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tetter's Stomach Bitters.

Our American Policy.

foreign complications seems likely to

remain conservative. The Monroe doc-

trine will be sustained, but patience

and prudence in official quarters will

restrain public opinion. The wisest

and most prudent course for the rheu-

matic and malarious is to use Hos-

The policy of this country regarding

CLOWN'S VENGEANCE.

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That evening there was a great concourse of people on the Place de la returned to the meter, and after hav-Liberte. The Rosati Circus was giv- ing followed with an eye of hatred the ing its last performance, and the pub- ascent of Icarus, began fumbling with lic of Toulon was flocking in crowds | the mechanism of the stopcocks. to this farewell representation. At the doors, beneath the flickering gleam of tic ovation. Two hundred pretty the rows of gas lights, there was a ceaseless crush and movement; an endless line was slowly winding its way in, halting at every step and hammering the sounding planks with a confused clatter. All around, on the notice boards stuck in the ground, the colors of the flaming posters were displayed, and, bathed in the garish light, dazzled the eye. In the crowd of spectators and idlers everyone was reading aloud the placard which stood conspic- and in all the circus reigned deep siuous in front: ......

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Within the circus the seats were already overflowing, and the same names repeated from mouth to mouth blended into a general murmur, deadened by the canvas roof over the ring. Some of the circus men were raking the sawdust on the track, and above the door to the stables the musicians were languidly tuning their instruments or at times addressing friends who passed beneath the gallery. "That you? Marius, how goes it?" etc. In the upper rows the audience was alive with impatience for the expected spectacle and irritated by the passing of the fashionable "first nighters"-envied frequenters behind the scenes-who pressed in a crowd to the narrow entrance leading \*o the greenroom.

Office., in civilian dress, and students, ship brokers and idle dandies, all wished for the last time to get near the fair Mile. Rita, the celebrated equestrienne, who for a month had been the subject of conversation in every messroom and every club. They stepped along, the elbowed and the elbowers, between the walls that were covered with sets of varnished harness, and begged pardon every time they jostled a groom. They s'opped at the stalls of Blue Devil and Djinn, the two trick Arabians, and, under pretext of giving some sugar to the horses, flut-

with a laugh: "Out of my way, you pitiful pigmy!"

Aesop uttered a roar of rage and anger, then suddenly calming himself,

A great clapping of hands. A franwomen dropped their fans and leveled their opera glasses, and, a trifle pale, smiled with a delicious dread. Icarus was up there-high up at the top of the circus-hanging to the last trapeze, and turning over and over in it, slowly and without an effort.

At times he paused, and his face was seen radiant in the foolish pride of triumph. Below, in the ring, the clowns were stretching a circular net, lence, broken only by a feminine whisper: "How graceful! What a handsome fellow!"

The gymnast then, finding his public sufficiently warmed up, raised himself at one pull, stiffening himself on his wrists.

The trapeze, violently thrown back, described a great arc, and, letting go the bar, the man shot forward like an arrow into space.

There was a feeling of apprehension in the crowd, and an "Oh!" of affright uttered by a thousand breasts. The acrobat reached the second trapeze, and calmly let himself swing in its decreasing oscillations.

Slowly he thus darted eleven times, calm and smiling, as he made the tour of the circus, and rejoicing at feeling beneath him the immense panting of the throng.

At this eleventh trapeze he paused to prolong this emotion-his gloryand his eyes sought out Rita. The equestrienne saw him, and with the handle of her whip threw him a kiss. The elated Icarus, hanging by one hand, saluted her; then he brought his trapeze to rest. He was about to complete his task.

"Enough," said some voices. "No! Bravo! Encore!" cried the ladies, eager to feel once more the per-

verse joy of an enticing pain. For the twelfth time the handsome gymnast, stiffening his muscular arms, essayed his terrible flight. But an appalling cry of terror, a frantic shout arose.

In an instant, suddenly-like a candle put out by the flap of a bat's wing -the thousand glistening lights of the circus were extinguished all together at the precise and fatal moment when the man was darting into space.

At the same instant there rose from the ring a laugh, terrible, vibrating with hate.

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### Buddha's Jewel Case.

New York Sun: Buddha's jewel-case has perhaps been discovered in the | that she gets it. Busti district of the northwest provinces of Hindoostan, not far from the daughters to a physician for examina-Nepaul frontier. In excavating a tion; but no mother need hesitate to shrine a coffin-shaped stone box was found, containing jeweled ornaments, cut gems, marble and crystal vases and some bones. Round one of the crystal charge. Mrs. Pinkham's address is vases runs an inscription, which reads Lynn, Mass. as though the contents of the box had belonged to Buddha himself.

