# THE TWO VALENTINES.

A TRICK OF DAN OCPID. DAN CUPID Sat is his casy chair, Mending his pen with a busy air:

"Two y dealine's eve, and nearly night,
And ae still had a lot of rhymes to write,
so he mended his pen and scratched his head,
Then suddenly sturting, "Come in." he said, In a doleful tone, for he thought he heard A tap at the door, but was not quite sure; It might be the wing of a passing bird On the pane, or a snap of the turniture He had be sucht it camp at a poet's saie,
And poet's effects are apt to be fruib;
But the door was opene I, and in there tripped
A maider, begate yed and ross-lipped,
Who said. with a prefuily pleading whine,

"Dear Cupid do write me a valentine!"
Sly Cupid smile I at the maiden's plea,
And "Who is it for, my child" quoth he.
"For Harry, of course," said the bright-cycl As she stole a look in the mantel glass. Do you love him?" "Love him! of course

But I never intend to tell him so: Tis mine to listen, and his to sue. And, alas! he says never a word you know; But I'li give him my love in a valentine. And leave him to guess if the gift is mine." Dan Cupid thought for a minute or two. Then over the paper his quick pen flew, I ntil " There, my dear, do you think that it

He asked, as he gave her the tiny sheet.
"Do." cried the maiden. "Dear Cupit, it's oh, what shall I give you, you love, for this?"
"The price," quoth Dan Cupid, " is just one With a coy little blush the price was paid, And off to the post tripped the happy maid.

"Abu!" creed Dan, no he smacked his lips And biew a kiss from his finger-tips, "Go your ways forsooth, for a pretty dear; Your Harry's a craven swain, I fear, If he doesn't - Hulled whom have we here?'
For a rist-tat eat was heard once more,
And a handsome youth flung wide the door, Who, stopping a moment to breathe an

Smile, Cried, "Cupid, good fellow, I've run a mile, To own to you I'm a rhymeless dunce; You must write me a valeatine at once." " Must I?" quoth Cupid. " Pray who are you! And whom must this billet be written to?" 'Oh. Harry's my name; but never mind me For the valentine is to Kitty, you see,
To what other girl could it possibly be?"
"Ah! Then you love Kitty?" "I love her Than e'er mortal maiden was loved before;

But, you see, I rather—that is—I doubt— In short, for my life, I can't find out Whether Kftry loves me in return, and so (As I haven't the cheek to speak out, you know)
I'm resolved at least to offer mine in the incog, style of a valentine. While Harry was talking, sly Cupid wrote

And folded a fragrant, tinted note, Then said with a twinkle in his eye, "There's the best I can do for you now; good "But the price? No guerdon, I'm sure, is Quoth Cupit, "We'll settle the bill next year." And, closing the door with a roguish grace,

He laughed till the tears ran down his face; For why? With the single change of name

This morning a copy—the very same—
A perfect fac simile, save the name!"
"Indeed!" cried Miss Kitty, "Oh, pray let me

For the very same thing has happened to me!" He looked in her eyes for a moment's space. And the blash grew deep on her bright young Into what happened next neither you nor I Have any particular business to pry; But Cupid, sly rogue, is perfectly clear That his bill will be settled before next year.

OMENS AND OTHER TRADITIONS. Luck in Odd Numbers Hellotrope and Marigold Insects and Birds Crickets, Swal-

originated. partaken of by thirteen.

curiosity and omitting to count the pillars, will do something to occasion his confinement in the adjacent prison.

From time immemorial it has been Star and Herald.

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Some of the unsalaried Consultrade. From time immemorial it has been Star and Herald. the belief in country districts of Eugland that the seventh son of a seventh son, no daughter being born between, is an infallible doctor, born with an intuitive knowledge of the healing art,

touching only. Man's climacteral year is sixty-three -the ninth of seven-which numbers. sum total, which is important in human

remarked that British monarchs who

and the hidden treasures which tie deep in the earth. Such insignificent beings as crickets

and flies are subjects for these traditions and beliefs. Pliny, the great Roman naturalist, wrote, nearly nineteen centuries ago, in favor of crickets and the good-luck they bring to the human habitations in which they dwell. Two hundred years ago, a learned English author wrote a long chapter on "The Cricket on the Hearth," declaring that it was the height of ill-fortune to kill one-indeed, a breach of hospitality. When, after having resided in a house for many years, they forsake the chimney, on a sudden, it is regarded, among country folks in Britain, as a sure prognostication of death, and Dryden and Gay, the poets, mention this in their poems. Hence, Addison wrote, in the Spectator, of the cricket having sometimes struck more terror than the roaring of a lion. Broken bones or some other dire personal misfortune will follow, it is thought, the destruction of a cricket, and, in fact, of all insects and birds that take refuge in dwelling-houses. As for flies, it is alleged that, if they repair to their winter-quarters early in the autumn, frosty mornings, cold storms and hoary winter may be looked for. They remained late in 1880; nevertheless Thanksgiving Day was severe

