

## **VOLUME 6.**

## REYNOLDSVILLE, PENN'A., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1897.

SOME ROYAL DUGS.

at least by hearsay to everybody.

playing with these monster pets. He

Black is a sportsman's dog, of no very aristocratic breed. Indeed, if the

truth must be told, he is a member of

the race of mongrels which the fisher-

men in the south of France take out to

sea, employing them to recapture any

wily fish that may fall through the

common fisherman but as a "fisher of

men," is already great, for he has saved

no fewer than six persons from a watery

on the cliff to get a view of the angry

and bringing to laud, one by one, three

drowning men, while the crowd cheered the brave mongrel to the echo. The

CURIOUS INSECT.

A Putterfly That Enjoys Only Five Hours

It is in August that the natoralists

observe the marvelous insect which is

born, reproduces and dies in the period

of a single night, on the banks of the

Marne, of the Seine, and of the Rhine.

It is the ephemere of which Sirammer-

dam has written and which is spoken

The life of this insect does not last

beyond four er five hours. It dies to-

ward 11 o'clock in the evening, after taking the form of a butterfly about six

hours after midday. It is true, how-

ever, that before taking this form it

has lived three years in that of a worm,

of un Aristotle.

of Life

Duke Alexis,

grave.

## NUMBER 19.

THE NEWSBOY'S DREAM.

It Was Ilis Idea of What Would Be Ab-solutely Ideal Conditions.

be said to have created a genus for him-

self. If he has any, he has certainly created it, for of all the inhabitants of

this planet there is none who is so abso-

Intely independent, so thoroughly con-fident of his own exertions. He has a

self importance, derived from his ability

to support or partially support himself, which places him high above the rank

of the ordinary gamin, and he generally possesses what is far more important in

any community—ready movey. He is the capitalist of our junior civilization, the Count Esterhazy of newsboys' alley.

He can play craps for mobey when other

boys are constrained to pursue this de-

lectable amusement with only the mild-

er if more intellectual pleasure of study-

ing the fluctuations of fortune, or, at

He may swear a little more than is

necessary, but in general is not half bad. His train of thought is usually

healthy and vigorous and has a robust-ness born of the outer air in which he

spends so much of his time. Physically

he is agile and almost tireless. While apparently reckless in most things, he

is, on the whole, careful of his bealth--

he is scarcely ever known to smake a whole cigarette at a time. His intellect

is as keen as a razor. He keeps it con-tinually boned on the strop of experi-

ence. Everything carries for him a les-son. From the sale of the largest Sun-

day paper to that of the most unpreten-

tions weekly there is nothing he does

He is a born statist, a self educated

strategist. He has the nice art of going

far enough and yet never overatepping

himself. On the eve of such an occasion

he will vociferate, "All about the elec-

tion." but don't ever expect of whom

until you buy the paper. Pleasure and other things occupy a fair proportion of his time, but with him the distribution

of news is always uppermost. It even

permeates his alcoping hours. One of them was heard to remark between sales

to another a day or so ago, "Say, Jim, I had de finest dream I ever had has'

Was it about angels?" inquired Jim.

"Naw," was the contemptuous re-ponse. "I dreampt dat der was a aw-

ful smashup, six fires, four double mur-ders an tree suicides, all in one day."-

not profit by.

night.

spouse.

most, hazarding cigarette pictures.

The American newsboy can almost

## Hallroab Cime Cables. DENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

## IN EFFECT AUGUST 1, 1897.

Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division Time Table. Trains leave Driftwood. EASTWARD

EASTWAND 210 a m-Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Hazleton, Pottsville, Scranton, Harrisburg and the Intermediate Sta-tions, arriving at Philadelphia 6:22 p.m., New York, 9:20 p.m.; Bultimore, 6:39 p.m.; Washington, 7:16 p.m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and pas-senger conches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Wash-ington.

