Scholar and Bohemian-Episodes in the Life of an Eccentric Parisian Chroniqueur.

New York Herald.

One of the best known of Parisians has joined the majority. Jules Valles, the hero of the Latin quarter, is dead in the prime of life, and the news of his death awakens memories of the commune the commune. He was born at Pay, on the 11th of June, 1883. He was well educated, and intended to become a lawyer, but the career of a journalist offering more brilliant promise he went to Paris and gained a high reputation as a contributor to the newspapers and as a pamphleteer. He wrote for the Figaro, style was lively and pleturesque. man to chronicle the gay doings of Paris,

previously been thrashed out.

It was in the Rue, a little satirical by the sheet, which he founded single handed "inaugural" out of his poverty and kept alive by his new paper will long be remembered own unaided talent, that Valles fired his by Paris journals. It was a stentatiously those devoted to pure literature. Pens of fare, and Valles drank bumpers to were revolvers. That of Valles was al- scc'alism out of nameless utensils. ways loaded to the muzzle, and it paver dangers in the crack of a courageous journal, the young man performed prodigies in shunning this Scylla and this Charybdis. It was in the Rue that he showed Le Matin or Le Cri about this period his first talent-journalistic talent of the were probably altogether from his own first quality. "Rochefort," said a critic, "carves up men with his polished blade; Valles will demolish ideas by smashing them with his cudgel. The middle class begins revelutions; the people finish

Like Rochfort Jules Valles had been employed at the Hotel de Ville in the de partment of pompes funebres, a fact utilized in a famous caricature by Gil, who represented him with babies' coffins for shoes. He was a sidewalk philosopher. One day he printed a book. The was odd and taking-"Money, by a Man of Letters." The tone was harsh and bitter against the rich, the author was kinder to the rag-picker than to the banker. It was a modern Diogenes bent over his lantern and spuffing critically the fifth of the Paris streets. His second book, "The Refractory," was a protest against the imperial wars. It combatted the ideas of militarism and the lust of conquest; it also painted a picture of the obscure life of the laborer, which earned for its author the title of "Poet of tatters and kennels."

As to the man himself, as his friends knew him, here is a sketch, before 1870, by his oldcomrades on the Rue; "Valles took us in when we were wandering through the streats, vainly searching, year in, year out, for some corner in which to write what we had thought and suffered. He threw open to us his entire journalto us, unknown and poor; and if, in spite of his indefatigable friendship, we have not made a name in this journal, at least we have carned our bread. Valles has enabled us to live during eight months. Men do not forget services of that sort.'

the hands of Gen. de Cissey, and white he was fleeing from justice the French papers published a sensational account of and took a train for London, traveling in the same carriage with a French officer, who was furlously declaiming against "cescochens communards." Valles afterwark told the story in the Cri du Peuple, adding with characteristic humor, it was thanks to the presence of that very officer in his carriage that one of

the "ces cochons la" escaped. In London Valles vegetated for some years. He was wretched there and poor. Having no means of his own, he existed as best he could by writing for a commuinst paper, started by Lissagaray, and contributing to the Evenment. series of letters, entitled "La Rue a Londres," are among his cleverest efforts. They have been collected and put into book form, with illustrations. In London Valles used to dine nightly at the Restaurant Audinet, a reanother man bending over him. When Collector Merritt, of New York. In personal appearance Capt. Holmes is not -playfully nicknamed "La Cafe de the crowd, headed by the conductor, l'Amnistic." Here he met Lissagaray, reached the spot the man on his feet ex-Pyat, Pilotol, the artist; Montbard, the plained: Bohemian illustrator; Vermesch, of "Pera Ducheane" notoriety, and thegentleman who has aince sobered down into the dignity of French agent at Cairo-M. Camile Barrere. It was a strange set, and not a harmonious one. The exiles had at heart little but contempt and hatred for each other. Vermerch, the blackest of the group, despised his fellow-refugees as timid and half hearted. Lissagagaray looked upon Valles as a braggart and a "pessur." Valles cordially returned his dislike and before long broke with him altogether. Very amusing it was at times, say those who remember stopped the train, "that he's taken pizen the author of "Jacques Vingtras" in and laid down here to make sure work of those days, to listen to the blood it. If you are a mind to take him on to and thunder speeches with which Centralia I'll kind o' rub him into life he used to startle the frequenters of and get a doctor to pump him out." the Cafe de l'Amnistle. Yet many can remember him in quite other moods at the body into the baggage car. The case this period—smiling and joking at Mrs. Weldon's concerts, in which he took great interest, or playing the part of a well-bred French gentleman at evening parties. He studied the low side of London life thoroughly at this period. He knew all the misery it contained, and the vice and crime. Under the excert of the police he visited the thieves' quarters, and what he had observed he described with a power and picturesqueness not un worthy a Dickens. Like many exiles, he was afflicted with the spy monomanta The most innocent intruder on his privacy was at once set down as a mouchard And at last he grew so nervous that he left the busy city and took lodgings in a distance auburb, where he imagined himself safe from persecution. During his stay in England he came into a little money and embarked in some speculawhich he himself vaguely de-

