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#### THE BLARNEY STONE.

There's a stone in good old Ireland Built in a silent wall, And he who kisses it will find He loses his silence all. Getting glib of tongue and oily of tone, So wonderful is this Blarney stone.

The lover praises the maiden s hand And the beauty of her face, He talks big things of prospects grand, And of growing rich a pace, And every word is plainly shown That he has kissed the Blarney stone.

The thunderous man of lightning talks Abroad about his rods, He tries to show you all the points Which you accept with nods,
Till he puts one up, you paying down. It's plain he's pressed the Blarney ston

A friend with soft, soft soapery Will praise your genial ways. And yows you are the nobbiest man He's met for many days, And when you are alone he'll ask a loan; This man has licked the Blarney stone.

Your wife will call you gentle names, A thing extremely rare, And with soft words will pave the way To ask you then and there 'Now won't you buy that summer gown? She has been near the Blarney stone.

The candidate will stump the State Until the State is stumped, And promise blessings, with himself Thrown in with tnem and lumped, If your votes in favor of him are thrown

He's rubbed against the Blarney stone And yet it isn't too much to say, If we come to look at it right, That there are very few of us Who are not in this same plight— Who not content with kissing alone,

#### Have swallowed a piece of Blarney sto MODERN RELIGION.

It is difficult to find a person, man or woman, whether good or bad, who does not expect some day or other to repent and go to heaven. Thorough repentance is rare, and if a man had to depend on his own merits alone, his chances for heaven would, in our opiniou, be very slim. Almost every man has a sort of conviction that he is at bottom, a very good fellow, and that he is a little better than any man of his acquaintance. Whether such men really know themselves or not, is doubtful. The character of a man is generally better known and understood by the community in which he lives than by himself. To get an expression of opinion containing the truth, however, is difficult. A lawyer in full practice always commands respect. because people tear him. A merchant with a large stock of goods stands well, because people want credit and resort to flattery to get it. It is the same with a successful physician, for people look upon him as car rying life or death in his hands as he desires. A lawyer may do things, that is to say, he may misrepresent facts, may rob estates committed to his care, may deprive widows and orphans, and people will speak well of him if he is in full practice. Merchants may cheat by sanding sugar, watering whiskey, giving short weights and measures, by false epresentation of the quality and value of their goods, which people want. A physician may kill, be guilty of malpractice, violate sacred confidence and do other mean and wicked things, and if he is a good physician, no body will censure him for anything. A successful man never wants for triends. Everybody will help him. But let a man fail and everybody will give him a kick. This is charity-but not of that kind the practice of which qualifies a man for heaven. How many of us do our whole duty? Who loves his neighbor as himself? Who does unto others as he would have others do unto him? How many of us abstain from backbiting, from repeating stories to the discredit of others? In trade, how many of us are willing to give the true value, and who is not pleased at getting a good bargain, that is in getting an article for less than its value? That is considered smartness or sharpness—and that is a quality that the world admires; though t is doubtful if God does. How many of us confine our religion to an attendance at church on Sunday, without ever exercising it at all during the week? People can hear things from each other and many act as if they thought they had succeeded in deceiving the Almighty -Suppose a true history of every man's life could be known to his auquantances and the public, he would be astounded at his own rascality, or rather not his rasat his own wickedness. God knows, everything; let no man think he can deceive him. It is easy to deceive our

fellow creatures however—but it is wicked to do so.—A man should keep straight watch on his thoughts and speech.

#### A FIGHT FOR SUPBEMACY.

A gentleman residing in Vicksburg had occasion a tew days since to make a journey down the river and several miles back from it, using a saddle-horse. Darkness overtook him him in a sparsely settled country, and as the evening looked threatening, he halted before a forlorn looking hut, and asked if he could get lodgings.

" I reckon you mought," replied the long-haired, sorrowful-eyed man, after

hesitating a minute. and his horse still less. The squatter and his wife were all alone, and they had but few words for the stranger and scarcely spoke to each other. When the evening grew old the traveler camped down on the floor on a blanket, and being very tired, fell asleep while t he host and hostess were smoking their black clay pipes at the other end of the room. He had slept about two hours when the squatter shook him by the shoul ler and said: "Stranger, I'm powerful sorry to

disturb ye, but I want to ax a favor." "Yes-yes-what is it? inquired the Vicksburger, as he rubbed his eyes and

"Ye likes to see fair play don't ye, stranger?" "Yes, of course."

