#### SAD CHANGE OF FORTUNE,

"Oh he's nobody but a printer !" exclaimed a Miss Ellen Dupree to one of her friends, who was speaking in terms of praise and commendation of Mr. Barton

"Ellen, you speak as though a printer was not entitled to respectability. I hope you will explain yourself," replied Miss Mary Crossman.

"Well, hope you will excuse me: I do not think it becoming for a young man who has to labor for a living, to try to move in the society of those who are his superiors, and moreover, he might win the affections of a young girl superior to your maiden name?" him in rank, and then do you think her parents would be pleased? I know I would rather live an old maid all my days than marry a printer-a man that has to toil all day and night and then, oh, to think of being ranked among the poor," whined out Miss Dupree.

"Then you think they are beneath name, my good lady ?" von ?"

"Yes, of course."

"Both in worth and intelligence, too, I suppose, do you net?" "Yes, everything!"

"Are you superior to a Franklin, to a Blackstone, to a Campbell, and many other eminent men who were printers? Or do you believe your intellectual powers ters of the present day ?"

that is respectable, but they are few and now was her benefactor. far between. And as to Mr. Williams, I de not consider him a Franklin, or a Blackstone, or anyone else much,"

"Nor do I consider him beneath my notice. Now Miss Dupree I think you ought to reflect seriously upon what you are saving and have some regard for my feelings. You know not what you may come to before you die."

"Well, I don't think I shall ever come to be the wife of a printer, or anybody who has to labor, nor do I intend to coun-

tenance such either." Miss Crossman remained silent for some time, while her face reddened with indignation. Mr. Williams was her lover and a very good looking man he was. He was of ordinary size, fair complexion, dark hair, a high and prominent forehead-livefy and intelligent in conversation, and fluent and affable in his address.

A gentle rap was heard at the door and the servant immediately announced Mr. Williams. He entered the parlor and Miss Crossman rose and introduced him. Miss Dupree affected to be polite, re-

turned a slight bow and coolly said-"Good evening, sir."

Mr. Williams and Miss Crossman conversed freely-mostly upon literary subjects, upon which both were well posted,

"Mary, I am really astonished at your, You are certianly in love with that fellow. Well, you may do as you please, but I assure you I'll never consent to keep company with a printer."

Miss Dupree took her leave, and Miss Crossman was left to think of "love and matrimony," and her future blissfulness.

wife were seated before a blazing fire. and lighted brilliantly with chandeliers, just rung for tea. A rap was heard at contribute to their enjoyment. the street door and upon opening it there stood a woman pale and dejected, and apparently not far from the grave. She had with her three ragged children, shivering with cold. The gentleman and lady kindly asked them in to the fire.

a fittle money to buy some bread for my right pleasant day we had enjoyed in the hungry children. My husband has been drinking for the last three weeks, and in brand new uniforms, and everybody left me without a morsel to give these poor innocents, or any fuel to keep them warm," and then she wept bitterly.

"Where do you live, ma'am ?" "In the garret of the old Phonix Hotel,

dicted to drinking?" asked the gentle-

man's wife in a kind tone. "About three years."

"I am truly sorry for you and of course Abbey." One hour to visit the ruins was Countess of Aberdeen, filled her daughshall bestow upon you as my means will well spent in looking and wondering, and ter's position as mistress of the house with allow. Will you relate your misfortunes? in listening to the explanations of a com- that quiet, thoughtful air of dignity, with-I always feel a deep sympathy for the un- petent antiquary. We closed our visit fortunate."

chant. My husband also was rich when we abbey, as well as that of Holyrood, about ioanble young man. He spent money freely only while he lived, but after he was dead and we lived extravagantly. Three years and gone. There also the grave of more and he was considered on the declin- | Michael Scott-less authentic, perhaps, be modest, sincere, unselfish. ing ground, and finally, by high living but celebrated in the Border minstrelsy of

and unnecessary expenditures of money, those grand old times, when stalwart men, we were dispossessed of a home and re- safely clad in armor of steel and housed duced to abject poverty; and then my in strong castles built of stone, sallied husband took to drink, and now I am a forth at their own pleasures, hacking and beggar, and those children depending on bewing and plundering the weak and demy success for a living and I beseech you fenceless. Whatever romancers may have Williams, a young and very intelligent in behalf of my poor little children, to be- to say about those times, they did not exstow upon me such charity as you feel hibit a state of society to be admired by disposed to grant."