humdrum, respectable citizen. Jules Valles was not a handsome man. but he had something leonine and pecu liar in his appearance which redeemed htm from being commonplace. His face was square, red, and coarse, firmly set on a bullacck and br ad, big shoulders. In

scribed as "commerce." For the time

being he even thrived at his new occu-

pation, and had not the amnesty just

then allowed him to return to his beloved

Paris he might have ended his days a

England he had affected long hair and ultra-shabby garments. But soon after his return to Paris he trimmed his locks and began to dress so respectably that his old companions really almost had a justification for their sucer that "Jules" was

rapidly becoming bourgeoise.

Between 1880 and 1884 he published hla three autobiographical novels— "L'Enfant," "Le Bacheller," and L'Insurge," forming the complete story of "Jaques Vintgras." They were powerful and strange works, touched here and of the eventful days which preceded and there with grim humor and full of pittless denonciations of the French educational and social systems,

In 1884, on the Matin being started, Valles was asked to contribute a series of political articles to the paper. They were far weaker than his earlier efforts and did little to increase his reputation.

He had an odd way of writing, by the style was lively and picturesque. His newspaper wrappers which he might literary criticisms were full of malice, happen to have on hand. While waiting and his dramatic criticisms were full of in a hall or drawing room he would pull page to some book or paper he was preand being successful at home he went paring. His facility was remarkable, but abroad. As London correspondent of his imagination was limited. He had the Epoque he contributed some lively but "one string to his bow," In January, ietters, describing John Bull from various 1884, he started the Cri du People, points of view and extracting a good chiefly with the funds supplied him by a deal of humor from topics which had certain Dr. Guebard, whose name was afterward brought into prominence

Ballerich case. banquet given at the tirst cartridges. The journal of that day vulgar feast. Ham, sausage, and cheap breathed powder and revolution, even wine were the chief attractions in the bill

For two years previous to his death missed fire. Obliged to evade the laws of Jules Valles had been suffering from diathe empire against the press, obliged to betes. In the end, they say, it affected steer between the stamp office and the his brain, and by his doctor's order he reef of the official warning, two deadly was compalled to give up active work. and leave the management of the Cri du Peuple to his assistants.

Few of the articles which he signed in pen. Some of them are believed to have been written by a lady who had long admuch of her time, it is understood, to making his last days easy.

GIDDY CLEVELAND.

He Goes Coasting With Albany Boys and Girls.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 22.-On one of the cityanow-alides Pres'dent-elect Clevedecked with lovely girls in gay attire. computation. Mr. Cleveland was a passive spectator and remarked that he wished he were a southern latitudes, when in command of he timidly approached the great man. Confusedly he tendered Mr. Cleveland the use of his sled, but the offer was politely declined.

Cleveland's friend urged him to accept the proffered "bob," and he heroically something about its not being very digni

Tears came into the eyes of the Presidentelect, and he held his breath as the wind blew through his mustache with a mornpapers published a sensational account of his execution. For two months he lay hidden in the cellar of a house at Navilly. At last, watching his opper. Nevilly. At last, watching his opportunity, he disguised himself as a priest Young men clapped their hands and panting heartless remains the product of the ting beauties paused to wave handkerchiefs and comforters. It was a triumph by moonlight.

At last the little sled came to a pause and Mr. Cleveland and his pilot alighted. Their clothing was flecked with snowy particles and their noses had been deftly touchen by frosty hands, but they did not care. Mr. Cleveland had enjoyed a bobsled ride for the first time in thirty years.

