

In this day of poetic obituaries, we shall perhaps be excused for exhuming the following from the dust of former decuales

Oh ' beshe gone, and an she went ' And is I left here all alone ? Oh, cruel fate, thou was unkind To take she fore and leave I hind!

Of the original cedars of Lebauon only seven now remain. They cover a space of not over half a mile upon the mountain side. They are more than a thou-sand years old. Indeed, it is believed that some of them were planted by Solo

Nothing is so discouraging to a young lawyer just as he waxes eloquent about angel's tears, weeping willows and tomb-stones, as to be interrupted by the cold-blooded judge with, "You're off your ness, bub; this is a case of hog steal-

Agnes Meyers, a young lady living at San Buenaventura, has just starved to

The English seamen and marines of thirty years ago, says *Prazer's Maga-zine*, came quite up to the descriptions in Marryat's novels. Few could read or write; a man able to do so then was soon known to every one as a "noble scholar-can read and write beautiful, sir" (how often we have head the enlogy!), and the "noble scholar" in question read and answered the letters of the whole mess, and perhaps the one

ly affected that he could not speak. Not If allected that he could not speak. Not so, however, William Sidney. "Now, father," said the young hero, "I guess we'll go to prayers." They did go to prayers, and it may well be imagined that the prayers on that evening were unusually heartfelt and sincere."

"All up," says Thompson ; "The done for. Here I am, captain. It was one of your men that fixed me !" And so well fixed was he that he be-came the most noted law-breaker of his day. It is the easiest thing in the world to hunt a man down when he is trying to be honest with his own record against him. There is a case on record of a young man in a prominent dry goods house in this city who, in a moment of tempta-tion, forged a check on his employers. It was a peculiarly painful affair. The

letter from Blanton Duncan relative to the manufacture of the paper money used in the South during the war. He says that upon being authorized to furnish the money no paper was to be found and engravers were not to be had. ing does a child; their feelings be worked on until the would cry, yet their courage and endurance were without limit. See dogs they were; se-verely treated, they loved the hand that so treated them. They feared nothing, literally nothing; fear was a word they did not know. One who would lead them they would follow to the death. When out of a ship and under no restraint, they were quite netpless, spending what money they had and getting afloat again the first opportunity."

a link of the iron chain that had bound him to the Caucasian rock, in which was set a fragment of that rock itself. In that way, so the fable goes, the custom of the finger ring originated. There is every reason to believe that this use of the engraved stone began with the

Greeks, and from them was copied by their servile imitators, the Romans. It

is every way a convenient and a natural one, and our grandfathers' custom of wearing their seals at the fob. as it was called, or hanging from the side pocket, was a recurrence to old Assyrian usages, which did not long hold its ground,

Notable Inventions.

the many good readers of the past and of the passing generation were made, and the good handwriting, and the simple, clear expression of the same period came in the same way. We are sure that the more intelligent and the bettre educated the parents of pupils are themselves, the nore willing, or even desirons, they could be to have the school curriculum more simplified, to have the number of branch es taught reduced, and to have more at

# tention given to daily and thorough drill in "the three R's. -N. Y. Times. -

### A Man and his Baby.

In the first place, he was a homely, good-natured looking body, dressed in common clothes, and having the appear-ance of one who did rough work for a living : but such a heart as he had, such unlimited patience and ingenuity and jollity! He was traveling in the cars j sllity ! with his wife and three small children, the youngest a baby, cross, homely, and

with a perversity which made one rolific soil and ansai California can maintain on a large scale or for a long time the all-pervading ex-travagance in expenditures which here obtains. The whole scale of living is pitched too high, while that of work is itched too low. There are too many diamonds, too many five hundred dolla old watches, too many two hundred dollar silk dresses, too many horses for which five hundred dollars and upward have been paid. My meaning may be more clear when I state that in an ex-tended tour from the Mexican boundary to the British possessions, covering more than 3,000 miles by land, I have seen less than fifty while men in the fields at manual labor. A few I have seen driv-ing a resper or team, but the agricultural hand labor, in field and garden, like a large share of the indoor work, is done by Chineso. At the same time I have counted no less than fifty race tracks, counted no less than mity race tracks, most of them with spectators' stands and appurtenances complete. Nowhere are the women as expensively drenséd. Theaters thrive even in the little towns. A liquor shop is the first place of busi-ness established in any settlement, and is meaned to be business.

