WILD-CAT BANKING OF ANTE-BELLUM DAYS

Money of Mulberry Bark Inflation of the Currency in England and France\_Debasing the Coinage and Its Effects.

The silver craze which seems to have of the cranky notions with which that organisation is from time to time afflicted, says the Globe-Democrat. Though the presvocacy of the white metal will, when the milver heresy, but so long as they evince face; that a \$40 note, to be redeem a change of heart by a change of policy one Spanish dollar, would pass for \$40. he bygones, and both forgive and forget the temporary insanity that led the mistaken temporary insanity that 50 cents could be crowd to believe that 50 cents could be made a dollar by calling it one. Humanity made a dollar by calling it one. Humanity is full of curious vagaries, and when dealing have been employed as currency, numerous have been employed as currency numerous. with it one need not be surprised at any wild or extravagant notion being entertained. promulgated as gospel truth, and, besides, there is a large class of people who sides, there is a large class of people who are never really happy save when in pursuit of some choice bit of felly to which they of gold having less than the accepted quanbold all the more earnestly, even when ity of precious metal worth as much as a mentally convinced of its absurdity, solely from that stubbornness with which men cling to an idea either in politics or religion. Let a man believe himself persecuted or oppressed for opinion's sake and he will new coinage, and also that the circulation of all other cause he absolute the results of the coin of all other causes he absolute the results of the coin of all other causes he absolute the results of all other causes he are the results of the coin of all other causes he are the results of the results die rather than yield one jot or tittle of his crankery, whatever it may be, and the silver men, having imbibed the idea that they are well, but when an attempt was made to exceedingly oppressed and much downtrod-den, will probably hold with tenacity to their jet notion until circumstances change, some other issue comes to the front and the silver craze dies a natural death. THE GREENBACK CRAZE

In its essential particulars the silver craze is the greenback craze, and in the history of that remarkable financial fallacy may be that remarkable financial fallacy may be read in outline the history, present and future, of the movement in behalf of silver. Each had its origin in a period of commercial and industrial depression. In both periods the prices of agricultural products were greatly depressed, workshops and factories were closing, the balance of trade was against us, taxes were burdensome, money was scarce and hard to get, and general dissatisfaction prevailed. The greenback craze especially had its origin in the idea, very difficult to eradicate from the minds of men, that in some way, they do not exactly understand what, the government is directly or indirectly responsible for all their woes. understand what the government is directly or indirectly responsible for all their wees, and, having brought them on, the government ought to do something for the general cases, the prices rose to a figure that bore relief. At that time money was the most urgent need of every man and as the government had a monopoly of the manufacture of this article the greenbackers took the ground that a free and unlimited issue of green greenbackers just as a similar query now puzzles the silver men. To judge from the wild talk now floating about, some of the only to back a wagon up to the treasury door, state how much they need and have it counted, loaded and delivered at the expense greenback craze had its day and the wildness of the arguments advanced in its sup-port finds a parallel in the mental obtuseness shown by the silver men in refusing to see that a 50-cent dollar is only 50 cents and that calling it \$1 or \$100 will not in the least increase its value. FIAT MONEY.

The idea that the stamp of the government used in their dominions. In the thirteenth tion in use in China. It was made of the inner tough bark of the mulberry, was cut in pieces not greatly dissimilar in size and shape from our silver quarters and was There was no provision made for its redemption by a more valuable medium of exchange; in fact, the emperor who devised it had the greenback craze to the fullest sible extent, and imagined that to convert bark into money it was necessary to stamp it and call it money and the thing So, as mulberry bark was plentiful, the imperial mints poured forth money by the wagon load, and, in order to make it circulate freely, the emperors not only paid their own debts with it, but com-manded that, under penalty of death, no one should refuse to receive it, the same ing. The theory looked plausible enough to the imperial Celestial who devised and put it into execution, but there was a hitch it which did not seem to have occurred the royal inventor. The people were npelled to take it, for after a few heads had been deftly removed from the shoulders of the owners by the court executioner nobody declined to receive it, but men who had anything to sell always had two prices one in silver or copper, the other in mulherry bark coins, and the price was so much former\_that, as Marco said, it tok a donkey load of the imperial crowns to buy enough rice to make a man's dinner. In other words, there was inflation of the currency of the most pronounced type, with the in-evitable result of inflation in prices also. CONFEDERATE CURRENCY.

