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A NARROW ESCAPE.

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miles or more. I knew that I could not | ion. reach that point and at once decided to seek safety in the arroyo, which lay behind me about half a mile, as I have already said. The thought struck me, too, that to run, or even to turn my back upon them, might incite and draw this curious, living avalanche headlong upon me. I therefore stepped backward as quickly as I could, still facing the oncoming multitude.

The leaders of the advancing herd were no more than two or three hundred yards in front of me, and I had retreated some fifty yards, stepping quickly backward, when the foremost of my pursuers quickened their pace into a slow trot, an example followed by those tchind, till, like a wave, a movement had communicated itself to those furthest in the rear.

And now the trot, which had been gradually quickening, broke into an awkerd gallop, and the whole herd charged down upon me,

For a moment-as I saw the semicircle of converging colums, saw the long horns sweeping the ground, like march reeds before a November gale, saw the plunging shoulders and heaving backs surging through the clouds of white dust which rolled up before them-I gave myself up for a doomed. man, Then, abandoning all further effort at custion, I turned and ran for the morning in August, after we had

her at the Sorra La Sil about five The ground behind me trembled under the tread of their myriad feet; and the muffled thunder of their plungshould an here lack as far as the ing hoofs, mingled with the low, fitful music and log callin of a squad of cat- bellowing which filled the sir, sounded to mry three miles below our camp. like the rear of an advancing tornado, For eveneys and a herd bosy named | Gun and game were too much to carry Like, were here patrolling the upper in a race where so much was at stake.

its of an extensive range, on which I dropped them both as I-sped onward. wire searing Sittern or twenty thousand The ground was as level as a floor; had of the half wild Texas cattle of and I flow over it, taking the stunted sage-bushes in my stride, till I reached As it was already past "sun-up," I the arrayo. Then over the bank, and such a current to find no one at the down, at one flying leap, I went; and similar, the large were all out on the now, noticing, to my right, a detached

sage. Dismonstring and tying my pony | mass of rocks, piled up in a pyramidal ratio the herse-pen, I first arranged my form, I turned sharply, gained them, wireless and other equipments for and, clambering upward, stood in a mid feeding, and then started forth place of safety. m that over the rough ground beyond It was only about three feet serose, but dearer to me, just thee, than all the

Turnwelma zigzeg course across broad scres of my father's farm at home, replied was a dry, shallow arrays, at From this, my "coign of vantage," I year well stocked with the now marked the surging mob of cattle seal, game I was after, and in the come crowding to the brink of the armuse of an hour or so I had as many royo and then, as the hundreds in the hole as I could e infortably carry. And rear pressed forward, I saw the front he, after a short rest, I climbed out ranks, by the dozen, pushed off into make plain, and took a short cut for the gully, slipping, sliding, plunging, My course led me along one after another, till the ravine seemed de appea edge of the cattle, who were half filled with them and the white yanny to scattered "bunche," all over | dust rose like mist from the pit of a wast cataract.

Thei good perhaps half a mile, when All around that little crag upon which therane aware of a strange commotion. I half sat, half lay, like an exhauted thing the leading thousands. For it awimmer just escaped from a hungry flanced that I had now come upon a sea, heaved and billowed the tempermicro- of land, somewhat higher tuous bovine maelstrom with

Like Ocean on its wintry shore,"

digged his a normet to watch the pusheat scene. Prescutly I noticed that their white horns flushing like the feam the exists norm no longer grazing on the breakers. The sight of me, turtly to groups, but seemed, as by a perched up there, scemed to madden many impalse, to be moving up the them. The foremost, impelled by the Whey I could see burch after burch weight of the awaying thousands be-It their heads, and, after watching for hind, were forced close against the isher tous the movements of those in rocks, while those in the rear gored viciously with their horns at those in My first thought was that the cow. front, Everywhere about me was a tumen, by some reason or other, were multuous throng of clashing hores, tossbeeing those toward the corral; but jug heads and writhing bodies, seen fitthat I reflected that if such were the fully through clouds of dust,

use, those in the year would by the I was safe for the time being, and in but to start, instead of, as was the to great physical discomfort; yet I mer, following the lead of those is could but wonder what the outcome of year. Bearing material of stopping to it all would be, or how I should ultimatch an occasional mouthful of grass, metely escape.

