ON THE BEACH. I clasped in mine her tender hand, And side by side, with loitering pace, And pausing sometimes, face to face, We wandered slowly on the strand.

We left behind a laughing crowd—
We felt no need of company;
Ourselves, our thoughts, the beach, the sea,
The clear blue heavens that o'er us bowed,

Made us a perfect solitude. Where all with peace and joy was filled, Where jarring fears and cares were stilled,

So on we wandered, hand in hand, O'erglad to be to each so near, So heart-content, so fond and dear, Alone upon that pleasant strand. And when our footsteps we retraced,
The comrades we had left behind
Exclaimed: "Well, what's upon your mind,
Did boy? What fancies have you chased

"While wandering slowly and alone?
You are not wont to stroll away:
...What do the wild-wayes say to-day, unfancied and unknown

I smiled. They could not see the hand I clasped in mine, the upturned face; Their duller eyes beheld no trace Of little foot-prints in the sand. But that sweet hour along the sea Will never vanish from my heart, When, slient, from all else apart,

I walked with unseen company.

—S. S. Conant, in Harper's Magazine

A DANGEROUS VIRTUE.

Every one, perhaps, knows the stery of Presence of Mind Tomkyns, of Oriel. drowned him; but his is not the only ingly did. It was a lesson to him not instance wherein that admirable virtue has been displayed to its possessor's me not to be so fond as I used to be of disadvantage. Except, indeed, in the exercising my presence of mind." case of running away at once on the first hint of danger (where it is almost highly eulogized quality have, in what this happened to me only last week. the French call "supreme moments" (Anglice "narrow shaves." "muck-

atone for all their lives. I once performed an action of this kind myself, which proved so far from "presence of mind," being only second in point of advantage in a railway accident to "absence of body," that hardly anything can be less desirable; and

Scotch express to Edinburgh, and, as rank with a couple of swords?" possessing the quality in question, had I had secured the seat opposite to me for my feet and was as well fortified I had a friend (no, too suspicious reader, not a lady-it was the limited mail train) beside me similarly situated, and in the third seat beyond was an urbane stranger with his legs up, who from his discreet silence and his having secured the seats on the off side where nobody could disturb him, I concluded to be a diplomatist. Having awakened at Carlisle, I got out for another petit verre of brandy (much younger than that I had great credit. "It is just fifty per cent. had at the club), and on returning to my carriage found, to my horror, the seat for my feet occupied otherwise, by an intruder, and a person too of a class to whom the term "a rough customer" would not have been inapplicable. Every one who is any one can understand my indignation. Even in omnibuses, which are licensed to hold a good many people, persons already in poses-sion, however few, resent, I am told,

the arrival of new comers; but the present outrage was one that was intolerable and (except on the Continent) absolutely unparalleled. An Englishman's house is his castle; but his two seats in a night train are even more sacred and peculiar to himself. I was astonished and amazed to the last degree, but I was not speechless:
"My good sir." I said, "you have

mistaken your carriage." "No, I ain't; and I mean to travel in this un.

"But it is my seat, sir." "Then I suppose you sits on your My friend was asleep (one's friends

always are asleep when we need their assistance), but I saw a sly smile flicker upon the countenance of the diplomatist; it was the sort of difficulty (another man's difficulty) that amused him. man," I resumed, "that it is usual for great presence of mind. gentlemen on long journeys to reserve two seats for themselves.'

"Then they ought to take two tickyourn-here's mine right enough," and | denly remembering it was this abomin-

I flung down the window and exclaimed, with professional promptitude: "Guard, turn out"-I should have said, of course, "Guard, turn out this man"; which you hold your license?" but the official (who had half a crown of mine in his pocket) understood the situation at once. The obnoxious intruder was instantly hauled forth, exclaiming (falsely) that he had been inserted in the first-class for want of

I had once more put up my feet triumphantly, and was arranging my wraps as the train moved slowly on. when I perceived a carpet-bag in the rack over the opposite seat. My nature is not malicious, and though still smarting from my recent wrongs, I felt sorry that the poor man should be parted from his solitary article of baggage, and tainking there was yet time (or rather my immense presence of mind not giving me time to think) I plucked the bag from the rack and threw it violently out, as I reckoned, upon the platform; it fell however, on the line, about ten yards bevond it. "Good heavens," cried I, "ha'll lose

You might have knocked me down sion," came with a cynical sneer from

"It has my address on it, and will turn up some day, no doubt." "How could I have been such an in-

fernal fool!" I murmured penitently.

