Perests and the Rainfall.

During the early stages of the discussion regarding the influence of forests grocery in Keckuk, and he had a call Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company upon the annual rainfall, we are induced, from a little boy the other night who had commence i relaying the track of the by what was deemed most significant been sent to get a \$2 bill changed. The branch of that roud from Stephenson's testimony, to take the ground that as boy received the change and returned depot to Winchester, in the valley of vet there was not sufficient evidence on home with it, when it was discovered hand to justify the popular opinion that that there was a quarter which was rath- chester, quite a crowd assembled to see the removal of forests resulted in the er ragged, though good, in the change, the first train arrive. Later in the day diminution of the annual rainfall. On and also that the quarter was just twenty an old darkey was noticed examining the other hand, we have the testimony of five cents more change than the folks very minutely the locomotive. It was at Professor Draper and the meteorlogical who sent the bill were entitled to. The the time standing motionless on the track. record to prove that the average rainfall boy was sent back to return it, and of although steam was up and the engineer over the United States, taken year for course the ragged "fractional" was sent was in the parlor polishing some of the year during the last fifty years, has with him. Entering the store and hold. brass work. Over and over the darkey neither increased nor diminished, though | ing out the ragged money, the boy said: | went about that engine. Every portion the removal of timber has been rapid and constant. Although we were in- a quarter-" clined to consider this opinion regarding the annual rainfall as sustained by abundant evidence, we were also ready to admit that the clearing of forests did result in an increase in the violence and number of our local freshets. This effect was attributed to the fact that forests serve to check the too rapid melting of the snow, while they also serve to hold the surface water and prevent its too rapid flow down the hill-sides to the streams below. Then, again, the irregu larities of surface, caused by the elevation around the base of each tree trunk, and the intervening depressions thus do you dink I pin gone grazy mit my caused, would seem to act as so many basins, in which the falling water might | Now make yourself seldom, right away, collect, and from which it must pass pefore I put shoulders on your head," leaves also present an extended surface, behind the counter. upon which a certain amount of water is always retained, and from which it is hey; all right, all right, 'squire, I'm just | tenance at the sight. Several persons evaporation. We are thus prompted to out. review our reasons for believing that the removal of forests increases the liability to freshets and consequent inundations, is what I like to see petter as notings intention of the engineer. The saile in view of the fact that a recent French else. I lofe an honest poy, and I shoost still lingered on his face, and he reached writer, M. Valles, in a work entitled pin trying you, sonny. Yaw, it was me cautiously for the whistle rope. The "Etudes sur les Inondations," takes op- what makes shange mit ter pill, and I crowd held their breath, and waited for posite ground. The main argument ad. knows it all der same, put I drying you. the fun. The old fellow was still leanvanced in support of his opinion that forests do not diminish the violence of inundations, is that over wooded districts, "mosses and plants abound, beds selecting an apple about the size of a forth in a roar; the engineer sat down of dry leaves accumulate yearly, and fill up all the interstices; the roots of or on the head said: "Now run along home, sonny, and dell your when that whistle burst forth the old when that whistle burst forth the old when the control of the said on one of his seats and held his sides. trees themselves fill up the fissures in folks vat a nice, p-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-t old man just threw up his hands, jumped the rocks." On the other hand, the shentleman it vas who gif you dot nice writer claims that in the cleared regions the ground is kept plowed and clear of weeds, while the countless numbers of furrows and ditches give the soil more time and opportunity to absorb the yer of great ability, for many years a water. On reviewing this argument, it member of Congress from Iowa, and for is evident that the writer, in support of a long time Chairman of the Committee his theory, is led into certain evident in- of Elections in the House of Representa consistencies. For instance, it is claimed tives, has added to his public services as against the forests that the roots of the publication of "A Treatise on the the trees fill up the "fissures in the American Law of Elections." This conrocks:" and yet immediately afterward tribution to political and legal literature and in the same connection, we are in- is a timely one. formed that in the cleared regions the The volume includes in a compact ground is kept plowed, although the form all the adjudications of the courts plowing and furrowing of rocky slopes and other tribunals of the country is a rare occurrence. It is true that the touching cases of elections involving the vineyard districts along the Rhine are following points: 1. The qualifications often the most barren of hill-sides, and of voters. 2. The qualifications, duties, vet they are hardly such as the term and powers of election officers. 3. The "rocky fissures" would indicate. Grant- times, places, and manner of holding ing, however, that in exceptional cases elections, and the notices thereof. the effect may be as stated, it is evident The prima facia right to an office. that to us in America the conditions may Eligibility to office. 6. Practice and be altered. It is a demonstrable fact evidence in contested election cases. that the removal of forest in many of Imperfect ballots. 8. Violence and inour wooded districts is not followed by timidation. 9. Fraud and illegal voting. the subsequent cultivation of the land, 10. Prosecutions for violation of election and hence the leaf-covered surface, now laws. 11. Civil liability of election and hardened by the direct action of the sun's rays, soon becomes an impenetrable table, from which the water runs without impediment to the streams below. We would not have given to the discussion of this question so extended a space were it not that the subject is one of general interest, the recent floods in Europe having served to direct public attention to it, and already active measures are being taken to prevent the in-discriminate destruction of timber, and in cases of cleared lands the owners are advised to begin a regular system of tree-planting. While those who are now suffering from these causes are engaged in devising a remedy, we of this country would do well to adopt the wiser course, and by "prevention" avoid the need of -Appleton's Journal.

