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THE SALOON-KEEPER'S WHY.

- You ask why I surrendered, My boon companions - why I let a band of women
- Throw sawdust in my eye.
- Well, I heard that they were coming And I meant to be prepared With a stole smile of welcome, As if I neither feared nor cared.
- I had placed my shop in order, And tidied up n y-elf; Every bright decanter
- I as shining from its shelf.
- My best cigar was lighted : I had well matured my plan
- To show these canting women How much I was a man I meant to treat them kindly,
- Yet firmly, all the while, And answer their upbraiding Will a predetermined smile
- They came-that band of women-Calmly, serenely came, With no deep voice of anger,
- No seething words of blame; A band of wives and mothers, with faces worn with care.
- A faith above all passion, A hope beyond despair. There were women from all stations-The high, the low, the poor; Some to lift the burden
- of the cross their sisters bore, I saw one pale-faced woman,
- Who once in mercy came To soothe my stricken mother Ere the husband rum had slain,
- That woman then was shielded From every sorrowing wave By the arm that now was moldering Within a drunkard's grave.
- Her only son, who should have been I knew to wild delirion Had left my shop that day.
- So, comrades, latent manhood Was wakened in my breast, Till with a smitten conscience
- I was praying with the rest, But not with chastened sadness,
- The wrecks that rum had made; When in days of long ago

That God would spare in mercy

- In a drunkard's home of woe, And prayed that every drinking shop,
- From garret, hall or cell, Was swept from off God's footstool And emptied into hell!
- Twas thus I prayed, till sweet and low Arose a pleading prayer That God in mercy still would save
- So wait till you have heard them, Of concentrated anguish Bottled up for years—
- Beard them wisely, calmly; Then history may tell the world That all of you were men !

A PRACTICAL LOVER.

It was agreed on all hands that Ned Stone was a very practical fellow. He was a broker in the city. He had been enough. The present was a ring-a enough, large diamond, heavily set in pure gold, and had to work very hard. His indusand had to work very hard. His indus-try had in the end, however, met its due present which I could have fancied Ned reward. At middle age, he was come Stone selected for his betrothed. fortably eircumstanced. When he announced to his friends, therefore, that he thought of taking to himself a wife, it was thought generally that the step he meditated was a prudent one. And when he further stated that he had further made an offer of his hand to one Georgiana Warren, the daughter of a wealthy merchant, and that his offer had been accepted by the lady, we, of course, hastened to tender our heartiest congratulation on the occasion.

Ned Stone spoke of the matter in his own simple, sober way.

"Well, you know, I'm getting on, he said, "and if I'm to marry it's about time I should think of setting about it. You're very kind. I think I shall be very happy—in fact, I've no doubt of it - as happy as a fellow has a right to expect to be. One has no right to expeet too much, of course. But I'm quite fend in my way of this Georgiana Warren, and I think that she in her way is fond of me. She is not too young or too old, not too good-looking, nor yet too plain; she is sensible and accomplished enough; and I don't see why she should not make a good sort of a wife, and, similarly, I don't see why I shouldn't make a very good sort of a husband, Perhaps I'm not very fond of old Warren, the father, and perhaps he isn't very fond of me. But I don't know as that matters much. I dare say we shall understand each other better by and by; meantime, I must try and make the best of the old man's humor. and not run counter to him more than I can avoid. And it seems to me that the old fellow would be no fonder of anybody else who might want to marry his daughter that he is of me. You see it's our affair-Georgiana's and mine-and not his; though its hard to make him see it in that light. But I dare my it will come right in the end. That's what I tell Georgiana when she takes Pauch as I do-only, of course, she can't help feeling that he is her father, whereas, thank goodness, he ain't

perate, with no tendency toward an upward rise. The "marks of love," as said. they are generally understood, were not discernable upon him. He never said a word as to the agi-

tated state of his breast, nor to the exregard Miss Warren as an angel or a only say the word."

was alone. He looked a little grave, Warren. and held a small, sealed packet. We

gagement has come to an end."

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"Yes; the thing's 'broken off,' as people say. It's a hard job, and I'm sorry for it, but it can't be helped."

