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What a jay he looked! The hayseed the wind as he marched into the United States assay office in Wall street and deposited upon a desk a big carpet bag, which he set down with a resounding bang. All the clerks stood around and grinned. It was the old story.

"Mr. Assay Man," he said, "I have here a gold brick that I"-

But he was interrupted with a roar of laughter. A young man in a corner nearly rolled on the floor with merriment. A banker's clerk who had come in to inquire about a gold shipment giggled till he was crimson.

"Sucker born every minute." he said "Same old yarn. You jayhawkers wouldn't get taken in so often if you read the papers. Oh, Lord, what a fool you must be!"

The old man looked puzzled. "If you will kindly talk English," he remarked. "you and I will be able to understand each other better. What do you mean by calling me a fool?" just published and full of valuable infor-

"Precisely what I say," spoke up the banker's clerk. "You've been taken in by the gold brick swindle." "Swindle, eh?"

We don't know when we were without Turner's N. C. Almanac.-News and "Yes, swindle. You met a man from California, didn't you, who had a gold Turner's N. C. Almanac. No other to brick tied up in a red handkerchief and compete with it.—Carolina Watchman. an Indian with him? Man said the brick It is a standard work, none to comwas worth \$9,000, and he'd sell it for pare with it in the South.-Elizabeth \$3,000, didn't he?" "He did." Turner's N. C. Almanac. Of all the

"Oh, what a lark!" laughed the banker's clerk, and every one in the office was on a broad grin at the mystification of the jayhawker. "The Californian said the Indian knew where there were a lot more gold bricks and they've gone to get them. And then they sold you a lump of lead covered with gold paint that is worth about \$4.65, and you've come down here to the United States assay office to have the lead analyzed and get told what a monkey you've made of yourself." And every one howled with mirth.

"Not so fast, young man," objected the jayhawker. "You were right about the Californian and the redskin selling me the gold brick, but there your information ceased. 'Tain't no bit of lead they worked off on me. I had a chip of it analyzed. No, sir. I wa'n't born yesterday, if I am from the country."

"You had it assayed!" burst out the banker's clerk, almost exploding with the intensity of his grin. "You knocked a corner off the brick, and then they CECIL G. STONE, . . Manager. changed it on you, substituting a piece of real gold cut from a \$5 goldpiece. That of course was found to be all right. and they landed you like an old guy. high and dry." [Laughter.] "No, they didn't," protested the jay-

Extensive retailers and jobbers of high and hawker. "I've got the genuine thing. I'll bet you \$500 it's a real gold brick." And he pulled out the sum of money named and threw it on the table.

There were cries of "Don't take the poor old chump's money. He's been done once," and, "'Tain't fair to bet on a sure thing." The jayhawker, however, pro-

"I'm rich," he said. "I've got a lot Musical Instruments, Sheet Mumore money I'm going to spend on gold bricks, and if any one can fool me I want to know it. I'd like to take a flier on it

The banker's clerk hardly liked to cheat the jayhawker, but all the rest said that the lesson would be worth \$500 to the old fellow.

"I'll make the bot without looking at the brick," said the banker's clerk. "The terms of it are that you've been fooled and that you've bought a lump of lead or something. Money talks. Here's mine," and he threw \$500 on the table. There were some moral scruples in the minds of the crowd about "doing" the old man up in that way, but the majority view was that he deserved it for be-

The money being deposited, the jayhawker slowly unpacked his carpet bag in the presence of a broad grin. There Is not only Central so far as locawere derisive cheers as he took the gold tion is concerned, but is also the brick from the many coverings he had wound around it and handed it to the as-

> That official accepted it, and a look of amazement came over his face. "Gentlemen," he said, "this brick will not need any assaying. It was made in

this building, and it has the government stamp upon it. It is worth \$10,060." Gilmore's Celebrated Rye, and The jayhawker reached for the stake Cooper's Best Corn can't be beaten money and transferred it to his pocket. in this or any other town. In fact, The grin on the face of the know it all you will always find none but the clerk changed to an expression of pain and politely requested that he kick him to the foot of Wall street and off into the

> The only person in the crown who was smiling now was the jayhawker. Turning to the assayer, who had taken no part in the proceedings, he said:

"I had business here, but I have transacted it. My business is exclusively with smart young alecks who know it all and want to enlighten the old suckers. Good day, gentlemen." He beamed upon them for a moment and was gone. Outside the assay office he was joined by a young man who likely enough quired.

