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wooden cat, and I don't believe he cares

two cents about being married to you or

strong whiffs, and then said to a long-leg-

The widow refilled her pipe, took several

"Moses, you go over and tell Noah I

Moses departed. He was absent ten

"Says he is quite comfortable where he

"Judge," began the woman as she look-

She was absent about twenty minutes,

"G-go ahead, Judge!" she gasped, as

minutes, and then lounged in and said:

want him!

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# ALMOST TIME.

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Almost time for the pretty white daisles Out of their sleep to awaken at last, And over the meadows, with grasses and

To bud and to blossom and grow so fast, Almost time for the buttercups yellow. The ferns and the flowers, the roses and all, To waken from slumber and merrily hasten To gladden our hearts at the spring's first

Almost time for the skies to grow bluer And breezes to soften and days to grow For eyes to grow brighter and hearts to grow

gladder And earth to rejoice in her jubilant song, Almost time for the aweetest of seasons: Nearer it comes with each new-born day.

And soon the smile of the beautiful spring Winter's cold shadows will chase away!

### A Daring Deed.

the clipper, ship Typhoon, in the trade strain became too much for human strength, ing skysails or sternsails all the way to the around on the under-side of the mast, lost Cape, and we were bowling across the In- the grip of his legs, and remained, clinging dian Ocean a thousand miles east of the desperately with his hands, swinging over Mauritus, before we met any heavy weath- the angry sea, less than a yard below the

I had a number of passengers abroad, and | Every eye in the ship was riveted on him several ladies, who found the time pass with intense suspense, even the helmsman's. pretty slowly, but they were all easy to It was this that caused the accident. The brothers, and the sons of the head of our sails were all shaking, while the heavy sea house, Grant, Perkins and Company. The | made her pitch terribly. two young Grants, like many other rich | "Keep her full, you, sir!" I bellowed to men's sous, were-very conceited—the more, the helmsman; but it was too late. As the perhaps, because they'd never done a sails filled again, the ship bowed over with stroke of work in their lives.

sailor in the ship climbing. You must know that it's an old sea custhey term it, personal. But none of our fellows could catch Ramsey. I have known him to scamper up the shrouds like a monkey, and defy them all to catch him, when the whole ship's company would come swarming after him. He went up the mizen mast one time, and they thought they had him sure, but the active fellow, seeing that every backstay was occupied by the enemy, slid down the mizen-royal-stay to the foretop gallant crosstrees, and so down the jib stay to the end of the jib-boom, and

Ramsey up to mischief of some kind, and especially when the ladies were on deck. would always send Ramsey to do it. One day, however, they pressed him too tar, and the result was I had to stop all skylark-

ing in the rig ging. It had begun to blow a pretty stiff breeze at last, rapidly a gale, when we had to send down our sternsails and skysails, and it her royals spread. We were all gathered on the poop deck, watching the flying-fish and dolphins, when Charley Grant, the elder of my two pests, observed:

'Captain, do you think you've got a man who would dare to go up above the royal

"Any one in the ship would, if I ordered him, young gentleman," I said. 'But I a man who knows how to hold on to furl

the royal on a day like this."

"Bah, captain," said Tom Grant, the other brother, sneeringly. "It's not half as bad as you make out. There's Ramsey, who never was at sea in his life, and I'll het he can go up to the main truck in a typhoon, leaving alone a breeze like this." how," chimed in Charley. "I'll bet Ramsey can go to the main truck to-day."

'Indeed, and Ramsey isn't going to break his neck for you," retorted the young officer, langhing good-naturedly. "I'm tired of amusing you lazy people down on deck." "Quite right, Mr. Ramsey," said I warm-

"You're a splendid gymnast, but I don't like to see you risking your life for nothing. When I send the men up, it's on duty, and if they loose their lives it can be helped."

"Bah!" sneered ill-conditioned Tom, 'Ramsey's turning prudent." "Well, suppose I am. Isn't it time?"

asked Ramsey. "Too prudent by half," said Charley. "He dare not go

"I dare go anywhere," said Ramsey, flushing: "but I don't care to. Go you." "Fm not a famous gymnast," said Charey sneering. "I see you're only a fine weather one, too for all your blowing."