We do not need to go so far back as the time of Marco Polo, however, in order to witness an illustration of inflated currency quite as noticeable as that which occurred then mulberry bark was made legal tender ernment necessarily contracted enormous obligations, and, having neither gold nor silver with which to pay, issued its own These, of course, were based on confidence in this respect was never very the confederate money began its e at a discount. As affairs went course at a discount. from bad to worse, the money kept on declining in value, until toward the close of the struggle, it was worth hardly anything Prices rose correspondingly until they be-came enormously large. There are men new living who, in the last days of the con-federacy, paid \$100 for a hat, from \$125 to \$200 for a pair of boots, and other things in so that the satirist who declared his dinner in a basket, and that just be-fore Lee's surrender be carried his money in his pocket, was by no means so extrava-gant in his statements as might be imagined. As was to be expected, the decline in the value of the currency caused a general diserganization of all business, and in many parts of the southern states so promounced was the lack of faith in the government of the contest by the duties on whose it's the truth. Ask Baptiste. He takes to have and silk. Purchasers of the fund our of Jim for me while I am in New Martha and Susan standing over him. God connect was the lack of faith in the government's promises to pay that there was a partial return to the bartor system. In use in the infancy of society, but under the southern states, halled as a relief from the uncertainty of the currency. It would seem as though cuch an object lesson in inflation would effectually discourage for a country. would effectually discourage for a century fused to open its American ports to Britmended to me as a pile cure, so I bought a for two the advocacy of any system looking to the abnormal enlargement of the for further existence. But the directors This is only one of thousands of similar currency, but so little was it heeded that, were stout-hearted men, who, as implicitly cases. Eczema, sores and skin diseases cally a few years after the war, the green- as Law, asserted that paper money was as yield quickly when it is used.

FINANCIAL FADS AND FREAKS back craze found victims in all parts of good as gold, so long as you had faith, de-the south: men who claimed that the free termined to carry out the scheme of in-and unlimited issue of government notes CONTINENTAL CURRENCY.

> or of the government can make money out of mulberry bark strikes us as extremely that a government can make money out of option or means suggested whereby it he eventually taken up at its face. In the case of the confederate govornment there was a promise to pay, but no one believed it could be kept. The continental fathers of the revolutionars war had an idea somewhat different, and tried a plan of inflation that to them beened to present many advantages. During the war

taken the democracy by storm is but one promises to pay, befiles which the continental congress also issued enormous sums of currency, all based on the success of the ent is a little more severe than previous notion that if the notes were issued in large attacks, there is no reason to doubt that it denominations, to be redeemed at a fraction will run its course and pass away as soon of their face value, they would, neverthe as the sober good sense of the country has Hence vast quantities of notes were printed an opportunity to pass judgment upon it. stating that the colony of Virginia or North It is also to be expected that not a few Carolina, or Manachusetta, as the case of those who are now loudest in their ad-might be promised to redeem this note after the war. In Spanish milled dollars, at the vocacy of the white metal will, when the present furore subsides, see how great is the flusheld folly into which they have been led. They may not admit the fact, for, as a rule, men are slow to confess their own weaknesses; they will probably be angry when twitted with the recollection of their pass current at the valuation stated on the pass current at the valuation stated on the pass current at the valuation stated on the se who have not worshiped at the shrine ing, and one of the most serious problems of the silver idol can afford to let bygones presented to the revolutionary fathers after the war was the state of the currency.

fallacies have sprung up concerning them some of which had very serious social and commercial results. In the reign of Edquate to the emergency, so Edward ordained that the pound sterling should contain three pennies less of gold, equivalent to a little more than 1 per cent, by which a considera ble saving was effected. There were, 1 appears, cothusiastic counselors of the king who advised that no more than half the usual weight of gold be employed, arguing refused to sell their goods at the forme prices, and, as usually happens in such cases, the prices rose to a figure that bore