senger exaches from Kabe to Friladelpha ind Williamsport to Batilmore and Wash-ington. (32 p. m.-Train 6, weekdays, for Har-risburg and intermediate stations, ar-riving at Philadelphia size A. M. York, 7:33 A. M. Pullman Sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York, Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleener undisturbed until 7:30 A. M. 252 p. m.-Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harris-burg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 6:32 A. M. Yow York, 9:33 A. M. on week days and 10:38 A. M. on Sun-day i Bailmore, 6:20 A. M. Washington, 7:40 A.M. Pullman sleepers from Erle and Wil-hamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington. Passengers in sleeper for Finalelphia diversion sileeper at Wil-hamsport. Passenger coaches from Erle to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baili printeephia and Williamsport to Baili philadelphia and Williamsport to Baili

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 946 a. m. — Train 16, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.
 947 a. m. — Train 18, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.
 948 p. m. – Train 18, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.
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 949 p. m. – Train 18, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.
 940 p. m. – Train 18, weekdays for Kane and intermediate stations.
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## HE PLAYED BARBER.

The

### SHAVED A DEAD MOONSHINER, AND THERE WAS NO "NEXT."

The Job Tendered, With Some Emphasis, by Friends of the Decensed-The Traveling Man Accepted, but Now Sells Over Another Route.

"It was in Tennessee, " said the traveling man, "it happened, on one of hounds, whose strength and vigilance their master considers his best safethose back country roads which I was traveling on my way to a town where I guard. The grave czar is often seen had a fine list of customers. The night was closing in, and I was wondering how long it would take me to reach a place where I could spend the night. I knew that I was among the moonshiners, for the jug on a stump with the money under it was in evidence along the road. I had no thought of being molested in that country, where the only warfare is against the revenue officers, and no one would have suspected me of complicity with the government.

"A slight noise startled my horse, and I leaned out of the buggy to look into the chamber of a revolver. At the same time I saw two figures, one on each side of me, and, checking my horse, I tried to assume a bravado I was far from feeling as I asked:

""Well, gentlemen, what is your will with me?

"You can imagine my surprise when a boyish voice asked:

"'Kin you shave yourself?"

meshes of their nets or slip suddenly back into its element after it has been "I answered that I always shaved myself. Without lowering his revolver once lauded on board the barge. Black he looked across me to his pal on the is still rejoicing in the days of his youth, but his record, not only as a

I'll lead the horse."

"Having made up my mind not to be dragged off in any such ignominious manner, I said:

Some three or four years ago the Grand Duke Alexis was staying at Biarritz. One stormy night he went out "'If you are going to shoot me, I suppose I must give up my life, as I am sea. A boat way just being wrecked be-low, and he saw a dog dashing with angry growls and barks into the water

was leading my horse. ....Yer won't be killed nor robbed nor nothin, if yer don't try ter give us the

slip. Shet your mouth now, wister, an you'll know more right soon. "We must have gone a mile before we came to a turn in the road that

grand duke approached to caress the dog, and the animal's master then offered Black to him, refusing to accept any payment. — St. Louis Post-Dispatch. brought us out in front of a cabin much larger than any I had seen that day in my travel. A woman stood at the door crying.

"'Hev yer foun somebody, boys?' she ashed anxiously. "'Yep, morm, an he'll do the job up

slick 'thout askin much pay.'

to murder some one. The boys were beardless mountain loafers-I had met their type often, but I never knew them to be desperadoes. "I was shown into the cabin by the

woman, one of the boys following with the revolver, while the other waited to fasten the horse to a scrab oak. I saw a figure stretched on a settle, and the idea fashed into my mind that I was mistaken for a doctor. I am not a medical man,' I began

to explain, when the woman cut me chort "You uns 'od a been tew late of

which keeps always near the border of water in the holes which it makes in the mud. you uns was a doctor. He passed outen afore daylight, an it's bother kind of