posited naturally and as naturally im-regnated and cared for. The adult fish were then returned to the lower portion of the stream with the others, and the of the stream with the others, and the nursery was fitted for the care of the young. There they remained until they had grown sufficiently to be free from danger of being eaten by the older fish.

and the separating gates were drawn and they were permitted to join them. The voracity of trout is astoni-hing. They will eat vigorously, even when so they will east vigorously, even when so fat as to heave little space for food, and even then they will, if permitted, con-tinue cating until their very eyes are bulged out by the fatness within. In one little stream they have been fed with four hogsheads of food per day, and jumped greedily for food after that.

## Life as it is in California.

A San Francisco correspondent of the Tribune writes as follows : Not even the

The Murder Mania.

An amusing myth is, in Frazer's Magazine, told of the origin of the finger ring. When Jove released Pro-methens from the bonds by which he had been confined he condemned him, ite dog. This having been done, he called the dog to the tub, and thus gained a tow-line, by means of which his first command was safely towed to the shore, where the relieved paronts quickas a sort of penance—perhaps somewhat after the fashion of a modern ticket-of-leave—to wear upon his finger as a ring ly snatched the rescued pair from the stranded bark. The father was so deep-

It was a peculiarly painful affair. had was well connected, and when the distortives made the discovery it almost, broke his parents' heart. However, after some trouble the matter was compro The father paid the money, some mitigation of sentence was effect-ed. With the stain upon him he started dut to redeem him character, if he could. After wandering about for some time he obtained a situation in New Orleans as entry clerk, and at the end of the year saw a fair prospect of achieving success. His employers had confidence in him, had made unmerous reputable ac quaintances.

had opened, "spotted him." "Well, I'm blessed if there isn't 'Oue-eyed

Thompson!' Bome of the people guessed not. Oh, no! that was Mr.

Simpson, a respected and prominent

"Oh ho! it was, eh? If that isn't 'One-eyed Thompson,' the burghar, then I'll go back and join the church !" "All un." says Thompson : "I'm

One day, while on the sidewalk super-One day, while on the sidewalk super-intending the shipmest of some goods, one of these New York men came along. "Thilloo ! you here?" "Yos," said this young man with his heart in his month. "What are you doing?"

"rying to earn an honest living I" T seems incredible, but if is true. The officer went straight into the store. One week later the young man was in New York

New York. "God knows," he said, "I tried as hard as anybody could to be honest, but

Of course a detective who had the slightest notion of his obligation as a man to society, to say nothing of his duty as an officer, would not have made this mis-

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And that reminds me of another case which ought to teach even police offl-cers that discretion and kindness are not without fruits even in this business." Everybody in the force remembers Johnny Mass. He was a pickpocket, and belonged to a meb that worked on the west side. How he got into the com-neary of these peculis it would be hard to pany of these people it would be hard to But he wa an adroit and rather anniable thief that scarcely ever caused the force any trouble. It was customary in the days of the metropolitan poli-to lock up all the pickpockets an "guns" when there was to be a gree "guns" when there was to be a great colebration or procession. They were merely ordered to the Cautral office, and there kept until the city was restored to its usual quiet. Johnny Mass only need-ed to be told to go to headquarters to re-ort himself there reserved. port himself there promptly. He was a young man, rather slight in build, and

somewhat taciturn. To the surprise of the superintendent, he came to the office one afternoon and he came to the office one afternoon and inquired when all the special men would be in. He was told he could see them in the morning. When the proming came he was there. After the roll was called the superintendent said: "Now, Johnny, the men are all here if you wan to speak to them." He got up from the corner in which he was aiting, and wringing out his cap with his two hands, proceeded to address them in a faltering and abashed manner:

What the Grasshoppers Did.

