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THE AUCTION. A SKETCH FROM REAL LIFE. BY JAMES REES.

It was a tempestuous night; the winds whistled fearfully, and hailstones, whose size threatened to demolish the windows of the houses, rattled against them with a determined pertinacity as if to test their strength.

THE BRAIN-CLOCK.

Our brains are seventy-year clocks. The Angel of Life winds them up once for all, then closes the case, and gives the key into the hand of the Angel of the Resurrection.

REMEMBER YOUR BACK.

Remember your back—all to mind a light-haired boy, whom you called—"Brother!" "Gracious heaven! Henry—my boy!"

AN ILLEGITIMATE ROMANCE.

The Bashville (Ill.) edition of last week contains the following specimen of Illinois journalism: "An elderly gentleman had a beautiful daughter, one whom he loved much, in whom all his hopes were centered."

MARRYING FOR MONEY.

There is a gray haired gentleman in New York, a retired merchant, whose head and heavy countenance may be seen every fair day, in Broadway, through the window of his carriage.

A VALUABLE RECEIPT.

The editor of the "American Agriculturist" says he has had various receipts of the best quality of wash, and the value of superannated wool, and the value of superannated wool, and the value of superannated wool.