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A Petition to Time. Touch us gently, Time ! Let us glide adown thy stream Gently-as we cometimes glide Through a quiet dream ! Humble voyagers are we,

Husband, wife, and chlidren three-(One is lost-an angel, fled

To the azuro, overhead!)

Touch us gently, Time ! We've not proud nor soaring wings; Our ambition, our content, Lies in simple things.

Humble voyagers are we, O'er Life's dim, unsounded sea. Seeking only some calm clime-Touch us gently, gentle Time !

"LITTLE MUD PIES."

That was not the name, exactly, that appeared on the baptismal register in connection with her birth, etc., but it was the name she engraved on my heart on our first introduction.

'She was the dirtiest, sauciest, 'cutest, little pug-nosed girl in the world, so I thought, while stealthily peering through a convenient knot hole in the fence that divided our premises.

My parents belonged to that unfortunate class of humanity called "renters," and we lived in what my mother termed "undesirable proximity to our neighbors" that : residence in a "row" necessitated, and, notwithstanding her own position, she had a great contempt for others who like ourselves were forced to occupy a house in a

You see, she had her family pride inborn, and was highly connected, and if circumstances choked her ambition for a time, there was still a clear track in good society, and she was perfectly justified in snubbing her neighbors in consequence.

She worked hard to instill the same hightoned feelings into my wayward self. Her daily lectures, whose prolixity and text alone made impression on my mind, were always closed with the remark :

"Don't associate with the neighbors' chil dren; one never knows who people are that are constantly moving about."

It may have been the plebeian blood in herited from the paternal branch of my family, or possibly the natural depravity of boyhood predominated --- at all events those lectures did not find wholesome foundation in my nature. I suffered terribly with hankering after pernicious children.

I used to beg and plead with my obdurate parent to provide at least a brother or two, or a sister, for me to play with, but with

to the immense satisfaction of my mother, proved a puzzle. It read: who lived in perpetual dread of the corrupting influence of their "great vulgar boys" over me. She could not close my ears to the "bad words" that might find a

It had always remained an unanswerable problem who taught the first innocent little boy naughty words. Surely his mother didn't have "that neighbor's brat"

The family that took possession of the house next door had the same number of children that my parents had---one, a

She was but little younger than myself, and appeared to be isolated from neighboring contact to the same degree.

My daily entertainment was considerably enhanced after this, by watching her through a hole in the fence, as she sat on a great pile of sand, that made every fibre in my body dance with envy, making infantile structures of architectural wonders, or more making mud pies.

Oh! it was too much to suffer. A girl to have such privileges! and 1?-I often wished we could swap mothers

The demon "Mud" ventured to possess me sometimes, but one glance at my immaculate trousers sent him trembling and vanquished to less tell-tale fields.

The gall of toleration got the better me one day. I looked about me carefully. Mother was not in sight. I gained courage; a tempting, but harmless stone lav directly under my fingers; the next moment it went buzzing over the fence and fell right in her lap.

The startled little baby looked up. big blue eyes met mine through the peep hole as if attracted by magnetism, and she rose, shook the sand from her little dress. that had been white and pure in the morning, and said angrily:

"You bad boy." "You dirty girl," I replied, gallantly.

" I'll tell my ma."

"I ain't afraid of your ma. Bah!" "Go way bad boy !"

"Won't do it. Mud Pies! Mud Pies! At this moment our mothers appeared at their respective back doors, as with one volition, exclaiming simultaneously:

Come in this minute. Haven't I forbidden you to talk to the neighbors' children?" Ah, how these two clever mothers gazed at each other! Oh! how the unprotected portion of our frail structure was needlessly manipulated in consequence of--really not because of our disobedience, but because--please ask the first mother you meet; I can't

explain what is beyond my calibre, That was my introduction to "Mud Pies." I acknowledge I rested well that night. I had spoiled her fun-that was a

comfort. The following day she did not come out to enjoy her sandpile; but in the evening she appeared on the front steps, clean and prim, holding a doll, quite dignified.

I could tolerate that, and smiled at her

ball. It was accident, surely, but I regret to say the ball bounced its own course, and it was no gentle blow that sent girl and dol! Astonishing Performances in the Sleigh: of into the house.

The next day she was on the sandpile. and I at my "lookout."

mother would not be able to hear it. No answer.