to they would do if they were being But suddenly, above the dull roar of force, they came on with heals in the the surging, bellowing throng, I heard ur, as though attracted by some curious the sound of yelling voices down the arrayo. The cowbors were coming! was not long before the whole and in a few minutes Little, "Bob," from was in motion, and, as I watched, "Charlie," and "Kel" came in sight, I make that the drift was not in riding at full speed, their long cattlesmallet, but the convergent lines, as whips eracking like pistol-shots as they Which they were attracted to a com- charged upon my besiegers, while they his party, and in souther matent it whooped in true cowboy polygiet:

Sales over her that that centre was-"Hi! hi!" "Vica! vaca!" "Whohaw!" "Git!" "Vamos pi-a-a-a!" "Brherr drange sensation atole ever rerel' "Sce-ah! Ser-ah!" "Glang best the discours, and I now remem- there!" "Hoop-la-a-s-a!"

Sand Lotte's saying once that while At the sound of the voices and the has I am partie do not mind a man cracking whips, and at the sight of the It henclock, it would be a dangerous charging vaqueros, the cattle on the more to go amonest them on fact—the outskirts of the crowding herd became this of a dress inted man being almost panic-strucken, turned and scampered stances to them, since the cowboys, up the arrayo, or climbed the shelving banks and dashed away across the val-As I maked at the slow-moving thou- ley-

The fright soon communicated itself to the rest; and in a few moments all ag them, yet the momentum of those this thronging mob of stock had melted The rear might so press the forward away and were coursing off in all direcwas that a men would have little tions across the plain-forming what is dates to escape being trodden to death | known in cattle parlance as a "blazing

But there was strong reason to suehere cardenity might actuate them, for and looked up my gun, which had been chapters, some of th m very long. The the unterned, violent nature of fairly trampled into the earth and had history is compiled by a permanent the half wild stock, and that they were both cocks broken short off. My lunch commission of literary man, who are of game had fared still werse; and, slways at work upon it.

As yet the distant red-brown throngs | rather ingloriously, I mounted behind were only slowly drifting toward me but | Charlie and rode down to the corrais, I thought that I detected symptoms of fully resolved to follow his advice, alunessiness in those in front, and at though, as he put it, it had a strong

Said he: "The next time you go out shooting here afoot, you'd better have The distance to the corrals was two a hoss under ye."-[Youth's Compan-

The African Butter Plant,

An English gentleman, who lived for some years in South Africa, chatting with a New York Telegram reporter,

"Wait till trade gets lively between this country and Africa, and the Orange county dairy men will have something besides oleomargarine to fight.

"There's a butter plant over there that turns out regular premium butter. It grows wild in the country around the quator; a twig of the tree when in leaf looks not unlike a twig broken from the Scotch pine, only instead of the bunch of needles at the end, a bunch of long narrow leaves spring out,

"The fruit is like an olive. The kerne's are dried in the sun, and then boiled in water, and out of them the natives make butter as firm and sweet as any Orange county butter you ever saw; it's whit, though, not yellow. It don't have to be saited and it will keep

"Its mapulacture is a big industry in Africa. In India, too, where d ff rent species of the plant grow, the buttermaking is largely carried on. Some of the trees there are grown in plantations a the coast, others grow on the moua tains, and are 50 feet, or more, in

"They say the butter is good for rheumatism and all sorts of contractions of the muscles, and they us: it for lamp oil and for soap. The wood is valuable, a'so, and, altogether, the butter tree isn't a bad thing to have around,

"One of the species, though, sort of mixes things; it's a dairy and distillery all in one; butter is male from the seeds, and a strong intoxicating liquor from the flowers. When Africa is fairly opened, there'll be lots of queer things brought to the American mar-

Whiskers Doomed,

"All hair to be cut quite short" is the order issued by the commander and adjutant of the Second Battalion of the Essex Volunteers in view of the approaching encampment at Colchester, and so far no E sex man who has a spork of military arder in him is likely to object; but the despotic decree goes on to say that "where possible the mustache only is to be worn," and it would be in vain to attempt to conceal that these words have spread consternation in the volunteer ranks in that county. The qualifying expression "when possible" is a little vague. Such is the pride of man in his whiskers that there are doubtless Essex volunteers who would regard the cutting off of those ornamental growths as absolutely impossible; but there can be little question that the saving clause means only that the mu-tacheless members of the corps will by excused for appearing with a smooth upper lip. In other words, the whiskers of the battalion are already as good as gone. It is a daring step. The first Napoleon was never so near his fall as when he one day decreed a wholesale sacrifice of the pigtal s of his Cuirassiers. We presume that the commander and adjutant are prepared to put down aby attempt at revolt. They may probably court on the sympathy and support of the whiskerless members of the battalion .-London N wa

