### A SONG OF OLD TIMES.

Love to thak of old time days-go n'all too

clined to ast ; All the sorid was brighter don't matter what

they say. Every heart was lighter an' be thappy on the

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If the the new times brigh 1

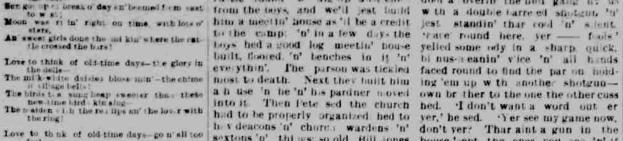
### HOW ANGELS GOT RELIGION.

to Augus, stranger? Yer see 'twas Christian gentleman him-elf, hed afore Angels got to be sech a big been boon 'n' raised a Christian, 'n' camp as 'twas later on, but it was a was a senior churchwarden to boot, rich amp and a mighty wicked one | and that he'd make a Christian of Ah There were lots uv chaps there whe'd jest as soon die in their boots son prayed most powerful that night. as eat: and every other house was a As a of-hand, rough-'n'-tumble, freedance-house or a saloon or a gambling-hell. Pretty Pete and his pird. he hed the whole au lence in tears. ner Five Ace Bob, was reckoned the wickedest m n in the State; an amens 'n' glory hallaluyers off to Old Bill J mes. what kept the Golden West Hotel, had a national reputa-tion for ussin'. The idea of a par-ter to be saved from the devil before sor striking the camp never way the parson was half finished, 'n' he thought uv. but one day I was pi y. made so much noise that i etc hed to ing bank into . ere's game when Five fire a bucket uv water over him to Ace came runnin' in 'n' sez 'lioys. I'll be ---- , but there's an ornery cuss of a par on jest rid up to ones' He's g t a pardner with him, and he 'lows he's going to convert the camp.'



"GINE, AS YES SEE, I'M A MINISTER OF LE G NP L'

"The ---- he is,' says Pete. "I'll finish the deal and go down and see ab ut that' So we all walked down to ones' and thar, sure 'nuff. in the bar, talking with Old Bill, wuz the parson, black coat and white tie 'n' all. He was a big, squar'-shouldered chap with a black beard and keen gray eves that looked right through yer. His pardner was only a boy of hands te drink: 'n' to our surprise the parson 'n' the kid both stepped | cached. and called for red licker 'n' drank it. Alter the drink was finished the parson seat Gent , as yer see, I'm a minister of the Gospel; but I see no harm in any man dr.nking ez long e: he ain't no drunkaid. I drank jus, now because I want you to see that I am not ashamed to do before yer face what I'd do behind yer back.' dight yer are, parson.' sez Pete, 'put it thar, 'n' they shock hands, and then Fete he up and called of the hull gang. Five Ace 'n' Lucky Barnes 'n' i irty Smith 'n' one 'n' all the rest uv 'em. The parson shook hands with all uv us and set he was going to have a meetin' in Shifty Sal's dance-house that night. e 'twas the biggest room in camp'n' ast us all to come, 'n' we sed we would. "When we got outside Pete sez, \*Boys, you mind me that devil dodger'll capture the camp;' 'n' he did That night we all went along down to Shifty's and found the person and the kid on the platform where the fiddlers ust to sit; and every man in camp wuz in the audience. The pa son spoke first lie sed: off I don't want any uv yer dust I've got enult ,fer myself and my young friend. 'n' there won't be no rake-off in this yer meetin'-house, 'n' I'm not here to preach against any man's way o' makin' a livin'. 1 will preach agin drunkenness, and I shall speak privately with the gamblers: b t I want to keep you men in mind of your homes 'n' yer wives 'n' yer sweethearts, and get yer to lead cleaner lives, so's when ver meet 'em ag n er'll not hey to be 'shamed ' and then he sed we'd hey a song, 'n' the youngster he started in 'n' played a concertina and sang, 'Yes We Will Gather at the River,' 'n' there wuzn't one uv us that it didn't remind uv how our mothers ust to dress us up Suzdays 'n' send us to Sunday school and stand at the doo to watch us down street, and call us back to ast if we were sure we lad our clean pocket handkerchur: 'n' I tell ver, mister, thar wurn't a man with dry eyes in the crowd when he'd Bill sones 'n' Alaba n 'n' me sot on a That young feller had a finished. vice like 'a angel. Pete he sad it wuz a tenner v'ice, but Five A e in's. 'n' l'ete 'n' Five Ace they sported offered to bet him 00 to 50 it wuz dimons till yer couldn't rest. Waal, more like a fifteener or a twenty. "Well, things run along for about 'look here, Ralters, this yere camp ain't no jay camp, 'n' we've got to hev a church fer the parson. He's a jim-dandy, and won't ask for nothing. He'd jest natchedly go on prayin' and preachin', 'n' tryin' ter ve a couple of whisky-soaked souls



