## QUEER WEDDINGS.

DOCASIONS WHEN CODITY WAS ASS IMPRESSIVE FEATURE.

Frenks Who Have Been Joined in Wed lock-Many Cases of Marriage Ly Proxy. Wedded by Phonograph - Symbolical Marriages of India.

The conventional idea of a weddir does not agree with the tastes of some reople, and occasionally very coccett and sometimes remantic marriage ceremonies are sciemnized. Men and womcharacter frequently unite in the boy bends of matrimony-sometimes much to their mutual regret. This peculiar fact, it would seem, also applies to oddities of human nature. In many of the traveling shows the frenks who help to draw money from the public intermary, and it is not an unusual thing to find the fat man wedded to the skeleton woman and the tattoord man to the

bearded lady.
Mrs. Hannah Battersby, who one time toured the country as a fat woman, was married to a Pennsylvania man, and it is stated as a curious fact that no somer were they married than she began to lose flesh and he to gain it. His weight increased so rapidly that he soon took to exhibiting himself as a fat man. An exception to this rule of contrast, however, was Colonel Glover, the giant who stood 6 feet 7 inches. He was wedded to Martha Peabody, the American giantess. Several years ago, when they appeared in public together, they used to receive as much as \$750 a

The Italian consular agent at Cincin nati perferned the most peculiar marringe ceres, cuy on record. The groom was a well to do resident of the Obio city, and his tride lived in Italy. The contracting parties were thousands of miles apart when the wedding was performed, the marriage being by proxy. The consul filled in a blank certificate, which be forwarded to authorities in Italy, who in the presence of the parish priest exhibited it before the bride, who affixed her signature, accepting it as her action. The marriage was perfectly

A very similar ceremony was performed some time ago. The affair took place by proxy, and Miss Maple was narried by a clergyman in New York to a man who at the time of the marlage lay dying in a Texas town. The bridegroom was represented in the cere-mony by the bride's cousin, who made the necessary responses and signatures as his proxy. The two lovers had been engaged for a long time, and Miss Maple wished to bear the name of her thed even though she could do so

only as a widow. The all important ring is sometimes forgotten, and in more than one case the door key of the church has had to yelled. do duty, but it is not often that portions do duty, but it is not often that portions of the marriage service are omitted. In go get our snapper,'

I'd rather have the dollar," I said. a southern town, however, a little while ago, after the party had left the church, discovered that the elergyman ring I thee wed," etc., thus relieving the bridegroom of the most serious part of his obligations, and the fair bride was minus a wedding ring. Instead of sitting down to the breakfast the party hurried back to the church and were thus

practically married twice in one day. An old soldier, 78 years of age, led to the altar an aged damsel who had seen the same time.

72 summers. There were three brides. "'What you sell me—de devil?' asked maids, whose ages respectively were 60, | the old man. 68 and 70. They were all spinsters. The best man, who was 75, brought the

combined ages up to 428 years.

An unusual kind of marriage was lebrated in New York recenfly. This was between a couple both deaf and dumb. They held prayer books while a friend pointed out the different passages in the service as they were spoken by the elergyman, and they made the cus-tomary responses in the deaf and dumb

An ingenious couple once conceived the idea of being married by phonograph. In the place where the bride-groom resided he and the minister went or the marriage service, and he recited the proper responses into the instrument The phonograph was sent to the lady, she willingly sapplying the requisite, "I will," and "I do" in the presence of her pastor, who then pronounced the pair united in matrimony. No explanation is given of how they got over the

difficulty of the ring.

A well known authropologist, in decribing various marriage customs, refers to a strange sort of symbolical marriage which is supposed to have originated in India. It is a marriage with trees, plants, enimals and inanimate objects. If any one proposes to enter upon a union v lich is not in accordance with tradition I ideas, it is believed that ill luck which is sure to follow may be averted by a marriage of this kind, the evil consequences being borne by the object closen. In various regions a girl must ne : marry before her eldest sister, but the difficulty is overcome by the eldest dan: iter marrying the branch ef a tree. I en the wedding of the counger dans liter may safely be cele-brated.—But do Express.

"The more the merrier." Not so. One hand is a cough in a purse, "Nothing hurts the stomach more than surfeit-Yes, i .: k of meat. "Nothing but to the gallov a "The world in a long svery day. 'It is a great way to the bottom of the sea." Not so. It is but a de bears is de place for you.'

