A STUDENT'S VACATION.

A CORNELL MAN HIRES OUT TO DRIVE A CANAL BOAT.

A Very Enjoyable Sort of Existence-Advantages of Spending a Summer on the Tow Path-The Captain's Daughter. Exchange of Magazines.

A reporter walking up the tow path at lower Black Rock one day overtook a canal he had come up with the nules and their driver. Under the mules collars were great rings of raw flesh, constantly chain and irritated by the hot leather. They imped pain- speak in an maknown tongue, fully onward, too hopelessly wretched to resent the jerks and scourgings of the driver, he is a "professional" or a "fakir," If he is who himself seemed a fitting companion for his beasts, for whenever the dust observed his clothing it was a mass of patches, and a torn wide brimmed straw hat protected his

"would you be kind enough to tell me the

"Half past 11."

"Ah, thank you; half an hour till dinner time, and I'm hungry enough now to eat both Pegasus and Bucsphalus. They're the ambling steeds you see before you. Full of fire, tramp for ten days nearly."

"And you have almost as hard a lot as the mules, I fancy,"

"Well, that's just as you look at it. I rather like it myself. Of course I get footsore on the tow path, but then when Pm off I can't do much but rest and read. I've been reading considerable of Tennyson and Browning this summer."

"Hey?" said the astonished reporter. "Tennyson and Browning. I began The Ring and the Book' six weeks ago on the up trip from New York. I'm making a study of it. You see we can bardly keep up with current literature in college."

"In college?"

A CORNELL STUDENT. "Yes; I am a Cornell man, and I spend my summers on the towpath. That is, I have the the last two. The first summer I hired out as a waiter at a senside hotel, but my rich southern blood couldn't stand it; so the last two summers I've followed the profession of a male driver. Of course, I have to stand round and obey orders; but I look out for a good captain, and so don't have it so rough assome of them."

"But don't you have to put up with many

privations? "Oh, no; just come aboard at dinner time, and you can see for yourself. The walking is beneficial to one's health, and while the feet get sore at first that quickly wears off. Then, | gage too, the canal passes through some of the richest farming country in the state, and I comedy, will wouldn't ask for finer scenery than that in the Mohawk and Hudson river valleys."

A hail from the boat caused the driver to pull up his mules until they fairly rested on their haunches. A gangway was laid across to the bank and the mate came ashore to take the place of the driver, who went abourd, followed was a pail which the driver let down into the canal and brought up full of water in which he washed bimself.

"I don't believe the women folks wil make a fuss," said he. "If they do I'll tel them you're a chum of mine,"

He led the way to the cabin steps, down which he disappeared, followed by his companion. Before the reporter could take note of the cabin he became aware that a buxom young woman was doing up her hair before a small looking gloss which hung over a very small bureau. She wasn't half so disconcert d as he was, however, and when the driver had explained his companion's appearance she calmly proceeded with her toilet.

The cabin stretched clear across the boat, some ten or twelve feet, and was some seven feet deep. Doors opened out of it to the borths in the rear. Show white muslin curtains hung at the little windows. On the floor was a bright ingrain carpet. Vases and kufekaneka covered the top of the bureau.

A brown eathenware pot of ten sung on the tiny stove, and the table, spread with a snowy cloth, was set with stone china dishes and wooden handled knives and three tined forks. THE CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER.

The dinner, while not elegant, was hearty. There was corned boof, with boiled potatoes, green corn and tomatoes, everything well cooked. The captain's daughter, for she it was, presently tore herself from the glass and sat down to pour the tea. She were a blue and white striped calleo gown, a silver brooch and a celluloid comb, and the canal driver addressed her as Polly. She talked like a woman born to command, and her conversation was interspersed with forcible slang expressions.

A sayory apple pie was put on the table for dessert, and the canal driver remarked that he always ate largely of it, because he considered it an excellent brain food.

"We have an economical way of reading the magazines," said he. "You may have imagined that canal men are an illiterate lot. They are, as a rule, but there are exceptions, and a good many of them. Now, the captain of this boat has a chum on the canal who is a great reader. He usually makes a trip east, while we're coming west.

