FAMOUS RELIC.

the Earl of Buchan, George Washington and Commodore Decatur.

It is Now the Property of Lewis Williams, of Belleville, Ill.

An interesting souvenir is in the possession of Lewis Williams, city marshal of the city of Belleville, Ill.

It is a snuff-box, which, according to tradition and the written history ac-William Wallace after he and his army had been defeated in the terrible battle of Falkirk, Stirlingshire, Scotland, 575 years old, and is in a perfect state, with the exceptions of the loss of several or the hinges to the lids.

The wood of which this ancient snuff-box is made no one appears to be familiar with, but it resembles the offered. cherry of the present day. It is five inches long and two and three-fourths inches wide, being oval-shaped on the top with a flat bottom. In the mid- to buy at \$3.50 per hundred, would which is a silver plate bearing the enpartment in one end is for wafers which stances was somewhat risky. were in general use in those and later times. The compartment in the other at 40 cents per bushel, and dealers are end is for ink, pens and holder or offering to contract at that price. quill, which was more likely used then. There is every reason to believe that cular holes, one on each side of the box, and nearly the whole length.

One of these holes was for the ink and the other for the keeping of the quill. In the middle of the box and just under where the lid of the snuff compartment fastens is another narrow lid. This closes a compartment stances under which is between the between box and the bottom of the snuff com- at the price named, and make a profit, partment. There is not much room but, if so, he must be one of suffikeeping of valuable papers, etc. Near tage there is in the business. each end of the box is a band of silver, and around the edges of the lids of the end compartments there was This box was presented to Gen. Geo. Washington by the earl of Buchan, who had received it from Goldsmith's which company, at the request of the ber the brave though defeated with compensation for his time and crushers, the mighty tanks, the smalltle, in which from 20,000 to 40,000 of and stock man mentioned said to us goblets, the half-score of visiting Wallace's men bit the dust. Although that he could not afford to feed 40-cent tasters, and all the other appurtenan Washington in his last will made a corn, and we have heard a number ces of a "wmery" in successful operaspecial bequest of the box, in which he recommitted it to the earl of they would sell them off as quickly as came on this country and ascertaining that the box was in the possession of Mr. V. L. Williams, of Belleville, III., he continued his journey to that place. He offered Mr. Williams the sum of \$600 for the box, wanting it to place in the Scottsh. wanting it to place in the Scottish beget thought and agitation of the museum. Mr. Williams declined to take the sum, saying that its associations made it invaluable to him. The ers on the subject,

Scotchman then asked what he would

take for it, and Williams would not

[Signed] V. L WILLIAMS. per to be placed in the proper com-partment of the box to be a portion of South Bend Tribune.

Sir William Wallace was born about 1270, being the youngest son of Sir 1270, being the youngest son of Sir Malcolm Wallace, of Ellerslie Ren-frewshire, Scotland. In 1295 he slew the son of the English governor of Dundee in a duel, whereupon he fled for Electric Bitters will positively and became the chief of a band of adventurers. As his force increased, he the kidneys or unmary organs. They determined to resome his country from are especially adapted to this class of a foreign yoke, and in 1297 gained a diseases, acting directly on the victory at Sterling over the earl of Stomach and Liver at the same time, Surrey, who was in consequence ob-liged to evacuate Scotland. Wallace other remedy has failed. Sold at wick, and ravished the northern coun- | Mahon.

ties. Edward I, being informed of this hastened home from Flanders Corres and marched towards Scotland, where A Snuff-Box that Belonged to he gained the battle of Falkirk in valley, and seven years ago there 1298. Wallace still continued to harass the English people, but in 1305 he was betrayed into their hands by Sir John Monteith, in whom he had rancher who made the foregoing reconfided. The king sent him in chains mark yesterday told the truth Even to London, where he was executed on yet there are stretches of country Tower Hill, August 23, 1305. He many miles in extent where not a

venir, which he greatly values It is a pearl-handled kise with twenty-four blades of the common sized pocket-variety of colors; everything is gray, tradition and the written history accompanying it, was made from the small and with the handle bear the brown. Little birds, known as "chiphas several compartments, is now over pleasure in exhibiting these herrlooms if they did not fly at man's approach.

