FROM BARREN LANDS. Our lives have held too many bounties, and In spite of fate's bestowing,

To-day we do not hold within the hand Aught that is worth the showing. We know that daily farther do we stray From gold that waits the mining-

That still more distant from our feet to-day The mountain heights are shining. Too many times we've drained love's sa

cred wine-Sad truth the heart discloses; Foo many times your careless feet and

Have trodden down the roses.

"Tis he for whom love's cup but once is Who knows its utter sweetness;

Who plucks a single rose is longest thrilled With its divine completeness. "Tis oft the empty hand that offereth The tostliest sacrifices;

Tis out of some despised Nazareth The living light arises. Not for our sowing do the fruitful days

Scatter their bloom before us: It is not happy, careless lips that raise The hallelujah chorus.

But, lo! the glad earth oft from sterile soi, Sees fadeless flowers upspringing, And hears from smileless lips, 'mid want and toil,

The deathless anthem ringing. -[Lippincott's Magazine.

THE KNEVAL'S LAND CASES.

Senater Van Wyck's Claim for Moneys Expended Befused by Judge Brewer.

The case of Knevals vs. Van Wyck, concerning the ownership of property in Thayer county, came up in the United States circuit court last week, on the application of the defendant for the allowance of the money paid for of the ex-president, and is about thirtytaxes, and also the purchase price of two years old. He studied law, and the land in question. Yesterday an was for some years connected with the order was received from Judge Brewer, firm of Work, Davies, McNamee & who heard the arguments of counsel on | Hilton. He left soon after his marriage both sides, stating that Van Wyck is with a wealthy western girl some three not entitled to be reimbursed for money years ago. It has always been suppaid by him upon the purchase of the premises from the government, and that his claim for money paid for taxes is not within the statutes of Nebraska in force when the decree was rendered, and that the present statute is inapplicable to the case, it having gone into decree before the statute was en- his marriage he was very fond of socieacted. The judge, however, having ty, but since then has lived rather some doubts about the rule of equity quietly, although he and his wife have for the reimbursing of unsuccessful claimants of property of the money entertainments.

paid them, extending to taxes when no Jesse Grant is rents and profits are realized, orders has always been considered General that the matter be referred to Mr. J. Grant's and his wife's favorite son. He L. Webster, one of the nu

paid. Report is to be made by the first day of the adjourned term of the

This action has its origin in the celebrated Knevals land cases, which have had so much prominence of late. Van Wyck made entry on certain tracts in Thayer county the titles to which at the time were supposed to be in the gov-ernment. Knevals, however, succeeded in establishing his ownership under the old St. Joe railroad grant, and the United States supreme court issued a decree affirming it. Van Wyck now comes forward with a claim for reimbursement of moneys expended upon the premises, as stated above, his principal point being that he has received no income whatever from the property, and that all sums laid out upon it accrue to the benefit of Knevals. The action is in the nature of a test, and the decision finally reached will affect hundreds of settlers in that region.

An Inscription for His Own Tombstone. The following inscription will be placed on Charles Reade's tombstone. It was written by himself:

Here Lie By the Side of his Beloved Friend, the Mortal Remains of CHARLES READE,

Dramatist, Novelist and Journalist. His Last Words to Mankind are on this Stone.

I hope for a resurrection, not from any power in nature, but from the will of the Lord God Omnipotent, who made nature and me. He created man out of nothing, which nature could not. He can restore man from the dust, which nature cannot. And I hope for holiness and happiness in a future, life not from anything I have said or done in this body, but from the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. He has promised His intercession to all who seek it, and He will not break His word; that intercession, once granted, cannot be rejected; for He is God, and His merits infinite; a man's sins are but human and finite. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." "It any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins."

## Laughter as a Medicine.

A short time since two individuals were lying in one room very sick, one with brain fever and the other with an gregated case of the mumps. They ere so low that watchers were needed every night, and it was thought doubt- fore these expenditures begin. This is ful if the one sick of fever could recover. A gentleman was engaged to watch if a married man attempted to live in a over night, his duty being to wake the nurse whenever it was necessary to administer medicine. In the course of the night both watcher and nurse fell asleep. The man with the mumps lay asleep. The man with the mumps lay asleep. The man with the mumps lay watching the clock, and saw that it was time to give the fever patient his potion. He was unable to speak aloud or to move any portion of his body ex-

cept his arms, but seizing a pillow, he managed to strike the watcher in the face with it. Thus suddenly awakened, the watcher sprang from his seat, falling to the floor, and awakened both the names and the facer retient. The the nurse and the fever patient. The incident struck the sick men as very ludicrous, and they laughed heartly at it for some fifteen or twenty minutes. When the doctor came in the morning

THE YOUNG GRANTS.