Pardon me;" he said, still sweetly smiling; "it is not that you are—the character you have so graphically described, but because you have so much canes or presence of mind. For my part I Gazette. never do anything in a hurry, and especially if it seems imperatively demanded of me; I always carefully avoid home of the poet Edgar Allan Poe, has

expectation. Perhaps he was to meet his beloved object at his journey's end. At a small station just beyond Perth he got hurriedly out, as I understood from his muttered exclamation, for a glass of whisky; it was a bitterly cold winter's night, which seemed an excuse for it; but I warned him that there was no time to get it, and there was not. The carriage door had hardly closed behind him when the train went

"I was very sorry for the poor lad, and knowing that to be left at so wretched a place without one's luggage. would be an additional annoyance, with great presence of mind I threw out of the window everything he possessed: his portmanteau, hat box and railway rug, even to his umbrella. I can see them now, black on the snow-covered line, where he could not fail to see them from the platform. Then we thundered on for about twenty miles, when the train stopped again, and who should present himself at the window of the carriage but the young man himself!

"'I beg your pardon,' he said, 'for letting the cold air in, but I see it is the wrong compartment. I thought I had left my baggage here.'
"So you did,' I said; 'but I chucked

it out. I'm very sorry, but I thought we had left you behind. I did it all for "'And you've done it pretty com-

pletely,' was his dry reply "When we had telegraghed to the last station he got it again and ex-plained matters. He was studying civil engineering, it seemed, and had bribed the engine man to let him drive us for a mile or two. As this was conwho gained his prenomen from ham- trary to regulations, the man was mering with an oar the fingers of the straid to let him join him at Perth, but young lady who clung to his boat, which told him to jump on at the first small she would otherwise have overset and station we came to, which he accord-

After this homily, and my own previous experience of what comes of impossible to go wrong), I am inclined promptness and presence of mind, the to doubt whether presence of mind is a reader will think that I myself-moi virtue. I have known so many cases qui vous parle-would at least never fall wherein people endowed with this into a mistake of that kind again. Yet

to break the company's by-laws, and to

I had taken a hurried lunch at my (Anglice "narrow shaves," "muck-ers"), done such things with sang-froid finding it to be rather late, had flung and unpremeditated good judgment as myself into the first hansom at the door, they have repented of, but could never with an impatient "To Victoria." The with an impatient "To Victoria." The man drove off, but slowly; his horse seemed tired, and after a few yards came to a full stop. "What is the matter?" I exclaimed with some irritation. "I am the matter cried a wellknown voice; it was a great friend of ly anything can be less desirable; and as the public travel a great deal by railway, the recital of it may interest thing besides myself in it. "Why do the you travel with two umbrellas, he in-

might have been expected from one Then I perceived that the man who possessing the quality in question, had had just got out of the hansom at taken care to make myself particularly the club had left his umbrella comfortable. Pullman and sleeping behind him. Of course I might cars were unknown in those days, but have left it where it was, but, with great presence of mind, it struck me that it would be better to intrust it to against the cold as a late dinner at my friend (who was bound for the club) "the Rag," with a glass of "sixty-year-old" brandy to follow, within, and ulwho would thereby recover it at once. ster and rugs without, could make me. I therefore did so, and with the consciousness of having performed a good action, and also manifested no slight acumen on the spur of the moment, we

> On arriving at Victoria, I tendered the cab-man eighteenpence. "What is this for?" he inquired, with an indignation which, considering his actual fare was a shilling, did him, I thought, above what I owe you," I said, "you very impudent fellow.

> "What!" he cried, in a voice that brought quite a little crowd around us; "eighteenpence from the Temple!" "The Temple! I came from the Megatherium Club, you scoundrel."

> "Then that's not your umbrella," he exclaimed excitedly, pointing to that article, my own property, which I held in my hand. "Pardon me," I said, sarcastically

> but those are my initials." And I held up the hadle for inspection. "Then, where is the umbrella that was in the cab?'