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Bobby?" asked the fond father. stone's cast. "A friend is best found in none to be found. "The pride of the rich makes the labor of the poor makes the pride of the pride of the poor makes the pride of the rich.—New York Ledger."—New York Times.

Went and told us we should not covet other people's things and then tried to other people's things are the other people to other pride of the rich.—New York Ledger.

# WELL SOLD TURTLE.

IT WAS OF THE SNAPPING KIND, AND THEREBY HANGS THIS TALE.

It Opened the Way For a Country Lad to Transaction Which Pleased the Banker,

"I would not have minded John's action on the floor the other day," said a broker to a party of friends yesterd v, "if he had not used such a tone of susnicion when he demanded mere margin on certain stecks that I had with him

"It's only his way, Charlie," said a hearer. "He didn't mean to injure you

at all." "Possibly he did not," said the first speaker. "It may have been due to the training that old Dutch banker -gave him and his innate desire to let

nothing escape.
"When he and I were boys," Charlie continued, "I spent several summers on his father's farm out in Jersey. It was there that he met his partner, and there is a curious little story connected with their first business transaction, one in

ping turtle that weighed about 20 pounds. We were carrying the snapper home tied to a stick, one having hold of each end of it, when we met the banker driving along in a buggy to his sum-

"Our catch presented a good appearance, and the old fellow stopped to inquire about it, as he had never seen so large a turtle before except in the market. He asked what we were going to do with it, and we told him what delicious soup it would make. At once he wanted it and offered 50 cents for it. I was for accepting the 50 cents, but not

the turtle by passing a bit of fishing line around it and between its jaws and so tied its head well back under its shell. We then received our silver doithe old man's buggy, and he drove off 2% miles distant, and would return by

"As he did so I started on toward home, but John sat by the roadside.
"'What are you waiting for?' I said.

"The snapper,' said John." It's gone, " said L "'Mebbe it is, and mebbe it ain't. Wait a minute and watch the old man,' said he.

"And sure enough, before the old man had gone half a mile we heard him yell and then saw him jump from his

"Picking himself up, he said, 'Let's put a red cloth on it and hung it in the window. She then told the children they must play she had the smallpox,

both? he replied, and tossing me the dollar and telling me to res I was he started up the road after the old man, who was afraid to go near his buggy, for the snapper had bitten through its bridle, had nipped the old man's shins and had taken undisputed possession of the buggy.
"He found the old fellow in a state

of consternation, swearing at the map-Cupid ran amuck some years ago of consternation, swearing Cupid ran amuck some years ago of consternation, swearing of consternation of consternation

" 'No, w nice fat, juicy snapper,' said John, and I sold him too cheaply, too.

He'll make delicious soup and plenty of it. "'Donnerwetter! Soup! I'll haf no soup! Gif me my tollar and take de brute.

"'I haven't your dollar. Charley has it back there in the road. Take the mapper to him, and I guess he'll give you the dollar.

"'Me! Me take dat eatin ting? vouldn't get into that puggy now for a quarter each vay. Get 'im out and keep

the tollar. "It was like rolling off a log for John to take a stick, prod the snapper and jerk him to the ground as soon as he had fastened his jaws upon it. Old Dutchy, as we called him, jumped into his buggy as soon as the mapper reached the ground and drove hurriedly away.

"Of course I rejoined John, and we soon had his snappership swinging from our stick. We walked home in tri-umph, with the dollar in one pocket and the snapper, metaphorically, in the other. Our joke was too good to keep, and that night we related it to all who

visited the mill. "The eld man bere us no ill will, but still he never wanted to buy any more of our 'schnappers,' although he occasionally stopped to look at them from the seat of his buggy when he met us

carrying them home. "John and I were sitting on the mill steps one evening when the old man drove up. He stopped, asked John to That night John said, 'I'm going to be

a banker.' " 'You-going to be a banker! What

nonsense!' I exclaimed. " 'Nonsense or not, it's a fact. The old with him. I teld him I knew nothing of the business and would be a failure. "'You pe a failure!' he said. 'You, none, for it ) round. "Money is a great comfort." It is when it brings a thief is too funny. You come vit me. I vans furnish all the transport. you, and some day I put you on de exchange. You judge human nature, and

"John went with the old man and Not so, for then there is ever since has had the dellar in one went and told us we should not covet

## GRANT RAIDED THE PARTY.

One of Eugene Field's Pranks.

that, sometimes, delays are the reverse

A Fond Mother's Russ.

