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THE RETIRING COMET.

First foreigner: "What's all that noise about over in the big building? Seems to me there is trouble. There must be a riot. By George! there's one man thrown out of the window!" Second foreigner, longer over—"O, that's nothing! They're nominating a judge."—Courier-Journal. "Eat onions, sis," is the Boston Post's advice ing a moustache on her upper lip.

OBSERVATIONS.

The New York Sun cruelly suggests that it would have been better for science if Griscom had fasted until he died, since then we would have known exactly how long a man could live without eating, whereas we now have to guess at it. The idea that there was a threshing machine running on Broomfield street yesterday was erroneous. It originated from the noise made by a Louisville man eating dinner at a restaurant.—Beston Post. Poor man! It takes an Eastern jaw to go silently and surely through a Boston baked bean.—Louisville Courier Journal.

President Garfeld's liver may be more or less njured, but Conkling's spleen is in an awful con-

Alas for Dorsey! Guiteau says he felt obliged to cut him when he found that he was following a course of dishonesty toward the country. - Boston Herald. City Attorney Pickett, of New Haven, calls rum-selling on Sunday "secular business." Up this way it is spiritual business, or at any rate some of the results of it are very spirited.—Boston Globe.

Butherford B. Hayes kissed 4,283 babies while he was in the executive office, but the babies won't remember the fact; that's one good thing. The California Supreme Court has decided that bad spelling does not vititate the verdict of a jury—even when the judge himself writes it.

Five hundred thousand children of Ohio do not go to Sunday school. They spend the first day of the week scheming for an officeholding manhood.

TTEMS OF INTEREST.

Larger than the State of Rhode Isand, yet Baldwin county, Ala., with a lawyer and but one physician.

The liquor dealers of Little Rock are about to form themselves into an association for the purpose of counteracting the influence of the temperance

A monster mill is being projected in Minneapolis that will turn out 2,400,000 barrels of flour per year, which is equal to five and a half barrels per minute of the working time. The construction of the mill is said to be a cer-

A cat that had been beaten by a little Hoboken girl sprang upon her and fastened its teeth in her nose. The girl's mother seized the cat and, cutting its head off, washed the girl's face with the blood, in order, as she said, to pre-

A steamer has arrived in the river Thames, from the Clyde, which is steer-ed by an electric apparatus. The steering gear worked well, but the compasses were so affected by the electricity as The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph states a negro member of the Central Railroad

chain gang, at work near Rogers's sta-tion, attempted to escape. He made a break for liberty and ran some dis-tance, when he dropped to the ground dead. The exertion and heat had kill-A Prof. Rapp. of Cincinnati, defending himself against his wife in the divorce court, says: "To show what a miser I was—I bought my wife a gold watch, a gold chain, gold bracelets, gold ear-rings, gold breast pins, four gold rings, a fine piano, four silk dresses, twenty-four sets of underwear, and sent her to the college of music."

sent her to the college of music." The Chattanooga Times denies emphatically that Rugby is a failure, and says that, no matter if the head men of the colony have disagreed, there is no getting around the fact that a beautiful village of three hundred homes have been built and schools a church has been built, and schools, a church and a library have been brought into

Wonderfully rapid canal digging is to be done in Florida, in connection with the scheme for redeeming the vast area of swamp land. Powerful machines on floats will scoop out the soft soil to a depth of fifteen feet and a width of forty-four. Nine million cubic yards will be thus excavated in about six months.

and fire companies, pension institu-tions, hospitals, undertakers and funerals, and all works smoothly and well. In reply to a question concerning the vast responsibility, anxiety, care and difficulties in managing such a complex and extensive establishment, he said he had little anxiety and no difficulty in managing his increasing business. His care and responsibility were chiefly exercised in the selection of men for positions of management. He had no friendship for "hosses" who were not exactly fitted for the positions they were engaged to fill and no mercy they were engaged to fill, and no mercy for those found negligent or inefficient, To his caution in the selection of managers he attributed the chief success of his life. A Quiet Desperado.

cannot, however, be accused of downcannot, however, be accused of down-right murder, for in every instance he technically acted in self-defense. That is his peculiarity. Whenever he gets into a fight in which pistols are drawn, he recklessly waits until his opponent has fired and then deliberately shoots back. This plan affords him a clear defence in court, and has not yet re-sulted in his death, as it might reasonably be expected to do.

A HAPPY BIT.

Prof. Sharpless Regards it as a New Bedy, Though Like that of 1807.

Prof. Isaac Sharpless said yesterday that the observations on the comet were slill industriously kept up every clear night at the Haverford College Observatory. The split, however, has not been detected, and the most noteworthy feature recorded is that the vast body has become very stable in character. If a division has actually taken place it is as yet, he thinks, very narrow, and the parts are separating by no means so rapidly as in the case of Biehle's comet, which in 1846 became the only example of a dividing comet on record. The professor said he had not heard of the split being seen anywhere except at Cincinnati. He has no doubt that the comet is a new one, though its orbit has a close resemblance to that of the comet of 1807, but he believes that this resemblance is accidental, though it might be due to a former connection of the two bodies. It is now receding from the earth with great rapidity, but whether it will return within the life of any of its present observers is a question to which no answer can be furnished until a more accurate computation of its orbit than has yet been attempted is made. The nucleus unquestionably consists of solid matter —either one mass or a collection of small solid bodies. The tail and atmosphere are gaseous and the spectroscope makes the important revelation that one constituent is carbon. The fact that photographs have been taken proves the existence of chemical rays in the light which it emits. At first the population of 9,000, has not a resident observation of the comet was fascinating from the rapid and noteworthy changes which appeared in the vapor-ous masses around the head. Streamers consisting of three or five rays would suddenly project and within short spaces of time undergo marvelous changes of shape and brilliancy. As the comet passed further away from the sun changes of this description be came less conspicuous and it now pre sents a rather uninteresting appearance of uniformity, as a simple mass of haze with a brighter condensation near one

MORPHIA CLAIMS A VICTIM

A Young Man Becomes a Slave of the Drug and is Sent to the Insane Asy

Philadelphia Times.