"Say!" Stubborn silence.

"Mud pies! You mad "

The dirty little hands patted the cake closed lips.

my word I didn't."

fence she whispered : "I'm glad you didn't do it a purpose,

maybe you ain't nice folks." I was astonished. My ma has given me the impression that we were very nice people indeed-in fact too nice for our posi-

tion; so I whispered back indignantly: "That's just what my ma says about

These two mothers were made glad by the reports we brought them.

For weeks and weeks after that, if we chanced to be on the front steps at the same time, our mothers would snatch us indoors in a manner that was perfectly frightful, muttering something about low ill-bred

with these charming stolen interviews through the knot-hole. We were sent to school, studied under the same teacher. generally managed to stand in company during recitations. We quarreled and other mercilessly. Thus two or three years

My little neighbor was taken sick. I was nearly frantic. The doctor's buggy stood before the door sometimes twice a day, and my obstinate mother would not permit me so much as to ask him about

I think my sufferings were as keen during that boyish trial as if my feelings had itself to send my sympathy to its object.

I sent her a billet-doux. The chirography was a little mixed, as I recollect it now, still I don't doubt but that it was perfectly intelligible to her at that The coarse family next door moved away, age, though in after years it might have

> "MY ONLY SWEETHEART-If you promise to git well I'll never stick pins in your dinner any more, nor call you Mud Pies, nor nothing more. If you love me like I love you, no knife can cut our love in two."

I hovered about the front door, very likely my misery pictured on my face. With the note in my pocket, trusting to the gone. This trick produced a panic in the courage born of my repentance, that the audience. Screaming, "It is the Evil One!" doctor would be kind enough to give it to they clambered over the benches in wild

visage attracted him. He tapped me on his eyes in stupefaction and wondering how my head and asked me if I wanted any- he got there, they found the young Moor.

Bless his kind eyes, how they twinkled as he promised to deliver my letter.

Imagine my delight when he came out again and handed me a reply : 🕝

I'm going to be well enough to see you soon. My ma says she guesses you are right nice stuck up. Your sweetheart and always " MUD PIES."

finest garments, gave an extra brush to the where he aimed. hairy tunnel on the top of my head; made a stunning toilet, herself, and to my bewildering delight, led me to the next door. in the company of "Mud Pies? And how friendly those two mothers were? With what amazing ceremony they entertained had lost during the years that a "proper exclusiveness" in their disposition had created a barrier to a more intimate knowledge of the other? It is owing in a meas-

terest to you. I may here add, contact with a promis- produced. cuous world has developed somewhat of the exclusive in my nature, but I doubt if our little ones enjoy the exclusiveness of my exin approval, but she did not deign to re- stolen pleasure of peeping through the knot- bare pole sixty feet high standing in the a workingman in office, he ought to be their Congress expressly authorizes such action or nearly so, above the surface of the civilized world becomes the pursuer of the

Some Jugglers' Tricks.

Hand Way.

Robert Houdin, the French juggler, wa employed by the French Government to go "Oh, Sissy!" I called softly, so that to Algeria on a novel mission. The Marabout priests exercised great influence over the natives, because they were able to perform certain feats of jugglery, which they pretended proved their divine power. These Marabouts were enemies of the French and encouraged turbulance among the Arabs she was making with nervous diligence, but The government thought that it might be good stroke of policy to send Houdin "I didn't go to hurt you last night, 'pon through the colony performing his miracles and, demonstrating to the natives that a She got up with a radiant smile on her French sorcerer was greater than an Arab wee face, and coming close to her side of the sorcerer. Accordingly Houdin appeared tion to the ingenious performance. before large audiences, beginning in the city of Algeria. At the first of these performbut I must not talk to you; my masays ances he introduced a box which became heavy or light at his order. This box was brought by him to the footlights and while made up, but our mothers still carried hold you are weaker than a woman; now them and tossed him. The little fellow, swords in their eyes, and snubbed each lift the box." The young Hercules grabbed badly scared, was uninjured, and as soon as in a whole day; but you are not to blame

to his fashionable Parisian audiences. space between the top and the floor being amount of beef consumed. unmistakably open), which Houdin asked him to mount. When he did so Houdin covered him with an enormous cloth cone, and instantly removing it, the Moor was terror and rushed out of the door into the When he ran up the steps my unhappy street, where, in the public place, rubbing