"Well, you see, words went on, till but that he would shin up the sky poles Were, and take a seat on the main truck. the royal yard.

Cailing Mr. Ramsey back; but he seemed 10 go up so confidently that I lost much of

In fact, so long as a man is in the rigging, roasting of malefactors.

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One of the most extraordinary instances of victory over adverse circumstances is found in the career of John Metcalf, of Knaresborough, the well-known engineer and road-maker. He was totally deprived of sight by small-pox when only six years old. As a rule the loss of sight shatters the whole framework of mind and body, and the child grows up selfish and moody, becoming day by day more silent, reserve nervous man, after whom he dived to the bottom of and was rich enough to buy a horse of his own on which he constantly followed the hounds, and was as bold and daring a rider as any in the field. He even entered for a race, and won it, to the chagrin of many who had laid long odds against him. Among the feats which proved his courage and sagacity was a walk from London to Harrowgate, a distance of 200 miles, on an unknown road; and what is more extraordinary, and would be incredible but for the

Dime Novel Heroes. Four small boys started recently for Texas to hunt buffaloes and fight Indians, and had quite a spirited journey until they reached pier twenty, East River, New York, when sundry policemen took pity on the hunted red man, also the nation's few remaining buffaloes, and so changed the party's plans that Texas is not likely to be as rich in valor as it might have been. Other venturesome souls equally youthful have started West on similar errands; indeed, they have been so numerous that their fancies and experiences no longer raise a laugh; on the contrary they arouse sentiments that are anything but facetious. Nine-tenths of our American boys are allowed to select their own reading matter, and they may be depended upon to buy whatever, within their means, is most exciting. Generally they find it in serial publications, the contributors to which seem to imagine that nothing short of the sight of gore-that of an Indian preferred -can fully satisfy juvenile longing, so scores of stories are published which no parent, no matter however much he admires bravery, would allow his boys to read did he know what they were. Boys demand spirited stories, and should have them; but are none of the other writers alluded to able to bid adieu to the Indian for a little while and "work up" some the actual adventures of everyday life in respectable neighborhoods and among people who are not wholly vulgar and unprincipled? Stories just as exciting and strong may be made from such materials, and boyish longings for heroic lives may thus be fostered without recourse to dishonesty or brutality without destroying promising young lives

Siam.

and breaking mothers' hearts.

Owing partly to frequent inter-marriage, nearly a third of the population of Siam are Chinese. On the river you see Chinamen plying their boats in all directions. On the palace boulevard and upon all the side streets they jostle you, carrying their burdens or flitting from shop to shop, the majority of which in the city they own. Throughout the country there are the Chinese who cultivate the paddy-fields, and who bring the rice and the timber to market. The traveler unacquainted with geography would certainly suppose Siam to be a Chinese country. The Siamese are extremely indotent. They have long since learned that they can live in their genial climate and upon their soil with but a very infinitesimal amount of mental and physical exertion, and they have thoroughly and constitutionally reconciled themselves to the situation. This makes them naturally going, and her face was covered with a every time you look at them? the bill, and I pocket the money, leaving indifferent to any propositions for the bettering of their condition, either for this life or for the life to come. I have never seen such lazy and improvident mortals. The Chinese do all the work that is done, and are fast gaining a firm foothold. Three times the present number of people could support themselves in Siam, and furnish, beside their own subsistence, exports responded: enough to provide themselves with the comforts and luxuries of all other nations.