How They Look and How They Live-Pietures of the Grant Trio.

Frederick Grant is a young man of stout build and florid complexion, about 35 years old and bears a striking likeness to his father, ex-President Grant. He was educated at West Point and served in the regular army, chiefly out as west, for some years, reaching the rank of colonel. Soon after his marriage to Miss Honore, of Chicago, a sister-inlaw of Potter Palmer, some five years

ago, he resigned his commission and taking up his residence in New York, went into business. He and his wife have lived very luxuriously and have entertained considerably, giving many handsome dinner parties. Ulysses Grant, Jr., is the second son

posed that his marrfage brought him sufficient increase to fortune to enable him to abandon the law and become a partner in the firm of Grant & Ward. He is rather short in build, of florid complexion like his brother, and wears a becoming brown moustache. Before quietly, although he and his wife have

Jesse Grant is about 27 years old, and sembles his brothers in general apnt business experience. He resides th his parents, at No. 3 East Sixty-

PLAYING THE GAMBLER.

Incident of the Cour d'Alene Mines.

Amid the general din of the saloon, and rising above the general confusion, su the click of glasses against bottles, and un the tinkling sound of ivory chips, may be heard the words "queen high," "pair kings," "bet two beans," and the like, uttered in a soft but penetrating voice, which attracts one upon w entering the door. Making my way to ti a corner of the room, and elbowing a th path cautiously through a pack of men, 1 saw a remarkable sight. Before one T of the ordinary poker tables sat a woman of no ordinary beauty. The traces of refinement had not yet been obliterated by coarse associations and reckless dissipation. She was dressed in a tight-fitting gown, fitting about the ca bust like the waist of a riding-habit and adorned with a double row of staring of gilt buttons. On her head was a jaunty jockey cap of blue, but its little a visor shading a face whose delicate lines and marked individuality would possessor immediaté notice as a cultivated, intellectual power. Yet there she sat, dealing the cards with a graceful ease born evidently of long practice in similar scenes. Careless of the rough talk and ribald jokes of the men the female gambler dealt the cards, raked in the chips, paid losses, replied ance and calmness which was simply horrible. A more painful sight I never saw, for there was a refinement of wickedness about the scene which robbed it of the vileness of the slums and invested that woman in the corner of a horror which was simply satanical.

The Cost of Bachelor Life. An unmarried man can spend a very snug little fortune in New York without dissipating to any large extent. Supposing he takes a small suite of rooms in a fashionable apartment at the club or fashionable restaurant about \$3,000, his horse's board and his club dues about \$1,000 more, his entertainment an additional \$500 and that makes a total of \$7,000. Throwing in a thousand for clothes and sundries and a thousand more for losses at cards, it will be seen that a bachelor can live in comparative comfort in New is to be presumed that he has furnished or not. his rooms, bought his horse and wagon and paid the initiation at his club bemuch less expensive than it would be corresponding style. As a rule, a man's of the period, enameled and painted, expenses, if he be of any social promi- with her great chignon, her curls and the hawk catch the chicken and shot at

A PRISONER ON A SNOWY PRAK. Was Held Fast in Fetters of Ice. Denver Dispatch to Globe-Democrat

Pike's Peak has been scaled and Sergeant Ramsey, the beleagured signal officer, has been revictualed. Ramsey had been alone on the summit for seven When the doctor came in the morning he found his patients vastly improved; said he never knew of so sudden a turn for the better, and now both are up and well. Who says laughter is not the best of medicines? And this reminds the peak with the determination of the peak with the determination of the peak at 8 p. m. the following night,

> count ought to be dwindling to proportions that would make it a matter of small financial consequence, it is swelling to dimensions which may well be regarded as alarming. The pension rolls of the United States have no parallel in any other country of any period of the world. Recent data show that

Great Britain, military and navy.\$17,775,521 France..... 12,667,320 Germany..... 8,730,281 Russia..... 10,829,271 

the annual pension charge of the sev-

eral leading governments of the world

It is proper to state that of the above sum set down opposite the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, \$27,618,817 was on account of sarance, but is slighter and much unger-looking. General Grant was ry desirous of having him enter the spended firm, but his other sons obted, not thinking that Jesse had suftended to the rolls during the year 17, 961 names of permanent pensioners, the average cost of each one of whom the average cost of each one of whom is \$106.18. The annual pension charge | the stock exchange and financier a !itth street, and is a member of the was, therefore, increased by nearly the up there. Mr. Fish said to him, \$2,000,000, apart from the amount "Ward, you have been doing very well,

inst any proposition to increase the Fred Grant, and lent him money when in any other place have secured for its draft on the public treasury, which is aiready so far beyond what has ever been paid by any other people.