While in the interior Houdin gave an open air exhibition to the wild sons of the desert. He pretended that he was invulnerable and offered to let a Marabout shoot at him. There was a great crowd, and a vin-"I like you to call me 'Mud Pies,' and dictive-looking fellow came out from it and claimed to have the honor of killing the hated Frenchman. The pistols were handdelightful still, dabbling in moist earth folks, only she thinks your ma needn't be so ed to Houdin, who called attention to the fact that the vents were clear. The Marabout put in a fair charge of powder and drove the wad home. Among the bullets Oh! how happy and proud I strutted produced Houdin chose one which he to float in an etherial atmosphere, and was second pistol was loaded. Everybody service. so excited my mother became apprehensive watched with the most profound solemnity. of scarlet fever. I was dosed with sheep Houdin posted himself fifteen paces from saffron and put to bed, while my mother the Marabout without evincing the slightest watched in vain for the eruption to come to emotion. The Marabout immediately had been sleeping in the burned dwelling the surface. There I lay, helpless, tucked seized one of the pistols and, on Houdin's was rescued in an unconscious state. It was in bed, and was obliged to witness with giving the signal, took a deliberate aim at proposed to take him to the station house of a letter subjected to the criticism of that angry than ever, the Marabout tried to seize man was dead, and ordered the body to be social woman. My mother read her neight the pistol. "You could not injure me," given up for dissection. It was accordbor's opinion. She did not look me, she said Houdin, "but you shall see that my ingly taken to the anatomical museum and did not speak; silently she restored it, to aim is more dangerous than yours. Look placed upon a dissecting table. Suddenly my great relief and joy. A few days later, at that wall. "He pulled the trigger, and the man recovered his consciousness and when I had recovered from that useless on the newly whitewashed wall appeared a cried out, "Where have I been taken?" sweating process, she arrayed me in my large patch of blood exactly at the spot "You have been carried to the anatomical

fell and his head bowed on his chest as if he back, this time really dead. were annihilated. It was evident that for the moment he doubted everything, even one another, regretting the enjoyment each the prophet. This seemingly incomprehensible feat Houdin performed by means of prepared balls. With a bullet-mould and a bit of wax mixed with lampblack he had manufactured a very fair imitation bullet. ure to that first call, that I can honestly Another bullet of the same material he had forced upon him by the Marabout and sub-

spond. I got mad, and went indeers for my | hole in a board fence at "Little Mud Pies." open air, and when he reached the top he | choice."

mysteriously disappeared. After a while his feet reappeared, then his legs and body, and he came down. He claimed no supernatural powers. How did he do it? There was an Indian juggler who had a little den on the Bowery a few years ago. He was a across the floor, whoop, chase around the dirty fellow, and respectable people were back yard or use up a few nails and boards not much disposed to venture into his place. to make carts or boats. If you let him A gentleman told the writer that, moved by chase around he'll wear out shoes and curiosity once, he went in. The juggler made him sit on the floor. In a moment two figures, apparently human, rose out of the floor in obedience to the wand of the motion to rise, when the figures sank tion of the place betrayed no visible solu-

