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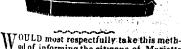
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Why we should Wear Beards.

There are more solid inducements for

wearing the beard than the mere improvement of man's personal appearance and the cultivation of such an aid to the every day diplomacy of life. Nature combining, as she never fails to do, the useful with the ornamental, provides us with a far better respirator than science could ever make, and one that is never so hideous to wear as that black seal woon the face that looks like a passport to the realms of suffering and death. The hair of the moustache not only absorbs the moisture and missing of the fors, but it strains the air from dust and soot of our great smoky cities. It acts also in the most scientific manner, by taking heat from the warm breath as it leaves the chest, and supplying it to the cold air taken in. It is not only a respirator, but with the beard entire we are provided with a comforter as well; and these are never left at home. like umbrella and all such appliances when ever they are wanted. Moffat and Livingstone, the African explorers, and many other travellors, say that in the night no wrapper can equal the board. The remarkable thing is, too, that the beard, like the hair of the head, protects against the heat of the sun; it acts as a thatch does to an ice-house; but, more than this, it becomes moist with the perspiration, and then, by evaporation cools the skin, ... A man who accepts this protection of nature may face the rudest storm and the hardiest winter. He may go from the hottest room into the coldest air without any dread; and we ferily believe he might sleep in a morass with impunity—at least his chance of escaping the terrible fever would be better than his beardless companion's.

Popular Names of States. Virginia, the Old Dominion, Massachusetts, the Bay state, Maine, the Border state, and Rhode Island Bittle Rhody New York, the Empire state. New Hampshire, the Granite state, Vermont, the Green Mountain state. Connecticut, the Land of Steady Ha

Pennsylvania, the Keystone state, North Carolina, the Old North state. Ohio, the Buckeye state, South Carolina, the Palmetto state, Michigan, the Wolverine state, Kentucky, the Corn-Cracker. Delaware the Blue Hen's Chicken. Missouri, the Puke state, Indiana, the Hoosier state, Illinois, the Sucker state. lowa, the Hawkeye state. Wisconsin, the Badger state, Florida, the Peninsular state. Texas, the Lone Star state.

MARRIAGE NOTICES .- A Western pa per gives the following notice :- "All notice of marriages, where no bridecake is sent, will be set up in small type, and poked in some outlandish corner of the paper. Where as handsome piece of cake is sent, it will be put conspicuously in large letters; when gloves or other bride favore are added, a piece of illustrative poetry will be given in addition: When, however, the editor attends the the bright side of life, and of stretching ceremony in propria person, and kisses the bride, it will have especial noticevery large type, and the most appropriate poetry that can be begged, borrowed, stolen, or coined from the brain editorial." I proposed to the one will be a

The vicissitudes of a sailor's life are painfully exhibited in the recent returns to the English Board of Trade. Of forty seven thousand seamen whose names are recorded during the twelve years ending 1864, no less than twenty thousand died from drowning, and more than two thousand from accidents of various kinds. There is all grander to

A man has just taken out a patent for luminous hats." They would, he says, preserve the wearers from being run over by cabs at night, and would, to some extent, enable a saving of the lighting of streets with gas to be effected.-London Paper:

" I mourn for my bleeding country," said a certain army contractor to Gen. Sheridan.

"So you ought, you scoundrel," replied Sheridan, "for nobody has bled her more than you." low! Ical! forc

At the circus, women jump clean through hoops. In society they jump into them and stick there. The wife soul

Gold is the only idol that is wor-POHLEN'S long celebrated GIN, shipped in an inner without hypocrisy. shipped in all lands without a temple, A Marvelous Story.

I was bred up in the dislike of the marvelous, or the stupid wonderful, as my uncle called it, I met relate an anecdote in point. Some gentlemen were dining together, and relating their traveling adventures; one of them dealt so much on the marvelous that it induced another to give him a lesson..

