

Tradition asserts that the Queen of Sheba gave Solomon an intricately pierced stone to thread. He solved the problem by forcing a worm, dragging a bread, to crawl through the winding passage. The modern version is on a manified scale. To test the right of Chicago to call itself a sesport, the steamer Northman, loaded with western grain, timber and machinery, has made the voyage from Chicago to Hamburg by way of the Great Lakes and the Welland canal. The white thread of her wake can harly fail to weave new nd important pattern into the maritime commerce of nations.

A patriotic New Yorker, a member of the Sons of the Revolution, is preparing to give to each of the public school buildings of New York city, a copy of colossal size, of the famous Houdon bust of Washington. The model, made by Wilson MacDonald, one of the oldest sculptors in America, has already been accepted. The public spirited donor believes that love of country should be taught in the schools and that there is no better way of teaching it than by keeping the memory of the greatest patriots fresh in the minds of the pupils. Naturally the Father of his country comes first.

An Indianapolis correspondent calls

attention to the part played by the telephone in a recent divorce case at Noblesville, Ind. A Mrs. Nagle brought suit for divorce. On the day appointed

Dickinson counties down to the Oklahoma line.

Monday morning a heavy rain fell in the vicinity of Joplin. Mo., and traveling west covered portions of Montgom-ery, Butler, and Sedwick counties, Kansas. Around Joplin there was a heavy fall for ten minutes.

A soaking rain felt in Cherokee county, across the line in Kansas, preceded by hail, benefitting pastures and small grains immensely and bringing relief to crushing plants in the zinc mining districts. During the afternoon a heavy rain fell in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Eldorado and Wichlta, Kap

NEW CHEMICAL BUILDING

One For Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas, a Beauty.

A perspective view of the new chemstry building to be crected at the agricultural college at Manhattan, Kansas, shows it to be a beauty. The plans and specifications were drawn up by Capt. J. Haskell of Topeka, and the contract for its construction "as given to Gharles A. Fellows of Topeka. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000. The location of the new building will be in the rear of and northwest of the main building and half way to agricultural hall. The building is to be constructed of

native white stone quarried at Manhattan, and has been designed to harmonize with the other college buildings both in style of architecture and construction.

It is plain but massive and dignified

if not the largest, in the history of the state. A great many counties send word that with rain corn will be a half crop; without rain soon no yield. A few say there is yet hope for a fair barvest.

Hay sold for \$20 a ton, a cent a pound the highest price ever reported in the market. This is almost as much, pound for pound, as wheat is worth. Hay is so high that it can be shipped from Minnesota or Ohio or almost any state in the country that has a crop.

The weather continued very hot last Friday in Kansas, says a Topeka special, the highest temperature being 110 at Ft. Scott. A careful perusal of crop reports from all parts of the state indicates that Kansas will not raise more than 50,000,000 bushels of corn this year. Secretary Coburn of the state board of agriculture, a recognized authority, admits that the crop is practically a failure. As much as 20,000 acres of wheat in the stack has been burned during the last two weeks.

From St. Louis comes the word that in parts of Missouri and southern Illinois, where the crops are being literally burned up, the temperature has ranged as high as 110 in the shade, and that all records for the past thirty years have been broken.

HOME FOR CALAMITY JANE

Eastern Friends Provide for Her in Declining Days.

An Anaconda, Mont., dispatch says: Mrs. Josephine Winfield Brake of Buffalo, N. Y., authoress and correspondent of a New York newspaper, has been

cerity.

"I have rested well, sir," she replied.

"Good. I am glad of that. I feared you might have bad dreams." "Not many, sir."

"Ah-and did you have any such?' "Not-not many." "You dreamt that Julian was a de-

mon, eh?" "No, no, sir-my dreams were not

of him." "I hope, sweet lady, that you dreamed not darkly of me."

