## FAMILY TRIBULATIONS.

The Hard Lines That Have Fallen Upon Bill Arp.

I am very busy now. Literature is at a discount in these parts. The cook quit us last week, and company coming to-morrow-city company. I have had a chunk of a darky boy hired all the year, and he was right handy. He got up the stove wood and brought the water and milked the cows, and so forth; but all of a sudden his daddy "sent after him" to hoe cotton, and he left on ten minutes' notice. These darkies are right clever and good-natured, but they have no more idea of a contract than a hog. They will break it whenever it suits them. They will quit you without warning, and not feel mean about it a bit. The grass got ahead of Mr. Jordan Franklin, and he just sent word to our chunk, Edward Franklin, to come home. When I remonstrated and reminded him of his contract, he says he is just obleeged to have him, and will send him back "jes as soon as he is done with him." That's to" the South. Perhaps with us. all, and so Ned' cuts out without cerewho resided in this portion of the mony. We are doing our own nigger-Confederacy, the first necessity, after ing now, and it keeps me busy. Our big boy has got'a base ball nose, and it the small supply on hand was exhausted, was salt. This was a need was getting well. It was sorter swaigsoon felt, and it is unnecessary to add down until yesterday, when that a pound of it soon became very ing a bee stung him on it, in the precious. Old brine that had done duty orchard, and now it is peach until it could be used no longer was bigger than ever. The orchard is full of bees, for the peaches are ripe, and the storm blew lots of them on the boiled down until every particle of saline matter was extracted from it, and the salt thus obtained was again in ground, and Carl got stung on the foot, its turn used in the same manner. As and so the more work falls upon me. the supply became scarcer and scarcer. We cut down a dying redoak in the the next method, or rather recourse, grove and sawed it up with the crosswas to dig up the smoke-house and to cut for stove wood, and my folks say it filter water through the earth thus obwon't burn good, and we had to work tained, this in turn being subjected to up a dead sycamore, and the sun was the usual process of boiling in order to powerful hot and come down with powobtain the precious condiment. So er on my unsuspecting back. I forgot that I had on a locust back shirt, for I scarce did it become as the war wore on, that when a beeve was killed, innever wear one if I can find any other stead of salting down in barrels as at in the drawer, and now there is a blisfirst, it became more economical to cut tered streak running down my spine, the flesh into thin strips and dry it in the and I am sorter used up generally. But sun. It must be confessed that beel there is no chance to stop now for com-pany is coming. This jelly business has treated in this manner is more palatable than most persons would imagine. They got to proceed. I have to gather apples who lived near the coast fared somewhat and plums and blackberries to make better, for taking the boilers from the jelly, and get wood to keep up the fire various saw-mills, they separated the shells from the flues, and splitting to make jelly and jam and gather peaches to put up in the fruit jars. and bring water to wash up the piazza floors. them into equal halves, a strong head of wood was titted into the ends and and ever and anon it is more peaches. thus treated they were placed over a and more apples, or more water or more fnrnace and filled with the salt water wood, and they want three spring chickfrom the Gulf. Of course the business ens caught, and the old pea hen, with had its reverses, for sometimes the her fine young one, has strayed off, and blockading squadron, attracted by the I must hunt them up. They all worked hard yesterday - mighty smoke, would move up and with a few shells completely demolish the salt hard, and knew they would overworks. The salt kettles, being made of sleep themselves, and so I got old boilers, were too heavy for the breakfast this morning, and a right good one. I have long enjoyed a reputation in my family for making biscuit. and they do praise my biscuit rapturously. Mrs. Arp frequently says when she sits down to the table, 'I wish I had some of your pa's biscuit this morning." It is a dangerous thing for a man to know how to cook. I learned how to cook in the army and Mrs. Arp says that is the only good thing that ever came out of the old war. I wish I hadn't have learned or had kept it secret, one or the other. She says that I can make up the best bed in the world. The only trouble I have about the bed is in getting her and the children out of them, for they do love to sleep in the morning. If I had been a darky in old slavery times, my wife says she would have given more money for me than any ten she ever saw, for she could have controlled me then. But I don't see any difference so far as the controlling is concerned, and she got me for nothing. More water they say. I wonder what upon earth they do with so much water? The boys gone to town after supplies. fruit jars and jelly tumblers, and sugar, and Horsford's powders, and a new broom, and I don't know what all, and now they keep me trotting. I wish there wasn't any town nor any supplies. Man that is born of one woman and tied to another is of few days and full of trouble. But it might have been worse-a heap worse-for he might have been born a woman and tied to a man. That is the most perilous condition in all nature. Nevertheless it has to be done, trouble or no trouble, and I am content. And now they want some potatoes dug and some beans picked, and there are more cucumbers on the vines ready for pickling. These old bodies of ours are a sight of trouble. I wonder if they have no gardens or or-chards in the next world? I am not sure about that, for there is a heap of Scripture that tells of trees, and cities, and streets, and horses, and so forth. I reckon we will have all the good and none of the bad- no rotten peaches nor bee stings-no stove wood to get-no water to tote up a hill, no chickens to catch. Well, I don't mind catching the chickens, for the dog does that and never hurts them, but I do despise to "fix 'em." If there is anything better than old-tashioned fried chicken I don't know it, but I want somebody else to "fix 'em." Everything that is good has a bad side about it. If I was to tind a rich gold mine on my branch I know it would bring some trouble, but still I would risk it. Getting rich is like getting married everybody is willing to risk it. Calling me again-want to know if I sent for salt. Of course I didn't. Why should I know the salt was out. There is something out forever and ever, but I didn't know it was salt. Have to send up to Nabor Freeman's and borrow. That is what a nabor is for-to borrow from. Folks are not naborly unless they lend and borrow. My folks may make out a list of everything that is out and next day there will be something wanted. Old Major Cooper told me that he could live comfortably on ten cents a day. He said he had a cow and she furnished milk and butter and buttermilk, and he had flour, and all he bought was coffee and sugar. He didn't eat any meat, and he figured it all up and it was ten cents. Why should anybody beg or starve in this country? Who is there so feeble but what he can make ten cents a dav? An old woman said: more than that. A man has to get older than I am to be content with such limited diet. And now they want me to put a handle to the slop-bucket. It L can't find one Mrs. Arp thinks I can just step to the shop and make one. And I can. The truth is, I have illustrated my usefulness and contrivance so long, there is no use in saying "] can't." for she says she knows that I can, and that just means for me to go along and do it. O. my country! Farewell peace! Farewell, literature! And the spring house wants cleaning out, too, I heard her say. I haven't had time to shave in three days, and company is coming to-morrow."-Atlanta Constitution. -Quite a novel pet in the shape of a blackbird is in the possession of Miss Olive Waldron, of Welaka. She found it when young in the woods, and fed it and cared for it until able to fly, when she released it, but it will not remain away. It flies off in the woods and comes at her call of Dick; it goes to roost with the hens in the hencoop. When the bell rings for meals it flies on the table and makes a fuss until fed. lighting on one's shoulder and feeding from the hand. The house cat knows it belongs to the family and pays no attention to it. - Palatka (Fla.) News.