"I was once," said he, "engaged in a skirmishing party in America; I advanced too far, was separated from my the hands of angry savages, took nossession of my mind. I considered for a passed away and three o'clock in the moment what was to be done : most of us love life, and mine was both precious and useful to my family; I was swift of foot, and fear added to my speed. Af home before his comrades were stirring. ter looking back, for the country was an and conquer, occurring to me, I slackened my speed, and allowed him to I hope none here (bowing to his auditors) will doubt the result; in a few had advanced upon me, so I took again to my eeels-not from cowardice. I can grass after his horse. in truth declare-but with the hope of reaching a neighboring wood, where I knew dwelt a tribe friendly to the English; this hope, however, I was forced to give up ; for, on looking back, I saw one of my pursuers far before the other. I waited for him, recovering my almost exhausted breath, and soon this Indian | flag on the fence, had betaken themshared the fate of the first. I had now selves to it, and, calf-like, had eaten only one enemy to deal with; but I felt sthem up! Only a few well-chewed frag-(atigued, and being near the wood, I ments of this once valuable portion of was more desirous to save my own life than to destroy another of my fellow than to destroy another of my fellow creatures. I plainly perceived smoke curling up amongst the trees, I redoub was this for whice yearing man to be in! ted my speed, I prayed to heaven, I felt assured my prayers would be grantedbut at this moment the yell of the Indian's voice sounded in my ears-I even thought I felt his warm breath-there was no choice-I turned round-Here the gentlemen, who had related the wonderful stories at first, grew impatient past his endurance, he called out, well, sir, and you killed him also? "as sir, be killed me."

A Secret of Youth. There are wo men who cannot grow old-women who without any special effort, remain always young and attractive. The number is smaller than it should be, but there is still a sufficient number to mark the wide difference between this class and the other. The secret of this perpetual youth lies not in beauty, for some women possess it who are not at all handsome : nor in dress, for they are frequently careless in that respect, so far as the mere arbitrary dictates of fashion are concerned: nor in having nothing to do, for these ever young women are always as busy as bees, and it is very well known that idleness will fret people into old age and ugliness faster than overwork. The charm, we imagine, lies in a sunny temper-neither more or less, the blessed gift of always looking on the mantle of charity over everybody's faults and failings. It is not much of a secret, but it is all that we have been able to discover, and we have watched each with great interest, and a determination to report truthfully for the benefit of the rest of the sex. It is very provoking that it is something which cannot be corked up and sold for fifty cents a bottle but as this is impossible, why, the most of us will have to keep on growing as ugly and disagreeable as possible.

A HARD HEAD. An old gentleman was relating a story of one of your "half horse, half alligator". St. Lawrence boat men. "He is a hard head," said he. "for he stood under an oak in a thunder storm, when the lightning struck the tree, and he dodged it seventeen times. when finding he could not dodge it any longer, he stood and took nine claps on his head, and never flinched."

Come till America, Pat! writes a son of the Emerald Isle to his friend in Ireland; "'tisa fine country to get a living in. Alleye have to do is to bathing expressed apprehensions for get a three-cornered box and till it wid brick and carry it till the top of a fourstory building, and the man at the top does all the work!" , rathe mineda not

Miss Bremer tells us that the life of a rich old bachelor is a splendid breakfast, a tolerable flat dinner, and a most miserable supper.

Courting in Iowa. The following circumstances happened in Cedar county, Iowa:

A certain young man being out on s courting expedition, came late on Sunday evening, and in order, to keep his secret from his young acquaintances determined to be at home bright and early Monday morning. Mounted on his horse, dressed in his fine white summer pants and other fixings in propor. tion, he arrived at the residence of his friends, and saw three Indians in pursuit inamorata, where he was kindly receivof me; the horrors of the tomahawk in ed and his horse properly cared forbeing turned into pasture. The night

morning arrived. Three o'clock was the time for him to depart, so that he might arrive at He sallied forth to the pasture to catch open one, I at length perceived that his horse, but there was a difficulty—the one of my enemies had outrun the oth- grass was high and loaded with dew. ers, and the well-know saying of 'divide To venture in with white pantaloons on. would rather take the starch out of them and lead to his detection. It come up; we engaged in mutual fury; would not do to go in with his white unmentionables, so he quickly made his resolve. He carefully disrobed himself minutes he lay a corpse at my feet. In of his valuable whites and placed them this short space of time, the two Indians | safely on the fence, while he gave chase with unscreened peda through the wet

Returning to the fence where he had safely suspended his lily unmentionables. O, horrible dictu / what a sight he met his eyes! The field into which his horse had been turned was not only a horse, but a calf pasture too, and the naughty calves, attracted by the white

It was now daylight, and the farmers were up, and four hero far from home with no covering for his "travelling apparatus." It would not do to go aback to the house of his lady-love, neither to go to town in that plight: There was only one resource left to him : that was to secret himself in the bushes for some time, and it may be imagined that his feelings toward the calf kind were pot of the most friendly character in conse quence. But, ere long, his seclusion was destined to be intruded upon. By and by the boys, who had been out to feed the calves, returned with the rempants of the identical white garment which had adorned the lower life of their late visitor.