> It was really rather difficult to explain; my real reason for returning the article by my friend was that I had doubts of the cabman's honesty, but I could not tell him that. So I had to narrate to a by this time considerable audience, including a policeman, who was looking at me with great suspicion, that I had sent the article away by a friend, for the purpose of returning it

"Oh, that's a pretty story," cried the cabman (and I felt that it was so, and would be worth telling). "Just look after this party, policeman.' I had never been in such a false posi-

tion in my life, though, as the reader "You may not be aware, my good knows, I had suffered before from my

"You had better go back, my good friend, to the gentleman at the club. who will doubtless reward you," said ets," he replied, surlily; "show me I, in a conciliatory tone. Then, sudhe ostentatiously displayed it. It was a able cabman's own fault all along, I added in a much more natural way: "How dare you take a second fare, before you have done with the first? Don't you know the regulations under

"But I thought, sir, as you was the same gentleman"-then I knew (by his civility) that I had conquered. "Thought, sir," I put in: "it would be much better for you if you used your eyes, instead of thinking. The man's a fool!" And then I walked off majestically, having already, as I saw, impressed the fickle crowd with the same

But I was quite aware, for all that, that the whole affair might have been very unpleasant, and that I had been very nearly getting into a second hobble through my too prompt proceedings,

Nothing to Speak Of. "You profess to be a mind reader, do

you not?" said the dude, accosting a gentleman in a crowded parlor the "I do," quietly replied the party ad-"It is no matter," faulthe diplomation dressed, taking in at a glance the dissist in the softest and creamiest tone ciple of pointed shees and tight pants, conceivable; "it happens to be ny "Well, you have now an opportunity to test the genuineness of your profes-

with a feather. I made a hundred are beneath the few struggling hairs on the pologies, all of which he sknowledged upper lip of the rare bird. "Let me with great politeness. see you read my mind?' "O, you forget," said the mind reader, mildly. "I must have something to work on. And then he walked to the other end of the room to allow the dude time to

deliberate upon which would be the

better weapons for a duel-gold-headed

canes or wooden toothpicks. - Yonkers

being what is vulgariy called equal to been purchased for transformation into the situation. At one time, indeed, it was otherwise. I used to suffer from the same infirmity as yourself, but was The dust of years has lodged upon the same infirmity as yourself, but was cured of it as I am sure you will be, and, as it curiously happens, in a precisely similar manner.

"I was coming by mail one night from the north of Scotland; in the carriage with me was but one fellow passenger, a young fellow whom I judged to be in love, since he seemed very much occupied with his own affairs and much occupi inclined for sleep, and gave matherides room is spacious and papered in florid style. Washington Post.

Mimic Advertising.

As a Sun reporter turned from the Fifth avenue down to Fourteenth street the other day he saw a crowd gazing at the second story of a house. Behind a attracting the attention of the crowd. Behind the lower pane was a broad piece of canvas on which the name of a summer hotel was painted in large black letters; behind the upper glass was a scene which gave in good per-spective an idea of the house and surroundings. It seemed a picturesque summer resort. Back of the house stretched a range of blue mountains. Some of the peaks were so high that fleecy white clouds veiled their summits. From the hotel a path led through a sloping lawn to a lake. So far the picture represented all that was described on the canvas underneath, except the announcement that there was good fishing in the lake. Suddenly, however, even this was realized. A man was seen pulling in a boat across the lake. After oars, lifted a tishing rod from the bot-tom of the boat, and cast the line into the water. Then he remained motionless as if intently watching the line With a sudden jerk of the rod he landed a fish in the boat. This was repeated several times, until at last he appeared to have caught fish enough. He put im he was walking toward the hotel with a string of fish.

Suddenly the canvas dropped. In its place behind the lower pane appeared another, which called upon all people o consult only a certain physician in case of illness. Above this the scene represented a New York street. Among the houses was one with a physician's sign. An old man nearly bent double came hobbling down the street on a erutch until he got to the physician's house and rang the bell. A pleasantlooking man, presumably the physician, let him in. After a while a boy with an arm in a sling came from the other direction, and rang. This time the door was opened by a girl, probably because the physician was busy attending to the first patient. The patient was followed by a pale and debilitated-looking individual, and he by another, who appeared to be coughing and in the last stages of consumption. These also were admitted by the girl. After a while the door opened again, and out came the old man, firm and erect, briskly twirling his cane. A little later The pale and debilitated-looking man

the bloom of roses on his cheeks. results. Then carriages and coupes halted at the theater, which seemed to be attracting everybody in the city. Finally a sign appeared: "No more

Another change. This time it was a track above. As the reporter started across the street to inspect matters more closely, Sullivan and Mitchell were hav- having been 406,697.