"Wall, me'n the old woman can't agree; somehow she's cross and tetchy, and I guess I'm a triful ugly. We've fit and fit. I'm gettin' old and she's chock full o' grit, and it's about an even

"Well, I'm sorry," put in the Vicksburger, as the squatter hesitated. "We've been a-talkin, since you cum

stranger, and we've made up to ask ye to hold the candle and let us go in for an old rouser of a fignt- a regular old sockdolager, which shall settle our fuss! If I lick she'll go. if she licks I'll trav.

hope you won't fight."

wear his hat on his car!"

',She's right stranger," said the squatter, "and this cabin can't hold both of us any longer. I'ts to be a square fight; no kickin' or clubbin' and we won't go back ou your decision."

smart in just four boots and a hollor!" said the squatter, as he pulled up his

"Sam, ye don't weigh 'nuf into three tons," she replied in a grum voice.

The Vicksburger mentally bet twenty to one on the man at the start, but in two minutes he had reduced the odds to ten, and in two minutes more he was betting even. The wife was like a wild cat, springing, dodging, clawing and striking, and pretty soon her hus-

One of the woman's sharp nails struck the husband's eye and blinded him for an instant. As he threw up his arms she got both her hands into his hair, yanked him down, and in another mo

ment had the "gouge" on him.

"That's the dead wood. Sake, and I'm a licked man," he mournfully an

Vicksburger and inquired: "Stranger, was it fa'r fought?" "I guess it was!"

and squar', and here I go!,' Then turning to the traveller, he added:

"Much obleeged, stranger—ye held the canle plumb fa'r, and ye didn't hol-

leaped over, and was soon lost to sight. "Good enough on the shoot." said the wife, as she gazed after him, "but his fightin' weight is cla'r run down to

#### NATURES LAWS.

mese Twins Outdone.

We saw last evening, a lusus natura The curiosity is the offspring of colored The Viksburger found but little to eat of the children is a perfectly developed female, large for her age and with every appearance of health. The other who does not eat, depending for sustenance upon its sister. These two beings are Touch the male and the female will shrink; pinch it and she will cry. Re-

"I'm sorry there's any trouble, and I

"We've got to do it stranger," replied the woman. "I won't live with a man who kin lick me, and he's just as high born. Sam's as good as the run o'men, but he's lazy and sassy, and wants to

The Vicksburger protested, but the woman placed the lighted candle in his hand, and posted him in the door, and man and wife stepped out on the ground.

"Suke, I'm going to wallop you right

and the fight began.

"Look out for the Bengawl tiger Suke!" he warned, as he clawed the

"I kin lick the boots off ye, Sam." she replied, and the battle grew hot-

"Sam, do ye cave?" she asked, as they lay quiet.

She let him up and he returned to the

"Then I'll travel!" He entered the hut, put on his hat and coat, took up his rifle, and as he came out he reached his hand to his wife and said:

"Good bye, Suke! We agreed fa,r

ler for neither one of us."

And he walked down to the fence

The rivers are falling slowly above Memphis with a slight rise below that

A Startling Departure TWo Souls With but a Single Thought, Two Hearts that Bent as One"--- The Sin-

[Augusta Chronicle, 12th.] surpassing even the celebrated Siamese twins. This strange freak is to the shape of a double child, or more strictly speaking, two children joined together. parents, Crittenden and Sarah Jones, of Beech Island, South Carolina. One is a male, is but imperfectly developed, has only the rudiments of limbs, and oined together by a wide band, in the centre of which one of the lungs of these strange creatures seemes to be located. verse the operation, and still it is the female who manifests sensibility. The head of the male is small and misshapen the ears presenting more the appearance of those of an animal than a human being. The pulsations of the heart and the act of respiration can be plainly perceived in the ligament joining the bodies. This ligament, if such it can be called, is joined to the girl at the end of the breast bone and to the male lower down. It is broad and thick, covered with skin like the rest of the body. Whether there are two distinctive sets of vital organs or whether both are dependent upon one, has not yet been determined. That opinion seems to prevail, however. It is apparant, at any rate that the male receives nourishment through its companion.

A well known physician of this city examined the twins yesterday and pronounced them to be the most wonderful natural phenonenon of the kind in the world. The mother and father of the children are strong and healthy. Twins were never born to them before.

The twins are about eight weeks old. They will be exhibited at Masonic Itall to-day, to-morrow and Saturday by Messrs. Hankerson & Weathersby, South Carolina, who have them in charge. The hours of admission will be from 7 A. M. to 12 M., and from 1 P. M. until sundown. Price of ad-

mission, fitty cents. Messrs. Hankerson & Weathersby intend to take them from Augusta to Savannah and thence

to New York.

