AN OLD TIME MISSISSIPPI RIVER SHOOTING SCRAPE.

A Trivial Incident That Led to the Wrecking of the Old Postoffice, and a Pitched Battle in Which Seven Men Were Slain.

"One of the worst shooting scrapes that ever happened along the Mississippi river." began the man at the wheel, relaxing his hold on the tiller, which had been hard down, and permitting it to spin around with the velocity of a top, "took place out there. mut above the mouth of the bayou, about 30 years ago, when they burned the old posterlice and the warehouse You can see where they stood by the piles of bricks there on the bank.

All admitted the rains were plainly visible, when he changed to the op posite side of the wheel, and after a spirited effort made to counteract the fleets of an impinging current that had caused the best to swerve from her

morse he continued:

"The best that I was on had got eaught in the fog, and we fied up un der the point there about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and a lot of us went on shore to take a little exercise. It was on a Saturday, and a good many people. had come in from the country to do their trading and get their mail. Some of them were pitching quoits and others shooting at a mark when we first landed, but they quit when they saw the man carry the mail bag we had brought and went in and stood around waiting for the letters to be sorted. They had all been drinking and were pretty noisy When the postmuster said there were only two letters and that they were both for Bud Johnson, a colored man, a murmur of disapproval went around, and several of them insisted on a new deal

"You can look for yourselves, said the postmaster, tossing them the bag, but after searching and finding it empty they were in a worse frame of mind than ever Present, one of the num ber, a local politician, got up and made a speech derogatory to the administration He insisted that the government was prejudiced against white folks, and that he had no use for the office any how Several of the others present ex pressed their approval of this sentiment, and a general smashing up of ev erything at once followed. During the row the coal oil lamp was broken, the house set on fire and everything burned

"Colonel Bunch, who owned the property, noticing the fire, came up his plantation below and de nounced the perpetrators of the outrage as vandals. The colonel was a high spirited man and didu't stand any foolishness, but was getting along in years now and couldn't do much but talk, so that when one of the men declared he could whip any Bunch on earth he looked like he felt himself in a pretty close place, but the colonel stood his ground until at last, when the contending parties were about to come to blows, his son appeared upon the scene, and, learning the cause of the trouble, sprang between the two, and, drawing his revolver, said, 'My name is Bunch, and when my father gets to be too old to defend himself I can stand in his tracks and take his part.'

"At this juncture the shooting com menced, and I made for the boat. Ev erybody seemed to take sides against the Bunches, and you would have thought them a band of guerrillas from the way they kept the fight up. Presently I noticed the colonel roll down the bank and stop just at the edge of the water, and then his son came staggering down, too, and fell near his side. They were both dead! We wanted to leave, but the men were afraid to go on shore to untie the lines, for the infuriated crowd was still calling for more Bunches and the colored man who had got the letters, but be had climbed a tree, and they didn't know where he was. An hour or so later, when the crowd had dispersed, he slid down from his hiding place, came aboard the boat and we had him in the hold until we got away and he was over his fright. He said there were five men lying on the bank that the Bunches had killed before they fell."

The boat at this juncture showing a disposition to become fractions, the pilot gave his undivided attention for a moment to the wheel, when he went on:

"But there is not much shooting along the river now, and you hardly ever hear of a feud. When there were only about three families in a county, two of them were usually engaged in an effort to exterminate the other on account of some imaginary wrong, or maybe prompted by jealousy. Since the country has been settled up they are all right. I used to think myself," he went on to say after a brief tussle with the tiller, "that what a man wanted was room, but I have found out my mis-What he stands most in need of is plenty of good neighbors, and I find that the thicker you put people the bet-ter they get along. It makes them more human, and besides they come to know something, which is not the case when they live alone. I have learned a good cal myself by traveling around and seeing what is in the world, for I usually go east every summer to swap malarias."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Caused the First Coolness Mr. Newlywed (reading) - Nobody

ever yet saw a dead mule.