Every one must have heard the truism that "One swallow does not make a summer." This bird was held in high Romans, and was sacred to their Penates, or household gods. When swallows flew low, often touching the water with their wings, it was generally water with their would be a heavy rainfall. On the other hand, the chipping

and immoderate liveliness of sparrows. lem") much stress is laid on the swallow being a classic bird of omen. This told that one of them pitching on the The same authority adds: "The massail of the vessel in which Marc Antony ter generally lives at the workshop. sailed after Cleopatra to Egypt was held where he has, perhaps, two rooms, be-as an augury of his being slain there, sides a place to cook in. The house-

would die soon after. To a maiden I know, and, by George, I re- ravens were sacred to Apollo, the great also. Consul Denny further says that patron of augurs .- Dr. R. Shellon Mc- if the Chinaman is "a bachelor, and Kenzie.

## The Last American Empire. THE general opinion in Brazil is that

reign of the present Emperor, the good

Dom Pedro. The Imperial form of government does not flourish on the soil of the American continent, and the Emperor's personal popularity, which is very great, has kept in check the democratic tendencies of the country. which cannot always be controlled even WHEN Rory O'More, the hero of by wholesome laws and wise, liberal Samuel Lover's popular ballad, emphat- and progressive government. Dom ically proclaimed that "there's luck in Pedro will probably be the last Amerodd numbers," he may not have been | ican Emperor, and the vast country aware how and where that sentiment which he rules with so much intellioriginated.

It is counterpoised by the general bered, for good or ill, among the reimpression that it is unlucky for thir- publican experiments of the contiteen to sit down to a meal together. nent. The transition from the aristoc-This is supposed to have arisen out of racy to the democratic form of governthe fact that the Paschal supper was ment need not necessarily be attended artaken of by thirteen.

The Romans had a saying, which is analyted into "God loves an odd num."

by violence or danger to the public a day.—San Francisco Bulletin. translated into "God loves an odd num- self-government to a certain extent, ber." This superstition is mentioned and the change will be one rather by Virgil, in his poems about farming, of form than of fact or principle. It which, after a lapse of nineteen centu- will be rendered more easy to the pubries, show what agriculture formerly lie mind as the successor of Dom Pedro Though the "luck in odd numbers" following to control the public sentibe proverbial, through many ages down ment or to keep him on his throng by His answer was: "Just a living, and to the present time, the number thir- force. He is the son of the Emperor's no more. You will notice, if you go to teen, as above mentioned, would seem eldest daughter, and is but six years of Europe, that every Consul you find is to be an exception; and many hold, with age. The mother is under the control their forefathers, that when thirteen of the Jesuits and is intensely unpopupersons meet in a room, one of them will lar. Were the Emperor to die during In country places, throughout Eu- makes the mother Regent, an authority who have been in office a good while, rope, the good women who have charge she could not long sustain. The Em- and those young men have staid away of the poultry almost invariably set an peror wishes to have the Constitution so long that their opportunity for a caodd number of eggs. Medicines are changed so that the crown may be reer in their own country is done. directed to be taken three, seven, or nine times. Salutes with cannon conson of his second daughter, whose has sist of an odd number; and a royal salute is thrice seven. or twenty-one, ord-In England, up to a late period, when country, notwithstanding the rare exscience took the place of superstition, cellencies which have graced it during he says as to the undesirableness of the life insurance offices operated on the present reign. Republicanism is most of these positions is true. A few the presumption that out of thirteen the breath of American political life. Consulships are worth holding for the persons taken indiscriminately one will Surrounded by republics on all sides the Empire has eaught the infection, nish more than a respectable living for Over a cavern close to Peel Castle, in and liberal ideas permeate the entire a man of family. Some are desirable the Isle of Man, is a chapel supported political fabric. A Constitutional Pres- on account of climate or for hygienic by thirteen pillars. Popular belief is, ident will soon displace the monarch, that any stranger entering it out of the simplicities of republican life suc- ary is not permitted to engage in