"Did it work, uncle?" inquired the latter an xiously. "Work! Did it ever fail? Let's go up to one of the Broadway banks, and you can start a crowd guessing and betting

as to whether it's real gold. Work!" They sauntered west. The old man looked so guileless and innocent that every second citizen they met had a mind to sell him green goods or pick his pocket.-New York Herald.

The largest Gothic church in the world is Cologne cathedral. Its foundation stones were laid in 1248, and the edifice was completed in 1880.

Spolling the Lomance.

"It is very well," said a leading actress, "to have nice, sentimental parts, to be cast away in a boat and come in for a share of the enthusiasm created by the great 'scenic effects,' but just consider when the scene is called for again and again, and you are kept rocking like mnd for a good 20 minutes. It isn't so athawker With a Lot of Exceedingly Smart | tractive then, to say nothing of being obliged to take a call absolutely green with seasickness, and then run down stairs to 'change' when you can't even was dropping out of his pockets, and his see straight. It is like making a nightly unkempt whiskers were sporting with 'fall' all through the country, on all sorts of rugs, chiefly fur ones, that are full of dust and the hair of which flies awfully. It isn't so pleasant to lie there while the scene is being finished by the other actyourself to keep from coughing.

"Or take the scene in Nero where you lie on the couch, and Nero pushes you off on the floor. To a certain extent you can make yourself fall comfortably, but if you don't, if your arms get twisted under you, or your neck is bent, you have to stand it and lie there 'dead' through a long scene. An actress who played the was in a frightfully uncomfortable posiinterrupting the scene. The dear people ing them."-Boston Transcript.

Education and Long Life.

It is a common belief that education wears out the body and invigorates the mind. Also that nervous diseases are more common among civilized nations than among the savages, because the latter without education are able to attain and maintain physical perfection. It is claimed by myself, as well as other investigators, that the educated man, the man who studies most, while not physically strong, is yet not weak and is much mere able to withstand a given period of nervous tension than is the man with the excellent physique and the moderate comprehension. In fact the intelligent mind may be physically sick all through life and yet live on in this misery to a good old age, while the strong physique breaks down early, and having no mental or nervous acumen dies very quickly and only at a moderate age.

Among the lowest African tribes, currently supposed to be almost devoid of nerves, nervous diseases are very common. In fact, entire tribes are mere wrecks and only live a little time. It is safe to say that with the advent of eivilization those tribes would regain physical strength. My best study has been given to the prominent educators of the world, most of whom I find physically weak, but living on and doing work daily that would kill the ordinary laborer in less than three years.-Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Disastrous Appearance.

Nat Goodwin says that he was scared almost to death during his first appearauce, and the story that he tells certainly gives color to that assertion.

"In 1873," he said, "I signed for the

season to appear in juvenile roles at the Providence Opera House. In a melodrama called 'The Bottle' I was cast for the part of the horrid young villain who is forcing his unwelcome attention on the good young heroine. I thought I was right in it until I made my first speech, and then I discovered my mistake. In the first act I am supposed to suddenly come upon the heroine alone. and I deliver this line: 'So, I have you again, my sweet beauty! Why do you avoid me thus? I had not more than delivered that line when the girl turned on me and let out an unearthly screech that scared me to death. It shook every line out of my head, and I stood as if I had been suddenly attacked with lockjaw. The heroine was quick to see my plight, however, and she went right on with the play, repeating my lines and then her own. As soon as I saw a chance I made a bolt for the stage door, and with all my makeup on took the next train back to Boston."-New York World.

The Extinct Northern "Sea Cow." In the year 1754 the Behring explorers discovered gigantic species of ryting, or "northern sea cow." These enormous manatees were similar in general habits to those of the South American coast and were from 20 to 20 feet in length and from 10 to 20 feet in girth. They were very stupid, harmless beasts, and lived by browsing on seaweeds and other marine growths near the land. The sailors were not slow in finding out that a sea cow steak beat seal meat "all hellow." From 1754 until 1763 they were the principle food of the sailors and explorers on our western coast. This being the case, it is not at all surprising that the northern sea cow, never a very numerous species, should become extinct in the short space of 14 years. The last of the giant manatees was killed in one.-St. Louis Republic.