"So when The Harper comes out in New York he buys it, and in the five days before he meets us he reads it all through; then when he passes us throws the magazine to us. We do the same thing with The Century, buying it in Buffalo and handing it over to him when we meet. Have another piece of pie. No? Oh, yes, this way of passing summer is infinitely preferable to being cooped up in a hotel as a waiter. Now, here I am practically independent; I can wear the worst clothes in the world; the food is good, as I think you will tow is worth a fortune to any observing perweeks I'll be \$50 in pocket, to say nothing of

the experience and pleasure gained." The driver here shoved back his chair and slowly approaching the Georgia street bridge. "There," said the driver, "most people what you meant. Try the same experiment imagine that the canal is as noisome and with James Gordon Bennett and he would

ugly as this is all the way to Albany. It's a great mistake. If you want to enjoy yourself next summer turn canal driver. You'll Joseph Pulitzer and he would spring up with As the boat swung under the bridge the

reporter caught the girders and pulled himself up. The scholar of the tow path waved with his broad shoulders thrown well back .bis hand and the captain's daughter came up the cabin stairs and looked back pleasantly through the funnel of her calico sun bonnet. Slowly the galled and jaded mules pulled the boat on, and five minutes later the Polly Forbes was lost in a sparl of boats at the foot of Erie street.-Buffalo Courier,

When you see a man look at his watch and put it back into his pocket, ask him the time and in nine cases out of ten he cannot tell you until be has looked at it again.

SLANG OF THE STAGE.

VIGOROUS LANGUAGE WHICH THE COMMUNITY ADOPTS.

The Lower the Grade of Actor the More

The stage not only has its peculiar slang Blarch 25, 1851," and idioms, but is charged with furnishing boat, on whose stern was painted "Polly more free and original language to the com-Forbes of Schenectady." In a minute more mainty than the community draws from any other source. The lower the grade of actor the more slang he uses, and a group of variety performers in conversation seem at times to

> The actor seldom refers to himself as such; very bad he cometimes speaks respectfully of himself as an "artist."

His clothes are his "wardrobe," An "ancient wardrobe" is for a "dress place," "Hello!" said be as the reporter came along, to trunks and tighta; a "madern wardrobe," is for a "clean slight piece," and includes modern

> " or "the man with a head." Those people who are delighted to be on

smile from actresses, are "gillies," "gills," "guya," "chappies," "mastars," "chumps," "lunkhends" and "lugs."

connected with the stage or not. "I see Smith has been doing the bare bodkin act," try's been doing the citizanship act;" "Jones tric.14h 55 berrowing act on me this morning," are other examples.

An actor's character is his "part." If it is that line of characters are "bit actors." A

word is also made to apply to other things. | frequently drawing the blood An actor will refer to a debt, or a watch a house, or a book, or his dinner, or his hand-

lady, as a "business." The Present bestness for which actor on cans. -Milwaukee Buttinel. . dow

comedy, villain, eccentric, character, son- Is there any way to enforce the new law ballet and supermanuerary, or "supe."

"den;" a broth is a "bamper; clothes are most wide great care was taken with their wook. Every your the lands were bathed with a solution of tobacco, to guard them men;" transmits are a "kirki;" a skirt is a "spain," should are "skale;" an umbrella is a "spain," a handkered in a "wipe;" a diameter of the steeped in paid was mond pin is a "spain;" a ring is a "circlet," a factor of the steeped in paid was drawn off, leaving a mass of stems and leaves When salaries are punctually paid, as they at the botton

been "communing with spirits," "taking on a from an acorn pipe,—Boston Transcript cargo," "hitting the ruby," "biring off more "abstence." than he can show," "hoising the elegant," "studying snakos" or "tampering with boozs," When trying to get trusted for a drink a Volapuk, the new universal language, is "stiding his jams" and "sparring,"

boat is a "Hoat." An oumibus is a "mck;" a brotherhook.

small carriage is a "fly;" a back is a "close,"

To die is to "croak," "push clouds," "plume,"

"pass over," "go to that bourne," "wing a languages transmissable by telegraph within chorus," "cash in," "hand in his part," and

and you will be at once impressed with the labois."-London News. admit; the work is healthy, and not only fact of their nervous temperament. The gives one whilfs of the country air, but puts | brothers of Robert Bonner take their midday you in contact with all sorts of queer char-noters. The trip down the Hudson in the they drop into their seats a well trained waiter rushes out to the carving table and son. The money we get, you see, is clear orders their luncheon with the supplementary gain. When I go back to Ithaca in three remark: "It is for the Messes, Bonner; hurry up." Robert Bonner himself is a man of slow genious plan. Along the margin of the movement compared with other New York | ticket the following is printed in small type: editors. Stick a pin in bins and he would led the way to the deck. The boat was probably turn about with the calmness pecuhar to the old school of New Yorkers and ask rage, turn upon you and probably knock you out in a jiffy. He is the most nervous of all New York journalists, and walks rapidly,

> Wit When it Doesn't Count. It is curious that the letters accompanying papers offered for publication often display more naturalness, wit, poetle beauty or foreible methods of stating things than the articles thanselves. We are sometimes tempted 'to publish as gems letters introducing contributions which we are compelled to decline. -Christian Advocate.