Thends all the same. We'd much rather have your consent than not. Suppose you give it to us?'

"He was so astonished that before, I Had the lady resented his serenity and discharged him, I asked myself. As though he had heard the question, he went on: "It's the man's doings. I unreasonable and disagreeable old fel-

tow I ever had the misfortune to meet." "But what did he do?" "We fell out about the settlement-

that was where the hitch arose. I'm gave up condition after condition quite send them back." in opposition to the advice of my solicitor. I told him to settle what money pleased-I didn't want to touch a half- not send them back, because I hadn't benny of it. He might settle it, I told kept them. I'd destroyed them." him, just as strictly as ever he pleased, or he might settle nothing at all upon her, if he liked that better. It was his never came to want. I undertook to I made them into pipe lights."
insure my life for a large amount, and "You didn't tell her that?" insure my life for a large amount, and assign the policy to trustees for her ing, of course, to the premiums regularly, and to pay up the insurance in arrangement, but it did not content

"He wanted to tie my hands completely. He hadn't a hap p'oth of con-He insisted that any money that I in future might become possessed of I to it. I had business to consider. Of love affair." course my wife and children-if I had any-would reap the benefit as much as | ingly. asked her whether she'd mary me with- am bound to set her right. out the old man's consent. Poor girl! "My dear Stone, take my advice, she was in an awful way. But she did for fear of accident; set her right after not care to do that. She shrank from the wedding ceremony, not before.' not to be married it seems—this time due course of time to Miss Warren, flour.

He spoke rather sorrowfully, but still without the slightest trace of ill-temper. band in the world. I endeavored to console him in a common sort of way.

He opened a small packet he had been holding in his hand.

"This is pleasant," he said quietly; here are all my letters to Georgiana. Ah! and here is a little present I gave her, sent back to me."

There were not many letters. Their contents I could guess; little enough "I suppose they'll expect me to send

back Georgiana's letters to her?" " Undoubtedly." "It's the usual way when engage-

ments come to an end? "Certainly; it's the usual way." He rubbed his chin and seemed to

"Have a cigar," he said, presently, and let's talk about something else.

been doing with yourself."

shall try to see Georgiana once more, for a particular reason."

I did not ask what the particular reason was, and he did not tell me. A few nights afterward I saw him much change of mood, or at any rate

kind. Yet it struck me that, if anything, he was in better spirits than usual. "You did not mention," he said, "what I told you the other night-that my engagement was broken off?"

it for a particular good reason. I had not seen any any person whom it would interest to be informed of the fact. rather it's on again.

Georgiana again. Well, I knew that deaths in New England, in Northwestern dens, on Sunday. So I went to the deadly than small-pox or cholera, but Marysville. Zoological. I soon discovered her with we adopt the greatest precautions against Warren and a lot of other people. She these diseases, and apparently regard when the rest of the party went to look proved a failure. So, indeed, have up with rather gloomy views about her father's temper. She has good sense, into the snake house. She looked a curable, unless the victim can spend the standing in her eyes.

didn't matter to me who saw, you thousands who are dying of this dread know-and told her there was nothing disease, Mr. Shove considers it but fair a lover to "sigh like a furnace." As to to be alarmed at, and that I only wanted to calculate that one of those tens will writing a woful ballad to his misiress to say a word or two. I told her that I be constantly living in the casis he

"'You love me still then, Ned?' she

"'Of course I do, Georgia,' I said, who's been telling you I don't?

"She began crying bitterly.

the first to contradict any allegation She could not speak for crying, and and the steam kept up by means of half that might have been made to the effect | she looked at me and gave me such a | a brick made red-hot throughout, and Warren appeared to him what she through her tears. It was the prettiest the ammonia, the pan being placed in her; and then I turned, and who should patients were brought as the ammonia I called upon Stone one evening. He be standing close by my side but old steam was passing off. The method,

discussed various indifferent subjects; then tried to make believe that we clous in abating the spasmodic attack, then I inquired concerning Miss Geor- were looking at the boa-constrictor. and after three or four days terminating But of course that didn't work, so I the malady, as to establish, beyond "Oh, haven't you heard?" he an- said to old Warren, in a cherry sort of doubt, the value of this mode of inhalswered. "But, of course, you couldn't way, and putting out my hand cheer- ing ammonia as a therapentic agent in The working beavers, on the contrary, have heard. The affair is off. Our en- fully, 'Mr. Watren, Georgie and I are tranquilizing the nervous system in the associate, males and females, and going to be married; that's quite set- whooping-cough.

