On the eighth day of March it was, some peo just run 'em in Bill's hair-we keep it

While others declare 'twas the ninth he was And 'twas all a mistake between midnight

That St. Patrick at midnight he first saw the

and morn : shock.

the clock-Till with all their cross-questions sure no one could know,

If the child was too fasttoo slow.

they say, Was all on account of St. Patrick's birthday Some fought for the eighth-for the ninth more would die,

And who wouldn't see right, sure they black- ming over the floor. ened his eye! At last both factions so positive grew.

They each kept a birthday, so Pat had two.

Combine eight with

mark, If he wasn't twins, sure our history

That at least he's worth any two saints that we know! Then they all got blind dhrunk-which com- the churn.

pleted their bliss. And we keep up the practice from that day

AN ILLINOIS WEDDING.

minister.

Eugene Morris was my first and last love; and though, I must in truth say that the life of a minister's is a sort of refined slavery, still I have never for a moment regretted my choice-Eugene's first call, after our marrlage, was to the village of Brookbo-

ro-a small place in the State of Illi-Our home was primitive, but I had brought with me many luxuries from the east, and we both were young and

I, of course, encountered the trials of most minister's wives. I was critiwondered if I was not the incarnation of original sin itself; and I frequently had doubts whether anybody in the world was to be held responsible for their ill deeds but myself. My parishioners were exceedingly faithful in pointing out the beams in my eyes. If ever a woman had incentives to reforms in the advice of friends, then I monished in some way.

Miss Splitwood said I dressed too much. The minister's wife ought to set a better example before the youngtion to heart, and took the trimming off my bonnet, and wore it with nothing but the cape. Then Mrs. Hale called to tell me that it was a disgrace to the parish, wearing such a dreadful bonnet. People would think that I was of the Quaker peasuasion. So I put the trimming on again. Then old Mrs. Stanley met me on the street, and sald so much blue ribbon was unbenefitting to the wife of a preacher of the gospel; so I laid the blue aside, and appeared in brown

Aunt Sally Lane called the next day before breakfast to know who of my folks were dead-she had noticed that my bonnet was trimmed in mourning.

If I called on a few of my parish they said I was gadding, and pitied "poor Mr. Morrison dreadfully :" if I staid at home, I was "too stuck up to visit poor folks."

larder ran low, I would have an influx of company and the air of Brook- business. boro was peculiarly favorable to the growth of appetite.

In endeavoring to do his command-

I gave shelter to a man who called "Now, elder," cried the bridegroom, returned to his native country to find ter knife, given me by my sister.

But I did not intend to write my own personal history-I was going to would be married where she was or of the two husbands the woman be-

husband received a summons to Burke's settlement, to unite a couple Mr. Morrison stood up-the happy in the bands of wedlock. It was especially requested that his wife should the coverlet, and the ceremony pro- the cure of the use of intoxicating

Mr. Burke, the father of the expect- Dick had been up in the loft, and out on him he said: 'Now that you have ant bride, about noon. A dozen tow- the rope which held it. haired children were at the door Mr. Morrison crawled out looking tonic which I have used with effect

and his woman! They're nothing sure-what else did I come here for ?" orange every morning, a half-hour bebut folks! She's got a man's hat on, and Sally replied, "yaas if you must fore breakfast. "Take that, and you'll and a turkey wing in the front of it; know." and his nose is just like dad's-crook-

ed as a cow horn squash!" Alas for Mr. Morrison's aqualine

nose, of which he was a little vain! from the interior of the cabin, run out show me bow and I'll do it, if it kills taste." and grab the rooster, and I'll clap on me. the pot! Sal, you quit that churn and My husband drew back nervously, A LAUNDRY SECRET.-Take two sweep the floor. Kick that corn dodg- but Saily advanced, threw her arms ounces of fine white gum arabic power under the bed! Bill, you wipe the around his neck and gave him a kiss der, put it into a pitcher and pour to taller out of that cheer for the minis- that made the very windows clatter. it a pint or more of water, and then, ter's wife, and be spry about it !"

do marm. Must excuse my head- greatly to the delight of the company. nothing else can restore them after last week. Work must be did you Don't be afeared to speak."

know. Powerful sharp air, hain't it? Respecting the uncertainty of the birthday Shoo, there! Bill, drive that turkey the fire, marm. Hands cold? Well, long a purpose."

> Bill presented his shaggy head, but declined with an involuntary shud-

And some blam'd the basy and some blam'd this hot corn dodger into yer lap-it's adieu. as good as a soapstone." A fatal squall announced the execu-

tion of the rooster, and shortly after Now the first factions fight it old Ireland ed to her churn, but the extraordina- have gone to the dickens!" ry visitor must have made her careless for she upset the concern, and butter and buttermilk went swim-

"Grab the ladle. Bill." cried Mrs. Burke, "and help dip up. Take keer, 'Till Pather Mulcaby, who showed them don't put that snar! of a hair in. Strange how folks will be so nasty. Said "No one has two birthdays, without he Dick, do keep yur feet out of the but-Says he, "Boys, don't be fightin' for eight or termink-it won't be fit for the pigs Don't be always dividin'-but sometimes that hen, be quick-she's picked up a pound of butter already. There, So let that be his birthday." "Amen," says keerful. If you are a gwine to be New England, to the prejudice of all the past. Every criminal would rathcrazy about it."

