He has a fair voice. It is not harsh, and has considerable compass. If its owner had given it proper cultivation, it might have been better than the average of tenor voices. But he has had no musical training, and therefore he does not rank with the average of tenor singers, ble 2welling "out West." whose voices, to begin with, lacked some qualities that his possesses. But the fact that his musical education has been wofully neglected dosn't worry him any fence, which he had inherited from my What he lacks in culture he makes up in cheek. He is so well satisfied with himself that I question if he would spend a week in acquiring a correct knowledge of This was fatal. But a suit was comthe simpliest, but at the same time very necessary rules of music, if he could do it in that length of time.

He can't read music, so he has to "catch" He has a great faculty for improvising, human ingenuity could invent." he informs me. He tackles any new 1870-March Term-Counsel for de tenor, you know, and how could he be wrong? He knows he has a "natural case in an adjoining county. Judge hesear for music," and all he has to do, in itated, but yielded. which originates by some mysterious pro | cian. cess of "natural evolution."

a solo for his part, all the better. He is find counsel nearer home. sure to make the most of it. Generally, in such cases, he refuses to confine himscended to reply in very forcible, it not to get other surveyors. over, nearly always. Perhaps so!

others. But he never hesitates to undertake a piece he has never seen or heard, in public. He can get along, he says, if the rest can. Consequently, he is sometimes ahead, and sometimes behind, and parently never occurs to him that he has the lawyers were very accomodating genanything to do with the confused and mud- demen, and the courtesies of the bar redy singing, if I may use the term. Some-quired it.
imes he puts the other out entirely, and 1875. March Term - One of the jurors soprano's or alto's part for them, to show ad them how very easy it is. He is always | September Term-Received a bill for above all the other voices in the choir. credit as far as it went. What's the use of having a tenor voice if | "Took the cars for the West, coming suggest to him in the most respectful way, fall.' that in their humble opinion it would add to the effect of the singing if he would sing just a trifle lower, that the parts bequeathed to him by his father." might balance a little better. But he "can't see it." At least he won't, and there's no use in trying to learn him any- DRINK IN AMERICA AND ENthing about singing-because he sings

He is foud of anthems, for they generally afford him a chance to display his Comparisons may be odious, but vocal accomplishments - or his lack of the discussion of the prohibition questhem. But his soul is vexed in learning tion at a meeting in Lancashire, Enthem. He gets so tried with the stupidi- gland, produced some comparisons ty of the other members of the choir ! If between Accrington in that country the voices have to carry a portion of the and Portland, Maine. It was asseranthem independently of each other, he ted that Portland, though less in popnever knows just where he ought to strike ulation than Accrington and its surcomes out somehow; if everything doesn't seem as smooth as it ought to, he and policemen. In Portland there is descend to pay any attention to the organ, lation, while in Accrington there is because he is an independent singer; and one in every 49. The death-rate is independent singers, according to his in- higher in Portland than it is throughterpretation of the term, are those who out England. It was argued from have tenor voices, and pay attention to such statistics that there must be a nothing but themselves. They are the vast amount of intoxicating liquor musical centres of choirs, around which consumed in secret by the inhabitants

He is always getting the choir by the cars, figuratively speaking. He rather likes the soprano, but barely tolerates the respondent writes thus favorably of alto. He is always wishing, behind the New York as compared with Lonalto's back, that she had a voice. He don: "In London, on Sunday, the intimates to outsiders that "there'll pro- street-cries, if anything, are more than bably be changes in the choir, before on the week days. The stores as a long." He is a sort of human pudding general thing, were closed, but the stick, from the faculty he has of "keeping liquor establishments, with their many things stirred up." He tells this singer doors and partitioned-off interiors, what that one said, and that one what appeared to be doing a good business, some one hinted, and takes the un even being crowded with men and women

would take the tenor born. He knew he said about our American taste for incould learn that right away, and it would toxicating liquor, but it is nothing at be easy for him, because he sung tenor. all when compared to the way that Some one not having the proper awe for the poorer classes are addicted to it in all times. so important a person, suggested that in England." the eiernal fitness of things his instrument ought to be one of sounding brass.

You would think, to hear him talk and masume any role, no matter bow difficult. | wealth.

He could get along, because he could "improvise" if he forgot anything.

Seriously, our tener is an elephant on our hands. We don't know what to do with him. Our American spirit rebels tion of, "Have we a Bourbon among us?" when he orders us round and dominers over us in his pompous way, but we sub- was war in the land, and the people were

I wish-we all wish-that our teno could be disposed of in some way. tenors were like cuts, now

> From the Hartford Courant. DIED OF LAWSUIT.