### Strange Lapses Into Insanity.

A man named Thomas Edmundson, of Nebraska, was arrested in this city on a charge of insanity. He was on to the sallies of the men, and attended his way to Europe, and on leaving his to the business with a devilish insouci- home in Nebraska was believed to be perfectly sane. When he reached Philadelphia he acted in such a strange manner that he was set down as a crank. He sold his steamship ticket for a trifle, purchased several railroad tickets for different points west and mining camp gambling house with a south, and finally brought up in Buffalo, where he was arrested in an almost destitute condition. On being examined by the police surgeon he was prouounced insane and at once committed to the state asylum, where he now remains. The authorities communicated with his family, and after some correspondence Edmundson's brother agreed house, ests at the club, keeps a road to come down and take him back. A horse and wagon and gives half a dozen parties in a year. At this rate nis rent will cost him \$2,500, his meals would be here on Tuesday to take him home. Yesterday the brother arrived and presented himself at the office of the superintendent of the poor. The stranger had not been in the office five minutes before the officials realized that they had another maniac to deal with. The unfortunate man was immediately placed under arrest. It is not known at present whether he be-York for \$10,000 a year. Of course it came insane on the trip from Nebraska

## Old-Fashioned Mothers.

Thank God, some of us have had old-fashioned mothers. Not a woman

hands worn with toil, gently guided our tottering steps in childhood, and smoothed our pillow in sickness, ever reaching out to us in yearning tender-ness. Blessed is the memory of an oldfashioned mother. It floats now to us like the beautiful periume from some wooded blossoms. The music of other voices may be lost, but the entrancing memory of hers will echo in our souls forever. Other faces may fade away and be forgotten, but hers will shine on. When in the fitful pauses of business life our feet wander back to the old homestead, and, crossing the well-worn threshold, stand once more in the room so hallowed by her presence, how the the feeling of childhood, innocence and peak at 8 p. m. the following night, er having been on the trail twenty-streaming through the open window st where long ago we knelt by our other's knee, lisping, "Our Father." low many times when the tempter red us on has the memory of those cred hours, that mother's words, her ith and prayers, saved us from plung-g into the deep abyss of sin. Years ave filled great drifts between her and s, but they have not hidden from our ght the glory of her pure, unselfish

#### The Man Who Broke Grant.

Ward 'was the son of a well known aissionary to the East Indies, who has large family, and he is well connectd. He was raised about Geneseo, N. ., and among his acquaintances was oscoe Conkling's father, an old reed judge very fond of gunning.
ifting down to New York with the a of going to college at Princeton, ing Ward concluded to take up bus-as and not lose any time, and he bee clerk of the Produce exchange, in pe of going to Princeton college, de-ped a quick eye for business. He an to speculate in those certificates eats, and as he married the daughof the cashier of Mr. Fish's Marine he went to see Mr. Fish on the h of his father-in-law, to lay before certain small but safe operations

he knew about. Mr. Fish was quiet conservative, rather juvenile-minded man, easy to be seen, and, probably as much to help young Ward along as to make money himself, he extended him credit, and Ward came in with earnings. Among other things, Ward had a brother who was a good mining engineer, and he found a mine in Colorado which he worked to the nicest advantage. Instead of exploring it in New York, they kept digging out the ore, and it lasted longer than Colorado mines generally do, and as Mr. Fish had taken an interest in this mine to help Ward, he found that his profits were most remarkable. It seemed that everything that young Ward touched turned to good. He was one of those oldish young men who had but few nd you know that not one man in wenty can maintain himself in specuting in stocks?" Ward, however, as confident, and he took desk-room mewhere near the stock exchange d while he made some losses hi