sextons 'n' thi us; so old Bill Jones 'n' l'ete 'n' Five Ace wuz churchwardens. 'in a month every last man in

were dated to be a set where the table to be a start with the face 'n' hands washed 'n' an oid black suiton, the use of thinkin' an dreamin' lay sol down on the anxious ben h and

kneit down 'n' put his arm round him, 'n' how he did pray: before he got through Lu ky Barnes, ... labam 'n' me wu on the bench too. 'n' l'ete shoved his ( hinaman up the aisle by the collar 'n' sot h m down 'longside "Never heard how we got religion o' me Pete said he was a hightoned Foo or spoll a Chinaman. That par-'n' easy prayer. I never see his beat; 'n' you might have heard Pete's B lier's Flat. Ald Jones wuz a rollulet him down. That meetin' wu: so plom full uv the spirit ez the paron called it that it never broke up gang of ---- fools I ever played for till .: o'clock, 'n' wouldn't er broke

> ati "There wuz over twenty per esses that night not countin' refe's thing- uther valables. Yer stock hez all man. 'n' next Sunday we hed a big baptizm in the creek. 'n' forty uv us was put through. Pete sed he reckoned Ah Foo had better be put hold yer level while I walk out, 'n' tbrough every day for a week or so. wuz enuff, but he give him an extra start 'n' so they did. What c d we came out.

quit ea his shit to deal faro begun

nice an' smooth fer a couple uv the clatter o' huds 'n' knowed they all hi h, some three or four inches months er so toll (hris'mus come wuz gone. I must draw a vail over only, of the top and of the bottom nigh The boys hed been a keepin' mighty straight: there wasn't a man str nger. The langwidge used by in camp that drunked more'n wu bullsome fer him; there hed n't bin a sho tin' scrape fer weeks. Nary a man packed a gun. 'n' when a gent 'ud forgit 'n' drop a cuss word he'd cation gone. 'n' the only arms left If of the latter, a h le should be c t beg paiding. The parson was thick wuz knives 'n' clubs yet we'd hey both for ventilation and for consenwith all the boys, ife writ letters gone after 'em with nothin' but our sence in handling. traw should be 20 or so, with a yeller, curly ha'r for us, advised us about all our biz- hands, bu: we couldn't follow afoot. placed in the ottom, and plenty of pink and white gal's face, and big ness, 'n' knew all about everybod.'s How much did they get? I don't oats or wheat s attered into it. If blue eyes. We all walked in, 'n' Pete affairs. Lots uv 'em gave him their rightly know, but not fur from \$50, bestands to the bar 'n' shouts fer all dust sack to keep fer 'em, 'n' he 000. The hall camp wuz stone-broke, knowed where every man hed his all excep' Ah Foo, 'n' he wut the only

in that old sha k of Sal's 'n', never 'n' ever one turned arou d to find tors to think of old-time day -brightest and name a move . ow I'm gom' to great big black- carded coss at the ru-tie round 'n' dig op dust end ' door a overin' the hold gaug ut us Senger oper oreat of day and be medified must from the boys, and we'll jest build with a double carrie ed sholgon 'u' Moon was nin' right on time with loss' him a meetin' house as 'il be a credit jest standin' that cod 'n' silent don't ver? Thar aint a gun in the for filtering water which is with a house 'cept the ones you see, 'n' if reach of every farmer. There is Love was lots more ave ter than an' more in 'n' Alaham 'n' me wuz made descons, any gent makes any row in this yer nothing patented or expensive about meetin' I'll II his hide so moun fall it, and it may be constructed by the

kid will now take up the collection, is to get two casks as seen in the camp wu worryin' 'hout his future 'n' ez it's the first on : we ever hev engraving-fill the one into which is Love to think of old-time days skies wis al state. Old Bill ones came into taken up yer must make it a liber'l inserted the spont, or in low of water. one, see? a gunn sack. 'n' went through every gravel, charcoal, and peoples-a layer last man in the crowd. He took of gravel first, next six in hes of



"YER SEE MY GAME NOW DON'T YE?"

fingers. The parson hed the drop, 'n' we thew it 'n' never kicked, but jest giv' up our stuff like lambs.

