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HE VOTED FOR THE DRAFT.

So vote for Abraham,

If you'd avoid the draft."

If you'd avoid the draft."

By one who was Takew in.

"Good people vote for Abe, The Union to restore. To liberate the negro And end this cruel war. We'll have no more conscription, Said the Lincoln men and laughed;

"As soon as rebeldom, Shall hear the glorious news Of Abraham's election. They'll tremble in their shoes They'll throw away their arms,' Said the Lincoln men and laughed ; So vote for Father Abraham.

"Jeff Davis nd Rob Lee Will go to Mexico, And Beauregard and Hood will hide, Themselves in Borneo. They'll give us their plantations," Said the Lincon men and langhed; "So vote for Father Abraham, If you'd avoid the draft."

I took them at their word, I voted for their men. And sat up all ledion night, To-hear how Shoddy ran. The telegraph did tick. The Lincoln men all laughed. And said, 'the Copperheads are sick, There'll be another draft !"

No Copperhead am I, But still I felt quite sick, To think the draft should follow My vote for Abe so quick. I asked the Democrats How is this? and they laughed, And said, "How are you Conscript, You voted for the druft"

THE MILLER'S DAUGHTER; OR THE ANGEL WINGS.

Many years ago, the community of a ham let in the south France was startled by a crime rate indeed in their quiet agricultural district. A wealthy farmer was found dead, of his own house. He han been killed by blows administered with a heavy stake, which lay near the body, cov. red with blood, and tents, including a considerable sum of money. previous evaling for some sheep sold by him

When the awe and excitement, created by this event had subsided a little, every ex rwas offered for the discovery of the murderer proclamation of which bounty was made for several successive Sundays at the church door. At last some disclosures were made implicating a young man named Laroche-a simppling of eighteen years.

The person who brought the charge against young Lar che was a man by the name of Lucry-a strate r in the district but who her latery beet appointed by the lord of the monor as one of the keepers of his game preserves. Landry test fied that he had see Laroche cuiting a stake from a hedge on the alternoon previous to the murder, and that he had repreved him for it, and taking the stake from him, had stuck it in the bank of the had e at a particular spot. The stake was the same one that was found lying near the body of the murdered farmer. Lanors could swear to it, because, after taking it com Larocne, he hal nicked it in a peculiaway with his kinfe.

Now it so happened that the murdered farmer had many and influential friends, white Laroche hat but few. Therefore Lache was convicted of the murder, and sentences to be hung on a certain day, at a cer in place; until which time he was placed for we keeping in the jail of the districthe wird floor of a large stone building, the wer part of which was a mill. The prisen usisted of a single ap rement, lighted by me small window at a neight of about six en feet from the floor. The side of the uilding from which the window looked ran s eer down to the water of a deep river, which crept lazily by the mill, but quickened ts pace a little lower down, until it gradually became a rushing torrent, leaping wi'dly on to its fall over a perpendicular ledge of ricks. Bodies carried over this fall, it was said, never were recovered, and & was a fix ed notion among the country people that there was a suction force in the whir pool below by which everything falling in it was carried down into the unexplored abveses of earth. It was the day before that fixed for the execution of young Laroche, and the priest of the parish, Father Allard by name, had been left alone with the prisoner, in or der to prepare him, by the consolation of re ligion, for his approaching doom. To his words of comfost Laroche listened with humility and in silence, until the good father began to dilate upon his chances of forgive-

o' hat crime-a position which he meant to got about half way across, when the animal maintain, he said, with his latest breath.

To be brief, the youth of the prisoner, his eatness asservation of innocence, and a waup o that worthy man that he at last cons nied to commit himself to a plan for giving the prisoner a chance to escape, if not from death, at least from the ignomy of dying by the hands of the accursed hangman,

"If I die by the gallows, most reverend father." sad the young man, a great sorrow will some day fall upon all concerned in my death. The real mutderet is sure to be dis covered, sooner or later, and then I shall ribution of Heaven will pursue my murderers. Aid me to escape, rather than risk a great stain upon your conscience. Stand up on this chair, which I place upon the table. thus, and then by mounting upon your shoulders, I can reach the window, and drop trom it."