Game of the Tramps Played on an Iliinois Railroad,

Detroit Free Press. About eighteen miles above Centralis, Ill., the engineer began to blow toot! toot! toot! and to slacken his pace, and

"I discovered him about ten minutes ago, and as I didn't want to see the train run over him I gave you the signal."
"But why didn't you pull him off the

track?" asked the conductor. "I couldn't be hired to touch a dead ody," was the reply.

"What, is he dead?" "Reckon he is that."

We examined the body and found life in it. He was a poorly dressed man, seemingly in hard luck, and for the matter of that so was the other. "I think," said the stranger who had

stopped the train, "that he's taken pizen The conductor assented and we lugged created considerable talk among the passengers, and a purse of \$7 was made up for the unforturate. However, as we

slowed up for Centralia and before the purse was presented there was great yelling from the baggage car, and we looked out to see the two tramps dusting it across a field. It was a game they had played to get a twenty-mile lift.

Two Sides to the Question,

Atlanta National. "How often does the ferrybeat start? sked the lady.

"Ivery fifteen minutes, mum. "How long since the boat laft hera?"

"Tin minutes, mum." Lady waits ten minutes and then says:
"Didn't you say the boat started every fifteen minutes?"

"I did, mam." "Well, I have waited hir ten minutes minutes.

"Yes, mum "Then how do you make out that the oat starts every fifteen minutes?" "Why, you see, mum, starruts from his soide wan ufteen minutes, and from he ither sold the nixt."

Seal of North Carolina Smoking tobac-

FIFTY YEARS A SEAMAN.

Connecticut Sea Captain Who Has Sailed 1,5000,000 Miles, Visiting All Quarters of the Globe,

along the coast of New England, writes a The Boston Globe, a sallor must justi'y of snow. any claims for distinction by a display of exceptional qualities, or they will not be there are individual instances where a life-Holmes, of Mystic, who has summered the Epoque, and the Evenement. His by, on any scrapper swhich he might the world for half a century, barring two or three years, and yet has so little to tell in the way of accidents, hair-breadths' gall and wormwood. He was just the out a pencil and aid a paragraph or a life would seem to justify the sailor's is so cold. But such is the fact. solicitude for landsmen who are exposed to death or injury from flying signs and tumbling chimneys during the prevalance of high winds on shore. In 1837, when 13 years of age, Capt. Holmes ship ped before the most on the bark Leader for a whaling voyage in the North Atlantic, and some years subsequently commanded the same vessel after sailing two voyages as mate in the ship Coriolanus, Capt. John McGinley, also in the whaling business. As a whaler he was eminently successful for himself and owner, the late Charles Mallory, of Mystic, in whose service he remained as captain of whaling and merchant verse's for twenty-seven ports, subsequently transferring to the clipper ships running between New York, San Francisco and Liverpool, commanding in succession the bark Fanny, ships Francis E. F. Willis, Haze, Twilight, and his present ship, the Seminole. During this period of forty-eight years he mired him platonically, and who devoted teen times, sailing in his whaling and merchant voyages at a moderate computation between 1,500,000 and 1,600,000 miles. The distance sailed something over fourteen years, is rather as many of the old whalers were very fast sailors, and as they sailed continland stood last night. He was muffled to ually, with the exception of two or three the chin, but appeared to be cold. The weeks between seasons, when they made hill was throngod with coasters. Beauti- Sandwich islands, or New Zealand or ful Albany belies were cut in force, according to their convenient ports, to recruit their compained by their escorts. The snow ship. The distance sailed in the merpath wotted with swiftly-rushing sleds chant service is capable of more accurate

In all these forty-eight years Capt. of the animated scene for many minutes. Holmes has met with but one serious Finally he turned to a friend at his elbow mishap, that being in the year 1868, in boy again. This sentiment was echoed by the Seminole. The day was clear, with his auditor, and was overheard by a rosy- a steady breeze and the sea scarcely cheeked young lady with a sled, who had ruffled, when the captain saw a white ust clambered the steep ascent. She squall coming for him, and also saw that twenty-two square miles. The population juickly whispered to her big brother and he could not escape it nor shorten sall sufficient to temper its fury. So nothing Marino, has 1,200. It is perched on the remained but to let her come, which she mainmast, foremast and browsprit clean volunteered to pilot the cranky craft.

