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GRAPE SKINS. I saw a man of portly estate Walking the street with a regal gait; Just the man that the eye will suit, Proper and nice from hat to boots. An exquisite taste was manifest: And every one who chose to scan Could only say-" What a tasty man !"

Alas for the glory of human pride, As frail and fickle as the tide! For the polish of blacking, and brush and oi One little spatter of mud may spoil. E'en as he walked the pave along, With head exalted and footstep strong, He trod on a grape skin in his way. And a mun disgraced in the dirt he lay!

This moral I drew from what I saw : There are men in the world without a flaw, Who are in such robes of sanctity found, And such rare virtues engirt them round, That we humble ourselves as we pass them by With reverent and admiring eye, Saying, while viewing such merits rare; " Bless us, what good men they are !"

But, alse for the glory of human pride, As frail and fickle as the tide! In the world of men they exalt their horn, As though of a better clay they were born. But there in their path the grape skins wait-Temptations hidden perhaps till late-One step of the foot-one curvetting lurch, And down they come from their eminent perch

In dress or morals. 'tis much the same; And happy is he who wins his fame, If he die at its zenith, nor has to wait Till he slip and fall through invidious fate. He may dodge the rock and shy the cloud That threat his step and bearing proud. But let him not crow till danger's pasttle may by a grape skin be overcast.

Something for Mathematicians,—"Fa ther," said a young hopeful the other day, "how many fowls are there on this table?" "Why," said the old gentleman, as he looked complacently on a this friend of the Colonel was one of brindle into the road and trudged home be permitted to see the vulgar light of pair of nicely roasted chickens that were the sharpest Peter Funks in New York, behind her, a sadder and a wiser man. day. - Washington Correspondent of Forsmoaking on the table, "There are two." "Two?" replied the smart boy, "there are three, sir, and I'll prove it." "Three!" neplied the old gentleman, who was a plain matter-of-fact man, "I'd like to see you prove it." "Easily done, easily done. Is not that one?" said the smart boy, laying his knife on the first; 'and that two?" pointing to the second; "and do not one and two make three ?"---"Realy," said the father, turning to his wife, who was stupified at the immense learning of her son, "really this boy is a genius, and deserves to be incouraged;" and then, to show that there's fun in old folks as well as young ones, he added. "Wife, do you take one fowl and I'll take the second, and John may have the third for his learning."

the two great States of l'ennsylvania | said in a wisper, don't take it. But the and New York has contributed the money had been paid. The jeweller largest force to the army of the Union knew how to manage that. The whole has at last been decided by the governors of these States respectively. Ac- that would suit. That hung by itself cording to Governor Morgan's last on a black velvet case. That could not message, there are now in the field, from | be had. It had been sold to a man who the State of New York, 89,034 soldiers, and if there be added to this the volunteers now in the State itself, an available force of 103.307 is shown. According to the last message of Governor Curtin, there are now in the field from the State of Pennsylvania, 93,577 men, and if there be added to this force the volunteers now in the State of Pennsylvenia, an available force of 109,615 The seller was in doubt; his conscience men is shown. This is a highly gratifying fact, when we consider that the population of Poppsylvania is one million smaller than that of the Empire

A Country Clergyman, opposed to the use of the violin in church-service, was overruled by his congregation, who determined upon having one. On the following Sunday, the parson commerced the service by exclaiming, in long drawn accents, "You may f-i-d-d-l-s and si-n-g the fortisth psalm.

A Fellow advertised in Boston, that for four shillings remitted, he would send beautifully engraved portraits of followed; glass was broke; noses bled; George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. A noodle sent on the and to keep the watch and make all "cheese," and received by return mail a three and a one cent postage stamp!