"But the river below?" "I can swim like an otter; and at any rate

it is better to be drowned than hanged." Convinced of the young man's innecence, Fath r Allard consented to aid him in his e-case. A moment sufficed to carry the plan in o execution. The prisoner gained the window, and disappeared.

Parading in a straggling way outside the building, went one of the minor officers of justice-a stolid peasant who had been place ed there by way of sentry, and who, at this moment, happened to be looking towards the ever wall of the mill. His sight nearly left im, as he afterwards stated, when he saw a man drop from the jull window, strike on a clear as day, without recourse to marvel or platform that protruded from a doorway in the second story, and rebounding from that, all into the water with a heavy plunge, reappearing at intervals until he was carried away into the rapids below,

The alarm was at once given. Village offi cials rushed to the prison room, where they found Father Allard alone, seated in the chair, bale, and as if just rec vering from the sight of some supernatural vision. To the questions put to him, he replied that, as he was administering the consolations of his holy office to the prisoner, a voice sounded through the apartment, accompanied by the shadow of a mighty pair of wings, on which at early morning, within one hundred yards he mouted to the ceiling of the apartment and was no more seen by him. The voice he added, preclaimed the prisoners innocence nd hat the real circumstances of the mur all his pockets had been rifled of their con- er would soon be made manifest. It was a miracle; and the good country people, which he was known to have received the ready to accept that form of interposition were easily persuaded to do so on the pres

ent occasion. M antime, Laroche, when he leaped from the wandow, had forgotten all about the plant tion was made by the authorities to ferret form. As he fell upon it, he displaced a sack ut the perpetrator of the crime. A reward of grain, which splashed in the dark waters of the river, appearing to the eyes of the bewildered sentry to be the body of the man who had dropped from the prison window .-Laroche lay upon the narrow platform, siunned by his heavy tall. Spiride, the miller's doughter, saw hom fall. There was no one el-e in the mill at the time. She drew him quekly benind the sacks and great heaps of g air on the fier, and having administered of m such restoratives as her young expenence suggested, threw some loose sacks

ver hous, and told hom to be still. That night Spiride and her lover-Laroche and she had been lovers for about six hours on's - ma de their way to where a boat lay moored below the falls, and, embarking in it cre soon carried far beyond the reach of arsuit. It was supposed by the affrighted rillagers that Spiride a use have been carried from the platform when the body from the window above had been seen to sir ke upon ; and as the whirlpool below the torrent had been never known to give up its dead, but attle search was made for her, and her riends resigned themselves to mourning for

Less than six months after this, Landry war tried for the murder of a brother keeper, and was convicted and hanged accordingly .-Previous to his execution, however, he made clean breast of it to Father Allard, confessing that he had murdered the farmer frhis money, killing him with the stake cut from he hedge by young Lar cae, which, as he stated, singularly enough, suggested to him the idea of committing the crime,

Two years elapsed, and Father Allard had been promoted to a parish at a distance of some fifty miles from the one of which he had been pastor for so many years.

Shortly af er his arrival there, his duties led him to take a journey on horseback some unles into the interior of the parish of which he had charge. Part of the road traveled by him would through a swampy forest region. and, after a ride of several miles, he came to a sluggish stream that had formerly been spanned by a bridge, of which nothing but the abutments now remained, however .-The priest turned his horse's head, and rode along the bank of the river, hoping, to find another bridge, or at least a ford by which he could cross to the other side; nor had he gone far when he discerned, by hoof marks, a place where cattle seemed to be in the habness in the next world for the terrible crimes 'it of wading through, or coming to drink .-