Two Things That Scare a Nogro. Two seemingly harmless things excite the fear of the southern negro. One is the cracking of the finger joints; the other is to be stepped over as he lies prone upon the ground. The cracking of the finger joints seems to suggest to the negro imagination the rattling of a skeleton's bones, while to be stepped over is regarded as likely to bring bad luck to grown folks and to check the growth of children. A half grown negro boy will sternly command a playstep back, in order that the spell may and other musical instruments with be removed .- New York Sun.

The Customer Ate Crackers. "Will you please have these biscuits warmed for me?" asked a patron of a Sixth street restaurant of a waiter one night last week. "Very sorry, sir, but the cook is taking a nap, and I'm not allowed to open the oven doors," replied the knight of the tray. The customer ate crackers. - Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE TAILOR OF MANNHEIM,

He Invented a Bullet Proof Cost, and, Prestol Kings Are at His Feet. Who could have told before the other day that Mannheim hell her epoch making tailor? Who even in Mannheim knew it? Mein Herr Dowe-the miraculous, as he is discovered to be-was known to his fellow citizens as a plain 'schneider," of whom something might be made were it possible to multiply him by nine. And now where are the time of public danger and disnine men-tarring the emperor, Prince Bismarck and Count von Caprivi-who have stirred the fatherland as Herr Dowe has stirred in these few days?

A little while ago Herr Dowe was so impecunious that he was constrained to ors, and you in a 'dead faint' strangle | beg the loan of the pistol wherewith he has privately tried his experiment. This moment he may if he like be rich beyond the dreams of avarice. Emperors are 'wiring" him, syndicates are clustering | liberal in his views as to religion. round him, French and Russian spirs are trying to bag him, and German de tectives as they appear to be are foiling the spies. Most won lerful tailer! Our correspondent's account makes it

part told me that one night Nero forgot | clear that the new cost of mail is a right to push her off the couch, and there she garment which the warrier can put on his breast when he faces the foe, or lap tion, almost dead, and so far on the on his back when he rans away from couch that she couldn't make herself fall I him. But it strikes us that the unique off even if she would have dared to risk lous tailor has not and cannot saive the Paine, the agmostic, and was deserious problem of impact. His coat of in the audience do not think of these | mail can stop the swiftest bullet, but it things that are part of the work of pleas- cannot destroy the force of the blow. Because a bullet is so small a thing, few people, soldiers excepted, understand how great its weight is at its territion speed. A soldier receiving a built on his coat of mail would in all probability be knocked senscless for a time.

We can fancy him slowly coming to himself again, sitting up and leasurely. looking round about him to see how things were going on. He has been technically dead for, say, 5 or 10 most pre- and wrote a hyme. cious minutes. But it is possible that if 30 or 40 per cent of his regiment were in the same position they might just as well, from the general's point of view, be physically dead for all time, and that though lives were saved the day night be lost. A warrior prestrated in that manner might prove a source of perglex at Salisbury, N. C., he wide readily area for the artificial ity to the Red Cross rescuers and the scribed as will most rearity, roll takers of prisoners. - London News.

The Control of the Nicaragua Canal. been variously estimated. The latest I have seen, and I believe it to be the highest, is \$87,000,000. The company engaged from the previously he became in its construction proposes to raise in some way \$100,000,000-an excress of \$10.-000,000 above the estimated cost to pay terian church, his dyour words desired and the tile til interest till the canalis in operation and being: "My dear children, and that I am prepared to a kit to provide for contingencies that may ronage the canal shall receive proves to trust to meet you all it. Heaven to be anything like what is predicted and seems probable.

There are differences of views as to Martin Van Euren never made

It is a parameter of the par arise. The sum is not large if the pat-There are differences of views as to

controlled when in operation. As it will prove most advantageous to our own excessive profits will not be made on the ones, is now burning. money invested, there is a prevailing sentiment that the government should ping, and a tax imposed on foreign patrons only to an extent that is necessary to pay the expense of management and repair and a reasonable income on the cost of construction.- H: hard H. Mc-Donald, Jr., in Californian.

