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Look at them shepe a lien in
The fence corners a waiting for grass!
Yis, and they we bin a waiting som ov
Them weex! Ind if they wasn't.
Puld they'd a bin "shakin ther lox"
At yu and sed "U dun it!" (That thur
Is from Hamlet, won of Shakspur's plais.)
As another poit see "Grass riffused makes
The stumak ake." So these shepe will
Never open thur I onto grass agin—no.

See the shotes
A lenin on the fence to squele!
Luk at them mity eres "a hanging pendent
Onto such little hogs! See a hundrid
Gud shotes reduced down to a even
Korn baskit full!

Mark Twain's First Earthquake. A month after I landed in Sacrament where in sight in that thickly built and opulous quarter were a man in a buggy behind me, and a street car wending slowly up the cross street. Otherwise, all was solitude and a Sabbath stillness. seemed to roll under mei nwares, intergrouped by a violent juggling up and one of the continue of the contin

the said that the tandent first Transmen, during the town of effice that seems have been builded and have

A Japanese Excention.

a Correspondent of the San France Bulletin. Yоконама, Feb. 27, 1872. The decapitation of four men at Tol

The decapitation of four men at Tobe (Yokohama) for the crime of stealing some forty rios, (in value about as many dollars), is thus described by an eye-witness of the mournful scene: The execution ground was fenced in in the form of a corral, and stood amidst fields of waving barley. In one corner of this enclosure was a mat-shed, and just outside of it an ominous group of treesominous, at least to condemned prisoners, for the fast-decaying skulls which lie around too plainly tells the tale of that sequestered spot. The birds and dogs have been at work in this offensive burying place, and have unearthed those

Now your cum wer.

Everybody's feed and Korn and things.

Hev all been fed out! Now look at
Our kritters, will ye? See our Kats!
On the lift, a hovin to be steaded by
Thur tales when they gits up a moraings!

Look at our hossis wats all reduced.

To skeletons a weeping over a trot;
A hull troft full of kobs.

A null troft full of bit e, reckeleckshuns!

Now lak at them hogs as has bin A follerin them katel wat hev bin Stuffed with ha! See'em, will ye, a creepin Round as if theyes teecheD with corns, Look at ther eres, will ye—bigger nor Enny cabbitch lefe:

Yes, that thurs of yer doins, U lardy, loitering Spring—a hanging bak is youv bin a doin.

But now youv cum!

We feel yare cheerin present wen we
Git round onto the south side ov the barn!
We her the bens a kaklin when they've
Laid a eg! We see the horse radish
A starting up alongside the garding
Fens! The wimmen is a lukin into
The old tea-pot after garding seeds,
And all these things make me think youv'
enm! I enjoyed my first earthquake. It was one which was long called the great earthquake, and it is doubtless so distinguished till this day. It was one which was just after noon, on a bright October day. I was coming down Third October day. I was coming down Third tendants, complacently awaiting the arrival of the sorrowful procession from the prison. Apxious to have a chat with the chief headsman, a man apparently fifty or sixty years of age, we enter the mat-shed and wish them good slowly up the cross street. Otherwise, all was solitude and a Sabbath stillness. As I turned the corner, around a frame house, there was a great rattle jar, and it occurred to me that here was an item! no doubt a fight in that house. Before I could turn and seek the door, there came a really terrific shock; the ground seemed to roll under me in waves, interrupted by a violent juggling up and down, and there was a heavy grinding noise as of brick houses rubbing togeth er. I fell up against the frame house and hurt my elbow. I knew what it was now, and from mere reportorial instinct, nothing else, took out my watch and as I reeled about in the pavement, trying to keep my footing, I saw a sight!—

The entire front of a tall four-story brick building in Third street sprang out like a door and fell sprawling across the street, raising a dust like a great volume of smoke. And here came the buggy—overboard went the man, and in less than I can tall it the whole valide was discovered by the hills and coppices around, a thrill of pain, of sympathy for those on whom another sun, another morn, will never brighten, is falt by almost every heart that's there. Now it is within a few yards. Three men are carrying as many boards held aloft on poles, there was a great rattle jar, and integration integration in the prisoners. We then casually examined the executioner's sword, a long, two-banded one, and doubtless of the best steel, and received an invitation to look over the prisoners. We then casually examined the executioner's sword, a long, two-banded one, and couples as of the best steel, and received an invitation to look over the prisoners. We then casually examined the executioner's sword, a long, two-banded one, and doubtless of the best steel, and received an invitation to look over the prisoners. We then casually examined the executioner's sword, a long, two-banded one, and doubtless of the best steel, and received an invitation to look over the prisoners. morning, which is politely returned light eigars, and enter into conversation regarding the prisoners. We then casu ally examined the executioner's sword