committed by him. Then the prisoner elec- The water appeared to be shallow, so he SIZING DOWN THE AGE OF MAN AND trified him by declaring his perfect innocence urged his unwilling horse into it, and had began to plunge and struggle violently, sinking at the same time as if drawn down by some invisible power. Aware, now, that he Vering doubt of his guilt which had all along had fallen into one of these quicksands which t ubice Fatter A lard's mind, so wrought are not uncommon in that part of France the good father knew that to throw himself from his horse would be certain death, as the water was not deep enough toswim in, and the hungry sandat the bottom was gaping for him. He held upon his horse therefore, and

shouted forhelp. The water was gaining upon him, as the terrified horse sank deeper and deeper in the treacherous stream. Up, up it came, until it reached his saddle, and then his knee, have been a murdered man, and the just ret- and he had given himself up for lost, when distant shouts came in response to his, which were growing feebler with each repetition .-And now a man bursts his way through the brushwood on the river bank, and laying his axe upon a tall, slender young tree, cuts it down with four or five rapid strokes, leaning it so that it falls out upon the water, its topmost boughs just brushing the sinking horseman in its fall, Grasping the boughs with all his remaining strength, the priest was drawn to the bank by the woodsman, faint ing and senseless, however, and with hardly a visible spark of life.

When Father Allard recovered conscousness, he found himself in a small but com ortable room. Seeing him open his eyes, buxom young woman, who was bathing his emples, uttered an exclamation of joy, callng bim by name; and now, as his dizzy enses brightened, what was his surprise to recognize in his attendant the lost Spiride. Explanation ensued, and all was made as

Presently Laroche, who had been engaged n extricating the priests horse, came in, and the meeting was an affecting one between the wo, each of whom had been thus wonderful.

"My conscience is clear now," said Father Allard. "Heaven has surely pardoned the little fiction framed by me else why-"

"But hold, reverend father," cried Larochinterrupting hin; "there was no fiction in the ease. You said I was carried away upon an angel's wings, and to I was, and this is the angel that saved me !" and he laughingly threw his arms around his pretty wife, and hugged her to his side

Poetical justice might now have been well satisfied, but I have a few words further to add upon the subject.

Larocho, who was now em r upon a n estate, was enabled, by the assis appoint ent to the very keepership formerly held by the assassin Landry. The mystery attending his miraculous escape and re appearance gave him an extraordinary influence among the peasantry. Stories lose nothing by circulation. He eventually became a scantified personage in the community; and rudely carved effigy of him is still to be een in the old chapel of the parish, with a pair of angel's wings hovering over him, and a cross at his head and feet.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES,

The power derived from the combustion of pound of coal quas that from the decomposition of nine pounds of zinc in a galvanie

Melted snow produces about one eight its

A locomotive driving wheel six feet in dimeter, makes 280 turns in running a mile. Britannia ware is an alloy of 851 parts tin 101 antimony, 3 zinc, and 1 copper.

An alloy of 3 parts tin, 5 lead and 8 bismuth melts at less than 212 degrees of heat, which is the temperature of boiling water.

PRINTERS AND DOCTORS .- An eastern paer very jurily comments on newspaper and medical creits: It is a notorious fact that doctor bills and newspaper bills are the last accounts in the sum of almost every man's ndebtedness which he thinks of paying .- in reaching the bank. On relating his adven Whatever may be his ability to pay; if his ture to his principal, the broker sharply re. chests are filled with old rusty dollars : he hinks some indefinite time will do to settle the aforesaid accounts. People somehow have a traditionary notion that the practices of physic and the publishing of newspaper are mere amateur professions, followed for amuse ment's sake, and for the cost of which little or noching is expected Yet there is not in dressed, vain looking man alighted from a the whole round of business, as far as we stage. know, a more expensive employment than that of a newspaper.

ulators, on the London Exchange, about 1834 When two parties contract, one to deliver and the other to take stocks on a future day at a specified price, it is the interest of the raise them. The former is styled a bear, in wise. allusion to the habit of that animal to pull things down with his paws, and the latter a bull, from the custom of that animal to throw up an object with his horus.