"No, sir. It was of-" The maiden hesitated, and seemed troubled; but her visitor came to her

assistance. "Never mind, lady. I meant not to inquire into the secret twinings of your mind. I only hoped that I had

not been unfortunate enough to excite the apprehension of your slumbering fancles." He smiled as he spoke, at the same

time moving a step nearer, and then adding:

"I am glad you have not suffered from our coming; for I have the more courage to ask you if you will see Julian."

"You said you would accompany him, sir." "Yes."

"Then I may as well see him at one time as another. You may inform him that the lady Ulin rests her safety and honor in his manhood." "He has been so informed, fair

lady." "Then, let him come." "Gentle lady, pardon me if I have

that name is spoken with love and gratitude. Upon the plains of Abilene, and in the mountain passes of Lebanon, where the busy craftsmen prepare timber for Jerusalem-there Julian is hailed as a friend and benefactor. The grim satisfaction of torturing the cruel King of Damascus is tempered and softened by the calmer atmosphere of these friendly regions." Why did Ulin sit so still and listen

with such rapt attention to the words of the speaker? She bent her head as though soft music were stealing o'er her senses; and she gazed upon the man before her as though a grand, inspiring picture had been unfolded to her vision. His words carried truth in their very sound, and all her sympathies had been aroused. She was a woman whose nature had not been warped by art; and the avenues to her soul were guarded only by the pure instincts of virtue and humanity. Not always the safest guard; but still the happiest when surrounding influences are not evil.

"And now, lady," pursued Julian, "I must tell you why I am here; and in doing this I speak only those words necessary to the truth. On my way from the plains I met a messenger. who informed me that a fair maiden had been shut up in the Palace of the Valley. I could not believe that a beautiful young virgin had willingly given herself to the desires of Horam. thought she had been shut up thus against her own pleasure. With this belief I resolved to release her. The result you know. I have heard your story from the lips of the black slave | casioned by the appearance of the terwho attends upon you, and she informs me that you are affanced to the king by your own consent, and without any desires on your part to the contrary. Is it so?"

strange tribute from the Scourge of

"Albia, I think I shall never see that man again; but I shall remember him with emotions far removed from

"You will remember him as little as possible, my mistress," said the slave girl, taking a seat close by Ulin's side, and resting her hand upon her

"What mean you, Albia? Why should my memory be narrowed or

"Because you are to have a husband who will demand your every thought and feeling. Horam is deeply versed in all the secrets of the female heart. and his eyes will not sleep while you have a thought which he does not

"Indeed, Albia," cried the princess, with a look of amazement, "you mis-

"If such be the case," replied the girl, very quietly, 'you will forgive me for what I have said; and of Julian we will think no more."

Ah-was it so? Had Ulin been misunderstood? Had the keen-eyed Albia been mistaken? Would there be no more thought of Julian?

The day passed away, and towards evening Aswad returned from the mountains. He said he had not fled from fear of the robbers; but that, when he saw that defeat was inevitable, he had sought safety from capture so that he might communicate with Damascus. Perhaps he old the truth. At all events, he resumed his command, and once more posted his guards about the valley; and then came to assure the princess that she was safe.

It was in the evening, just as the last gleams of day were fading out, and before the lamps had been lighted -at that season when the thoughts are most apt to wander and strange fancies visit the mind.

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It was not to be that Uiin should spend the alloted time at the Palace of the Valley. The king had heard of the attack of Julian, and he came with a large army to bear the princess away from a place which was no longer safe. He was somewhat surprised when he found that the Scourge of Damascus had been within the palace, and had withdrawn again; and when he had heard the story from Calypso, he ordered one half the palace guadsmen to be executed within the valley.

The maiden had heard from Calypso of the bloody deed which had been done by the king's order, and when she knew that he was coming, she declared her intention of refusing to see him. But Albia persuaded her to a different course.

"As you value your future welfare," plead the bondmaiden, "so must you behave before the king. If you would live in peace, let him have no occasion to mistrust your real feelings. He is coming. Beware!"