Her story was told and met a kind response from a generous heart .- The lady of the house recognized the poor woman; but she did not feel disposed to make herself known, but ushered them into the dining room and sat down with them to a warm supper .-

"Madam," said the lady, "what was

"Ellen Dupree." She thought her's a familiar voice; she had heard it before, but she could not remember when or where; and after a long

"I think I have known you in times gone by, but I cannot remember your

"Mary Crossman was my name when I knew you."

time she murmured-

"Mary who?"

"Mary Crossman." "My God! who is your husband?"

"Oh he's nobody; only a printer!" The poor woman remembered being introduced before her marriage, to Mr. Williams-and she remembered, too, how soar above many other distinguished prin- cold and indifferent she was on that occasion. Yes, "nobody but a printer" went "Oh, now and then you come across one like a dagger to her heart. That printer

> From the Southwestern Presbyterian. THE BACK-COUNTRY ELDER AT THE COUNCIL.

MR. EDITOR: Rank is a thing of much more consequence and more distinctly defined in the British Empire, and especially in Scotland, than it is with us in America, It is therefore noteworthy that, of the order of the nobility in Scotland, several are elders in the Presbyterian Church, and one at least is a minister. As the Council drew toward its close, we of doors, in the park; and it is to be hophad each a card of invitation from one of the members-an elder-to spend a day with him at his\_residence, thirty or forty miles southeast from Edinburgh, on his estate. The note of invitation was in the customary phrase of polite society: "Lord and Lady Polwarth request the pleasure of the company," etc.

In lieu of the customary note of acceptance or regrets, those who would come were to signify it by their autography in his Lordship's book, opened for the purpose in the reading-room of the Council.

## BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM.

request. Several obtained the signatures paced up and down the room, each hand and, of course the conversation was inter- of all, or nearly all, the delegates in one grasping firmly the collar of his coar, his esting to both, and Miss Dupree sat as book. One beautiful method prevailed whole frame quivering with impatience though she had been seized by dispair- among the ladies-so generally as to seem until his turn came. After that he seemnow and then giving a lazy nod of dissent like a custom there. That was a small ed to feel relieved. of those whose birthday fell on that anni- religious exercises.

> But to return to Lord Polwarth's invitation: Anxious as most of the delegates

## "OLD HUNDRED" AT MELROSE ABBEY,

A special train of elegant cars stood ready in the Edinburgh station, at 9 o'clock charge, and bring us back at night. "Sir, will you be pleased to give me day was fine overhead-perhaps the first city. The "gentlemanly conductors" were was smiling. Once under way, we found ourselves journeying swiftly toward the frontiers of England, past hills and streams, and ruins of ancient places renowned in Scottish history and song and story. After a ride of perhaps an hour-every mile "How long has your husband been ad- of which was a luxury, after the hard work and strained attention-of the Councilthe engine gave one of those unearthly vells, which reverberating among the there by singing "Old Hundred," with "Mine is a sad story. I was raised in hats off, in the ruined choir where rest the were married. We took a tour to Europe, the year 1136. There lies buried also the

#### DRYBURGH ABBEY.

a railway station called "St. Boswell's." the river Tweed on a skittish suspension bridge of iron-so shaky that only ten in-law.

MERTOUN HOUSE.

The estate and residence of Lord Polwarth, whose invited guests we all were that day day lie in the next bend of the river Tweed, and lower down. Mertoun House is the name of the place. A slightly location, extensive park and cultivated grounds. Many grand old trees and gardens of flowers. It is a fine thing to be a lord, if they all are as nicely fixed as this

The duty of personal introduction to my Lord and Lady over-indeed while that shaking of many hands was going on-an excellent lunch was provided; and the same had to be without stint, for by this time we excursionists came in with roaring appetites. No doubt the servants' hall of that hospitable mansion will hand down to future generations of servants a marvelous tradition of the quantities consumed that day. Happily, while we were eating in the dining-room, the neighboring tenantry had their lunch provided out ed his Lordship's steward will never know certainly that we delegates got more than our share of the enormous stock of provisions that must have disappeared in that festive hour.