### Not in That Category.

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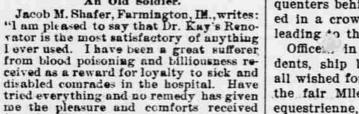
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AN IDIOT GRIN.

tered about the extemporized dressing room where Rita, tranquil and smiling, was donning her attire. Then came in succession the commonplace compliments, to which the star of the circus, unheeding, scarcely deigned to give an answer, without seeming to note the ardent gaze of her admirers.

She was a handsome girl, a careless gypsy, with the sun in her eyes and her blood, accustomed to the atmosphere of admiration, and she finished her toilet without hurrying. At times, however, impatiently and with a pretty, rebellious movement, she gave her shoulders a shake and made the pearls of her necklace rattle. It was then the little clown Aesop, her husband, who, all befloured and painted, was walking before the room, his huge topknot swaying at every step, drew near, and with his sharp falsetto voice launched some taunt at the artist's courtiers. They laughed, they even applauded, but more often they lowered their eyes before the cutting, cold gaze of the dwarf, whose wan and grotesque face-in spite of the smile of his blood-red and too large lipsseemed at some moments to be fraught with evil.

This evening the manikin was in a worse humor than usual; his jeers cap protected his ancient noddle from were more biting and more bitter, and the attacks of flies, and his comfort beneath the coat of flour covering his seamed features he appeared not pale, but livid. His eyes had a sharp and and caused him to nod. A large turkey menacing flash in them, and never left gobbler, which patrolled that precinct, Rita, who, gayly posed before her mirror, was having her bodice laced by the handsome gymnast Icarus.

In the circus the orchestra was finishing a waltz, by Metra. The curious were gradually quitting the stable and returning to their places. The sharp cuts of the ring master's whip were cracking in the arena; the show had begun. Icarus placed a last rose in the hair of the equestrienne and ran to chalk her shoes. He stumbled against

filled the circus lately so blazing, poignant shricks rolled from row to row. Women fainted and the spectators, with their hearts crushed in hopeless terror. shudderingly sat as if petrified in their places, and peered into the night that filled the dome. The net was empty, the acrobat must be looked for in the gloom. In the search lanterns were brought and carried toward the top of the circus. Five minutes-five centuries, elapsed. Some one cried: "Bengal lights."

Then, while here and there people were trying to relight the burners, a blaze of violet and red, of green and azure, flashed out and with a powerful illumination lit up at one flash every corner of the circus with its fantastic and trembling gleams.

And suddenly, as in the flames of a transformation scene, was seen, rigid, clamped to the trapeze, Prince Icarus, hanging motionless.

An unheard-of horror paralyzed him in a supernatural frenzy. His hair stood out. His distorted mouth grinned an idiot grin terrible to see, and his face, whiter than that of a corpse, his haggard eyes, protruding from their sockets, rolled convulsively.

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Soon his comrades were near him. With the handle of his knife Aesop struck the gymnast's hands, and with great difficulty detached from the bar the cienched hands of the miserable man

The gas was relighted and the crowd, silently and without a breath, watched, as it slowly lowered down, the descent of the living corpse.

There is today near Marseilles in the asylum of Saint Pierre a poor madman who stalks straight forward, his arms held in front and contracted in an imaginary grip. It is a frightful sight. It is "Prince Icarus."

I do not know what jail holds Aesop. As to that fairy Rita, she is now a princess somewhere in Germany .- (Adapted from the French of Paul Bonnetain.)

### Slain by a Turkey.

The fashion by which Judge Samuel Ashe, of the first North Carolina supreme court, came to his death must have been extremely mortifying to him, observes Law Notes. He was killed by a turkey gobbler. One day, after he had become very old and infirm, he was placed in a chair under the shade of a tree in his yard. A red was so well provided for in every way that a sweet slumber stole upon him

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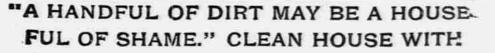


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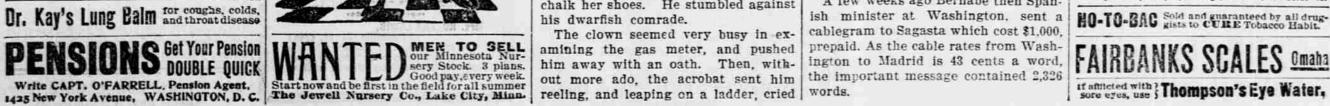


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