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Of course the reader knows that the

How Peter Funk does Business. "Burleigh," the New York correspondent of the Boston Journal, writes the following leaf in the history of Peter Funk and his doings:

Some time since a rural Colonel from the West came to New York to make a speech. He was met the next day by a gentleman who called him by nameknew him well-was charmed with the fevor of his Western eloquence-with the force of his oratory, with his unfultering patriotism; to all which the Western orator bowed in the lowest humility, avowed his sense of unworthiness, and his inability to enlighten a New York audience; but expressed a warm appreciation of the manner in which the people listened to his poor remarks. A fellow feeling was at once created, and confidence, that plant of slow growth, seemed to come forth as by a miracle. The pair reached a store in Broadway, the ownership of which the new acquaintance of the Colonel avowed. It just popped into the mind of the Colonel that he had a lovely daughter at home, fair as a prarie rosebud, which soon was to bloom in a conservatory of a waiting swain, who held in his impatience to make the fair flower his own till the Colonel should come home from New York. Now the daughter needed a gold watch, and he proposed to buy one. The new friend of the Colonel allowed that he kept watches in his establishment, but had none that were worthy the attention of the distinguished gentleman and his fair daughter .-He had some, it was true, but as they could be sold for the paltry sum of \$125 to \$300, it was not worth while to look at them. And, moreover, the city of New York was a bad place for stranger; men got cheated every day, and he would do well to look sharp at all men who wanted to sell him anything, and be especially careful of the company he got into. For all this he was profoundly grateful, and persisted in going into the store and taking a look at the jewelry, as he knew a thing or two, and the man would rise up early in the morning who

Now let me say to the reader that and his store the head-quarters of mock auctions. So in the man went. An elegant watch was shown the Col., one of great value, worth \$130, and cheap at that. So a bargain was struck, and had the Colonel gone on his way all would have been well. But at this moment two men came in-one a customer and one a "down town" jeweller .--The jeweller opened the business. His friend, he said, was about to buy a watch for \$200, and like a wise man as he was he would not purchase until some one that knew all about watches had passed judgment on it. So the watch was handed out, examined and found to be all right. A new thought came over the Colonel. He would have his purchase examined. He would-and when The long contest as to which of the back of the seller was turned, he stock was examined, only one found was to "call for it at two, precisely." It was a watch of rare value, and could not be had at all, and if it could it was invoiced at \$200. But that particular

got the better of him.

watch the Colonel resolved to have. The parties all waited till the City Hall alarm bell rung out the hour of two, when the Colonel demanded the watch. The jeweller seconded the call. was tender; he wanted to do the fair thing; but concluded to hand the watch over, and the additional \$50 was paid. The watch was hardly in the pocket of the buyer, before panting with heat and haste, the man for whom the watch was kept, came running in-he had been detained by the omnibus- and demanded his watch. Great was his indignation when he found it was too late. The watch was his; he would have it; it was two till it was three; would give five dollars, ten, fifteen. But the Col. would not yield; he did not trade in watches: he had bought one, it suited him, and \$50 was no object. A quarrel the Tombs loomed up before the Col. square, \$50 more was paid and he de- Like a dead sinner, she was first dam'd

watch were all bogus, and parts of the establishment to carry on the Peter Funk business. On arriving at his hotel the \$200 watch was found to be brass. The Police were called in, but the jeweller and the store was closed. He and go home. In a frame of mind not exactly Christian he took his seat in the car-left in a moment to go out; came back, found an occupant in his seat. ordered the interloper out; as the cars were crowded the new comer could not see it. Viewing all men as conspirators, he took the law in his own handsgave the intruder a beating, was arrested with the fixed resolution that when the party needed a speaker, he should not come out to New York to make the oration.

No FRONT TERTH.-A musician recently undertook to trade cows with a certain neighbor H-, but after some bantering H-told the man that his 'old cow was not worth a song," she looked wise, and went off whistling .storm, with mud up to his knees, and gested that these two apostles of Seces wore such teeth on the upper jaw, and and old, the singing man drove old letters, that I presume they will never

A MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT .- On Tuesday morning, the 13th inst., two little up a Newfoundland dog in a sled, and fellows went under. When the boys to save them. In the struggle he tore himself loose from his toy harness, and went crushing a perfect channel through the ice to reach the bodies of his little masters. Efforts were made to resuscitate, but all availed nothing. The boys, both of them bright and beautiful children, were gone. It is a most distressing accident, that smites the parental hearts of two most estimable families with unutterable grief.