There is a mother on the north side

who has a family of small children.

One day she became very much interest-

ed in a book, and it seemed as if she must read it, but the children bothered

her very much. Finally she thought of

neighbors also saw the red flag and

asked the children what was the matter,

and they said smallpox, and the report

was current on that side of town in a

very short time. Not only the children,

but the neighbors, kept away until they

learned of the scheme.-Indianapolis

that it attracted his guest's attention,

Lord Houghton said: "Very good pic-

ture that! Came into my hands in a cu-

ward. "He was very near being an an-

Witches In Egypholic

When Napoleon III was approaching

to observe him carefully for a week and

to point out to him anything that he did

which was not according to the severest

Russian Distances.

Transsiberian railroad is so many hun-

"Thinkin about the preacher.

sailing in the eggshells.

of dangerous.

ed, just over the line f on Hanens City, most anwarranten and arbitrary man-Wall Street, a Rich Wife and Business he was the leader of a local iemperated ner with a policy same that was paying success—Coalities Displayed in a Small society. For over a year Field, on come one or profit," said Andrew Danner. ing down to the paper to go to work, with a school the battle of Shiloh, would write a personal concerning Fer-bison. Generally it ran like this: "Mr. ly down in he mouth. I was on the ad-John Fergurea, the well known 'make versed project of one bright moonlight one bright mooning to perfect the Circles composing room, appeared for work yesterday evening in his usual beastly stree of indexication. This entertaining but Field would send down in a bundle of copy, and the others of the composing room would set it yankee corporal walked right into our Yankee corporal walked right into our Poor Ferguron km w that this awful personal was in their midst, and every how to play draw poker. Did we? Wa night would go carefully over every gal-ley for the purpose of locating and kill-greenbacks? A few. Then he pulled out greenbacks? A few. Then he pulled out to go to sea. ing it. It gave him vast trouble. Every a deck of cards, and we sat down to play. flats that surround it are overed with now and then Field would not write his Pretty soon another Yank came over, personal about Ferguson, and then the bedeviled Ferguson was warse off than them, and we all joined in and played vorable place near the channel, and

ever. As long as he could not find it it might still be there. It almost drove the poor man off the paper. Now and then "Luck came my way, and I soon had poor man off the paper. Now and then everybody but the Yankee corporal it escaped his eagle eye and was printup, and there stood a Yankee sergeant Once in a while the dry pages of gov- with four men, their muskets cocked. ernment reports are enlivened by details 'Members of the Forty-ninth, consider following from a report of John W. geant. 'Ch, come now, sergeant,' the loaded on the docks at Detroit and sold Fleming. United States mine inspector corporal began, when a horseman reined up behind the guard, and he concluded, for New Mexico: "I arrived at Cerillos 'General Grant, by hokey!' The blueon the evening of the 26th of February, coats got up looking lake a lot of whipat 11 p. m. On the morning of the 27th ped schoolboys and saluted their com-I went out to the White Asia Coal mine, mander, who eyed them as sternly as a about 21/2 miles from the town. When I sphinx. They filed in front of the guard arrived there, I asked the superintendent me that it was never better; that he the cigar from his mouth, and, with a "Old — was a little afraid of the snapper's jaws, but John and I bridled "Oh, we Upon my request that he proceed into little bit. But they can fight, general, the mine for its inspection, he stated I remarked. 'Have to sometimes,' said that he was required to go to the coke ovens of the company at Waldo, about Grant dryly and rode away."

### HOW PEOPLE REST.

poontime, and we would go into the mine." At 11 a. m. an explosion of Some Races Sit and Lie Down, While Othfire damp occurred in the mine which killed 24 men, and showed the inspector

world in taking their rest. It seems to in that drink. The paper is "not a isfactory way to do it is either to sit or

quite a different way.

The most barbarous races crouch and kneel when resting and do it so comed nearly as loudly as the old man had a scheme whereby she could get rid of fortably that they sleep in those posbed. The lower classes among the Hiudoes and some of the South American races sleep thus, the men usually crouch-

where where the finished the book. Some of the with crossed legs. This is the sitting the sitting with crossed legs. This is the sitting the sitting with crossed legs. cific island races, as is well known. In sugar than any other chan of p some Persian houses, however, it is not whatever. Those at ail unusual to see the inhabitants and value of this fact bear guests ranged about a room kneeling around among their panels against the wall.

