THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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A MITTLE CHILD.

Pale gilding shapes and whispered words
Haunted the hushed and shadowy room,
Till the first twitter of the birds
Awoke, and daybreak edged the gloom.

On vacant chairs and silent walls,
Where lonely watches of the night
Brow old, how strange, how spectral, falls
The mockey of the morning light!

Peril to one we canno Peril and pain to one be Make trembling coward

The dawn rose, pitilessly bright; The sunshine were an alien hue; There was not any more delight In song of bird or spark of dew.

How idle seemed the task that claimed A cold, accustomed service atill? Each worldly wish was quelled and sh Alike were tidings good and ill.

Friendship itself small solace brought: We came and went like dull machine How foreign to the harassed thought The most familiar household scenes!

The golden fields and source skies
Were veiled in sorrowful college,
I'll beamed again those durkened cycs,
Till smiled once more those childish lips.

Another might: all night she slept, She woke: O joy! was ever dawn to heavenly sweet as that which swep With drizzling showers the trees as

omen of her blest release om pain and the Great Dread past by a filled our souls, the light of peace a over all the earth and sky.

appiest day of all the year! ach moment had its joyous thrill: atever came brought hope and she like were tidings good and iil.

Now never more, O heart, be sad,
When aloud sad tempest drench the par
But keep the day with thoughts as glad
As robins singing in the rain.

—L. 7. Trembridge, in Youth's Companie

PRISON PETS.

There are numerous instances on record of persons in "durance vile" making pets of the most unlikely of animals, nay, even reptiles and flowers. The instances considered noteworthy have been generally those of persons of rank. In reality, the passion is not more to be wondered at in the Count Picciola of achool-book noterists who mined are school-book motoriety, who gained over the good-feeling of his keeper to re-spect the pet flower which had sprung up between the stones of the prison-yard, than is a similar feeling exhibited

vard, than is a similar feeling exhibited by the deepest-dyed criminal of the common jail. In fact, it has been noticed that the feeling, if anything, is stronger in the man of few resources.

The present humanitarian system of conducting prisons provides the educated prisoner with many means of killing, if not improving, his time, which a bygone system ignored. Companionship is found in books of the very test kind. In the case of the uneduated prisoner, it is very different. For many hours of the day he is shut off from everything but intercourse with his own thoughts, and these being, as a rule, not very companionable, he casts about for something to engage his attention ether than the four bare walls of his cell. Buddenly he hears the chirp of some than the four bare walls of his cell. Suddenly he hears the chirp of some impudent sparrow, enticed by a few stray bread-crumbs which the poor wretch has spared from his allowance and pushed through the grating of his window. Here is something which eertainly bears him no ill-will; something which, to one given to suspect, is above suspicion. There is not the slightest doubt about this visitor. But the unsuspicious feeling is not reciprocal. The orumbs are all very well so long as they can be reached from without the bars. The dark within is an unexplored region. But there comes a spell of region. But there comes a spell of sharp frost, may be, which whete the appetite of the feathered visitor, or there is something in the manner of the would-be host which reassures him, and the inquisitive little head is cautiously appeared inside the home in content of pushed inside the bars, in order to folpushed inside the bars, in order to follow up a trail of crumbs judiciously laid by the tempter. No harm follows; and familiarity breeds boldness. The little fellow is surprised to find himself quite within, tail and all, and, as though astonished at his own audacity, beats a hasty retreat. The next visit finds him less modest. He advances across the floor; then, with sidelong glances, makes a backward movement, then a forward one, till he feels quite positive that the statue-like figure in the corner has no bellicose intentions. As a sort of feeler, the figure moves a foot or a hand. This is too much for Mr. Sparrow. A fluttering retreat Mr. Sparrow. A fluttering retreat to the bars, out, and away, leaves the lonely inmate still more lonely. The thought of the grumbs, however, steels the little feathered breast, and by-and-by he makes another essay. At last he loses all fear, and hope up quite close to the impured one essay. At last he loses all fear, and hops up quite close to the immured one to snatch some erumbs sprinkled from the hand in sight of the bird. From this it is not '2r, as confidence is gained, to hop on to the knee and shoulder. What sort of bird-logic has been going on in the breast of this little sparrow? In a week or two he learns to come at a call, and to eat his meals from the hand of a man who, very possibly, is suffering imprisonment for kicking his wife very nearly to death, or for some kindred crime; but who would take infinite pains to attach this little soulless bird to himself, and resent, with blows if necessary, any interference with his pet.