"You don't mean that ?" I asked in tled. But you and I may as well be friends all the same. We'd much

think, he knew quite what he was doing, he'd taken my hand, with all his friends over the Union. standing around and looking on. Of course he could not go back after that. hope he is satisfied now. He's the most | And-and so-the think was settled." I congratulated him heartily. Pres-

ently I said, by change: "How lucky it was that you didn't send back Miss Warren's letters." "My dear feilow, that was what I sure I did all I could to please him. I wanted to explain to her; I couldn't

"You found them too dear to you?" At last, then, he had been betrayed past. he proposed to settle on his daughter— into a feeling of romance, it wasn't much after all—just as he "Not at all," he exclaimed, "I could

Destroyed them? "Yes, what was the good of them; I only keep business letters; they're daughter I wanted, and not his money. regularly docketed at my office. But And for my part, I'd take care my wife for Georgie's letters, they were no use.

"No-I hadn't time. I never arbenefit, in case of my death, covenant- rived at an explanation about the let-

"Then, my dear Stone, let me enthe regular way. I thought that a fair treat you, whatever you do, don't give Miss Warren your explanation about the matter." Why shouldn't I?"

"Don't you see? She thought you fidence in me. He gave me credit for didn't send back her letters for a senti-no sort of affection for his daughter. mental reason, because they were so dear to you that you could not possibly part with them; and so, in point of should covenant into a settlement. It fact, that little misunderstanding of is absurd. Of course I couldn't consent hers led to the re-establishment of your "Do you think so?" he said mus-

I shall. I told Georgiana exactly how "But if Georgie has made any mis-report, Ohio contains fifty-four liquor be alive and well and prancing around

offending her father, so there's no help Whether or not he took my advice, and I know that old lady was heard to declare that she married the best hus-

A City of Glass.

Consumption has found an earnest opponent, perhaps a conqueror. Mr. Gearge A. Shove, in a book Osgood & not to be in the Sunny South. There ways. are such cities there now for those who like conventional love letters, probably can afford to go to them. The new one is very uncestatic compositions, yet ample to be in bleak New England, but perenough. The present was a ring-a walls. It is to consist of a monstrous structure of iron and glass, covering forty acres of ground. Graceful iron towers are to strengthen the walls, and to contain the steam-engines which will maintain a summer temperature the Ismalia, the Ville du Havre, and the throughout the long Northern winters. A great dome will rise in the center- er with nearly 800 lives, and many mill-"a dome of the Invalides," says the au- ions of property. thentic author, "of even more magnifital." Within the building the iron columns will be covered with luxuriant New York namesake was first published vines. The whole interior will be a on the 10th of April, 1841 This is not the most agreeable subject park, with lawn and ponds and croin the world. Tell me what you have quet-grounds, with trees, and shrubs and flowers. Bands will play. Birds We fell to talking about this, that and will sing. The January sunshine will I went away he said, quietly : "I think of June. Moreover, the Adams and Eves of the nineteenth c entury will escape the intense heat of New England's brief but scorching summers. Artifi gigantic conservatory with the attached rise 395 feet above low water. hotels is estimated at \$12,000,000. the cost of boarding 10,000 visitors I explained that I had not mentioned from November to June (\$2,500,000),

and we have \$3,460,000. the enterprise would net \$940,000 over "It's just as well," he said, "because expenses and interest on capital. The into the snake-house. She looked a curable, unless the victim can spend the "So I put my arms around her-it for the great majority of the tens of life depended on his doing so. The thermometer of his love stood at temon other shrouds. - Chicago Tribune.