have been at work in this offensive burying place, and have unearthed those remnants of the dead. The dread hour appointed for the sentenced culprits to expiate their crimes, is 7 a. m., and we find it wants thirty minutes of that hour yet. But already a numerous and somewhat motley group of foreigners and natives are assembled, and some of the more callous indulge in a seemly conversation and rude jokes. While moving about the spot we observe the preparations which have been made for the execution. A horizontal bar, upon which are four ominous spikes projecting upthe homes of the purchasers until about two years ago, when they seemed worn out, and were used by the children as playthings. One of the brushes was lost, but a few days ago a singular discovery was made in relation to the other. are four ominous spikes projecting up-ward—and whereon it is readily sur-mised, the heads of the doomed crimi-nals will be bleaching in the sun for two or three days—stands about two yards covered set in the wood and carefully from the fence, near the mat-shed on covered with pink cotton: The exact covered with pink cotton: The exact

one side, and the gate on the other.—
Opposite to this are two holes in the ground, the dimensions of which are

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well on some string for continue the mode transport of the modern transport of

Opposite to this are two holes in the ground, the dimensions of which are about three feet by one and a half feet, and some eighteen inches deep. Besides these the poor wretches will have to kneel when beheaded, that their heads may fall into them; they also receive their blood. There are a number of straw mats lying near, in which, we are told, the bodies will be wrapped and buried. Near one of these holes—the one where the executioner will first perform the sanguinary duty of his revolting office—is a white handkerchief on a staff. Thus it will be seen that the arrangements are neither elaborate nor pervaded by that mournful air which see should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at those should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at those should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at those should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at those should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at those should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at those should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at those should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at those should characterize the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the occasion of the substitution of shaving the occasion. In the buts sit the executioners and their at the occasion. In the occasio

When a people contrive to make saucepans, fine pocket handkerchiefs, and sailors' waterproof overcoats out of paper, they may be considered as having pretty thoroughly mastered the sublect, —and this is claimed for the manufacture in paper, with the additional little touching incident that the saucepans are generally used over charcoal fires.

According to their own account, these ancient islanders wrote upon silk, faced with linen, and also used very thin woodshavings for the same purpose, until nearly the close of the third Christian era. About A. D. 280, paper was first

indifference to the horrible fate which awaited him—steps up to play his part in this dreadful tragedy—another aim—another gleam of that terrible weapon of death, and the last victim sinks to earth "asleep"—asleep in death. This seem of blood is now ended, and four human heads are upon those ugly spikes, bleaching in the sun, as a terrible warning to law-breakers But painful as this recital may be, the Japanese inflict far greater punishments on those guilty of is forging, homicide, etc., crucifixion being quite common.

DIAMONDS AROUND.

In the summer of 1870, (July 10.) I sowed an acre of summer and winter turning seed (principally the sweet kind) in a young vineyard where the ground was in fine tilth for the reception of small seed. The result was a large yield of excellent large roots, which I gathered during the season and fed to my milch cows. The flow of milk was greatly increased, and I

A Valuable Blamond Found in a Shaving-Brush.

About eighteen years ago two gentlemen of this city—well known in the mercantile circles—purchased two shaving-brushes from the drug house of Plumb & Leitner. The brushes were of the ordinary kind, and cost, we suppose, about 50 cents each. The brushes were kept at the barber shops and at the homes of the purchasers until about indication in the flow of milk.

Season and fed to my mileh cows. The flow of milk was greatly increased, and I must commence with a war, involving a sacrifice on our part of a greater or less number of valuable lives on the battle-field, a far greater loss of life from miasmatic diseases, malaria, and the many maladies incident to a campaign in a troplical country, far from our base of suppose, about 50 cents each. The brushes were kept at the barber shops and at the homes of the purchasers until about Year, when the roots gave out; and since then I have discovered a perceptible diminution in the flow of milk.

I would not advise a to sudden change of feed from anything clse to roots; but a gradual change can be made, and but little, if any, taste of the turnips will be perceived. From my experience in the feeding of milch cows, my decided preference is for turnips and clover hay, mixed with wheat bran. If these articles are properly used, the flow of milk and yield of butter will be all that anyone could desire. Every one who feeds cows and can raise turnips, should never fail to put in a sufficiency for the purpose. Cows will eat them as readily as corn,