The warning was most seasonable: and Ulin, by obeying it so conducted herself that Horam thought she only suffered from the dreadful fright ocrible Julian. He spoke to her words of cheer and assurance, and announced his purpose of carrying her back tg Damascus.

could not attend, and called up the Nobleaville judge and explained the circumstances, suggesting that the case be tried by telephone. The judge consented the witnesses were sworn. and in answer to questions asked them by Mr. Fippen, thirty miles away, submitted their testimony to the judge, after which Mr. Fippen delivered his argument, talking into the judge's ear by telephone. The divorce was grant-

Dr. N. S. Davis, of Chicago, is called the father of the American medical association, for it was in 1845, while a member of the New York state medical society, that he offered a resolution recommending that a national convention, representing all the medical socicties and colleges in the country, be held in New York city in May, 1846. The purpose was to be the adoption of a concerted plan of action for the elevation of the standard of medical education in the United States. The convention resulted in the formation of the American medical society. Dr. Davis is 85 years old, and has been a resident of Chicago since 1849.

The remarks against kissing attributed to Professor Crook of Chicago, prompted B. B. Wilson, a merchant of Mount Hope, Kan., to form an antikissing league. A dozen married men were "persuaded to become members. The wife of Secretary T. J. Cox, of the league, has revolted and is suing for divorce, after three weeks without kissing, but Cox boasts he has not kissed his wife in many years, maintaining that it is unmanly. The pledge one has to take to join the league is that he will kiss no woman, no matter if she is his wife. "Kissing is for women only-the weaker sex," Wilson says. "Kissing is a weak manner of showing affection. We love our wives more than those men who are all the time kissing them every time they leave the house. Some wives may object, but that will not induce us to desert the cause. My wife is in favor of the plan and looks at it in the same manner as 1 do."

Paul Wayland Bartlett, the sculptor, who has established his studio in one of the eastern suburbs of Washington. has received a letter from the French government accepting his statue of Lafayette, which is the gift to France of 5.000,000 American school children. Mr. Bartlett's design was the successful one before the American jury, and he was required by the French government to erect his statue in plaster on the site allotted for it in the court of the Louvre, where the French jury finally passed on it.

made to outdo other buildings in the group, but it is only intended that it should compare favorably with the others.

Its main front is to face south, and the main entrance is emphasized by an expressive pavillion. The other angles are treated with octagonal pavillons, adding choice space to the rooms and marking the structure with a character of its own.

The open timber or mill construction has been adopted, and the exposed beams and girders are to be finished in hard oil.

The building is 165 feet long and 93 feet wide, with a light wall on the north side, 29x46. Each floor contain. about 14,000 square feet of space.

KANSAS IS NOT YET RUINED

Secretary Coburn Says Damage is Seriou But Not as Bad as is Pictured.

F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kanas state board of agriculture, does not share in the general opinion of the ruin that will come upon Kansas as a result of the present dry spell. The damage to hay and corn has been serious, but the deficiency will be nearly made up by the great crops of Kaffir corn and alfalfa that have been raised. Mr. Coburn states that there are over 900,000 acres of Kaffir corn and alfalfa in the state, which has not been materially affected by the dry weather. In addition to this there are 40,000,000 bushels of old corn in the hands of the farmers. This of itself is nearly a fourth of an average crop. The farmer who has stored his corn for the last two years will not be seriously crippled.

Missouri Prepares to Pray.

Governor Dockery of Missouri, who nad received many requests to issue a proclamation calling upon the people to observe a certain day in fasting and prayer that the drouth might be broken, has set apart Sunday, July 21, on which "the people are requested to assemble at their usual places of worship to invoke the blessings of Almighty God."

An Indian School Abandoned.

The interior department has ordered the boarding school at Great Nemaha reservation on the lands of the Sac and Fox indians in Kausas, to be abandoned in accordance with the recommendation of several inspecting officers, as the Indians have outgrown the conditions under which the school was necessary. Two small day schools have been established in its place. There were only fifty attendants.