Ammonia for Whooping-Cough. A writer in the Medical Journal, London, states that in case of whoop-"Come, Georgie, I said, 'let us get | cough in the last stage-that is, after citement of his feelings. He did not married whether papa likes it or not; the third week-he has had once ounce of the strongest liquid ammonia put goddess. Probably he would have been "She didn't say a word. Poor child! into a gallon of water in an open pan, he says, was used in the evening, be-

All Sorts.

THE Pope will be 81 mext month. ARCTIC explorations by balloon is the

coming project. FRUIT will be plentiful this fall all

PRINCE ARTHUR will soon be made Duke of Dublin.

THE Danbury News man will lecture next fall at \$250 a night. Two hundren acres of land were recently sold in Florida st five cents an

In New Mexico there has been more snow this winter than for twenty years

shot or hanged. THE little busy bees of the United States produce annually \$8,000,000 worth of honey.

DR. SCHMIDT, of the University of Athens, after 34 years of labor, has completed a map of the moon. Ir has been discovered in New Jersey

that an excellent article of whisky can be made of "saw-dust, tan and mo-THE ceremony of cremation was re-

mous gypsy oracle. It is probable that the principle of team navigation of the canals will be then she apologized. Pitman said it was

ing the coming season. THE census of France, just completed, shows a population of 36,102,921. Of this number, 21,865,625 live in cities, and 13,495,310 in the country.

the matter stood. She's of age. I take about the matter, I think that I distilleries and 478 breweries, the the universe when the rest of him was

in Boston. It is as large as a hazelnut. and is worth 600 tons of railway iron, for it—the thing's broken off, and I'm I am not aware. He was married in 300 tons of sugar, or 5,000 barrels of HEREAFTER no portrait is to be placed

A BIG diamond is now on exhibition

upon any of the bonds, securities, notes, fractional currency or postage of the United States, while the original of such portraits is living.

In 1872 there were 67, 104 miles of complete railways in the United States, the average cost of which is set down at \$55,-Co, are about to publish, suggests a 104 per mile. It is estimated that there city of refuge for consumptives. It is are now 75,000 miles of completed rail-THE number of industrial establish-

> ploying steam power equal to 650,000 orses. The business done amounts to \$2,400,000,000. In one year, five ocean steamships, the Atlantic, the City of Washington, Europe (lately), have been lost, togeth-

ments in France is 150,000, giving em-

THE New York Tribune was not the cent proportions than the famous land- first paper of that name. The Chicago mark of strangers in the French capi- Tribune was established as a weekly Democratic organ April 4, 1840. Its the stones at its base. When bars of

Or the iron produced annually, England produces more than one half of the whole amount, North America about one fifth, France about one twelfth, and of four feet, if supported at its ends, the other. Presently I went away. As pour into this Garden of Eden like that Belgium one twenty-fourth; these four constituting the great iron-producing by a weight of three pounds placed at

countries of the globe. THE bridge over the Kentucky river, cially-cooled air will be forced into the on the Southern railroad, will be the building. Around this central struct- highest on the continent. It is 275 feet again He was at no time subject to ure a glass-covered avenue will run, above low water, and has a span 1,236 lined on the outer side with hotels and feet. The towers, erected by John A. seldom betrayed any variation of that theaters and stores. The cost of the Roebling, years ago, cost \$100,000, and

> A PUPIL in the Deaf and Dumb The interest on this, at 8 per cent., Asylum at Hartford, who saw the Essex | measured, even though it does not exwould be \$960,000. Add to this sum statesman on the train bearing Sumner's ceed one-seven-millionth of an inch. remains, wrote out this description of him: "I saw Ben Butler in the drawing-room car, and his eye opens nice. If the 10,000 paid only \$2 a dayapiece, but his other eye somewhat cross-

TWENTY-FOUR years ago Senator Stewthe engagement isn't broken off, or question is, would the 10,000 come?

Twenty-pour years ago Senator Stewarther it's on again."

