The Carmi Chums was the name they went by all along the river. Most other roustabouts had each a name of his own; so had the Carmi Chums, for that matter, but the men themselves were never mentioned individually-always collectively. No steamboat Captain who wanted only a single man ever attempted to hire half of the Carmi Chums at a time-as casy would it have been to have hired half of the Siamese Twins. No steamboat mate who knew them ever attempted to "tell off" the Chums into different watches, and any mate who, not knowing them, committed this blunder, and adhered to it after explanation was made, was sure to be two men short immediately after leaving the steamer's next landing. There seemed no possible way of separating them; they never tell out with each other in the natural course of events; they never fought when drunk, as other friendly roustabouts sometimes did, for the Carmi Chums never got drunk; there never sprang up any coolness between them because of love for the same lady, for they did not seem to care at all for female [society, unless they happened to meet some old lady whom one might love as a mother rather than as a sweetheart. Even professional busybodies, from whose presence roustabouts are not freer than church members, were unable to provoke the Carmi Chums even to suspicion. and those of them who attempted it too persistently were likely to have a diffi culty with the slighter of the Chums. This man, who was called Black, because of the color of his hair, was apparently forty years of age, of very ordinary appeerance, except when an occasional furtive, frightened look came into his face and attracted attention. His companion called Red, because his hair was of the hue of carrots, and because it was occasionally necessary to distinguish him from his friend, scemed of about the same age and degree of ordinariness as Black, but was rather stouter, more cheery, and, to us the favorite roustsbout simile, held his head closer to the current. He scemed, when Black was absent minded (as he generally was of the couple, and to be tenderly alive to all of his partner's needs; but observing roustabouts noticed that when freight was being moved, or wood taken on board, Black was always where he could keep an eye on his chum, and when he could demand instant repar-s tion from any wretch who trod upon Red's toes, or who with a shoulder load of wood grazed Red's head, or touched Red with box or barrel.

existence of the friendship between the couple for the Wabash. I saw the en-Chums, roustabouts with whom the couple sailed concerned themselves most with the cause of the bond between them. Their searches after first causes were no more successful, however, than those of the naturalists who are endeavoring to ascertion who laid the cosmic egg. They gave out that they came from Carmi, so, once or twice, when Captains with whom the Chums were engaged determined to seek a cargo up the Wabash, upon which river Carmi was located, inquisitive roustabouts became light hearted. But, alas, for the vanity of human hopes! when the boat reached Carmt the Chums could not be found, nor could any inhabitant of Carmi identify them by the descriptions which were given by inquiring friends.

At length they became known, in their collective capacity, as one of the institutions of the river. Captains knew them as well as they knew Natchez or the other. What the -- They're ceeded in this latter named operation, Plankishaw Bend, and showed them to he would, by insensible stages, draw distinguished passengers as regularly as himself away, and give himself up to they showed Gen. Zach Taylor's plantenthusiastic admiration of his partner, ation, or the scene of the Grand Gulf stone died the mother of thirty-six rapidly on corn. The fact that many of or, apparently, of his conversational "cave," where a square mile of Louisiana | children, of whom twenty-seven were the hogs are young will doubtless lead ability.