A New York Nabob, William Howell of New York, at 39 has won a fortune and is one of the ac knowledged powers of Wall street, Mr. Howell was a poor but very ambitious boy. He entered Phillips Exeter acad emy some years ago. For the first month he lived on 16 cents a day, his food Leing oatmest and cornmest, with the toughest kind of Leefsteak opce a week as a rare treat. The second month he succeeded in getting fairly good day board in return for the care of a horse, At the end of this month he was still better off for he found board and lodging for doing all the odd chores around the house and thus he supported himself through Exeter. At Yale he earned his way by tutering and writing for papers. As for his social standing, says the Philadelphia Times, it is only necessary to say that he is a member of the Skull and Bones society, the right to wear the badge of which is one of the most desired honors in college. His wealth today is estimated at \$10,000 .-

Chinese Historical Methods, Chinese Hi tary is divided into two parts--- one an exact narrative of events, and the other of what the Enperor has said or done. Every important public matter is recorded under the day on which it occurred. The Euperor has, as usual, the lion's share of the talking, The slege being thus raised, I de- and there is room for him to say a scended from my little natural citadel great deal in one hundred and twenty CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

YANCEYVILLE, N. C., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1888.

A City of the Mind, We rowed about a little lake-A sweet, enchanting spx-And some strange pleasure seemed to take

In fancying what was not. Imagination held its sway. We thought that 'math the waters lay Some ancient city, gran I and old,

Our visions took a mighty range. We built its houses won lrops strange; A temple reared, with minaret Of pattern never seen as yet. Glist'ning with gems of solid gold; We filled the streets with soldiers bold, Who, home returning from the war, Trophies and arms of victory bore.

About which is no story told.

Built in water, out of air. 'ushing aside a lily-pad To see our city grand, We looked below. 'Twas strangely sad: Nothing but a little band Of fishes were our soldiers there, Swimming in and out, between

Grasses long of darkest green,

Which made up the city fair.

We ruled, in fact, a city there,

Pus Has an Educated Palate.

A Norwich Falls man has a cat of the year furnishes her kittens with frogs' legs. She goes to the swamp and catches the frogs and, amputating the hind legs, brings them home to her kittens. She has done this several years. No claim of extra intelligence is made for her, but she knows a good thing when she sees it. - Norwich Bulletin.

and it was often difficult to get him to were entitled to be called old men. bed, so that his master often coaxed him there by the allurement of a dainty, which on this occasion he placed on a pin. The result was terrible! However, the scientists were successful, and after a complicated operation the pin was extracted and the bird is as well, as ever, - [Picayune.

Don. One day som: potatoes were wanted for dinner. Don was digging in the bank with a broken-handled hoe which he was allowed to use.

"Don," called grandfather, "do you know where my hoe i. ?'

"No, grandpa," replied Don, running to him, "I don't know where your longstemmed hoe is, but here is this shortstemmed one you may take."

Another day he had been riding and when they reached home grandpa commenced un harnessing the horse. 'Oh," cries. Don, "let me help you

undress him." The first time Don saw an ox team it

impressed him very strongly. "Mamma," he said, after watching them a few minutes, "I don't think

cow-horses are nice, do you?" with horns!

rocking horse. She played the horse was kicking up its heels, and -I want to tell you-the horse kicked up to high the little girl and the horse and the doll tumbled right over on the floor, -- this is just a made-up story, --- and bumped the

One day Tot was playing with her

When her mamma came she was frightened. She said "Oh, my darling! what have you been

little girl's head.

And she said: I have tumbled over and I broke my doll;' no, let me see, she didn't break her doll. Wasn't it a great wonder she didn't break that doll? She didn't even break one of her ribs. But she was frightened -awfully.

And after that she went to Sunday school and she had a party. Wasn't it good it didn't make her sick? But one day the little girl hurt her

foot on the register. Then she couldn't go to Sunday school. So she wrote a poem to her grandmother, - [Youth's Companion.

