Three young men were drowned in the Mississippi river at Red Wing,

John S. Allen, son of the millionaire sieamship man, and Mrs. R. Y. Hebden, the wife of a Montreal banker. have eloped.

Fire at Pittsburg destroyed property to the value of \$40, 00; fully insured. Dr. Donovan of Pontiac, Ill., was

drowned in the Vermilion river.

Mrs. William Norsworthy left her home in Dixon, Ill., and no trace of her has been found. She had but recently returned from the Elgin insane asy-

Senator Dide, a French Protestant clergyman, states that he believes it would be to the benefit of the working people to have the world's fair opened on Sunday.

Minister Lincoln has offered a reward for the arrest of "Bunco"

French Anarchists and Communists have made threatening demonstrations.

No definite action on the silver question may take place until after the Chicago convention. Bob Floyd, the last of the Florida ex-

press robbers, has been captured. He made a confession. Boring for gas at Champaign has

ceased, as a vein of salt water was struck at a depth of 1,800 feet. The Toledo-Fort Wayne ball game at the former city was stopped by the police Sunday and the players all placed

under arrest. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has granted Chief P. M. Arthur six months leave of absence with full

Spaniards are advocating a close alliance of their kingdom with the United States and the Spanish-American republics.

Mrs. John Bunn, of Arrowsmith, near Blromington, Ill., took a dose of corrosive sublimate and died. She

was insane. German sugar manufacturers threaten to combine and to establish a sugar refinery in San Francisco for the pur-

pose of fighting the trust. Cincinnati's May musical festival has closed and the directory are highly pleased with the result from a finan-

cial standpoint. Further details of the ravages of the cyclones at Wellington and Harper show that the destruction of property was under-estimated.

Sanitary experts have pronounced the ventilation of the Capitol at Washington as nearly perfect, but its plumbing is extremely defective.

There is some doubt as to the authenticity of the report that the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner of education for Alaska, was murdered.

Peruvian papers have spoken in the kindest way of the world's fair and every effort will be made to have a fine display from the land of the Incas. Suit has been filed in the Federal

court to recover property, originally filed upon with a soldiers' warrant, situated in the heart of St. Paul. and valued at \$14 000,000. Gen. John Ulrich Heidler commsn-

der-in-chief of the Catholic Knights of He was 60 years old.

Lord Lansdowne may resign as Governor General of India. Salisbury, it is reported, is to be of-

fered a dukedom by the Queen. Aurora will take Peoria's place in the Illinois-Iowa league.

Harvard defeated the University of Michigan ball team by a score of 4 to 2. The Board of Trade of Chicago has been petitioned to send relief to the flooded districts.

Corn planting in lowa and wheat seeding in the Northwest are progressing rapidly.

Michigan railrods earned \$8,600,378.61 in April, against \$7,230,815,89 for the same month last year.

Emery Blood was killed by an explosion in the Friend Paper company's mill, at West Carrolltoton, Ohio. The building was wrecked.

Business failures for the week ending May 27 were 198, as compared with a total of 247 for the corresponding week last year. James McFarland of Girard, Ohio,

was killed and Louis Jones of the same place fatally injured in a railway collision on the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne road near Niles.

A bill extending for two years longer the act of March 2, 1889, for the correction of military records was passed by the Senate.

Plans have been formulated at the great meeting to be held in London for a commercial zollverein to include the United Kingdom, the colonies, and India in a gigantic zollverein. with a tariff against other nations.

Receipts of corn at Chicago are heavy, but the deal in May is not effected. The price advanced from 63 to 70 cents without creating excitement, and closed at 70 cents. The other months closed tower at 47 cents for June and 45 3-8 cents for July.

Telegraph service at Wellington is so bad'y delayed that it is almost impossible to get any message through. 12:30 this afternoon a heavy hail and rain storm passed over the section north of Kansas City, but what damage was done it is impossible to learn now. The Santa Fe has sent special trains to Argonia and Harper with all the help obtainable at Wichita.