"OLD ABE," THE EAGLE.

Some Interesting Information About the A Well Known English Swimmer Ex-Famous War Relle.

"Old Abe," the whilem war eagle of the one of the attractions in the collection of war as yourself cannot quite understand how a building. He is only stuffed and doesn't look Slang We Uses-A Long List of Words habig as when he accompanied the engie regi- floating, that can understand the mystery of and Phrases in Current Use Among the most on southern battle fields. A wooden sinking. A swimmer becomes a swimmer by tablet attached to his perch bears this in- endeavering to find out, not so much how to scription; "Hatched February, 1861; died awim, as how not to sink. Man or women

flighth regiment, gave a reporter some inwas taken from his nest by an Indian and powers of buoyancy) sets about to sink him-presented to them by him, I have read a sulf." more romantic tale of his capture since then, but the story is undoubtedly correct, as nobody then thought of inventing the pleasant fictions about the famous eagle which ad lucludes everything from a Roman toga ment broke camp at Camp Randall, in compliance with an order to go to Missouri, and flest place, to clutches at the proverbial broke its string and flow away. We all thought one's self than by thrusting the bands out of A star or manager is known among his that that was the last we would see of him, the water. The consequent lurch of the body jags," "bis nice," "her niklets," "the dachone who would bring him back. You know | struggles spasmodically, and then, bereft as Murphy, dea't you! He left our regiment be is of all consciousness, vanishes to his especially under their collers. They look a familiar terms with neters, and especially remarked to the rebeing the battle of Holly needent of Hiracombe the other day. A

> the boys pointed up into the air at a large stantly there was chaos and confusion, as is fand which was approaching us, and said that always the case, and fourteen luckless souls Any kind of a deci is an fact," whether he'd bet that it was 'Old Abe,' We fixed a drowned themselves. It is simply suicidal perch on a camp chest and very soon the for a non-swimmer to risk his life in an uncagle sailed down and took his place on the certain craft," appales to a case of suicide. "Cleveland's perch. He had been fishing and was as wet | "Suppose, then, Mr. Johnson, that you and sprong the vote act on them again;" "Lang- as a rat. We put him on a string again and I are cruising. "The boat has capsized; we screetings let him go, as he was always sure are in the water. What am I, a non-swimmer, of returning, the associative we let him loss to dof. "If there is anything floating catch eccentric, original or protesque, it is a "chare I believe the Confederates brought down an inch square] would keep your head above actor part." If he is "a good study" he must some of his fenthers once, and after that he water. But if there is nothing at all within actor part." If he is a good saidy do that turn his lines with east; if he is "a bad stray" always screamed and acted mad when a fight was going on. Gen. Price, of the Confeducation of the confeduca

> action is a "fake part," a small one with good. He was a thicking bird, and when the rations remained as I am now, so long would you opportunities is a "bit," and men who play were distributed had to be watched or he float." would steal the best morsels away. He liked | "Then it is not necessary for the requirepart is "fat" when it is "sure to go." A part beer and all kinds of ment, when there was ments of floating that one's toes should be is measured by "lengthea," a length being searcely any for the boys. He was up to all level with his ness;" "Not in the least. The forty-two lines of written matter or blank sorts of muschief, and wounded some of the mode of floating in a moment of emergency beys who were spared by rebel bullets. They | is as I have just illustrated-or, at least, my Action on the stage is "business," and the would plague him and he would peg at them, experience tells me that it is the safest

"Old Abe" was well cared for at Madison an- selves with the principles of floating, and a

Boys and Tobacco.

bretto, walking hedy, responsible, utility, against selling tobacco to minors? Every- to think so too who can manage, say, a score thing with the boys runs in cycles, and the lengths of a bath twenty yards long. Here An actor uncertain in his part is "shaky in smoking cycle has come with the tops. Ci- the water is tepid and smooth, but it is differhis lines;" when he supplies words that do not belong in the text, until he can recollect his have seen a dozen boys under 14 smoking same swimmer traverse in troublous waters? part, he is "fishing for his lines;" when he sup- them within the past few days. I campot But the chances are that he could float till plies humor he "gags the part;" when he has help feeling that if they were smoking elay by the reporter. Near the middle of the deck | to rely on the prompter and repeat the words | pipes instead of tremeherous cigarettes, the | after."-Pall Mall Gazette. ofter him he "wings the part," and when he case would not be built so bad. My memory, forgets entirely he "llukes," "funks," "flats" at the mention of pipes, indeed, is carried back with a jump to a primitive scene of my A hotel is a "chuck mill" or "hashery;" a boyhood. There was a cozy countryside amali room is a "cau;" a lodging room is a where sheep were raised in great numbers, "den;" a truck is a "bumper;" clothes are and where great care was taken with their