I could extend this article beyond a reasonable limit, telling the many good things said and done that day. We were all in fine spirits, like youngsters broke. loose from school, bent on recreation and enjoyment. I saw no disturbed countenance there, except an American gentleman who had previous notice he was to come in for his speech of five minutes; the same being in him bottled up and corked down By the way, "autographs" were in great In momentary danger of effervescence, he

or assent to any and everything said to album, with a section of a page on one The religious exercises following the her. Mr. Williams was gone and Miss side dated like a diary, and opposite each lunch were in the open air; the speakers Dupree turned to Miss Crossman and a verse of Scripture for that day. You standing on the stone steps of the house; were asked to write your signature under the large audience collected from the the day (not the year) of your birth-it be- country round about there seated on benching understood that on every return of es and otherwise over the lawn. Later in that day the owner of the book would, in the day there was tea, and after that a secret prayer to God, mention the names cordial leave-taking, with appropriate

## OLD PLANTATION LIFE.

The evening was extremely cold, and the leaves of absence from home-such was to persons from abroad, and to Americans which most of them specially represent. wind blew fierce and keen. The editor the very general regard for Lord Polwarth especially, who have a very natural dewas housed with his wife, in their stately as an eloquent, earnest and useful man in sire to see all they can of the interior life lawyer have been put forward as matchmansion, furnished in most superb style the Church-that probably as many as among a wealthy class whose position in less forensic efforts through persistent two hundred persons, including many society is assured by hereditary descent, manipulation of his own. Judges' decisand they were the happy parents of four ladies, availed themselves of the invita- And every Southern man present must ions that were weak, partial, and unsusintelligent and interesting children. It was | tion : and I may safely say that none that have noted-with many, many regrets- tained by precedent have been lauded an hour after sundown and the bell had day found anything wanting that could how very nearly the things we saw that and their lofty integrity commended, beday resembled the habits and style of a cause they had been permitted to judge. State before the dreadful war.

very reverse of patronage.

A PRESBYTERIAN LADY. Her Ladyship, with an infant but two weeks old, received in a gentle manner all she had strength to see; talked motherly of her children, who appeared without boldness in their Highland costume. "Madam," rejoined the generous editor, hills, our train came to a halt at "Melrose The mother of Lady Polwarth, who in the out patronage or condescension, that characterizes the first-class Presbyterian lady wherever one has the good fortune to be a guest. I could name many an American affluence; my father was a wealthy mer- dust of King David I., who founded this lady, rich or poor, who would receive the Jackson-two girls and four boys, ministers and elders at a meeting of Presbytery or Assembly without any perceptible variation from the department of this and returned home and we lived happily heart of King Robert Bruce, which ran lady in the highest rank abroad. The and properously. Mr. Brooks was a fash- such an adventurous and heroic career not fact is, to be ladylike and to be a gentle- er little Indian inmates at the asylum who man is to be one and the same thing any- have found homes. This new accession where, from the backwoods of America to the environs of a foreign court. It is to

BACK-COUNTRY ELDER.

DRY-NURSING REPUTATION.

[New York World.]

Reputation, even of a moderate sort, is desirable to have that it is entirely natural for men to make great and continuous efforts to secure it. It is their misfortune often that they confound reputation and notoriety, and labor for what they conceive to be fame by unbecoming and unremunerative means. In a democ-Our excursion train made a final halt at racy like ours honors are so much easier and plentier than in aristocracy that there From this point a pleasant walk, crossing is always a struggle for them by persons extent produce and sell better and cheapunfit to wear them. Notoriety, however cheap, passes with

persons at one time were allowed to pass the multitude for reputation, and the man -we soon came to the ruins of "Dryburgh | who has gained it calls it by the better Abbey" a sweet spot, embowered among name. What he has contrived to get is the trees in a cozy bend of the river; and reputation pure and simple; what many even more interesting than Melrose, al- of his fellows have is mere notoriety. This though not by any means so remarkable is the true difference between the terms. for architecture, or in such good preserva- Whether it be reputation or notoriety, tion. Here lie buried, side by side, the few persons with an itching for it are dis remains of Sir Walter Scott and his lady; posed to let it take its own course. Afraid and across the two, at the head or the that it won't grow fast enough, they are feet, is the grave of Lockhart, their son- ever ready, with all kinds of fertilizers and personal attention, to bring it forward. They force it in every way, and by their ceaseless forcing do it more harm than good, not unfrequently destroying it grown up under the erroneous fiscal polialtogether. The number of men who act as dry nurses to their own reputation in politics, literature, law, medicine, theology, and even in society, is much greater them prostrate and suffering in common than the uninitiated suspect. Dry-nursing of this eccentric variety is so widely, dilligently, regularly, and skillfully practiced that it well-nigh deserves to be and healthy growth a thorough revision ranked as a profession. The profession of the existing tariffs. is not avowed, however; it could not be without interfering with his own success.

