded the part on which he had as near as possible, the amount which written, and was about leaving the room they believe has been consumed. The

when Warren spoke : Where are you going, uncle ?" 'To make a present to Mabel," replied the other without turning his head. "I made her one on Christmas, and inonded making her another on New Year; but somehow fargot it." Warren grasped his uncle's arm.

Why, what's the matter !" he exclaimed, rubbing his eyes : " where am "See ! see ! uncle, cried the young

man eagerly; "the mystery is explained ? "What's this ?" said the old gentlelost check book, as I live! and a check ted to-day! And here-why here's a nemorandum, in the margin, of that quid again." confounded check that has caused all the mischief. It's all plain now! I've accuse me of sleep walking when I

was a boy, but I never more than half believed it." When Mabel called next day to tende back the \$500-which her deposit and ver, by which one forgots his desire for a savings, and some tuition bills she had collected, enabled her to do-the tender. was emphatically rejected., Mr. Went worth said he had but one regret in the o much intimidated as might have been matter, and that was, to find that he old men, also, when they have observed was much botter whon asleep, than when

awake. "If our young friends would know what got the mate to that?" "Hereafter, in all came of it all, they have only to put hemselves in Mabel and Warren's place. and think what they would have done in similar dircumstances.

..... Why do thieves lead a comfortable life? Because they take things easy. The effects of coffee, us a beverage, is ariously estimated by different individ uals. This we should expect from the varying character of the material impibed. Physiological effects of coffee are not in doubt. It operates in two very distinct directions. First, by stimula-

ting the nervous and vascular tissues This is not experienced by every one afer taking a cup of good coffee. The sys- three or four wagons," tem is invigorated, and the sensibilities . Ike's last trick was to throw Mrs. Parare more acute. Second, it retards the tington's kid gaiter in the alley, and call the transformation of the museular tisk sues into lower chemical compounds. This has been proved by Lehman, by direct experiment. "By this operation the coffee acts as an equivalent for meat producing food, if it does not actually roduce it. It saves the powers of the ody if it does not create them. It is like the oil on machinery, it is a preser- jurors for one county of Georgia, were vator of force, although without force excused from service, on account of havitself. 1

The West and One of the French Academicians had his collar struck by lightning a short time since and immediately noticed a change for the better in the quality of his wines. He took the hint, and now has a voltaio pilo attached to each cask. رورة <u>. منظب تح</u> فهن**د أن** تدالمت في المنافقة الأن

A verdant Cape Codder, upon seeing locomotive for the first time, threw up his liands,"exclaiming, att By thunder what a darned great stove !" " and hear

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Anna Dickinson said she will be an M within ten years. The query is propounded: Does that stand for Mother of Children."

ARRESTRO. 1 FT DEN

A girl must certainly be getting into the lumber business when she pines for a spruce young man of whom she thinks a great deal.

The complexion of the girl of the season differs from the railway season tick--the one is, and the other is not trans-

A lady who was very modest and subnissive before marriage, was observed by her friends to use her tongue pretty freely after. "There was a time when I al nost imagined she had none.2. "Yes," said her husband, with a sigh; but is very long since." ...

One rod makes an acher, as the boy said when the schoolmaster dusted his

In a thunder storm, always get into a railroad train that has a good conductor

Why should a wood cutter never ungry . Because he can always have a chop by axing. It line been asked, "When rain falls does it ever get up ?" Of course it does in dew time.

Tombstones are but marks on the road o show us where the mortal and immortal parted company,

A bachelor seeing the words, "Families supplied," over the door of a shop,

New York that made a fortine third street, in a perfect delirium tremens "Spurgeon's nose has beceme a matter

A St. Louis paper, speaking of a family.

much red as his sermons. "Now, then, stupid, what's that next word? What comes after cheese?" Dull boy: "A mouse, sir."

It is said that Horace Greeley intends to

of London newspaper comment. It is as

law affecting tobacco consumers, this Tobacco chewers are requested to get their tobacco from first hands, which is the first man you meet who will give you ·a chew.

Where parties are in the habit of bor-

nish each man with a note book, in drawer of a secretary in one corner of the which the time of day, the size of the quid, whether plug or fine cut, the quality to be a blank book, which he opened, and and the time when the amount is to be funded, must be strictly recorded. Those parties who haves been inno cently using unstamped tobacco, will call

officer will furnish the necessary sta and if they are chowed up in his presence, the government is then satisfied that no criminal wrong was meant. Those persons who maliciously carry two boxes one filled with base smoking tobacco to give to borrowers: the other containing suporb fine out, for home conatter gave a bound that almost lost him samption—are to be treated as deserving

of death, and hung on the spot: .

No tobacco box must have more than two spigot holes in it, and the stamps must be pasted directly over these. When a quid has been exhausted, the government expressly forbids its being thrown away until two red chalk marks have been made across it, and a label atnan, more and more astonished. "My tached, bearing these words: "The fellellow who chewed this has complied with n mythand, regularly filled up, and da- all the requirements of the law, and persons are hereby warned not to chew this

Tobacco consumers must constantly bear in mind that the more stamps there been at my old prank again. They used | are on a package of tobacco, the cheaper does the weed become-in a horn. The government strictly forbids the use of those tobacco boxes which have a concealed needle inside a nob on the cochew after having the instrument run into his thumb about a foot. The government has witnessed, with

supreme sorrow, many young men, and

an acquaintance smoking a coiear, come

right out boldly, and ask: "Have you

such cases, the person asked will exhibit

the following label, which the government will furnish on demand : " Ask me for ten cents. A young man says thathe cured palpitation of the heart by the application of

another palpitating heart to the part of fected. "I can marry any girl I please," said a ung fellow, boastingly. "Very true," replied his waggish companion "for you can't please any.

"Have you ever broken a horse?" inquired a herse jockey. "No, not exactly," roplied Simons, "but I have broken the old lady down from the third floor to

see an alloy-gaiter, ... T ide to a trit A young man in Cleveland announces as his "mission," to marry the widow Vanderbilt, when the Commedere passes his chips. 43 . All mir. with

Forty-seven men who were drawn as ing young babies at home, and the Court adjourned " until baby season is over. Lawyers must sleep more comfortably than people in general; it is immaterial on which side they lie. During an examination, a medical stu-

dent being asked the question, "When does mortification ensue?" replied, "When you pop the duestion, and are answered no. Josh Billings says: "I\don't.believe in bad luck being sot for a man like a

A liungrist at Des Roines put a litter trap ; but I have known lots of folks, or pups into a lieighbors well, and it who, if there was any first rate had luck wash't distorored mili this finally legan living around loose, Would be sure to get which he is a contract the contract of the one foot info it only how."" + Mallet 10 ft y over 1