

NOTHING NEW.

The spider weaves his gauzy web; Quick each false step retrieving, He's weaving on and weaving on— Fast in and out his swift thread goes From moon till night, from night till morn, And why so fast—the whole world know That old, old web he's weaving.

STRIKING BACK.

BY ROBERT BARR.



GEORGE STREETER was in Paris, because he hoped and expected to meet Alfred Davison there. He knew that Davison was going to be in Paris for at least a fortnight, and he had a particular reason for wishing to come across him in the streets of Paris rather than in the streets of London.

for you; for your conduct appeared to be premeditated." "You are quite right," answered Streeter; "I have a couple of friends to whom I shall be pleased to introduce you. Come this way, if you will be so kind."

Streeter looked hurriedly at his watch. "Ah! I see," said Miss Neville; "this conversation is not to your taste. You are going to plead an appointment—as if anyone could have an appointment at this hour of the morning."

SOLDIERS' COLUMN

SHAKING A BRIGADIER.

Why Leaving One's Jacket Open Became a Serious Offense.



IN the spring of 1862 Co. B, 1st Mich. Cav., was detailed as body-guard to Brig. Gen. Crawford. We thought we were very fortunate that we were in for a soft snap. The duties were not very severe, and the Commissary department was always at our disposal.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

A leech has three jaws, which form a triangle.

The solid nutrient in an egg equals one-third of its weight. Nearly 300,000 pounds of aluminum were produced in this country last year.

AN ECCENTRIC "LORD."

Queer Antics of an American Would-Be Aristocrat.

One of the most noted eccentrics in American life was Timothy Dexter, Lord Timothy Dexter as he chose to call himself, who died in the beginning of the century.

The Use of Poultices.

Physicians are often surprised at the ignorance of patients concerning the use of poultices. The trouble arises from a wrong idea as to the curative action of a poultice.

GEN. ZOLLIFFER'S DEATH.

A few days after the battle of Mill Springs I was under medical treatment at a hotel in Lebanon, Ky., when a man stopped overnight at the same place. He was dressed in citizen's clothes, and kept himself somewhat secluded.

Her Tongue Slipped.

The venerable head of the household tore his hair and stamped about as though breaking in new shoes, while he discussed the last gasp.

India ink is made in Japan from the soot obtained by burning the shells of an oily nut.

A hive of 5000 bees should produce fifty pounds of honey every year and multiply tenfold in five years. Dew has a preference for some colors. It is said that while a yellow board attracts dew, a red or black one beside it will be perfectly dry.

A Famous Pianist's Sprightly Remark.

Stupid as a pianist, is a simile at once apt and exact. A man like Paderewski, who divides his time between practicing in private and performing in public, has little leisure for the study of differential calculus, conic-section inscriptions or any one of the other thousand subjects of which a proper understanding is the manifest characteristic of a cultivated and sprightly mind.

Valuable Woods of Argentine.

While the upper provinces and territories of the Argentine Republic are an almost unbroken forest of primeval proportions, in which are to be found hundreds of kinds of hard woods susceptible of the very finest polish and presenting the most exquisite colorings, yet the country is almost devoid of the soft woods of commerce.

Geese That Cannot Swim.

Ducks swim the world over, but geese do not. In South America a domestic species is found that cannot exel an ordinary hen in aquatic accomplishments. It has lived so long in a country where water is found only in wells that it has lost its aquatic tastes and abilities entirely.

Getting Into a Scrape.

The red and fallow deer which formerly roamed through the English forests had a habit of scraping up the earth with their forefeet to the depth of several inches, sometimes even of half a yard.