The University of Michigan ball team defeated Yale by a score of 3 to 2. Corn planting is being pushed rapidly, and with favorable weather most of Nebraska farmers will finish OUR ST. LOUIS LETTER.

The Nicaragua Canal-Business Unimpaired-Workingmen's Prospects-Municipal Matters

Sr. Louis, May 30, 1892.—Great interest is felt in the Nicaragua Canal convention, which meets here the first week in June, and for which great preparation is being made. St. Louis having the bulk of the wholesale trade of Mexico and Central America, is especially interested in the canal project, and that is why the city was selected for the convention. The Canal com-pany wants a subsidy from the government and the convention is to meet June 2, in order that the Bational conventions of both political parties may be petitioned to put in their platforms in-dorsements of the company and its re-quests. Morris M. Estee, the Repub-lican leader of California, will be here, and will afterwards go to Minneapolis to urge the claim of the company be-fore that convention, and Don Dickinson of Detroit, will do the same thing before the Democratic convention.

The fall of the water in the Mississippi shows how immaterial has been the damage to St. Louis, although there have been scares of water and coal famine in abundance the last few weeks. As a matter of fact the flood touched the real business life of the city very lightly. People who live out of sight of the river would have known nothing of it but for the papers, and to many it was simply a spectacle to be wondered at from the big bridge and the decks of the excursion boats. Thousands of dollars have been raised by the Merchants Exchange and the newspapers to relieve the distress of the poor river dwellers whose homes have been inundated, and this prompt generosity has prevented much suffer-ing. The damage to the railroads and the levee interests has been considerable. Railroad men say that the deposit of earth left by the river when it recedes will strengthen all the embankments and trestles that have been overflowed. It is remarkable that the only accidents that have occurred on the St. Louis roads since the flood began have been caused by the carelessness of conductors who ran their trains against orders, and not by the water. The workingmen of the city will profit by the overflow, for every unemployed laborer here will be kept busy for weeks cleaning off the levee and digging out the buried switches of the manufacturies along the river front manufactories along the river front.

Corrupt politicians who look on a city as something to be taxed and plun-dered would not understand at all the contest that has been going on in the municipal assembly of St. Louis in the last few days. The comptroller wanted 10 cents on \$100 taken from the tax rate, believing that the city would increase so rapidly in the tax values during the next few years that it could afford the reduction. The house sustained him but the council wanted the surplus money applied to the payment of the city's debt. The comptroller won, and the tax rate goes down. In the discussion of the question in the assembly it was dayslowed that the discussion of the question in the as-sembly it was developed that the city taxable property is increasing at an average rate of \$8,000,000 a year. The increase next year, according to the statements of Assessor O'Brien, will be \$11,000,000. The solid prosperity of the city can better be understood when it is explained that this tax reduction is undertaken while the city is build-ing a city hall to cost a million dollars and a system of water works that will cost over five millions.

TO PUSH THE PULMAN CASES.

Iowa Counties Have Brought Action

Against the Company for Taxes. DES Moines, Iowa, May 31.-Attorney-General John Y. Stone has been in the city trying to push what are known as the Pullman cases in the Federal court. Judge Woolson refused to consider them at this term. The Pullman company five years ago enjoined the county treasurers from collecting taxes against their property as fixed by the State Executive Council. Since then taxes here have accumulated to \$50,000 or more, besides interest and penalty sider them at this term. The Pullman or more, besides interest and penalty of 1 per cent a month. The Pennsylvania decision in a similar case is said to assure a victory for the State. It is asserted that the company has offered to settle the taxes provived the penalty was remitted.

MAFIA RIOTS RECALLED.