EIGHT CHILDREN AT A BIRTH .- On the 2d of August, Mrs. Timothy Bradlee, of Trumbull county, Ohio, gave birth to eight children—three boys and five girls, They are all living, and are healthy, but are quite small. Bradlee's family is increasing fast. He was married six years ago to Eunice Mowery, who weighed 273 pounds on the day of her marriage. She has given birth to two pairs of twins; and now eight more, making twelve children in six years .-It seems strange, but nevertheless is true, Mrs. Bradlee was a twin of three, her mother and father both being twins, and her grandmother the mother of five pairs of twins. Mrs. Bradlee has named her boys after noted and distinguished men; one after the Hon. J. R. Giddings, who has given her a splendid gold medal; one after the Rev. Hon. Elijah Chacplain, who gave her a deed of fifty acres of land, and the other after James Johnson, who gave her a cow .--Letter in N. Y. Tribune.

Oliver Wendell Holmes calls a kiss a limpid consonant. He should have however consonant it may be to the cry.

Prentice says, "Charleston was shut in with a dam of stone, and the next day she was nearly burned up.and then consigned to the flames."

.A RICH NEW YEAR'S GIFT .- It is jeweller and his friend, and the panting stated, by those who know, that among man running in too late to carry off his the papers taken in the house of that interesting and piquant epistols from how is the widow of the well-known explorer, Robert W. Greenhow, who reshake the dust of Gotham off his feet afterwards removed to California, where he died. She returned to Washington subsequent to his death, and was engaged in prosecuting certain claims in which her husband was interested; alternately appealing to Congress and the United States Supreme Court. A handsome person, pleasing address, good education and great conversational powers, gave her considerable influence in certain and locked up in the Tombs, and left circles here and elsewhere, and, as she for home, after paying in all \$1,000, was strongly pro-slavery, made her a special favorite of the Southern statesmen, and of all those who sympathized with them. Thus, she not only attended to her own affairs, but took charge of the affairs of others. Mrs. Greenhow was much more popular with the gentlemen than with the ladies.

Her residence was the resort of those now in arms against the Government, and if their tender missives to this was so old that she had no teeth in her | fashionable and dashing intriguante ever upper jaw, and could not therefore eat see the light of day, some amusing reyoung grass. Singing friend laughed, sults will ensue. I give it as a mere rumor, that among her correspondents But the remark of H-preyed upon his the venerable and virtuous ex-President, mind, and he accordingly went and ex- of the United States, James Buchanan, amined old brindle's mouth, and to his and the equally virtuous, but not quite horror and suprise he found that she so venerable, President of the so-called was entirely destitute of upper teeth! Southern Confederacy, Jefferson Davis. Infuriated, he drove old brindle two I have not seen their letters, which are miles to the house of the man he had supposed to be under the lock and key bought her of, through a driving rain of the Secretary of War, but it is sugafter berating the surprised man for sion more than once prove that they were selling him such a cow, demanded his not insensible to the great influence of money back at once. As soon as he Mrs. G. Messrs. Breckinridge and Joe. could get in a word edgewise, the farmer | Lane, are also said to figure in this told the engry man that cows never interchange of opinions, and the polished and graceful Yancy adds some of his to convince him, took him out to the choicest contributions to the collection. barn yard, when after examining the General Cameron, however, is so prumouths of a dozen or so cattle, young | dent and cautious in regard to these

boys, named Lowe and M'Nary, hitched ing from the Potomac about the "food," says: "We get a substance for soup went to take a ride upon the Scioto called 'pressed vegetables.' It looks a river, near Columbus, Ohio, The ice good deal like a big plug of dog leg' unfortunately broke, and both the little tobacco in shape and solidity, and is fell in, the dog made most frantic efforts | beaus, garlic, parsley, parsnips, carrots, &c. I acknowledge eating two China tin plates full without any convulsions of nature, and can now speak the German language with fluency."

Big Bethel, and all the country between that and Newport News has been deserted by the rebels. A reconnoitering party of 700 from Newport News, penetrated to the fortifications on Friday last, and found the place deserted, though apparently occupied recently by some 3000 or 4000 troops including 200 or 300 cavalry. It is supposed that they had gone to Yorktown to assist in defending the place against a Union attack which was daily expect-

We are glad to hear that the Secretary of State has decided to issue no more passes to ladies to and from Washington. It has been ascertained that in nearly every instance where these favors have been granted to women, letters and other documents have been concealed in their clothes, conveying important information to the rebels. In future, the crinolines who even apply for passes will be searched; but it will be futile to make such search. unless it be particularly thorough .-Their means of concealment are many.