> sometimes are in the areinforms any that "the ghoat wards regularly." When wages are not fortheaming it is said that "the ghoat is dead." Money is "glue," then in was emily to smoke. Were there "saignt," "rocks," "melty," "brade" and then in was ready to smoke. Were there "saignt," "rocks," "melty," "brade" and "who would be half. Not for those boys. But "wherewith." Silver dollars are "iron dol-lars," "buzzards," "plunk as," "collars" and dried ad hollowed out for the purpose. For "lie collowed expression is not as most "whiten," Small silver coins are "pogs."
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> Boer is "conversation water" and "the bones with the pith dug out of their middle. Then bonny," Wine is "exhibitator," "fizz" and the pipes were illed with this preparation. "bendache." Liquer is "dynamite," "lush," Every Lit of strength had been steeped out of the follow," "red eys," "tanglefoot," "boom," the follower, and not a boy of them all could "places," "ruby," "hot staff," "care killer," get fit upon it. But probably not one of "pain killer," "hardware," "alco" and "de- them, grown up and given to Reina Victorias and Partagus, ever enjoys a smoke as much When a men is drunk he is "lush," or has see by did those dried tobacco grounds smoked

Headway Volapule Is Making.

man is "bracing the bar," "singing a song," making steady headway. The Volumikists held their grand international congress a few If he waits from town to town the actor days ago at Munich, and most of the counthpools it," "too it," "collars the pike," tries of Europa sent representatives. The pounds sap out of the ties" and "goes on his good repute of America for enlightened curi- an answer published it, with words by a neity was saved by one gentlemen from Cin- Mr. Peters. Pond, of New York, secured it Small companies in the back country dis- cinnati. Pasteur Schleyer, the inventor of triets are "fly by nights," "water tank shows," the language, took the chair in the name of "Jim Crows," "cross road concerns," or "barn the associations of France. He explained that Volapuk was not meant to suppress An express train is a "flyer," a freight train other tongues, but only to supply a new one a "small," a passenger car a "velvet coach," a for the common purposes of all mankind, and berthin a sleeping coach is a "hider." A steam-in particular for the promotion of universal

light," "make an exit," "go to swell the the empire. In Domnark it has been efficially recommended to telegraph clerks death is "the last curtain,"—Brooklyn Eagle. as a subject of study. The best augury for its spread in France lies in the fact that Berlin takes no interest in The Vanderbilt boys, with the exception of it, inasmuch as that city was not represented the poetic George, are early risers, rapid at the congress. Englishmen ought to look walkers and nervous in their movements, upon Volapak with a kindly eye, as most of Channey M. Depew rushes into his office like its horrowings from the Cermanic languages a hurricane early in the morning and is con-stantly on the move until he goes home in the acteristically English phrase, "How much waited upon. A policeman came here one evening. Go into any of the resorts where money have your must, we regret to say, be night and after ordering a good meal disputed prominent New Yorkers take their laucheons rendered in Volapuk by "Moni limodik the price and made a great fuss. The man in

Punch with Care.

The overland roads to California have adopted a system of photographic tickets. We presume the purpose is to bent the scalper and prevent transferals. It is a very in-

Shm-Medium-Stout, Young-Middle nged-Elderly. Eye-Light-Dark. Hair-Light-Dark.

Beard-Mustache-Chin-Side-None. New, supposing a young woman of slight build, dark eyes and light hair boards the overland train. She hands her ticket to the hurrying conductor, who, before returning the pasteboard to her, sizes up his passenger and with his little punch cars holes in the words "male," "medium," "stout," "middle aged," "elderly," "light," "dark," "mustache,"

"chin" and "side,"-Boston Post,

church greatly troubled over the bottomless pit. After awhile she cheered up, saying: "I didn't think of it before, but if the bottom of on smellnes and ice cream, and another in the pit is out I could got out on the other side, slats on a thin layer of English mustard on couldn't It"-Detroit Tribune.