Chief of Police Hennessy's Monument Unveiled at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 31. - The monument erected by the people of this city to the memory of the superintendent of police, David C. Hennessy, who was assassinated by the Mafia in October, 1890, was unveiled yesterday at Metarie cemetery. Addresses were made by Mayor Fitzpatrick and ex-Mayor Shakespeare. There was an immense gathering present, including government officials, city police, fire department and Boylan's Detective Agency, of which the latter body Hennessy was general superintendent before his election as superintendent of

Struck by a Tornado. MEMPHIS' Tenn., May 31 .- A terrific tornado at 10 o'clock last night swept down the lines of the levees for miles on both sides of the river. A great deal of damage has been done in weakening levees, though up till now no breaks have been reported. As the river has fallen considerably here today it is evident that several breaks must have occurred. The damage must prove enormous, as everybody has had such confidence in the strength of the levees that no one thought of moving away or preparing for a flood.

Reports of the Kansas Storm.

HARPER, Kan., May 31.-Reports from the country through which the tornado of Friday passed show the loss to be greater than at first reported. The course of the storm, as indicated by its trail, represents an imperfect letter 'S" and swept in that form a distance of at least fifteen miles. In Garden Plains township two brothers were picked up and carried a distance of 200 yards and let down, almost side by side. One of them was badly injured in the fall, while the other escaped without a scratch.

WASHINGTON.

On motion of Senator Cockrell May e7 the Senate passed a bill extending the time within which volunteers of the table for future action, to increase the currency and provide for its circulation, o reduce rates of interest and to provide for a bureau of loans in the Treasury department. Debate on Senator Morgan's silver resolutions was resumed and continued until

2 o'clock when, at the suggestion of Senator Morgan, Senator Stewart moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of his free coinage of silver bill. Senator Morgan demanded the oyeas and nays, which resulted: Yeas 28, nays 20; so the free coinage bill was taken up. The Senate, without taking action, went into executive ession and soon adjourned.

The Senate calendar May 29 gave ander the head of unfinished business, Mr. Dolph's bill to provide for the punishment of violations of treaty rights of aliens. In the calendar the bill appeared in its regular number near the end of the order of business, having lost its place by the action of the Senate tain king up Mr. Stewart's bill the free coinage of gold and silver. This bill now occupies the point of the vantage as the unfinished business, and that position it may occupy for an indefinite period. Mr. Morgan's resolution on the subject of the currency stood at the head of the subjects to be taken up, under rule 8, so that the question of silver has precedence over all other subjects. When the routine business was disposed of the calender was taken up under rule 8, but Mr. Morgan voluntarily abandoned his right and consented to have his resolution laid aside without action. That having been done the business in the calendar was proceeded with in regular order under rule 8. After a brief executive session the Senate adjourned.

House.

The first recognition in the House May 29 was accorded to Mr. Coombs of New York, who asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill providing for the sale of navy yard land in Brooklyn, N. Y., at a price of not less than \$41,000 an acre. There was no objection and the bill was passed. On motion of Mr. Springer of Illinois (who appeared in the House apparently fully restored to health) Senate bill was passed to establish a bridge across the Illinois river at Havana, Ill. The House then went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Lester of Georgia in the chair) for the further consideration of the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill.
The pending amendment was that offered by Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, limiting the number of copies of public documents which may be printed by heads of bureaus without express authorization by Congress. The amendment was lost by a vote of 93 to 91.

The committee then rose and reported the bill to the House. The first amendment voted on was that striking out the appropriation of 3620,000 for a new mint building at Philadelphia. The amendment was rejected—year 87, nays 116. The remaining amendments were adopted in bulk and the bill was passed. Mr. Hatch's motion to take up the anti-option bill was defeated by a tie vote of 108 to 108. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the mittee rose and it was agreed that the general debate on the bill be limited to next day's session. The legislative, executive and judi-