House Cleaning. Where hard-finished walls have already anybody else." been kalsomined the soiled coats should be washed or scraped off before a new one is put on. This is the most disagreeable part | ged farmer who seemed hungry for the briof the process. The furniture should be dal feast: covered, as lime makes spots that are removed with difficulty, especially upon black walnut. These who have tried paint on the walls of rooms speak very strongly in its favor. It closes up the pores of the plaster so that it cannot absorb ill odors, it is. Guess he isn't on the marry very can be easily cleaned with soda and water | much." (soap and water make it spotty), and it can be made of any desired tint. Perhaps ed around for her bonnet, "you play a game some readers do not know what active absorbents paper and plaster are and that over and see about this thing. There's when they become thoroughly saturated going to be a marriage here to-night, and with various effluvia nothing but entire re- I'll bet a new hoss-rake on it!" newal will cleanse them. The Chinese understand this so well that they will replastand then returned in company with Noah. er a room, turnishing labor and material, He had neither coat nor hat on, and only for the old plaster which is removed and one boot, and both were panting for breath. used for fertilizing purposes. Insects find no harbor in painted walls as they do in she hauled the groom into the center of the papered walls, and when once the paint is room. "He heard me coming and got out dry there is no question about the poisons and run four times around the orchard, but paint or kalsomine is applied to walls every crack and crevice should be filled with

used in producing desirable tints. Before here he is!" "Do you want to marry this woman ?" asked the official as he gave Noah a looking plaster or a cement made of one part water over. "Yaas!" was the blunt reply. to one part of silicate of potash mixed with common whiting. For the kalsomine "Then why did you run away?" "Spose I'm going to give right in the put a quarter of a pound of white glue in cold water over night, and heat gradually in first time?" demanded the indignant the morning until dissolved. Mix eight Noah. "I'll go and fix up and come back." pounds of whiting with hot water, add the dissolved glue and stir together, adding amethyst!" chuckled the widow. "We'll warm water until about the consistency of be married right here and now, boots or no thick cream. Use a kalsomine brush and | boots!" finish as you go along. If skim milk is used She crowded him against the table, Moinstead of water, the glue may be omitted. ses stood behind the pair to render any In washing painted walls it is a good plant needed aid, and the knot was soon tied. to remove from the room everything that As soon as the cermony was over Noah can be injured by steam and then hang skipped out of the back door, but no one

sheets wrung from hot water in the room | pursued. The widow called the guests to The vapor condensing on the walls softens supper and remarked: "Sit right down and don't worry about the dirt and it may be wiped off with woolen clothes wrung from soda water. Ceilings | the groom. I've been nine years working that have been smoked by a kerosene lamp | him up to this, and he'll be a little bashful should be washed off with soda water. If for a few weeks to come. Have some of the wall about the stove has been smoke this roast pig, Mr. Court?" by the stove cover the black patches with gum shellac and they will not strike through either paint or kalsomine. Furniture needs across them, steep declivities with ruts in cleaning as much as other woodwork. It may be washed with warm soap suds quick-A widow living on Fort street, Detroit, ly wiped dry and then rubbed with an oily has lately been greatly annoyed by several cloth. To polish it, rub it with rottenstone boys trying to steal her doves. The other and sweet oil. Clean off the oil, and polish day she looked out just as a boy about fourwith chamois skin. For ordinary woodteen years old was climbing over the fence,

> the street. She thought moral suasion moved from the window glass with hot, might help his case, and she called. sharp vinegar. Grained wood should be "Boy, will you please come over here?" washed with cold tea. Carpets should be "Naw yer don't!" he growled in answer. thoroughly beaten on the wrong side first "Come, now, be a good boy and come and then on the right, after which spots here," she continued as a pedestrian turned may be removed by the use of ox, gall or ammonia and water. If paper has been "See anything green about me?" sneered laid under the carpet all dust may be easily removed with it without raising any. The The pedestrian looked from one to the other, and asked of the woman:

"Well, I did want him to come over-" "Then he shall come!" interrupted the man, and he darted across the road, seized the boy, and shook him up and said "Won't mind your mother, eh? Got too big for your boots, have you? We'll see about that!" "Oh! sir, I didn't want him hurt!"

cried the woman as she ran torward. "Jest the way with a mother-jest like 'em! No, I won't hurt him, but he needs a sound spanking to take the sass out of him! Lemme sit down on this hoss-block!"

"Do you want him?"

Individual Spanking.