"After the kid hed finished last we ever seed o' him Then the parson he sez. "N' now, gents, 1 must say adoo, ez I must be a travelin', for I hev another meetin' to attend this eye'. I want to say tho', afore I go, thet you're the ornerie-t suckers. A few friends uv mine hev up then only Pete said he'd hey to taken the liberty, while you've been to meetin' this blessed Chris'mas day. uv goin' through yer cabins 'n' dig-

gin' up yer ittle caches uv dust 'n' been stampeded, 'n' yer guns yer'll find some whar at the iottom uv the crick My friend at the door will we will then ke p yer uiet fer a few but t'was jest as this parson sed, when we got out o' thet meetin'

## DOMESTIC

### TOPICS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE

How to Bave Pure Water for Domestic Parposes - Borseshor With a: Nails-General Farm and Household Not-s.

### A Chean Filter.

Our illustration represents a device holes 't won't hold his bones. The merest tyro in mechanics. The plan The kid started out with about half full of alternate layers of



HOMEMADE FILTER.

char oal, then pebbles, then charcoal again then a ew largerstones from the bolt in of this lask to the bottom of the next have a connection of t . n. took the sack outside in thets the gaspipe, which will rise in an ebow to about half way up the depth of the second ca k. The cask is filled with gravel and charcoal just the same as the first. Thus the water is conveyed from the first cask to about half way up the second cask and as it falls by i sown gravity, unde goes . second filte ing. At the bottom of this cask the water, twice fil ered, is drawn off for use. Water from a pump whether from a well, river or tank, may be as read ly filtered in this manner as rainwater.

### Crate for Shipping Live Fowls,

Express chi rges on live poultry being double rates, it is desirable to mak the crate in which | ouitry is sence he'd a ways been a dod gasted minute longe through the winder simpped as light as is con-isient with heathen, but the parson 'lowed onct jest so's we can git a nice cum 'table strength The illustration, from the Ameri an Agriculturist, shows what dip jest tor luck: 'n' I never see a do? The parson walked out grin- is perhaps the best framework for more ornery lookin' cuss in my life ning all over himself 'n' he 'n' his such a c at . I'n em ty grocery box .han that Chinese were when he pais they nai ed up the door 'n' win- of re uisite si e may le sawed in the ders, (thar wu only two, 'n' very middle, making the top and bottom "Waal, stranger, things run along soon after they had linished we heard of the crate though if the box is at the rest uv thet day's purceedings, should be taken. The corner post of inch and a half pine should be well ther boys wus too awful to repeat, nailed to the to and the sides and ends then covered with burlap or cotton cloth The top may be of slats house we found every animal on the lo- or of boards, as shown in the sketch.

potash, and the blending of all cle- His Wife Is Not Lakely to Forget the In ents is effected in the is alloer factomes, whose place ses are put of by the most exact chemical analysis of their mater als.

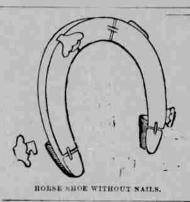
### Figh ng Peach Vellows, The orchardists of Connecticut se-

cured from the last Legislature a bill for t e appointment of a commission of experts whose duty was to be the eradication of "the yellows," that disease that has destroyed so many orchards. There are six Commissioners, who receive that day for their services, which are rendered during uly and August. This commission is empowered to go upon any man's propert and destroy all trees that show any symptoms of the disease. The penalty of opposing the work ranges from to +100 fine, with or prevails more in old than new orchards, but is contagious, and when but extirpation will destroy it. Peach orchards thirty years ago were Connecticut farmer's possessions. This disease destroyed more than

### A Nailess Shoe.

three-lourths of hem.

The cut below shows a recently patented horseshoe whi h is held to the hoof by four clamps instead of the



cotomary nails This will prove a boon to horses with sensitive feet, this scheme permitt ng of the ready removal of the shoe and equally qu ck application.