Mrs. Newlywed (who is thinking of something else and not listening)— Don't you think your life insurance premiums are a waste of money, John? -Boston Journal.

Just Like Other People. "You look nice enough to eat," exclaimed the youth.
"And so I do," replied the maiden;
"three times a day,"—Ohio State JourA SINGING WELL.

One of Nature's Paretes That Is Loented in Texas. About three miles west of Cedar

Bayou, Harris county, Tex., is a remarkable well. When it was dug, no one can tell, but it has been in existence for more than 60 years. The well is known as the "singing well."

In calm, fine weather a sound like that of an Æclian harp comes upward between the tangles of vines below. At times the sound seems nearer and clearer. Then again it recedes, as far away, and reaches the ear very faintly. These changes take place every few minutes, and with prent regularity. With an east wind blowing the wa-

ter in the well gets very low and the mysterious musical sound very faint. A strong west wind causes the water to rise and the sound to increase in volume and clearness

But it is just before a great porther that the old well plays its wildest pranks. Then for several hours the water rises to within a few feet of the top of the well and emits the weirdest, wildest noises that ever reached human ears. At such times even the water drawn out with buckets means and

wails as if in anguish. The well is about 60 feet deep. few years ago the land on which it is located was bought by a Mr. Watkins, who, not liking the sounds that came from the well, employed two men to fill it up. They shoveled dirt into the well two weeks, but it did not affect the depth of water perceptibly, and they threw up the contract. From the measurements of the excavations they had made it has been calculated that the well should have been filled up a little more than twice.

The water is very clear, with a bluish tint, and is fairly palatable. No other wells in the neighborhood show such pranks as are played by the "singing well." - Fort Worth (Tex.) Cor. Chieago Inter Ocean.

## AMERICAN HUMOR.

An English Comedian Compares It With the British Article.

George Grossmith, comparing American humor with English, says: New York gentleman was once chaffing me about my pronunciation of certain words, and I was very much amused at it. So I said to him: 'It's our language, you know. We invented it before you were discovered. He was a bit abashed at first. Then he said: 'That's so. Well, I think it's about time you learned to speak it.

'It is very difficult to score off an American, and you can't play a practical joke on one at all. I've gone, when I've had a friend with me, into some old city bank, like the Bank of England, for example-staid old place, you know. We've marched up to the counter, and I've said quite calmly to the old gentleman behind it, 'Can't I have a brandy and soda and some sandwiches?' They've always been most polite and taken it seriously, saying, We don't keep brandy and soda and sandwiches here. 'But you have them ordered in from outside.' 'Yes, but that of course is for ourselves,' and so on, all quite gravely and without the suspicion of a smile or the slightest quiver of the muscles of the countenance to indicate a sense that a practical joke was fooling around."

"And in America you would have

fared differently?" 'Rather. I went once to the statehouse in Hartford. There was a man standing at the entrance, an official with a band around his bat, so I stepped up to him and said, 'Can you tell me if this hotel is conducted on the European plan? He simply looked at me, and calmly said, 'Any more?' Then there was a moment's awkward pause, and I had to walk out.'

Death and Birth Time.

There are a great number of curious superstitions as to the time of day when a dying person is most likely to draw his last breath, and the tide, moon and the wind have all been supposed to have some share in the matter. According to The British Medical Journal, Raseri, who has analyzed 25,474 cases of death and 36,515 of birth, where the exact time of day was noted, finds that the maximum number of deaths occur in the early afternoon (2:07 p. m.), and the minimum in the last hours before midnight, while the maximum number of births occur in the early hours of the morning, and the minimum in the early hours of the afternoon.

As regards the cause of this he points out the hours of the maximum number of deaths are precisely those when the pulse rate and the temperature are at their highest in health, and when there is a febrile exacerbation in illness

A Very Queer Dresser. A very queer man in the matter of dress was the late Duke of Portland. His eccentric grace always, it appears, ordered three frock coats to every suit. When the weather was hot, he were one only, when it was a little less bot two, and when it was cool all three. Besides these, he always kept three greatcoats in wear, so that when winter came on he wore three frock coats and one greatcoat, as it advanced three frock coats and two greatcoats, while, when there was a real frost, he turned out in all the six. - London Correspond

Had Other Chances.