"You dasn't-you dasn't!" yelled the boy as he tried to break away. "Sir, the boy isn't-," put in the woman, but the man interrupted:

"I heerd him sassing you, and that's nuff; come over this knee, young impu-The boy hooted like a panther, the wo-

man ran into the house and locked the door, and in two minutes a man and woman came tearing down the street, and pitched into the spanker like tigers. They were followed by a boy of sixteen and a girl of twenty, all belonging to one family, and they ran the man against a fence, over a hitching-post, across the road, and then got him down on a sand-pile, and clawed him almost naked. Two plasterers interfered until he could get up, and he went out of the neighborhood like a Texas steer. If things are yet sort o' mixed in his mind, the explanation at the beginning of this article will make things clear. All boys need a good training, but one shouldn't get 'em misplaced. Every boy should be spanked on his own individuality.

"Why is it," asked the man with the sample case, "that at the average hotel, the shortest man is always set down at the end of the table, where there is nothing, and where he can reach nothing else ?"

Hotel Mysteries.

"And why," asked the sad passenger, 'is the waiter always fluttering over some deliberate, fussy old gourmand, who is going to stop over three days anyhow, when you have only fifteen minutes and then have to run for your train?"

"And why," asked the tall, thin passenger, "is the black pepper cruet always in the castor on the next table?" "And why is it empty when you get it?"

asked the cross passenger. "And why," asked the fat passenger, "do the two young married people who si: opposite you always stop eating and gaze

"And why," asked the brakeman, coming "Take a cheer. The old man isn't here in to light the lamps, "doesn't the hash

"And why," suddenly said the woman who talks bass, "don't men ever talk sense?" The peaceful silence came drifting into

the car, noiselessly as a fog, until the car was full of it. And these questions are unanswered conundrums even unto this got his boots off and is whittling out a day, especially the last one.

he got to the cross-tree. After that there called at eight o'clock in the morning, all of which was complied with; but when the good authority on which the story is told, and the fellow ordered the boy to send the journey by coach. It should be mentioned landlord up immediately. The landlord, that the roads were then in a terrible state thinking something terrible had happened, of dilapidation, rendering coach traveling immediately repaired to the room and not only very slow, but very hazardous found his guest apparently in, a terrible work. During this journey, with his mind rage. He wanted to know what kind of a undisturbed by objects which distract or enhouse they kept there full of petty sneak | gage the thoughts of seeing men, Metcalf thieves. "Just look here," said he; "My considered the state of the roads, revolving pantaloons containing my pocketbook and in his mind whether something might not watch, are gone, and some one connected be done to improve them. Each fresh epiwith this house took them, for they must | sode in the journey, each new difficultyhave crawled in over the transom. I tell | such as deep, marshy places impossible for you. I'll give this place away to every man | carriages to pass, rivers with no bridges on the road." The landlord was considerout for a pair of pantaloons, and, as the strongest vehicles-impressed the thought rest of the clothes were very elegant, an more and more strongly on his mind; and elegant pair was purchased. The fellow although when he returned home the time was then taken to breakfast and shown the had not yet come for the idea to be fully best attention the house could afford. Af- developed, it was destined at a later period ter breakfast the landlord gave him \$20, as he had to leave immediately, and promised to leave no stone unturned until the cure a livelihood, and amongst other things thief was discovered. The cute young played the violin at dances and public asgentleman went to the restaurant, redeemed his pants, told the story, and skipped

Dangers Arising from the Use of Chloral.

the town about \$19,50 ahead."

Medical science in England has raised vigorous protest against a habit which has grown up of late to great proportions in that country and of which we are not wholly free here. The use of narcotics for insomnia is of old date, but laudanum, morphia and other opiates have been successively tried and condemned. The last before the two mothers-his own and his | fashionable drug to "medicine thee to sweet sleep" was the preparation called chloral; its effectiveness to the desired end and its perfect innocuousness were largely insisted on by patentees. But now the medical boom has sealed its fate. The Lancet pronounces it as certain death, the general press are out in denunciation of its destructive attributes, and even Punch dignifies it by a cartoon in which a sleeping beauty "dreaming the happy hours away" is watched over by King Death measuring out his minims of the poison. Chloral is largely used in America, and some little caution may be suggested by an extract from the London Times, a paper not much given to alarmist sensationalism. The danger of the use of chloral seems to depend chiefly upon the treacherous character of its oftentimes poisonous action. It is not uncommonly recorded at inquests that the deceased person had for a long period been a bad sleeper, and that he had taken chloral habitually increasing the quantity from time to time, but with no apparent ill consequences, until he was at last found in a dead or dying condition. . The action of the drug appears to be what physicians call cumulative, so that by constant repetition the system may at last become charged with a fatal dose."