in the crew of the Bennett, "the peer- although it was a difficult bit of busi- sixth child of Mr. Bathurst, youngest to suppose that there will be a scarcity less floating palace of the Mississippi," ness, for roustabouts who wouldn't say brother of the first Lord Bathurst. But of early hogs than there was last spring as she was called by those newspapers "thank you" for a glass of French this is only part of the story; for Mr. whose reporters had the treedom of the brandy, or a genuine, old fashioned Bathurst, who had twenty-two children Benzett's bar; and the same season saw the Bennett staggering down the Mississippi with so heavy a load of sacked Captain could take hold. Lady pas- good round three dozen altogether. corn, that the gunwales amidships were sengers took considerable notice of Rather distinguished in this way were fairly under water. The river was very them, and were more successful than the Bathursts; for two brothers and a iow, so the Bennett kept carefully in the any one else at drawing them into con- sister of his had during their respective channel, but the channel of the great versation. The linguistic accomplish- married lives, sixty-four children, which, muddy ditch which drains half the ments of the Chums were not numerous, with his thirty-six, made just an even Union is as fickle as disappointed lovers | but it did one good to see Black lore his | hundred. Another married couple, declare women to be, and it has no scared, furtive look when a lady ad- Thomas and Helen Urqubart, are ranked ot corn than Goliah had for David. A deference with which he appealed to children. The parents lived at Cromarty little Ohio River boat, bound upwards, Red, until that worthy was drawn into castle, in the early part of the sixteenth had reported the sudden disappearance the conversation. When Black suc- century; their twenty-five sons all grew carrots, turnips, potatoes, well cleaned, tying post for steamers. As live syca- Bell?" shouted the Captain, as the loat fore, must have been rather extensively mores are about as disinclined to float as burs of lead are, the Captain and palot of the Bennett were somewhat to know the exact location of the tree. the passengers, who were crowding for-Half a mile from the spot it became ward just below him, "I want to know evident, even to the passengers clustered | if that ain't a streak of the meanest kind forward on the cabin deck, that the of luck? Both the Caums gone! Why. sycamore had remained quite near its I won't be able to hold up my head in old home, for a long which citatie was New Orleans. How came it that just

nel. Then arose the question as to how much water was on top of the tree, and in after him," replied the officer, "Red late. The steamer was stopped, the en- tangled in the old tree's top-clothes torn gines were reversed and worked by down stream, a boat was lowered and sance, the Chums farming part of her and be just grouned and dropped." w, and the Second Officer went down ke soundings, while the passengers. and stared.

e boat shot rapidly down the stream. Hurry up and bury 'em, then. You mullets.

headed for the shore end of the ripple.

The motion of the oars changed in an instant, but a little too late, for, a heavy the water, caught the little craft, and caused it to careen so violently that one man was thrown into the water. As

she righted, another man went in. "Confound it!" growled the Captain, window. "I hope they can swim. Still, Mr. Bell?" 'taint as bad as it would be if we had any more cargo to take aboard."

"It's the Chums," remarked the pilot. who had brought a glass to bear upon the boat.

"Thunder, exclaimed the Captain, striking a bell. "Below there! Lower away another boat-lively!" Then. turning to the passengers, he exclaimed: I'll be the biggest man on the New Or-"Nobedy on the river 'd forgive me if leans levee, after all. Yes, certainly-of as Barnum losing his giraffe."

The occupants of the first boat were vidently of the Captain's own mind, for they were eagerly peering over her side, and into the water.

Suddenly the pilot dropped his glass, extemporized a trumpet with both hands, and shouted:

"Forrard -forrard! One of 'em's up!" Then he put his mouth to the speaking tube, and screamed to the engineer: "Let her drop down a little, Billy!"

The sounding party headed towards a black speck, apparently a hundred ladies and gentlemen." vards below them, and the great steamer drifted down stream. The speck moved towards shore, and the boat, rapidly shortening distance, seemed to scrape the banks with her port oars.

"Safe enough now, I guess," exclaimed ludge Turner, of one of the southern Illinois circuits. The Judge had been interrupted in telling a story when the accident occurred, and was in a hurry to

"As I was saying," said he, "he hardly looked like a professional horse thief. He was little and quiet, and had always worked away steadily at his trade. believed him when he said 'twas his first offense, and that he did it to raise money to bury his chitd; and I was goask the Governor to pardon him. The laws have to be executed, you know, but there's no law against mercy being time the grave was dug. The first was practiced afterwards. Well, the Sheriff was bringing him from jail to hear the verdict and the sentence, when a short man, with red hair, knocked the Sheriff deposited beside the body of Red. Half Next to neighborly wonder as to the down, and off galloped that precious

"The deuce!" interrupted the pilot, again dropping his glass.

The Judge glared angrily; the passengers saw, across the shortened distance, one of the Chums holding by a root to the bank and trying to support the other, whose shirt hung in rags, and who seemed

"Which one's hurt?" asked the Captain. "Give me the glass." But the pilot had left the house and

taken the glass with him. The Judge continued:

the window. I was so close that I saw the rascals." the Sheriff's assailant's very eyes. I'd know that fellow's face if I saw it in

over one, and they're crowdin' around grave." The spring of 1869 found the Chums tains rather cultivated them, in fact, Bathurst, of Norwich, was the twenty- favorable; but we see no more reason ordinary handles of which a steamboat have fourteen by his second, making a try, and that the hog is a prolific animal, approached the steamer.