An Historic Phrase Disputed,

At a banquet of the Veterans of the Mexican war, held on Tuesday evening. L. B. Mizner, of Solano, in the course of an eloquent address, took occasion to correct a fabrication which had passed into history, attributing to Gen. Taylor, the hero of Buena Vista, the slang admonition, "A little more grape, Captain Such language was unworthy of the man and the historic moment, when the result of the most desperate and memorable battle of the war was wavering in the balance, and nothing, said Mr. Mizner, would have been more foreign to the character of Gen. Taylor, from misconduct resulting from ignoin his manner in trying emergencies rance. The cases of fraud are to be than such an exclamation. "Holding reached by public opinion, which must "all hands and the cook" could get a Gen. Taylor," said the speaker, "I was seated on my horse immediately near is published by R. B. Ogden, of Keokuk, him, when Captain Bragg dashed up and E. B. Myers, of Chicago. - Chicago hurriedly, saluted the General, and re- Tribune. ported, 'General, I shall have to fall back with my battery or lose it.' Several of his guns had already been dismounted, a large part of his horses killed, and about thirty of his men were prostrate on the heath. On receiving the report, General Taylor turned on his horse and surveyed the situation for a few seconds-be required no field glass, for the scene of conflict was not far removed-and the reply was Captain Bragg, it is better to lose a battery than a battle.' This was the interview on which was based the famous sleng phrase that was never uttered by the General to whom it was imputed. Captain Bragg returned to his battery with renewed determination, and by the effects of that gallant officer and his brave command the tide of bettle was igt. 16.

" I Lofe an Honest Poy."

There's a German who keeps a corner

"Yes you did, and here's a quarter-" life did I see such a poys. I dells you, you nefer shanged me mit any pills."

"Why, I was in here not half an hour ago, and you gave me a quarter-" "Gif you some quarters-gif you some juarters! Donnerwetter, young feller! prains! I don't gif you some quarters.

"Now," said the German, putting himapple."- Keokuk Constitution.

The Law of Elections.

The Hon. George W. McCrary, a law-

registration officers for a failure to discharge their duties.

Mr. McCrary has collected the decis-

ions on all these questions as determined by the courts and legislative tribunals. and his book is fairly said to contain the "American law of Elections." In addition is given the various constitutional provisons on the subject of elections, and also the laws of the United States in relation to the elective franchise, the election of Senators, election of Representatives, organization and meeting of Congress, contested elections, and Presidential elections. The work will be of value to the Bar, and to all persons interested in the matter of elections. The author gives as one reason for its publication that a knowledge of the law as determined by the courts will prevent litigation by the way of contests. It is a misfortune that the officers who administer the election laws are to a great extent ignorant of the law, and substitute their own uneducated notions and their prejudices for the statutes. The greater part of the legal controversies over the results of elections are base upon the errors and the misconduct of the election officers. If the law of elections could be made familiar to the public, and especially to election officers. there would be less complaint, at least

The Boston Commercial Bulletin says that the merchant tailors of that city harmless watchmaker in Woolwich, Engare contemplating a reduction of wages. Tailoring is done by the piece, the wages being fixed by the trades union. The charge returned to Woolwich and price for making an overcoat is \$11, smashed the same window. This time with an extra one or two dollars for the court gave him 18 months; and once quilting or for every pocket, and other more, on the day his sentence expired. items, sometimes doubling the basis he returned and again broke the same price. The journeymen make about \$25 | window. His third sentence was for 10 a week, and, by hiring girls, often more. years; but the other day he was, for The Irish and Germans monopolize this | good conduct, discharged on a ticket of industry and the trades union is very leave, having served nearly eight years. strict. But they will have to yield ulti- Promptly, for the fourth time, he went mately, or drive their customers into streight to Woolwich, and unce more reday made clothes, or across the line smashed the same window, and being into Canada. Enough can be saved on thereunon brought into court

the fraud to be as depraved as the pick-

pocket and forger. This valuable book

" Didn't She Bust!"