cial appropriation bill was reported and placed on calendar in the House May 31. It appropriates \$21,683,752, being \$1,070,286 less than estimates and a reduction of \$458,122 from the appropriations for the same purposes for the current fiscal year. The bill provides for the abolition of the Utah commission, which consisted of five members with a salary of \$5,000 each. The Speaker submitted a communication from the Postmaster-General estimating an appropriation of \$163,047 for the postal service incident to the World's Columbian exposition for the fiscal years 1893 and 1894. Mr. Bailey objected on the ground of no quorum to a bill for the relief of ex-Land Register Scofield, of Delaware, Kas. This caused Mr. Hopkins of Illinois to criticise Mr. Bailey's action. Mr. Bailey retorted warmly, but the dispute was finally settled amicably. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the postoffice appropriation bill. The Secretary of the Treasury sent to the House an estimate of \$100,000 to carry into effect the provisions of the Chinese exclusion bill. The select committee on the Columbian exposition reported favorably through Mr. Durborow a joint resolution requesting the President to issue a proclamation recommending a due bservance in all localities of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America, Oct. 12, 1492, especially by appropriate exercises in their schools commemorative of the event.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations of postmasters, John Ledwich, Avoca, Iowa' Mrs. A. M. Bunker, Geneva, Ill.; G. W. Lott, Aitkin, Minn. Though badly disfigured Farmer

Hatch is still in the ring. After the action of the party's caucus it was to be supposed that he would consent to await the disposition of the regular appropriation bills, which the caucus declared should have the right of declared should have the right of way. Not so, however; he will fight the caucus decision when the sundry civil bill is out of the way. He said so last night and repeated it this morning. CLYCLONE IN ARKANSAS.

The Methodist Church and Academy at Auvergne Blown Down.

Newport, Ark., May 31 -This section was visited at 9 o'clock last evenlate war can make application to have the charge of desertion removed for two years from the 1st of July next. Senator Peffer introduced a bill which he asked should be laid on the Where the bottom ends in the hill ing with a terrific rain, wind and country southwest of Bradford the wind seemed to have met in a strip about two hundred yards wide. It took a northeasterly course, crossing White river, and growing in violence as it sped along until it got to the little town of Auvergne. There it assumed the force of a small tornado. It struck the handsome new Methodist church and leveled it to the ground. The Auvergne academy, a beautiful building, was also blown down. There were six people in the academy, but luckily they escaped unhurt, except Mrs. Peaseley, the wife of Prof. Peaseley, the president of the college, who is reported to have received serious internal injury. The damage is considerable.

WON BY J. B. WOOLAS.

Lake View Club Boy First In at the Pullman Road Race. CHICAGO, May 31.—The Pullman road race, the greatest cycling event in America, was run vesterday under un favorable circumstances. The winners were: 1, J. B. Woolas, Lake View Cycling club; 2, W. C. Anderson, Chicago Cycling club; 3, C. P. Fox, Lake View Cycling club; 4, G. Paulsen, Columbia wheelmen; 5, W. J. McMahon, Columbia wheelmen; 6, C. E. Dreier. Chicago Cycling club; 7, C. H. Heistand, Washington Cycling club; 8, Gus Steele, Lake View Cycling club; 9, G. S. Olson, Columbia wheelmen; 10, W. F. Osmun, Cook county wheelmen. H. R. Winship won the time medal, his time being 51 minutes and 28 seconds. H. A. Githens gets second prize for time.

IOWA CROP REPORT.

Farmers Greatly Encouraged by a Week of Sunshine.

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 30 .- This week's weather crop bulletin reports cool and dry weather with abundance of sunshine, giving farmers their first favorable week for field work; about one-half the corn planting is done, but it is probable the acreage will be considerably reduced even with the most favorable conditions in the future. Wheat and oats on uplands are doing well, but on flooded bottoms and undrained fields will be very light. Fruit is slightly injured by frost and cold winds.

The weekly bulletins of the bureau will hereafter be issued on Tuesday, beginning June 7.