Entering the room on the second floor, the reporter saw near the window a clouds, and all varieties of heavens; 1860, 4,138,697. pasteboard men and women, with numerous strings attached to their limbs: cars, stages, houses on a small scale, all the paraphernalia of a theatrical scene

were there. man with a large brush, which he dipped into a pot of gray paint and then applied to the pasteboard, making a line of gravish houses and churches. Then he painted in black dots for windows and doors, adding a strip of green and yellow for grass and a road.

"It's done roughly, you see," he said, but it looks all right from below. It a thing, or stand on the street and see it in the second story through a pane of distance.

"What are you going to represent now?" the reporter asked of the man. who was just changing the canvas.
"The storming of Alexandria," he re-

The reporter watched him arranging the set of pasteboard over the trestle-work. He suspended a strip of lurid sky from the back bar. A little forward and below was another bar with upright bars at either end. On the bar and against the uprights he put a strip representing the city. Further toward the window were two other upright bars. Against these he placed two forts. On a crossbar a little lower he hung a strip representing water. The trestlework was a small stage in scaffolding. The whole sloped down toward the window. One man took two pasteboard ironclads with portholes, and lighted a cigar. As he moved the ironclads just behind the strip representing water he puffed smoke through the portholes. The other man then

held burning paper behind Alexandria.
"Do you fit up these advertisements in shop windows ?" he was asked. "Yes. But we think it to the advertiser's advantage to have his advertisements appear in this window, because we are on one of the most crowded thoroughfares in the city. We expect

"How so ?" "We shall represent the candidate running in opposition to our advertiser as being pelted with eggs and pota-

"How do you get your advertisements?" We reed the

tention to our method.-N. Y. Sun. A Big Story of a Teller's Speculation.

of the city banks, of a shrewd and due. provident turn of mind, was able to ac- A lender, who is obliged to borrow quire a competency in a short time, the money he advances, may charge for and then retire from his position with- the trouble of raising it. The courts, out the bank having been any the loser however, always watch such cases with by the operation and without having suspicion. his own reputation blasted. The story is that the bank carried a heavy cash balance to meet such calls as might be charge more than the lawful rate. He carlier times much more water and made upon it from day to day, and to has a right to receive pay for the risk much larger floods than we are accusdraw upon it from day to day, and to draw upon it from day to day, and to draw upon in case of a run. This was intrusted to the paying teller. Instead of allowing this sum to remain in the bank's safe, as was the intention of the directors, and as they supposed to be actually the case, the teller invested largely in six per cent. bonds and early issues of the Government four per commerce.

The severe storm of the other day caused one of the most wonderful land slides on Flume Mountain, Franconia Notch ever known in the White Mountain. issues of the Government four per Usurious agreements are worthless in cents. These were substituted for the the hands of the parties who make them. cash, the investor cutting off the In some places, notes bearing usurious coupons and getting the money on them as they became payable. The present who bought without knowing prospective calls upon the cash could be so tainted. Nearly everybe readily estimated, and anything be- where, however, an innocent holder

yond that limit was converted into may obtain his money.

bonds. This state of affairs went Modern laws have made the usury along smoothly for about two years, the enterprising teller enjoying all the privileges as to coupons of a bloated bondholder.

Indeed laws have made the usury regulations of little account. To-day, in civilized lands, they are only a curl-osity of ancient legislation.—Youth's Companion

Companion Soon after the Oby Owen defalcation den spasm of vigilance, and, one day, once edited a country newspaper.

without a moment's warning, they called upon the teller for his keys, and were about to institute a count of cash. With an assurance and nerve that

struck the investigating directors fairly speechless, he said: "Gen:lemen, you broad window with two large panes of can not have the keys. I will give you glass appeared the objects which were my written resignation, according to shall not have the keys to the safe." The gentlemen were taken completely by surprise, and knew not what to say or do. Arrest was threatened, but the teller was obdurate, and the directors finally withdrew to talk the matter. over. This gave him his chance, and slipping out with the surreptitiously purchased bonds, he speedily converted them into cash, and the right amount was deposited in the vaults. By that time the objection to the surrender of the keys was removed, and the directors and bondsmen, who had been thoroughly nonplussed and thoroughly frightened by the refusal, found their heaped-up thousands secure and the bank on as sound financial bed-rock as it had ever been. The fact that the while he stopped rowing, shipped his teller had just disposed of a large amount of bonds, however, led to the discovery of the way in which he had been using the funds of the bank for his own emolument, and the resignation went into effect. During the time between the purchase and sale of the bonds they had largely appreciated in value, so that during the transaction the teller down his rod, grasped the oars, and had cleared between \$50,000 and \$60,pulled back to shore. The last seen of 000 from the rise in value and the coupons. The bank was none the poorer