The popular notion is that any sort of reputation is got without the least agency or co-operation of the getter. This man or that woman does something, and the doing is so remarkable and weighty that it attracts public attention, and is duly chronicled by the press. Very often, generally perhaps, the notion is correct; but there are many cases in which it is wholly false. Members of the dry nurse class have not sufficient faith in public or even in private appreciation. Even before they have delivered themselves of some mighty effort they are industrious in telling the proper persons how mighty the effect is to be, and of discovering the most efficient means of self-advertising. After they have delivered themselves they move heaven and earth to insure ample notice of their performance; and though they fail partially they seldom fail entirely. Exertion, whether in a noble or ignoble cause, is always fruitful.

Politicians are renowned for helping their fame by personal management and endeavor. If their fame cannot stand. they lift it up and hold it firm; if it cannot advance, they put themselves behind it, push it forward, and walk with it, using their legs instead of the stuffed trousers with spent breath and perspiring face ery out in feigned amažement at their celebriety. Politicians are the dryest of dry-nurses to their reputation. If their constituents could see how they coddled. handled, and fed the bantling, they would be skeptical of appearances and pretensions for evermore. More than half the time of many of our "statemen" is occupied in pushing their names into the face of the community. They scan the newspapers, large and small, and seldom miss an occasion to express an opinion or take a position which they imagine will assist I have described it sufficiently to show their popularity. Like Felix Walker in \* were by this time to start on their several that the whole entertainment was a suc- the Sixteenth Congress, they are resolved Ten years were passed. A man and his tours to the Continent and elsewhere, in cess. It was happily conceived, and so to make a speech, or do something for order to make the most of their short arranged as to make it a memorable day Buncombe, the county, whatever called,

Very ordinary arguments of many a first-rate plantation in any old settled Easy operations or accidental recoveries are made to appear as extraordinary evi-The manners and personal department | dences of surgical or medical skill, for no we found to be much the same, His Lord- other reason than that the physician has in the morning, to carry us all free of ship received us in every-day dress, as a chance to tell his own story, and tells The though he had just come in from riding it so much more skilfully than he makes his died in three days. He had only four, over his plantation in a hurry to see us, diagnosis. He proves himself not only that gave him no time to change his cloth- a learned gentleman, who amuses the paing, or even brush his hair. His manner | tient while Nature performs the cure; he was loving and cordial, as if he was hearti- demonstrates his talent at hiding facts ly glad to see us, and felt our coming to and presenting fiction in their light. be more an honor to him than to us-the | Clergymen have been known to disseminate self-complimentary paragraphs of their own composition among reporters, ciation. There are dry-nurses to reputation in all callings; but the reputations which need dry-nurses never last. A reputation that is worth anything, that has any sound foundation, must be nourished at the fount of nature.

> Indians Arrived .- Supt. Mills brought to the asylum Monday last six Indian Orphans from the counties of Swain and

They are of the Cherokee Tribe and hail from Soco Creek and Bird Town-Some time since there were were two othtution .- Oxford Free Lance.

A FREE TRADE PARTY.

At Saratoga on September 7, a conference of Free Traders met and adopted the following resolutions, drawn up by David Dudley Field, Parke Godwin, Horace White and Francis A. Walker: Resolved. That the present depression

of industrial, commercial and financial interests in this country is largely due to our inability under present laws to dispose of the surplus products of our industry which other countries want, and which but for restrictive and injudicious legislation the United States would to a great er than any other nation.

2. Resolved. That this general depression has been caused mainly by the erroneous financial and commercial policy pursued by the Federal government since the war, in forgetfulness of the economic axiom that it is utterly impossible for us lution of the mystery, not as speculators accept in return the surplus products of

their industry. purposes other than revenue, and by pre- no thread loose or weak in the wonderful venting us from cheaply and advantageously buying ships, our shiping which had become the second in the world, and was fast becoming the first, has been almost

swept from the seas. that large and important interests have cy which the United States have maindue regard must be paid to the security to the proper chemical composition of and welfare of these goods; but seeing with others, we are persuaded that if protection has ever done anything for them, it has done all it can, and that they, no affinity-it is a mode of motion into which less than others, need for their revival other modes of motion are convertible,

the revival of commerce and general pros- of the all-pervading force.—Scientific days as President of the Under-ground perity, we ask concurrently with informed legislation a thorough revision of our commercial treaties with foreign nations, many of which are unsuited to the present industrial and productive condition of this country; and we ask also the negotiation of treaties of commerce with countries such as France and Spain, with which we have no such agreement.

