

HOW PROVIDENCE WATCHES THE PLAY.

Before the house is sealed,
Before the footlights blaze,
Before the curtain rises,
Before the music plays,

For thirty years I've studied
Productions grave and gay,
Opera, tragedy, drama,
Comedy, farce and play;

Story of Black Chief.
Daring Exploits of Quobah, an Ashantee Warrior.
By JOHN R. SPEARS.

Few references to the lives of individuals who were carried from Africa to the Americas in the days of the slave trade...

spirit of the scart. Quobah was condemned to die by torture, but when told of the fate awaiting him he curled his lips in scorn...

been an overseer for a Brazilian planter, and by successful ventures in the slave trade had acquired the means for the purchase of an estate of his own...

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

A Merry Can.
I can fly kites, oh, awful high,
Away up higher than the sky!

"Praise of Women."
Of all the warships in the world one that is in the German navy has the prettiest name...

New Outdoor Winter Games.
A delightful game to play in the winter holidays, when the long hours drag within doors, is snow fox and geese.

QUANT AND CURIOUS.
As a rule dwarfs live much longer than giants. The latter usually have weak constitutions...

St. Louis boasts of a man who has no first name. As driver of a junk wagon, he was mixed up in a street accident...

Among the picturesque features of life in the Moqui villages are the town criers, who take the place of the daily newspapers in civilized communities.

One morning the weekly supply of butter was needed and Arthur was asked to run over to the farmhouse...

Arthur reached the farmhouse in good time, and the empty butter pail was exchanged for one filled with half-pound prints of delicious yellow butter.

Arthur started for home. Billy, in fine feather, was cantering along easily. A few rods from the farm, near the road, stood a small blacksmith's shop...

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KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

PENSIONS GRANTED.

\$5,000 Verdict—Reunion of Veterans.
Scarcity of Coke—Koch Cure.
Freight Wreck.
The following names were added to the pension roll during the past week...