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ten bales," he says. Simple words, but

the signal for a very tempest of excite-

ment. From every part of the

room come, as it were, scattered shots

dozen, or it may be a score, of eager,

earnest men, who shout passion-

ately at the top of their voices, and al-

most in chorus: "Ten-half, ten-half, ten-

half," until it seems as if the roof would

a foe: others work them to and fro, as

if they were engaged in mortal combat;

others, again, raise them upward, as if

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discovered a mound which has puzzled

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walking around the farm which imme-

cision. The curiosity of the crowd was

aroused, and they determined on an in-

vestigation. They began at once to

stature.

Greensborough, Ga.

COLUMBUS Who toils each day from rosy mora Till sunset hues the bills adorn, And seeks his couch weary and worn? Ye editor. STATE BANK!

Who is it that must ever mix

And trim his sail to every breeze? Ye editor. Who is it sometimes is abused And sees the naughty word "refused," And e'en of lying is accused? Ye editor.

Who could we never do without Along this dreary earthly route, Where we sli need a guide and scout? Ye editor.

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The night was fearfully cold, and I UNDERTAKER! out by the Daily Howl to report the against me. hanging of two young men who did not live long enough to enjoy the reputation they had made by robbing a rail- mule? - "Yes, I am going out in such a road train and murdering the con- night as this. I would rather freeze ductor. After seeing the young men than to suffer in a bed with your boy. drop, I set out for the nearest railway Let me know when he is to be hanged. station, some ten miles distant. All please. It will be a pleasant duty to report the proceedings. Good-night." COFFINS AND METALLIC CASES railroads in that part of the country Yes, the night was intensely cold, and run accommodation trains, that is, I was riding a mule. - Arkansaw Travthey run for their own accommodation. eler. The thought of favoring the public has never entered the heads of the officials. The station was deserted when I reached it. After looking around for How the Parislan Cemeteries are Utilized

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YE EDITOR.

Who fishes items one by one From every babbling mother's son, And maketh now and then a pun?

Who wakes the world up with a whack And puts a backbone in its back And sends it rolling on its track? Ye editor.

In science, creeds and politics, And bring to light all sorts of tricks? Ye editor.

Who is it that must ever please?

At a recent meeting of the Arkansaw Adventurers' Club, Mr. Daniel Singleton, known by the misnomer of Truthful Dan, read the following paper:

some time, I found a man sitting on a

"Where's the station agent?" I asked. "How long before train time?" "Train's gone."

"What!"

"Yes, what." "How long has it been gone?"

"I don't know what to do. How long before the next train?" "Don't know. If we have luck there may be another in a day or two." "Don't they run on time?"

"Partly on time and partly on the track. Fust one and then the other." "How far is it to the nearest telegraph office?"

"This is the poorest road I ever saw." for three months' work. That's a putty may always see a crowd of people good lookin' mule you're ridin'. Come whose presence there is at first inexover to the house with me and I'll plicable. They wear no hat-bands, and swap you a better one for him.' "I am not in the mule trade. Isn't

there another railroad near here?" "Yes, 'bout five miles, but if you'll and wood up several times.'

"Believe I'll try it." goin' to do with that mule when you tonishing, and, I might even say, dis- the shoemakers, type setters, job print ketch the train? Hitch him behind?" myself. I want to send a lot of pa- are literally covered from top to

"Oh, is that all! Leave 'em here and inclined to suppose that on these cards I'll put 'em on some time during the are Scripture maxims or adages appro-

week. Wall, if you must be goin', good priate to the mournful occasion. Not The air grew colder and colder. Darkness came and in freezing dreari- gantic posts for advertisements, to be ness, the pine trees moaned. The used much in the same manner as dead round, hard "hominy" snow pelted walls. On Raspail's tomb you will see me in the face. I had not gone far be- Elegant bottines can be obtained from fore I realized the foolishness of my undertaking. The depending grape- merchant; 'Mme. C., midwife; 'Mlle. vines, through the ghastly light that D., costume maker, and so on. In all accompanies a thin fall of snow, looked cases the addresses are given and the like ropes-and sometimes I started at cards firmly fixed so that a hurricane the vivid impression that I could see could not blow them away. Don't dead bodies dangling from the ends of | imagine that you see one, two, three or them. The cold, shivering notes of four cards. The tombs are positively the screech-owl; the chilling scream of white with them, and they are considthe night-hawk and the benumbed bark | ered so much of an institution that they of the fox kept me constantly alive to are hardly noticed by well-bred Paristhe dismalness of my surroundings. A ians. I suppose the scheme was origlight gleamed. It seemed to shudder inally commenced by the undertakers in the chill air. Guiding my mule in of the Rue de la Roquette, just outside the direction whence came the wel- Pere la Chaise, who placed the advercome glimmer. I soon reached a house. tisements relating to their immortelle where I was assailed by an army of wreaths and couronnes on the monudogs. Just as I was about to be eaten ments, and thought there was nothing up, a man came out, kieked the dogs inappropriate in their so doing. But a Grand Success. away and asked me to come in. Some "Nothing inappropriate?" men might have said, "No, thank you; the American indignantly.