WAR TIME EXPEDIENTS. ome Facts Illustrating the Proverb that "Necessity Is the Mother of Invention" -Life in the South During the War.

A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY. The Philosophical Manner in Which the Negroes Accept the Decrees of Provi-

Last summer while the writer was in Perhaps, taking everything into conideration, no portion of the Confed-Amelia County, Virginia, the following eracy "during our late unpleasantness" ncident occurred, illustrative of the was so destitute of the necessaries of philosophical manner in which negroes life as that portion lying on the Southaccept the decrees of Providence. ern sea board and forming part of the Amelia, it will be remembered, is one the black counties. The negroes States of Mississippi, Alabama and of Florids. The great industries of these occupy most of the old homesteads, and States, that is, that portion situated as are given over to ignorance and superexplained above, was timber, lumber. stition. The Wigwam, the old Harriresin, tar, pitch and turpentine. The son place. a house well known in Virsoil is not favorable, except in favored ginia, is surrounded on every side by spots, for cultivation. Consisting of hordes of negroes, who own small tracts vast level flats, the top soil of loam is very thin, while immediately beneath it of land, and farm them. One of these is a heavy pipe clay, while the only settlements is at "the Lodge," once the vegetation that seems to thrive are the property of Mr. Robert Archer, a disgreat forests of pine. These, skirting tinguished Virginian gentleman of the the Gulf of Mexico, following the coastold regime, now, with all his descendline for several hundred miles, and with ants, dead and gone. My hostess and a breadth ranging from one to two hundred miles, form the well-known I were peeling peaches on the broad pine meadows. destined in years to veranda, when Mary Cæsar, the dairycome to be a prolific source of wealth maid. appeared.