the story has consequently been closely kept.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

from the operation, and attempts made

profits were unavailing. Public prose-

Our Foreign Population. The immigration into the United States during the fiscal year just ended was more than twenty-five per cent. below that of the preceding year and ten per cent, below that of the year which preceded that. The total number of immigrants arriving in the year just closed was 599,114, against 770,422 last year and 669,431 the year before. Over 2,000,000 have thus arrived in the country and taken up their abode here within the last three years. The total arrivals for the last ten years have been less than 4,000,000, and in no three years preceding had the total run much above 1,000,000. The largest number of immigrants arriving in any one year the boy came out, but his arm was no preceding the three in which the preslonger in the sling. On the contrary ent "boom" has been running was 459 .he swung it freely as he walked along. 803, in 1873. The number of immigrants who have arrived in this counmade his exit whistling. The consump- try during the last fifty years reaches tive who had seemed to be tottering on over 10,000,000. The smallest number | dead b'ars. Every nigger, sir, little Presto -change! The canvas went when the arrivals were 38,914. In 1842 dogs and I ketched t the lower pane, the theater itself behind fallen below that number four times- never did. Yes, sir, b'ars will travel the upper. A horse-car stopped in front in 1843, 1844, 1861 and 1862. Germany when you makes it hot for 'em."-Forest of the theater, which every passenger en- continues to furnish the largest number and Stream. tered. A stage drove up with the same of arrivals. Last year there were 191 .-643 from Germany, the next largest being 79,852 from England and Wales. From the Dominion of Canada there were 64,000, Ireland, 63,700; from Scotland, 19,612; from sunny Italy there | lings, the Postmaster of Santa Clara, were 31,715; from bleak Norway, 21,bicycle advertisement, and bicyclers 894, and from Sweden, 34,596. Nearly men came upon a redwood log two feet were speeding their steel racers on the three-fourths of the arrivals come in at in diameter. It was in a good state of the port of New York; the number of preservation, and the chips that were immigrants at that port in the last year having been 406,697. brought up by the boring apparatus were sent to different parts of the State

The number of foreign-born persons residents of the United States is now about 7,000,000, or nearly one-eighth of light trestle-work. Round about were its present population. In 1880 it was in that position. As nearly as could be ying strips of sun-sets, blue skies, storm 6,679,943; in 1870 it was 5,567,229; in determined, it was of the same species

New York has a larger number of boring mountains, and, in fact, over persons of foreign birth than any other large areas of the State of California. State. It has 1,250,000 out of a total pop- | The redwood tree is quite distinctive, ulation of 5,000,000. Half a million of and there can hardly be a doubt about these are from Ireland and 350,000 from the identity of the log found with the Two long, broad strips of pasteboard a bave each 600,000 of foreign birth and living species. The surface of the ground at Mr. Billings' place is eighty-four feet

Of the 7,000,000 of foreign population now in the United States 2,225,000 are | The nearest point on the bay is about of German nativity and nearly 2,000,000 Irish. Besides the 7,000,000 who are of ally shallow, and at no place, except foreign birth, there are about 8,000,000 | perhaps near its opening into the sea, of foreign parentage. The percentage of arrivals for the this log below the surface-that is to

last few years shows a large increase say, 200 feet in depth. makes a difference whether you're near from Germany. A few years ago the arrivals from Ireland formed a much larger percentage of the whole than glass. Fine work doesn't tell at that now. The number now arriving from Germany is more than three times as of its having been buried by a landmany as those arriving from Ireland. Last year there were 191,643 Germans to 76,252 Irish. The number of emigrants leaving Germany in the last fifty years is estimated at 3,500,000; most of them came to the United States .-Washington Cor. N. Y. World.

Usury.