I am out for a ride to recover my lost spirits," but I didn't. I am not very polite anyway—am not at all like the the way for the others, you know, and R. BRIGHAM'S AUTOMATIC WA- polite anyway—am not at all like the the way for the others, you know, and man who at table says: "No, I don't though I am quite sure that wellevery man who has it in use. Call on or leave orders at George Yale's, opposite he is almost famished. The invitation was not more than half ex- that you do, nothing is to prevent it. tended until I was in that house crowd- and the thing is kept up just as though ing the children and the churn away it were one of our institutions. It from the fire. When I became warm strikes every visitor to Paris, but I do

enough to look aroued. I saw a comi- not remember ever having seen it pubcai old fellow; a fat woman with a red Livery and Feed Stable. | cal old lellow; a lat wollan with a red handkerchief tied over her head; a black-eyed, "sassy" looking girl and a boy that I felt like spanking with a board, without further acquaintance. After answering innumerable questions, the old man turned to me and said: "Wall, stranger, I reckon vou're tired. When you git ready, you may go up to bed. You an' Jake will sleep

together." Jake grinned and said "Voo." way toward certain boys, but we do. It doesn't take more than five minutes, after seeing a boy, for me to tell whether or not I would like to spank and the farmer continued: him. This young rascal had been in my society five minutes, perhaps, when eh? When did he expire and who doche put the cat on my back. Oh, how tored him?" I wanted to spank him. We went up "This is to bed. I was in hopes that he would the driver.

he asked. "Yes."
"But the next day ain't, is it?" "No."

"Do you like it?"

drop off to sleep, but he didn't.
"To-morrow's Saturday, ain't it?"

"Why ain't it?" 'Because-because it won't be." "Christmas is when they have eggogg, ain't it?"

"There's a whole lot of turnips under this bed. Do you like turnips?

"I do. Believe I'll get up an' get He climbed out, throwing the cover off me, got a turnip, and instead of go-ing around to his own side, climbed

"Look out!" I could not help but exclaim. He had pressed the cold turnip against my back. Then he giggled. "If you do that again I'll call your father." He had repeated the performance. Then he began to "cronch' the thing. I tried to frighten him by telling him of a boy who took a turnip to bed with him and died. Just as I began to think that the lie had been effective, he said: "Did he die because he took the tur-

nip to bed with him?" "Well this one won't hurt me for didn't take it to bed with me. I got up an' got it," and he jammed it against

my back. "Don't you do that again." "Do what?"

"Put that cold turnip against me." Then he began to "cronch." "I gets up in the night an' eats raw cabbages, but you don't, do you?"

"Hush, I want to go to sleep." Overcome by weariness, I sank into a doze. I could hear the owl-could see the grape vines dangling in the forest. Then I glided off into a pleasant reverie. Merry bells-happy faces, the laughter of sweet voices. I jumped as though I had been shot. That trifling was riding a mule. I had been sent little rascal had jammed his turnip

> A few moments later a voice might have been heard, saving: "Old man, where did you put my