They were mangled and torn to shreds! An inquest was immediately held over them. Some awful fate had befallen the man. The neighbors were summoned to search for the mangled corpse, and the posse, with dogs and arms, set out with all speed. The pasture was thoroughly scoured and then the adjacent thickets. when lo! our hero was driven from his lair by the keen scent of the dogs, all safe and sound, minus the linen.

An explanation then ensued at the expense of our hero, but he was successful in the end and married the lady, and is now lying comfortably in one of the flourishing towns of Towa.

Recently-the wife of one of the city fathers of New Bedford, Mass. presented-her-husband-with-three children at a birth. Attie premised that previously a cat had given birth to a litter of kittens, which with the exception of one, were summarily disposed of in the usual way. The delighted father took this little daughters four years of age, to see her new relations. 4 She looked at the diminutive little beings an few mo ments, when, turning to her father, she inquired : "Pa, which one are you going to keep in most letter and

Which on the face of the earth, is the best place; for a sleeping infant? The Rocky Mountains. Who was the first little boy mentioned in the Bible? Chap: 1: What creatures took along the smallest amount of baggage when they entered the Ark ? The cock and the fox : they had only a comb and one could not be provided them they be death

A spectator sate Newport, meing a man some distance from the shore, his safety, when a bystander remarked, "There is no danger—his head will buoy strong man new life over 5 the pounded

Julius. I been to war ! Yes sah.

Enviouotogicar.—It has long been a disputed point with entomologists, whether the peculiar war cry of the mosquito was produced from whatever it caused by the rapid vibration of its wings. A party who inclined to the former opinion recently declared that he would not object to the mosquito holding a sanguinary festival upon his body if he did not always say grace before meat, an eminently facetious remark. But, nevertheless, it is certain that the hum of the blood-thirsty insect is produced by its wings, a fact sufficiently proved by the cessation of the sound when he alights to begin his cannibalistic repast.

It has been ascertained by an instru ment called the sirene, that a mosquito's wings vibrate at the rate of lifteen thousand times a second, the pitch of the note produced being more than two octavos above the highest note of a sevenoctave piane. The wing of a mosquito is so thin that fifty thousand, placed one upon the other, would not form a, heap more than a quarter of an inch in height.

The man who stated that the mosquitoes in Atlantic, county, New Jersey, made a noise like the passing of a railroad train, and that they were in the ha bit of clinching their stings in the bodies of small children and carrying them off, to be disposed of at leisure, was guilty of a heartless and base prevarication There is also no truth in the report that they eat oxen in the fields and then take a siesta on the fence, picking their teeth with one of the horns. In the case we

THE WATERFALL.—Somebody announ ces, through the Boston papers, that the waterfall" has lost caste at length with the fashionables, and will be gradually withdrawn from the toilet whenever a more classical mode of hair-dressing shall have been invented to take its place. Supposing such announcement to be reliable, we feel inclined, on the score of taste, to regret the fiat;, for the waterfall." with all the absurd elaborations affected by some wearers, is really a graceful device. It differs from almost all preceding styles, in being at least passably becoming to all sorts of faces, and is surely more piquante in effect than any of the old style "headdresses" and nets." But if capricious Fashion has decided against the "waterfall," of course it must give way to something new, and the "artiste" inventing the latter will be sure of a for Well, if you'll believe me, that little string, to bet in right of the beta morning

An orator, in appealing to the bone and sinew," said: with the analysis

"My friends, I am proud to see around me to-night the hardy yeomanry, of the land, for I love the agricultural interests of the country, and well may I love them, fellow-citizens, for I was born a farmer—the happiest days of my youth | portrait of his Excellency : were spent in the peaceful avocations of a son of the soil. If I may be allowed to use a figurative expression my friends, I may say I was raised between two rows of corn."

vo rows of corn."
"A pumpkin, by thunder!" exclaimed an inebriated chap just in front of the stage. The rest is the person yie express

The Continental Folks, a day or two since hearing of the whereabouts of a guest who had decamped without going through the usual formality of paying his bill, sent him a note : "M .--Dear Sir : Will you send amount of your bill and oblige," etc. To which the delinquent made answer; "The amount is \$80.621," Yours respectfully. Sept go

40 10 10 10 10 10 A gentleman dining with a friend, one day, was struck; by the earnestness with which one of the little girls regard. ed him. He therefor took her upon his knee, and began to talk to her. Please. sir, said she, "tell-me what's in the house next to yours; I'd like to see it." "Tell me, my little dear, why you wish to know "Because, sir, I beard mother say that you were next door to a brute?" ... i.e. in humbers a raind antle this