The commissioner of statistics to Minnesota gives the following figures of damage done by the pests in this State this season. He says the estimates of mount of lous in bushels were made by the respective farmers themselves, and in many bases no idoubt exceed the loss In many cases no doubt exceed the loss actually caused by grasshoppors. The wheat crop in most of these countries suffered greatly from the effect of heat in July, when the grain was heading out, from rust and also from hail. The grand totals given by the tables are as follows :

Acres wheat damaged or destroyed, 240,417 bushels wheat lost on same, 2,646,802; acres oats damaged or de-stroyed, 52,125; bushels oats lost on same, 1,816,733 ; acres corn damaged or Jestroyed, 34,139 ; bushels corn lost on same, 738,145.

# An Inkling of Chem'stry.

An inking of Chem stry. A lady who can talk poetry, fine arts, and moral philosophy till the stars drop, had the misfortune yestcriday afternoon to spill some ink on her white dress. It left an ugly spot, and she flew to chem-istry for relief. First she set the drip-ping inketand on a marble-top infile, and the ink, left its mark there of course ; then she flew for a towel, and bathing it in tartatio acid, proceeded to rab out the stain on her dress. She placed the towel over the table, whereupon the towel over the table, whereupon the acid shook hands with the lime in the marble and ruined its polished surface. Then the towel fell on the handsome Brussels carpet, and away with the beautiful colors in find. At last report the original ink spot was master of the aitnation, and held its own on the dress.

# Mosquitoes.

When mosquitoes become troublesome When mosquitoes become troublesome in the house, whether at night or during the day, take some Persian insect pow-der, which may be obtained of any drug-gist, and burn it slowly upon a fire showl of live coals so as to make as much sucke as possible. Walk slowly through the rooms and passageways, and the mosquitoes will speedily disappear. This is an unfallible remedy. The smell of the powder is peculiar, but not part tionary noviesant. These who objec-to it have the option of being hitten in preference.

A paper mill was started at Nashville and he was compelled to engage intelli-gent nowspaper printers who had acver worked a day at this other kind of printing, and a number of intelligent boys. "My foreman, a Frenchman of rare ability, commonced their instruction as fast as I could have presses cast in the foundries, and rollers and other materials co structed. The establishment was not in fair working order until March 1, 1862.

The Confederate Currency.

The Louisville Commercial contains

, 1862. My work was to supply the bonds of \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, and the bonds of \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, and the notes of \$5, \$10 and \$20. The vignettes were of the most primitive style and ngliest workmanship. They were so bad that they defied counterfeiting. As a general stille the likeness of some of the prominent men was placed on the bill. hat of Mrs. Pickens, of South Carolina, was placed by me on the \$1 notes. When Richmond was threatened, in May,

1862, by McClellan, the secretary sent for me, and requested me to move to a saler position, whence I could supply the

necessary currency in case of the fall of Richmond and the capture of the other establishments. Columbia was selected by me, and the train which carried off

by me, and the train which sharred on my materials and printers also conveyed President Davis' family to North Caro-lina. We left while the gruns were thundering in the great battles." In November, 1861, currency was only worth eighty-five cents ingold. In May,

worth eighty-live cents in gold. In May, 1862, it was at sixty-two cents. In No-vember, 1862, forty-five to fifty cents. In July, 1863, it had gone down to six-teen cents. In November, 1863, it was at eight cents, and in May, 1864, it was at five cents. From that period to the incrimination of the way it dustrated go. termination of the war it fuctuated, go-ing up once to six cents, and only failing entirely as a medium in the last two

months prior to the capitulations, when overy one saw that defeat was inevitable. Benver's Pride.