Scotty's Reckless Generosity. On his first visit to Aberdeen an Eng-Nearly All the Sovereigns of Europe Are Fond of Canine Pets. lish commercial traveler, having receiv-

ed some marks of kindness from one of its inhabitants, exclaimed in an offhand Nearly every one of the sovereigns of Europe, it appears, has one or more way on his departure: "If at any time you or any of your pet dogs. The collies of Queen Victoria, the fox terriers of Princess Beatrice, with Jock as prime favorite, are known

people come up to London, don't put up at a hotel, but come to us." "Oh, thank ye!" replied the Scot la-The emperor of Russia is also a great tonically, and away the southron went. lover of dogs. A London paper reports that he is always accompanied in his Six months passed, and the English-man had long forgotten the incident, walks by a couple of fine Danish when, to his surprise, he received one

morning the following note: My DEAR FRIEND-As myself, my wife and four children are coming up to London for a fortnight, we will be glad to avail surselves of your kind invitation

Facing the situation with unquestion able courage, the southerner put himself to unutterable inconvenience to accommodate his guests. He took them everywhere, paid for everything, and at the end of the stipulated time they announced their departure. The bost sc companied them to the station and in the fullness of his gratitude at the ex-odus invited the father to have a parting drink.

to be-whisky and soda, as usual? Two

### On the Pronunciation of Pepys

spelling Peaps and Peyps which have come down to us, and both these would break, great; ey-a, as in obey and they In this matter, however, I have not the courage of my opinion, and I am not, therefore, prepared to adopt this pronunciation. - Notes and Queries.

### Electro-magnetic Voice.

Professor W E Ayrton of London stated recently that "there is no doubt the day will come, maybe when you and I are forgotten, when copper wires, gutta percha coverings and iron sheathings will be relegated to the museum of antiguities. Then, when a person wants to telegraph to a friend, he knows not where, he will call in an electro-mag-netic voice, which will be heard loud by kim who has the electro-magnetic ear, but will be silent to every one else He will call, 'Where are you?' and the reply will come loud to the man with electro-magnetic ear, 'I am at the bottom of the coal mine, or crossing the Andes, or in the middle of the

e.' Or, perhaps, no voi

## THE FAMOUS GIN LAW.

Star.

### How It Was Received and Evaded by the English Public.

This famous "gin law," passed in 1736, is interesting as the earliest se-vere blow at liquor dealing among civilized nations. It levied a tax of 20s. a gallon on spirits, and a license of £50 for any one selling or dealing in them. And, being in advance of public opinion, it failed, much as other more stringent prohibition laws have failed in our own day. For the cry was at once raised that it taxed the poor man's gin and let the rich man's wine go Every wit, every caricaturist, had free. his fling at it. Ballads were hawked around telling of the approaching death of Mother Gin. The liquor shops were hung with black and celebrated uproariously Mme, Geneva's lying in state, her funeral, her wake and so on. The night before the law went into effect, so the contemporary journals say, there was a universal revel all over the country. Every one drank his fill and carried home as much gin besides as he could pay for. To evade the law apothecaries sold

it in vials and small packages, some-times colored and disgnised, generally under false labels, such as "Colic Water," "Make Shift," "Ladies' De-Water," "Make Shift," "Ladies' De-light." There were printed directions on some of these packages—e. g., "Take two or three spoonfuls three or four times a day, or as often as the fit takes Informers were very prominent you. and exceedingly offensive, inventing snares to catch lawbreakers for the sake of the heavy rewards, and spying and sneaking around in a way particularly distasteful to the English mind. In con sequence they suffered in their turn. The mere cry, "Liquor spy!" was though to raise a mob in the London streets, and the informer was lbcky if he escaped with a sound thrashing and a ducking in the Thames or the nearest horse pond. Indeed, such an outery was made about the matter that the ministry became very unpopular, and the law wds not enforced after two or three years, and was largely modified in 1743, after seven years' trial. - Popular Sci-ence Monthly.

### A Curlous and Rare Book.

The most curious as well as one of the rarest books known to collectors is the edition of the Vulgate issued by Pope Sixtus V, some time between 1585 and 1590. The book, as Disraeli describes it, "fairly swarmed with er-So numerous were they that a rata. " number of printed paper slips containing the proper words were pasted over the blunders, and this device proving ineffectual on account of the immense number of mistakes, as many of the copies as could be found were called in and destroyed. Only a few romain, and the book with its paper patches com-mands an extremely high price.