Our English ancestors thought that t was shameful and unchristian to demand pay for the use of money. While they never declared that the taking of interest was unlawful, they made statutes to limit the amount. In time their views changed, and they saw that it was just that a borrower should pay for the use of the money loaned him, if the charge-called interest-was not place where it was found by the moveexorbitant. A trader who borrows money to use in his business, and thereby increases his profits, ought to pay for the use of the money just as he pays

for the rest of his stock in trade. In nearly all countries the rate of interest is fixed by law. In commercial countries it is also the rule that any rate of interest can be given and accepted if the agreement to pay it is made in writing. The reason for this is that the poses a much greater depth for the bay, value of money like the value of any commodity is changeable. It is high when money is scarce and low when it to do a large business during election is plenty. It is right that the dealer in ning water at the place where the tree money should have the same advantages as the dealer in any other article. To take or agree to take unlawful interest is usury. If taken unintentionally, or by mistake, the agreement is

binding at the lawful rate. Money-lenders resort to many expedients to avoid the law. Some of these if we find one that can be well imitated the interest from the face-value of the are allowable. A lender may deduct by mimicry, we call the advertiser's at-

An agreement that a year shall be twelve months of thirty days each, for computing interest, is valid. Compound interest may be demanded and An interesting story is told of the taken if expressly agreed upon, but the way in which a paying teller of one interest must be asked for when it falls

When a man borrows money to put

-Governor Hubbard, of Minnesota

Where Bears Were Thick. Said Major Jim. "B'ars will leave when you make it too hot for 'em. sir. when I was doin' business for old Jedge Smides, down in Madison Parish -plantation lay right on the river-Mississippi River you know-one night the terms of our contract, but you I was sittin' on my gallery smokin', sir -everything jest as still as er dead mule, sir: Well, first thing I knowed I heerd a kinder noise way up 'cross the river, and it sounded sorter low like at first, and then it kept gittin' louder and louder, twell I couldent stand it no longer, sir. I jest jumps up on my feet and I says: 'Old ooman, old ooman, a hurricane's comein', sure as you're born,' Savs she: 'Major O.'-she always called me Major O. when she wan't in a hurry-'how in the name o' sense can a hurricane be a comein' when there ain't a cloud in the sky?' Well,' says I, 'there's the deuce to pay somewhere.' So I picks up my doublebarrel and I breaks out for the levee. and when I gits there I lissen, and I hears that roarin' 'cross the river gittin' louder and louder, jest like a nigger funeral, when they begin to blow the mud out their bilers, sir. And I looked where the moon was shinin', and I seen that whole river turnin' black, sir, and comin' closer and closer up to where I was standin'. Skeared! I reckon I was skeared. Why, sir, my hair would a lifted a cotton bale. I would a put up and dusted, and I did kinder inch back er little, but I dazzent run, sir, with Susan Ann a standin' there on that gallery. There she stood, sir, and first she'd sing 'Old Hundred,' and then to compel the employe to disgorge his she'd git down on her marrow bones and moan out her little prayer, and cution would have given the affair un-pleasant notoriety for both parties, and then every once in a while she'd holler out, 'Jim, what is the matter?' as if I wouldn't a given six quarts of Dexter's best jest to a half knowed what was the matter. If you'd a seed me, sir, a standin' there havin' one agur on top of another faster'n you could count 'em. and the cold sweat runnin' out the holes in my boots, you'd a knowed, sir, how happy I was, sir, when I seed someblack riz up out that river and shuck hisself. I jest up and hollered to Susan Ann not to be carryin' on like a mooniack and makin' a durned fool of herself; but I had jest as well hollered at a loggerhead turkle, for Susan Ann and every nigger on that hill had lit out for the canebreak, sir. So I jest stood there lonesome by myself, and I jest poured it into them b'ars right and left when they topped that levee and shuck theyselves, twell broad daylight, sir. It looked like the whole world was full of b'ars, sir. I jest stood in my tracks and

Curious Discovery.

California, at a depth of 281 feet, work-

for the inspection of scientists, with the

hope that some intelligent explanation

would be elicited as to how the tree got

as still found in abundance on the neigh-

above the surface of the Bay of San

Francisco and of the general sea-level.

eight miles distant. The bay is gener-

some fifty miles away, so deep as was

or tree in that strange locality? The

valley some twenty miles in width, and

throughout the whole extent.

with no depression exceeding a few feet

One supposition is that, in the very

distant past, San Francisco Bay ex-

tended over the region now occupied by Santa Clara, and was, at Mr. Bil-

ling's place, 200 feet in depth at the

time the log found its lodgment there.