Twenty-pour years ago Senator Stewarther it's on again." "Indeed! I'm very glad to hear it." tality charts, that pulmonary consump- the most magnificent house in Washing-"I told you I should try and see tion causes over one-fifth of all the ton, was slinging hash in a canvas restaurant, and afterward drove a pull she often went with her father and New York, in Eastern New Jersey, and team regularly up the long and diffiother relations to the Zoological Gar- in other localities. It is far more cult hills between Grass Valley and

HERE is an estimate of the number of saw me, and understood by my sign that I wanted to speak on the quiet. Well, she lingered behind a little, and the fact that in its treatment drugs have property. but has never received a cent florins; eighteen building societies for it : California, 5,000,000 ; Oregon, 500,000: Washington, 1,000,000; Idaho, 1,000,000 ; Montana, 3,000,000 ; and, I think, looks at the matter very little frightened, and the tears were winters in some sanny clime. Since Colorado, 1,000,000; New Mexico, the city of glass will be the only refuge 1,000,000; Arizona, 1,000,000; Utah, 16,000,000 acres.

Lazy Beavers.

building lodges or dams, or to cut down wood for their winter stock. The industrious ones beat these idle fellows, and drive them away; sometime cutting off parts of their tails, and other wise injuring them. The "paresseux" others, and the trapper rarely misses one of them. They only dig a hole from the water, running obliquely toward the surface of the ground twenty-five or thirty feet, from which they emerge, when hungry, to obtain food, returning that she was anything of the kind. Miss little ned, and then she began laughing put into the boiling water containing to the same hole with the wood they procure, to eat the bark. They never seemed to everybody else-a nice, sen- sight you ever saw. Of course I kissed the middle of a room, into which the form dams, and are sometimes to the number of five or seven together : all are males. It is not at all improbable that these unfortunate fellows have, as is the "Georgia gave a little scream, and fore bedtime, and it proved so effica- case with the males of many species of hen tried to make believe that we clous in abating the spasmodic attack, animals, been engaged in fighting with others of their sex, and after being conquered and driven from the lodge, have become idlers from a kind of necessity. young, together.

Pitman Pertorated. Pitman's woodpile has suffered a good

deal lately from the ravages of thieves, so the old gentleman the other day loaded his gun with coarse salt, and expressed his determination to bom- Bright." bard the first man who should be observed to haunt the timber. On Wednesday morning he had to attend court, Mrs. Pitman. He yelled with pain, and on fire. dropping the wood, most of it upon his toes, he fell to the ground. Just as he did so, he saw Mrs. Pitman standing in the kitchen doorway with his firearm at "parade rest," and contemplating her victory and her victim with serenity. Pitman's first thought was that she had suddenly been animated by an insane but judicious desire to realize upon his life insurance policy. But when he screamed to her, she dropped her artillery and flew to the scene with expressions of alarm and grief at the discovery cently put in practice in England upon that she bad perforated Pitman. She the body of Lemontinia Smith, a fa- called the servant girl, and as they carried him into the house, she explained that she mistook him for a thief, and applied in various improved forms dur- all very well to apologize, but what good was that to a man with two quarts his legs. Mrs. Pitman insisted that he oughtn't to mind a little salt, it would do him good. She urged that salt was better than anything else for preserving According to the State Secretary's meat, and that his legs would probably dead and spoiled. That made him mad, and after splitting up his gun with the ax, he went to bed, and he hasn't spoken to Mrs. Pitman since; but he has hinted gloomily to the doctor that if a divorce can be had he wil' obtain one. - Max Adeler.

The Strength of Materials.