WHY DO PEOPLE DROWN!

plains the Science of Floating. "I suppose," I remarked to Mr. Johnson, Eighth regiment, Wisconsin volunteers, is the well known awimmer, "that such a cork relies now on exhibition at the Exposition person sinks," "Oh, yes, but I can, It is only such as myself, who study the science of can float-there is no exception. The big E. H. Welster, of Greenbusch, Sheboygan secret is knowing how, and being self poscenty, Heutenant of Company B, of the sessed enough—that is, in cases of emergency -to take advantage of one's knowledge. But directly the boat capsizes, or the canal bank some any came into camp at Madison we were subsides, or the sands shift, or the deep part told by the near of Company C, who brought of the river uncomfortably asserts itself, the cagle with them from Eau Cinire, that he ignorant mortal (ignorant of how to use his

"Sinks himself, Mr. Johnson?" I observed, dubiously. "Yes, sinks himself. Up go his hands, and down he sinks like a flagstone. Of the ten thousand and one frenzied actions ava since become so numerous. Our regi- in which a drowning man includes not one is while marching through St. Louis the eagle straw, and there is no surer way of sinking orings. But I am digressing.

"While in Camp Curtis at St. Louis one of and an extra capful of wind upset her. In-

during an engagement, and then he would fly at it stendily. The least particle will support about overhead or sit on stly on his perch. you. This bending [which was no more than below the control of th "scaker," a lively one a "hummer" or a crates, once said he would rather capture the Throwing back his head, and placing both "screecher," a poor one is "burn" or "tart," eagle than the whole regiment.
"Old Ale" was a nuisance in some respects.

Throwing case in the small of his back, his form as supply a constant is left to his own discretion to supply eagle than the whole regiment.

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and the colect. It would be an inconsider-After the regiment returned from the war able made a for people to familiarize themhis death, which ensued from natural simple acquainf arce with the subject might prove to be of hielong service. To be of any real service, swimming must be studied to perfection. A man or woman is termed a good swimmer (and the man or woman comes rescued, which is always the end sought

> How "Dixie" Came to be Written. It was on a Saturday night in 1859, when

Dan Enmett was a member of Bryant's minstrels in New York, that Dan Bryant came to Emmett and said: "Dan, can't you get up a walk around? I want something new and lively for Monday night." At that chte all minstrel shows used to wind up with a walk around. The demand for them was constant, and Emmett was the composer of all of them for Bryant's minstrels. Enmett, of course, went to work, but he had done so much in that line that nothing at first presented itself that he liked. At last be hit upon the first two bars, and any composer can tell how good a start that is in the manufacture

The colloquial expression is not, as most people suppose, a southern phrase, but first appeared among the circus men in the north. In early fall, when nipping frosts would overtake the tented wanderers, the boys would think of the genial warmth of the section they were heading for, and the common expression would be: "Well, I wish I was in Dixie." This gave the catch line; the rest of the song was original. On Monday morning the song was rehearsed and highly commended, and at night a crowded house came to hear the refrain, and half of the auditors went home singing "Dixie," The song became the rage, and Newcomb's, the Buckleys' and other minstrel parties gave Emmett five dollars for the privilege of using it. Mr. Werlein, of New Orleans, wrote to Emmett to secure the copyright, but without waiting for from Emmett, and gave him \$600, but Werlein sold thousands of copies without giving. Dan a nickle. Not only was Emmett robbed of the profits of his song, but the authorship of it was disputed. Pond brought the matter before a music publishers' convention and settled the question of authorship, but Dan reaped no benefit from this tardy justice, Enmett got into trouble about his song during the war. It was considered a rebel song, and a sapient editor in Maine declared that Dan was a secessionist, and that he should be treated as one, although the song was written two years before the commencement of the rebellion,—Professor, Kane in Baltimore

Disposing of Obnoxious Customers. One of the quistest and most effective ways we have of disposing of obnoxious customers is simply giving orders that they shall not be charge threw his money back to him and told him never to come in here again. Then he told the waiters that any one who would wait on that man might consider himself discharged. The policeman did come in a few nights after, and every wa ter had something to do that engressed all his attention. The officer asked for a cup of coffee, and every one seemed to be afflicted with deafness. When he did succeed in commanding the attention of one waiter he was told there was no coffee, no tea, nothing for him. He finally realized the situation, took his bat and walked out, and he has never been here since. We have tried the same plan successfully with young bloods who have thought it a good joke to empty a bottle of catsup into the sugar bowl.-Restaurant Clerk in Globe-

Codfish Cakes and Molasses, A tall and stont visitor to the Astor house rotunda ordered codfish cakes, and placidly instructed the waiter that he wanted some molasses. He was particular to state that he molasses. He was particular to state that he didn't want sugar or maple syrup—he wanted Circulars, A Way Out.

A little Cass avenue girl came home from fish cakes, and seemed to relish them. "Oh, that's nothing," remarked the waiter to mother visitor, "one of our patrons is stuck his pumpkin pie!"-New York Sun.

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