ODD ADVERTISEMENTS. by Tradesmen. Two meditative beings strolled thoughtfully through the avenues of "I'm him," lazily stretching himself. Greenwood Cemetery, as amicably inclined as a Frenchman and American can be, and apparently determined that differences of opinion should never alter friendship. "You have got the "Passed along here about two hours reputation," said the Gaul thoughtfully, " of being a people keenly alive to the value of advertisement. I think you are. But I beg to state that you do not go as far as we Parisians. You stop at the churchvards. In Paris they are our great field for advertisement. The American begged that this condition of things might be explained, and the Frenchman begged that he "Don't know, but I don't believe thar | might explain them at the same time. "In Pere la Chaise," said the Gaul, which, as everybody knows, is the "I reckon you're right. It owes me world-renowned cemetery of Paris, you are consequently not in mourning. They are not intensely jolly, and can not, therefore, be mistaken for undertakers. They seem to go nowhere and cut across the country you mout ketch to do nothing, but pretty soon their our train. She don't run so powerful work there is discovered. In inspectpeart and besides that she's got to stop | ing the principal monuments, say those erected to Rossini, Auber, Heloise et Abelard, Thiers, and Raspail, a state "Good evening. Say, what you of things is found which is at once asgraceful - but I won't, because it "I don't want to get on the train would not be patriotic. These tombs

a bit of it. You learn that the exquisite monuments are simply made into gi-

GIYING A COFFEE.

The Detroit Idea Which Amazed the Old Man From the Country. Up Woodward avenue the other day dozen coupes and carriages were grouped in front of a residence when a farmer came riding along on a load of potatoes, accompanied by his wife. don't know that he meant anything The couple looked from the house to wrong by "voo." but I wanted to spank the carriages and back, glanced sharply him. I don't know why we feel that at the drivers and finally the man

stopped his horses and asked:
"Nother eminent citizen gone?" The man addressed made no reply, "Purty late in the day for a funeral.

"This is no funeral," sourly replied "Then may be it's a marriage?" "No, sir; the lady in that house is

giving a coffee. The old couple looked at each other in blank amazement for a moment, and then the man gathered up the lines with the blunt observation: "Well, I'll be hanged! I've bin paying sixteen cents a pound fur the best Rio coffee fur more n fifteen years, and

yit we never even invited in the nav-

burs! That fam'ly must have struck

sunthin' in old Government Java!"-

Detroit Free Press.

FIRST

The Ragged Regiment that Assemble Near St. Giles' Church, London. Anyone who has happened to be at the entrance of a certain court not far from St. Giles' Church early in the morning at this season of the year may have seen the poor ragged regiment assemble there, for this is the agent's

trysting-place.

HUMAN SANDWICHES.

Columbus

Here the names of the queer contingent are enrolled, here they receive their boards, and here they come for their shilling. Where do they live? When Sam Weller was once asked that question, he answered: "Anywheres." You may take the same reply. "Well you see, what's a shillin' or eighteenpence arter all? It may be better than hanging about the doors all day on the chance of a fourpence a hour for three or four hours three days a week; but them as hasn't got no reg'lar lodgin's with a family down Whitechapel way, or else by Waterloo road, or perhaps Bermondsey, or closer by in this neighborhood till Newport Market's all gone, why, they takes what they can get at the lodgin'-houses in Fulwood's

Rents, down by Holborn, or similar. "Breakfus! Well a haporth o' coffee and a bit o' bread mostly; or, if your missus is able to do anything, perhaps cocoa and a chunk off the loaf. Bread an' drippen' or else a saveloy, or once in a way a slice o' cheese, about the middle o' the day, and them as thinks they need it a penn'orth o' beer takes our dinner-time mostly down by St. Martin's Church. as works on the Strand and others down by the bridges, and such places as has walls to set down by or to lean agin. We're off long afore dark, and them that's lucky can pick up a job in the evening, perhaps, if they ain't wore out with the weight and the heat of the boards at their shoulder-blades and on their chests. Some on us gets a job at the theavters; and I've known sech as goes on the stage itself in percessions and sech-like OLLA ASHBAUGH, D. D. S. for what they calls soopernoomeraries. "Lor' bless you, yes! there's many of us as has seen better days. I have my-

self, though it was only as a plasterer. but that man over there, as looks so tidy and clean, he kep' a good 'ouse over his head one time. Lost his all, he did, when some bank or another went and broke, and Is pose he's never had no chance, or else no heart to take it, ever since; but he does better than most, becos' he's a steady, civil man, at shops, and when they wants an extra hand at the theater, and what not shouldn't wonder if he made-ah, as much as eighteen bob or a suffrin' some weeks. But you must excuse me, sir, and thankee. Time's up, and I must get between the shutters agin. There's my mate a-beckonin' of me, and we've

THE POOR OF NAPLES

got to work round Pall Mall with this

lot."-Cassell's Family Magazine.