### Chalk.

All chalk is composed of fossils. If you take the tiniest bit and place it under a powerful microscope, you will see an infinite number of extremely diminutive shells, and no spectacle on a large scale is more beautiful than the variel forms of these tiny homes of animal life, which are disclosed by powerful glasses.

# Chicago Tin:es-Herald.

Gold and Silver Gospels. "The Gold and Silver Gospols" is the name of a very peculiar book now preserved in the Upsala library in Sweden. It is printed with metal type, on violet colored vellum, the letters being silver and the initials gold. When it was printed, by whom or what were the methods employed, are questions which have great interest for the curious, but have never been answered.

### Maid and Widow.

By the old Saxon law a maiden and widow were of different value. The latter could be bought for one-half the sum which the guardian of the maid was entitled to demand. A man, there fore, who could not afford to buy a maiden might, perhaps, be able to purchase a widow.

The herd of European bisons protected by the czars of Russia in the forest of Bjelowski, Lithuania, numbered 1.900 in 1856, but is now reduced to 500 and shows no sign of increase. The dwindling of the herd is ascribed to inbreeding, due to the confined area of the reservation.

himself has taught them their tricks, and they are nearly always about him. The king of Greece shares the czar's taste for the Danish hounds, which are as intelligent as they are strong, and which, with hardly a bark to announce their intentions, will fly at the throat of any one whom their master may point out to them in case of need. When the empress of Austria goes on her long walks or rides, several pet dogs always accompany her. But per-haps the most widely known of all the "royal dogs" of the present day is Black, the pet dog of the Russian Grand Dube Alawis

"Come along, old fellow What is it Scotches and soda, please, miss." "Na, ra!" replied the Scot solemnly

'Nane o' that. Ye've been vera guid to me and mine durin the last fortnichthae ta'en us everywhere and paid for everything Na, ua; we'll hae a toss for the last."-London Answers.

The Hon Walter Pepys has collected 17 varieties of the spelling of the name, and he lays some stress upon the French form Pepy as authority for the pronunciation favored by him. Peeps seems to follow the usual practice, as Weems for Wemys, and, moreover, it is that adopted by the descendants of the diarist's sister Paulina, the family of Pepys Cockerell. Peeps is also the traditional pronunciation adopted at Cambridge Here is, I think, strong evidence in favor of Peeps. At the same time I believe that in this name, as in other words, the pronunciation of the vowel e has changed since the seventeenth century. and that the name in Pepys' own day was actually pronounced Papes. This opinion is grounded on the phonetic represent Papes; ea-a. as in yea,

DAVID MCCARGO, GEN'L. SUPT. JAS. P. ANDERSON GEN'L PASS. AGT.

## BUFFALO, ROCHESTER & PITTS-BURGH RAILWAY.

The abort line between DuBois, Ridgway, adford, Salamanca, Buffalo, Rochester, agara Falls and points in the upper oil

fon. Ou and after Nov. 15th, 1896, passen-trains will arrive and depart from Falls set station, daily, except Sunday, as fol-

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120 a m and Las p m for Curwensville and Clearfield.
100 a m Buffalo and Rochester mail-For Brockwayville. Ridgway.Johnsonburg.Mt. Jewett, Bradford. Salamanca. Buffalo and Bochester: connecting at Johnsonburg with P. & E. train 4, for Wilcox, Kane, Warren, Corry and Erie.
10.27 a m - Accommodation - For Sykes, Big Bun and Punxsufawney.
10.28 a m - For Reynoldsville.
10.5 p m - Bradford Accommodation - For Beechtree, Brockwayville. Ellmont, Car-mon. Hidgway, Johnsonburg, Mt. Jewett and Bradford.
125 p. m - Accommodation for Punxsu-

- and Bradford. 135 p. m.-Accommodation for Punxsu-tawney and Big Run. 130 p. m.-Mail-For DuBois, Sykes, Big Run Punxsutawney and Waiston. 1.40 p. m.-Accommodation for Big Bun and Punxsutawney.