A BAD EXAMPLE. The lesson was lost, not only on Edward, but on his successors also, for repeatedly afterward did the reigning monarch seek backs would turnish a specific the second of society. Exactly how they were going the amount of gold contained in the pound sterling or by increasing the number of pennies. Edward III. was almost always in need of money to carry on his wars with France, and, following the example of the free silverites seem to suppose that after the free and unlimited coinage of the white metal has been instituted they will have only to back a warm up to the the control of the state of the pound, and went a step further by increasing the number of pennics to 266, a little later metal and the control of the state of to 266, a little later making a further in-crease to 270. Not satisfied with these two radical changes he proceeded also to debase counted, loaded and delivered at the expense of the government. The idea that they will be obliged to give their labor or something else in exchange for it forms apparently no part of the silver program any more than it did that of the greenbackers. The greenback craze had its day said the silver coinage, not only by increasing the standard of weight. The result was almost hopeless confusion in commercial circles. No one knew what values he was going to get for his growth. currency from the royal mint was rendered still more worthless by an admixture of foreign coins, if possible, of less value than those of the realm. It was death to import such money and the most rigid measures, such as searching all travelers to ascertain whether they had foreign coins, were taken to guard against their importation. vain. The climax was reached when counonly is needed to make a piece of paper or terfeiters in France and Germany found a bit of metal pass for its face value is by out that there was a considerable profit to no means peculiar to the greenbackers or be made by manufacturing coins of genuine the silverites. It is as old as the days metal and of the English weight and sending when kings first arrogated to themselves the them to be sold and circulated in England right to coin or manufacture all the money. They were as good as the English coins, some were much better made, the century Marco Polo and Nicolo found a tunity was eized with avidity and England flat money of the most aggravated descrip- was flooded with a currency, legal, but almost worthless. The evil continued almost unabated until the accession of Elizabeth, when decided measures were taken to im prove the currency by raising the standard. A SINCERE INFLATIONIST.

One of the most sincere believers in the lower of credit was the famous John Law the Scotch financier, who came near wreck-ing the whole French nation. Law has been nuch denounced as an unserupulous scoun rel, but he, in reality, seems to have been pronounced inflationist, who had implicit eller in the power of credit, and considered hat it did not matter in the least what was used as money so long as the people. Mississippi valley with Frenchmen and then set them to growing everything that could be grown there and mining all the metals, precious and otherwise, that were then believed to exist in almost in shaustible quantities in this new El Dorado. With this end in view, he organized a company, and issued stock. The scheme found favor with the people, who readily avested, and Law became a great to create millions of value with no tangible background, so nobody was astonished at appointment as comptroller general the French finances. In this capacity he 'flush' indeed. Everybody had more money than he knew what to do with. It is true that now and then some one called attention to the fact that rents had gone up, that the necessaries of life were held at eight or ten times the prices which pre-vailed before the government began to issue always had a plausible answer ready, and when he had not asked his questioner what when he had not asked his questioner what did it matter how much was asked so long as he had plenty of money with which to pay, and so matters went on until the crash came, and Law fled to avoid being torn to my chance. I shoved the neck of the bottle came, and Law fled to avoid being torn to pieces in the streets. He left the government with outstanding notes estimated to exceed £1,925,000,000, and of all the money

he might have made, carried away only THE SOUTH SEA SCHEME While John Law was testing the value of credit in France a number of imitators were following in his footsteps in England. The South Sea scheme, often known as the "South Sea Bubble," was a financial project of inflation so similar to the Mississippi cheme of Law that, coming as they did money in his pocket and brought back about the same time, the two are often confounded and semetimes supposed to be identical. So far as the credit feature was concerned, there was no difference be-tween them, the South Sea scheme being a

posed to the government to undertake possed to the government to undertake the management and payment of the national debt. Such confidence did their repre-sentations inspire in the members of Parlia-ment that, in 1720, an act was passed by The idea that the stamp of the monarch

Parliament turning over the finances of the nation to this irresponsible company. The inflation of the government securities and of the stocks of the company was enormous and when the shock of failure came thou sands were beggared. The government did what it could, the directors were sent to prison and compelled to disgorge all that they had made, as well as to give up their private property to the creditors of the com-pany, all the assets of the company were to individuals was very large and th business received a blow from which it did not recover for a long time.