> Feeding Forty Cent Corn-With the corn on hand and cattle

dle of the box is the compartment for you sell your corn at forty cents per like the rest of nature. He has the snuff, which is closed by a lid upon bushel, or buy cattle and feed them? gray soil thickly deposited on his graving of the Scottish coat of arms. put to us on Tuesday by one of our THE MIRACLE WROUGHT BY HERICA The hinges of this lid have become extensive farmers and heavy stock worn out from age and use. In each feeders. We replied that while we, end there is also a compartment closed perhaps, were not qualified to give an with lids. The hinges of one of these intelligent opinion on that subject, lids are yet in good condition, while the yet we thought the feeding of forty others are long since gone. The com-

Corn is selling in this market to-day From this end of the box run two cir- the price will advance with the seawhich is between the bottom of the cattle on borrowed money, with corn in this compartment, and it is for the cient experience to take every advan-

Our farmers have derived a nice profit on their stock-feeding operations the past several seasons and there. The box has yet a high polish and is good for 500 or more years. This box was presented to Gen. Geo. Washington by the earl of Buchan, the same, but they are no longer | we would very much like to see this who had received it from Goldsmith's higher than any they have fed for ageneration; the cypress trees look company of Edinburgh, Scotland, years. It is well enough for fancy like patriarchs, and the oleanders covfeeders, those who buy their corn and earl, consented to its transfer to Gen. Stock and feed for purely speculative red blossoms, are no longer tender Washington. The box then was considered a valuable souvenir gift on choose too, and farmers are too green grasses spring from every bit of account of its age and history, and was in a manner revered by Scottish chiefs and people on account of the cost or to think that event its existence commemorated. having raised their own corn, they are sides, are acres of vines, loaded with The tree of which this box was made safe enough. But if corn is worth 40 choice varieties of wine grapes, and at was cut in pieces and taken by the cents to the farmer who has raised it, the edge of the vineyard is a collec-Scotch soldiers and people and made and if he feeds it to stock and does tion of cool vaults and adobe buildenirs to honor and remem- not get his 40 cents back, together ings. It is here that one finds the

Buchan or his heirs, it seems that the bequest was not faithfully carried out, We have no wish to discourage from the desert plain. The contrast as the box went into the possession of Commodore Decatur, and was by him press upon the minds of farmers the deed, words cannot make it sufficientpresented to Catherine Clark, the present owner's grandmother, who was on intimate terms with the commodore's family. It was in 1844 pre-modore's family. It was in 1844 pre-sented by Catherine Clark in Dela-tion in all its bearings before they in ed in the midst of the parched lands ware to her son, V. L. Williams, and vest. This is the season for buying

Jay Gould Caught for Once-

set a price, as he would not part with it. The managers of the centennial his recent trips to Cairo in the interexhibition, in 1876, at Philadelphia, est of the Singer company, took their desired to obtain it for exhibition, but Chicago attorney along to see that Mr. Williams would not let it go, not the titles to the property purchased being willing to trust it out of his pos-by Mr. Pine for the Singer company session. A few years ago V. L. Willewere perfect. In the discussion the liams died, and this interesting relic question of the right of redemption passed into the possession of Lewis Came up and one of the Cairo mil-Williams, his son, its present owner. lionaires declared there was no re-In the compartment of the box forval- demption law in Illinois. The uables or papers is the following, writ- Singer attorney showed him the law, ten on note paper, in the handwriting of the late V. L. Williams: "This box is made of the tree that sheltered and instructed his agents to buy up Sir William Wallace at the battle of Falkirk, and was presented to Gen. Washington as such. Washington presented it to Commodore Decatur and Commodore Decatur presented it to Catherine Clark, my mother, and she to me, Volney L. Williams. This box has a Scottish coat of arms on it. There came a man, in 1846, on from There came a man, in 1846, on from Jay Gould telegraphed back that as Scotland and offered me \$600 for it to be owned the first mortgage paper the put it in the Scottish museum. But other didn't interest him. Halliday as I promised my mother to keep it in telegraphed back that Jay gemembrance of Washington, Decatur Gould's attorney ought to post and herself, I refused to accept the himself on the Illinois reof Fer. He then asked me what I demption law. In a short time a telwould take for it and I told him I egram was received from Jay Gould that his agent would call on Halliday.