JUMPED FROM THE TRAIN. Desperate Attempt of a Counterfeiter

to Escape from the Sheriff. Indianapolis, May 80. - James Walker, who has been in the Noblesville jail for some weeks on a charge of counterfeiting, attempted to escape while being brought to the city for trial this morning. He slipped his cuffs and jumped from the train as it was going forty miles an hour. He fell on his face and was badly injured. The sheriff had another prisoner, George Slaughter, in custody on the same charge, and when he stopped the train Slaughter joined in the pursuit and capture of the other prisoner. Walker is about 30 years old and is regarded as desperate.

A BISHOP CHOSEN MEDIATOR. Effort to Settle the Durham Coal Miners' Strike.

LONDON, May 31 .- In response to the letter of the Rt. Rev. Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, to the Coal Mine Ownees' association suggesting that they accept the striking miners' offer to return to work at 10 per cent. less and refer further reduction to arbitration, the owners interested have accept the Bishop as mediator. The news of this concession was coolly received when announced at a meeting of the strikers Sunday, and many of them express disbelief as to

the Bishop's mediation effecting a settlement of the difficuity. Turned the Hose on Them. JACKSON, Mich., May 31.-A war is on here between the city of Jackson and the Michigan Central railroad company over a strip of land near the Centrai depot. Both parties have claimed it for years. The railroad company is trying to put in a spur on the land in dispute and thus gain possession. Two carloads of workmen from Detroit sent to put down the track did so despite the police. The fire department was called out, the hose turned on the workmen and the city's horses pulled up the tracks. It is said that another attempt will be made to lay the track. Great excitement prevails.

Honor General Hill's Memory.

RICHMOND, Va., May 31.—Thousands of strangers joined with the residents of Richmond to-day in doing honor to the memory of one of the heroes of the South, Gen. Ambrose P. Hill, whose monument and statue was unveiled with elaborate ceremonies. The monument stands one mile and a half from Richmond, at the intersection of Hermitage Road and Laburnam avenue. The city was decorated in all quarters.

Archbishop Corrigan's Brother Insane NEW YORK, May 31.—William Lewis Corrigan, a brother of Archbishop Corrigan, was taken to the insane pavilion at Bellevue hospital yesterday. An application will be made for his comapplication will be made for his committal to a private retreat for the insane. Mr. Corrigan, who is 55 years old, has had periodical fits of insanity for the last twenty years. Ten months ago he was liberated from the insane hospital at Mount Morris, N. J., but his brother and friends think that he has had a relapse and that he needs being taken care of. He will probably be sent to an institution at WhiteDISCIPLINE.

My life is full of scented fruits,
My garden blooms with stocks and cloves; Yet o'er the wall my fancy shoots,

And hankers after harsher loves.

Ah! why— my foolish heart repines— Was I not housed within a waste! These velvet flowers and syrap vines Are sweet, but are not to my taste.

A howling moor, a wattled but, A piercing smoke of sodden peat, The savor of a russet nut, Would make my weary pulses beat.

O stupid brain that blindly swerves! O heart that strives not, nor endures! Since flowers are hardships to your nerves, Thank heaven a garden-lot is yours!
—Edmund Gosse, in the Athenæum.

SAM'S STRATEGY.

She was very pretty, this bright-eyed New England damsel. Fred Jones had loved her ever since they were children together, and Captain Logan, who had come down to spend a few weeks with his cousins, the Kendricks, had become so fond of those bright blue eyes and golden hair that he prolonged his visit.

"Pon my word, she's a regular beauty," said the captain, staring through the tiny window panes at the retreating figure of Miss Brown.

Fred Jones looked quickly up at him, as if he would have liked to knock him over in the fireplace, but he refrained from any such demonstration.

"A beauty," went on the captain, and it's a thousand pities she should be wasted on any of the country bumpkins who vegetate among these wildernesses, Sam, you young villain, are those boots of mine blacked yet?"

Farmer Kendrick's hired boy, who had just come in to warm his purple hands at the merry red blaze, looked glum.

"No, they ain't," said Sam., crossly. "Well, what's the reason?" "'Cause I ain't 'ad time."