"Miss Anna, gimme piece o' light bread. please, marm. "Who is sick. Mary?" said Mrs. H---, light bread being a luxury reserved for the ill negroes.

'Sister Rose Archer, marm." colored people chaim the fraternal relation, whether there is any in reality or not, if they are members of the same church, or have "experienced a change." Why, I thought Rose Archer lived in Richmoud. What is the matter with

Mary's large greasy countenance, which rivalled a bombazine dress for blackness, fairly shone.

Well, Miss Anna, you 'member Sis Rose was married to Unk Crutch Henry Archer's son William, en dey moved fum de Lodge to Richmond. 'Bout three weeks ago S's Rose en Willum hed a fight 'bout some'in'. en Sis Rose hit Willum Archer er lick on de head wid a stick er wood, and it kilt him, it pintly did. Willum Archer always was | Bolton, and about the third day of the a sickly nigger. Well, Miss Anna. she done all she could, en gin him er funeral. en den, bein' ez she was a widder, and pore, she come up to de Lodge to stav here 'longer Willum's daddy en mammy. Unk Crutch Henry were 'flicted 'bouten Willum being mighty kilt. 'cause he were de onliest son what he had, but Sis Rose say she gwine day to be all de company she ken for Willum's folks."

The peach knife fell. Mrs. Hthough schooled to Amelia eccentricities, stood transfixed. Then she gasped "And William's father and mothe: let her stay there after killing their only

"Miss Anna," said Mary in a pecu enemy to carry off, and as no damage beyond knocking out the wooden heads uld be inflicted, tl e salt manufacturers o kill Willum Archer, en Si

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## GRANT AS A COLLECTOR.

How He Compelled a Speculator to Make Good Some Drafts He Had Given the

In the spring of 1863, the army of the Tennessee was camped from Lake Providence to Milikin's Bend, Louisiana. waiting to make the attack on Vicksburg. Our battery (Belton's) was camped at Barry's Landing. Late one evening, at roll-call, the Capta'n stepped to the front of the company and said Express. that a friend of his, a Mr. Alfred Spink. Chicago, represented a wealthy firm, Price, Maher & Spink, cotton buyers-that he (Spink) would give drafts to any of the men desiring to send their money home, on F. Granger Adams, a Chicago banker; that the parties were reliable, and that in case the drafts were captured be the enemy they would be renewed. As many of the boats going up the viver were captured by the Confederates at Eagle Bend, or Island 83, and the boys were paid off that day, we all concluded to send our money by drafts. as the Captain told us, and we mailed them by the first boat going north to our families. Soon afterward we moved to Grand Gulf, crossed the river at Hard Times Landing, participated in the battles of Raymond and Champion Hill, and engaged in the se'ge of Vicksburg about the 19th of May, 1865. A few days afterward we got a big mail, which had accumulated for two months, and when the boys came to open the letters every blessed draft was returned with word that there were no funds in the bank to pay the same. We all felt disheartened as we had not before been paid for six months, and our famil es were suffering.

The Captain told us that everything would be all right after a little. We were busy with the siege from daylight until dark for forty-seven or forty-eight days, and did not think much about it A Mr. C. C. Cadwallader. correspondent of the Chicago Times. made his headquarters for months with Captain siege he turned up Captain Billy, as we called our Captain, had great confidence in old Cad, as the boys called the correspondent, and he laid the whole matter before him. Old Cad set sail on his one-cared mule for Grant's headquarters, and in about an hour returned with a message that the General wanted to see the Captain. I never will forget that evening, when

Captain Bill returned with the correspondent and the one-eared mule. He told the boys that the money would be forthcoming, that everything was fixed for the men to return their drafts 'to Chicago, to Godfather Cyrus P. Bradlev. Chief of Police (the battery was recruited at Captain Bradley's office, and liarly soothing voice, "Unk Crutch | the boys always called him Godfather Henry done ax Rose huck um she come Bradley). Soon afterward word came

## MISCELLANEOUS.

-A man is always wanting some one -Two young men, one of whem was disguised as a woman and passed as the to tell him how handsome he is. A other's wife, have been reaping a har-vest from charitable citizens of Stockton. and see for herse' - Spring field Regis-Cal., by their pitiful tale of destitut.on. ter.