By the time I got fairly warmed,

At the age of eighteen I married a row, I signified my desire to retire.

afeared. Sam, and Bill, and Dick. and all the rest of ye, hide yer heads it one after another. Our debates and the centennial year will see the while the Elder's wife goes up." "Look out for loose boards marm, that I wrote and printed an anony

And mind, or you'll smash your mous pamphlet on 'The Nature and brains out, against the beam, take Necessity of a Paper Currency." keer of the hole where the chimbly It was well received by the com-

bled and fell headlong thro' what ap- money, and they happening to have it was only to the room I had just left to answer it, their opposition slackcised and found fault with, until I where I was saved from destruction ened, and the point was carried by a by Bill, who caught me in his arms majority in the house. The utility of and set me on my feet, remarking of this currency became, by experi-

We generally use the ladder."

got to bed. The less said about that trade, buildings, and inhabitants all

Bill and Dick, and four others, slept had; not a day passed but I was ad- in the same room with us, and made the air vocal with their snoring. I fell asteep, and dreamed I was just being fired from the muzzle of a columbaid, and was awakened by Mr. Morlings of her flock. I laid her admoni- rison, who informed me that it was

The marriage was to take place before breakfast, and Sally was already clad in her bridal robes when I de- it was wit in his means, he would

She was magnified in a green calico gown, over crinoline full four inches larger than the rest of her apparel -a white apron with red stringsblue stocking-a yellow neck-ribbon and white cotton gloves. Her reddish beir was fastened in a plug behind, and well adorned with the tail feathers of the defunct rooster be-

When it was announced that Lem. Lord, the groom, was coming, Sally dived behind a coverlet, which had been hung across one corner of the room to conceal sundry pots and kettles, and refused to come forth. Mr. Lord lifted one corner of the curtain and peeped in, but quickly retreated Just as surely as the supply in my hind and a few sharp words from Sally, advising him to mind his own

bright buttons. The entire suit had the will was also found in the coffin, All the straggling ministers, tract been made for his grandfather on a the authorities at the same time acagents, beggars and vagabonds came similar occasion. His hair was well quainted the relatives with the death to the personage; and we were oblig- greased with tallow, and his huge feet of the testator. After the usual peried to entertain them, because Eugene encased in sheep skin pumps. Very od of mourning, the wife contracted said, by thus doing we might enter- soon the company began to gather, a second marriage. The first husband and in half an hour the room was fill- had, however, again saved a consider-

himself a colporteur, and who proved "dive a head! I wan't it done up his wife married to another man. his right to wear rings by stealing a short. I'm able to pay for the job- The event has caused great sensadozen sillver napkin rings and a but- do yer best. Come Father Burke trot tion in the neighborhood, and it is out yer gal!"

give you a glimpse of an Illinois wed- not at all. We argued, and coaxed, longs.- Jewish World. but she was firm; and we finally On fine day in the early winter, my concluded to let her have her own

couple joined hands through a rent in tution recently a gentleman said of accompany him, and we should be ceeded. Just as Mr. Morrison was drinks: "I overcame the appetite by expected to remain over night and asking Lemuel, "will you have this a recipe given to me by old Dr. Hatwoman, etc.," down came the cover- field, one of those good old physicians It was twenty miles to the settle- let, enveloping the bride groom and who did not have a percentage with a ment and we reached the log house of pastor and filled the house with dust. neighboring druggist. When I called

awaiting our arrival. They telegraph- sheepish; and Sally was obliged to smong my friends for twenty years. marry openly. To the momentous I expected, of course, some nasty med-"Marm! marm! here's the Elder questions Lemuel responded, "To be icine stuff; but no. He prescribed an

rison, when all was over.

ble, Elder," said Lemuel, "but skin my tongue, and it would be as well to

"I vum if I don't do ditto!" cried having covered it, let it stand all Further remarks were cut short by Lemuel, and hastily taking a huge night. In the morning pour it carebite from a piece of maple sugar, fully from the dregs into a clean bot-Mrs. Burke, in calico short gown, which he drew from his pocket, made the and cork it and keep it for use. A blue petticoat and bare-feet, came a dash at me, smashed my collar, tablespoonful of gum water stirred in forward - wiping her face on her broke my watch guard into a dozen a pint of starch made in the usual pleces, tore my hair down, and sue- way will give the lawns, either white

"Whatever you please," said Mr. Morrison.

his pocket. "There, Elder," said he, "there's a muskrat skin, and out in the shed is two heads of cabbage and you are wel-

come to the hull of it." My husbund bowed his thanks-the young people went to dancing. Mrs. "Law, if she sin't satilly a shiver- Burke went to getting breakfast, and ing?" cried Mrs. Burke-"bring in at my earnest request, Mr. Morrisome more wood. Here, marm, take son got our horse and we bade them

I never could have lived through another meal in that house

I have since heard that Mr. Lord he was bounding about in a four-pail said if he had seen the elder's wife kettle hung over the fire. Sal return- before she was married, "Sally might Alas! "It might have been!"