expected, perhaps, is the railway brakesman His average are is only 27. Yet this must be taken with some allowance, from the fact that hardly any but young active men are employed in the capacity. At the same age dies the factory workwoman, through the combined influence of confined air, sedentary posture, scant wages, and unremitting toil,-Then comes the railway baggage man, who is smashed on an average at 30. Milliners and dress-makers live but little longer. The average of the one is 32, and the other 33 .-The engineer, the fireman, the conductor, the powder-maker, the well digger, and factory operative, all of whom are exposed to sudden and violent deaths, die on an average under the age of 35. The cutler, the dyer, the leather-dresser, the apothecary, the con fectioner, the cig ar maker, the printer, the silver smith, the painter, the shoe-cutter, the engraver, and the machinest, all of whom lead confined lives in an unwholsome atmos phere, do not reach the average age of 40.-The musician blows his breath all out of his body at 40. Then comes the trades that are active or in pure air. The baker lives to an average age of 43, the butcher to 40, the brick-maker to 47, the carpenter to 49, the furnace man to 42, the mason to 48, the st one cutter to 43, the tanner to 49, the tin smith to 41, the weaver to 44, the drover to 40, the cook to 45, the inn-keeper to 46, the laborer to 44, the domestic servant (female) to 43, the tailor to 43, the tailoress to 41 Why should the barber live till 50, if not to show the virtue there is in personal neatness and soap and water? Those who average over half a century among mechanics are those who keep their muscles and lungs in healthful and moderate exercise, and not troubled with weighty cares. The blackand the wheel-wright till 50. The miller ly appointed by Providence to preserve the lives to be whitened with the age of 61. The rope maker lengthens the thread of his to 55, Merchants, wholesale and retail, to 52. Professional men live longer than is generaly supposed. Litigation kills clients sometimes, but seldom lawyers, for they average 56 Physicians prove their usefuluess by prolonging their own lives to the same period. The sailor averages 43, the caulker 64. the sail maker 62, the stevedor 56, the erry man 65, and the pilot 64. A dispensation of Providence that "Main law" men may consider incomprehensible is, that brewers and distillers live to the ripe old age of 64 Last and longest lived comes paupers, 67. and "gentlemen" 68. The only two classes that do nothing for themselves and live on their neighbors outlast all the rest.

> THE MISSION OF WAR .- A distinguished historian has truly said that "philosophers may dream of peace, but war is the history of man," There comes a time in the history of a people when they would suffocate in the stench of their own corruption, and unless saved by war-bloody, vigorous war-there is no help for them. This treatment purifies. hardens and ennobles them. The manly vir ues of coursge and honor come to be in demand, are cultivated and rewarded. Then the honor and the leadership of the State, instead of being covertly won by the glib parter of elegant phrases, or the subtile and vulgar manipulator of the primbries, are freely given to the noble soldiers of promise and genins. True it is, as has been lately said by the venerable Dr. Breckinridge, no great nation has made its impress on the world but its foundations were laid in was and its baptism made

They tell a story of a substitute broker, which is probably true. He bad "put in" one of his men some dozen or fifteen times and had come to regard him as one of the most profitable part of his stock in trade. On one occasion the bounty jumper found no op portunity to run away until the steamboat up on which he was shipped for the army had got a mile from shore, He took his chance, however, jumped overboard, and succeeded proved him for his temerity, adding, "Only think what a loss it would have been to me had you been drowned !"

ABOUT 'THE Nose. - One day, as a witty son of the Emerald Isle was standing on the steps of a tavern in Grand street, a finely

His nose was such an uncommon size that Pat starred at him with astonishment .-"Who are you starring at, stupid? asked The singular epithets of "bulls," the man of the big nose, n a pompous tone. and "bears," were first applied to stock spec- "Why, by jabers," said Pat, "seeing a nose comin' I was lookin' to see whether there was a man behind it or not."