Mr. Cleveland hesitated and murmured mainmast head. The wind was in the towers, agure, on three peaks of the same: mainmast head. The wind was in the towers, azure, on three rocks of the same; after the departing train. The noise and something about its not being very dight-fied. But his companion over-ruled his that knocked her down considerably towers and crown them. The motto is I swung my lantern across the track— objections, and Mr. Cleveland permitted righted her as it gave the parting kick 'Libertas.' The escutcheon issurround-the usual signal of danger. There was Among the wild spirits of the commune none was wilder than Valles. With his sword and with his pen he was unusally active. He narrowly escaped death at the value of the sword and with his pen he was unusally active. He narrowly escaped death at the value of the president sate of the furious squall, scarcely felt the name of Order of San the value of the source of the source of the source of the sum of the usual signal of danger. There was no one in sight. Just as the train swept around a curve a brakeman appeared on the rear platform. A moment later I feet of the furious squall, scarcely felt and went its way careening over the ed by flags and surmounted by a crown, indicating a sovereign state. The reput around a curve a brakeman appeared on the rear platform. A moment later I feet of the furious squall, scarcely felt and went its way careening over the ed by flags and surmounted by a crown, indicating a sovereign state. The reput around a curve a brakeman appeared on the rear platform. A moment later I have always considered l'rancisco by Capt. Holmes was ninety-six days and between San Francisco and In 1796 Bonaparte, after defeating the New York ninety-three days. This same Austrians, sent the celebrated mathematloes not speak so well for the ship, because after crossing the equator the passail drawn, while on the New York pasone mast are doing duty.

Capt. Holmes exhibits with pardonable pride a solid gold beaker with the following inscription: "Presented by the British government to Capt. Holmes, master of ship Seminole, of New York, in acknowledgment of his humanity and kindness to the master and crew of the by and by the train came to a standstill. British ship Kurrachee, which was wreck-The male passengers rushed out, as in ed at sea Nov. 22, 1879." The beaker duty bound, and in time to see a man ly- was forwarded through the state departing on the rails in front of the engine and ment and presented to Capt. Holmes by unlike the duke of Wellington, having the same beak, which is the mark of a man born to command. His head is frosted with silver and his closely cut whiskers are equally white, but his black eyes are as bright and piercing as when a young man bound on a three years' whalnow loading in New York for San Fraucisco. For many years his wife had made voyages in company with him, and would think nothing even now of packing her trunk and starting for Liverpool or

Yokohama to join her husband. Whaling was the school that made sailors, and one where any but a man of dauntless courage would always remain at the foot, for it takes more cool courage and daring to fasten to a sperm whale than is required to face the hot shower of a battery. In referring to his whaling experience, the captain's eye brightens and his teeth unconsciously close with a snap as he says: "I always loved to put a lance into a whale's life and churn up blood." Scerm oll was \$1.25 a gallon forty years ago, and \$1 extra bonus to the master, hence the enthusiasm. Steam has destroyed the romance of the sea and seamen, and another decade will see sail ors like Capt. Holmes almost disappear from the service.

ESKIMO BABY LIFE.

How the Dots of Humanity Live in the Ice and Snow,

St. Nicholas for February. When a baby Eskimo's mother makes the hood of her reindeer suit, she stretches it into a long sack or bag, that hangs down behind and is supported by since you said the boat had gone - ten her shoulders, and this bag of reindeer's skin is his cradle and home, where he lives until he knows how to walk, when

he gets on his first suit of clothing. This, however, is while the baby Eskimo s out of doors, and his mother is making a social visit. When at his own house, in order not to trouble his mother

clothing, among the reindeer skins that make the bed, where It amuses itself with anything it can lay its hands on, from a hatchet to a snow-attck.