Gold may be hammered so that it is only 1,360,000 of an inch thick. A grain of iron may be divided into 4,000,000 parts. Still chemistry tells us that there are ultimate parts called atoms or molecules, which are absolutely invisible. These atoms are attracted to each other by the attraction of cohesion, and repelled by the force of repulsion. By the action of both these forces the atoms are kept in a state of pact. The solidform. An iron bar would support its own weight if stretched out to a length of three and a quarter miles. A bar of steel was once made which would sustain its own weight if extended to a length of thirteen and a quarter miles. Our ideas of great and small are no guide to be used in judging of what is truly great and small in nature. The Bunker Hill Monument might be built over a mile in height without crushing iron are stretched until they break, those which are the strongest increase in length less than the weaker ones. A piece of wood, having a breadth and thickness of three inches and a length would be bent one-millionth of an inch its center, and a weight of one tenth of an onnce would bend it one-seven-millionth of an inch. Professor Norton described a machine for testing the variations of sticks of wood. The machine consists of levers and screws so contrived that the amount of weight brought to bear upon the stick can be accurately measured, and the variation of the stick from a straight line can be

The Vienna Panic,

From the statistics of an Austrian journal of finance, it appears that the Vienna panic was much more widespread and disastrous than was generalv supposed at the time. In Austria eight banking houses, representing an aggregate capital of 15,200,000 florins; two insurance companies, representing 3.800,000 florins; one railway company, representing 600,000; and seven industrial establishments, representing 3,000,-000 florins, have failed outright. Forty banking establishments, with acres of land in the extreme West, which | 139,400,000 florins capital; insurance with 61,900,000 florins, and thirty-four industrial establishments, with 46,600,-000 florins, have resorted to liquidation. In Hungary as many as ten banks, with 3,300,000 florins capital, and two indus-1,000,000; Nevada, 1,500,000. Total trial establishments, with 800 000 florins, have declared their failure; while thirteen banks, with 11,300,000 florins; two insurance companies, with 800,000 florins; one traffic establishwriting a world ball to his misiress eye-brows, I don't fancy he could have accomplished such a feat, even if his a curious fact that among the bleak desert of snow that covers New bleak desert of industrial establishments, with collectively 5,800,000 florins, have been driven to liquidation. The number of fusions

or amalgamations effected is not stated. A KENTUCKY paper reports what it are more easily caught in traps than the Dora Chambers, born on Skeggs creek, Warren county, Ky., on the 11th of August, 1871, is thirty-seven inches high, eighteen inches around the calf of the leg, twenty-eight and three-fourths inches around the thigh, forty-eight inches around the hips, forty-two inches around the waist, and weighs 118 pounds and a half. The parents of this child are said to be delicate, small persons, the father weighing 127 pounds and the mother 114. There was nothing extraordinary about the child at its birth, but when about three months old she began to grow fat, and at the age of two and a half years had gained the proportions above stated.

> THERE is in Switzerland, on an average, one journal for 6,479 inhabit-

NO. 47.

I never had any trouble driving oxen, though I know a man who'd as soon try to drive lions as to pick up a whip and undertake to "haw Buck," and "gee

Driving Oxen.

Always commence right with oxen. They don't appear tender-hearted, and don't seem to the casual observer to be and as he did not expect to reach home longing for sympathy, but exen have until late in the evening, Mrs. Pitman feelings which must be consulted. If felt it her duty to keep an eye upon the vou want to yoke up your oxen, take woodpile. But Pitman returned about the yoke on your shoulder and gently dusk, and as he walked up the yard he approach the starboard ox. If he thought he might as well carry in moves away, throwing his heels in the enough wood to last all night. He had air, turn about and approach the other, just placed the fourth stick upon his for in the long run it doesn't make a arm when an explosion occurred, and cent's worth of difference which ox is the same instant he felt as if a million sycked up first, the same there are men red-hot darning needles were dancing up who always pull on the left boot first, death may choose whether he will be and down his legs. He had heard from and would persist in it if the house was

If the larboard ox runs away, don't throw the yoke at him, and jump up and down and howl. You can't throw a yoke over twenty rods at the most, and the chances are you wouldn't hit him. Take the yoke on your back again and saunter across the pasture toward the first ox. Approach him as if you didn't care a cent whether you got the voke on him or not. Let your face wear a smile, and whistle some careless air. If he shows a disposition to run away, don't go to howling :

Whoa there-hold on-I'll kill you

blast your eyes-hold on !" Keep up your indifferent demeanor, and in about one hour and a balf you can put your hand on the ox. Rub his back and speak encouraging words to him, and let him see that your are his of salt and half a pound of gun-wads in true friend. In a little time you can put the yoke on him, and then start off after the other ox on the far side of the field. If he makes a bolt for the barn, preserve your careless air, and, above many lie in them. all, don't pound the ox you have already secured. By a persistent exercise of patience, you can get the pair yoked up wager as bad as a regular gambler? and ready for business by ten o'clock, if you commenced early enough. Don't with a rail after you have them in your cause dey nose eberything. power; seek to conquer by love rather A yor, in company, wanting his serthan force.