"Both dead," replied the officer. "Dead? Now, ladies and gentlemen." ncerned - for the sake of the corn - exclaimed the Captain, turning towards

seen directly across the line of the chan- those two fellows were knocked out?" "Red tumbled out, and Black jumped

The Captain was sorry—so sorry that Thomas Greenhill, by granting an addi-he sent a waiter for brandy. But the tion to the armorial bearings of the hom even so small a cause for ex- Captain was human, business was busiment was a god-send, crowded the ness, the rain was falling, and a big log siders, the addition was in the form of a was across the boat's bow, so he shouted: demi-griffin, powdered with thirty-nine

ought to let the second boat's crew gone She seemed almost into the boiling mud on with that, and you have gone back to a front of her when the passengers on your soundings. They was the Chums, the steamer heard the Mate in the boat to be sure, but now they're only dead

couple of shovels!" "Perhaps some ladies would go down with the boat, Captain-and a preacher, root of the fallen giant, just covered by | too, if there's one aboard," remarked the mate, with an earnest but very mysterious expression.

"Why, what in thunder does the fellow mean?" soliloquized the Captain, audibly. "Women-and a preacher-for who was leaning out of the pilot house | dead roustabouts. What do you mean.

"Red's a woman," briefly responded

The passengers all started-the Captain brought his hands together with a tremendous clap, and exclaimed:

"Murder will out! But who'd have thought I was to be the man to find out of the country is rapidly extending the secret of the Carmi Chums? Guess lost the Chums. 'Twould be as bad course some ladies 'Il go-and a preacher, too, if there's such a man aboard. Hold up, though-we'll all go. Take your soundings, quick, and we'll drop the steamer just below the point and tie up. I wonder if there is a preacher aboard?"

No one responded for a moment; then the Judge spoke:

"Before I entered the law I was the regularly settled pastor of a Presbyterian church," said he. "I'm decidedly rusty now, but a little time will enable me to prepare myself properly. Excuse me,

The sounding boat pulled away, and the Judge retired to his stateroom. The ladies, with very pale faces, gathered in a group and whispered earnestly with each other; then ensued visits to each other's staterooms, and the final regathering of the ladies with two or three bundles. The soundings were taken, and as the steamer dropped down stream, men were seen cutting a path down the rather steep clay bank. The Captain put his hands to his mouth and shouted:

enough for two." And all the passengers needed assent

"Dig only one grave-make it wide

Time had been short since the news man, had made a plain ceffin by the time the boat tied up, and another by the put upon a long barrow, over which the Captain had previously spread a tablecloth, and followed by the ladies, was an hour later the men placed Black in the other coffin, removed both to the side of the grave, and signaled the boat.

"Now, ladies and gentlomen," said the Captain. The Judge appeared, with a very sol-

throat, and the party started. Col. May of Missouri, who read Voltaire and didn't believe in anything, maliciously took the Judge's arm and remarked:

"You didn't finish your story, Judge." The Judge frowned reprovingly.

"But really," persisted the Colonel, "I don't want curiosity to divert my mind from the solemn services about to take | We think this is the true inwardness of "I saw the whole transaction through place. Do tell me if they ever caught the condition shown by the Auditors'

"The Sheriff hunted and advertised, but ment that there are not enough hoge in he could never hear a word of either of the country to furnish the usual number "Why, they're both hurt!" exclaimed | them. But I'd know either one of them the Captain. "They've thrown a coat at sight. Sh-h-h-here we are at the ficient inducement in the present and

# Some Large Families.

"plantation cigar," seemed destitute of by his first wife, and was destined to by the Greenhill family in the closing day. years of the seventeenth century. Mr. Thomas Greenhill, a surgeon, afterward author of a treatise on the "Art of Embalming," addressed in 1698 a memorial to the duke of Norfolk, in his capacity as earl marshal of England: "That in consideration of your petitioner being beef. Divide the mixture into four the seventh son and thirty-ninth child of one father and mother, your grace whether any bar had time to accumu. must have been caught in an eddy and would be pleased to signalize it oy some particular motto or augmentation in his almost off-head caved in. Black must coat of armor, to transmit to posterity hand to keep the Bennett from dritting have burst a blood vessel -his face looked so uncommon a thing." The College of like a copper pan when he reached shore, Arms, or Heralds' college, of which the head, assented to the application of family. In the language of heraldry.