# A Little Latin.

doctors to stop writing their prescrip- mon opinion prevails that a Consul reand often performing great cures by tions in Latin and use United States ceives a liberal allowance under the being multiplied together, produce that drugs in place of some mild and gentle duty. This is not the case. There were the second of any name (such as William II, Henry II, Edward II, Richard II, Charles II and James II) were some high-toned morgue, does not Most of our Consuls abroad have to know any more about the common En- live in a retired manner, and if they It has been claimed, whether correctly glish branches than is good for him, are in a country whose language they ly or not has often been a matter of as and his handwriting is the merest goose do not understand, they cannot take sertion, doubt and curiosity, that the track, a sort of delirium tremens on any social position or enjoy any social sunflower (Helianthus annuns of bot- paper. Now, when you come to put anists) turns to the sun with curious such writing as that into Latin, to be fidelity. It may not be generally known, read by a sleepy prescription clerk who but is stated in John Willford's "Na- has been routed out of bed at midnight ture's Secret," a copious and curious in his shirt sleeves there can only be Approves of the death of "old Mount folio, published in 1741, that other plants were reputed to have the sunworship. These are the helictrope and human, and when he strikes one of a story which he heard from Mountjoy's plants were reputed to have the sunworship. These are the helictrope and
the marigold. Oddly enough, the name
of the former of these plants is accounted for by classical fable, which derives
it from two Greek words (helios, the
sun, and trepo, to turn), from the
legread that Clytie was turned into this
flower through gazing at Apollo. These
two flowers are, or were, supposed to
turn toward the sun's rays all the day,
shutting up shop in the evening. It
was thought that they presaged stormy
weather by closing or contracting their
leaves.

In like manner, texils, or fuller's
thistle, formerly cultivated largely by
manufacturers for raising a napon woolen broadcloth, was believed, when hung
up in an airy place in a house, to grow
smoother when cold and windy weather
was at hand, and to close up its pricklet
against rain. Pine-apples are supposed
to do the same. The leaves of trees
and plants in general shake and tremble in stormy weather, and tender buds,
delicate flowers and blossoms seem to
withdaw within their musts and leaves
by way of security against the storm.

It is an old belief in European lands
that when roses and vielets flourish in
the autumn, it is a premonition of a
plague, or some other pestiferous disTHE Guadalupe Telegraph has been

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Wages and Cost of Living in China. THERE have been many books written on China from the time of Abbe Hue to life. Most of the trades which we have are carried on in the Central Flowery Land. There are there the traditional "butcher, baker and candle-

Swallows, it is added, followed King hold furniture may be estimated at Cyrus, leading his army from Persia to from \$20 to \$30. The ordinary work-Scythia. even as ravens followed man, if married, will share a small Alexander the Great on his return house with a friend, and occupy one from India and on his way to Babylon - room, and have access to the kitchen. the death of each, in respective locali- He may live with his parents, in which ties, being thence foretold by the magi. case his earnings go to the common The owl was regarded as a bird of fund. Under such circumstances, \$10 evil omen, foretelling great misfortune to \$15 will cover the value of the housewith its hoarse, dismal voice. Chancer hold furniture." We have no form of said that it announced death, and Spen- Chinese life in California, except in ser said that whoever heard its screech very rare cases, which corresponds to that which is here portrayed. The raven, bird of ill-repute, though There are only a few Chinese it fed the prophet Elijah when he fled families in this city. Nearly all

Total .

tion, or stay with a friend; in either case, his whole inventory consists of a box with his clothes and his bedding." the Empire will not long outlive the This is a complete portrait of the Chinaman in California. He is got up in light marching order. But the common laborer, whether in field or kitchen, does not get anything like the wages of the skilled artisan. The farm laborer, during harvest time.

gets, besides his meals-worth about 10 cents—from 10 cents to 15 cents a day, or from 70 cents to \$1.05 a week. He can be hired by the month for from \$1.50 to \$2. If he gets permanent emper annum, with board and lodging. If he works for shorter terms, 50 cents a month will suffice for house rent, and \$2 per annum will keep his wardrobe in repair. But there is a grade below these free laborers known as the coolies.

## Consulships,

A CORRESPONDENT, who talked with Colon el John Hay, Assistant Secretary is a mere child, who has not sufficient of State, asked him if the foreign consulships afforded a respectable living. dissatistied and wants to come home, but yet not one of them but will feel indignant if another man is appointed the boy's minority the Constitution in his place. We have some Consuls

reasons. A Consul who receives a sal-

But take the whole list through and none of them furnish more than a respectable living, while the most do not An effort is being made to induce even that for a man of family. A comlanguage. So many inoffensive sick designation of "outlit" and "infit;" in people have been killed by draggists other words, that his traveling exputting up lobelia and other dangerous penses are paid to and from his post of physician, that a society at the East Consul now receives only his salary, hreaten to take law into their own and is obliged to pay his own traveling

A Race for Life with Bloodhounds.