"I wouldn't have refused that young man if I'd been you," said a maiden aunt to her young and frisky niece.
"I don't think I would either if I'd been you," retorted the saucy maiden.

A Sure Cure.

-Harper's Bazar.

"I've cured my husband's insomnia." "How did you do it?"
"Pretended I was ill, and the doctor left medicine which Henry was to give me every half hour all night long."—Vanity Fair. The Use of Hot Drinks.

Hot drinks have come into wide use during late years among persons afflicted with indigestion. A tepid fluid ex erts a marked sedative influence on the gastrie muccus membrane and often relieves the painful sensations following the meals of a chronic dyspeptic,

Less recognized perhaps is the influence of hot drinks on the motor functions of the stomach. In the ordinary course of events nothing remains stomach six hours after a meat, and the presence of alimentary debris after that period indicates the presence of some degree of muscular paresis. This condition of things may be greatly benefited by the use of hot water with or immediately after meals, but in chronic cases permanent benefit can only be obtained by perseverance, the treatment being methodically carried out for some months.

As might be anticipated, the hot water treatment does not ameliorate the secretory defects in the same degree as muscular weakness, but by maintaining the stomach in a hygienic condition we may, at any rate, hope to check further degradation of the peptic glands. The temperature of hot drinks should be from 105 to 110 degrees F .-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Cause For Blueness.

The clubman was looking particular ly blue, and when asked by his cinbmates for the cause, he said:

"This evening, just after dark, as I was coming down to the club, walking along, thinking of nothing in particular, I was hit in the back by what seemed to be a locomotive and knocked sprawl ing into the gutter. It was muddy there, and when I had collected my scattered senses I was all covered with dirt and also very mad. I looked around to see what hit me and found a young man and a safety bicycle on the pavement, all tangled up. I was mad, as I said be fore, and, without stopping to think what I did, I took that young man by the coat collar and kicked him off the pavement. Then I jumped on the bicycle, smashed all the spokes out of the

wheels and generally disfigured it." Here the gentleman stopped, and one of his audience said:

Well, why should that make you feel as you do? You did just the right thing.

"I suppose I hadn't ought to feel so," said the speaker; "but, you see, it was my boy and my bicycle."—Pearson's Weekly.

Animal Peculiarities.

A herd of wild Asian buffaloes will charge any foe, even a tiger, to save the life of one of their number who has been wounded. Elephants, baboons and other animals will do the same thing in a wild state.

On the other hand, monkeys have been known to fall upon one of their number who is ill and drown him, pos sibly as an act of mercy. Similarly wolves destroy one of the pack which becomes belpless.

If an otter is trapped, his brother otter will run around him all night, showing the utmost concern.

A writer in The Spectator states that he has seen sparrows in groups discussing and lamenting when one of their number had fallen into a trap. Next day, when a robin was caught, the sparrows paid no attention.

He adds that he had seen a big pig try to help a smaller one through a hole in the fence paling by pulling at its

St. John tells of a highland shephere whose cat brought him some edible bird nearly every day in the year.

An Impression.

The friends of a local art connois are telling a tiny but fairly good joke at his expense. It seems that he was passing up Baronne street the other day with a lady who had asked him to explain the meaning of the term "impressionist," and he halted before an unfinished building to illustrate his remarks.

"The impressionist school," he said, deals with effects in mass. Now, when I look at that wall over there I don't see the separate bricks. I merely''-Just then a careless mason on the upper scaffolding dropped a fragment from his pile of material and smashed in the top of the gentleman's new silk bat. He removed the shattered tile and gazed pen-sively at the wreck. "I merely get an impression of brick," he added, with dignity. - New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Went Them Several Better. Fritz Williams, the actor, was sitting one evening in a New York cafe, when two very young men came in. They

beckoned condescendingly to a waiter.
"Waiter," said the one, "bring me a chop. Mind it's just right, now. Just mention my name to the cook."

