

THE OLD STONE WELL.

Oh, the old stone well,
In the shady little dell,
Which lay across the meadows where the
cowslips dwell;

A PECULIAR WILL CASE.



HE rise of James
McCurdy, a young
attorney in New
York City, was
attended with a
number of peculiar
circumstances...

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and sees how happy they are in their
married life he does not regret the
part he took in the case, although he
did hypnotize the principal wit-
ness for the other side.—Detroit Free
Press.

The Wonderful Eye of the Eagle.

All birds of prey have a peculiarity
of eye structure that enables them to
see near or distant objects equally
well. An eagle will ascend more than
a mile in perpendicular height, and
from that elevation can see its unsus-
pecting prey and pounce upon it with
unerring certainty...

The Vendome Column.

The Vendome column in Paris, which
was destroyed by the Commune in
1871, was erected by Napoleon I,
principally of cannon taken at Ulm,
to commemorate the battle of Auster-
litz in 1805.

Owing to some engineering difficul-
ties in cutting the base it could not be
brought down at the time originally
fixed. The members of the Commune
attended in state to witness the affair...

Nature's Hints About Flying Machines.

It is supreme folly to expect nature
to furnish a guide in devising inven-
tions. A ship built on the lines of a
duck could not maintain its equilibri-
um in the water, and if so made and
provided with a centre-board, while it
would make a good floater, would not
have the speed of a tub.

THE FUNERAL AT NAIN.

AN ONLY SON.

Lessons from the Beautiful Story of the Raising from the Dead.

TEXT: "Now when He came nigh to the
gate of the city, behold there was a dead
man carried out, the only son of his mother,
and she was a widow, and much people
of the city were with her, and when she
saw her He had compassion on her and said
unto her, Weep not, and He came and
touched the bier, and they that bore him
stood still. And he that was dead sat up
and began to speak, and He delivered
him to his mother."—Luke vii, 12-15.

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Him to beg bread as it would be for you
to become a pauper. He felt just as much
injured by being sold for thirty pieces of
silver as you would if you were sold for the
price of a dog.

Do you think I cannot prove by this
Bible that He was a God? If you do not
believe this Bible, of course there is no need
of my talking to you. There is no common
data from which to start. Suppose you do
believe it. Then I can demonstrate that He
was divine. I can prove He was Creator,
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around it and press it to your heart,
and to angel will repeat the story of Nain,
and delivered him to his mother." Did you
notice that passage in the text as I read it?
"He delivered him to his mother." Oh,
troubled souls! Oh, ye who have lived to
see every prospect blasted, peeled, scattered,
consumed, wait a little! The seedtime of
tears will become the harvest of joy. The
clime out of no wintry blast, under a
pallid by no hurrying tempest and amid
doomed ones that weep not, that part
that die not, friend will come to friend, and
kindred will join kindred, and the long
procession that marches the avenues of glory
will lift up their palms as again and again
is announced that the same one who came
the relief of many a maternal heart and
repeated the wailers of resurrection and
delivered him to his mother." Oh, that we
be the harvest of the world. That will be
the coronation of princes. That will be
the Sabbath of eternity.

THE TAJ MAHAL.

Said to Be the Finest Building in the World.

One of the most wonderful monu-
ments in the world is the Taj Mahal
built near Agra in India by Shah
Jahan as a mausoleum for himself
and his wife. She was of Persian
birth, of excellent family, but of
moderate circumstances. She was



the love of Shah Jahan before
came to the throne. The match was
not considered a desirable one as
they were kept asunder. She was
married to another. When Shah
Jahan became Emperor he caused
her husband to be killed and mar-
ried his wife. The name she is known
by in history is Mumtaz Mahal,
which means "Pride of the Palace."
When she died the Emperor built
her this unrivaled mausoleum.
It has been repeatedly called by con-
temporaries the finest building in
the world. It has been said of
it that it was "designed by Titans and
finished by jewelers." It is not one
of the finest buildings in the world,
but it has the handsomest setting.
visiting it we first enter a spacious
outer court, inclosed by beautiful
buildings, crowned by spring
domes. We pass through a lofty gate
of red sandstone ornamented with
white marble.

Everywhere are masses of mar-
ble, wonderful and delicate carving
in white marble, and slabs of corne-
l and other valuable stone line the
walls. Within are the tombs of
Shah Jahan and his wife and these two
elaborately ornamented.

One Man's Mining Outfit.

Henry Spencer, a Colorado miner
is fitting out a small naphthalene
for a novel prospecting tour. He
tends to work the bottom of
the Sacramento River above Redding,
and he is confident that his vent-
ure will prove successful. The launch
forty feet long and propelled with
eight horse-power engine. In the
bow of the boat he has placed a
peculiar pump, which was constructed
from his own design. The pump is
operated by the engine, and is
calculated to suck up the mud to
the bottom of the river and throw
it out on a platform which runs the full length
of the boat above the cabin and extends
far enough over the stern to throw
all the refuse back into the river.
The pump is powerful enough to
suck up a good many cubic yards of
mud, but he expected that by
running at full speed it should be
where near a thousand. If the
mining apparatus saved half the
mud from half that amount of earth
the bed of the river near Redding
should be a paying venture, say
several miners who know the count-
y and they are watching Mr. Spencer's
mining enterprise very closely.—
Francis O. Examiner.

When Colors Are Mingled.

A blue dress or necktie intensifies
the blue of the wearer's eyes,
they be of that color. A woman
with remarkably red lips clad in
heliotrope, with amethysts, has
the coral taken from her mouth
which wears instead a light helio-
tropic, and with this the pink of
her cheeks is also touched. An ordi-
nary or even sallow cheek never looks
beautifully white as over a
dress, which seemed to threaten
darken it. And beautiful as
"esthetic" colors were in their
they quenched and dimmed the
wearers to their own tone. This
is not to be easily explained by
chromatic rules. Nor can one
why turquoise blue darkens dark
and adds to their brightness.
fact remains that it is so, and of
fact: the wise will take advantage.

Savages and Iron.

The Baluban tribe of Central
America are famous for their skill
in casting and forging iron. They
construct tall cylindrical conical furnaces
of clay with layers of clay and
ingeniously devised wooden bellows.
They make arms for hunting and
war, and collars and bracelets of
iron. The neighboring natives respect
them in great numbers to export
their own products for the manu-
facture of the Balubans.