How a Hedgehog Kills a Serpent, A foreign paper describes the procceding as follows: The hedgehog cautiously approached the sleeping reptile and seized the end of his tail between his teeth. Then he rolled himself up into a compact ball and awaited developments. The snake, awakened by the pain, turned upon his enemy and fought with his fangs. The hedgehog, retaining his hold, allowed himself to be dragged back and forth during the struggle, and, meanwhile, the serpent's laws had become lacerated and useless from constant assault upon the spines of its enemy. In a few minutes the serpent had become exhausted with his efforts, and the hedgehog, unrolling himself, disemboweled the serpent and ate his meal. In this case the hedgehog does not kill the serpent directly, but obliges him to kill himself by dash

ing upon the sharp spines,

"OUR FATHERS."

False Ideas About the Framers of the Constitution.

They were a Youthful Set and ing the R volutionary period. not Venerable Sages,

The "Fathers of the Republic" were not the sexagenarians and septuagenarisas of their ers. On the contrary, soys E. P. Clark in America, they were as a rule a remarkably youthful set of men. It is the "wig", queues and kneebreeches" which have caused the misapprehension. The pictures in the school history show white-haired men who bear every appearance of being "well up in years," and the child instinctively thinks of them as oll. Almost superhuman wisdom was required to discharge their almost impossible task, and it consequently seemed as though they must have possessed the requisite wisdom and experience of the world. If the question were asked which of the two bodies, the convention of 1787 or epicurean tastes. She at this season of the United States Senate of 1888, showel the highest average of age, doubtless nine persons out of every ten would answer that the framers of the Constitution were much the older.

Forty-one deputies from the various states subscribed their names to the cors'itution on the 17th of Saptember, 1787. The birth days of all but four are known. Of these 37 there were but five who were as old as 60, and in In the dispensary for animals at the truth one of these five did not complete University of Leipsig there might have his sixtieth year until the month after been seen in November last, among 112 | the convention dissolved. The Nestor other sick animals, a little robin. He of the body was Benjamin Franklin, was quite the smallest patient, but in who was more than 81' when it met. sufferings he appeared to rise above Roger Sherman came next in seniority, them all. He had swallowed a pin, poor at 66. Then followed two members, to the lake during this summer was so little thing, during his hours of liberty | each in their sixty-fourth year, and the from his cage, and it happened in this deputy who was just turning 60. But wise: Master Bob was fond of a spree, only one-sixth of the whole number

Turn now to the other extrema, Jonathan Dayton of Naw Jer eg, lacked everal months of being 27 when the convention met; William Jackson of Pennylvania, was but 28; Chirles man of only middle age. Pinckney of South Carolina, only 29; Alexander Hamilton of New York, was ris of N w York, 35; and James Madison of Virginia, 36 Twelve of the 37 | the north side of the lake. He has old. A full third were thus within the | the water became warm enough the class, which, in speaking of age nowa- girls daily went bathing in the take days, we call young men. The average

It would be a waste of space to argue that the young men of the convention did their full share of the work. It is enough to have cited the great names just mentioned and to add that the committee to which the instrument was referred for final revision consisted of Johnson, aged sixty; Hamilton, thirty; Gouverneur Morris, thirty-five; Madison, thirty-six, and King, thirty-two. Bancroft calls Madison "the chief author of the Constitution." Hamilton's work in the Federalist is conceded to have been The next time, he remarked, very the most potent agency in commending decidedly, "I don't like to see horses the instrument to the country and securing its adoption. Murshall, then only thirty-three, furnished the powerful assistance without which Madison could not have secured the narrow majority by which their State was persuaded to accept it.