Punxautawney. Pasemers are requested to purchase tick-is before entering the cars. An excess party of Ten Cents will be collected by con-sectors where a ticket office is maintained. Housand mile tickets at two cents per the good for pussage between all stations. A. M. Clurraz. Agent, Falls Creek, Pa. B. C. Larwy, Cen. Pas. Agent, B. Chester N. Y.

b we wanter her done. Yer se uns is a goin tew hey the biggest fun'rel evah was in these yeah pahts, an we wanter hev the ele man shaved foh the fost time, an there ain't a man no-where aroun as shaves hisself or eanybedy else.' The revulsion of feeling which came

over me was not altogether pleasurable, for I did not famey the idea of playing barber to a dead man, but when I looks at the cadaverous countenance and tangled gray beard of the deceased I felt a sort of professional pride in making him look more like a montal being and less like a wolf. I had always been an abstainer from strong drisk, but I filled up on crude spirits that would have killed me on an ordinary occasion and tackled my silent customer with a fe-verish and hysterical alacrity. This was in part due to the close proximity of the two boys and their revolvers. But as soon as I had the old mountaineer shaved the revolvers were laid aside and I was treated with the utmost hospi-tality. The work itself had not been half as grucsome as I had imagined, and I had to fight a indicross temptation to pour barber talk into the deaf ears. He was such an improvement over himself when alive-as I judged by the family lingo-that I wanted to ask him to look in a mirror. I declined the fee endered me by the boy Jim, and, supplied with a jug of moonshine whisky, I was set in the right road and permitted to leave.

"I found it true that in all that community not a man had ever been shaved, and it was only in deference to a whim of the old, mountaineer, expressed on his deathbed, that he was made such a curious exception. I did not mention my part in the transaction until I was far beyond that county line, for I was not sure that, a precedent being set, they might not again demand my serv-ices, and another salesman has that route. "-Chicago Times-Herald.

Strikes occurred centuries ago, and their outcome was just as disastrous as that of the present day work strug-gla. In the year 1829, says an old pa-per, a strike of brassworkers was ini-tiated in Breslan, Silesia, which lasted water to an ephemere which flies is so sudden that one has not the time to see it. If one takes the worm in the water. the hand cannot be taken away before the change is made unless by pressing the worm slightly in the region of the chest. By this means it can be taken from the water before the change takes pine

The ephemere, after loaving the water, seeks a place where it can divest itself of a fine membrane or weil, which entirely covers it. This second change takes place in the air.

The ophemere assists itself with the point of its little mails as firmly as it can. It makes a movement similar to that of a shiver, then the skin on the middle of the back breaks apart, the wings alip out of their sheath, as we sometimes take off car gloves by turn-ing them inside out. After this stripping the ephemore begins to fly. Some times it holds itself straight up on the surface of the water on the end of its tail, flapping its wings one against the other. It takes no nourishment in the five or six hours which are the limit of its life. It seems to have been formed but to multiply, for it does not leave its state of a worm until it is ready to deposit its eggs, and it dies as soon as they are deposited.

three days' time one sees appear and die all species of ephemeres. They last sometimes until the fifth day, for the reason that some malady has affected some of them and prevents them from changing at the same time as the others.-Exchange.

### A Difficult Problem

"What kapes ye shtill so long, Do-lan?" inquired Mr. Rafferty.

"Oi'm thryin to convince meself that it's no harder to push a wheelbarrow on the level than to push me bicickle up hill an Oi can't do it."—Washington

Great quantities of sulphur are mined in the craters of several extinct volcanoes in Mexico.

Massachusetts annually imports from beyond her border eggs to the value of \$5,000,000.

come at all, and he may then expect the friend is dead. Think what that will mean. Think of the calling which goes on from room to room, then think of that calling when it extends from pole to pole-a calling quite audible to thim who wants to hear, absolutely silent to him who does not."