WILD-CAT CURRENCY. Everybody remembers what, in the slang the time, were termed the "wild-cat" banks that before the civil war swarmed all over this country. Every one issued its own notes and conducted its business on hat calling something a dollar easily makes these institutions were constantly failing, no one could be certain, even when he had a pocketful of money, whether he would be able to buy his dinner with it. Counterfeits were numerous, and whenever a customer presented a strange bill at a bank window the teller would reach for his list of banks to see if there was such an instiution as the bank whose name it bore and whether it was still in solvent existence; certain if the note was genuine. This was one of the evils of inflation which could not be endured in these days of large accounts and rapid counting, but there were others. and innocent holders suffered. We have, fortunately, outgrown this system, but something akin to it would be experienced in the case of silver should free coinage prevail, for with every increase or decrease in the production of the white metal there would be a fluctuation in the value of the urrency; the silver dollar which one day is worth 50 cents might the next be worth only 40 cents, and a week later 60 cents. Such is the state of things now prevailing in India and some other countries where a diver standard is in force, and that it should brought about in this country is a very disagrecable prospect.

## AND THEY WERE WEDDED.

After Which the Bride Commented on the Lonely Lot of the Judge. "Bring in Nora Reeves and Bill Drake," aid Judge Berry of the Second division of the city court, and a look of solemnity settled upon the face of the young judicial offier as he prepared to perform his first marriage ceremony, according to the Atlanta ournal story.

"Your honor," said Mr. D. R. Keith, one of the lawyers present, "I think this occaon should be made as brilliant as possible and I hope your honor will appoint the at-

You are right, Mr. Keith," replied the udge, "and I think it would be nothing but proper for the sheriff to act as best man, and for the clerk and Mr. Frank Walker to take the place of attendants."

These preliminary arrangements having been completed, the door was opened and

egro in front of her. "Have you ever been married?" asked the dge, turning to the man.

"Yasser, I wuz married one time," replied

his command, "Take the arm of Bill."

als vest, pulled out a license. Rill " said Judge Berry, in his most pinisterial tone, "do you recognize the wise dictates of Providence, that it is not good

for man to live alone, and also that it is the duty of man to multiply and replenish "Yasser, jedge." said Bill fervently. continued the judge, "take this

ss and in health until death you doth 'Nora," said the judge, turning to the

oman, "do you agree to take this man to your lawfully wedded husband for better for worse, to care for him in sickness and health, to love, honor, and obey until The woman nodded her head, but her lips "I now pronounce you man and wife," said he judge, and some irreverent bystander aid, in a low tone of voice. "And may the

ord have mercy on your souls." soched, as she went out, and on reaching he door, said: "I dunno why in de namer goodness dat jedge doan' tak' an' git maried hissef, das wat I dunno, an' him a talkin' 'bout de wise dictates er Providence.

educated 'em?' Ain't there an alligator 110 years old in Des Allemand Bayou that would work his tail to the bone for me if I asked him to? Say-you make me tired. What are you laughing at? You get a galhad abundant opportunity to show what What are you laughing at? You get a gal-credit could accomplish, and by issuing lon of molasses and a long-necked bottle paper money in enormous quantities when-ever it was needed he made times very it's the easiest thing on earth. They're so

"On June 23, 1885, I went to Des Alle-mand Bayou fishing. A negro named Eaptiste Fortier had just caught an alligator 160 years old. I could tell by the rings You can't train a young valled before the government began to issue alligator. That's funny, ain't it? I asked its notes, and asked why this was, but Law Haptiste to sell him to me. I paid him \$4.95, and Jim, that's the alligator's name. an alligator has no teeth. I tilted the bottie as a setter dog from the minute he tasted the molasses. I taught him a lot of stand on his tail, how to chew tobacco. The magician presently drew forth the Finally I harnessed him up to a boat. He slate, but again it was blank. He murmured

Orleans."

Eli Hill, Lumber City, Pa., writea: "I The old man's emotion upon receiving have been suffering from Piles for twenty-this message was very great. He had not altogether expected that the melium could corral his own departed ones from the interest of the universe. In a voice Eczema, sores and skin diseases I

# MAGICIAN TURNS MEDIUM

His Method Undeceives the Victim of a Spiritualistic Promoter.

TRICK WAS DONE

The Old Man's Eyes Opened by a Flashlight Photograph Which Revenled the Secret of the Secance.