Wanted-A Broken Down Race Horse. Alexander Jones, the richest man on the island of Barbaloes, wants an Amer- man sprinkled him. can race horse to beat the Jamaica thoroughbreds that have been carrying everything before them at the Bridgetown barracks. He doesn't want a Salvator, or a ly paid his wife's contributions Lamplighter, or a Tammany. A horse to the Episcopal church. Taylor that can go a mile in about 1:46 is good enough. The Firenzi of the Caribbees has a record of 1:49. Mr. Jones always about theology and cared less. insists on a pedigree, however. He isn't particular about the berse. The Barladians are "death" on pedigrees. Four which there is no more miserable creature on earth—was shipped to a firm in Bridgetown, and nearly all the Jamaica thoroughbreds were driven of the relationship. years ago a Clifton selling plater—than ted with the Daptists. thoroughbreds were driven off the island by him. He swept everything before him. If we could induce the Gutten-burg and Gloucester legions to emigrate church until after his retirement has fine and the period a burganded brutes. From the presidency, when he beby him. He swept everything before something would be gained. - New York

The Sun Myths.

the conversation might take this person parents were Baptists. would ruthlessly drag it back again to his favorite topic.

At last the distressed poet raised a very interesting question in regard to the believer in christianity. He was seals. threadbare subject. "Did you ever think," he asked, "that the name Smith so common all over the world is derived words" and inclined to Metho- FEED SALE AND LIVERY STATE September, 1768, a few months less than from sun myth?" No one had ever dism. 14 years after the discovery of the first | dreamed of such thing. Max Muller had overlooked the point completely. "Quite possible, certainly most plaus and extolled for his piety by his greater points full satisfaction -

> A Luxurious Way to Travel. The apartments in Dr. W. Seward Methodist. nished as richly and comfortably as

Webb's private car, Ellsmere, are furrooms of similar size in a millionaire's the interior of the car are very dainty and pleasing to the eye. In the drawing fellow who has stepped over his body to room there is a superb upright plane which Dr. Webb and his guests will be able to add to the pleasures of their long trip to the Pacific coast.-New York Times.

> Forewarned. Fizzletop-Miss Bangs is out? That's strange-I sent her a note saying I would call this afternoon. Servant-Yes, sir; she just got it, sir. -Detroit Tribune.

PRESIDENTIAL PIETY.

George Washington was a mem- five doses, only 25c. Children luve it. ber of the Episcopal church and a great believer in prayer, as is evidenced by numerous messages. One was: "The blessing and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary, but especially so in tress." He also said: "Though think we call at our store and get a be I am a member of the Church of England, I have no exclusive par. coldingly and if it does you nothing

John Adams was a Congregationalist, and came of a long line of Puritan ancestors, but was very He was baptized October 26, 1735, in the first church of Quincy, called the "Church of States-

Thomas Jefferson's ideas on religion are hard to classify. He was an admirer of the great Tom nounced from New England tellpits as a "Godless man," but a letter to Mrs. John Adams shows that he believed in a future life. where we will meet our friends, and his life was a strictly moraone. He belonged to me church-John Quincy Adams was a Con-

gregationalist, like his father, Madison and Menroe were lath

Episcopalians in good standing and seem first proper for Andrew Jackson was a store asly irreligious in 1 - early manbood and mature life. As a vestle licking, game-cocking, hereracing, card-playleg, mischievtown." After his retirement Photograph Gallery. converted and joined the Presty- gray bouttvef H. W. Pender. .

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Millard Filmore was a very supporte at cost to the quick quiet but pious man, who afform-

came a Presbyterian. Abraham Lincoln, according to \_\_\_\_ THE SHOEMAKER \_\_

It was in Bayard Taylor's day that the col. Bob Ingersoll, was a disciple fam n wint which ecopying a sun myth had its vegue. One night at a of Voltaire, but he expressed shop from the expressed shop from the control of the control party Taylor was greatly bored by the persistent efforts of a guest to discuss sun myths. No matter what direction clined to spiritualism. Both his

Andrew Johnson was not a Four or five good second has member of any church, but a tacit \* ing'e and double whiches, w ... unusually handy with his 'cues \_\_\_\_\_

ible," said Taylor, "Sun myth, Sumyth, Smyth, Smith, and some still spell the name with a y." The discussion was ended.—Youth's Companion.

and extolled for his piety by his biographers, though he was never her points foll satisfaction in the new hour day or night or known to do anything beyond letting fall a few pious remarks.

Description foll satisfaction in the new hour day or night or known to do anything beyond letting fall a few pious remarks. Rutherford B. Hayes was a

James A. Garfield was a mem- Mrs. A. I. Arrington on Septerber of the Church of Christ, a residence could be. The decorations of | Campbelite church, and once tried his hand at preaching.

Chester A. Arthur was an Episcopalian, who played a good game of poker.

Benjamin Harrison is a Presbyterian, and attends church quite regularly.

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