A Great Fuss has been made a bout "Dollar Jewelry," but if you want to make a really cheap present to your sweetbeart, give her a dime and pin.

Let any lady paint who chooses. If she raises a hue on her cheek, that's added that it usually follows a vowal, no reason you should raise a hue and

> Stupid People may eat, but shouldn't talk. Their mouths will do subject, well enough as banks of deposit, but not

A man that has no virtue in himself envies it in others.—Bacon.

A ROMANCE OF REAL LIFE. - A letter from Rome gives an account of a remarkable suicide which has taken place adroit and fearless rebel, Mrs. Rose O. at Naples. A Mr. Kenrick, an elderly H. Greenhow, are a number of most gentleman, appears to have been intimate with a Miss Gray, a young and distinguished individuals. Mrs. Green- pretty Englishwoman, with whom he has been living at Rome and at Naples. It appears that Mr. Kenrick's relatives could get no relief. He concluded to sided in this city for a long time, and in England, who are wealthy, paid no heed, under the circumstances, to his applications for remittances, and that. the two thereupon resolved on suicide. From what subsequently transpired, it or not in young women, is a doubtful seems they must have gone directly to | question. the public gardens of the Villa Reale, on the sea-shore, where the cafe being open, they took a glass of rum or rosolio. They then climed over the low wall of the villa where a semicircular space overlooking the sea is furnished with stone seats, and descended on the beach where Miss Gray tied her dress round her ankles, and filled it from the waist with sand, Mr. Kenrick effecting the same purpose by filling the bosom of his shirt, his waistcoat, and coat-sleeves with sand and stones, Miss Gray supplying the necessary strings and tapes from her own dress. They then tied themselves together round the waist with their pocket-handkerchiefs, and deliberately lay down to die in the sea, which at that point is not more than two or three feet deep. They had the resolution to endure suffocation, and their corps were seen in the transparent water next morning at daybreak by a fisherman. Mr. Kenrick's life was insured for £3000, which his heirs lose from the fact of his having committed suicide.

FUNERAL OF A CENTENARIAN. -On Friday afternoon the 3d inst., the funeral of Michael Commins took place from his late residence, Tenth street, Philadelphia. It was attended by a large number of the descendants of the deceased, to the fourth generation. Mr. Commins was born in Wexford, Ireland, in the year 1757, and had attained vigprous manhood at the time of the Declaration of American Independence.he was over forty years of age at the paign will startle the world, and vinditime of the Irish Rebellion in 1798, in cate General McClellan's high reputawhich he took an active part. He has tion for military strategy. The men always been gifted with excellent health, and supplies are now for the first time. and at the time of his death had a sten- nearly ready. The delays, caused maintorian voice. His wife is at present ly by "red tape" and imbecile fossils in" living, having attained the ripe age of and out of the departments, and by thievone hundred and three years. The ing contractors and material men, will couple were married eighty two years | be accounted for, and the blame placed

MR. RAREY IN SPAIN .- Mr. Rarey, the horse tamer has arrived at Madrid. A composed in part of potatoes, onions, letter from the Spanish capital says: "Mr. Rarey" strange to say, does not appear to have roused the curiosity of the Caballeros, who possibly consider their knowledge of horse-flesh already superior to that of all others. However, he did perform before her Majesty Isabella and her Royal Consort, if report speaks truly, in white kid gloves and a dress coat, and having successfully calmed the flery temperaments of two half wild Andalusian colts, received a donation of £200, which must have sent him on his way with a full purse and a light heart. Moreover 'tis said he has challenged the lovers of the bull ring to subdue, without the aid of matader weapon or Toledo blade, the wildest bull they can produce."

> The Union Fire-arms Company, of New York city, whose principal armory will be at Newark, N. J., are to execute contracts for the manufacture of 90,000 stands of small arms, embracing 25,000 of Marsh's breech and muzzle-loading rifles, and 65,000 Springfield under the laws of New York, with a capital of \$400,000, will give employment to several thousand mechanics among whom will be many of the loyal citizens of Harper's Ferry, who were thrown out of work by the destruction of the national workshops.