You doubtless think little Boreas should have a nice time rolling around o his heart's content on the soft, warm roindeer skins; but when I tell you more In this nursery of seamen extending about his little home, you may not then New London, Conn., correspondent to think so. For his winter home is built

"But won't the snow melt and the house tumble in?" you will ask. Of course allowed by the profession, which is it will, if you get it warmer than just the notably just as well as generous. Still coldness at which water freezes; but during the greater part of the year it is so time spent at sea is so free from accident cold that the snow will not melt, even that something more than luck must be when the Eskimo burn fires in their looked for to account for the exceptional stone lamps inside these snow houses; so immunity from the ocean's perils. This by closely regulating the amount of the applies in the case of Capr. J. Warren fire, they can just keep the snow from melting. In short, it must always be cold enough in their home to freeza. So you can see that the little Eskime

> you can't see how in the world he can be lmost naked nearly all day long when it Yet, in spite of all this, the little fel-low really enjoys himself. He gets used to the cold, and has great fun frolicking

other stories about the cold these little fellows can endure, you can understand how they can enjoy themselves in the snow huts, or igloos, as they call them, when it is only a little colder than freez-

the snow house, and then the ceiling will ommence melting, for you all perhaps have learned at school that when a room becomes warmed it is warmer at years. Late in the '50's Capt. Holmes the ceiling and cooler near the floor. sailed between New York and southern So with the hut of snow, it commences melting at the top because it is warmer there, and when two or three drops of cold water has fallen on the baby's bare shoulders, his father or mother finds that it is getting too warm, and cuts

down the fire. During this period of forty-nine times has doubled Cape Horn forty-nine times the mother will often take a such has doubled Cape of Good Hope four-from the floor, where it is colder than and the Cape of Good Hope four-from the floor, where it is colder than freezing, ane stick it against the point of the flooring. There it When the water commences dropping, where the water is dripping. There it freezes fast and soaks up the water just like a sponge until it becomes full, and while engaged cruising for whales, then she removes it and puts on another, as soon as it commences to drip again. underestimated, taking 130 miles a dayss | Sometimes she will forget to remove it, the ship's log. In all probability this could be stretched out very much longer without encroaching on the marvelous, freezing hold, down it comes, perhaps right on the baby's bare back, where it flattens out like a slushy pan-cake-or into his face, as it once served me.

THE SAN MARINO REPUBLIC.

Smallest Democracy in the World.

The little republic of San Marino is in closed in the kingdom of Itsly, It is bounded on the north, east, and south by the province of Forll, and on the west by that of Pesaro. Its territory covers about It must have been but a few moments summit of a mountain called Mount Titan, enned me. I jumped to my feet, selzed did like a flash of lightning, knocking the or the Giants, which sometimes leads to ship on her beam ends and carrying the this little state being termed this Titanic republic. Its origin dates from the out of her. The foremast was broken in fourth century, and for heraldic bearings nature of a whirlwind, so the same squa'l three curved flames, gules, issue from the speed mcked me. Recollecting myself puff of wind, nor was the mizzenmast Marino. It consists of a Greek cross, injured beyond having some of the stays with towers at the four angles, and in the ever posened by the other masts going by the center a medallion with the arms of the

passage he has made to Liverpool, but it ician, Mongo, to compliment the free mountaineers and make them offers of aggrandizement, but they very politely sage to Liverpool is made with the trade and very prudently declined. When winds abeam or on the quarter and every ltaly became a kingdom Napoleon desired to preserve this small state intact. "It sage the wind is free and only the sails on is a rare sample of a republicto preserve, said the emperor. In 1849 Garabaldi, driven from Rome by Gen. Oudinot, ook refuge in San Marino, forbidding his soldiers to do any harm to the inhabitants. Victor Emmanuel not only respected the liberty of the institutions of little imagining what caused it." this little country, but always showed it great sympathy, especially on his visit to Bologna at the time of the inauguration of the Ancona railway in 1861. In 1862 a treaty of customs and commerce was

concluded between Italy and the repub-San Marino owes its foundation to a hermit of that name, born in Dalmatia in the fourth century, and who went to Italy to work as a mason at the rebuilding of the walls of Rimini. Marino afterward took refuge in the midet of the woods on Mount Titan, and constructed there a cabin in which he ended his days. ing voyage. The captain still follows The place where he expired soon became the sea and bids fair to enjoy many years the object of pilgrimsges, and houses to come of active business. His ship is were built there, which ultimately formwers built there, which uitimately formed the town of San Marino. The fete of the saint is celebrated on the 4th of September.

> The Medical Value of Lemons. Medical News.

The way to get the better of the billous system without blue pills or quinine is to take the juice of one, two or three lemons, as appetite craves, in as much water as makes it pleasant to drink without sugar, before going to bed. In the morning, on rising, at least half an hour before breakfast, take the juice of one lemon in a goblet of water. This will clear the system of humor and bile with efficiency, without any of the weakening effect of calome! People should not irritate the stomach by eating lemons clear; the powerful and of the juice, which is always most corr sive, invariably produces inflammation after a while, but, properly diluted, so that it doss not burn or draw the throat, it does its medical work without harm, and, when the stomach is clear of food, has abundant opportunity to work over the system thoroughly.

