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Somn one asks the Norristown Herald how to apply a mustard plaster without blistering the skin. Try it on a Democratic mossback who expects to improve trade by destroying the tariff.

IT will not tend to stigmatize bankwrecking as the great crime it should be for the President to pardon a noted New York culprit, letting him off after spending one-third his term in the penitentiary.

ANY one who has a suggestion as to how to relieve the financial stringency should make it promptly, for the thing is promising to relieve itself shortly, and at least before Congress can make up its various mind what to do.

## THE RATIO.

What do the terms 16 to 1 and 20 to 1 mean in connection with the coinage of silver? READER.

It means that there are sixteen times as many grains of silver in the present silver dollar as there are grains of gold in a gold dollar. When the ratio of 16 to 1 was established sixteen grains of silver were worth as much in gold as one grain of the yellow metal. It is ratio so that the value of the ailver In a dol lar shall be equal to the value of the gold in a gold dollar. At the present price of silver the ratio would be about 27 to 1. That is, the silver dollar would weigh twenty-seven times as much as the gold dollar.

## HOW NOT TO DO IT.

Some time ago John Doe had \$400 in a savings fund. Becoming alarmed at the financial depression, he withdrew his money and now has it in his stock-

## GREAT THOUGH BLIND. Men Who Have Achieved Distinction

With Sightless Eyes. Great Blind Men of the Present Time Wonders Wrought By Men and

Women in Every Fleid of Endeavor. (Copyright, 1898,)

Coleridge once said of John Gough. the wonderfully elever blind botanist, geologist and mathematician; "His fage sees all over, it is all one eye." Here is the key to the extraordinarily acute faculties of the notable blind people of the world's history, the pe who have written and sung and travelled and wrought with profit to them salves and humanity. The remark might be amplified, however, for not only is the face of the intelligent blind person "all one eye" but the ears, the hands, the feet and all the other members and organs of the senses are eyes to the blind.

A. T. CANFIELD. It is a well known fact that injury to

as sys or one car often renders the other eye or car more acute as a result of the double duty which it is called upon to perform. So with the blind. The loss of the most valuable and most important of all the senses, naturally quickens the other senses. Instead of "seeing" the blind "feel," as it were, and instances of the extraordinary development to which this power 103 "feeling" has been carried by the sightless are almost innumerable. One of the earliest veracious instances of remarkable achievements by the blind is the Odyssey of Homer. Although blind-neas did not fall upon the great uple singer until late in life, his grandest words were composed after the blight had fallen upon him. In fact, it is possible that had he not been stricken the

world might have lost his immortal the scheme of some to increase the Between the time of Homer and that of Milton there were doubtless many notable achievements by the blind but few of them have come down to us Here and there, we come across insta n ces of the kind such as the fabled re turn of the three hundred knights whose eyes had been put out by Saracons and who nevertheless found their way somehow or other back to But it is only within the last Europe. two hundred years or so that authentic records of wonders wrought by the blind have been preserved. The stor of Milton's misfortune and his subs The story quent contributions to the cause of re

ligion is a matter of household knowl edge. Here and there one finds in old books a brief reference to Francis



royalty.

was blinded by smallpox at the age of six, actually became no well versed in chemistry and the science of optics that The work was in thirteen pages, but the he ranked as an authority and made a boy unhesitatingly accompanied the living by lecturing on these subjects. On one occasion, it is said, when the coach smazed his audience by fairly pushing on which he was riding fell into a ditch. the composer off the plano stool and he assisted his fellow passengers out of triumphantly playing the entire compo the ditch and directed the work of re-sition from start to finish with infinitely moving the fallen conch.

Holman, another one of the sightless the writer himself. This was in the unfortunates, won fame as a traveller tate 50's, and the boy then seemed more in strange and unknown countries, and animal than man, only becoming inter his works descriptive of his travels, at the time of publication, outranked the best works of the kind extant. esting or even bearable while under the influence of the music which he himself, produced. In later years, he Another blind man who won fame by his travels was James Wilson, who was born in the State of Virginia in 1779. exhibitions of his power.

and lost his sight as a more child while on a vessel bound for Belfast. He managed, however, in one way or another to support himself, and in 1830 in recent years, has actually occupied published his autobiography including. by way of appendix, skutches of the chievements of fifty-four notable blind Hanover' ruled over his subjects for seaple. This work ran through sev eral editions and is one of the his thronedom by the absorption of most notable contributions to the Hanover in Prussia in 1868. He fled to literature of the blind. James Blackock of Edinburgh studied for the ministry, and attained sufficient standing to have the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by the University. He is supposed to have been the first blind man to receive that high

honor. Dr. Blacklock wrote the article on "The Blind" for the original edition of the Encyclopedia Brittanica and his work has been much drawn upon by subsequent writers.

In more recent times, the advanced methods of educating the blind have resulted in the general betterment of the condition and opportunities of the child, but subsequently taught school sightless, but it appears there have been less cases of strikingly notable posing hymns. Some of her bes achievements. The general level having been raised, work accomplished by individuals does not, of course, stand out in such bold relief as it did in the ing days when the average blind person had no facilities whatever for acquir ing knowledge, either general OT special. The case of Laura Bridgman is perhaps more widely famous than



FANNIE CROSBY.