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What is the philosophy of the matter? Is it the waking up of dormant belings? the softer, better memories of happier days, when the love of wife and shildren had not become estranged? Every man, even the lowest type of erinainal, loves something or somebody. It may be a selfish, base love; but it is a love.

shut off from the world, rarely noticed such an obscure creature in his days of freedom. There existed, however, some object or objects upon which he lavished his love; and, refused access to these, he turns to the sparrow or the mouse. To whatever cause the passion may be attributed, it is true that all are equally ready to avenge any insult offered, and he would be a rash man who, of malice aforethought, would injure a prison pet. We have seen men, persectly tractable and well-behaved on other occasions, behave like demons when the favorite sparrow or mouse has suffered violence at the hands of a warder, who, possessing more zeal than shut off from the world, rarely noticed warder, who, possessing more zeal than liscretion, has not been able to discover anything in the affair save a breach of orison rules.

Whether or not the domestic mouse s more cognizant of the baseness of numan nature than his relative the field-mouse, we cannot say; but certain it is that he rarely succumbs to the blandishments of the tamer, is less docile, and more apt to return to his normal state on the first opportunity. A pet domestic mouse is a rarity com-pared with the more tractable fieldmouse, and the tamer of the former is looked at in the light of a professional. His ability is requisitioned to assist the amateur, and his proficiency in the profession thus becomes a marketable commodity. A "sixer" or an "eighter"
—prison slang for a six or an eight ounce lost—occasionally, is payment rendered for assistance in bringing a domestic mouse into a state of subjec-

A free man, with hundreds of other matters to engage his attention, could not spare the time necessary to turn out such marvels of the taming art as are to be found among prison pets. At work in the fields, haymaking or harvesting, a mouse is seized, secreted in the breast-pocket, and kept in there by means of a handkerchief which closes the mouth of the pocket. Imagine with what anxiety the man would go through the customary ordeal of being searched on his return from labor, fearful lest. when the handkerchief is removed for a thorough search, mousie's bright eyes should peep over the ridge of the pocket, and thus discover himself to the searcher, very possibly to be ruth-lessly dispatched. Should some more than usually amiable warder be the searcher, he may—seeing that a mouse cannot aid the prisoner in an attempt to escape—willfully pass over him, or, in his hurre, fail to "feel" the little soft creature. Mousie's education, has already begun. After having been taken out "to work" some two or three days he learns to "lie close," not, however, before he has received sundry tappings on the nose, as warnings of what to expect in case he should feel disposed to wander. Then the experi-ment of leaving the little fellow at home is tried. A nest of picked oakum has been made in an out-of-the-way con of the cell; and into this nest he is put with many injunctions not to stir while the master is from home.

There is great perturbation of mind on the convicts returning from labor, for many things may have happened during his absence. Everything is eagerly scanned to see if it is in the same condition as it was left. On being satisfied that it is, the little quadruped is taken out for a share of the meagre meal; that over, he is put through a course of training—taught to run up the sleeve and come out at the shirt collar; to beg for crumbs, and on the approach of the slightest danger to rush into the harbor of refuge, the breast-pecket. Some unlucky day, the prisoner returns to find his pet gone; and real are his secret lamentations over his loss -far more real, possibly, than when in his days of freedom, he lost his child by death. The unsentimental prison cat, seeking what she may devour, has smelt out our little friend, and in a moment this companion and solace is a thing of the past. Or seeking "fresh woods and pastures new." but not dreaming of forsaking his old home altogether, mousie shyly wanders off, and is snapped up by some other represent affive of the taming fraternity. In either and se tame, who is lost to his old master, who is inconsolable at his disappearance. Should he be able to fix the cause of his Should he be able to fix the cause of his loss on anything or anybody; it is easy to see that he will become that thing or that body's implacable enemy. A case in point occurred at a London local prison a short time ago, and was reported in the public press. An order had been issued for the extermination of prison pets. A warder attempted to carry out this order in, perhaps, not the kindest or most judicious manner possible, and received a stab with a listable had been issued a stab with a lizabeth Schwaner, the above land office at Bloomington Neb. Nov. 20.2 1883

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court of Webster county Neb.; at his office in Red Cloud on Saturday, February 2d, 1884, viz.