### The Prespect for Hogs.

There is naturally considerable anxieroustabouts. Below there! Pass out a ty to learn the probable number of hogs which will be marketed in the West this season, and from several sources we have received invitations to furnish such in formation as we can obtain on this subject. Such information of a definite and reliable character is very meagre, and in the nature of the case any opinions on this matter, even from the various pro ducing sections, are more a matter of conjecture than of certainty, and the most that can be done is to give the general indications and the few facts which according to natural laws conduce to increase or reduce the production.

In the first place, it must be considered that the area of the corn-growing and consequently the hog-raising section westward, and that in the comparatively new States west of the Mississippi river the new land brought under cultivation annually makes a material addition to the capacity of the country. It is not improbable that such States as Ohio, Kentucky, and possibly Indians, have reached the maximum of their cornraising and hog-producing interests, not because they have not yet ample capacity, but because much of the land can be more profitably devoted to other purposes, such as sheep-raising, dairy farming and vegetable gardening, while in many sections of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missourl, Kansas and Nebraska, corn is the most profitable crop, not only because of the large yield obtained, but because it can be turned into pork and marketed with less expense than any

The supply of hogs depends largely upon the quantity and quality of the corn crop. That a larger area of country was planted in corn this year than usual is generally conceded. It has met some vicissitudes, but taking the country together, the yield is doubtless fully up he spoke the first, the third, the fitth, to the average, and the quality some-

of fat hogs. The reports of the Auditors acquainted with him, I have had other of State show that there were less hogs and frequent experience of his power. in most of the Western States which were six months old or over on April 1. reached the steamer, but the Bennett's 1875, than one year preceding, but this ing to give him an easy sentence, and carpenter, who was himself a married is not conclusive as to the ability of the country to turn out fat hogs this winter, for it is well known that spring pigs constitute a large part of the stock hogs which are fattened during the autume and winter for packing. This is one of the modern improvements in pork-raising, and a very important one, because of its economical advantages.

It will be remembered that at the close

of the winter packing season last spring,

there was a prevalent impression that there were tew hogs in the country which could be made available for sumemn face, his coat buttoned tight to his mer packing, but the result shows that there was no great falling off from last summer, and this illustrates how a demand will be met with a corresponding supply if the inducement in price is sufficient. Farmers have learned that it is more profitable to fatten young hogs and market them when ten to fifteen months old than to keep them two years or more. reports. If we are correct in this it fol-"They never did," replied the Judge. lows that there is no force in the argufor packing this season. There is a sufprospective price of hogs for farmers to utilize all of their feed-other than corn. which has been unusually abundant this Says a writer in All the Year Round: autumn-in bringing their stock hogs About the year 1700, one Lady Elphin- up to the point where they will fatten dropped into the river one night. Cap- living at one time. The late Bishop to late feeding if the weather proves to expect no fat hogs during the summer. We think we have somewhere met with the observation that this is a great counbut which some people seem to disbeheve at this season of the year .- Cincin-

# USEFUL RECIPES.

nati Price Current, Oct. 32.