"Is Life to Them Worth the Living?" In single rooms on the ground floors MCALLISTER BROS., or in the cellars whole families live together with donkeys, goats, chickens and pigs. They are so poor they can not pay for better quarters. It is not a depraved taste which makes them crowd in these dark and dirty holes, and keep their little ones in the gutter it is only need. The Neapolitans are not brutes. They like music, bright colors and light.

How can they pay high rents when the best wages are scarcely a franc a day? There is no city in Italy where wages are so low as in Naples. The best skilled workmen-the tailors. ers, masons and carpenters-even in the busiest seasons, scarcely get thirty cents a day, while the second-rate bottom with cards. At first you are workingmen must get along with ten cents a day or less.

It is, therefore, impossible for a Nea politan to pay more than one dollar month for his rent. The condition of the women is simply dreadful. A poor mother is obliged to get work outside of her home for her bread and for that of her children. Hat-makers, dressmakers and flower girls make only three or four dollars a month. The great majority of the women are obliged to go out to service as domestics. A servant girl gets ten francs a month, without any dinner. Some of them have two or three houses in which to do housework for one dollar at each house every month. They are constantly ranning from one house to another and scolded and threatened in each place they go. Many of these miserable creatures have children to nurse when they go home at night, a baby, perhaps, that has been left the whole day in the arms of a little sister. The poor mother, going home without suf-

fered the wear of sixty winters. Children in Naples are considered a sort of burden or hindrance. When the boss takes a boy to work, merely to pay him his daily bread, a mother is happy, and when a girl makes five cents a week by hard daily work, the work of a regular servant girl, the St. Paul Lumber Yard, Columbus, Nemother is equally delighted. - Galig- brasks. nani's Messenger.

Dissolving Continents.

Besides the vast quantities of solid particles which are washed from the and adjoining counties. Office with S. C. land into the sea-reducing the height | Smith. of the entire Mississippi basin at the GOLUMBUS, estimated rate of one foot in six thousand years-much matter is dissolved by the water and carried away in a state in which it ordinarily escapes no. J. Carpenters and Contractors. tice. From data furnished by the Mississippi, the La Plata, the Amazon and the St. Lawrence, Mr. T. Mellard Reade, an English geologist, who has devoted much attention to the chemical denudation of the earth's surface. has calculated that the whole American continent is losing in this way an average of one hundred tons per square mile each year. Similar results have been obtainable for Europe, leading Mr. Reade to infer that the whole of the land draining into the Atlantic Ocean from America, Africa, Europe and Asia contributes matter in solution which, if reduced to rock at two tons to the cubic yard, would equal one cubic mile every six years. - Arkansaw

Traveler. -A pet cat in Norwich, Conn., refused to eat upon the death of her owner, and insisted upon starving to death upon a beam in the shed. She was taken into the house and offered food several times, but declined to eat, and succeeded in breathing her last in the spot selected by herself. - Hartford

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O W. CLARK.

WOOL AUCTIONS IN LONDON. the rock, and there is no telling what lies at the bottom of it all. The stones of which the mound built are of a peculiar kind, different from any around this section, and were evidently brought from a distance. It is different from most Indian mounds, and could not have been intended as a burial place for the dead, as only one skeleton has thus far been found, and

no trinkets have-been discovered simpeople. Benches, in the form of a ilar to those usually found in Indian semi-circle, rise tier above tier, so that mounds. There is a theory that the mound con tains a treasure. The care taken in placing and mortaring the rocks, and the size of them, is an indication that it seat is numbered, and the highest numwas not intended simply as a burial ber is 398. A narrow gallery provides spot. Some years ago an old man in accommodation for the spectators. At this county, his name we have not been 3:55 o'clock nearly every seat is occu- able to learn, asserted that on this place was a buried treasure. He stated that pied, the demand for them exceeding his father had told him this fact, and the supply, and as the clock strikes the hour the auctioneer, or selling broker, that it had come down for a number of takes his place in the tribune. He is a vears. But little attention was paid to cool, self-possessed, good-looking man, his assertions, but now that this peculiar with a keen eye, rosy cheeks, and hair mound has been discovered, everyone parted in the middle. On either side of believes that a treasure is hidden beneath it. Mr. Jackson believes there is him sits a clerk—one bald and dark, the other hirsute and blonde. No time something strange about it, and intends is lost in preliminaries; an eloquent to dig and remove the rocks until earth wool auctioneer would be an intoleris struck or he finds some treasure. We able nuisance, and this one is as sparing shall keep our readers posted .- Greens-

FROLICS OF A FATHER. solld Comfort Taken by a Young Married Man While Inducing to Slumber His

borough (Ga.) Journal.