The best sometimes err, yet still remain the best; while the worst do well at times, yet still remain the worst.

He that is good will become better, and he that is bad, worse; for virtue, vice, and time, never stop.

The sight of a drunkard is a better sermon against that vice, than the best that ever was preached upon that

A smile may be bright while the heart is sad. The rainbow is beautiful in the air while beneath is the mouning

How to Lean on a Gentleman's Arm. A short essay might be written on this subject, as one sees it practiced on the evening and moonlight promenades. Without knowing a single person, it is possible to determine the exact degree of relationship which they sustain by this simple and involuntary indication. There is the comfortable lock matrimonial, allowed only to stout, respectable fathers and mothers of grown-up sons and daughters-and the lounge confidential indulged in by cousins, and sometimes, when there is mischief afoot, and they are not fighting, by affectionate brothers and sisters. Then there is the gentle pressure of trust from a young wife, and the daring pressure shameless of a married flirt. The light touch of a young girl upon a strange coat sleeve, and the tender fold of a lover and his pretty fiancee. A hundred other methods might be enumerated, especially if one could follow them, out of the glare of the gaslight and into the shadow of the walks and avenues; but the most disagreeable of all is the formerly fashionable juxtaposition, of shoulder to shoulder, the gentleman's arm held at an angle, to support the elbow of the young lady. This close and confidential style is still affected by some very loud talking and showy young ladies, but whether gentlemen generally admire it

GEN. McClellan's Strategy: The New York Post says that the following extract from a letter received in that city by a prominent citizen, comes from a responsible source:

Washington, January 12- * * * The night of the rebellion has passed and the dawn is about breaking. Before the present month has gone, these things. will surely come to pass : Gen. Halleck, with the great flotilla, and an army of one hundred thousand strong, will sweep like an avalanche down the Mississippi. where they will be joined by General Butler in New Orleans and Mobile.-General Buell, with nearly or quite the same force, will march into. Tennessee, capture Nashville, and co-operate with the Union forces in a manner and direction it would not be politic now to point. out. Generals Rosecrans and Kelly. will advance from Western Virginia and do their share in harmony with the general plan. Generals Banks and Stone will move in conjunction, with the rest from the Upper Potomac .--General Burnside will do his oppointed work in Virginia. Gen. Sherman will explain by deeds, not words, his inaction. General McClellan will force the rats from their holes at Manageas, attack them at three points at once, and fulfilhis modest pledge, that the war will be "short but desperate." I do not give you more then the general outline of these simultaneous movements. The details of the grand plan of this camago. The old lady still attends church, where it belongs. A premature movement would have deranged the plan of the whole campaign, which is so perfect that success is certain. A bad move. untimely made, might have hazarded the game. The impending fate is close at hand in a limitled number of forced moves. The loss of a piece here or there, the defeat of one or another division of the army, cannot affect or prolong the result. The combinations are so perfect that failure is impossible !"

> A pretty girl was lately complaining to a Quaker friend that she had a cold, and was sadly plagued in her lips by chaps. "Friend," said Obadiah, "thee should never suffer the chaps to come near thy lips."

> As flowers never put on their bestcloths for Sunday, but wear their spotless raiment and exhale their odor every day, so let your life, free from stain, ever give forth the fragrance of the love of God.

During an examination, a medical student being asked, "When does mortification ensue?" he replied, "When rifle muskets. The company, organized | you pop the question, and are answered . 6 dett 2

Life has been called a warefare. Blessed, then, is the periodical armistica of the Sabbath. It is only in the pauses of the fight that we can see hew the battle is going.

A lazy fellow begged alms, saying he could not find bread for his family. "Nor I," replied an industrious mechanic; "I am obliged to work for it."

Many a goodly leg is lost in battle; thousands of brave fellows walk proudly into a war and hop out of it.

The mind is like a trunk. If well packed, it holds almost everything; if ill packed, next to nothing.

If the petticoat government is not more oppressive now then formerly, it is certainly double in extent.