ollege, and was graduated with high that of any other blind person of the honors in 1870 in the class of the pres century, unless it be "Blind Tom," the at president of Columbia. Seth Lowe us pianist. Laura Bridgman He took up the calculus of Variation was born in 1829 in Hanover, lost her sight and hearing in infancy orked out all the equations, and after dinite labor issued a new treatise on and soon after lost her power of speech he subject which is one of the stand-Her sense of smell was also destroyed and that of taste was seriously im-paired. In olden times the child so rd works. He now lectures on matheatics at Columbia College and also ives private lessons in mathematics. The list of the blind men and women ituated would have been considered beyond relief of any kind, but Dr. Samuel G. Howe, superintendent of the f the present day who have achieved cominence in many lines might be Perkins Institution for the Blind at most indefinitely extended, including Boston, Mass., took an interest in her case and devoted a great deal of time s it does ex-Postmaster Fawcett of ireat Britain; Judge West, the blind to her education. He first taught her awyer: Rev. Dr. McClelland, the wellthe names of objects, by placing some familiar article in her hand and then nown minister: Marvin R. Clark, the ew York journalist; Dr. James giving her the name of the object in raised letters. She was subsequently scile, of Boston: Alvah T. Canfield, of lighlands, N. Y., the traveling agent taught the alphabet and then spelling id business man: Martin N. Kellog. and the rudiments, and eventually the weather prophet of St. Paul; and Johnson N. Mundy, the blind sculptor. learned to read, write, sew and do household work. She finally put into execution a maxim about the blind leading the blind, herself becoming : Hood's Cures teacher of the blind at the Perkins Institute, where she remained until her death in 1889. A no less notable case, though notan analagous one, is that of the famou negro pianist knowa as "Blind Tom." This creature, for there was little of the human in his makeup, so far as could be seen, was bought with his mother, a slave woman, in 1850, by Oliver H. Perry of southern Georgia The child was then a mere infant, but was hopelessly blind and was supposed to be practically an idiot. Hence the planter who sold his mother made no charge for the child, but simply threw him in, as the saying goes, rather than separate the mother and the child. The little unfortunate grew up on Mr. Perry's plantation very much B. E. Durphy after the fashion of a pet animal, re-" Hood's Saraparilla has done wonders for ceiving no special attention, and spend Three years ago I suffered with infiamma ing most of his time in the open air tory rhoumation, and was taken with typhoid sunning himself. His talk was gibberer. After the fover abated my limbs were so ish, and all who saw him predicted that stiff I could not straighten them. I got a bottle of he would develop into a full-fledge Hood's Sarsaparilla idiot. One day his master's family and when I had taken it I could bend my limbs was sured of rheumatism, and am now feeling ware surprised to hear certain favor m, and am now feeling Ite airs of the daughters of the family well." B. E. DUBPHY, Carbondale, Pa. played upon the plano although none of the members of the family was in Hood's Pills oure liver ills, sick headache, the room in which the plano stood. On investigation, little "Blind Tom" was lice, indigestion. Try a box. 25a Rheumatism, found sitting on the piano stool with Lumbago, Sciatica, an apish look of give on his face, his **Kidney Complaints**, little shubby black hands meantime traveling up and down the keyboard Lame Back, &c. with extraordinary speed and precision Suprised, but not then comprehending the extraordinary nature of the pe formance. Mr. Perry good naturedly allowed the little negro boy to spend as much time as he pleased at the plano. and in a few months, the youngster had developed into a veritable prodigy, DR. SANDEN'S ELECTRIC BELT a prodigy without counterpart record, either before or since After a single hearing he would play with faultless precision any composition. however, intriente or difficult, and repentedly gave the most marvellous tests of his powers at public exhibitions. On one occasion, for instance, a musician in the audience insisted on having "Blind Tom" play a secondo to a fan-tasia which he himself had just comhis object being to astertain. ELECTRIC CO., Y. NEW YORK CITE. No. 800 BROADWAY. whether the boy could really play a



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and Richard Roes had bought up more than they could eat and stored it away. Suppose there was available only an average of twenty-four loaves aplece, which was just enough if each got his 400 loaves in his cellar and Richard Roe had locked 15,000 in his warehouse; would not public indignation be kindled against them ?

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and husband his resources. But the man who thinks the proper way is to w put his currency in a stocking or a wanit is a fool and a public enemy.

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Don't be scared. Daylight is at hand. -Phila. Inquirer.

Salinas, of Spain, who developed re-markable ability as a musician in the early part of the sixteenth century. A century and a half later Turlagh Caro han won undying fame as the blind oser and harpist, though with him the harp was simply a means to an end -the end of composing the graceful

songs and airs, some of which still live About his time lived Nicholas Saunder-



RING OF HANOVER.

on, who though blind from childhood became Lucasian, Professor Mathematics at Cameridge University. succeeding such men as Whiston and Sir Isane Newton. in addition to his fame as a mathematician. Saunderson became widely known as numismatist quots, and that John Doehad secreted It is said of him that he could identify any coin handed to him by simply pass ing his hands over it, and, as the story goes, he was so expert that he even de tected certain counterfeits of lloman coins in one of the great collections.

William Talbot, who was born in 1781 at Hoserea, Ireland, mastered the intri encies of the organ to such an exten the: he constructed an improved organ with his own hands, introducing in it reach of those who need them and are many excellent improvements. Franci Hu or who was born in Genevain 1750. and became blind at seventeen years of Of course, a man should be cautious age devoted himself so successfully to study of the habits and peculiarities

of the bee family that his published oric on bees is, or was up to a recent date, the acknowledged authority Leonard Euler became blind late in life, but notwithstanding this affliction sub sequently wrote his famous work on

"Elements of Algebra" and his scarcely less famous "Theory of the Moon" John Metcalf, a Yorkshire man, who lost his eyesight at six years of age, in consequence of an attack of smallpox, so rallied from the affliction that for of his young companions could exce him in riding, swimming or other forms of vigorous exercise. As he grew older he developed remarkable ability vised the building of several roads and capped the elimax by constructing a land which the best engineering authorities had pronounced a physical imposalbility. Dr. Henry Moyes, who was born in Fifeshire, in 1750, and like Metcalf,

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