His Preference.

Somerville Journal, "John," said a millionaire to his son. "I have just willed you my property and made P. and R. trastees. "That will never do, I can suggest an improvement.

"Make them your heirs and appoint me trustee.

Many ar esian wells are being sunk in southern towns in order to obtain a good supply of water. The well at Choctaw, Ala., recently reached a depth of 1,345 while she is sewing or cooking or doing feet, since which time the water has been such other work, the little baby is algushing out to a height of sixty-four feet such other work, the little baby is allowed to roll around almost without above the derrick floor.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Struggling to Wake When to Sleep Meant Destruction.

"Yes, we operators sometimes have strange experiences," said a young looking white-halred telegrapher, replying to an interrogation of the San Francisco Call representative. most thrilling incident that ever came within my own experience," he continued musingly, "occurred one night about twelve years ago, I was then a young operator on the Northern pacific railroad at a small station in eastern Minnesota called Kimberly. I was doing the night work-from 7. m. to 7 a. m., and being of a social disposition, used to sleep only when there was nothing of interest going

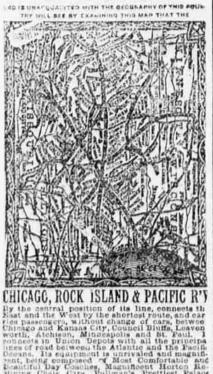
Kimberly was quite a resort for picnics, being situated on the edge of one of those beautiful lakes for which Minnesota is famed, and on the day recan not have such a very nice time, and ferred to I had been out with a party of young folks, and by night was thoroughly tired out. There was no possible escape from work, though, and I had to report for duty as usual. Well, I struggled along until about 3 o'clock, when I was around on the reindeer skins and playing instrument. I dragged myself over to arose from a light doze by the ticking of where it stood and received the following dispatch:

"To Operator Kimberly: Hold all west-bound trains. Bridge No. 6 is vashed away.'

"Bridge No. 6 was several miles west of my station, and spanned a small stream in which logs were floated down from the pinerles. I had heard that day of a big 'jam' near there, and now realized that it had broken and swept the bridge away. The section men had re-ported it to the next station west of me, and my order was the result. Still, 1 was in that somnelent state when noth ing seems of immediate importance, and after mechanically lighting my alguallantera, laid down again on the table from which I had risen, neglecting to hang the lantern out. I don't know how long I had elept, when I was suddenly conscious that a train was nearing the station, at the same time being unable to move or awaken myself. I knew that I was asleep, realized the necessity of stopping the train, and that it would no stop at Kimberly if no signal was displayed. Yet I was powerless to save them from the inevitable destruction which awaited them if they were not warned of the carrying away of the bridge. I shall never forget the agony those thoughts brought me. I struggled to break the chains of sleep which held me. The effort was accompanied by a most peculiar sensation. I can only compara it with the action of a watchspring which has been drawn to its utmost tension and then let go. You The Story of the Rise and Fall of the know how it will buzz for a few moments as it unwinds itself. That is exactly the way my brain whirled as I sank back exhausted after each effort. I felt the train draw nearer and nearer. It was like the approach of fate. If it passed I was a mutderer. Again and again I struggled with the same result; I could not wake.

yet I endured what seemed hours of numbers 8,500 souls and the capital, San torture. I think the jar and rumble of the train as it sped by must have awakthe lantern, which was still burning beside my chair, and dashed out through the open window. The rear coach was just passing the west end of the platform most welcome sound that reached my ears—a shrick from the engine and the rattle of the air brakes. As I realized that the train was

saved, as a reaction overcame me and I "It was six weeks before I recovered from the brain fever which followed. Fortunately, the trainmen were old friends of mine, and the true cause of my illness never reached headquarters. pon recovery I resigned my position at Kimberly and came west, being haunted with such a dread of a repetition of the experience of that night that I dared not esume work in that place. Since then I have had many ramarkable experiences, but none which produced so startling or lasting impression upon me. The boys often laugh at my snow-white hair, knowme to be scarcely above 30 years of age,



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