First Born Son and Helr. Having settled themselves at a tabl in quick succession—"Eight, half, nine, ten, ten-half." Then up spring a

in Tom's back room the young man boy's drift. Then he would have half-"I just had a rich time until that boy of mine was three weeks old. Then the nurse left, and my wife said I could just | This would be half-time study, but it as well help her as not, and I was only would be concentrated, and a boy could split. Some stretch their arms toward too tickled to be able to do something begin one year just where he left off the tribune, as if they were threatening to make myself useful. We had no crib to make myself useful. We had no crib preceding. We should gain regularity for the youngster then, and he slept with us, between his mother and me. would have time to earn something. they were appealing to Heaven. They yell still more loudly, gesticulate still more wildly, some in their excitement but I hadn't been asleep more in a min
would nave time to earn something.—

Boston Journal.

—Secretary Teller shows in his annual report that the Indiana are makbending forward until they nearly top- ute when my wife dug me in the ribs ing commendable progress in educaple over on the seats below. It is a and yelled: 'Get up! you're lying on tion. During the past year new schoolbear garden, a Babel, a scene of inde- Adolphus.' I got up, moved over into buildings have been erected at several scribable confusion, and to the uniniti- my place, and tried to sleep, but I got of the agencies. Five new boardingated spectator it seems as if the frantic on the baby again, and finally wrapped schools and twelve new day-schools bidders were about to spring from their places and punch each other's heads. of the night on the floor. The next day now eighty-one boarding schools, sev-But the auctioneer speaks one word, I got a crib. Then my real trouble be enty-six day schools, and six industrial and the storm is lulled; every voice is gan. The boy would be fed and put in- or manual labor schools under Governhushed, every man resumes his seat. to the crib, and I'd turn in. My pleas- ment control. Fourteen boarding and That word is "Tomkins." One lot has ant dreams would flee as the plaintive four day-schools are supplied with been knocked down to Tomkins. With- yell of that youth cut the air and struck | teachers and other employes by some out drawing breath the selling broker me with the energy of a steam hammer. one of the various religious denominagoes on to the next lot, and then there is another startling roar, followed by an half, I'd climb out, pick up the boy, lated price for the care and education equally sudden collapse. The faces of and, clad in the clinging folds of a of the children therein. There are also some of the bidders are a study. One night-shirt and pair of slippers, I'd sit twenty-three schools maintained by gentleman, with a bald head surrounded by a fringe of black hair, and features ber on my son's account. This attempt pense to the Government. unmistakably French, gets so excited at wooing the gentle god is the direct that you fear he may break a blood- cause of the ruin you see before you vessel or have a fit of apoplexy His Just the minute I picked the baby from wide nostrils quiver, his swarthy his bunk he' stop yelling and look at face becomes dark, he fights the air me in wide-eyed surprise and seem to leave others to talk of you as they with his arms and hurls bids at the sav: 'Where in thunder did you drop auctioneer, as if he would annihilate from?' Then, as I sat down and teed him. Near the Gaul is a fair Teuton, to get him comfortably balanced on one the play of "A Wooden Spoon" a stalwart and tall, shouting offers as of my knees, he'd begin clawing the young man makes love to four beautif he were crying "Vorwarts!" in the air and grunting contentedly. About ful young lady actresses. We should smoke of battle, and glaring at his com- this time I set my foot in motion, trot! | call that a "brass" spoon. - Norristown petitors as if he would like to charge trot! and accompanied it with a se- Herald. down on them as the Uhlans charged ductive 'sh-h-h-h, th-ere-e-e' down upon the French at Gravelotte that I hoped would soon hull him to to take away a bottle of salt water and Sedan. Not far from the foreign-sleep. But nary hull. He'd look at me, memento of this watering place." to take away a bottle of salt water as a ers sits a gentleman whose cast of smile -his grandmother says it's colic features and style of dress leaves little that makes him smile-and then take