How the lilies of the valley, who neither toil nor spin, nor have any private means, manage year after year to enjoy all the good things of this world has always been a wonder to me. Sitting the other day with one of these lilies, I ventured to ask him to explain to me the mystery of his existence. "This is," he said, "how I provide myself with excellent dinners and pocket money. Whenever a new restaurant of any repute is opened I dine there twice, and pay for my dinners. The third time I send for the proprietor, and telling him that I have forgotten my purse, ask him to send a waiter home with me, when I will pay my bill. To this he objects. I give him my name and address, and the next day I send him the price of the dinner. Then I dine two or three times without paying, and have thoroughly established my credit, and I can dine luxuriously for a long period without being troubled with the bill. I at once inaugurate picnics, I beg each guest to hand me his share of the entire amount to be charged to me. A new restaurant does not like to commence its career by suing a customer, so when at last the proprietor is tired of feeding me, I promise to pay him some day and then commence operations with one of his confreres. Jealousy, and a pleasure in seeing those in the same business done prevents any one who has been victimised from warning others against me."

to bear fruit. In the meantime he employed himself in a variety of ways in order to prosemblies, kept a vehicle for hire, then started in business as a fish salesman, enlisted and gained many volunteer recruits, after-

wards dealt in hosiery, then in horses, and finally became a carrier between Knaresborough and York, starting the first stage wagon on that road.

work use whiting to rub the dirt off and but as she opened the door he ran across ammonia. Mortar and paint may be rewarmth of floors is greatly increased by having carpet lining or layers of paper un-

der it, Drain pipes and all places that are sour or impure may be cleansed with lime water, copperas water or carbolic acid. Copperas mixed with the whitewash put upon

the cellar walls will keep vermin away. Strong brine may be used to advantage in washing bedsteads, but alum water is also good for this purpose. Oil of lavender will drive away fleas. Hellebore sprinkled on the floor at night destroys cockroaches; they eat it and are poisoned. Cayenne pepper blown into the cracks where ants congregate will drive them away. The same remedy is also good for mice. If gilt frames when new are covered with a coat of white varnish all specks can then be washed off with water without harm. Good fires should be kept up during house-cleaning

time even though the doors and windows be kept open, and more than usual attention should be given to the provision of a nutritious and generous diet. Under the most favorable circumstances house cleaning makes immense demands upon the nervous system as well as on the muscular, and good food at regular intervals will be a great help in enabling one to be patient and find

beginning of this brief essay.

Have Some Roast Pig? A Detroit Justice of the Peace was the other day interviewed by a woman about forty-five years of age, who announced that she would be married on a certain night at her farm-house, and his Honor had been selected to come out and perform the ceremony. She asked how much the fee was, and paid it and took a receipt. Business concluded, she sat down, filled a short clay

pipe with tobacco and indulged in a smoke. "You won't flunk out on this?" she said. as she rose to go, after exhausting the contents of her pipe. "Oh! no-I'll be there, sure."

comfort in the philosophy set forth at the

"So'll I, and so'll he, or I'll know the reason why! He's been clawing off a little lately, but I'll make him toe the mark, see if I don't." "I hope nothing unpleasant will occur,"

observed the court. "I hope so, too, but I'm going to be prepared for a scrimmage just the same. You always back the weaker sex, don't vou?"

"Y-yes," softly replied the justice. "So do I, and I guess we'll be all right. Don't forget the date."