-San Francisco Chronicle. -At Seneca Falls, N. Y., the largest single electric light ever p oduced was recently placed on exhibition. It was Texas Siftings. 50,000-candle power, and placed on a tower at a height of seventy-live feet it 1 lighted up the whole village. - Enfalo

-As two men were fishing in a millpond at Valatie, Columb a County, N. Y., the other day, they saw a crocodile

about six feet long crawl nto the water. It was put into the pond s.x years ago. when small. -In Tenejapa Oaxaca, Mexico, the Indian residents are nore sanguinary than the Chinese in the adra nistration

of justice. They surrounded the houses seven well-known rabbers and burned them a ive in their houses. When the militia arrived they only found

a heap of ashes. -In a dispute regarding his residence the Plain Dealer asserts that "the stingiest man in America lives in Clevelan.L. He is the man who ha is the newsboys,

takes a paper from his han is, lo ks it carefully through, keeping the loy wait-

-Joseph D. Fu'ler, an old gentleman of seventy, . : 's is entitled to 160 acres o

to Sally Men reacter by William Penn before he weat ber, to England the last time. When she el nobody claimed the land and it was taken by the city and sold. Mr. Fuller has been looking send a receipt for the mat. It will be a up the genealog eil record of the fami- daisy.-Boston Transcript. v and is conv nee i that he is an heir.-

Philadel hia Press. -A few days ago a Watervliet. (N. Y.) farmer was induced by a stranger to act as agent for a wire fence, signing what he was to'd was an agent's certifi cate. Soon after two men visited him

and showed him a paper, the one he had signed. It was a contract to purchase \$5,000 worth of wire. He inv ted the men into his barn, where he snatched the paper from the hands of the one the country lisguised as members of the that he'd it and drove both from the Handle Musi-n' Association are foisting premises with a pitchfork. - Troy an adultera article of monkey on the

-One of the neatest retorts ever made in Cambridge, Mass.-not a bad soil for good things-was a brief reristown Hera.d.

Times

sponse lately given by a young lady to an undergraduate. who offered her. horse-car. She got in with an eld-r companion. The car was crowded, and however, in German-why ef hit turns red de lady. "Because she is not pretty offer. - Texas Siftings. enough." Af er a little reflection, however, he, too, rose and surrendered his seat. The young lady took it, and thanked him-in German-N. Y. Tribunc. ----CHOLERA. The Theory That the Discase May be Res dered Harmless by Inoculation. New Zealand. People are much more willing to a cept Dr. Ferran's theory that cholera may be prevented by inoculation than class of sixty. - Troy Times. they were Dr. Jenner's positive demonstration of the efficacy of vaccination. One is the complement of the other: and be ief in the one is likely to be followed by a willingness to be convinced of the I'mion. worthiness of the other, but as yet Dr. Forran refuses to reveal the secret process which he uses, and the world must be permitted to express a certain degree of incredulity until it knows the cause in the South which produces the effects claimed by him. Jenner's discovery was so simple that the dullest mind could comprehend it, yet the learned scoffed at it for years, and the ignorant even now have a superstitious horror of being operated uary. upon. Had he possessed some secret device which he would not reveal even to scientists, the beneficial effects of vaccination would not have been known when they were, if at all. Dr. Ferran lives in \$345. a very different age, as is proved by the fact that, although no one but himself knows exactly what his process is, he finds many people who are willing to be operated on The report of the experiments in the town of Aleira, Spain, as made by himself, are of great importance, if true. Of the 20,009 inhabitants he inoculated forty-dollar man. 9,100 and of the 130 deaths from cholera only ten were of persons who had been thus treated. This record is convincing enough on its face, but it may be that the persons inoculated were ones not exposed to the full rigors of the plague, and if so the mor ality might be considered sufficiently large. The doctor will have to reveal his secret and give others an opportunity to experiment with it before the world will be prepared to acknowledge him as a second Jenner. The American med cal journal's query that since one attack of the cholera itself is no safeguard against another one, how can inoculat on be a set. expected to accomplish anything? will also haunt a great many people, profesionals as well as laymen. - Chicago

Happiness results from that true contentment which

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indicates perfect health of body and mind. -Scientists claim that cigarette-smoking leads to idlocy. We do not know how true this is, but are satisfied that idiocy leads to cigarette-smoking .-Ayer's Sarsaparilla, I

-A scientific journal says "few fishes die a natural death." That is not our fault. Just as many die a natural death as if we didn't go a-lishing .-- Norristown Herald.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-The worm is not the most despised thing in the world when it can sleep in flowers, travel in peaches and rest for the winter in the pious chestnut .- New Orleans Picayune.