Texas Cattle in New York. A New York paper in speaking of the cattle stampedes which have taken place holding it in his hands he declared to his in that city, says: It is a daily occurrence hearers that he possessed the power to de- for a stampede to take place in the journey prive the most powerful man of his strength to Bull's Head, and it is not unusual for hard on shoes. By giving him a sound and restore it at will. He invited any one the animals to make the tour of Harlem who thought himself strong enough to come and the flats adjoining, to the terror of the on the stage. An Arab of middle height, inhabitants of that district. The animals but well built and muscular, came to his roam at will, and rather wildly too, until errand you should state it and add: side with great assurance. "Are you they are either shot down or are captured; strong?" asked Houdin, measuring him the latter, however, being seldom done. from head to foot. "Oh, yes," he replied About three weeks ago, while a herd was off your back." carelessly. "Are you sure that you will being driven---had just started in fact--always remain so?" "Quite sure." "You eleven of them ran away. They chose and he will hurry up. You could not do you shall become as a little child." The wayward course down the avenue until they him to pile wood, the way to address him is Arab smiled disdainfully. Houdin told reached the avenue entrance to Bull's thusly: him to lift the box. He stooped and lifted Head, past which three very small boys it without any effort, and said coldly, "Is were going on their way to a school-house of that wood piled up before noon. If I that all?" With an imposing gesture Hou- in a neighboring street. A big fiery steer come home and find you haven't done it I'll din solemnly pronounced the words, "Be- started for the little fellows, caught one of lick you till you can't stand up !" the box quite confidently, but, to his amaze- he landed scampered away, the two other that he is not thirteen years old instead of ment, it would not budge. He attacked it little boys likewise making good time. The vigorously over and over again, while his animal paused, snorted, and ran completely made bodies heavy or light at will, and these cattle leave the herd while driving bad boys, and end by saying: without apparently touching them, but it from Bull's Head after being brought down was a favorite of his, and often exhibited to the various slaughter-houses on either side of the city. Some, landed at the Forty-At the same exhibition in Algeria of second street ferry from Weehawken, are which we have written, Houdin invited one also driven to the slaughter-houses, and acquaintance, thrash him the moment you of the audience to come on the stage. A stampedes are frequent on these routes. On get home. He ought to have been listening young Moor, about twenty years of age, an average about one thousand head of to the sermon. If he sees all the other boys tall, well-built, and richly dressed, advanced. these wild cattle arrive in this city weekly, going to the circus and wants fifteen cents There was a plain table on the stage (the constituting about one-tenth of the whole to take him in, tell him what awful wicked

Midshipmen Appointed.

A number of young men are to be appointed to positions as midshipmen in the service of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Applicants must be over fourteen and under eighteen years of age. They must be of good moral character, and will he wants to go fishing or nutting; restrain be inspected as to their physical capacity to his desire for skates, kites and marbles, undergo the exposure incident to the service. They will receive a rigid course of his ears for asking questions; make his instruction while on board the vessels of the company in all branches of the profession of seamen. At the expiration of the first grav-headed, of knowing that you would and if found competent will be promoted to the second class. Failing to pass this ex- broken in. amination he will be dismissed from the service. At the termination of the second year another examination will take place for promotion to the first class or dismissal. At the end of the third year a final examination will be had, which, if successfully about; no, not strutted, I really did not openly put in the pistol, and it was also passed, will render the cadet eligible to a feel solid bottom under my feet. I seemed rammed down. By the same process the position as an officer in the company's

Scared to Death. At a recent fire in Moscow, a man who what calm deliberation my trousers pockets him. The pistol went off and the ball ap- and try to recuscitate him, but the local were turned inside out. My sacred treasure peared between the magician's teeth. More officer who was present decided that the But from that beginning sprang one of the work in a given time, and are less tired at museum," coldly replied the half-drunk The Marabout went up to it, dipped his watchman on duty. "Then they will soon finger in the blood, and raising it to his begin to cut me to pieces," shrieked the unmouth convinced himself of the reality. fortunate man, and overcome by horror at Will I ever forget the first delightful hour When he acquired this certainty his arms his position and surroundings, he sank

Vote for Him A Western exchange in describing its andidate for Congress, says: Five hundred of the other party in Hamilton county will vote for him because he is a good fellow. He is a miller. He manufactures credit all women with a certain amount of filled with blood. Of course, it was by into flour about 500 bushels of wheat every fine diplomacy we of the sterner sex do not sleight of hand that he changed the bullets day in the week, except Sunday. He ships this flour direct to manufacturing towns in "Little Mud Pies" has outgrown the stituted his own. An old trick enabled him New England, and sells it direct through a diminutive. I need not tell you her other to get the real bullet between his teeth while local agent, thus avoiding middlemen. He 1875, the publishers of newspapers and name, because she has had mine attached the waxen one was shattered to pieces. So is so well off that that there is no occasion periodicals must prepay the postage on to it, and that would be of no possible in- with the second ball, it was shattered upon for his stealing, and he wouldn't do it any striking the wall, but a spot of blood was how. He is well balanced. He has no hobbies. He don't use tobacco or whisky. When William H. Seward made his tour He don't even drink a glass of beer. He be necessary in about 4,000 offices to weigh leans about three degrees from perpendicuaround the world he witnessed some per- works hard six days of each week. He has the matter in question, and Postmaster larity. It has been greatly defaced by Sicily is a forcible illustration of the diffiformances of jugglers in India which were freckles on the backs of his hands, and General Jewell expresses the determination seekers after immortality, who have in culty of escaping justice in modern days. tensive premises, as their father relished the quite surprising. He saw a man climb a horns on the other side. If the people want to make no contract for these articles until scribed their names all over it for ten feet,

Training a Boy.