A soldier writes home that he gets delivering party in the intervening period, to along with the hard tack pretty well except depress stocks, and of the receiving party to when they put the shortening into it length-

tree then go round in front and make mouths

WELL DONE! JONETHAN .- A green good natured, money making up-country Jonathan, wno said everything drily got things The man that dies youngest, as might be fixed, and stuck up a bargain for matrimony and the parties agreed to employ a country justice to perform the ceremony. The worthy squire commenced by remarking that it was customary on such occasions to begin with a prayer but he believed he would omit that. After the not was cied he said it was customary to give the couple some advice, but he believed he would omit that also; it was customary to kiss the bride but he would omit that likewise. The ceremony being ended, Jonathan taking the squire by the button hole, said "Squire it's a customary to give the magistrate five dollars-but I believe

How to Fill the Army.

The Shoddy press told us that the soldiers who voted for Lincoln 'voted as they fought.' Of course, aptly remarks the Harrisburg Union, those who staid at home and voted for Lincoln "voted as they would desire to fight. So good an opportunity is now presented to these latter of fighting as they voted that they should not neglect it. Three hundred thousand of such voting warriors are now wanted to fight and judging them from their own stand point, their eminent patriotism demands for them the first rank in battle,-

General McClellan, it is reported, will sail for Europe in February ; his wife and child will accomprny him. "Burleigh," the Boston Journal's correspondent in New York, makes the following statement in reference to the General's movements : "A company of gentlemen in this city have fitted a fast sailing clipper ship ir elegant style. placed on board every conceivable luxury, manned her completely with a fine crew, put her in charge of one of our ablest captains, and tendered her to General George B. McClellan for one smith hammers till 51, the cooper till 52, year, to sail where he will with his family and friends, the entire expense to be borne by the gentlemen."

> WALKING OVER THE SOUTH .- The New York Commercial says: "What we want is an army, not to be promenading all over the Rebel States, but to walk over the identical patch 'held by Lee's army.' Our armies may overcome the Rebel territory from Dan ton Beersheba and makes all sorts of marches unparalleled in history, but so long as Lee's army occupies the 'patch' to which has been so long rooted, these extensive expeditions of pedestrianism will tend only to a slow exhaustion of the enemy. The war will close with the coup that dispossesses the army of Lee of the lines in which they lie, and tha 1 1 tes or r outs that army."

> A MINE OF THREE CENT PIECES -- An eccentric individual named, William Cilley, died recently at Lockport, New York, He lived alone, kept a grocery, and willed his property, valued at \$18,000, to his relatives in England. He kept specie buried in the cellar in an old boiler. Among the deposits n this private vault were over fifty thousand three cent pieces. How many millions of coin are thus hoarded in various parts of the

> A young lady was heard to declare that she couldn't go to fight for the conutry, but she was willing to allow the young men to go, and die an old maid, which she thought was as great a sacrifice as any one could be

> What is there which, supposing its greatest breadth to be four inches, length nine inches, and depth three inches, contains a solid foot ? A shoe.

> Why are birds like farmers? Because they depend on their crops for support.

> How to make a watch keep time. Never wind it up ; it will then keep the same time all the year around. 4.1

Music which charms us the most-

Kidnapping-A baby sleeping.

The quickest way to demoralize the Confederates would be to send the Federal contractors among them.

It is stated that a lady walked down Broadway, New York, last Tuesday morning, with a dress on which cost in the aggregate two thousand and five hunred dollars.

GROSS .- "Isn't it strange," remarked & lady, "that the Misses Smith are so gross." "Not at all," was the reply; "their father

Our new Postmaster General, Mr. Dennison was born in Cincinnati, where his father kept a hotel, called the Dennison House. He received his school and college education and studied law in the same city.

An iron letter has just been sent by mail from Pittsburgh, Pa., to England. The To kill bedbugs-chain their kind legs to a iron was rolled so thin that the sheet was only twice the weight of a similar sized sheet of ordinary note paper,

death of the Hon. Edward Everett, the great