Another step upward on the ladder of civilization brings us to chairs of varions forms. A primitive chair consisting of a simple wooden support a few inch-Abraham Hayward, the famous Quar- es high is found in some parts of terly reviewer, once thought that be Africa. Then comes the same support would like to have some ancestors, so with a round crossplop, which is seen in he walked straight to a picture dealer's. Guinea, and then a flat crosspiece with Selecting a portrait of a cavalier in half | two legs, which is used in the upper armor, with features not quite unlike Nile country. Finally comes the three his own, Mr. Hayward made a bid for and four legged steels and chairs, someit, but deeming the price asked too times in simple for a and sometimes high, he went his way. A few days later handsomely carved, which are found Mr. Hayward went to dise with Lord among the civilized races all over the

Houghten, and was astonished to find world, the picture in the dining room. Seeing In E In Egypt the fellahs retain the four postures of their ancestors, the kneeling. the sitting, the cross legged and the sitting upon the ground with legs joined. rious way. Portrait of a Milnes of the All four date from the eighteenth dynasty -Exchange.

commonwealth period—an ancestor of ming." "Ab, indeed!" said Mr. Hay-A process has been brought forward in Sweden, by Olm and Loftrand, for extracting gold or bismath frem eres by means of melted lead. The process can sovereignty, he saked a judicious friend be applied to mineral mixtures containing, for example, iron ores, limestone, bismuth, native gold, quartz, or silicates, and even when the mixtures are so poor in gold and bismuth that it code of the manner of a well bred man. At the end of the week there was only would otherwise be unprofitable to work them. The method now brought forward one practice which his friend had noticed. The emperor, after eating a boil- consists in placing the cres in a bath of ed egg, invariably thrust his spoon melted lead, keeping it as free as possible from any contact with the air. To Whence this practice has arisen, at gold ares which contain little or no bisone time not uncommon, it is difficult muth enough of the latter substance is added to reduce the melting point of the to say. Some date it from a very early alloy as far as possible, in this way preperiod and assume that it was done originally in order to prevent witches venting exidation of the alley and loss of metal which would otherwise result The bath made use of for this purpose is filtered through a cylinder, the box-One gets an idea of the magnificent tom of which consists of a perforated ride with him, and together they drove distances of the czar's readm from learn- theet of metal covered with a layer of off. They were gone about an hour. ing that a Russian general who was in asbestus, pieces of iron wire and coal

thing which may tend to bring it on. grewn up. "-New York Times Gentle exercise only should be taken, as violent bodily movements may provoke a repetition of the hemorrhage. Even running down stairs hastily should be avoided.

Bleeding at the nese is usually a sign that something is wrong with the system. The cause should, if possible, be discovered and steps taken to remove it

### SAND SUCKERS.

When Engene Field was city editor of Bow the General Once Broke Up an In. Old Hulks That Are Profitably Cillised

acters employed on the paper. Ferguson power story, says the San Francisco Gair, between Lake Buron and Detreit operand to the "make ups" on the paper per, and in Wangette, where he residper, and in Wyandotte, where he resid- | Wave: "General Grant once interfered in a laste met and in the purpose of old | in the puseengers see numbers of old bulks anchored off in shallow water and invariably ask the steward crone of the deck buys what they are there for. The answer always is given in a ruff and contemptuous tone, as if it were a fool's question;

"They're sand spekers"

They're sand spekers "

"What's a sand sucker?"

"Old tubs that suck up sand." "How do they suck up sard?"

Then the oracle looks at you and grins. He doesn't quite know whether you're a farmer pourself or are guying him, and it takes a great deal more 725. questioning to find out the fact that it new industry has been femuel to utilize ancient and leaky buiks that are not fit

The bettom of Lake St. Clair and the beautiful white sand, and these boats drop overboard large hose pipes of canvas or rubber, with iron tips, which sink of their own weight. Then they their first business transaction, one in their first business transaction, one in which he 'did' the old fellow, but at the same time endeared himself to him.

'John and I had been fishing, and 'Dohn and I had been fishing, and the 'Ghristian spirit to bear.