Have you a boy from five to eight years old? If so it is a matter of the greatest im portance that you train him up right. Teach him from the start that he can't run clothes, and nails and boards cost money.

Train him to control his appetite. Give him the smallest piece of pie; the bone end of the steak; the small potato, and keep conjurer. They grew to the ordinary height | the butter-dish out of his reach. By teachof a human being. The visitor made a ing him to curb his appetite you can keep him in good humor. Boys are always through the floor instantly. An examina- good humored when hunger gnaws at their stemachs. If he happens to break a dish, thrash him for it; that will mend the dish and teach him a lesson at the same time.

If you happen to notice that your boy's shoes are wearing out take down the rod and give him a peeling. These shoes were purchased only ten months ago, and though you have worn out two pairs of boots during that time the boy has no business to be so thrashing you will prevent the shoes from wearing out.

When you want your boy to go of ar "Now go as quick as you can, and if you are gone over five minutes I'll cut the hide

He will recognize the necessity of haste, are mistaken," said Houdin, "for in an in- Third avenue for their wild promenade. the errand yourself inside of fifteen minutes, stant I will rob you of your strength, and Three of them continued their wild and but he is not to know that. If you want

"Now, see here, Henry, I want every stick

It is more than a boy of his size can d

If you hear that anyone in the neighborcountrymen sat looking on in silent wonder, over a low stone wall overlooking the mud | hood has broken a window, stolen fruit or but it resisted. He vainly expended on flats on the east side of the avenue, where unhinged a gate, be sure that it was your this box a strength which would have he was found a few minutes afterwards boy. If he denies is, take down the rod and raised an enormous weight, until at length, coolly browsing with his feet imbeded in tell him that you will thrash him to death panting, exhausted, and red with anger, he the mud. He was subsequently hauled out if he doesn't "own up," but that you will buried his face in his burnous and retired by means of a stout rope. Of these eleven spare him if he does. He will own up to a from the stage. Houdin does not explain that stampeded ten were captured; the lie to get rid of the thrashing, and then you been more matured, and a way suggested the secret of this strange trick by which he eleventh was never found. Numbers of can talk to him about the fate of liars and

"Go to bed now, and in the morning I'll

attend to your case." If you take him to church and he looks around, kicks the seat or smiles at some boy is gentle and evenly fanned by coming and things circuses are; how they demoralize boys; how he ought to be thrashed for even seeing the procession go by; and then when he's sound asleep do you sneak off, pay half a dollar to go in, and come home astonished at the menagerie and pleased

with the wonderful gymnastic feats. Keep your boy steady at school, have work for him every holiday; thrash him if rout him out at daylight, cold or hot, cuff clothes out of your cast-off garments; and you will have the satisfaction, when old and year's service the cadet will be examined, have trained up a useful member of society had he not died just as he was getting well

A Maniac Money Maker.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, Such was the last scene in the life of one leave it partially completed, and hurry off until late in the evening. who was once highly gifted and eminently to something else. A better plan is to comsuccessful. When first I knew him he was plete whatever you undertake before you a fine built young man, with a bril leave it, and be thorough in everything; it liant countenance and easy manner. He is the going back from one thing to another hired a loft in a warehouse and began trade that wastes valuable time. Deliberate on a capital which could not exceed \$500. workers are those who accomplish the most greatest houses in this city. His course the end of the day than many who have not was one of wonderful success, but it taxed accomplished half as much; the hurried his system beyond his strength. He was so worker has often to do his work twice over, excited that he could not sleep. He be- and even then it is seldom done in the best came delirious on the subject of making manner, either as to neatness or durability. money. It was the whole theme of his con- It is the deliberate and measured expendiversation, and at last it was feared that his ture of strength which invigorates the contalk was but a form of insanity. He would stitution and builds up the health; multiin the asylum. Here he became a lunatic score and ten. money maker. He would spend the day in calculation, and at night tell how many millions he had made. At last his brain wore out, and he sank into idiocy, which only terminated with his life. The concern | which contains the earliest record of civiliwhich he built up is one of great wealth, zation in the State. One hundred and fourand he left his family a half million, but teen years ago Daniel Boone cut upon the it was a small price for which to sell his bark the following record of his days sport

No Scales.