Kellar, the celebrated magician, occasionally performs feats in a private way that are no more wonderful, perhaps, than his stage and after him, his son. As Kellar's friend was about to step across the threshold the performances, but which cossess a singular form of the great magician appeared quality of human interest. For instance, a motioning to him from an alcove and then young man came to him not very long ago over coffee and cigars Kellar told the and said that his father had fallen so comown notes and conducted its business of the principles formerly advocated by the pletely under the influence of a certain greenbackers, and now by the silverites, spiritualistic medium that he would transact no business without advice from the spirit neath the trap, first covering several land and it was feared that the old man them with writing in the seven different was going to bring destruction upon himself languages. The preparations were all complete with the exception of an hour's rethrough his serious attention to the ghosts. Some time ago the son stated the heavenly guides had advised their worshiper to invest in some mining stocks of doubtful character and he had declared that he would take the pointer. The son was greatly alarmed and he had come to Kellar to learn if by means then for his "Bank Note Detector," to as of the magician's talent the venerable dupe's spirit has written, he hastily pushes certain if the note was genuine. This was faith could not be shaken in these shades back with the remark that the spirits were of the could not be shaken in these shades that come so good-naturedly from the land of the unknown to advise him in every-No one, on hoarding or depositing money, thing from the value of mining securities throat upward an arm and grasps the could be secure of the amount, for every to the best type of bicycle. The possessors slate from his master's hand. Drawing it time a bank failed its notes were valueless, of the heavenly truths conveyed their means. of the heavenly truths conveved their meanings to the old man in messages written upon ordinary slates.

Kellar had exposed the notorious Dr

Slade at Philadelphia in some slate-writing phenomena before the Siebert commission and he knew the complete science of conveying messages from the aboles in the eternal stars to some weary prilgrim here on earth. The story of the young man gained Kellar's sympathy and he arranged a scheme to thwart the spirits and deprive

them of their pious old victim.

The son departed happy and upon meeting his father said: "Father, I have discovered a new medium who is a peach. All of your friends are not in it with this one. He communes with the spirits every minute of his life and he knows every move they make. Slate-writing? Why that fellow can just holler at a slate and the spirits will over it with solemn advice in seven languages. The father rejoiced at the discovery of his

son and he gladly accepted an invitation to attend a seance for the new medium and get ome more advice from heaven. Thereupon the son simply informed Kellar that his father's name was Andrew, that

his wife's name was Martha, and that the name of his daughter was Susan. Equipped with this meager but satisfactory data. Rellar prepared a campaign against the spirits An appointed hour found the old man his son, and a friend of Kellar's—there by special invitation to witness the performance seated in the library of 'he magician's Lome. Across the knees of the old man lay a bun-dle of a dozen new states, which he had These preliminary arrangements having been completed, the door was opened and Bill Drake, a simple-looking negro, who wore drab-colored pants and a faded jacket of blue much too short for him, came sulckering into the room, followed by Nora Reeves, a great mountain of black flesh that loomed formidably above the little negro in front of her. is command, "Take the arm of Bill."
"Have you got a license. Bill." asked the adge, and Bill, from the inside pocket of is vest, pulled out a license.

"Bill." said Judge Berry in this most. to expose a fraud. Pre-ently ne took the old man's slates from the table and carelessly inspected them. They were of many kinds and sizes, some in plain wooden frames, some in the decorated borders which school children admire. Picking up a small slate, the wood of which was stamped with figures, letters and drawings of animals. the magician asked the men to extend their roman to be your lawfully wedded wife, to brotect and cherish, to care for her in sickof the table. A little stack of six hands having been made Kellar placed his long, slim left hand on the top of the stack, With his right hand he thrust the slate under the table, keeping his thumb always in sight, however, just above the edge of the table. There was another moment of stillness. Opposite the magician sat the old man, motionless and awed, his eyes upon the pale expressionless face of the pretended medium. If some ghost had then arrived who was not used to serving mediums be could have found nothing in his ghostly experience to explain the meaning of these still figures, seated in silence about

the little table.

