In the days when steamboating on the western rivers was at the zenith of its prosperity, and fast boats were run by faster men, the chances of a safe pascage were few and far between—the accidents were the rule, the safe journey rather the exception. And yet we can be brother into whose house he had been brother into whose he had b rather the exception. And yet we can brother into whose house he had been hardly find it in our hearts to blame taken, and thanked him with such those who only followed out the wishes of their patrons, who, as a general thing would prefer to run the risk of blowing up a few times rather than be passed by an opposition boat. When timid o'd women gave lard to feed the flames under the trembling boilers, and invalids seeking health in travel, were the first to propose that a barrel of rosin should be pitched into the fire to add speed to the lagging craft, we cannot wonder that most persons also, partaking of the general excitement, should offer to sit upon the safety-valve until victory was won, or a short passage made "beyond the river."

It was in that age of steamboat racing,

words as as a warm and grateful heart could frame to pronounce under such circumstances, and pledged himself to remunerate him so far as he could do it, as soon as his means would allow. The old man, with watery eyes and unsteady voice, said, as he grasped his hand:

"My brother, let this be a striking lesson to you, and should you ever meet a friend, but much more a worthy brother Mason, in like destitute circumstances, you should contribute to his necessities as far as your ability will permit without material injury to yourself."

"God helping me, I will remember the timely admonition."

Accompanied to the boat, the restored those who only followed out the wishes words as as a warm and grateful heart

It was in that age of steamboat racing, sions, that an acquaintance of ours who adieu, and probably has not since met lived at the south, and who had been them; but there is a warm place in his spending a summer at the north, took passage for New Orleans on board a boat lying at La Salle. We would not intimate that the La Salle boat was go- him in his dire calamity.

All kinds ing through to New Orleans, for that was a feat not often accomplished by the smaller boats, but he was to exchange that for a larger one at St. Louis, and run his risk of completing his journey on

lower than usual. In fact he found that he had not more than enough money to pay his cigar bill while on the trip, and that by a system of self-denial to which he had not been accustomed. But that could be managed provided the trip was ditions referred to told us that breeding

Each stopped at pretty much every the fleece of either of the parents.

Inding along the Illinois, and conse
The peculiar circumstances of which

was resorted to and sticks of wood dipped in the inflammable substance, were placed in liberal quantities under the quivering boilers. This pushed her Add to these considerations the in-

line had been cast off, the ponderous wheels, starting with an unusual speed, commenced their revolutions, and the vessel was already backing out from the levee, when a vast volume of steam and smoke, filled with sticks, iron and timbers, instantaneously followed by a deafening sound, proved to the experienced in travel that the boat had blown up.—Our friend was in the cabin nearly over the bursting boiler, and even as the hot steam came through the thin barrier on steam came through the thin barrier on devoid of conscience and accustomed to

above the blinding steam, which, owing to the prevalence of a wind blowing off shore, passed away nearly horizontally across the stream. He also found on arriving on the upper deck that he was severely scalded. In an instant his condition flashed through his miod—badly injured, with no money in his pockets and among strangers. On the impulse of the moment he gave that sign which has saved thousands who were ready to perish and which, in a civilized country was never made in vain. The pain from his wounds became so great that in a few moments he fell in a state of helpless insensibility.

whom we owe everything, whom should love better than all else, is called upon to damn others, and lend assistance to all that is vile and cruel.

He was sorry to say that women swore—women of culture and emisent in society, women that he knew— and that there is a tendency in that direction. He spoke of the alarming prevalence of the spoke of the alarming prevalence of the vice, and wondered that woman, in whose name all that is pure and good is associated, could become so degraded and so loathsome: that a mother addicted to profanity would dare-food upon her innocent the fell in a state of helpless insensibility.

in a few moments he fell in a state of helpless insensibility.

When the explosion took place, there was quite a number of people on the levee, who were watching the steamer's departure, but immediately thereafter, and in an incredible space of time, it seemed as if the whole population had congregated there. As soon as the disabled vessel was brought to shore, she was boarded by two or three of the best known citizens, among whom was a physician, who made their way in spite of all obstacles, to the upper deck. They had seen the sign and were proceeding to answer it. A litter was improvised from a shuttar wrenched from the "texas," and the yet insensible man was with vila oaths, and when forced to the hoped he was mistaken in its extent.