'Lie escaped his eagle eye and was purchased in the cocasions Ferguson's burbroke. The rest were squatted round, bine and gray, watching the game, when there came that ugly 'c-l-l-ick ick' so familiar to the soldier's ear. We looked familiar to the soldier's ear. We looked the river forough holes pierced for its the river forough holes pierced for its the same time and gray, watching the game, when the came that ugly 'c-l-l-ick ick' so familiar to the soldier's ear. We looked the river forough holes pierced for its the same time and gray, watching the game, when with it, and is deposited in the bottom of the toat. The same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray, watching the game, when the complete in the bottom of the toat. The same times a good coaron watch and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the same time and gray watching the game, when the game and gray watching the game and gray watching the game and g set the pumps going and suck up the PEPE the river through holes pierced for its accommodation. Thus, bufere sunset the hatches are filled with pure, clear for building purposes.

In early days there was a community of Frenchmen who made a business of gathering this sand and hauling it to the city, but they had to work very hard because of their ignorance of hydraulies and their lack of beats. They condition of the mine, and he informed were turned on him, Grant removed poled and rowed up flationts, which in shallow water and shoveling in the sand. They would work a mouth with the water up to their waists and not get as large a cargo as a modern saud sucker, brought down here can't play poker a operated by two men, can pick up in a

# SUGAR NOT INJURIOUS.

The Idea That It Destroys the Teeth Is Ridiculed.

A writer in the Contemporary Review devotes most of an article on There is wide difference in the modes champagne to the popular idea that followed by the various races of the gout is produced by the sugar contained the American that by far the most satthat champagne has nothing to do with man beings that rest quite as well ir the production of gout, and in an aside speaks of that other popular notion that sugar destroys the teeth. He says:

"In correboration of the fallacy of the sugar and gent idea it may be mer tioned that the still more reprehensible dogma, from a sanitary paint of view that sugar ruins the teach is cur false. Indeed, how the fifth ever deinto existence is a my daily, coning the In the next higher grades of civiliza- the finest, whitest and strongest to he and see whether the sugar caters or " Sugar shunners have the fluct to and they will find, other things equal, that the sugar enters, as a rule have the best teeth. The only por way for accounting for this libel again sugar seems to be by supposing that originated in the brain of one of r economically disposed great-grandit of ers at the time when sugar was 2 shift lings a pound in order to prevent her children gratifying their cravings for sweets at the expense of the contents of the sugar basin.

### She Sang Crouch's Song. "The death of poor Crouch," says an

English correspondent of the Baitimore Sun, "brings to mind a pathetic incident which occurred at one of Mile. Titiens' concerts in the opera house at New York in 1876. The famous singer, as on energy, sing 'Kuthken Milvourneer," the anty time the did so while in the Casted Lates. It excited a furore of appliance, and on Mile. Titiens' leaving portage she was informed that a man, algorith to be a labatic, was fighting has any ever the barriers from the pit stage, determined to speak to the The prima dema told the aues to let him come to her. On enthe man burst into tears, subbing TRAIN I leaves Benovo at 650 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving Drinwood 75. at, Os, Mile. Titiens, I never before at my song as you have just sung "Your song," was the astonished re ply. 'way, you are not Crouch, surely?' I am indput,' replied the composer, even then an old man, and I felt I must thank you myself.' It was indeed the unincky Cronch, who had straped together the price of a pit seat, little areauring that his own now world famous song would be the most rapturously applicaded item of the night.

Before Black Stockings Were Worn. discances of the czar's resum from learning that a Russian general who was in a hurry to get to St. Petersburg from Was to go to Yokohama by steamer, thence by another steamer across the Pacific to San Francisco, by rail to New York and by steamer to Enrope. The "I saw a little girl in striped and and P. M. A. M York and by steamer to Europe. The stopped without delay, as continued camily. The child who had the gayest 1 08 gap between the finished sections of the hemorrhage may prove fatal if neglected. man tenight asked me to take a position | York and by steamer to Europe. The stopped without delay, as continued candy. The child who had the gayest Those who suffer from powers of and if the color scheme happened to be 1 45 10 40 blood, or anzemia, and are sometimes displeasing to our youthful tastes there would have lost time in traversing the second with violent nose bleeding, was such a feeling of atter wise as I know I seldom feel now that I am

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