Just after the close of the war, the Virginia. Upon its completion to Win-"You changed a \$2 bill for me. Here's was closely inspected. Finally he drew off to one side, as though to take a final Our German triend, seeing the ragged look at it "all together!" then it was money, and fancying he would have to that something caught his eye which had take it back, interrupted the boy by ex- escaped him before. It was upon the top of the boiler about midway between "Shanged podinks! I shanged no pills | the parlor of the engine and the smoke stack; he walked down to the side again and gazed at it long and earnestly; it was "Mein Gott, vas a liars. Never in my not satisfactory; he must see it closer; the engine was still, and the idea of climbing up struck him; he thought no barm would come of it, and forthwith suited the action to the thought; he reached up and took hold of the footboard, which stands alongside of the boiler, one foot on a driving wheel, the other on the piston, and up he went.

The object of his cariosity happened to be right alongside of the whistle; he either by absorption or evaporation. The and he commenced to move out from had leaned over by it, with his face close down, when he was espied by the en-"O, you didn't give me no quarter, gineer, and a smile went over his counagain returned to the atmosphere by a quarter shead," and he started to go who were around the depot had by this time had their attention drawn to the man on top of the engine, and a chuckle self in an attitude of admiration, "dot | went through the crowd at the evident

backwards about four feet in the air. and falling flat on his back, lay mo-

After the laughter had somewhat subsided some oue went to where he was still lying, caught hold of him, and gave him a shake.

He opened his eyes slowly, looked "Golly, but didn't she bust?"

Pott's Baby.

Young Mrs. Potts, who resides out in the Sixth ward, is the mother of a handsome baby, and young Mr. Potts is the happiest man in Cleveland.

That baby is to him a wellspring of of delight, and its beauties and intelligence have been spoken of so much "down at the store" that the rest of the boys are are beginning to be sorry that the said infant ever found a landing on the shores of time.

They had a chance to get even with Potts, and take it out on the baby last evening. P. had taken his wife to see the White Mail, and she, of course, had taken the baby. The devoted husband got her a good standing place, and then went out after a cigar. Just then a couple of boys came along, and as they knew Mrs. P. and she did not know them, they concluded to have a little game at the expense of Potts and his youthful heir.

They took a stand behind the mother and opened the conversation in a stage whisper which was loud enough for her to hear. "One wouldn't know it had mulatto blood in it if he wasn't told," said Smith. "It's real pretty when one gets over its dislikes for freckles."

"It's stub nose would be an objection to some," answered Jones; "but I never think less of a baby on that account Poor thing, it can't belp it."

"And what a mouth!" said Smith. "And then again red-headed children always have bad temper. I pity its poor

"That isn't so bad as the lack of intelligence seen in its face," responded Brown. "It's an awful pity that a child like that should be born an idiot."

But Brown's fast remark fell on the empty air, for the trate mother had snatched her babe to her bosom, and with a lurid glare at the impudent strangers, made a bee line for the street cars. When the boys met Potts ten minutes afterward hunting for his wife, they rold him that it was an awful shame that he didn't introduce them to the mother and babe, and made him promise to bring the interesting phenomenon down to the store some of these days so that square look at it once in their li and the happy father smiled and said that he would.—Cleveland Leader.

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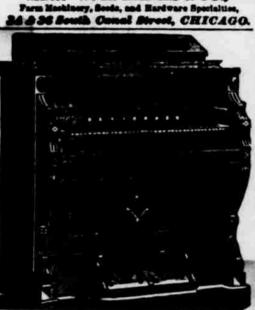
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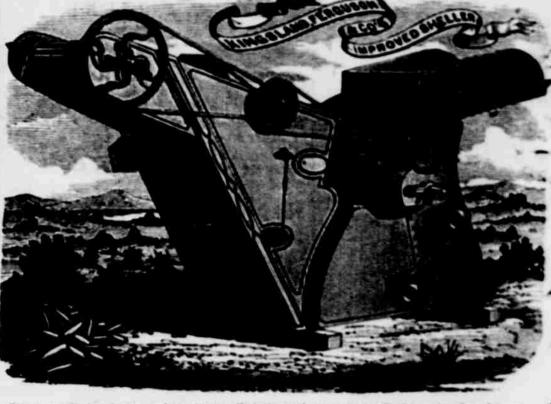
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