Wilmington is to have another Boy Murder excitement. The Journal gives the following brilliant prospect of such an event: Yesterday morning Eliza Penden, a colored woman took out a warrant before Justice Van Amringe, for the arrest of Thomas Allen, a negro boy of 18 years, whom she alleged was guilty of murdering her son, Neptune

Jackson. It will be remembered that a few weeks ago we published the account of the drowning of a small colored boy at the dock, near Mr. Van Bokkelen's distillery, and also the fact that when the body was recovered the jury of inquest found that the neck of the boy had been broken. In the affidavit the woman states that she can prove that Allen, an hour before her son was drowned, was heard to remark that he would kill Nepture yet, and that he

had killed him.

The arrest of Allen was made yester day by an officer, and he placed in jail without bail. The trial comes oft to

followed him, and that she believed he

#### morrow morning at 10 o'clock. HISTORIC WILLOW.

In the garden of the late Andrew willow, grown from a twig taken from the willow which bends over the grave of Napoleon Bonaparte on St. Heler and sent to the ex-President. A twi trem this noted tree will be plante over Mr. Johnson's grave on Johnson' Hill.

#### A TRI-STATE PICNIC.

The Patrons of husbandry, embra cing the farmers connected with the the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, propose to hold a grand tri State picnic in William's Grove, Cumberlond county, Pa., on Thursday, August 26.

MARYLAND TOBACCO CROP.—A correspondent of the Sun at Oakville, St. Mary's county, Md., writes that the heavy rains have done great damage to the tobacco crop in that county. In many other localities the crop has become "drenched," and in others completely damaged. The wheat crop was also greatly damaged, but the corn is better and more luxuriant than in any previous year.

#### THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCHES.

The intermation contained in the following statistics is rare and valuable. It shows the strength of the churches in America, for the year 1874: The Protestant Episcopal Church has 3050 clergyman, 2750 parishes, and 273,554 communicants. The Roman Catholic Church has 4878 priests, 5731 churches, 1902 chapels and stations, and 5,761,242 Catholic regulation. It has now one Catholic population. It has now one Cardinal. The Baptist Church has 984 associations, 24,510 churches, 13,354 ordained ministers and 1,791,171 members. The Church of the United Bretheren has 6659 churches, 1886 ministers

and 181,895 members. The Universalists Church have 654 churches. 674 ministers and 30,905 members. The Congregational Church has 3404 churches, 3278 ministers and 330,-391 members. The return of the annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Ceurch in the United States show that there are now in in that church 10,-854 traveling preachers, an increase of 283 over last year; 12,581 local prachers an increase of 320; 18.628 Sundayschools, with 200,483 teachers and 1, 163,876 scholars. The number of members is 1,563.522, an increase over last year of 99,494, The church property is valued at \$69.288,815, an increase of nearly \$13,000.000 over the value of property last year. The contributions to the Missionarry Society were \$611,-954, a decrease of \$60,996.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 17.-There was an exciting time last evening in Columbia caused by the proceedings under habous corpus for the release of ex-Treasurer Parker. The application was heard at five p. m. before Judge Mackey, Parker's counsel claiming his discharge under provisions of the Constitution prohibiting imprisonment for debt. The sheriffs return alleges that the case was one of fraud, a charge which is expressly excepted in the constitutional prohibition of imprisonment for debt, and after argument Judge Mackey released the prisoner. The Court room was filled with an excited crowd, and Parker was immediately re-arrested on a criminal warrant for grand larceny, but his counsel waived an examination and urging the amount involved in alleged robbery had nothing to do with the amount of bail. They succeed in getting him released on \$2,000 bail. It is generally believed that Parker will escape and forfeit the bail. The News and Courier denounces the release of Parker as a gross judicial outrage, and a job put up by certain State officials who feared Parker would implicate them in his

enormous robbery. A wild boy was lately captured near Austin, Texas. He was first discovered wallowing in a pond of shallow water, and when approached he broke like a quarter-horse, running about a mile before he could be overtaken by men on ponies. Riding up near, the boy was lassoed, when a fierce contest ensued. the strange being striking, kicking and langing about in a most fearful manner, and apparently being frightened to death. Finally he was overpowered, tied and taken to the house of the man who first discovered him. His body was covered with hair about four inche long, and, from size and appearance, he is supposed to be about twelve years old. He is unable to talk, but possesses reasoning power, and now follows his captor about like a dog.