### Barns and Lightning.

The frequency with which barns are struck by lightning has set some long-headed person to think ng. and | being filled with newly-cut hay and with mournful eyes. grain, become generators of heat, the heat rises in a column several feet above the barn and attra ts the lightning, which readily follows a colum of moist or hot air. When the building is reached by the electric | fluid, sliv rs follow. The rementy suggested is to throw open the doors as much as possible and let the winds blow through, carrying off the unnatural heat and distributing it. This will not give perfect prot ction. Nothin : yet discovered can do that. only safe p ace in a train is the seat But it will prevent the intense heating, the accumulation of heat and vap r, and will consequently break

# ECONOMY. soda is another scarce of mitrogen. TEACHING THE CAT A LESSON. The German mines supply him with

Lerenser.

The man who a way- has a cure for every ill and a remedy tor every evil showed one of his strokes of genius the other day. His wife's cat had

ac uired a londness for one of the lath tubs in the house. Of course this tub was in the next room to the dressing room of the master of the house. Of course, the master of the house doesn't like cata

"rannie," he said, "I found that cat snoozing in my bath tub again to-da ."

"I'm sorry, dear," she said. "I have tried to break her of that habit. but I don't seem to succeed."

"Well we must have that cat drowned." he said, flercely. His wife protested mildly

"That is t e only annoying tri k with ut imprisonment. This disease she has," she said. "It would be a pity to kill her."

"Then," said the man of the house, once it has gained a toothold no hing ... Il take this thing into my own hands "Now, I'll us! explain to you how I'll de it. You know she gets among the most profitable of the into the tub. She takes a run, leaps to the eige and goes in with ut a stop. I'm going to run about three inches of water into the tun, let .t stand there and let ner get a sous-

ing. You know how a cat likes water," he added significantly. He put his plan into operation at

once. That alt moon pussy did her little hurdie race, as usual, over the side of the bathtub. The plan worked to perfection. There was a lou i cry. a streak of cat through the dressing room and a flash into the sew ng room. Near the door of this room stood a perch on which rested in peaceful sicepiness a dignified par. or. The cat tried this hurdle, but missed it, and the parrot, knocked to the floor, added to the force of the cyclone which went raging around the house. A table was knocked over and a statute of the . enus of Millo, already short of arms, was made legless. The adored baby of the house was ir ghtened into spasms, the parrot scolded and screamed herself into a fit and afterward the dripping .at, having made a lightning tour of the house, was found, trembling and subdued, on her mistress' jacket, price 8 15.

"I hope," said the lord of the manor, when he had surveyed the scene of wreckage, "that this will teach your cat a tesson."

· I ope so " said his wife, soothing he h s figured out that the buildings. the baby and looking at her jacket

> "There is only one way to go about such things," said the husband, with satisfaction. "I pride myself on being bie to handle animais" and his wife discreetly said nothing .--New York Tribune.

### Incidents o Rai way Travel.

The hero of the following anecdote, given in "Our wailways," is probably not the only boy who has found by sad experience that the you are entitled to:

Several lads residing at Bedford attend school



"Along jest afore Chris'mus cum. lete called a meetin' uv the deacons



A MEETIN UN THE DEACONS CHURCH WARDENS."

'n' churchwardens down to his place. 'n' after the sexton Ah Foo had brought in a round of drinks he said: Gents, ez chairman ex-officer in this ver layout. I move that we give the parson a little present fer Chris'mus. Yer know he won't take a durn cent. from us, 'n' bever has Uv course he has taken a few thou and from time to time to send to orfins 'n' things ev that kind, but not a red for hisself or pard; 'n' I move that we make Gents, I want to tell yer first him a little present on Chris'mus day, 'n' theedn't be so ---- little, either Gent's in favor'll say so, and gents wot ain't kin keep mum. ( arried, 'n' that settles it Five Ace 'a' me'll take in contributions, 'n' we won't take any ess than he cases."