An act of the last session of the U.S. Congress provides that on and after Jan. 1, matter in bulk at the office where it is de- age, and doubtless was more than one hunever, for the purchase of scales, which will The tree is just two feet in diameter, and

Hot Air and Cool Rooms.

Because when the air of the street marks thirty degrees or forty degrees Fahrenheit, a room overwarmed by a fire can be cooled by opening the windows, the average housekeeper adops the ready conclusion that whenever a room feels hot the way to cool it is to let in the external air. Accordingly in these pipping times he, and still more often she, opens the sunny side of the house, and lets in air of a temperature varying from 100 degrees to 120 degrees or so. Then, because in a very short time the room naturally enough becomes much hotter than it was, it is considered that the windows are not opened wide enough and the supposed error being remedied, a still larger quantity of hot air is then let in. And so we find mater familias sitting with a very light muslin upon her frame, and a great deal of perspiration upon her upper lip, her face the color of an Orleans plum, and her condition of mind to the last degree dejected, simply because she persists in disregarding the most elementary principles of natural philosophy. We tell her that if she will open the windows on the shady side of the house only, and keep the other side closely shut, her dwelling will be at least not hotter than the shady side of the street, whereas, by her arrangement, it ac quires the heat of the sunny side. We tell her also that if her house be large and the inmates few, she may live in a delightful state of coolness by opening the windows at night and keeping them closed during the geces or fifteen degrees lower in temperatur than the streets, and convey very much the refreshing effects of a cool bath upon entering it. We tell her all this and she is very much interested. At our next visit, we find every window open, and the house full of red hot air. "It stands to reason," she says, triumphantly, "that you cannot possibly cool a house without plenty of ventilation .-- The Lancet.

The Boys in Bed.

Whoever has lifted the curtains of boys' to bed, and has looked lovingly in, has seen a pretty sight. Generally the faces are infantile, as if some trick of older expression, which they had been taught to wear by day, had been dropped the moment the young ambitious will had lost control. The lids lie shut over bright, busy eyes; the air on a chair beside it, are the day clothes sometimes neatly folded, sometimes huddled for the morrow.

Doing Much.

call on his friends to show them "how to tudes of firemen have found an early death, make money." And this, with other va- while the plow boy lives healthily and lives garies, compelled his friends to place him long, going down to his grave beyond three

Boone's Bear.

On Mr. Faw's farm in Washington countv. East Tenn., is the famous Boone tree-D. Boon

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YEAR

At that time he was twenty-six years of posited. The act makes no provisions, how- dred miles from any human habitation.

NO. 51.

The Early History. Archæological students will doubtless be much gratified with the opening of two new fields for investigation-one in Southern Arizona, the other in Illinois. About a year ago the construction of irrigating canals was commenced in the Pueblo Viejo valley, lying on the south of the Gila river. While thus at work, surveyors very unexpectedly came upon a chain of cities in ruins, in some instances the walls being above the surface. An examination of the countiess 'lumuli in the vicinity revealed large quantities of pottery, household utensils and human bones, but no weapons of war. Some of the hammers or axes were of a quality of stone harder than any now in use, while of the clay vessels many showed the clearest evidences of the Roman style of decoration. Pebbles of ebony hue externally, but transparent when held to the light, were scattered about. Various conjectures were formed of the race of people who built and inhabited these cities, as well as the cause of the destruction. From the quantity of human bones and the mass of charcoal lying close to them, it is possible that the cities were either destroyed by fire or the places in question have been devoted to the purpose of cremation. Some have considered these remains as representing a semi-civilized tribe conquered by Montezuma; while others claim that Mexico never produced specimens of pottery similar to those of this place. The second field is a high table-land on Rock river, Illinois, day. Her house will then be some ten de- some six miles from Rockford city. Excavations were made in a great mound, and at a depth of nine feet a tablet of Ningara spar was found with traced and beveled edges, and a series of eccentric carvings that probably were designed to perpetuate some event. Six of the figures correspond perfeetly with Libyan characters, letters of the oldest African nations. Fourteen distinct figures may be traced on the tablet, including those of a well-formed fish, a lizard, and two serpents. As in Arizona, a quantity of bones and small pieces of rock exhibiting perfect fin-marks were found near alcoves, soon after their inmates have gone | the tablet. This is the most recent examination of the work of the Mound-builders in the West; and as further excavations are lying most restfully, with hand under to be made, many theories concerncheck, and in many cases look strangely ling the early settlement of Wisconsin, Ohio, younger than when awake, and often very Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi and West Virginia may be established thereby.