The Constitutional Convention was not unique as a field for youthful achievement. Jefferson was only thirtythree years old when he wrote the "D clation of Lidependence." Himilton was made Secretary of the Treasury by Washington, and began his career as a financier at the age of thirty-two. At the same time King, since he represented Massachusetts in the Constitutional Convention, was elected United States Sonator at thirty-four, Thirty had been fixed as the minimum age for Secators, and half of those first elected were between thirty and thirty-five. A few years later Honry Clay came the Senate and was admitted without thought that he was not eligible-the fact being that he did not reach the age of thirty until more than three months No limit of age for the judiciary was

fixed in the Constitution, but if there be any place in the government where maturity is demanded, it is on the beach of the Supreme Court. Washington appointed as one of the early justices James Iredell, who was but 39 years old; John A lams gave a place to Bushrod Washington at 36, and Jefferson named William Johnson at only 32. This was simply the adoption by the Federal government of the same principle which the States had applied to the choice of judges. John Jay, who was made first Chief Justice of the United States at 43 had been appointed Chief Justice of New York when but 31. Iredell had been julge of the Superior Court of North Carolina when

The truth is that what we have come to consider the especial era of old men was really the most remarkable period er joyed a chance a century ago such as | was cut off. - Chicago Herald.

young men have never had since the civil war broke dow , temperarily, some of the barriers against youth in public life, but the controlling forces were wielded by men whose average age was

a number of years greater than that of

their grand athers, who held sway dur-

The youngest min in the United States Senate today - Kenna of West Virginia-was 35 years old when he took his seat, and nobody so young had been seen in the boly for a long period before his appearance. He is now 40 and nobody else in the boly of 76 members is so young, althou; h, as we have seen, one-third of the Constitutional Convention ware under 49. More than half of the latter body, it has been shown, were less that 45 years old; only 21 of the present 76 senators, or but a tr fl : over a quarter, were less than 45 years old when they entered the Cham-

"Slow-going," we are wont to call the ways of the eighteenth contury; "a fast age" is the common description of our own period. Both expressions are misleading. Our conservative ancestors rushed their boys through college dur-

ber. The average age of the Senate

today is 58 years, against an average of

only 45 years for the Convention of

ing their teens; two members of the constitutional convention had graduated at 18, one at 17, and three at 16. New York college will not admit a boy until he has completed his fifteenth year, and the average age of graduation at both Hirvard and Yale is between 22 and 23

A Lake of Hair Dye.

Mono lake in Nevada constitutes one of the greatest natural deposits of hair dye in the known world. A whitehaire I old Bodie man who went down pleased with the bathing to be had there that he went in for a swim regularly every evening after finishing his day's work. He was down at the lake two weeks and when he got back his friends hardly knew him. He left Bodie a white-haired old man, and he came back a golden ilonde and apparently a

All who bathe in the waters of that lake become blondes and if the bathing tut a few months past 30; Rufus King is persisted in for any length of time of Massachusetts, 32; Gouverneur Mor. they get to be red headed. A man last spring rented the Levining ranch on were under 40 and 20 less than 45 years | three strapping daughters. As soon as taking for their mermaid gambols a age of the whole number fell just inside | time when the "men folks" were all out on the ranch at work. When they begun taking their dips in the lake the girls were brown-haired but they soon found them elves becoming blondes. This so delighted them that they began bathing twice a day and between times washed their heads in water from the lake. - Virginia City Enterprise.

A Generous Dane.

Copenhagen, Denmark, is fortunate enough to possess a worthy citizen, remarks the San Francisco Chronicle, be a sort of Peabody and Macmaas and Walker rolled into one. H: is a great brewer, as his father was before him, and like his father he delights to devote his enormous profits to the good of his fellow-countrymen. When the old man appurtenances at Carlsburg to the nabe used in keeping it going in case of a severe commercial crisis. To his son, the present M. Jacobsen, he only left the latter had for some years been brewbusiness well nigh equal to his father's the Governor of Shantung. in importance. 'As to his wife, the old man left her as her portion all the beer which chanced to be in stock on the for pomp and wealth, ease and honor, day of his death, and this proved equivalent to a legacy of \$125,000.

Legend of Indian Wampum,

An Indian of the Ogond aga reservation in Now York gave to a legislative Governor. The Governor seemed to committeeman the following tradition forget the plan of the past, but in due concerning the wampum: "There is a time came to the conclusion that it was tree set in the ground and it touches better to follow out the engagement the heavens. Under that tree sits than bring himself into direcute. A this wampum. It sits on a log. Coals house was secured, and in a few daysof fire are unquenchable, and the Six Nations are at this council fire held by this tribe. To-do-da-ho, a member of the Bear clan, is the great chief here. He has a decendant in our tribe tod ;; his name is Frank Lugar. One of the uses of the wampum is for a symbol in the election of officers. The wamp m bearer keeps the triatics of the nation."