In that case all the vast body of earth

forming the valley to the depth of 281

feet, and composing the bottom of the

present bay to an unknown depth, has

since been washed into its present

place. This theory presupposes that

the tree grew upon some one of the

mountains skirting the valley (then the

bay), and was carried down to the

ment of water; and that the same

agency, aided, perhaps, by the wind,

covered it with sediment and debris.

until all the geological phenomena

which we now observe have occurred

Could there have been a deep river

running through Santa Clara Valley in

the remote past, in the bottom of which

this tree was lodged? This idea sup-

as an outlet for such river, than it now

possesses. Or could a deep excavation

sidence of the earth at that locality,

the surface of the ground or at the bottom of the bay? If the latter, it must

it not probable that there are many trees like it at that depth below Santa Clara?

If that large valley has been filled in since that tree was deposited to that great depth

of 281 feet and upward, whence came

all the materials to fill it in? Could the

mountains have supplied those materi-

als? If so, could they have been brought

down by the action of water alone?

Notch, ever known in the White Moun-

tains. About one mile from the Flume

House, and plainly seen from there, a

wasset River, half a mile below. It has

-An Omaha paper advertises "mar-

done. - Boston Herald.

riage toilets for gentlemen.

above it.

control 280,000,000? killed thirty-eight of 'em, sir-the biggest in the drove, and when I stopped shootin' there wasn't a livin' soul on that plantation 'cept me and them the brink of the grave came out with of arrivals in any single year in the and big, and Susan Ann to boot, was ing house in this country. Other meethalf-century aforesaid was in 1838, clean gone, sir. I got some nigger ing houses are bare and unpainted. This one will be tastefully down and the street disappeared. The the number for the first time exceeded on Joe's Bayou the next day, but some It will also be finished in hard wood. name of a theater was displayed behind 100,000. Since that it has only of them niggers never did git back, sir, A bell is talked of, but it is thought

A few years ago, in boring an arte-

-A stranger in the city, seeing the places of public resort full of young men, night after night, asked if this was the land of the midnight son .-Boston Transcript.

-Rattler says the cures effected by aving on of hands is an old story with him. His mother often indulged in the past-time in times past.-Boston

the street every young lady within three blocks blushes and looks around.—Bismarck Tribune.

tated. According to the rules of dynamics, then, a mule ought to kick 2,000 years. - Burlington Free Press. -Here is another point in favor of the Darwinian theory: There is a boy in Norristown who "sprang from monkey." The monkey belonged to

bite the boy. -Norristown Herald. The query is, How came this large log that quarter," is what the storekeeper surface of the ground is at about the same level, and there is no possibility slide. It was in the middle of a

-The guinea hen lays up her treasyou step in it, and find yourself kneedeep in about two bushels and a half of eggs, largely fractured and possessed of a marked individuality. - Burdette. -When a young man tries for three

mon, temporarily, as it were. - Hart--"Well," said a jaunty son-in-law, ounging in from the office with his

father's mail, "you've got a postal from ma, and she says she's met a cyclone." "Pity the cyclone," was the old gentleman's crusty reply, as he jabbed his pen into the inkstand. - Burlington Hawk-Eye. -"Ethel," asked the teacher, "whom

do the ancients say supported the world on his shoulders?" "Atlas, sir." 'You're quite right," said the teacher. "Atlas supported the world. Now who supported Atlas?" "I suppose," said Ethel softly, "I suppose he married a rich wife."—Eli Perkins. -"Ole man," said a negro woman to

have been made by the action of runher husband, "yer's a drinkin' yerself ter death. Yer's goin' down every was found? May there have been a subday." "So is de ribber goin' down ebery day, but it ain't got dar yet. Go bearing the tree down with it to the on an' chop some wood an' let de ole depth of two hundred feet below the man study 'bout flosofy.'' "Dar's ocean level? Or may there have been plenty ob wood cut, sah." "Go an an opening in the ground by some earthquake convulsion, letting the tree which quake convulsion, letting the tree which fotch plenty ob water." "Well, go an' tote some water, den." "I'se dun grew there down 281 feet below the sur- fetch some moah. Dar's nuthin' like a 'oman keepin' her han' in. Let her slack up fur a while an' she's sp'ilt."— CHICAGO HERALD, Was the lodgment of this tree, when it became fastened in its present place, on Arkansaw Traveller.