As an indication of the general tightness of the times the Wilmington Journal is informed that the tax collector of Pender county filled his appointment for the collection of taxes in Rocky Point township, and the whole amount due, being upwards of about one thousand dollars in this township, the collec tor succeeded in raising the sum of twelve dollars and ninety-tour cents. It really appears from this, that in this section of country money is very scarce when we consider that Rocky Point is the wealthiest township in the county.

Sankey, arrived at New York, on Saturday, by the steamship Spain from Liverpool. They objected to a public demonstration, but were warmly wel-comed by a number of persons who went down the Bay in a steamer to meet them. They are accompanied by their tamilies, and say that they will rest from their labors for two mouths

"Pitch a lucky man into the nile," says an Arabian proverb, "and he will come up with a fish in his mouth."

### WHO D BELIEVED IT.

Mark Twain, in the Atlantic for August, mourns over the diminished length of the Mississippi betwen Cairo and New Orleans, which was 1215 miles long 176 years ago. It was 1180 after the cut off of 1772. It was 1040 after the American Bend cut-off (some sixteen or saventeen years ago). It has lost 67 miles since. Consequently its length is only 978 miles at present. Now, if I wanted to be one of those ponderous scientific people, and "let on" to prove what had occurred in the remote past by what had occurred in a given time in the recent past, or what will occur in the far future by what has occurred in late years,-what an opportunity is here! Geology never had such a chance, nor such exact data to argue from! Nor development of species either!—Glacial epochs are great things, but they are vague—vague. Please observe. In the space of 176 years the lower Mississippi has shortened itself 243 miles. This is an average of a trifle over one mile and a third a year. Therefore, any calm person, who is not blind or idictic, can see that in the Old Oolitic Silurian Period, just a million years ago next November, the Lower Mississippi River was upward of 1,300,000 miles long, and stuck out over the Gulf of Mexico like a fishing rod. And by the same token, any person can see that 742 years from now the Lower Mississippi will be only one mile and three-quarters long, and Cairo and New Orleans will have joined their streets together, and be plodding comfortably along under a single Mayor and a mutual Board of Aldermen. There is something tascinating about science. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of si ch a trifling investment of fact."

#### MISCEGENATION.

Our citizens were attracted to the cars through Woldon yesterday morning by seeing a "civil rights" party—matrimonial-from Baltimore. The fellow is white in color, will weigh about 170 avoirdupois, apparently 30 years old, His wite—negro—a ginger cake color, was from Baltimore, where they were recently married. They were checked to Jacksonville, Florida. The initials on the baggage was "H. L. S." Oh, they did look so grand and happy — a white man aud a negro wife. May that man go to see "Pluto" when he leaves this country .- Roanoke News.

And this is the present condition of Newbern as the Times states it: "Iu view of the injunction upon the city authorites the condition of municipal affairs is decidedly quiet. As we are intormed, Mayor Wolfenden does not pro-Board of Aldermen, nor dose he intend to exercise any of the judicial or other duties pertaining to his office, The police wil not make any arrests, and with perhaps one exception, will act as janitor to city propety, will be dismissed or resign. No taxes will be co!lected and all arrests of persons for violation of the law will be made by the deputy sheriffs or the constable, and tried before our magistrates."

Dr. Hugh J. Glenn, of Jacin:a. Colusa county, California, is perhaps the great-est farmer in the world, raising 600, 000 onshels of wheat in one season, cultivating 50,000 acres, and superintending all himself. It takes a whole county's population to do his harvesting, and he ells \$100,000 worth of stock every year. He is a Virginian, and shows what our people are, when you give them a field to work in. Strange to say, he was not born in Lynchburg, but in Augusta county .- Norfolk Virginian.

## BIG CHURCHES

St. Peter's at Rome, holds 54,000 peo ple; the Milan Cathedrel holds 37,000: gt. Paul's at Rome, holds 25,000; St. Sophia, at Constantinople, holds 23,000; Notre Dame, at Paris, holds 21,000; the cathedral at Pisa holds 13,000; and San Marco, at Venice, holds 7,000.

## LETTING A LADY DROWN

Clark Hoover was riding through the river near Muncie, Ind., with Miss Jennie Cross. when the buggy upset. Mr. Hoover coolly out the harness and mounted the horse, while Miss Cross went to the bottom and was drowned.

In a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, Grant says: Let no guilty man escape, if it can be avoided or in-struct those engaged in the prosecution struct those engaged in the prosecution of fraud to be vigilant against all who insinuate that they have high influence to protect or to protect them.

No personal consideration should stand in the way of performing a public duty-