When he came Halliday asked an ad-The present owner as zealously guards and as greatly prizes the ancient snuff-box as did his father and ed, and Halliday advanced the price would not part with it. He is going another \$40,000, and he proposes to to have the hinges, which are gone, advance by forties until Jay Gould replaced and the fact noted upon pa- comes to time, which he will have to

DYING BY INCHES.

the son of the English governor of inches. This no longer need to be so then entered England, recovered Ber fifty cents a bottle, by Ish & Mc

A Desert Reclaimed

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Mr. Williams has also another souwards, which has greatly values. It is to the description of sustenance to man or beast. Wherever water has not been forced to flow the descriptions of the same to the story was a superstant of the story was a superstant.

wood of the tree that sheltered Sir evidence of good workmadship. This pies," ground squirrels of industrious knife was the property of Commodore habits and sprightly jack-rabbits Decatur, who gave it to Mrs. Clark abound; but they so closely resemble when he presented to her the historic the soil and vegetation in hue that fought July 22, 1298. The box, which snuff box. Mr. Williams takes great their presence would remain unknown to persons desirous of seeing them, Herds of antelopes may often be obbut would not, on account of their served, not because their bodies are history and the persons and events bright spots in the landscape, but bethey commemorate, part with them for cause they are always at a considerable any sum that would be likely to be distance and the curvature of the earth throws their slender torms ful against the horizon. The roads it many places lie beneath loose sand o dust, and so the traveler with his horses and vehicle soon comes to look This is about the form of question coat, his hat, in his whiskers and eyes.

But this monotony is broken when the vicinity of a canal is reached. Under the wonderful influence of water all beautiful forms of vegetation have sprung into luxuriant growth and bloom, just as if the desert had been treasuring for centuries earth's productive powers. One among the many spots converted to brightness by irrigation is the Eisen vineyard, about four miles from Fresno. In order to moving along a dusty road among stunted brush, and the next intsant having passed the gateway, he is driving through a magnificent garden avenue. For half a mile the way is lined on either side by poplar, cypress, ocust, fig, pomegranate and oleander trees. They grow densely, and their foliage almost obscures the view of vineyards stretching away from the margin of the drive to the boundaries of the farm. It is only for ered with white and pink and deepcorner. Beyond the avenue, on both and that signal bat trouble, he loses money. The farmer er barrels, the demijohns, the murky zation that one is suddenly introduced

> valley in summer time greatly resem- gurs. bled the driest, sandiest, hottest portions of Sahara. Of the total area of the country considerably more than 1,000,000 acres are susceptible of irrigation, and much of the foot-hill region beyond the reach of practicable canals is capable of yielding crops under a careful system of dry farming. The district of country lying between King's and San Joaquin rivers, which has Fresno for its actual center, comprises at least 500,000 acres of good lands. Most of this is held in large tracts, but the system of col-onizing, which has already proven very successful, will soon convert the sterile ranches into small farms, orchards and vineyards, making fair homes and producing subsistence and wealth for thousands of families. Nothing can be done with these arid fields except by irrigation. In view Direct Line to ST. LOUIS of this fact, King's river has been tapped by several canals at convenient points, and already sufficient water can be brought down to render fertile twice the area now under cultivation. King's river has been the easier of access, but the San Joaquin is also being required to yield tribute. Many of the projects are the results of wonderful skill in surveying and canal-building. To a man standing in the center of a plain it seems that the land on all sides rises away from him towards the horizon; therefore the water frequently has the appearance of running up hill. But, though many feats have been accomplished by the reclamers of the desert, the law of gravitation has not yet been overcome.

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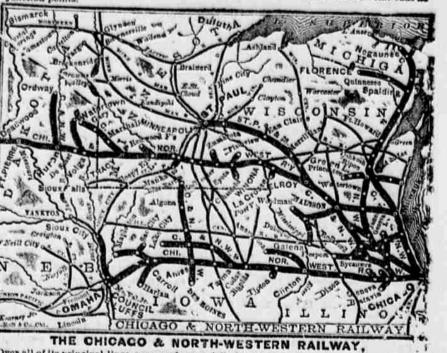
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