His Honor went out promptly prepared to perform the ceremony with promptness and good-will. He found about a dozen persons assembled at the house, and the woman looked gorgeous under the light of three kerosene lamps. She had her pipe at you with such pitiful reproachfulness bland smile as she shook hands and said:

vet, but I'll send for him." Then, turning | shave?" to a boy in the room, she continued: "Samuel, go and tell the old man it's time to come in and be spliced."

Samuel departed on his errand, and after the lapse of ten minutes he returned and "The old man is over to Martin's. He's

Blind Fetcalf, the Engineer. Skipped the Town. it is easier work to climb at sea than when lying still in port, for the vessel being al-

"Talk about your hotel beats," said a clerk in one of the hotels of Cleveland, Ohio, the other evening; "I heard of one of the toughest cases which happened a short time ago. I got the first part of the story from the proprietor of a prominent restaurant, to whom the fellow told a history of the affair before he skipped out of town. He said that one evening this fellow came in and sat down to a table, giving and discontented. The very reve se of this his orders with the air of a millionaire. He was the case of little John Metcalf. No was nicely dressed, and were a long, hand- boy ever entered into the sports of boyhood thing to hold on. I saw, however, that he some ulster. After he had finished his with a keener relish than he; he was a prosupper he started out, seeming to forget ficient climber and bird's nester; he knew

that he hadn't paid. The proprietos stop- how to ride and manage a horse, and enjoy ped him with a reminder of the fact, a good gallop; he knew how to swim, and when it was found that the fellow was a on one occasion saved the lives of three of beat and hadn't a cent of money. The his companions, and on another the life of a restaurateur was angry, and about to administer a dose of leather beneath the tails | the river Nidd four times. Nor was he less of that elegant ulster, when the fellow apt at indoor than outdoor amusements; begged off, and said that he would leave he could play the violin with considerable of the mast, and got up the first eight feet his pantaloons with the proprietor as secur- skill, and amuse himself in such a variety ity till morning. The gentleman, in order of ways that time never hung heavily upon dous lurch, that sent the main-truck waving to test him, consented, and the fellow went. his hands. As he grew up he devoted himbehind the screen and divested himself of | self to useful pursuits, made a little money, A good many years ago I commanded seven or eight feet at a swing. The fearful the aforementioned garment, leaving only the light covering of his underclothing. from London to China. One Summer we and a groan escaped from the whole ship's With his ulster buttoned close around him, had made a splendid voyage, without strik- company as the poor fellow was swung he still had the appearance of a finely dressed gentleman with his pantaloons stuffed in his boot tops. He left the breeches and went out. Entering a certain prominent hotel, he walked to the register, entered his name, demanded to be shown to his room, and instructed the clerk to have him

manage except one party. This was steersman, in his excitement, had allowed boy called him at eight o'clock the air about he accomplished the distance in the same osed of three young men-two of them | the vessel to luff up into the wind, and her | that room was very blue with profanity, | time it took a Colonel Liddle to perform the a great surge, and the next minute Ramsey

Their companion was an army officer, on lost his hold, and fell into the sea! There a year's leave, of the name of Ramsey, a was a noise, I tell you-women screaming, noble young fellow as ever I saw, but full men shouting, Miss Perkins in hysterics, of high spirits. He was a man of very great | the sails thundering and flapping, as the strength and agility, and could best any helmsman+this time by my order-threw the vessel into the wind. I saw Ramsey come up, and threw him the life buoy just tom that the first time a landsman goes up in time, and then a great wave hid him from the rigging, any of the sailors can go after our sight. We got out a boat as quickly as ably chagrined about the matter, and sent them sufficient to try the springs of the him, and if they catch him they can tie we could, but it was half an hour before him there unless he "pays his footing," as | we got him in, nearly exhausted, and it cost the boat another hour's pulling to get to the ship.

ways keeled over on one side or the other,

are no ratlines in most vessels, so that a

man has to shin up the ropes, and the masts

were swaying about in dizzy circles, the

Ramsey reached the royal yard safely,

and rested there for a few minutes. He

seemed to be tired, as well he might, for

the swaying of the vessel rendered it a hard

'Come down, Ramsey!" I shouted.