Denver, (Col.) has a heroine. It isn't

The first mention in history of the use of steam as a motive power is as follows: Hero, a mechanic of Alexandria, Egypt, about fifty years anterior to the birth of Christ, invented a machine in which a motion of continued rotation was imparted to an axis by the reaction of steam issuing from lateral oriflees in arms placed at right angles to the revolving axis. This, we believe, was the first machine that was ever put in motion by steam. The first actual model of a steam carriage of which we have a written ac-

count, was constructed by a Frenchman named Cugnot, who exhibited it before the Marquis de Saxe in 1763. The first passenger steam car was put upon the Stockton and Darlington railroad, England, September 27, 1825. Professo Morse patented his invention of the tel graph in 1837, but the first line in oper ation, from Washington to Baltimore was not completed until 1844.

#### New Sign of a Hard Winter.

" Next winter's gwine to be a mighty hard one, ef you b'leive me," said a Vicksburg steambost rouster on the elevator recently. "Why so ?" a reporter asked.

" Look at de mus-keeters.' " Well ?"

- " Y'ever see 'em so thick ?"
- " They are rather numerous." And dey don't sing a bit."

"Maybe they're out of music. The throats of the little warblers out of order Their little songs melt away in the dis tance, as it were ; the sound is refracted.

"Well, I don't know nuffin 'bout dat boss, but I tell you's gwine to be a hard winter. When you see so many skeet ons not singing a bit, but jest gettin down right square to basiness, you may know dey's layin' in a supply of pervi-shuns for a hard winter. Dat's my sign.

#### About Corn Flour.

About Corn Flour. About Corn Flour. About Corn Flour. An Englishwoman was recently tried for murder on the charge of having that place was sleeping in one part of that place was sleeping in one part of was the only other occupant, lodging in another quarket. During the night she board a roise at her wind was the conterpretent of the charge of having that place was sleeping in one part of was the only other occupant, lodging in another quarket. During the night she board a roise at her wind was the conterpretent of the charge of having that it would not sastain life. The ther house, an invalid gentleman, who was the only other occupant, lodging in another quarter. During the night abe heard a noise at her window. She did not scream "Murder!" "Thieves!" and rouse the whole neighborhood. Neither did the faint. She just stimply went to a dresser in her room and got a haig, sharp butcher knife. As the rob-ber, for such it was, was entering the window, she attacked him with this weapon, and after entting and slashing the state of the state of the state of the state heard a noise at her window. She did not scream "Murder!" "Thievest!" and rouse the whole neighborhood. Neither did the faint. She just stimply went to a dresser in her room and got a haig, sharp butcher knife. As the rob-ber, for such it was, was entering the window, she attacked him with this weapon, and after entring and slashing 

eve in total depravity, bound not to be amused or good-natured whatever was done for him, but the father did his best, and his best was worthy of beholding he dived into one pocket and out of it iuto another ; he brought forth strings, knives, nails ; he made a rabbit of his pocket hankerchief ; he made his already omely face homelier still by the most omical contortions of nose, mouth and yes; he put his hat on the back side of his head, he pulled it over his eyes; he played peek-a-boo behind the corner of baby's cloak; and at last he plucked a feather from some unknown place and blew himself black in the face in order keep it floating in the air for the bene fit of that remarkable baby. The last I saw and heard of him he was trying to sing that child to sleep with the words, jig, jig, joy, jig, jig, joy, repeated over and over, accompanying each word with a swaying motion of the body.