'That wu: two days afore Chris'mus day, 'n' when it come Fete 'n' Five Ace hed about five thousand in dust 'n' nuggets fer the parson's present. Pete assessed Ah 100 a month's pay, 'n' he kicked hard accordin', but 'twer' n't no use. The day was bright 'n' clear, 'n' at il o'clock every man in camp wuz at church. The little buildin' looked mighty tasty all fixed off with pine tassels 'n' red berries we'd got in the woods, 'n' every man wuz dressed out in his best duds. At 11 exact the parson 'n' the kid, who hed bin standin' at the door shak n' hands 'n' wishin' everybody what cum in merry Chris'mus, cum in 'n' took the r seats on the platform. Pete 'n' Five Ace 'n' bench jest in front o' the platform. We wuy all togged out in our best fixe vaual, the perceedin's opened up

with er prayer from the p son week, 'n' one day Pete come to me | then we hed singin', 'n' it seemed ter me as if I never hed beerd sich singin' in my life sfore ez thet kid let out o' him thet day. Then the parson he started in ter jaw, 'n' I must ellow he giv us a great dis-course I never see him so long-winded afors, thr. 'n' i ete was belike your's, and Bill Jones', which gismin' to get mighty restless 'n' on-easy, when all uv a suddint we beerd , 'n' you'd let him ge on doin' it the door open 'n' shet quick 'n' sharp,

one uv us had sense enulf not to tell thet durned pa son whar he cached his stuff."

### Assaulted by a Drunken Man.

Here is an original way of dealing with a drunken man, adopted with great success by Thomas Jefferson Hogg, the blographer of Shelley. "I was about to enter Covent Garden," he says, "when an Irish laborer, bearing an empty hod, accosted me somewhat roughly, and asked why 1 had run against him. I told him brielly that he was mistaken. Whether somebody had actually pushed the man, or he only sought a quarrel, I know not: but he discoursed for some time as if he considered himseif in ured or insulted, and being emboldened by my long silence, concluded with a cordial invitation just to push him again.

"Several persons not very unlike him in costume had gathered round. and appeared to regard him with sympathy.

"When he paused, I addressed to him slowly and quietly, and wth great gravity, these words, as nearly a. 1 can recollect them:

"'I have put my hand into the hamper; I have looked upon the sacred barley; I have eaten out of the drum! I have drunk and was well pleased; I have said Knox ompax, and it is fin shed."

"Have you, sir?' inquired the astonished Irishman, and his ragged triends pre-sed round him with. Where is the hamper, Paddy?' What bariey.' and the like. And lad.es from his own country, that is to say, the basket-women, suddenly began to interrogate him:

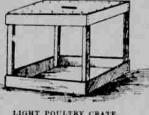
... Now, I say, Pat, where have you been drinking? What have you had?

"I turned, there ore to the right, leaving the astounded neophyte, whom I had thus planted, to expound the mystic words of initiation as he could to his inquisitive compan ons."

## A "Mustang."

According to the dictionaries a mustang is one of the wild horses of the American prairies, small and hardy. The word comes from the mesta or g.aziers," and mesta means a id were overdrawn, the European meaning of mustang, something beto ging to a grazier, so that a mustang horse was such as a graz.er might be expected to ride in herding his sheep. In time the word horse was dropped and the adjective mustag was used alone as a noun. There is a mustang grape, a hardy variety, with small berries.

THE failure of right is reparable that of wrong final.



the birds are to be shipped but a short distance, no water should be placed in the crate, but if sent a long way a tin cup should be provided, and notice pas ed on the outside that the fowls within are to be wat red by the ex ress messenger. If food is provided for a long ourney it should be placed in some receptacle so that the birds will not soil it before it is eaten. Do not crowd birds that are to be shipped a long distance. If they are to be on the way but twentyfour hours, or le-s, some I ttle crowding will not injure them.

### Potato Bugs Love Sunshine,

The putato beetle and larva have made their appearance in England. The London Agricultural Gazette prints a complaint of farmers that they cannot effectively spray with poisons to destroy the slugs, because the spraying only reaches the upper surface of the leat, while the slug is a great part of the time un er che leaf out of reach of any application. This may be the fact in English climate, where on many summer days the under side of the leaf is often the dryest and most comfortable place the bug can find. In our American climate the bug finds plenty of sunshine and when fe ding is always in it. If the larva retires to the underside of the leaf at night it does not then need to eat anything before morning sunshine tempts him to the surface agai . In England, being o much on the under side of the leaf, necessity may force the larva to the habit of eating there But in a clim te thus dam and cool the potato bug will not rap dly increase if his insect enemies are encouraged, or at

izers are made in factories As the cess. The farmer depen is no longer on his barn ard, but pure ases his plant lood in the most approved form, made in factories from the most unpromising sour. es of supply. The Atlantic Coast is patrolled by steames whose occupation is the catching of menhaden or bony fish. After the (II is extracted from these

tent, and probably reduce the liabil- of amuse ...ent ity by one-half.