Presently Kellar drew the slate from under the table. All eyes were instantly upon it. However, it was still perfectly blank. Kellar eyed it wistfully and in a tone of disappointment whispered: "The the little table spirits are a trifle slow this evening." Again he thrust the slate under the table.

wait for the next act."
Kellar presently addressed the aged vic

to the other side of life." and writing a name upon it laid the written side downward and slid it across the table to Kellar. Taking it between thumb table to Kellar. Taking it between thumb and finger the magician slid it under the table as before, while the company again stacked hands in the center. Kellar said that the hand part of the program was a mouth, just back of his ears, where condition imposed by the spirits to perfect igator has no teeth. I tilted the bottle up. Jim tasted the molasses and began atmospheric thought currents, which otherwagging his tail. He broke Baptiste's leg, wise would seriously interfere with the but that was an accident. He was as gen-travel of the shades and make a mobilizawise would scriously interfere with the travel of the shades and make a mobilization of any particular force of spiritual intellect next to impossible. "Gosh," said

looked around at me to see what I wanted. In chagrin and thrust it back once more I reached over the side of the beat and Immediately the scratching of a state penlooked around at me to see what I wanted.

I reached over the side of the boat and Immediately the scratching of a state penpushed him a little. Then he understood.

Off he went. When I pulled on the rope I had around his neck he was nonplussed When Kellar brought forth the slate it for a minute, but he soon caught on, and now when I go to Des Allemand's I never have to hire anybedy to paddle my cance.

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> finite spaces of the universe. In a boarse with feeling he requested that interrogation should be propounded: "S I mortgage the farm and invest in mining stocks?" Aimost at once the state was

Martha and Susan standing over him. God

brought back, with this answer: "Do so by

Transported, overcome by this proof of the care and devotion of the spirits, the old man leaned heavily against the table. But at this moment a vivid flash of lightning filled the room, blinding the eyes with its pany with astonishment. When the illumination became normal there were but three men at the table. The medium but

All but one of the slates were gone. this was written: 'The flash of light which has just dazzled you will be the means o

revealing within twenty-four hours that what you have seen and experienced here conight is not the work of spirits fellow mortal. HARRY KELLAR."

At the door stood a grave servant who indicated the exit with one calm gesture. The company arose and groped their way story of the scance supply house, where he purchased a collection of the different kinds of states manufactured in the United States hearsal with Darney, his chief assistant The cues were thoroughly understood be tween the magician and his silent and co headed accomplice. The scance commence Kellar picked out a slate which was an eact duplicate of one of these upon which he had written. This he holds under the table as described. Withdrawing it to see if the throat upward an arm and grasps the slate from his master's hand. Drawing it through the trap be picks out its duplicate from the collection which has been prear-ranged, and deftly, without a sound, places it under the fingers ready to receive it. mediately the bogus medium exhibits the slate written in strange languages as de-scribed. The piercing glow of mysterious light was a magnesium flash operated by the magician's photographer hidden behind the curtains who made an exposure of the scene at the moment when Barney was passing up the last slate. Keller had all hands extended to the center of the table, not for the purpose of centralizing the magnetism. but to draw all eyes over the table and prevent any possibility of Barney's arm being

Within forty-eight hours after this affair. a photograph was in the old man's posses-sion. It was a very good portrait of Barney passing up a state, upon which was written holy advice from the shy. H. F. JOKOSA.

### VANDALISM AT WATERLOO. Trees Cut Down, a Bridge Ruined and

n Railroad Being Built There. "Today is the anniversary of Waterloo says the Pall Mall Gazette of June 18 Next year the day is to be celebrated in a fashion which one feels would have been peculiarly distasteful to the austere hero of the fight. A 'grand collation' is to be spread on the historic hill, and to the duke of Wellington there was to have succeeded champagne corks are popping, the field of ognition, and the returning guests will b

able to book their places from Mount St. Jean via Wavre or Braine l'Alleud. "It is no doubt desirable that the study to the public, but it is beyond question that netic control of the spirits, but that he thought he could manage his ghosts all right. At his request, they examined the table, and, failing to find any sataric device about it, they took seats. Kellar inducted if he has not stabled his horses the negro.

"Well, where's your wife?"

"She wuz daid, jedge, de las 'time I heered fum her."

"And you haven't heard from her since?"

"No, sah, nair wurd."

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"And you ever been married. Nora?"

asked the judge, turning to the woman. She snickered, shook her head, and laughed to herself.

"Nora, take the arm of Bill." said the judge.