New Jersey's First Iron.

The first iron made in New Jersey was at a piace just south of Trenton from the ilmonite or bog ore that aboun is in that section, and the first forgemaster was Governor Lewis Morris, who came to Monmouth from Barbadoes before the year 1680. When the revolution came on the iron men had grown skillful enough to make cannon and shells for the Continentals, also big shallow pans in which to evaporate sea water to our history for young men. They and supply salt when the foreign article

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The Two Lives, Among the lonely hills they played; No other bairns they ever knew; A little lad, a little maid,

In sweet companionship they grew. They played among the ferns and rocks A childish comedy of life-Kept bouse and milked the crimson docks

And called each other man and wife. They went to school; they used to go With arms about each other laid; Their flaxen heads, in rain or snow,

Were sheltered by a single plaid. And so-and so it came to pass They loved each other ere they knew; His heart was like a blade o' grass,

And hers was like its drop o' dew. The years went by; the changeful years Brought larger life, and toil for life; They parted in the dusk with tears-

They called each other man and wife. They married-she another man, And he, in time, another maid; The story ends as it began-

Among the lonely hills-they playe !! -[William Canton.

HUMOROUS.

In the swim-The shark.

A pretty hard rub-A Turkish bith. A beastly jam-A detailed circus

Firs la dental offi er are ofttim is ac-

When barge meets barge then comes the tug of commerce.

Its enough if you have a passing ac-

quaintance with a railroad man. Cats are the poets of the lower ani-

ma's -they alone cultivate the mews. The most confirmed old salt on the s'a may be too fresh when he gots

Most son captains are called "jolly old sait." but some of them are rather The condemned murlerer's voice is

tremulous and husky, simply because he cannot clear his throat.

i've kissed her in all kinds of verses, I've kissed her in prose till its stacked As high as the caves of my office, But never have kissed her in fact.

Johnny Dumpsey - Pa, can you tell me what MDCCCLXXXVI, on that building meau? Mr. Dumpsey-Well, about all I can make out of it Johnny, is "Medical College,"

When the first Napoleon, having abandoned Moscow, arrived at the ferry on the River Niemen, he asked the ferryman, who did not know him, if many French deserters had crossed over. "No," was the reply, "you are

"There is no more flourishing business in the world than mine," said the life insurance agent to his intended victim. "Yes," said the victim calmly. "I see you keep flourishing both hands all the time; but my dear young friend, that doesn't convince me."

"Why can't they make these dummics more lifelike?" said a facetious chap halting with a friend in front of a clothing store and slapping a figure a vigorous blow on the cheek. The "Jummy" turned auddenly, let fly his left, and knocked the facetious chap off Jacobsen by name, who would seem to his pins. The latter concluded that the dummy was a little too lifelike,

A Chinese Romance.

From Chi Nan Fu comes these stories which illustrate Chinese life. First is the marriage of the daughter of the died he left his big brewery and all its Governor, Chang Yao. Years ago, when his excellency was an official of much tion, as well as a considerable sum to less importance, he became acquainted with a person of the rank of prefect, who had a son who seemed worthy of being engaged to his daughter. Since then some \$250,000 or so, for the fact was the prefect died, while Chang Yao advanced from one position to another, ing on his own account and possessed a until by a rare fortune he has become

The one family became poorer and poorer, while the other gained a relish The intended son-in-law being urged by personal friends, appears at last at the Governor's yamen. Bring dressed in unseemly costune, he was ignored by some, but at last got his letter in to the now a week ago-the marriage occurred. All the inferior officials appeared ready with presents, and now the young man is higher up in the world. Such is a romance of Chinese life, -[San Francisco Chronicle.

The Greatest Living Novelists.

As to the question, 'Who is the greatest living novelist?" which is under discussion among literary people, the Critic of Boston mentions Blackmore, Wilkie Collins, Black, Stephenson and George Meredith as each likely to be supported by their bands of followers, in England; and Howells, James, Bret Harte and Cable, in this country. But besid : To'stoi, in Russia, whom Mr. Howells' opinion has long since elevated to the presidency of letters, there are Daudet, Dumas, Feuillet, Zola and De Maupassant, in France; Gillos, Valdes and Valera, in Spain; Firing, in Italy, and Bjornson, in Norway.