"You may bring me a steak," said the other, just as grandly, "and tell the cook who it's for. The waiter was half way across the

room, which was crowded, when Fritz Williams hailed him. "Waiter," he drawled, "bring me half a dozen Blue Points, and mention my name to every darned oyster. "-Ex-

Mythological Comparisons. In the course of the conversation, which turned on mythology, the chancellor said he could never endure Apol lo, who flayed Marsyas out of conceit and envy and slew the children of Niobe for similar reasons. "He is the genuine type of a Frenchman, one who cannot bear that another should play the flute better than or as well as himself."—
"Bismarck Memoirs" by Busch.

It used to happen in Java that, owing to want of transportation facilities, the inhabitants of one part of the island might be starving while those of another had as much rice as they could eat. Railways have remedied that state of affairs.

The first permanent military force in England was the king's guard of yecmen, established in 1486.

Fortnightly Tours via Pennsylvania Rad-

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The books of account of said decedent at present have been left with Mrs. May E. Bussard at her meat market on Main street in said borough, at which place all demands may be placed for the inspection and settlement by the administrator.

Simon P. Bussard, Administrator.

Carmaly & Strong, Attorneys.





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THROUGH TRAINS FOR DRIFTWOOD FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH. TRAIN 6 leaves New York 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m.; Washington 7:30 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Driftwood 4:38 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger conches from Philadelphia to Erie and Washington and Baltimore to Williams

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TRAIN 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:38 A. m.! Washington, 7:50 A. M.: Baitimore, 8:20 A. M.; Wilkesbarre, 10:15 A. M.: Weekdays, arriving at Driftwood at 3:47 P. M. With Pullman Parior car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coach to Kane. TRAIN 3 leaves New York at 7:40 p. m.; Philadelphia, 11:20 p. m.; Washington, 10:40 p. m.; Baitimore, 11:50 p. m.; daily arriving at Driftwood at 9:44 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Phila. to Williamsport, and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baitimore to Williamsport. On Sundays only Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Connections via Johnsonburg R. R. and

	a. m.	WEEKDAYS.		p. m.
	10:00 Ar	Clermont	Ly	10.40
	9.33	Woodvale		10.46
3000	9.50	Quinwood	6000	10.50
	9.46	Smith's Run	242	10.55
	9 40	Instanter	1233	11:00
	9.50	Straight	10000	11 04
000	9.26	Glen Hazel		11 17
	9.20	Bendigo		11 20
000	9 10	Johnsonburg	-240	11:45
	8 35 Lv	Ridgway	Ar	11 50
L m.	B. Hi-		A. III.	p. m
8 05	8.50 Ar	Ridgwag	Lv 6 20	12 16
7 55	6.43	Island Run	6.27	12 17
7:40	5.75	Carman Transfer	6.32	12.25
7.40	8:20	Croyland	6.41	12.31
7.36	# 26°	Shorts Mills	6.45	411
7.113	8.83	Blue Rock	15 48	TANK
7.2%	8 17	Carrier	6.53	12.4
7:18	8.09:	Brockwayville	7.00	12.5
7.13	8:02	Lanes Milis	7.06	12.57
	7.58	McMinn Summit	7.11	+444
7.0E	T.54	Harveys Run	714	1.07
7.00	7.50 Lv	Falls Creek	Ar 7:20	1.15
6.40	740 Lv	DuBols	Ar 7-35	1.40
6.55	7.00 Ar	Falls Creek	Lv 7.05	1.20
6 40	6.43	Reynoldsville	7.40	132
6.04	6.00	Brookville	8.16	2.13
5.10	5.20	New Bethlehem	0.10	3.00
4 25		Red Bank	9.55	3.58
1 40	Lv	Pittsburg	Ar 12 40	4 30
p. mi.	a. m.		p. m.	p. to

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