The Diary of an Exhausted Litigant. A tattered memoraudum book was re

cently found on the steps of a very hum-Some of the entries are as follows:

"My farther had a slight misunderstanding with a neighbor, about a division grandfather. After several disputes, he consulted a lawyer, who had a good many children, but little practice.

menced. "Several years ago my lawyer said I must get ready for the trial. I did so, He can't read music, so he has to "catch" and west to court at every term, but it his part from the organ, or "improvise." was postponed, upon every pretense which

piece the choir selects, and makes up his fendant moved a continuance, because he part as he goes along. It is very original, was engaged in the Court of Common I assure you. He is really an indepen- Pleas. Court granted the motion, but indent singer, because be pays no attention timated with great dignity, that such an to those who sing with him. He is a excuse would never avail with him again. September Term-Counsel trying a

his opinion, to sing his part perfectly, is | December Term - Defendant ill; proved to open his mouth and let out the music by the certificate of a respectable physi-

1872. March Term-Counsel had made He always selects hymns to be sung an engagement to meet a client from New in church, and consequently chooses those York, who could not conveniently leave which afford him a chance to display his his business again. Continued, the Judge tramping of horses and sounds of firing voice to the best advantage. If there is suggesting that New York clients might and shooting, that a party of wild Cossacks

1873. September Term-Carried the title deeds to lawyer. Surveyor examined town. They listened and trembled, prayself to the notes, as he knows they are the premises, and said the defendant ing for their poor neighbors, and expecting written, from hearing them sung or play- encroached on me; but another surveyor every moment that their own turn would ed. When any one has the bravery (partner and pupil of the first one,) said come ; but, to their great astonishment, and audacity to question the propriety of the deed spoke of hackmatack stump in his doing so, he is apt to look scornfully the line of the fence, a foot in diameter; was a wonder they could not account for. fifty other kinds of Toilet Soaps, at from 5 at the questioner by way of reply, as if whereas the only tree anywhere near the But when daylight appeared they discovasking what possible business it was of fence was a pepper-ridge tree, not more his; and once, I remember, he conde- than 74 inches across. Case postponed had drifted the snow into the form of a

was doing that singing, anyhow?" He the Court might visit the premises in dissays he can improve his part by making it pute. Judge refused to go, but said that see their dwelling. the jury might do so, provided that no His ideas of time are exceedingly one accompany them to explain and convague. He generally gets the time of a fase. Next morning a heavy snow fell, tune fixed in his head by catching it from and boundries were covered. Case continued.

1874. September Term-Motion to postpone, on the ground that the defendant's attorney wished to be absent, hunting for a few days. Motion prevailed.

then he looks at them inquiringly, and taken sick. Motion to go on with the with something of pity in his glauce. It trial with eleven jurors. Defendant's evidently tries his soul to think he has to counsel objected with great strength of sing with people who can't carry their voice, and demanded a full jury trial, pure parts with an independence equal to his and simple. I think he called it the own. At practice, often, he sings, the "palladium of liberties." Case postpon-

mad if the congregation sings. It spoils retainers, term fees, clerks' fees and exthe effect of his voice to have them do penses. One item was for the amount of that. If the soprano or alto has a solo a retainer which my lawyer had declined he always hums an "improvised" accom- from the defendant. Offered him the farm painment loud enough to annoy the soloist, provided I gained the case. He said this and be heard in all the front pews. He would not be deemed honorable practice, always manages to have his voice heard but he would take it and give me the

you don't do that? Sometimes they mostly on freight trains and after night-

Don't forget inscription for my tombstone-"Here lies one who died of lawsuit

GLAND.

burbs, had more crime, pauperism wonders whose fault it was. He doesn't con- one criminal in every 45 of the popu-

of Portland. On the other hand, a European cortenor of his way among the jealousy he drinking. I have been, in my mission work, in New York and other He is always first and foremost in every. places, among the worst localities thing. He was a prime mover in the where drinking has been going on to brass-band enterprise which got hold of excess, and I have never seen anything our citizens last Winter. He announced like this that I saw that night in Lonat the beginning of the fever, that he don. There has been a great deal

Hard, horny hands, embrowned by bluster, that he was going to bring out an the sun and roughened by labor are opera in a few days as soon at least, as more honorable than white ones that he could get the singers drilled. Such is never reached out to help a fellow his assurance that he wouldn't hesitate to creature, or add a dollar to the world's

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of their families cruelly murdered. Beyond the town, close to the high road on which the soldiers were to come, there was a solitary house, larger and better and more attractive than the rest, A pious old woman lived there, who knew and trusted in the Lord as the Keeper and Defender of His people. With her lived a widowed daughter and one grandson, and this constituted her entire family In her prayers the pious old woman often used the words of an old German hymn, State. which had in it these lines :

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"My dear boy," she replied, "I did not intend exactly what I said, but only that the Lord would defend us and our town by any means. There is nothing that is mpossible with Him; and if He wills He can even build a wall to protect those who trust in Him."

The night at length came down-a terdriving snow. In the darkness the aged widow and her family knew, by the were passing their solitary house, and pouring into the unhappy and doomed no one even knocked at their door. It ered the secret of their escape. The wind high wall between them and the road, strictly elegant language, by asking "who December Term - Counsel agreed that completely concealing them from view, so that the passing troops could not even

> "My sou," said the good old grandmother," didn't you see how easy it is for the Lord to raise a wall around His peo-

So it always was. So it always will be. All those who put their trust in IT DRIVES AWAY CARE, AND PUTS Him may be sure, just as was His aged servant and her family in their time of sore need, that He is ever watching over never where he ought to be. But it ap- I remonstrated, but my counsel said that them. No one need fear whom God doth keep, for "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him "

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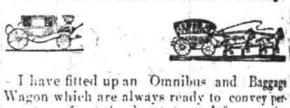
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