In 1558 it was enscied that the lady or knight's wife should have more than one velvet or damask gown for summer; that all ladies should wear russet or camlet three days in the week, under the penalty of ten shillings per day, and that a surveyor should examine the ladies ward robe." Just fancy such a surveyor in these days last sent

"Is it possible, Miss, that you do not know the names of some of your best five balls lodged in die Gosominal dSho! friends?" einquired a gentleman of a la musket balls. " ia No sir " "Cannon dy. "Certainly," she raplied; " Ldon't balls?", "No sir-ge!", "What kinder even know what my own may be a year balls, then?" "Cod fish balls, eah!" . ឯកសារមាន ខាន់ និះ ខេត្តសូវ ខាន់ ព្រះសុខ្លា

GETTING MARRIED .- A rather laughablestransaction took place a week or more ago in the town of De Witt. Clin. ton county, Michigan, in which love and has in the way of lungs, or was merely business are so intermixed that it requires an adept to distinguish between the two. A milkmafe peddlar called at schouse to sell a safe. The woman informed him that she was a widow, and would much rather have a man. The pedlar informed her that if she would take a safe he would send her a man. She took if, and the peddler went on his way rejoicing; and soon sent a man, who he ascertained had no bosom companion, and directed him to the widow. Going on, he called at a house to sell a safe, and was informed that the man was a widower, and would prefer a wife, He told him if he would take a safe, he would direct him where he could get a woman. He took the safe, and the neddler directed him to the same widow. When he reached her, he was about an hour too late, the first having just secured the prize. The kindhearted woman, however, sent him to a second widow. whom he secured; and both loving couples were married that afternoon.

> Liquid Glue. The use of this substance has become very extensive in France, and it may be useful to give the process by which it is obtained. A kilogramme, 2 1-5 lbs. avoirdupois, of good glue of Cologne, or Givet, is dissolved in a liter of water in an earthern pot plunged in hot water, the water lost by evaporation being replaced. When the glue is completely dissolved, onefifth of a kilogramme of nitric acid at 30 centigrade is added; the acid throws the solution into a violent state of effervescence, and a quantity of reddish-colored gas escapes. When the mixture has become quiescent it should be well stirred, set aside to cool, and afterwards placed in well stopped vessels for future use.

A Dog Story.-Jerry Carstakes was one evening retailing his day's experience to a cluster of delighted neighbors. Among other things, he said :- "Squire Brown has been down here to day, and he fetched that little black dog of his'n along with him. Why that critter a'n't bigger than my two fists. Well, you see, the squire wanted me to go out to the corn house with him, for something orother; so we went into the corn-house; and I was not minding you see, and, when I came out I locked the critter in. rascal est up a ham of bacon that weighed thirty pounds, and a leaf of bread that had a peck of meal in it, and then crawled out through a knot hole."

BrownLow. -A correspondent of the New York Mercury, who is personally acquainted with Parson Brownlow. gives the following faithful pen-and ink

A dusty, sallow man-all gall and bluster. He is Scotch-Irish by birth. and a shouting Methodist preacher by profession; fierce rather than strong, an uncomfortable friend and an ugly enemy. He is a tall and awkward man, with large hands and shambling feet. His provincialism is shocking, and his coarseness repulsive. The most unchristian of preachers, he makes it a sin to forgive an enemy, His personalities are disgustingly original. He has some virtues never drinks or smokes. His son John has the same style of temperance, but once killed a fellow-collegian.

Dean Richmond, who has long managed the New York Central Railroad and also the Democratic party of the Empire State, does not seem to have any very lively faith in the actual existence of the political organization which he has for years controlled. While at Buffalo, the other day, he directed the the reduction of the wages of the Central Railroad employees.

An exasperated committee of strikers telegraphed to him that they would not vote for the Democratic ticket next fall. if they did not get their former pay. Areply came back more forcible than elegant, "The Democratic party has gone to h-i, and you may go there too."

What kind of paper resembles a sneeze? Tissue paper. Which is the most profitable of all hosinesses? The shoe, for every pair is sold before it is finished. A woman is said to X L when she is forty.

Men talk about the idle wind, but the wind is always busy, and, like a cheerful farmer, it whistles at its work.

The unsuccessful spinsters on their way home from the watering-places, are "Our returning Veterans."