There are men standing high in society, good to their families, and looked up on with great favor by their fellow-men, who are guilty of this vice. They see no harm in it. They do not mean anything by it; it is mere thoughtlessness. Ah, but that won't do. There is a sacred reverence which they owe to their Creator that must not be disregarded. Like stealing, which becomes such a habit with some that they really do not know when they do steal, so does profane swearing become habitual. Young men will enter the society of the refined and cultivated and pollute the atmosphere around them was with vila oaths, and when forced to as," and the yet insensible man was borne carefully and tenderly to the best and most commodious dwelling in the

The citizens cared for the injured persons in a very kind and Christian man sons in a very kind and Christian man ner, kept them until the next boat passed down, and then as they were able, they placed them on board and bid them God-speed on their way.

Some will tell you that it is not the bad and evil-disposed who are profane swearers. There is a general, a fine brave man, the very soul of honor, whose of the controller of the controller at t God-speed on their way.
When our friend came to himself, he

was lying on a comfortable bed in a spacious room, and anxious faces, both male and female, were bending over him -His wounds had been dressed and he was now comparately free from pain.—
Addressing himself to one who was near-

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pelled to quarter upon the hospitality of | F. T. DUKE & CO. his new friends, for he was fearfully injured. But at last the day came when he could safely depart. He had before explained his destitute condition, and had only to thank his preservers for sa-ving his life; for to this day he believes that the medical aid and kindly care which he received were the means of

Accompanied to the boat, the restored and consequently of steamboat explo- brother then bade his Masonic brethren

> CROSSING MERINOS WITH MUT-TON BREEDS

We cannot resist the testimeny which the current year affords in favor of crossing the American Merino with the larger Our friend was a young man, just commencing life for himself, and consequently not materially burdened with funds, and when he had secured his past and invalidated by the results of sage. found that his exchequer was even experiments, made, in many cases, with

made safely, and trusting to former im-munities from accident and the care of Merino ewe would, first endanger the Providence, he went on board.

The weather was fine, the company on board agreeable, the management of the cuisine admirable, and the voyage commenced with all the appliances of a pleasant and successful trip. As it happened, another boat belonging to another weaned it would be a weakling, likely to line started out nearly at the same time perish with the first blast of winter; as that upon which our friend embarked. and third, that the fleece of the produce Of course there was a strife between would certainly be uneven in fibre, and them which should reach St. Louis first. generally inferior in quality and value to

quently, sometimes one was in advance and sometimes the other. Town after town was passed and still neither had sometimes peculiar circumstances of which sheep husbandry in this country has of late been the victim, induced many shepther town was passed and still neither had dvantage. The passengers by many writers, and to test the c began to partake of the desire cherished by the efficers and crew to beat their antagonist, and soon opinions were expressed backed by bets of a magnitude that would be astonishing now, on the

speed of the respective crafts.

The firemen joined in the excitement and dark clouds of heavy smoke continually rolled from the chimneys, while the lambing season with no unusual perthe steam in its struggles to escape found new seams in the boilers, and hissed louder as if in joy at its emancipation. The opposition boat, in a stretch of ten miles and no stop, was drawing slowly ahead. The ever present rosin lambs of 1870 and previous years have

the quivering beilers. This pushed her ahead so the next landing was made simultaneously. While at the shore the fires were kept up and no steam allowed to escape for the few minutes required to discharge and receive freight and passengers, for it was necessary to come off a victor in the race, that every means of accelerating speed should be adopted.

The passenger last on the plank or "stage" had just reached the deck, the line had been cast off, the penderous of the produce over that of the pure Merino, and we do not hesitate to commend the continuance of the practice until the clip of good mutton, shall be largely greater in our markets than they are at present.

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the bursting boiler, and even as the hot steam came through the thin barrier on which he stood, he felt his footing give way and that he would fall into the vortex c eated by the explosion below. As quick as thought, he sprang to the door, and as he reached it he saw the floor upon which he had been standing, settle into the fiery abyss below.

On looking about he saw that the "hurricane deck" was uninjured, and to it he made his way. There he was above the blinding steam, which, owing to the prevalence of a wind blowing off shore, passed away nearly horizontally which host are to have a more devoid of conscience and accustomed to lying will not come nearer the truth when placed under oath.

It is disgraceful, degrading and ignoble to call upon God upon every petty occasion, and use his name as one would a foot-ball. Who that has any spirit would permit another to cast vile epithets upon his mother, wife, sister or any one that is dear to him? Yet the great God to whom we owe everything, whom should love better than all else, is called upon to damn others, and lend assistance to all that is vile and cruel.

and pollute the atmosphere around them with vile oaths, and when forced to leave by the police or others, and remonstrated with for their disgraceful con-

duct say, "Did I do so and so? Really it was pure thoughtlessness." oaths fly as fast as the cannon shot in battle, and there is an admiral, who is like. wise a good man, but indulges in profan-Is there any excuse for such men? He claimed that a person had no more right to take the name of the Lord in vain than he had to insu't him or his family, and closed by calling unon the one more oath and let that be to never

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