end, as the cry of the dogs, hot upon his trail, reached his ears. They had purposely been slipped before the proper time, without any warning. "For one the present. But most of them have second," said he, "I stood stock-still, been too general to present any precise as if I had been frozen, and then dashed ides of the actual social conditions in that vast Empire. Recent official observation has, however, done much to elear away the mists which obscure real life. Most of the trades which we have are confident on in the Control base are confident on in the Control my legs seemed like lead, and I trembled all over. Still I kept desperately on, while nearer and nearer came the stickmaker." But there is a peculiar- deep hoarse bay of the hounds, as the ity which is not found in civilization. scent grew warmer and they knew they The artist obtains no higher rewards were running up to their prey. I thought than the ordinary craftsman. There I was lost. Those few seconds were appears to be a dead level for all who like weeks, and wondered whether they work with hand or finger. A master- would grip me first by the leg of fly workman in any of the trades in China straight at my throat. Lucany, I did gets \$3 per week, or \$156 per annum. not lose my head; and after the first But the workmen only get half that mad burst I settled down and raced remuneration; \$1.50 per week, or \$78 away at a pace which I knew would last per annum, is the average rate, and it the distance; but still closer and closer chanics. There is only one class of at that very instant the brutes broke have since been supplied by charity. operatives who are more handsomely out into a fierce, savage yell that told rewarded. Gold and silversmiths do a me that they had sighted me at last little better. The silk reeler or spin- There was a small garden in front of off the cocoons in a given time, and as er knew; but, blown and exhausted with at Shanghai, thus figures out the ex-penses of living in connection with the it to, stood with my back against it. Compensation specified:

The lock had hardly closed when bang! The lock had hardly closed when bang! against the panels came my terrible pursuers; and then they lay down 12 and velled savagely at finding them-

selves balked of their prey."

As soon as he felt himself safe, rage took the place of fear; and seizing hold. in time to prevent it. ---

A REPORTER of this journal chanced to meet a somewhat remarkable man yesterday, a description of whom will not prove uninteresting. The man is Lorenz A. Pickle, of Newfane, N. Y., and is engaged in selling "fir balsams." Mr. Pickle was noticed first for his height, which is six feet five inches. At the request of the man of the pencil, Mr. Pickle gave some points about himself and his family. He said he was of whom twenty-two are now living. He has thirteen sisters and eight brothaway from his family, he will either sleep at his employer's for a consideratwo daughters living, one seventeen and the other twelve years of age. The former is over six feet tall and still growing; the other is five feet eight reach six feet and over before she has attained her growth. A singular characteristic of Mr. Pickle is distinct, but rather, are double. They ployment he is willing to accept \$12 can hardly be called a defect in a hale old man, as they are not perceptible at the first glance. The owner states that his sight is affected, and that it is nec-

essary for him to use a strong magnifyclaims that at a distance he can distinguish objects with a facility that other men do not possess. Mr. Pickle's dark hair and full beard are somewhat tinged with gray, but he seems fully twenty-five years younger than he reala pledge at the age of ten years, nor, in fact, does he drink water from one end of the year to the other, except when there is an infusion of tea in it, and three small cups of this beverage a day suffice to quench his thirst. The secret of his remarkable health and activity Mr. Pickle says is the use of salt. His food consists mainly of salt meat and salt average two tablespoonfuls of salt ev-

## tion .- Rochester (N. Y.) Herald. A Fearless Snake Catcher.

Signor D'Albertis, a recent explorer in New Guinea, is a remarkably bold seeker after snakes. In an account of his travels he says that at Yule Island the natives had found a large snake under a tree, and all ran away from it, cry- son's own hand is better. Several Roing out. "At last I went to the patives," he continues, "and tried to ascertain the cause of their conduct, and a disciple of Hahnemann. Hair dressers they made me understand why they had fled. I then returned to see the snake myself, which in fact I did, although two-thirds of its length were hidden a hole in the earth. His size was such that I concluded he could not be poisonous, and I at once grasped him by the tail. While dragging him out of his lair with my two hands I was prepared to flatten his neck close to his head with my foot the moment he emerged, so that he should not have the purgative, which the system requires, was such a regulation many years ago, on a Latin prescription of an M. D. but it was long since abulished. fess that the snake offered little resistance, although it writhed and twisted itself round my arm, squeezing it so tightly as to stop the circulation, and make my hand black. I remained, however, in possession of its neck, and soon of all the trains. He does not seem over his body as an cel-skin dried on a subject to be and twisted it is commonly called the cedar, pacity; but I desire to allude to it in apportunity of all the trains. He does not seem over his body as an cel-skin dried on a subject which want to speak of two of three of these. Did you ever mail up the fladeon in all reasonable, simple and inexpension to be antify been made some six months before, and some the day the latter of these. Did you ever mail up the fladeon in all reasonable, simple and inexpension to be antify been made some six months before, and the day the latter of these. Did you ever mail up the fladeon in all reasonable, simple and inexpension to be antify been made some six months before, and the day the latter of these. Did you ever mail up the fladeon in all reasonable, simple and inexpension to be antify been made some six months before, and was much too small for him. The pantific many points and the day the latter of the day of the latter of the day the latter of the day of the significant tap—"the brains to do well; it has twice cast its skin, is well behaved and tame, and does not attempt to escape, even when I put it is the sun outside the house; and when I go to bring it in, it comes to me of its own accord. It never attempts to bite, own accord. It never attempts to accord the military these waste of the accordance of the a my face with its forked tongue. It is a five-cent cigar swell a young man's head true friend and companion to me.