ive he puts his hand to the side of his Nothing was done in haste. Each pict-

but he needs no artificial aid, for he has minute inspection from these wide-

a voice of thunder and shouts like a opened blue eyes, and your humble

mouth and gesticulates with the other: ure, chair, ornament, would receive a

Coanerges. But why all this noise? servant kept digging away at the trot! Why can not a wool auctioneer knock trot! and 'sh-h-h' scheme all the down his wares to the higest bidder, while. Suddenly there would be a slow All the firms represented at the auc- closing of the little white lids and the tion know to a fraction the value of blue eyes were hidden. Aha! Now he every parcel they wish to acquire, and was going to sleep. At last! And I'd five, or ten, or a score, as the case may work the trot! trot! with renewed vigbe, are willing buyers of a certain lot or. Then he'd sigh a tired little sigh, at, let us say, a shilling a pound and when I was sure he was fast asleep more than they can afford to give. The | I'd start to lay him back in his crib. rule is, when there are several bidders But just as I would lean over to lay graph. at the same price - and there are gen- him down he'd open his eyes, coo haperally several bidders—to prefer the one | pily, and seem to say: Oh, I'm not buyer who has caugat his ear all the second time the baby's eyes would close | Siftings. rest subside like would-be orators in the and sleep appear to have come at last. House of Commons who fail to catch How carefully I'd sneak over to the crib and gently lay him on his little the Speaker's impartially seems to be quilt. How tenderly I'd tuck him in ing: "Are your folks tacking down absolute: he never loses his self-posses- and wish that he'd sleep for a week or carpets this evening?" "Oh, no," she little of me for some time. I sneak in under the covers, stretch myself, think there never was anything so comfortable as that bed, and close my eves for a refreshing nap, when there comes climb out of the restful bed, spatch that tlement, then, say for a year. By that infant from his downy couch and quiet time I will know whether I ought to him with the same old trot! trot! trot! Mrs. Jackson and a lady neighbor were while the chill night breezes float through the open window, and play who is a married man himself, "make diately joins the house lot, and when pushing aside the bushes skirting the peek-a-boo with my modest knees under the flapping flap of my night-shirt.

This has been my nightly programme the programme that the programme the flapping flap of my nightly programme. land observed a huge mound of rock. for about two weeks, and you see the piled in regular order, and mounting up result before you. I haven't slept twen- The Air the Worst Enemy of the Astronhigher than their heads. On Mr. Jack- ty consecutive minutes in twenty conson's return home, his wife told him of secutive days. You said something what she had found, and added that the mound was the most curious looking fondly hoped I'd get it. I'm still hoppile of rocks she had ever seen. The ing." And the gloomy look again stole

Wifely Strategy.

hundred feet in c reumference, every and with shuffling, uncertain step, he

stone apparently laid with greatest pre- tottered away. - Chicago Tribune.

throw off the rocks around the outer edge. This was not accomplished without difficulty, and after going about a absorbed in business. He is never so foot or two they came to a number of far gone that he will not appreciate a big rocks, varying in size from a foot to dinner cooked just to his taste. Study three feet square, every one laid as if by his peculiar tastes, and cater to them. | inally-a magnifying power of 6,000; To go further down required several This is diplomacy. Do it so naturally that is to say, it can reduce the appardays of hard labor, but the stones were that he can never suspect that you have finally removed, and lying there were a an object in it. This is strategy. number of human bones, all bleached, He likes a bright fire burning in season. but still perfect. Among them were the He prefers to sit in a certain corner. hand, wrist, thigh and knee bones, and Let him always find his chair in that by an interval of about two hundred corner - not in a way, however, that and thirty-four thousand miles, is from their size it was evident they belonged to a person of tremendous will lead him to suspect that you put it shown as if removed only thirty-nine there. He thinks you look better in a miles. Unfortunately, however, in The excavation in the mound con- certain dress or with a certain ribbon | theory only. Prof. Newcomb compares tinued day after day. Curiously-shaped on your hair. Let it happen that you pieces of flint and stone, in rings of dress just that way. There are a thougreat sizes, in beads and arrow-heads, sand and one things you can do that vards of running water, and doubts came to light. By this time they had will combine to make his home more gone fully five down, even below the attractive and enjoyable that a clubearth's surface. and still the walls of room or alleged business office. But in the Shell Creek Valley, and the north- rock met them. Up to this time no dis- for goodness sake don't let him know covery of great importance has been you are doing this on purpose. - Pitts | the unassisted eye. - Popular Science

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is easier to lock a person up than to educate him. -Mrs. Ezra Abbott has presented to the Harvard Divinity School the greater part of her late husband's theological

library. The gift includes nearly 4,000 volumes. -Charles B. Richards, a workman and later a superintendent in Colt's Pistol-Works, Hartford, has been chosen to fill the chair of Dynamics in Yale