-An Obio court decides that a husband is the legal owner of his wife's clothes. It is to be hoped that in the future he will take off his high hat while he and she are at the theater.

-Olive Logan says that the Raphael for which the British Government paid \$350,000 is a bad picture. This reconciles us in part to the disappointment in not securing it for our private collection.

-Oil City Derrick. -This is the way the ladies convey their meaning: Mrs. Brown - "How is ing. and, after gleaning what he wan's | that dear little baby of yours, Mrs. from the paper, says "Here sonny, is Smith?" "It was dreadfully sick last your paper. Don't want it; nothing in week; thought it would die, but it's nearly well now." says Mrs. Smith.

"O, I'm so sorry," says Mrs. Brown.-Pittsburgh Chronicle.

-A New York lady wants a receipt "for making daisy mats from rickrack braid." If this lady will tell us how to make rickrack braid and what it is like after it is made, we shall be plea-ed to

> -Hadn't yet occurred: "Will you walk into my parlor?" Asked the tonsor of the dude, Who, clad in corkscrew trousers And an Anglo-manuac mood,

Said. "Why weally I would like to, I would upon my word: But the beard I longing wait for omehow hasn't yet occurred.

-An exchange says that "the first pure monkey ever born in America saw the 1 ght of day recently in New York."

Amer can p ande t is about time to erv COAL 🖧 LIME "Halt!" There is too much adulteration in our food and amusements .- Nor-

-"You should have a thermometer to ascertain the proper temperature of with some hes tation. his seat in the the water." said a fond mother to the colored nurse who was giving the baby a bath. "Whaffor?" "To tell when two young men sat near. One gave his the water is too hot or too cold.' seat at once to the elder lady; the other "Don't need no sich dockerment. Ef de kept his place. His friend asked him - chile turns blue de water am too cold. he did not give his place to the young | And now the colored lady is open to an SCHOOL AND CHURCH. -A deaf mute was recently ordained a clergyman of the Church of England by the Archbishop of Canterbury. -Rev Thomas Spurgeon, son of the great London divine, is pastor of a lourishing Baptist Church in Auekland -About twenty per cent. of the gradusting class at Williams are six feet high or over, or, to be exact, eleven in a -Christian, make a note of this: The was nine times greater in foreign missions than in Christendom!- Christian -It has been decided to rebuild the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Charleston. S. C., which was burned in the great fire of 1861, and at that time considered the finest ecclesiastical building -There are over one thousand memhers in the three Congregational churches in Scranton. Pa. Between two and three hundred of this number have been admitted since the 1st of Jan--The avarage Sunday plate collections of Rev. Newman Hall's church, in Westminster Bridge Road, London, is \$175. and of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon's congregation in the great Tabernable. -A Boston Courier reporter asked the Superintendent of Schools the other day: "How does it happen that there are so many old maids among the school teachers?" and he replied: "Because school teachers are as a rule, women of sense, and no sensible roman will give up a sixty-dollar position for a -The journals of the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Foreign Parts are to be printed. It may not be generally known that those journals contain the earliest historical records of the Church in America. Canada, and the West Indies. They will fill five octavo volumes of about 700 pages each, and the cost of the set will be six guineas. Only 250 copies will be printed, unless the number of subscribers who come forward will warrant the issue of 500 copies, in which case the price will be five guineas -There is a church in Milton County, Georgia, that is badly split up on the subject of cyclone pits. It seems that

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would, with indefatigable energy when she don't know huck um." the hostile fleet removed to a safe distance, gather up the debris. make a few Mary reappeared, an expression of trirepairs and recommence boiling.

The ingenuity of the people was to her manner was as gentle and depreca replace the various articles of clothing tory as ever. and the different domest'e luxuries. Old dressess, old coats were turned and she announced. made over, remodeled and cut down. "Dead! When did she die?" The writer remembers well what a pang Mary smoothed her apron. of envy was awakened within his bosom going to a ball one night to find that the attentions of the fair ones were all bestowed on an acquaintance who made his advent that evening in a bright, spick, span new pair of pantaloons, made of new ticking, with