ins were greater. There General Grant used to come sit by Ward. Ward had a country se at Stamford, Conn., where he k the Grants, and so in the course of e the proposition came from young ant, who was marrying a pleasing tune, to go into business. General ant was of value to this firm to exd their credit, and he had a knack address getting money for them when it was ded, many of the New York bankand capitalists desiring to accomdate General Grant, when they ght not have accommodated mere iness men if sounder. Fred Grant left the army and went into fiscal rations for the benefit of his young ily. He built a portion of a railroad Texas, which was sold to Huntingor some of the bigger railroad ilders. Commodore Garrison liked it was needed, and occasionally lent

him money for the business of Grant & Mr. Ward had a city residence in Brooklyn, while Mr. Fish, who was a widower, lived over his own bank in Wall street, and he could take the ferry boat and be in Brooklyn in a few minutes; so it has been his habit for a good while past to go to Mr. Ward's house every morning for breakfast, and there Ward would canvass business propositions, and Mr. Fish chiefly disputed or challenged them. Generally speaking, the younger man, with his dash and generalship, had his way

Indeed, he was so generally successful that he proved by results the contrary in some cases of Mr. Fish's prediction. The president of the bank was approaching the mid lle of his four score years; he was 65, while Ward was probably 32, or not one-half his age. Mr. Fish, with conservative habits, had kept out of stock markets and confined his private at ention to real estate. Now and then Ward would cross over from his stock affairs and join him in a real estate matter. In this way they got Booth's theater, which was considered a safe purchase, and I think it now brings a revenue of fully 10 per cent. The stores had just been occupied on the first of May, and on the high cornices of Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street the initials J. D. F. had been put in place, when, like a blast of lightning, came the collapse of the Marine bank.

A I hicken Which Swam for Its Life.

One day last week a hawk darted down in Mr. Harris' yard at Franklin, seized a month-old chicken and flew off across the river. Marshal Pittman saw

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above, also "J." on left jaw. Under-slope right ear. Horses branded "E" on left

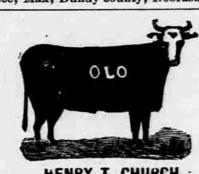


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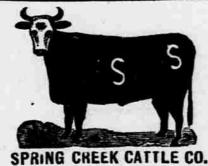
W. J. WILSON.

Stock brand—circle on left shoulder; also dewlap and a crop and under half crop on left ear, and a crop and under bit in the right. Ranch on the Republican. Postoffice, Max, Dundy county, Nebraska.



HENRY T. CHURCH.

O-born, Neb. Range: Red Willow creek, in southwest corner of Frontier county, cat-tle branded "O L O" on right side. Also, an over crop on right ear and under crop on left. Horses branded "8" on right shoulder.



Indianola, Neb. Range: Republican Val-

ley, east of Dry Creek, and near head of Spring Creek, in Chase county, J. D. WELBORN, Vice President and Superintendent.



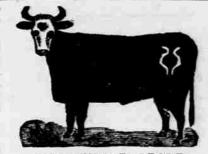


Ranch, Spring Canyon on the Frenchman River, in Chase county, Neb. Stock branded as above; also "717" on left side; "7" on right hip and "L." on right shoulder; "L." on left shoulder and "X." on left ble men. In the course of time Ward said to Mr. Fish that he had made up his mind to quit the produce exchange left side. Young cattle branded 'J. M.' on left shoulder and 'X.' on left side. Young cattle branded same as jaw. Nebt car.



C. D. PHELPS.

Range: Republican Valley, four miles west of Culbertson, south side of Republican. Stock branded "161" and "7-L." P. O. Address, Culbertson, Neb.



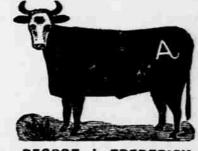
THE TURNIP BRAND.

Ranch 2 miles north of McCook. Stock branded on left hip, and a few double crosses on left side. C. D. ERCANBRACK.

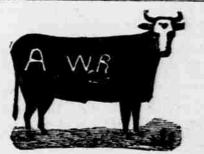


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P. O. Address, Carrico, Hayes county, Nebraska, Range, Red Willow, above Car-rico. Stock branded as above. Also run the lazy or brand.



GEORGE J. FREDERICK. Ranch 4 miles southwest of McCook, on the Driftwood. Stock branded "AJ" on the left hip. P. O. address, McCook, Neb.



W. N. PROCTOR.

McCook, Neb., range; Red Willow creek, in southwest c rner of Frontier county. Also E. P. brand on right hip and side and swallow-fork in right ear, Horses branded E. P. on right hip. A few branded "A" on right

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