Few farmers know how to draw out head of mine?" "On your shoulders, the full strength of a pair of oxen on a sir," said a lady." and the result is that the bovines jerk come down in the mud. and jump and waste their strength. The right way is to send them off a steamboat, like a young man marrygently. Pretend that you are unhitching a landlord's daughter? Because ing the chain to go home, and you don't it's a soft thing on board. know how much this will encourage them. When the chain is taut, and the oxen are ready for the pull, give them ity of a solid depends upon the fact that a kind word, tell them their motto should be "Excelsior." and that Enposed to be of an oblate spheroidal point throw rocks at them. An expense of forty old years has convinced wouldn't you!" "Yes major." at a rerience of forty odd years has convinced | wouldn't you!" "Yes ma'am," she reme that nothing will discourage an ox plied, "if I couldn't catch her. so quick as to hurl a stone quarry at | CONUNDRUM-Said a boy: "That him when he is doing his level best to chap yonder is my brother, and this accommodate you.

In driving oxen before a wagon, don't of mine." Answer-The boy hed. carry a bean-pole with a brad-awl fastened into the end. The ox is not as swift on foot as the antelope or gazelle, dear." "If he don't take off his hat to over ten miles without a rest. There is a barber, how does he have his hair nothing so good to rule the brute creation as kindness. The true farmer will, if necessary, sit up all night with a pair several thousand feet are required to of wild oxen, giving them kind advice, make one rood, a single foot, properly explaining matters, and rubbing their applied, is often sufficient to make one spinal columns with a cob to bring out | civil. their gentle natures and win their confidence and esteem .- M. Quad.

A Hasty Yet Satisfactory Marriage. A young lady of Alabama, visiting in

Memphis, was lately walking along the

streets with a young gentleman, when

he jokingly proposed to step into a church hard by and get married; the young lady assented, and started toward the church. When the young man saw that she was disposed to humor his joke, he backed down and acknowledged himself beat. Proceeding still further they met a mutual acquaintance, a bachelor business man, a dinner table one day, when by an and the lady's companion told business awkward move he knocked it into the how she had backed him out on the lap of a lady who was sitting opposite, matrimonial proposition, whereupon in all the glory of a green satis dress. business remarked to her, "You can't Instead of showing his verdancy by back me out." She answered, "Yes profuse apologies and a confused man-I can." The parties laughed and chat- ner, he simply said : "I'll trouble you ted a little, when they started off to for that goose, miss!" Can the annals get the license, each supposing the of society furnish an example of selfother would give it up, but the docu- possession more sublime?" ment was duly procured, and the matter began to look serious. The next thing was to tie the knot; at length a preacher was found. By this time both 214 weeds which have been introduced They entered the church, and the with which useless plants are secidentwould be wonderful relief to many a author considered had sprung up since were a thing of more common occur- England. The author mentions the