When the natives bother me it is useful Why is it that women with the best in putting them to flight, for they are

that when roses and violets flourish in the autumn, it is a premonition of a plague, or some other pestiferous disease, in the ensuing year.

These popular superstitions are numerous, and harmless, for the most part. They extend from the human to the whole animal creation—to insects and plants, to birds and beasts, to fishes

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

A Blind Beggar's Strange Life. On the night of the 4th of January a policeman was called to a rear tenement at No. 16 Roosevelt street, where a man was reported to be dying in destitution. He found ames Collins, a blind begar, speechess and all but insectible office begars.

Irom want and exposure, shiering under a heap of fifthy rags, in a room without fife or food. A wrinkled old woman, who cowered beside him, was built for this purpose. sole means of communication with the life about them which the couple posspaced, was a creature about as miserable as theniselves, a woman, best, naggard and half-witted. As the old man was apparently dying, an ambulance was telegraphed for and he was sent directto the Chambers Street Hospital. where he lay three days before he season he was transferred to the Charity Hospital on Blackwell's Island, where the distance; but still closer and closer is not every workman who can obtain it. Youngsters or women get 50 cents per week, or \$26 per annum. It will be observed that these are the wages paid in the higher walks of art and mechanics. There is only one class of the long that it is written, is formally and in the higher walks of art and mechanics. There is only one class of the long that it is written, is formally and in the higher walks of art and mechanics. There is only one class of the long that it is written, is formally and in the higher walks of art and mechanics. There is only one class of the long that it is written, is sometiment in the distance; but still closer and closer he lies at present, slowly rallying. His age was ascertained by the police to be age was ascertained by the police Some remarks which were made in the neighborhood, and also by the old and rose at 4.80. His health suffered man when he began to recover, aroused from any disturbance of these arrangener sometimes gets from \$1 to \$2 per the house, and as I flew up to it I saw the house and as I flew up to it I saw the revelation of facts in his history the gate was shut. How I did it I nev. a consequence the work has to be pros-ecuted day and night. Consul Donny. It darted through the door, which clear-sighted, came to this country from and Longfellow cards are seen in many Ireland fifty years ago or more and of the shop-windows. A popular artifound a home in the South, where he cle is a stender ewer made of ware of made his way by intelligent industry. Having accumulated a little capital, he Longfellow in medallion on one side, in engaged in the construction of the Bai- which to drink the poet's health. timore & Ohio Road as a contractor for bridges and stone work. He accu-mulated a fortime rapidly, and con-tracted for the work of whole sections of the road in the South and West. Michael Riordan, a liquor dealer in

rain Lord W. if he entered the place; a threat he would have fulfilled had not those present got him out of the room A Family of Glants.

Roosevelt Street, who in those days was working in Western Virginia, remembers Mr. Collins well as a handsome, tall man, galioping about to his gangs of workmen on a fine horse and es-teemed in all the State as a wealthy Baltimore in handsome style. As the railroad was extended westward, Collins followed, and the scene of his labors changed from Virginia to Pennsylvania, Ohio and adjoining States. In the height of his prosperity the civil war broke ont. Collins' sympathies were with the South, where his home was. His sons joined the rebel army one of a family of twenty-four children and were both killed in battle. Their mother soon died, and James Collins was nearly ruined by the war in forers. He claimed to be the smallest of tune. Attempting to re-establish himfrom the rage of Ahab, has been harsh-ly spoken of by the poets—that is, by any family ties or connections, at least who lives in the State of Kentucky who "Here's a carlous riddle!" young Harry cried, As he stood next morning by Kitty's side; Shakespeare, Spenser, Gay, Marston in this country. But we get a glimpse is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is some monumental stone in this country. But we get a glimpse is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is some monumental stone in this country. But we get a glimpse is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is some monumental stone in this country. But we get a glimpse is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is some monumental stone in this country. But we get a glimpse is seven feet two and a half inches tall who lives in the State of Kentucky, who is some monumental stone in this country. hundred and seventy-five pounds. The ing the work a premature explosion or object of this sketch is sixty-eight years of age, but his activity might well be granite chips into his face and injured him, or if its scold enough for him of age, but his activity might well be envised by a man of forty years. He wars no overcoat, as he does not feel to abandon active work and seek surther need of such a garment, and added the need of such a garment that he had to about the erysipelas is the humor. most all of the little be owned, in vain | Syracuse Standard. efforts to obtain relief he became hopelessly blind. Thus a wreck physically and mentally he drifted to this city, inches in height, and will probably and here sank into poverty and wretchedness. He fell in with a band of pro-A fessional beggars, and became the hus-tle is band of the blind and deaf old woman that he has two pupils instead of one in | with whom he was found. - N. Y. Eveneach eye. The pupils are not entirely ing Post.

