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"Bracing up," a small painting, about 12x24, attracts much attention, as its wonderful realism touches a tender chord in the memory of many a spectator, who recalls the tremulous mornings boys! It is the picture of a vigorous old toper unsteadily pouring an "eyeopener" into a glass, giving it meanwhile a look of most comical satisfaction, his only companion a cat, sleeping quietly on her chair. Thomas Hill has a larger painting entitled-"The Last Spike"-representing the act of uniting in 1860, which contains many life-size figures of the persons present on that memorable occasion, including the since noted Sanford, who holds the silver sledge with which the golden spike was driven, while mounted on a ladder in the distance stands a telegraph operator ready, at a signal, to flash the news of the completed connections to all the cities and towns of the land; among the group of spectators are Indians, section men, and the inevitable station loafer. Like all visitors, your correspondent will often be lured to the Gallery, but at present must go over to the 'states," and fill an appointment with

CALIFORNIA AT NEW ORLEANS.

The older reader will remember how, that forty years ago, California was scarcely heard mentioned in the United States, and if read of at all only as a far-off country, a sort of desert land inhabited by barbarians and pirates, among whom life and property were disregarded and unsafe. Nor was it till long in '49 and 50, that Americans knew that there was such a country. Then, and for years after, it was looked upon as a mere sterile mining camp, productive of nothing but gold, and even that in uncertain quantities, in the pursuit of which disappointment was the rule and success the exception. Who ever in 1850 or even in later years, had predicted that California would become in his generation, one of the first agricultural states in the Union, might well have been arrested on the charge of lunacy. Yet here today she presents herself in the World's Exposition, not only as one of the first agricultural states of our Union, but challenging the oldest states and countries as a horticultural section of the world, and competing even with the West Indies in the quality and excellence of her semitropical fruits. Her exhibit here, made by the Southern Pacific railroad company, is one of marvelous richness and va-In her exhibit every variety of grain and seeds occupy a leading place, the whole crowned with the heavy cornstalks 18 feet high, and samples of wheat and flour than which there never have been better produced, having more than 3,000 specimens from every part of the great state. One of her private riety, and of such general interest to the whole country that your correspondent has given it much attention, as the promised completion of the Ship Railway across the Isthmus, adds increased interest to the entire Pacific Coast. McCook, Nebraska. citizens, in order to aid in making known the excellence of his state as an agricultural garden, (Gen. Jno. Bidwell, of Butte county,) has a vast private exhibit of grains, vines, fruits, nuts, etc., of his own production. There are over 150 samples of grains in the sheaf from the State University, in this particular excelling any of the other colleges of the older states. In this display is included hemp, ramie, flax, wheat, etc. There is shown also a model of the celebrated Young harvesting machine in use in no other country, because of its

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