EXCELLENT Sour .- Take a pound of salt beet or pork, and cut it into very small pieces into the saucepan. Pour more respect for great steamer loads dressed him, and to see the affectionate among those who have had thirty-six six quarts of water over it and let it boil over a slow fire three-quarters of an hour. When this is done, put in some of a wood vard a little way above Mil- comin' back without 'em-need whisky up to manhood, and many of them be- and a cabbage, all cut into slices. Let liken's Bend, where the channel hugged to bring 'em to, I suppose. Why didn't came distinguished, while the eleven this boil slowly another hour, and then the shore, and with the wood yard there I send whisky down by the other bont? au ghters all lived to be married, and thicken it with a pint of oatmeal, stirhad disappeared an enormous sycamore There's an awful amount of time being many of them to be the mothers of large ring it after the ostmeal is put in, to tree, which had for years served as a wasted here. What's the matter, Mr. families. The Urquhart blood, there- keep it smooth and nice. Season it with diffused in Scotland by the end of the for a large family. If any soup remains century. An authenticated case of thirty- when all have done dinner, keep it in a nine brothess and sisters was afforded clean earthen dish or pan till the next

DRIED BEEF .- At "old fashioned" house-keeper sends the Germantown Telegraph a capital recipe for drying beef: Pint of salt, teacup of brown sugar, teaspoon of saltpetre, mixed well together, for every twenty pounds of equal parts, lay the meat on a board and rub one of the parts in every consecutive morning for four mornings. On the fifth or sixth day it will be ready to hang up. If the mixture is done in cold weather and the mixture well rubbed in, it will keep during the bottest weather. or until used. We like it best without being smoked; is nice broiled while new or trizzled with cream equally so chipped

and eaten raw. Council Bluffs has voted to borrow \$12,000 for internal improvements.

#### Wooderful Memories,

that Lucius Sciplo knew every Roman citizen by name when that city contained more than two hundred thousand capable of bearing arms. Seneca speaks of a friend, Pontius Latro, who could repeat serbatim all the speeches he had heard declaimed by the Roman orators. It is said that Joseph Scaliger committed to memory both the Iliad and the Odyssey in twenty-one days. Sir William Hamilton tells us of a young Corsican of good family who had gone to Padus to study civil law, in which he soop distinguished himself. "He was a frequent visitor at the house and gardens of Muretus, who, having heard that he possessed a remarkable art or faculty of memory, though incredulous in regard to reports, took occasion to request from him a specimen of his power. He at once agreed; and, having adjourned with a considerable party of distinguished auditors into a saloon, Muretus began to dictate words, Latin, Greek, barbarous, significant and non-significant, disjointed and connected, until he wearied himself, the young man who wrote them down, and the audience who were present;-'we were all,' he says, 'marvelously tried.' The Corsican alone was the one of the whole company alert and fresh, and continually desired Mu retus for more words, who declared he would be more than satisfied if he could repeat the balf of what he ha! taken down, and at length he ceased. The young man, with his gaze fixed upon the ground, stood silent for a brief season; and then save Muretus, 'Vidi facinus mirificissimum.' Having begun to speak, he absolutely repeated the whole words in the same order in which they had been delivered, without the slightest hesitation; then, commencing from the last, he repeated them backward till he came to the first. Then, again, so that and so on; did this in any order that was asked, and all without the smallest error. Now as to the basis for the production | Having subsequently become familiarly in the manner I have mentioned to the amount of thirty-six thousand words. And what is more wonderful, they all so adhered to the mind, that after a year's interval he could repeat them without trouble. I know, from having tried him, he could do so after considerable time." -E. S. Drone; Scribner for Nov.

## PARM, ORCHARD AND GARDEN

Seed Corn. Now is the time to save seed corn. No farmer should neglect this a single day. The ripest and best ears should be selected. It should be hung up in a room heated by a stove, where it will thoroughly dry in a short time. It should never be hung over bins of grain, which has been known to entirely destroy its germinating qualities.

Many farmers wait till they busk corp, when they save out the best ears. This will do in a season when it ripens early and is sound. But that will not do this year, as corn is too green.

Let every farmer save double the quantity of seed he wants for his own use, so that he can supply his improvident neighbors.

# Burying Potatoes.

The Canada Farmer gives the followg methods of burying potatoes:

Potatoes should be laid in compact hears, and covered carefully with straw. Over the straw put about eight inches of carth, and over the earth a good thick layer of straw. Over all, put six or eight inches of carth. Frost will go through almost any thickness of earth alone, but it will suffice to keep it in place. By using straw and earth combined, time is saved in uncovering when the roots are wanted to be got at. It the snow is blown from the heaps during the winter, and the cold is very intense, it will be well to cover them with a coat of coarse manure.

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