A New Way to Make Hair Grow. I po Nor think I have yet told you of a new system to make hair grow on the head, even at the most advanced age. It has been tried on persons 80 or 90

as yet. But it requires great patience and time. You must rub the head for half an hour every day, either morning or evening, as you wish; then, if your head be dry, rub it another half hour with a stimulating pomatum. If the ly is. He does not drink liquor of any head be moist, rub into the roots of the kind, nor has he done so since he signed hair a stimulating wash, made of rum. hair a stimulating wash, made of rum, before applying the medicant and for comforted her by observing, "You half an hour afterward. Sometimes, shouldn't mind 'em, Jemima: it's all after 100 hours, you may begin to see the hair ready to shoot up from the knives."
most ivory-looking pate. The hair THE pork, and he says he prefers salt to grows slowly but surely, and takes as "Ain't you a funny old deliy sugar even in his tea, and uses on an many months to re-grow as it took "As ever a little girl had?" many months to re-grow as it took years to tall. Suppose, then, you lost ery day. Moreover he never cats cake your youthful locks twenty years ago, or pastry or sweetmeats of any descripit will take twenty months for it to grew again to its original length and

thickness. The newly-grown hair, also, is of the original color of the hair bebefore it began to fall.

Those who have time will certainly fry the experiment, at least for a month or two. Those who have ladies' maids may save themselves the trouble, leaving the care to the maid; but the perman doctors are going to try the experiment, as the inventor of the system is

The Brains of the Establishment. power of turning or moving. My plan succeeded perfectly, and while the snake's head was imprisoned under my field to superintend one of the departrible monster, turned toward the na- to ask him the other day what position tives with an air of triumph. They, he held. "My friend," was the reshe would make him a suitable wife. struck with terror, had looked on the joinder, "have you ever been in the It was late in the fall, though too early scene from a safe distance. I must con-fess that the snake offered little resist- The visitor allowed that he had. His best butternut-colored suit had

Why is it that women with the best | bed?" complexions deliberately ruin them

JEFFERSON DAVIS' "Memotrs" will published next April.

> himself a marble dwelling at Athens. and over the door in gilded letters is the inscription, "Cottage of Homer." MR. W. W. CORCORAN, the Washington philanthropist, is so beset by appl cants for pellef that he tions not dare to take his exercise on the public streets. EDWIN BOOTH is said to possess a

portrait of his first wife which is kept entwined with flowers by his present wife; and under it is written, " From awoke at 8 to dine, dozed in his chair

about 10, went to bed about midnight

Longrettow designs are affected by the Boston people in decorative objects, old ivory tinge and having the head of

SECRETARY SCHURZ, says the Washington correspondent of the Hartford Jude compares the wicked to trees that not think about him outil late in the Times, as soon as he retires from the have been pincked up by the roots, and afternoon, but he said to a friend that Cabinet, will publish a book. He has the fruit of which has withered. If you he knew just where to look for the several years. It will be a sort of po-litico-historical novel, in which he will make certain of his actors say what he thinks about some public men and public questions.

George Eliot is graphically desiter. and prosperous man. Mr. Collins' scribed as a women whom no one ever wife and two grown sons then lived in approached without an immediate perception of goodness and greatness. hear her talk was as good as to read what she wrote. A more beautiful voice than hers is rarely heard; a low,

### ----HUMOROUS.

It is very mean to ask a man whose

"On, that's one of his failings!" remarked a business man, when he was told that a competitor had again succumbed to the pressure of hard times. THE SEASONS-CONDENSED.

One lusty, loud and long-continued sneeze, Long suitry days of time and languid case, The coascless murmur of a million fleas, And then one steady, stiff and solid freeze, It is perfectly proper to speak of a man's magnificent dome of thought or his Websterian brow, but when you

speak of a red headed gentleman as the man with the gilded dome, ten chances to one he will not feel flattered. THE law against fast driving is a great blessing. When you go slowly ambling along at your nag's best pace, you can explain to your lady companion that the animal is a perfect tearer

when he gets to going, but you don't like to put him on his mettle on account of the law. Boston Post. A COUNTRY girl at a fashionable hotel quinine, cantharides, etc., which any in New York noticed that all the guests chemist will easily and cheaply make used their forks only in eating their up for you. The great thing is to rub, pie. Upon her return home she rerub, rub the head for fully half an hour perted the fact to the old lady, who

> because they're too lazy to use their THE FUNNY OLD DOLLY .-

You're never the least mite bad. You're no longer handsome, 'tis true; You're head is all mended with give. And you've lost your sweet pretty curis.

Your legs are all broken off, too. And your arms are sewed on askew, You'd never do, now, for a bride.

But once you were pretty and gay, And you never dared to be cross; That's why I can hog you all day, Ob, you're just's good sever you was."

- New Haven Register.