The were two deaths from heat prostrations at Leavenworth, Kan., on the 13th

in Montana for the past week searching for "Calamity Jane," the noted plainswoman. Mrs. Brake discovered "Calamity Jane" in the hut of a negress at Horr, near Livingston. The poor woman was suffering with fever and broken in spirit. The scene that followed the offer of Mrs. Brake to take "Calamity" to her own home in Buffalo to spend the remainder of her days in comfort, was pathetic in the extreme, and the noted frontierwoman wept like a child. Later the two women left Livingston for Buffalo.

NEARLY READY TO LAUNCH

Battleship Maine to Take Her First Dip

July 27.

A Philadelphia dispatch says: The Cramp Shipbuilding company has notified the secretary of the navy that the battleship Maine will be launched on Saturday, July 27.

The construction of the Maine was begun on February 1, 1899, and the contract called for the completion of the ship on June 1, this year, but work on her was delayed because of the controversy over the price of armor plate. The Maine is now about 60 per cent completed.

Kittridge Made a Sonator.

Alfred B. Kittridge, a prominent railroad attorney and counsel for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, has been appointed United States senator to fill out the unexpired period of the term of the late Senator Kyle of South Dakota. Mr. Kittridge was formerly a member of the state senate, and a member of the republican national committee in 1892 and 1896. He is a straight republican and is a candidate to succeed himself.

May Extend Her Territory.

The constitutional convention recently adopted a section of the proposed new instrument which authorizes the legislature to acquire new territory. say a Montgomery, Alabama, dispatch This has especial reference to the proposition that Alabama acquire a portion of western Florida.

Made Assistant at Buffalo.

Miss Edith Mattron of Blue Springs, Neb., has been appointed by Commissioner Vance to assist with the Nebraska exhibit at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, and has started to enter upon her duties.

Strain Causes Insanity.

Miss Sarah Stanton, formerly of Peoria, was adjudged insane at Chicago. Her ailment is the result of strain due to nursing her two sisters, both of whom died within the past week of pneumonia.

led you upon a fanciful way of thought. I am Julian. I am he whom men call the Scourge of Damascus. And now I crave your indulgence; but still I shall bow most humbly to your commands. At your word I leave this apartment; yet, I should like to speak a little further. I should like to explain more fully why I am here." Was Ulin frightened? Not at all.

She was startled when she first knew that the man before her was the dreadful Scourge of whom she had heard so much; but it was an emotion of astonishment. At first she could hardly believe that she had heard the truth. "You-Julian?" she murmured, gazing into his face.

"Aye, lady." And then he added with a smile, "I suppose you expected to find me black and ugly, like the toul genii whom Solomon imprisoned in the sea. Am I right?"

"I did not think you were Julian." the maiden said, after some hesitation. As she spoke she seemed to gain new confidence and composure; and presently she added, "I had heard so much of your terrible deeds, that I expected to find a-"

"A monster," suggested Julian, helping her out.

"Not exactly that," returned Ulin, with a smile, "though I am free to confess that I should not have been so much surprised as I have been, if I had seen a worse looking man."

"Thank you," cried the robber laughing. "I shall take that as a compliment, and lay it up among the most precious of my recollections. I understand you; so, upon this point, I need only assure you that I am Julian, and that I must own the somewhat dublous title which has been bestowed upon me. And now, lady, may I sit here for a few moments, and speak with you further?"

The very thing Ulin had been upon the point of suggesting. She did not like to see him standing before her; nor was she anxious that he should leave her. She had a strong curiosity to hear him speak further. There was something in the appearance of the youthful adventurer that deeply interested her. She bade him be seated, and then, without intending to be heard, she murmured:

"So young!" "Aye, lady." he said, catching the whispered words. "I am youngyounger, perhaps, than I look. Only three-and-twenty years have cast their shadows upon me. At that age the youth of the city just breaking from the bonds of parental restraint,is as a child; but with me it has been different. A parent I never knew. A kind, generous woman, who was my nurse, took the place of a mother during my sarliest childhood; and a white-haired

"The slave told you truly, sir," replied Ulin, bowing her head, and speaking in a very low tone.