HENRY C. WOLF of the District Court of Webster county Neb.; at his office in Red Cloud on Saturday, February 2d, 1884, viz.

HENRY C. WOLF on h'd entry No. 9134, for the west, half N W is said State of Nebraska,

John W. Schwaner, Plaintiff, vs.

Elizabeth Schwaner, Defendant.

Elizabeth Schwaner, the above ported in the public press. Am that been issued for the extermination of prison pets. A warder attempted to carry out this order in, perhaps, not the kindest or most judicious manner possible, and received a stab with a shoemaker's knife for his pains. A fatla affray at a convict prison, in the south of England was the cause of this order being given. In a quarrel between two prisoners as to which should be the possessor of a certain mouse, a blow was struck which resulted in the death of one of the disputants.

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Land Office stableomington Neb. Dec. 23, 1883, Netice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof will be made before Clerk District Court of Webster county, Nebras-trict Court of Webster county, Nebras-trict Court of Webster county, Nebras-trict Court of Webster and prayer of which is to obtain an absolute decree of divorce from said defendant on the ground of desertion for more than two last what will be said of the ground of desertion for more than two last proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof in support of his claim, and that aid proof in support of his claim. As a blow was struck which resulted in the destrict Court of Webster county, Nebras-trict Court of Webster county of the claim and that aid proof in support of his claim.

Schwaner, the object and prayer of which is to obtain an absolute decree of death of one of the disputants.

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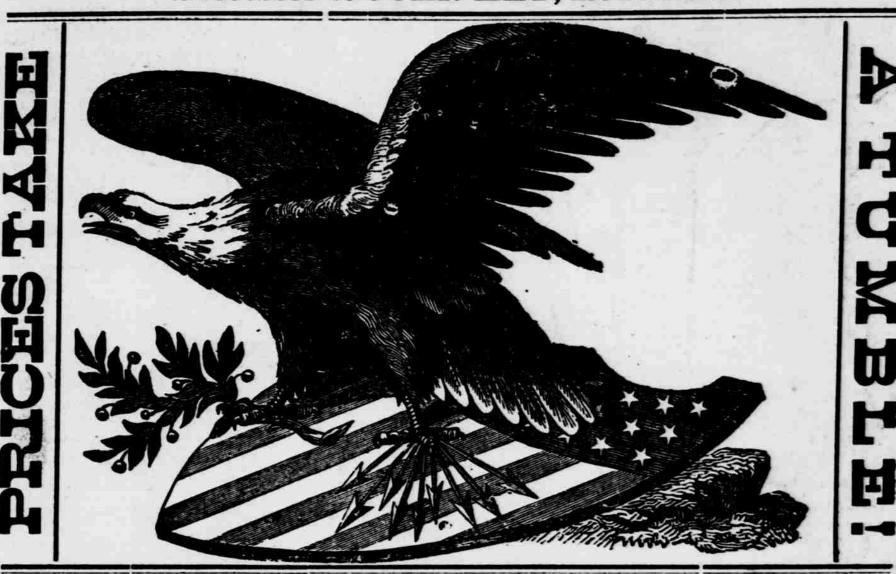
Mice and sparrows are common prison pets; but what will be said of rats as things to be desired? We can imagine the horror of the female portion of our readers, who would, doubtlessly, consider pests a much more appropriate name than pets. A prisoner given to pet-making will tall you that the rat is almost unteachable, the most that can be taught him being attachment to the person. He cannot be trusted out of eight, but must be always carried out to work. He evidently enjoys the warmth afforded by the tamer's body, and being neither an epicure nor before said proposals for bids for books, blanks, and stationery of a necessary Seald proposals for bids for books, blanks, and stationery of a necessary amount to supply the several county offices of Webster county, Nebrasks, for the year 1884, will be received at the county clerk's office of said county, at Red Cloud, Neb., to be filed with said clerk on or before the seventh day of February, 1884. The county commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. By order of board of life.—Chamber's Journal.

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-Mrs. Ashly, a slightly income Atlanta lady, was found the other day trying to swallow a kitten. She had it about half way down her throat and it ulty that she could be induced to give it up. Her face was considerably scratched and her mouth badly lacerated. -- N. F. Sun.

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C. W. SPRINGER County Superintendent of Public Inst.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, vis. Noah B, Wagoner, Francis Houchin, Dallas Richardson Samuel P, Martin all Red Cloud, Neb.

dec21-jan25 S. W. SWITZER, Register.

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