The Harvest Home.

The delightful anniversary of the harvest home was celebrated at Prince Bismarck's estate, Varzin, and as is customary there, a going breaths; there is a little crooked grand feast and afterward a ball was given mound in the bed; along the bed's foot, or by the liberal owner to his farm servants, male and female. A large and roomy carringe shed had been decorated and fitted up off in a hurry; bulging with balls, or, in for the occasion, and a raised platform for the lesser fellows, marbles; stained with the the musicians, of course, was not wanting earth of many fields where woodchucks have | Shortly after the band had begun to play been trapped, or perhaps torn with the and the different couples were whirling roughness of trees on which squirrels have | round the saloon, the Prince appeared with been sought; perhaps wet and mired with his wife and family, and, as is customary the smooth black or gray mud from marshes | in those parts, did not hesitate to share in or the oozy banks of streams, where musk- the pleasures of their humble dependants. rats have been tracked. Under the bed's The Princess condescended to allow the foot lie the shoes--one on its side---with the hind to dance with her once, and then gray and white socks, now creased and soil- played the part of a quiet spectator. The ed. thrown across them; and there, in their | Prince, on the contrary, who has been aclittle cells, squared in the great mass of customed to dance with the fine ladies at night, heedless how the earth whirls away court, did not shrink from dancing with all with them or how the world goes, who is the girls on his estate, but he had to give thinking of them or what is doing at home, his first partner a lesson in the mystic art. the busiest people in the world- are resting | As the Chancellor began to dance with her who was the oldest among her colleagues, she sat to work with such a will and in such a rough-and-ready style as the country Dr. Hall truthfully says that many per- folks do dance, that the Prince, who had un sons seem to be always in a hurry, and yet dergone the ordships of warfare more than never accomplish much; others never to be once, was soc out of breath, and was, referring to the death of an inmate of the hurried, and yet do a very great deal. If therefore, obliged to check the impetuosity Bloomingdale Asylum, says: He was a man | you have fifty letters to answer, don't waste of his partner. The young Countess Bisof slender build, but mental disease had re- time in looking over to find which one marck joined in the dance, too, heartily as duced him to extreme emaciation. He had should be noticed first; answer the one you anybody, and set as good an example as not lived much more than forty years, and first lay your hands on and then go through the maids in this respect. The noble enteryet he was the image of idiotic old age. the whole pile. Some begin a thing and tainers remained with their humble guests

Pleasures of a Wasp's Nest.

A gentleman in Hartford, Conn., the other day, obtained access to a tree for the purpose of fastening a rope at some distance from the ground, with which to form a connection with an upper window of his house, the objective point being a clothes line. The tree standing on a neighbor's land, permission was obtained to occupy it. In order to have no serious obstacle to climbing, the gentleman stripped down to pants and shirt, and "harnessed" the tree bareheaded. He made a successful ascent to an elevation of twenty feet at least, and was about to tie a sailor's knot when a wasp interviewed him. He dismissed the rope for a second and brushed the wasp away, and turned his attention to the rope again, More wasps arrived suddenly, and several of them stood upon his head, which i slightly bald, and he dropped the rope which was not yet tied. By this time there were 1,979 wasps holding a convention about his person. He thought he would adjourn, and did, hurriedly, fairly sliding down the tree and leaving patches of his trousers along at intervals to show that he had been there. Some of the wasps came down, too, but most of them remained around the rope apparently wondering what it was for. There are times when it is pleasanter to be a wasp than a man-"up a tree."

MURDER WILL OUT .-- The arrest of the two Italians in New York city charged with committing murder eighteen months ago in Flight is almost useless when the whole fugitive.