'See you find time, then, and that quick, too," said the captain. And sam glowered after him as he went gaily up the stairs.

'Just wish I had the firin' of him out," said the boy, gloomily. 'It's 'Sam. do this,' and 'Sam. do that,' and Sam., where's the warm water?' and Sam., what the deuce do you mean by lettin' my fire go out?' and not a red cent has he guv me yet-no, nor so much as a pleasant word. I wonder If he means to stay here always"

The next night came-a perfect night for sleighing expeditions and rustic love-making, the roads hard and well packed and a glorious moon shining down whitely, as if a rain of silver were deluging the whole world.

"Couldn't be better weather," said the captain. Sam., where are the sleigh-bells?"

"Dunno," said Sam. 'There's them old jinglers in the garret that used to belong to Deacon Joe Kendrick that was in the Revolutionary war, and there's the two cow-bells that Mary Jane might scour up with ashes-"

"Pshaw!" said the Captain. "Do you take me for Rip Van Winkle? There's a pretty little string somewhere, for I saw them when Mrs. Kendrick went out day before yesterday.

"I hain't seen nothin' on 'em," said Sam, stolidly.

'Come, come, Sam, don't make yourself out any stupider than you be by nature," said the farmer, laughing in s airs were fast wearing out his welcome, and he secretly sympathized with the much abused Sam. "I guess they're out in the barn

chamber. You better go with him, captain, if you expect to find 'emour Sam's dreadful thick-headed when he chooses to be."

"Come along, my fine fellow," said the captain, collaring Sam, and marching him off in the direction of the old red barn. "We don't need any lan-tern in this moonlight; that is one "Where are the stairs" demanded

the captain as they entered the parn.
'Ain't none," said Sam, 'it's a lad-

"Up with you, then," said Logan but Sam shrunk back. "I wouldn't, not for \$50," said Sam

Old John Kendrick hanged himself from the middle beam fourteen years ago, and folks say he stands up there with a rope round his neck every moonlight night."

·Stuff and nonsense!" cried the captain in accents of contempt. 'You cowardly lout, stay where you are, then, and I'll go myself."

He sprang lightly up the rounds of the ladder and disappeared through the trap door.

Where is it?" he called. "The ghost? Right under the middle beam by the windy was the place

"Blockhead! I mean the string of bells." "Look for 'em yourself," said Sam, sulkily. "I don't know where they

be, and what's more, I don't care. "I'll settle with you, my fine fellow. when I come down," said the captain, threateningly, as he groped about in the dim light which came through a cobweb-draped window at either end of the barn chamber.

"Don't hurry yourself, cap'n," rejoined Sam, in a jeering tone.

As the captain plunged into a dark corner there was a jingle and the string of bells suspended from a nail, hit him directly on the neck, so like the grasp of death-cold fingers that he could not but start.

... Oh!" said the captain nervously, Here they are. Catch 'em Sam!

Hallo! Where's the trap door?" And it took the worthy captain fully sixty seconds or more to realize that the trap door was closed and fastened on the lower side.

Come back, you scoundrel!-you 11conditioned lout!-you imp of evil!"

Sam turned around and executed that peculiar gyration of the fingers in connection with the nasal organ, which is supposed to express the extremity of scorn.

"You'll find the ladder on the barn floor, cap'n," hooted this young rebel, an' don't be afraid of the ghost; it's very harmless if you let it alone.

But, Sam-Sam, come back! I'm to be at Mr. Brown's at 7:30." "Don't worry!" bawled Sam. "Miss Carrie won't wait long before Mr. Fred'll be on hand."

The captain danced up and down on the floor in an ecstasy of rage as Sam. disappeared over the crest of the hill. He knew very well if he possessed the lungs of Boreas he could make no one

He sat shivering down on the hay. starting nervously at the sound of horses' feet below, and thinking how disagreeably a bar of moonlight which streamed down from a crack in the roof, resembled a tall white figure standing under the center beam. He could almost fancy the rope round its neck. Pshaw! And the captain jumped up again, with starting dow on his temples, even in the freezing atmos-

phere of the barn chamber,
"What is to be done?" he asked
himself. And echo, if echo had had any common sense, would have answered: 'Just nothing at all!'