# An Unfortunate Sultor.

In the early days of Indiana, one of the upa-tree, is a mere fable. There is a narrow yillow in Java in which the state Senators was a good-natured giant, named George Boone. When he stood up, his height attracted attention, for he measured nearly seven feet. If he made a gesture, his hands were noticed as the largest ever seen in the gift from Italy.—Rome Cor. Philadelphia

Bulletin.

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Our Young Readers.

A VALENTINE FOR BABY. Wmar shall I send to the leady st. Valentine propiers to day. I know she if feel burt, if and Forgists may also, so they so " If 'I was summer. I'd send her some room

To match checks as blooming and fair As height as her own allking bait. There's naught that's too good for

durling, So innocent, gladsome and free. Who brightens one lives with her lengther, And drives away over with high spec-

As freeh and as pure as my taly; Ab, now I know what I will the "I will just send her plenty of kirnes, Two many there never can be. And surely the abrees of Misses.

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Will take these from an ball count like one.

"Then what shall I send to the holy?

### Indiamagotiv kormal. ---TREES, GOOD AND BAD,

A Tre-Winote Sermen to Children Tux Rible compares men to trees good men to good trees and bad men to channels of water, and yielding fruit in men who never ageert a friend in his its season. In the ninety second Pasim hour of prod of prove falet by any it is said that the righteons shall flour- trust. ish like the palm tree, and shall grow A little English boy was left by his like a coder in Lebanon. Isalah speaks father at the main entrance to the Bank of those whom the Lord has redeemed ing of the Lord. In the Sermon on But the iffer being detained longer ing of the Lord. In the Sermon on But the inter. being detained imager the Mount Jesus likens bud men to occ- than he articleated forgot his boy and Jude compares the wicked to trees that not think about him until late in the have been plucked up by the roots, and afternoon, but he said to a brief that been engaged on it, at intervals, for have ever walked through a large for child. He was sure that the little felest, you have discovered that there are low haf chared erders and other a great many different kinds of trees, enough, when they got to the entrance And these different kinds of trees sug- to the bank, there he was, tired and

see it growing along the fences. It ing of a man with a heart of oak looks like quite a strong tree when it Which of the trees that have been grows large; but when you cut through spoken of will you take as your reprethe trunk of stalk you find that it is soutative? Will you be like the hollowhollow. You would hardly want to hearted elder, the pliant willow, the rich voice, and convincing, so to speak. take it for a cane and lean your weight unsavery allanthus, the poisse upon it if you were lame. It would be will you try to be like the modest fir of her head, there was no strking out-ward sign of genius about her. A re-Now, men or boys who are not con- of earth, or the apple, which commonts markable motherliness of look was in- trolled by principle are like these elder itself by its fruitfulness, or the mak. deed what most distinguished her per- trees. You can't depend upon them deep rooted and stordy, and sound of sonal appearance, and this alone gave They are unreliable. They may look heart? - Rev. John Tool, in Christian her a certain beauty in spite of the well, but it will ust do to trust them Union. large, massive, homely features of her There is a hollow spot in their character, like the hollow heart of the elder

Sometimes, when you go out for a walks in the country, you come to a little stream of water; and along its banks aside from the right path. They yield to very slight temptation. It is hard such boys that they have no moral willow twigs.

One variety of the trees that line the

sidewalks in some of our cities is called from its far-off Eastern home into England and Scotland and America. Some people admire it; but if the blossoms of the ailanthus are as disagreeable to you out of your way a block or two than to get the strong, sickening odor. Let me tell you who these allanthus trees in the time of blossoms remind me of. They make me think of boys who have formed filthy and disgusting habits; of those who defile their mouths, and soil. Governor Broknow, of Connecticut, their lips with the juice of tobacco, or in his recent inaugural address, did a with strong drink; or who smoke poor very wise thing in formally introducing eigars or dirty pipes until they become the subject of rural improvements to offensive to people who are neat and the good people of that State. In this clean; or who use foul and profane words, the unmistakable index of a bad States and set a noble example to them heart. I hope that no lad who reads | sill. His suggestions should have and this will consent to become a moral will have great infigence in all direc-

story of an early experience which a fluence is hurtful and poisonous. Sol- as of the greatest importance. Govomon warns us against them in the ernor Bigelow that speaks of the matter Book of Proverbs. He says: "Walk referred to: not thou in the way with them. Refrain "Closely connected with the matter trees if they really gave out a poisonous this State, and which has, under indiand deadly odor.

in possession of its neck, and soon secured it firmly to a long thick stick I had brought with me. It then gave the reptile to my men to carry home."

This serpent was fluiteen feet long. It was kept alive and became quite tame, and when the natives saw D'Albertis tis head and let it coil round his legs they howled with amazement and admiration. Six weeks after the capture he writes: "My snake continues to do well; it has twice cast its skin, is well behaved and tame, and does not seem of all the trains. He does not seem over his body as an eel-skin dried on a hoop-pole.