Among a number of unfortunate creatures who had been acquitted before Judge Ludlow during the term of petty crimes on the ground of insanity and ordered to be removed to the Norristown Hospital for the Insane, was a young man named Gibson, whose case was a very pitiful one. He had been addicted to the use of morpia for sixteen years, and is now obliged to inject the drug in his arms and body in order to find relief, as taking it inwardly has no effect upon him whatever. His system is so shattered that he is scarcely able to walk, yet he says he manages to travel about by inoculating himself with extra strong doses of the drug. He carries an injecting apparatus in a small velvet-lined case, which also contains papers of his peculiar elixir of life. His body shows the evidences of hundreds of punctures, and his right arm, which he seemed to be tattooing Philadelphia Times. arm, which he seemed to be tattooing yesterday in the quarter sessions dock, was like a piece of leather. When asked was like a piece of leather. When asked whether he was married he smiled and said he had seven wives in Salt Lake City and as many more outside, but he was afraid that his marrying days were now over. The judge considered him a proper subject for the asylum, and when the van arrived he was conducted down stairs by a couple of officers and driven away.

Bride and Widow,

Patterson (N. J.) Press. Some years ago George Munroe left the shores of England to seek his for-tune in this country. He left behind soil to a depth of fifteen feet and a width of forty-four. Nine million cubic yards will be thus excayated in about six months.

The refrigerating apparatus in the basement is now working perfectly and supplying the President's room with 18,000 cubic feet per hour of pure dry air at a temperature of about 4 degrees. To-morrow the whole western end of the mansion will be supplied with cool air by a larger and more powerful apparatus of the same kind which is nearly completed.

A Great Establishment.

Mr. J. S. Potter, United States consul at Crefeld, Germany, in a private letter, gives an interesting description of the steel works at Herr Krupp, whose colossal establishment of Essen he has recently visited. The average number of men employed is 18,542, representing a population of more than 80,000 persons dependent upon the industry controlled by a single man. Mr. Potter was particularly impressed by the perfect system, order and quiet which prevailed at the works, and does not remember having heard a single loud word spoken among the thousands of workmen as he passed through the vast buildings, covering 650 acres. Herr Krupp, who, thirty years ago, was a poor man, provides everything for the great community of which he is the centre—homes for all, schools, churches, preachers, supply-sciore, lakeries, doctors, batting establishments, life insurance and fire companies, pension the morning he was taken with an at-tack of heart disease and expired in the arms of his bride.

- A Curious Love Story.

There abides in the mind of woman an overwhelming sense of the importance of having an ample trousseau. Witness the case of a young woman in Dortmund, Germany, a short time since, who was arrested for stealing a gold watch and chain from her affianced lover, who, on discovering his loss, had placed the matter in the hands of the police, without the faintest notion as to who was the thief. The maiden, with many tears, confessed that she had taken the watch, so that by pawning it she might raise money enough to buy her wedding dress, which she could get in no other way. Thereupon the despoiled but magnanimous bride-Ben Thompson, who keeps a gambling hell at Austin, Texas, is soft in speech, small in stature, and unusually mild in manner; yet he is one of the noted desperadoes of the Southwest, and has killed half a dozen men. He cannot, however, he accused of down the generous lover earried off his liberated largenist in triumph.

---In a Bad Fix.

Greensboro (Ga.) Herald. Greensboro (Ga.) Herald.

Johnnie Burk has opened fire under us. His bar is immediately under the Herald printing office. Directly across the hall from us the Evangelists hold their religious services. Our foreman is in a terrible predicament. He says that, with the Evangelists in front of him, the d—l with him, and h—l underneath, he is in the condition the hen was in while in the clutches of the ewl—he don't know whether to back or squall.

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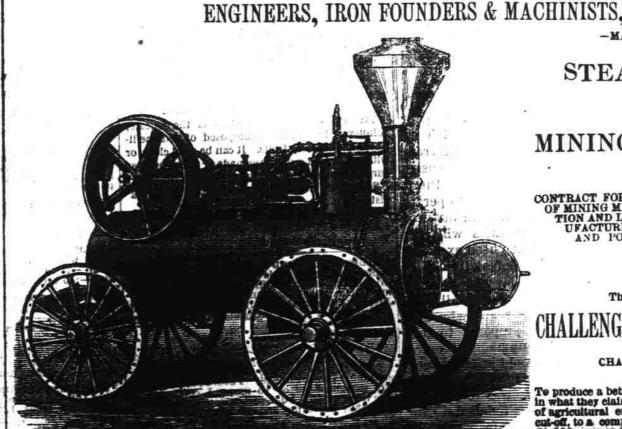
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