whipped European waters, say there is duced into the province of Pennsylvanothing like them there from the Nor- nia as a garden-flower, by a Mr. Ranway fords to the Guadalquiver. Africa stead, a Welchman, residing at Phila-Even in China, where fish is an aban- name of "Ranstead weed." denominates a living wonder. It says dant article of food, and is found in In 1658 this weed had overrun the great variety, the flesh is coarse. The pastures in the inhabited part of Pennalmon of the Scotch lochs afford the sylvania, and was the cause of very bitnearest approach to the succulence and ter complaints from the agriculturists tender delicacy of our mountain trout of that day. Chicken-weed, oftener and the flaky tenderness of our salmon called chick-weed, was introduced into trout. Then there are the whitefish, South Carolina as a food for canarythe bass, the shad, and an innumerable birds, and in ten years spread fifty multitude of others. We have but one miles, and now occupies the outposts of rival, and that a prolific but small one, exvilization. The Scotch thistle is said It is the French sardine when fresh. This delicious fish in a few years will clergyman, who carried with him a pad cease its rivalry, however, if reports are stuffed with thistle-down in which some true from the coast of France. At pres | seed remained. Feathers, being cheap ent the sardine fisheries employ twenty in the new country, were substituted for thousand men, women and children on the down, which was soon emptied out, land to prepare the fish for market. and the seeds springing up filled the Each year shows an advance in the country with the thistles. Another acprice and a diminution in the catch, count says some enthusiastic Scotchman and in no great time over-fishing will introduced the thistle as an emblem of have produced its usual consequence— his country, which soon made itself at a failure of the fish. a failure of the fish.

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When, talking soft and looking silly,

My love and I walked arm in arm.

The lanes were lone and fields were stilly.

We found so many things to say, That always, in the shiny weather We took the-well, the shorter way, To be a longer time together,

We spoke about (but goodness knows Our topics of confabulation) About the weather, I suppose, The crops, the harvest, and the nation. At all events, although the talk Was neither wise nor wilty, We ended each successive walk

With " Home already - what a pity!" to might have lost a nittle ground rugh coming by the road selected agreed that we had disent. The journey shorter than expected, Can life's experiment support The paradox that love proposes? Does any path seem very short, Unless it be a path of roses ?

We seldem find the nearer way, And if we hit upon and take it, By creeping on from to-day It seems as long as length can make it The road to fame is never brief, The way to wealth is duli and dreary; All earthly routes, in my belief,

Are very long and very weary, Nay one that leads through care and strife Is short, when mortals once begin it; We take the "near cut" out of life, Aithough we take the longest in it. Tinaley's Majorrine.

Humor.

WHAT is pity? Cheap charity. Man respires, aspires, conspires, and

THE wife's secret Her opinion of her

husband. STEAM is an excellent servant, but it

sometimes blows up its master. Corron sheets and newspaper sheets are alike in one respect, because a great

Why is a person who never lays a

"Sambo, why am de dogs de most chain em up to a stump and maul em intelligent folks in de world?" "Be-

vant, called out, "Where's that block-

dead pull. They set the team off with Ir there is one time more than anotha vell, kick one, pound the other, scream er when a woman should be entirely at both, jump over the log and whoop, alone, it is when a line-full of clothes

> Way is a barrel of soft-soap, on board A MISSING man was lately advertised for and described as having a Roman

girl is his sister, yet she is no relation "Don't a Quaker ever take off his hat to anyone, mamma?" "No, my

It's rather remarkable that, while

A LADY asked a pupil of a Sunday school, "What was the sin of the Phari-"Eating camels, ma'am," was the quick reply. She had read that the Pharisees "strained at gnats and swal-

lowed camels." There was a young man in Chicago, And he said, "May I to your pa go And sak for your hand And your houses and land?" This timid young man from Chicago, There was a young girl in Chicago,

And your hair I will snatch And swiftly I'll make every claw go ! A Young man was carving a goose at

Who said, "If you don't let my paw go, Your eyes I will scratch

How Weeds Migrate.

It is stated that there are no less than parties began to draw long breaths, but into the United States from foreign neither would give up to the other. countries. As a proof of the rapidity preacher pronounced the words that ally brought over the seas, it is said that made them husband and wife, and in 1837 there were only 137 foreign there was no flinching from the vows ; weeds known in this country. As far neither would take a "dare," and the back as 1782 a curious little volume result was a marriage, without any called "New England Rarities," gives subsequent desire for a divorce. It a list of twenty-two plants, which the timid swain, if this daring business the English had kept cattle in New plantain," which, he says, the Indians call the "Englishman's foot," as though FISH .- The fish of the United States produced by the tread of the white setare unsurpassed in flavor in the world, tlers. The common "yellow-toad and Asia are both poor in this respect. delphia, from whom it has derived the

to have been brought to America by a