"And you came here to this place of your own free will?"

"Yes, sir. My period of mourning was not passed, and the king brought me hither that I might be more retired."

"And but for the death of your mother you would have been the king's wife ere this?"

Ulin replied in the affirmative; but her voice trembled, and she seemed to shudder at the thought thus presented. "Lady," said Julian, showing some emotion, which he evidently did not mean to show, "for my seeming wrong I most humbly beg your pardon. I had thought to wrest from the grasp of the king one who was an unwilling captive; but since I find myself mistaken I will do all I can to make amends. A "And," said the robber, rising to his feet, "it is better that I should leave you at once."

He stopped, and swept his hand across his brow, and when he resumed. his speech was very low, and his voice tremulous:

"This has been a most strange adventure; and as I now look upon it. it seems as though some mischlevous sprite had planned it. As I live I thought when I came hither but such as I have told you of. I have met you, lady, and for the first time in my life I have felt my heart drawn warmly towards my native city. Henceforth there will be something in Damascus towards which my thoughts will turn with other sentiments than those of bitterness. Lady Ulin, we may never meet again. In this moment of our you by the hand?"

She could not have refused had she wished; but that she had no wish so to do was evident from the free and friendly manner in which she arose to meet bim. She gave him her hand, and suffered him to raise it to his lips.

again, I trust that you will bear one kindly thought of Julian. If you are forced to think of the wrongs he has done, let a memory of the wrongs he has suffered be some extenuation. Bless you, lady! All good spirits guard and protect you; and peace be thine forevermore! Farewell!"

He turned and was gone. Ulin felt a warm spot upon her hand-a drop of eye. It fell there with the klas. A ing relative of the deceased composer.

"We will rest tonight, sweet love," he said, "and on the morrow you shall find a safer shelter."

Ulin gazed upon the wrinkled face. and upon the quaking limbs, and upon the sparse gray hairs; and she could not repress a shudder. She looked upon the thin, hard hands of the monarch, and they seemed covered with blood. She watched him as he departed with her father; and when he had gone she sank down, and leaned her head upon Albia's bosom.

"O," she murmured, "I fear that J have undertaken more than I can accomplish. I cannot be that man's wife! I never knew him until now. He will kill me!"

"Peace!" whispered the bondmaiden. But she whispered in vain. (To be Continued.)

ECCENTRIC WILLS.

Benjamin Franklin Left a Small Sam Which Is Now Available.

When Benjamin Franklin died, in 1790, he left a small sum of money. which was not to be used until the twentleth century. His gift is at last available, and the sum now amounts to \$375,000, having been invested at compound interest, says the Pittsburg Press. The trustees of the Franklin fund have decided to use the money for the erection of a Franklin institute in Franklin square, Boston. Curious provisions made by will are more common than one would suppose. Within the last few months, there have been several examples of eccentric disposals of property. To one young woman has been left \$25,000 by her brother under the express condition that she neither marries nor becomes a nun. If the conditions are not fulstrange companionship, may I not take filled, the money is to be distributed among other relatives. To his three daughters an Italian who recently died left \$500 a year each if they remained single and \$2,500 each a year if they married. A late member of the English parliament left by will to his two daughters \$720,000, with the provision that the money is only to be payable if they attain the age of 35 years, without marrying either a citizen of the United States or a Hebrew.

> A new claimant for the fortune left by the composer Verdi has appeared.

He is a farmer named Verdi, living near Athens, Greece. He says that the Verdi family came originally from the east, one branch establishing itself at moisture-a tear! She gazed upon it, Athens, and the other going on to and knew that it came not from her | Italy, and that he is the c'osest surviv-

"Dear lady, should we never meet