'Don't make a fool of yourself, or you will

But he only shook his head, and turning

to the bare, naked skypole beside him, com-

menced the ascent. Certainly he climbed

splendidly; but I saw that he was very

much tired. He kept on the weather-side

very well, when the vessel gave a tremen-

backward and forward in oscillations of

was going higher.

wind seeming to increase every moment.

So Ramsey's task was easy enough until

the weather-rigging offers an easy slope.

After that adventure, I interdicted skylarking in the rigging, and even wild Ramsey never again repeated the experiment of reaching the mam-truck.

### Bridal Costumes of Fernando Po.

As with us, the Fernando Po bride is clad in white-not the gauzy, flowing robe, however, but a plastering of earthly paste, re-The two Grants were always setting sembling plaster of Paris. She wears a bridal veil, too, composed of tiny, white shells, strung together, and which cover A sneer at his not daring to do such a thing | the face from forehead to chin, while her plentifully perfumed tresses are surmounted with an enormous helmet made of cowhide. The Fernando bridegroom is even more elaborately decorated. It is a work of time as well as of art to take the necessary vows intended's-who act the part of priests. was as much as the ship would bear to keep | Like the bride, he is thickly plastered over with white tola paste, and he wears on his head an enormousdisk of white bamboo plate skewered to his hair with long pins, with blue and red beads for heads. His marriage raiment is of strung shells, and it being notorious that the instant a young man commences to make himself ready for marriage malicious evil spirits are in close attendance, and on the alert to baulk his would only send old sailors to-day. It takes | laudable intent, as an antidote againft their malevolence he carries in his hand the whole time, and never takes his eyes off a piece of yam shaped like a heart, and in which the red feather of a parrot is stuck. The marriage ceremony is the essence of simplicity. The mother-priests place an arm of each round the neck of the bride and bridegroom, and deliver a short address to "You sailors are a set of old grannies, any- them on their respective duties, after which the calabash of palm-wine is produced, and the contracting parties ratify the condition by drinking the one to the other, after which the officiating mothers-in-law pledge each in the remainder, and the ceremony is

## Roasted to Death by the Sun.

Dr. Schweinfurth, in a lecture which he recently delivered at the Berlin Geographical society, on the subject of the latest explorations in Central Africa, gave his hearers a thrilling account of the mode in which capital punishment is inflicted upon criminals by the Al-Quadjis, a small tributary off-shoot of the great and powerful Djour people. The malefactor condemned to die is bound to a post firmly driven into the ground in some open place where no trees afford a shade, and there slowly roasted to death-not by any artificial means involving a waste of fuel, but by the natural heat of the sun's rays as they reach the earth in young Ramsey was fool enough to declare its equatorial regions. To protract his sufthat not only would he go up to the royals, ferings and avert his too speedy end by sunstroke, the ingenious Al-Quadjis cover their above, perfectly bare of rigging as they eming compatriot's head with fresh green leaves, which effectually shield his brain knew him to be a perfect gymnast, or I from Phœbus' darts. No such protection would have ordered him not to do it; but I is, however, accorded to his body, which hever thought that he would go higher than gradually dries up, shrinks together, and the royals, for the vessel was pitching and ultimately becomes carbonized. One chance lossing so, that I expected he would see of salvation is open to the roasting man, the impossibility of the feat when he got to while as yet he is not completely "done to death." If a cloud pass between the sun Ramsey threw off his coat and began to and his place of torment he is at once set ascend the weather-rigging, the ladies wav- loose from his post and becomes the object td their hands to him, while only one was of popular reverence, as a mighty magician silent. This was Miss Emily Perkins, in whose behalf the supernatural powers daughter of one of our houses who was go- have deigned directly to intervene. But ing to Canton to see her father. I noticed clouds seldom interfere with the administhat she was very pale as he went higher; tration of justice on the days chosen for and two or three times I was on the point public executions by the Al-Quidji authorities, at least that appears to be Dr. Schweinfurth's experience of African weather as far as it bears upon the judicial