BENJ. FRANKLIN ON INFLATION.

In his outobiography, page 185, Dr. Benjamin Franklin says:

spliced to-morrow, you needn't run creditor. We had discussed this point er look shead than to take a glance at will please take notice.

D. W. PIERSON, in our junta, when I was on the side | the ugly past .- Republic. "I'd advise you todry up!" remark- of addition, being persuaded that the ed the bride elect, thumping away at first small sum struck in 1723 had done much good, by increasing the trade, employment and number of inhabiposessed me so fully of the subject south on the high road to wealth.

mon people in general, but the rich Her warning came too late. I caught men disliked it, for it increased and peared to be interminable space, but no writers among them that were able ence, so evident as never afterward to "What made you come that way? be much disputed, so that it grew soon to £55,000, and in 1739 to £80, I was duly commiserated, and at last | 000, since which it arose to £350,000-

A Strange Story.

the while increasing.

A curious incident is reported in the American papers. About ten years ago a Jew in straitened circumstances left Transylvania for America to improve his position in the new world. He left a wife and several children behind, and promised that as soon as

send them some money from Amerioa. There fortune smiled on him, and when he had amassed the sum of 60,000 florins he resolved to return home and surprise his family with his wealth. He started without having apprised his family of his intended return, and on his way home he arrived at Hamburg, where he was seized with so dangerous an illness that he made a will bequeathing all his property to his wife. He recovered, however, only to find that during his illness his money had been stolen from him. A few benevolent persons, collected about 100 florins, wherewith the unfortunate Jew resolved to return to America in order to retrieve his fortunes. In the meanwhile the nurse had decamped with hisbooty to America, where, shortly after his arrival. he died suddenly. The American authorities sent the coffin, with the 60 .-Lemuel was dressed in blue, with 000 florins, to Transylvania, and, as able sum of money, and eventually

stated that a conference of rabbis is But Sally refused to be trotted, she about to be held to determine to which

A Simple Cure for Drunkenness.

At a festival at a reformatory instithe moral courage, I'll tell you the neither want fiquor nor medicine.' I "Salute your bride," sald Mr. Mor- have done so regularly, and find that liquor has become repulsive. The "I'm ready to do anything reasona- taste of the orange is in the saliva of

"How do you do, Elder? how'd ye ceeded in planting a kiss on my nose or printed, a look of newness when hain't had no chance to comb since "Now, Elder, what's the damage? they have been washed .- Watertown

No Case .- 'Well, Jacob?' 'Vhell, dot vos bad,' sighed Jacob 'Jacob, they had to bring you down here on a wheelbarrow.'

'Ish dot impossible!' 'And you made a great disturbance,' 'Vhell-py golly!' 'You must have imbibed at least a jundred glasses, Jacob,

'Vhell! vhell!' 'And whyfore did you to so?' 'I gant dell-I knows nottings more

'You have never been here before.' 'Not so much as one dime.' 'And you'll be careful after this?" 'Shust as careful is a leedle chilt.'

'If you come here again-look out!' 'I shall look me oud like fox, all de vhile.'- Free Prise.

The New York Tribune having remarked that the time has passed for CORN BY THE WAGON LOAD carrying elections on the records of the past and empty promises for the future,' the Washington Chronicle "About this time, in 1730, there was wants to know 'what better record can a cry among the people for more mon- a party have than a good one for past ey, only fifteen thousand pounds be- fidelity 7 To which may be added, ing extant in the province of Massa- what party can have a worse record for when the butter is gathered. Drive chusetts, and that soon to be sunk. dishonesty and lack of patriotism The wealthy inhabitants opposed any than the present Democratic party ?addition, from an apprehension that It is no wonder that the leaders of Sal, do try and churn a little more it would depreciate, as to had done in that organization object to referring to

The Republic says: 'If the southern States have failed to become prosperous, the fault is not in the measdinner was ready and you may be tants in the province, since I now saw ures of reconstruction, but in the peosure I did not hurt myself by over eat- all the old houses inhabited and many ple themselves. If southern Demonew ones building. I remember- crats had worked one-half as earnest-Night came on early, and after a so- ed well when I first walked about the ly to help reconstruction as they have cial chat about the event of the mor- streets of Philadelphia, eating my to oppose it, peace, security, happiroll, I saw most of the houses of Wal- ness and prosperity, would be fully Sal lighted a pitch knot and began nut street, between Second and Front possessed by the south to-day. It is climbing a ladder in one corner of the streets, with bills on their doors, To not too late to learn wisdom from the let' and many likewise on Chesnut past. Let the intelligence and wealth "Come on," she cried-"don't be street made me then think that the of the southern States unite in efforts inhabitants of the city were deserting to build up, instead of tearing down,

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