En Sis Rose say ef de sheriff were combroad, blue stripes, cut bias. in' to hang her, ez she were porely Perhaps the easiest problem for us to enyway, 'twa'n't wuth while to git up, so solve am d our various troubles was she gwine die." that of making hats. Fortunately the "Nonesense!" cried Mrs. H----. "At supply of palmetto in our Southern if people could die when they chose!" swamps is in a manner speaking inex-Sis Rose done die," said Mary stouthaustible, and from this source we were "She say 'twa'n't with while to git soon compelled by the course of events up jest to be hanged, en she die last to draw our supply of hats. We soon night, en please, Miss Anna, lemme gc learned to improve upon the first rude to de funeral. Unk Crutch Henry models, and when the war was brought gwine gin her a mighty nice burvin' to a close some of the ladies, especially, ein' ez she was a widder, en Willum had acquired taste and proficiency. Archer was de onliest son he hed."-J. The palmetto hats they made would not C. Cabel, in Editor's Drawer, Harper's have reflected discredit upon a fashion-Magazine. able hatter. The heart of the palmetto is generally selected as being still held together, and not being sprouted out and unfolded into the fan-shaped leaf How a Great Military History was Con so familiar to travelers in the South. While in this condition the folds lie one One day early in 1823 he went for upon another, and are perfectly white walk with Lord Langdale, one of his and pliable. After being severed from intimate friends, over some fields which the main trunk it is opened out and hung in the shade to dry. About are now covered by the mansions of a week's drying suffices to pre-Belgravia. The conversation turned on pare it for use. It is nov Southey's recently published narrative separated, each fold from the other. of the Peninsular war. Lord Langdale was greatly struck by Napier's remarks on the events of the struggle and the

and cut into convenient lengths, then divided into little strips about an eighth of an inch in width, and these in turn plaited or braided together into one continuous braid until of sufficient length to make the hat. The hat itself was always commenced from the center of the orown by sewing the braid together in slightly overlapping circles. The rim, as a finishing touch, was generally bound with a braid. Keenly felt was the need of ammuni-

tion. Owing to the stringency of the blockade it soon became almost impossible to obtain either powder or lead. The latter was the first to give out, and in order to supply this need all the machinery was taken apart and all the old boxes, fillings, etc., were put to a new use-converted into shot. As there were no shot towers the favorite method was to climb the tallest tree one could find, melt the lead as well as we could in the top and let the liquid metal drop into a tub of cold water beneath. The result thus obtained would scarcely have awakened envy on the part of some of our modern shot manufacturers, but in the language of an old "mossback" who was compelled to resort to this expedient, "it beat nothing all Those of his acquaintances who did not holler."-Detroit Free Press.

DIDN'T KNOW HOW.

The Los; an Arkansaw Gentleman Suffered When His Wife Was-Divorced. Colonel Wadley Higinson, of Ken-

tucky, came to Arkansaw and rented a

that every draft was paid.

As it may be interesting to the reader to know what kind of an order General This was Monday. Sunday afternoor Grant made that had such a salutory efumphant excitement in her eves, though fect upon the parties, I will give it as near as I can. The General had a list of all the drafts and the amounts, and "Sis Rose Archer dead, Miss Anna," then by preamble recited the facts, and then ordered the commander of the United States forces at Chicago to de mand payment from Messrs. Price. Maher & Spink, and in case they de "Well, Tuesday mornin', Miss Anna clined or refused to do so, to place then Br'er Jeames Barksdale went to Courtin irons, and to send them under guard House, en de sheriff sont Sis Rose word to git ready, 'cause he was comin' to de to him in the field. Lieutenant S. P Tracy was detached to carry out the Lodge Monday mornin' to git her er. hang her for killin' of Willum Archer. order, and the Quartermaster's depart ment was ordered to furnish the necessary transportation.

After the capture of Vicksburg I was riding with the Captain to our battery headquarters out the Cherry street road, when General Grant came trotting along. Coming abreast, he said: "By the way. Captain, what became of that order about the drafts?" The Captain replied that everything had been settled satisfactorily, to which the old hero replied: "Although I gave free transportation I did not think they liked me wel! enough to make me a visit."-- Cor. Chi cago Inter Ocean.



Some of the Oddities Witch Distinguish Great People.