#### White Clover for Pasture.

White clover is to short and small to be available for hay making, hut we know of no plant that makes a better or more enduring pasture. Land that is once well seeded with white clover is nevel afterward entirely clear from it. reeds form in the heads all thr ugh the season, and they have the faculty of lying in the ground without injury and growing whenever a favorable chance offers. The plant also spread- by trailing on the gound and rooting from the joints, as a strawberry will do, whenever there is a soft and moist place to strike its roots into. -- Ex.

### Farm Notes.

POULTRY that is to be used on the table, if continued and fed on corn | lad was released. and clean water a few days, will be tound to have the flesh sweet, jucy, and tender.

CATTLE should not be shipped directly from the pasture. The more rank and rapid the grass growth, the softer the stock. They should be fed sist in the search, and thinking the some corn at the last.

THE Ohio Experiment Station says that the best of old varieties of strawberries are Wartfeld, Budach, Crescent, and Haverland, and no variety seems to have been found that is likely to supersede them.

A THE horse added 100 pounds to his weight in a m ath when fed three pints of molasse - on clover hay daily. There is danger of resultant indigestion, and care must be taken, but it will make horses sleek and fat.

M. A. THAYER says that berry vines, canes and fruit buds grown this season produce fruit next year attended a cambridge election, where and die This year's growth of plants and buds, then, practi all decided the quantity and quality of fruit that may be expected next year. For this reason the modest vigorous plants shou d be used in the beginning.

BLACK knot on plum and cherry cooled by the dead cat which he retrees prevails wherever those trees ceived full in the face. The man are grown. It can be prevented if who had thrown it apologized proall fruit growers will work together jusely, and assured him that he had to extirpate it . hio has a law only mistaken his alm. against it, which should prove beneficial. It is as much a matter of legislation as the destruction of thistles, against which many of the States have passed law, making it an , hit Mr. Adeane." offense to allow them to grow.

The skim milk from one cow is estimated to be worth \$2. a year. So far as its actual proportion of life-saving service of Toronto, Unt. nutritiou matter is concerned it is more valuab e than cream, because it contains the protein and mineral matter. Its value on the farm de-Catching of meanages or bony han. After the (il is extracted from these fish, the farmer has a claim on what is left as a s urce of nitrogen for bis crops. South American nitrate of neotion with clover and grain.

up the danger column to a great ex-, long ago they hit upon a novel plan One of them

mounted on the shoulders of two comrades, and got his head through the a erture for the samp in the root of the carriage. He surveyed the scenery with great satisfaction, but at Counden Road he discovered-as many wiser people have done-that it is easier to get into a tight place than to get out of it.

He was unable to withdraw his head, and when a porter entered the compartment and endeavored to assist him by tugging at his legs he complained with no small alarm that he was in danger of strangulation.

There was nothing for it but to send on the young gentleman with his supporter, to the next station. He.e the astonished officials uncoupled the carriage and ran it into a siding. A flie and saw were secured, and after considerable trouble the

Another remarkable story is told by a passenger who escaped uninjured from a serious railway smash in Suffork. Seeing a fei ow-traveler searching anxiously among the wreckage with a lante. n, he offered to as. old man had lost his wife, asked in s) mpathetic tones, "What part of the train was she in?"

Raising his lantern and glaring at the kindly-disposed passenger, the old man shouled with indignant istinctness that triumphed over physical infirmity, "She, sir! she! I am looking for my teeth."

### No Comfort.

One of the first clever speeches set down to the credit of Lord Macaulay belongs to his very early days, and must have been entirely spontaneous. When he was in Trinity College, he the mob, with the freedom peculiar to British voters, were hustling the successful candidate.

Missiles of all sorts were flying about, and Macaulay's ardor for public life may have been somewhat

"The cat was meant for Mr. Adeane," said he.

"Then," said Ma aulay, ruefully, "I wish you had meant it for me and

He Was Permanently Retired. It has been discovered that a map who for years has beld a place in the cannot swim, and he has been thrown out of his office in consequence.

EVEN though Napoleon was \$

least not destroyed by poisons. Our Fertilizers. For di erent crops different fertil-Spanish mestengo, "pertaining to great natural resources of prehistoric

"a body of proprietors of black cat. agriculturist has utili ed the finely tie or sheep. From this came the ground sing of the basic steel pro-