"Oh, g'way, jedge, I doan wan'er tek de arm er dat lil ole nigger," said the woman. There was much laughter at this throughout the court room, but Judge Perry repeated his command. "Take the arm of Bill."

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"Nora, take the arm of Bill." said the seance. After a pause, Kellar spoke in a low tone, cautioning the others to remain perfectly quiet, to make no remarks and to ask no questions until after the spirits will not detract from their value, and that it the sanct obset to the table. The oom was brillianly ii-luminated, and remained so throughout the seance of the Rigi has not climbed the Alps on an elephant he seance of the Rigi has not climbed the Alps on an elephant he seance of the Rigi has not climbed the sanct with he has collecte

'After all, most people visit a battlefield with a view to picturing more vividly to themselves the scenes which took place there, but that is precisely what the future He will, on the contrary, only obscure his vision. Somewhere here, no doubt, Picton thundered out his last order, 'A volley, and then charge! Somewhere else Napoleon sat motionless on his horse, pointing with his hat to the English lines, as the guard strode past with a roar of 'Vive l'Empereur!" -but the pick and the shovel have done they have substituted new ones.

"The construction of the Lion Mount had already seriously affected the original contour of the ground and that withou any compensating advantage. The natural might have been imagined the hill from which Wellington surveyed it, and not the summit of a preposterous sugar loaf, the very height of which reduces the historic valley at its foot to the apparent level of . Even if there were any mere inches, the erection of a Vendome col essary without interfering with the formation of the ground.
"Now to the mount there is succeeding

the railway. Last week the ragged end of the embankment hung over the Charlers road close to the Gordon monument; i ALLIGATOR SENSE.

Cut Their Wisdom Teeth When a Century Old.

"Do you know," said Colonel Ben Cason to the New Orleans Times, "that alligators are the most affectionate creatures on to the New Orleans Times, "that alligators are the most affectionate creatures on to the very the writing, done in a hand too fine for any human being to have inscribed in such brief time. More than the state came into view it was found to be covered on both sides with writing, done in a hand too fine for any human being to have inscribed in such brief time. More than the state under the table, another month or so it will have stretched itself across the field, and the face of the country will be hopelessly changed. Nor read has been thoughtfully widened to meet the requirements of a non-existent traffic, and the quaint paved causeway to have inscribed in such brief time. More are the most affectionate creatures on earth? Its a fact. And the sense they have! They're wonders. They've got more sense They're wonders. They've got more sense they have? Haven't I was and Navajo Indian. The old Sainte and rolled up the opposite hill past the houses of La Belle Alliance, has been man had no knowledge of Japanese of Greek. The houses of La Bette Amance, has nor Hindostanee, nor Arabic, nor Chinese, cut down, though, with unspeakable solicinor Russian, nor Navajo Indian, but this tude for future generations of hero wore exhibition so paralyzed him that he didn't shippers, a new avenue has been planted on the edge of the broadened road. The hedges "Thunder!" he whispered excitedly to his through which the Forty-fourth burst as they rushed behind Picton on Ney's columns, "Didn't I tell you so?" replied the young have disappeared and so have the beech man. "He's a daisy! Shut up now, and trees which once surrounded Hougoumont. "It must not, however, for a moment b

Kellar presently addressed the aged vicm: "Please select a state and write upon
the name of some friend who has passed
the other side of life."

The modern Belgian peasant attacks the visitor to Waterloo
with immoderation and demands English old gentleman picked out a slate silver most persistently. The conductor voices, or jusisting upon the purchase the most ridiculous mementoes, gates of La Haye Sainte, where the Germans fell to a man after having ex-hausted their ammunition, a farm girl in-vites you to enter, and then bars your exit with a belated demand for half a franc a visi-tor. At Hougoumont they have learned to improve even upon this; a lady makes terms with while you are in the gate for admis-sion at the rate of half a frame each, but this you learn to your disgust on your de-parture, does not include an additional charge of half a franc each for the service the guide to the farm from whose clamor rou have vainly endeavored to escape during the entire length of your stay.

"Such, in sober truth, is the condition of the field of Waterloo today. What it will he when the railway is opened and the dejected battalions of the 'personally con-ducted' are poured out on it is one of those things it is better to suspect than know.

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