College. - Hartford Courant. -When a visitor at the Carlisle Indian School asked a young Cheyenne girl if she was a member of a church, she answered: "Not much; just a lit-

tle."-Philadelphia Times. -The Yale Freshmen have been measured, with the following results: Average height, 5 7.5 inches; circum-ference of chest, 35 inches; breadth of shoulders, 16 inches; weight, 134.4 nounds. The average age of the class

is 19 years 1 month and 11 days. -The Boston School Committee has found it necessary to caution teachers against sending to the home of absent pupils to inquire as to the causes of absence. Many of those absent have been found suffering from contagious diseases, and there has been danger of infection by exposure of the pupil sent to

inquire. - Boston Post. -Edward Everett Hale has been telling a Boston audience how he would run a school. He would recognize each time and full-time courses; that is, complete courses requiring only thirteen weeks' attendance, as well as courses covering a period of forty-six weeks. where now we have irregularity; we should know our work, and the boy

WIT AND WISDOM. -- Rest satisfied with doing well and

please. - Pythagoras. -The New York Graphic says that in

-"But don't fill it too full, or it will slop over on us when the tide comes in. doubt that he is a manufacturer of wool, in the furniture piece by piece, and stare | Fliegende Blatter. -Janitor (to his wife who has hung the water-pail on the gas-jet)-"Bridget, me darlin', did Mr. Levystraus tell ve to put this pail on the

-Too cautions. He-"I am going

gas?" Bridget-"No Pat; but he was after savin' that the gas was laking, shure!" - Washington Hatchet. -" 'Ellow, Ed. 'ow's this about your brother 'Arry?" said one Englishman to another on Fifth avenue. "I 'ear 'Arry 'as a broken 'art because the 'orse 'e 'as been ridin' is dead." "It's true, Georgy, ivery word of it. The doctor thinks 'e 'as ossification of the

'art." - Philadelphia Chronicle-Tele-

-Jim Terry, of San Antonio, induced a local publisher to bring out a book of who bids the first, which is practically asleep; I was just having some fun poems. Every once in a while he would the one who first succeeds in attracting with you,' and there was nothing to call on his publisher and talk to him by the auctioneer's attention. In such a do but to take him back to the the hour. Finally the publisher said to contest the feeble-voiced have no chair and begin the whole business him: "You remind me very much of chance to come out of it victorious. over again. Another three-quarters of your book." "In what respect?" "I When the selling broker names the an hour would drag wearily by, and a can't get rid of either of you."-Texas -A heavy pounding on the floor

above caused young Mr. Staylate to

inquire of the girl on whom he was call-

sion, and time is too precious to be more to give me a chance to catch up on replied; "it's only papa putting on his wasted in wrangling. -London Specia- what I'd lost. He doesn't move, and I heaviest boots, and -- "Good eventor. "Good eventor." interrupted the youth, as he lashed out of the door like a circus clown through a hoop. - N. Y. Journal. -Well." he said to the minister at the conclusion of the ceremony, "how much do I owe vou?" "O, I'll leave from the crib a suspicious grunt, followed by a string of spasmodic coughs and an unmistakable yell. Painfully I rendered." "Suppose we postpone setrendered." "Suppose we postpone set-

AIR AND THE TELESCOPE.

The air we breathe is in truth the

somer's Obsertations.

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"No -no." said the clergyman,

worst enemy of the astronomer's observations. It is their enemy in two following morning Mr. Jackson with a over the face of the happy father. His ways. Part of the light which brings number of others went to the spot, and eyes gazed vacantly into space as he its wonderful, evanescent messages there saw the huge pile, more than a mechanically made his way to the door, across inconceivable depths of space, it stops: and what it does not stop, it shatters. And this even when it is most transparent and seemingly still: when mist-veils are withdrawn, and no It is the easiest thing in the world to clouds curtain the sky. Moreover, the work a husband, even if he is completely evil grows with the power of the instrument. Atmospheric troubles are magnified neither more nor less than the objects viewed across them. Thus, Lord Rosse's giant reflector possesses-noment distances of the heavenly bodies to one six-thousandth their actual amount, The moon, for example, which is in reality separated from the earth's surface the sight obtained under such circumstances to a glimpse through several whether our satellite has ever been seen to such advantage as it would be if brought-substantially, not merely op-tically-within five hundred miles of