The lowest grade of mental disturb ance is seen in that temporary appear ance of irrationality which comes fron an extreme state of "abstraction" of absence of mind. To the vulgar, a: already hinted, all intense preoccupation with ideas, by calling off the attention from outer things and giving a dream. like appearance to the mental state, is apt to appear symptomatic of "queerness" in the head. But in order that it characters of the principal actors. Sud may find a place among distinctly abdenly he asked him what he was thinknormal features this absence of mind ing of doing. "Do you mean." replied must attain a certain depth and persistence. The ancient story of Archimedes, and the amusing anecdotes of Newton's fits, if authentic, might be said perhaps to illustrate the border-line between a normal and an abnormal condition of mind. A more distinctly pathological case is that of Beethoven, who could not be made to understand why his standing in his night attre at an open window should attract the irreverent notice of the street boys. For in this case we have a temporary incapacity to perceive exterior objects and their relations; and a deeper incapacity of a like nature clearly shows itself in poor Johnson's write properly such a book as a history standing before the town clock vainly of the war. But she, believing firmly trying to make out the hour. in her husband, encouraged him to try

This same aloofness of mind from the For several nights he lay awake thinkexternal world betrays itself in many of ing over the matter. At last his scruthe eccentric habits attributed to men ples were overcome by the thought that he might be able at least to vindicate and women of genius. Here, again, Johnson serves as a good instance. His the calumniated memory of Moore, and inconvenient habit of suddenly breaking he resolved to make the attempt. out with scraps of the Lord's Praver in a fashionable assembly marks a disreally know him were surprised to hear tinctly dangerous drifting away of the of his intention, and remarked that inner life from the firm anchorage of being a comparatively young man, he was presumptuous to think that he external fact.

In the cases just considered we have to do with a kind of mental blindness to outer circumstances. A further advance along the line of intellectual degeneration is seen in the persistence of vivid ideas, commonly anticipations of evil of some kind. which have no basis in external reality. Johnson's dislike to particular alleys in his London should be published after his death. walks, and Madame de Stael's bizarre idea that she would suffer from cold known the whole truth without giving when buried, may be taken as examples pain to many worthy officers, whose of these painful delusions or idees fixes. only fault had been dullness. For A more serious stage of such delusions these reasons he told Napier that he is seen in the case of Pascal, who is said could not lend him his private papers; to have been haunted by the fear of a but he intrusted him with a number of gulf vawning just in front of him, which important documents, and gave him ausometimes became so overmastering thority to obtain from the Quartermasthat he had to be fastened by a chain to ter-General. Sir George Murray, all his orders of movements. Of his own accord he promised to answer any quesin Popular Science. tions as to matters of fact which Napier ---might wish to ask him in the course of In The Garden. his work. Murray, however, refused to let Napier have the orders of move-He-You'll get cold, but it was ments, stating that he reserved them for a history which he himself intended to nice of you to meet me here. She-I said I would, and I did, but, write. After taking these preliminary as you remarked, it really is quite cold for this season of the year. He-Did I say it was cold? Ah (trying to get off a pretty speach), how could I call it cold where you are? She-But it is cold (tenderly), now ly to the Depot de la Guerre and made don't you think the fog will hurt you? He-Not while you are here. Let us sit down here and have a talk. She-O. not in this fog. Now I really think it wrong of you to remain out in the purpose of consulting the Duke. the cold. Marshal Soult, with whom when in Paris He-(W He-(Wondering why she don't ask him in)-Well, if you think so-and it is so nice of you to be so considerate Small brother (from our best parlor) -Mamie, Mr. Barrett says he'li go if -Mamie, Mr. Barrett says he'li go if you don't come in, an' he says you've a pretty way of entertaining your com-dence felt by the public in the presi-dent "-N. Y. Tribune. pretty way of entertaining your com-pany. Oan Francisco News-Letter.

---A RAILWAY MAN'S LIFE.

Lierald.

as a flagrant violation of their doctrines Evidence of the General Confidence H and a temptation to God to wipe them stowed on Rulway Presid nts. off the face of the earth. As the pitdiggers were more fearful of cyclones Talking with the president of one of than of the wrath of the majority, they the most important trunk lines yesterhave been turned out of the church. day, a Tribune reporter heard the fol-They immediately organized themselves lowing stories: "There are incidents into a church, under the name of Cyeven in the hard life of a railroad man." clone Primitives. - Chicago Journal. said the officer, "which go to brighten

his lot. and I am convinced that some of them are wasted through want of The Curiosities of the Eastern Method of appreciation. The other day I received a letter from a man in the West, who

The Hindoos also employed ages in wrote that if I sent him \$500 and a pass the computation of time, and these, over the road he would come to N- 1 1.0. d vided into periods of different York and give me a remedy for setting durations. The present age is the kali