Not New to Him.

have been waterlogged. If not water-logged, what would cause it to sink? Is A group of ladies and gentleman sat apon the hotel veranda. The subject of their conversation was bathing, and right merrily the nimble tongues rattled. Miss A. had to tell how dreadfully frightened she was when she first entered the surf; Mrs. B. gave her infallible rules against chills; young Mr. C. boasted of his natatorial exploits, when the laties gazed upon him admiringly; Miss D. told for the twentieth time about her having "such a time this morning" in in the salt sea waves, and messieurs and mesdames the remainder of the alphabet added each his and her quota to the edifying conversation. As Fogg, who sat near the party, had said nothing all this time, it occured to one of the ladies to remark:

"I suppose our conversation dosen't interest you very much. Mr. Frogg?"
"Not particularly," he replied; "the subject hasn't the charm of newness to -Do not despise the American hen.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

-"Missionary Hen's Nest" is the name of a Baptist Church in Yalabusha County. Mississippi, from the fact that the ladies of the church contribute eggs to the missionary cause.

-The little island of Atafu, in the South seas, is said to be the only purely Christian country in the world. Every adult on the island is a member of the church on confession of faith. -The American Bible Society has

received letters from Constantinople indicating a disposition on the part of the Turkish Government to withdraw its objections to the distribution of the Scriptures. - N. Y. Examiner. -A bright little girl in the first Presbyterian Sabbath School at Hud-

son, N. Y., upon being asked what sort of a spirit that of the Pharisee was, replied: "It was doing a good thing, and hen feeling big over it. -"It might have been wise," remarked a Bostonian, "to have kept the churches open these cool summer Sundays, and shut them instead when the

bitter winds of January are blowing.

but it wouldn't have been fashionable. Comfort rarely is." - Boston Transcript. -The Congregational statistics of onnecticut, just issued, show January 1853, 207 churches:33 had no minister. There were 54,663 members. In 1882 the additions were 2,303, and removals 2,238-a gain of only 65. The additions by profession exceeded the re-

movals by death by 213. The Sundayschool enrollment was 51,675. -The opening lecture of W. Robertson Smith, in Cambridge University, as Professor of Arabic, broke a nonconformist silence in that institution of 221 years. Nothing of the kind has been suffered before since the act of uniformity expelled dissenters from the

-Let it be understood and remembered that every good school taught. helps every other good school, be it public or private. There need be no ealousy and no antagonism—there should be none between the public and private school.-American Journal of Education

-Dr. John Hall, speaking recently, thus eulogized "Protestantism." was dealing with the assertion that "Protestantism is a failure:" "How," asks the Doctor, "can that be a failure which in A. D. 1500 did not exist, and in 1883 controls populations to the extent of 403,000,000, while its rivals, the Roman and Greek churches, combined,

-The Quakers at Winthrop, Me., have introduced a wonderful innovation on old customs. They are building a meeting house which is actually to be beautiful. It will exceed in its decorative splendor any other Friends' meetthat the conservative tendencies of the Friends will be sufficiently strained by the upholstery, the hard-wood finish. and the generally ecclesiastical appearance of the house. This denomination has hitherto stoutly resisted all innovations of this sort. - Boston Post.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-A man named Darling lives in Fargo, and when any one calls to him on

-It is said that a grasshopper will kick thirteen days after being decapi-

an organ-grinder, and attempted to -"I need have no more fears from

remarked as he threw the counterfeit 25-cent piece in the fire, which had come back to him several times. - Yonures on the earth. And that's the reason why you never find her nest until

minutes in church to brush a sunbeam off his coat, under the impression that it is a streak of dust, and then looks up and sees a pretty girl laughing at him, he kind of loses the thread of the ser-

made the celebrated place more won- She is industrious. She lays every year derful than ever, having extended the high walls some 505 feet. The scene as to cackle. Some of these eggs may be the water subsided was grand beyond | bad. It is not the hen's fault. She description. No pecuniary damage was does the best she can. Out of the 9,-000,000,000 deeds that men do more or less of them are bad. A hen's egg is good when fresh. Men's deeds are not ant to be so .- Chicago Herald.



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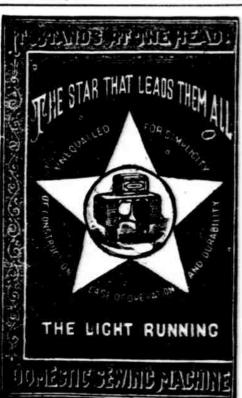
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