After wading creeks and muddy bottoms, the would-be "sparker" arrived at the neighbor's log-hut just as the family were sitting down to the supper of mush and mik. Being invited to "draw up." he sat down along side of Sally. The old lady of order him a large bowl, which he stretched forth his hand to take. Not making sufficient tap profusion and perfection. God has made them, it would seem, on purpose the air of his hand to take, not make gives the air of his hand.

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when are nastreed of it; it is quite sufficient for me to let my sanke loose to make them fly at full speed." He kept this expect which such and comfort to get into politics?

Why is it that a wealthy and respectable man will sacrifice pride, money and comfort to get into politics?

Why is it that is the man in the streets and interly another of the same species with; till at last both seasoned, and he mourned their loss as of dear friends, adding, "for I loved them and they loved me, and we had passed a long time together."

Why is it that a man with 180 pounds of fact or their own relatives. Why is it that a man with 180 pounds of fact considers himself an offset for a man with iffly four ounces of brains? Why is it that a man with 180 pounds of fact considers himself an offset for a man with iffly four ounces of brains?

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not be very graceful or grand, but it has a peculiar beauty to our eyes, hecause of its usefulness. All through the long winter we rejuice in its fruit.
And I knowled good staty bronely perple, the dress plainly, and who make no show in the world, but whose kindothers, and daily endeavor to make themenives unchal, give a beauty to their life which is greatly to be preferred to the short-lived beauty of a pretty face. We forget how plain they are. They come to look handsome to us. The beauty of the scale shines cent in their features, and makes the most ranged

face beautiful. My time is up, I fear, but there is one other tree that I want to speak of I mean thoronk: What a storety, rigore ous tree it is! You can depend upon it. from the stout trunk down to the small with confirmed from his star of said.
When the make free grows, as it offens
does, on the task his pain, the rade winds only make it take deeper root. It is a good representative of a type of manhood that we love to meet. openk of men who have "A heart of the depended on who provided the dependent of their principles, flysh to their convictions of duty, bold and tirm in their defence of corrupt trees. David says that a good the right, steady and pensistent in ad-

of England one morning, with orders to rupt trees that bear evil fruit. And passed out by another door. He did rest the differences we see in mon.
They may be said to represent character.
There is the elder, for example. You his post. That boy had in him the make

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## What the Herse Dit.

Some born had placed in a field a snare by which they hoped to catch a coarse, twisted grass. Fido, the dog, you find perhaps a great many bushes put one of his fore-feet in the nower or trees with slender yellow twigs. We and in trying to get away his leg way twist it with perfect case. And some was the matter. But Herohad no knife boys are like these willow twigs. They with which to gut the norme. What are pliant. They are easily turned could be do? He did not stay long in could be do? He did notetay long in doubt. He put down his head, and he gan to gnaw at the name. Taking for them to say No! when sinners en-tice them, and to stand up for the truth at the wisp of twisted grass till it in the face of opposition. We say of dropped off, and the good dog was free You should have seen Fulo as he a strength, no backbone. They are like seampered round, jumped up and barked at his old friend, "Barked at him?" Yes; but it was all in play, as the allanthus. It is a native of China.

I believe, but has been transplanted. How I thank you! I will do as much for you, should you ever get into trouble.

Bow, wow, wow!" And Hero galloped round, and threw up his heels, but took good care not to hit his friend Fido. Each seemed to be

This is a true story. - Nursery.

# Village Improvements.

GOVERNOR BIGEROW, of Connecticut,

Then, away off in that Eastern world Mr. B. G. Northrop, Secretary of the from which the allanthus comes, there Connecticut Board of Education, has grows another tree of which you have probably done more than any other man all read, of which you may have read in the country to stir up the people in some things that are not true. It does regard to "rural improvements." He not grow in China, but to the south of has lectured on the subject in all parts it, in the Sunda and Philippine Isl- of this State, and elsewhere when called ands. It is called the upas-tree. Upas upon, and has been the means of organis the Malay word for poison. From ganizing a large number of village improvement societies, which are now in pare a poison in which they dip the points of their arrows. A wound inflicted by one of these poisoned arrows is generally fata!

A would inflict rendered very attractive by such public improvements as will make it more The story of a poison valley in the than ever the joy and praise of the peo-Island of Java, into which it is danger ple. The work of improving and best-ous to venture because of the odor of tifying a village, once begun, will not

vidual and private encouragement, at-But there are other trees which rep- tained considerable importance and is resent characters of a nobler sort. I worthy of all support. It is the en-

cerned. He saw nothing more of her.

The clock struck ten.

"Mr. Boone," asked the old lady.
"won't you wash your feet and go to bed?"

"Yes, ma'am."

the west cannot not har not har not har not have one bad trimmed and cultivated them. Do you not know some people who are like these fir—some who live in plain homes, home in the morning, breakfasts at eleven o'clock, romps with his young and the same of the same