#### **Opposed** to Wooden Pavements.

The Journal of the Society of Arts ebjects to pavements of wood, and very rationally, because that material is porous -composed, in fact, of bundles of fibers - and therefore absorbs and returns wet generally the best fitted and patronized. Those of San Francisco are the most showy and costly in the country. The practice of driuking seems to have fas-tened itself on all classes. No one, I very freely, foul wet especially. The very freely, foul wet especially. The fibers of the wood being necessarily placed vertically, the upper ends fray ont, are abraded, become like painters' brush stumps, and are about as per-manently dirty; or they break up like the wooden handle of a chisel which has been often struck with an iron hammer, am told, can be elected to any popular office who does not practice the habit of promisenous tippling. It is said that one of Senator Jones' claims to the gratitude of his constituents arises from his procuring the new twenty-cent coin-to be minted, as this enables a gentle-man to invite his friend to drink at the or a wooden mallet when used upon an iron chisel. At all times wood is wet or damp, more or less, except during con-tinued very dry weather, and its struc-ture is such that it admirably adapts it to receive and hold, and then to give off minimum rate. I might add that the liquors drank are mostly from the East, though much of them from abroad, singularly enough, the excellent native wines and brandles being neglected. in evaporation very foul matters, which taint the atmosphere and consequently injure health. Absolute cleanness and dryness are prime conditions in pave ment-wood is the extreme contrary of this; it is necessarily dirty soon after use, and is almost continuously damp.

#### AH They Want.

An aged minister of the M. E. church, An aged minister of the M. E. ohurde, we are told, died not long ago in Ohio, who, to his dying day, wore no buttons on the back of his coat, because, when young, he was remonstrating with a newly converted sister for wearing jewelry, saying that it was needless, and that a Christian should be restricted to what was useful. His cost had metal death, owing to the burning of her throat by a solution of potash which she took by mistake, the excoriation being so dreadful that she was unable to swallow any thing but ice-water.

"I haven't eaten a mouthful in two days," said a tramp, " and my wife and three children are starving at home." 'I would give you something," the phil anthropist replied, " but I have nothing smaller than a five dollar bill," " I will change it for you," said the tramp.

Dear Laura, when you were a flirting oung miss, and I was your dutiful swain, our smiles could exalt the summit of bliss, your frowns could o'erwhelm me with pain ; you were dear to me then, lore, but now you're my wife, it is strange the fond tie should be nearer ; for, when I am paying your bills, on my life, you seem to get dearer, and dearer ! Gov. Leslie of Kentucky recently appointed as aid-de-camp on his staff a boy thirteen years old : and later he has add-od to his staff a son, aged air months, o George T. Duff, the assistant secretary of State. The baby ranks as colonel, and the governor declares that he is more ornamental and fully as useful as any adult whom he could have chosen.

A correspondent at Minneapolis in forms us that the wheat crop in Minnesota is magnificent. The grain is large and well filled, weighing from sixty to sixty-five pounds to the bushel. Nearly all the counties report their average to be twenty-five bushels to the acre. The trop of the State is from twenty-five to forty millions of bushels of fine wheat, besides other grain. New wheat now sells readily at \$1 a bushel.

### The Male Gossin.

A Cape May correspondent writes : A Cape May correspondent writes: There are men gossips — most abominable of all—who hang around the botel doors or stroll the piazas; but they generally hang (would that they could be hanged). They have marrelous instinuations to throw out, dreadful charges to make, and many a woman's fuir fame hangs upon their smoky breath. Your model masculine gossip is tall and serawny, There must be a strangely sad state of affairs in New York, according to the New York *Herald*, which says: Murder New York *Herald*, which says: Murder in the slums of New York is becoming so frequent that killing nust score be looked on in the light of a slight offense. It is certain that the rough element of our population no longer look upon murder as anything more than a venial sin against public morality. On the slight-est provocation the kulfs is brought store requisition, with the most deadly results. Something must be done by the courts to stop this wholesale, cowsrdly assess-nation. If every ruffine courds in the set of using or attempting to use deadly masculine gossip is tall and scrawny, with small, watery, blue eyes. At times they assume a greenish cast, when the fever is at its height with him and he has found a new victim. He steals along the corridors with cat-like tread and his eyes roll to and fro, but you cannot hold his gaze. The mesky we drops when

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