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write such a history. Having could formed his resolve he lost no time in proceeding to execute it. First of all, he called upon the Duke of Wellington small farm of Major Wiley Smith. and asked him for the loan of his When the rent became due, Major papers. The Duke replied that he had Smith approached Colonel Higinson and himself thought of writing a plain, didactic history of the war, which

Napier, "where am I going to dine?" "No," said Lord Langdale; "what are you thinking of turning to as an occupation?" Then he urged him to turn to literature. The article on Jomini proved that he could write. He must not waste his life in mere amusement. Why should he not write a history of the war himself? On returning home Napier told his wife what Lord Langdale had said, and added that he himself felt doubtful whether he was clever enough to

-Of the \$2,000,000 left by a New York man for the establishment of a college of music it is said that but \$2,000 ins, the rest having been concurned In litigation.-N. Y. Sun.

Colonel, your rent is due to-day. "I am sorry to hear that, for I like | Till then it would be impossible to make "What?" "I am sorry for I like you." "What difference does that make?" "Makes all the difference in the world." "How se?" "Because I can't pay you." "Why?" "Well, because I've been disappointed?" "Financially?" "No, not particularly." "Crops short?" "No. "Been sick?" "No, been in good health." "Then what's the matter?" "Wife got a divorce from me." "What difference does that make?" "What?" The Major repeated the question. "What difference does that make ? Why man, you must be crazy. My wife she took care of the crop. "What d d vou do?" "What! W'y, I run the farm. You fellows don't know how to raise a crop.' -Arkansaw Traveler. -Dr. C. C. Abbott, the naturalist, recently found upon his farm at Trenton. N. J., a box tortoise, upon the under shell of which was cut his grandfather's name, J. Abbott, with the date 1821. The appearance of the tortoise denoted

steps Napier went to Paris to collect materials for the French side. He walked about the streets, exploring the contents of the bookstalls. and bought every book that seemed likely to be of any use to him. He also went regularcopious extracts from the documents which were stored on its shelves. On returning to England he took up his abode for a time at Strathfieldsave for he had struck up an acquaintance, lent him valuable papers; he corresponded with Marshal Jourdan, and received information from officers who had served on the staff of Ney and Massena. He great age, and there is no reason to doubt the fact that the name was really also collected an immense mass of letdoubt the fact that the name was really ters and journals from British officers engra ed upon it sixty-four years ago. -National Beyiew.

all railroad troubles and restor ng the power to make profitable dividends to the stockholders. Something funnier than this, however, happened the other day. A man came to me with a new lubricating grease, which he claimed would save \$50,000 a year to the com-

pany by reason of the superior qualities t possessed, which were sufficient to effect that result. He was referred by the president to the first vice president, who referred him to the superintendent, who referred him to the superintendent of motive power, who referred him to the master mechanic. The latter, after examining the lubricator, referred the man back to the superintendent of motive power, who referred him back to the superintendent. who referred him back to the first vice president, who referred him back to the president. He sa'd to me that he had been detained here longer than he had expected, and, unfortunately, his board bill was in arrears. He proposed that if I would give him twenty dollars to pay his board ng-house keeper and enable him to get home, he would confidentially leave with me as security for the loan the recipe for making the new grease!" After a hearty laugh over the remem-brance of the incident, the president added thoughtfully: "Now, as this man had never seen me before, and as most people do not know me, and as an inventor does not usually intrust his profitable secret to another. I take it

back, is given as follows: Fourth age-Kali yuga, age of iron. or of woe (the present age), to be of 432,000 vears. Third age-Dvapara yuga, 864,000 vears. Second age-Trela yuga, or age of silver, 1.296,000 vears. First age-Krita yuga, age of gold, or of innocence, 1,728,000 years. These four ages form the maha yuga or great age, of 4,320,000 years. The length of, a patriarchate is seventy-one maha yugas, or 306,720,000 years, to which is added a twilight period of archates, augmented by a dawn of 1,728,000 years, gives 4,320,000,000 years, which form a kalpa, or the con of the Hindoo chronology. A kalps is only a day in the life of Brahma, whose nights are also of the same duration. Now, Brahma lives a hundred years of the three hundred and sixty days and three hundred and sixty nights. The present epoch is the kali yuqa, of the twenty-seventh grand age of the seventh patriarchate of the first son of the second half of the life of Brahma, who is now in his 155,-521,972,848,985th spring. Yet the the whole life of Brahma is only a little longer than a single wink of Siva's eye! -M. L. Barre, in Popular Science fonthly.

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