### Japanese Self Sacrifice

On board the Matsushima one man, who had been shot in the abdomen and whose intestines were protrading from the gaping wounds, refused to be carried to the surgeon's ward, because, he said, he did not want to take any of the fighters from their work in order to carry him below. Another, after having had his body burned out of all recognition in attempting to extinguish a fire, stood by helping all he could till the flames were put out, when he died. A third (mortally wounded) man, whose every gasp brought forth a gush of blood, would not close his eyes until he had told a comrade where the key of an important locker was and what the locker contained. A chief gunner, whose under jaw had been shot away and who could, of course, not utter a word, signed to a subordinate with a nod to take his place and fell dead after he had placed the handle of the gun lever in his subordinate's hand. -"'Heroid Japan."

#### Old Leprosy Laws

In the earliest code of British laws now extant-namely, that of Hoel Dha, a famous king of Cambria (the present Wales), who died about the .year 950 A. D.-we find a canon enacting in plain and unmistakable terms that any married woman whose husband was afflicted with leprosy was entitled not only to separation, but also to the restitution of her goods.

The largest electric sign in New England, that on the Washington street facade of the New Grand theater, Boston, is composed of 1,000 incandescent lamps of 32 candle power each, and the letters which they make are four feet high. It took four men a month to make the sign, and it cost the company that erected it about \$5,000.

### Oxygen and Mushroo

A singular way of removing oxygen from the air by the aid of a plant is described by Dr. T. L. Phipson in The Chemical News Inside a glass bell jar, suspended over water, is placed a mushroom, and sunlight is allowed to fall upon the plant. The musbroom absorbs the oxygan from the air in the jar, and the carbonic acid formed during the process is absorbed by the water, which gradually rises in the jar to one-fifth of its height. The mushroom now dries up, but its animation is only suspend-ed, as may be proved by introducing besidd it a green plant, when it will recommence to vegetate, being nourished by the oxygen exhaled from the fresh plant.

#### The Huns.

The first mention of the Huns in history is in China, B. C. 210. They conquered that country and were afterward driven out by the Celestials and marched clear across Asia, penetrating the country now known as Hungary in 876 A. D. For a time they threatened to overrun the whole of the continent, but were defeated in the heart of France and driven back to the banks of the Danube

### The Two Garricks.

George Garrick, borther of the celebrated David, was the latter's most devoted slave and laborious pack horse. On coming behind the scene he usually "Has David wanted me?" inquired. İt being asked once how George came to die so soon after the demise of his famous brother, a wag replied, "David wanted him."

### Women as Thieves.

Why are ladies the biggest thieves in existence? Because they steel their petticoats, bone their stays, crib their ba-bles and book their dresses ---Golden Penny.

About \$2,000,000 worth of American hisky is annually sent abroad, most of it from Baltimore.

It is said that no country in the world shows so great a variety of plant life as Mexico.

### Fakirs.

Fakirs is the name given to a celebrated class of fanatics found in many parts of the east, but more particularly in India. Some of them will make a vow to continue all their lives in one posture and adhere to it strictly. Others never lie down, but remain in a standing position all their lives, upheld only by sticks or ropes under the armpits. They pretend to have subdued every passion of mortality.

### A Mathematical Wonder..

Jedediah Buxton was the greatest prodigy of mathematics that ever ap-peared in England. His education was very limited, and he had never been taught arithmetic or indeed any branch of mathematics, so that his abilities in this respect were peculiarly natural. He would walk over a piece of land and tell with exactness how many acres and square rods were contained in it. His nemory was so great that while resolving a question he could leave off and resume the occupation again the next morning or at a week, a month or several months later and proceed regularly till it was completed.

### Lincoln's Sentiment.

Abraham Lincoln once received a letter asking for a "sentiment" and his autograph. He replied:

DEAR MADAN-When you ask from a stran ger that which is of interest only to yourself, always inclose a stamp. There's your senti-ment, and here's your autograph. A. LINCOLN

Sweden is the greatest match produc ing country in the world although the industry is conducted on an enormous scale in the United States and els where

There are four times as many words in the English language as there are in the French.