Sam. had outwitted him. And pretty Carrie and Fred Jones, with his red cutter and great chestnut-colored horse! The captain was wild at the thought, surely he was vanquished.

'I won't wait anounce the him," said Carrie Brown, coloring up, him," said Carrie Brown, coloring up, "I won't wait another minute for on, girls, I shall spend the evening at

There's plenty of room for you in our sleigh, Carrie," coaxed brother. "Bessie Andrews will be glad to have you along." "No, she wont either," "No, she wont either," pouted Carrie. "As if I would spoil all her

fun! No; if I can't have an escort of my own I'll stay at home and mend stockings; and I never, never will speak to Capt. Logan again."

Charlie Brown was on the point of arguing the matter with his sister, when the door opened and in walked Fred. Jones. "Not gone yet, Carrie? Where is

the captain?' "I don't know," said Carrie, tartly, and I don't care. Am I Capt. Logan's keeper?"

Will you go with mep".
'Yes, I will," said Carrie, her eyes lighting and shy smiles dimpling her

"Of course," said Fred., "I can't expect to make myself as agreeable as the city captain, but—" "The captain, the captain!" cried Carrie, a little irritably. "I'm sick of the sound of his name. I never want to see him again. What a nice new cutter this is, and how easy the

wolf robes are!" "Carrie," whispered Fred., as he touched up the horses and felt her nestling close to him, 'is it for

always?' "Yes, always," she answered.

"Jerusalem!" said Farmer Kendrick. It was past 10 o'clock at night, and the old gentleman had come out as usual before retiring to rest, to see that the dumb members of his family were all safe and comfortable. believe that's old John Kendrick's ghost come to life again, poundin' like all possessed on the barn chamber floor!"

"It's me-e! It's me-e!" bawled the captain. "Unfasten the trap door and let me out!"

Slowly the farmer lifted the ladder to its place. With rheumatic awkwardness he climbed the creaking rounds and undid the hook from its

hasp.
"How in all creation came you here?" he demanded.? "Why. I thought you was out a-sleigh ridin' with the gals."

"It was all the doing of the lain, Sam!" gasped the infurited captain, his teeth chattering with a
gled rage and cold. "I won't
the sort of thing. I'll have to
place 'n-morrow."

"As you please," said the
to whom the prospect of loose to
guest was not unpleased. The
dreadful sorry this should have happened, though, and I'll talk seriously
to Sam." sin, Sam!" gasped the

"So will I," gnashed the captain. "I'll break every bone in his body." But Sam had taken particular care

to go over to his grandmother's, six miles across the snowy fields, to spend the night, and the only person the captain saw was old Mrs. Kendrick sitting by the kitchen fire. "You've lost your chance, cap-

tain," said she, good humoredly. Dorcas Smith has just gone by on her way home from the sleighing party and she says Fred Jones brought Carrie Brown in his new cutter, and they're engaged."

The captain left next day, and Mrs. Fred Jones has never seen him since. And when the affair came off Sam got a piece of wedding cake big enough to give him the dyspepsia for a week -Boston News.

Endowment Order That Won't Last. Mrs. Hicks-Do you and your husband belong to one of the mutual societies?

Mrs. Dix-No; what gave you that

idea? Mrs. Hicks-Husband said he thought you were charter members of a mutual admiration society .- New York Herald.

A Queer View of It.

"He is a very sick man."

"Yes, but the fact that he hangs on so long is favorable to his recovery." "I think the contrary. He grows

rushed to the window and threw it up only to see Sam speeding up the hill.
"Hal-lo-o-a!" yelled Capt Logan. dying."—New York Press.