The resolutions were passed. On motion of R. R. Bowker it was resolved that the Hon. David A. Wells be designated as chairman and Abraham L Earle as the secretary of the council provided for, with power to nominate to the conference the remaining members of the committee, subject to modification and ratification by the conference. The committee appointed under the above resolution recommended these additional names, which we adopted: Nathan Appleton, William Downie, Boston ; C. H. Marshall, A. R. Stokes, F. O. Freuch, W. R. Sporry New York; A. S. Riddle, Philadelphia A. B. Mason, Chicago; W. L. Trenholm, 'harleston; G. W. Nichols, Cincinnati, and Charles Nordhoff, New Jersey. The conference then adjourned.

# A TREMENDOUS GIRL.

Warren County (Ky.) Letter in the Franklin Pa-

This child, a girl, was four years of age on the 20th day of last March. She weighs 100 pounds, measures eighteeen inches across the chest, and is four feet eight and one-half inches high. There is a thick growth of hair covering her entire body while her face is covered with whiskers, including a mustache. Up to about eighteen months ago she was a healthy girl. At about that time her body became very hot and was covered with perspiration, lasting several days. The odor occasioned by the perspiration was very offensive, and within fifteen minutes after being cleanly dressed her body and clothes would become saturated as if by some black colored liquid. When the perspiration ceased the hair began growing, only leaving the soles of her feet and the palms of her hands bare. Her voice attained a remarkable depth, sounding as though it came from the inside of a bar rel. Her strength is astonishing. She can carry her ten-year old sister under her arm with apparent ease, and her mother states that the child actually does not know her own strength. The statements herein made are strictly true, and, likely be able to occupy his seat, and Patif necessary, the testimony of the child's terson, of South Carolina, is just in the parents and many people living in the neighborhood can be produced for corrob-

A FAMILY OF CHILDREN GONE. - A few weeks ago we published the sad death of three of Mr. John Andrew's children, who the youngest was spared, for only a few weeks, however, as that died last Friday. Thus an entire family of children has fallen in the pathway of diphtheria .-Alamance Gleaner.

George B. Keenan, of San Francisco, was heir to an estate worth \$30,000. He was dissolute and destitute, and, rather and yet entertain and reiterate the belief than wait a few months for possession of that genuine ability must make its way, the property, sold his right to a lawyer independent of encouragement of appre- for \$8,000. Now he has begun a suit to annul the bargain.

> Indications of a prehistoric people, which are plentiful in southwestern Colorado, have lately been discovered in western Nevada. Antique pottery and undecipherable writing on the rocks are the most common tokens. At one place, engraved upon a rock, is the nude figure of a man, holding in his-right hand a shrub, the outlines of which show considerable artistic skill,

SINGULAR.-The diptheria has been very prevalent in the Knapp of Reeds section in Granville county, and on Little River in Orange. A singular feature is a fresh indication of the true cosmopol- about it is that the diptheria attacks the itan and charitable character of the insti- children in the feet and ankles instead of reshipped to this country in the guise of bridges need at least as frequent and as in the throat.-Ral. News.

IS LIFE A MODE OF MOTION?

It can be demonstrated that motion is all-pervading; that absolute rest is inconceivable and that, in whatever form mo- over. tion may appear, whether as motion or as light, heat, chemical affinity, magnetism one and the same great force. Science however does not stop with the enunciation of this truth, but following the same pathway onward is now brought face to face with the greatest problem within the ken of human conception, the question of the nature of life itself. There is something startling and overwhelming in the recognition of the fact that perhaps the greatest scientific minds on earth are keenly pressing forward toward the resoto dispose of the surplus product of our or dogmatists, nor as metaphysical adindustry to other nations unless we are to vancers of abstract hypotheses; by progressing step by step, proving and re-3. Resolved, That by imposing taxes for proving, leaving no by-path unexplored, fabric of facts which are slowly being interwoven. If Bastian and the believers in spontaneous generation are right, then life is the legitimate consequence of chemi-4. Resolved, That in view of the fact cal affinity, for they claim to have substantiated by the clearest experimental proof that organisms in certain solutions tained during a period of sixteen years, previously free from life are due wholly next spring .- Char. Observer. such solutions. If this be true, then life must stand in the same category as heat and light and other sequences of chemical and reciprocally it would follow that life 5. Resolved, That as one means towards itself is transformable into other phases

#### COLORED WOMAN IN A TRANCE. [Wilmington Star.]

A rather remarkable incident occurred in Cape Fear township, about three miles from this city, on Friday morning last. It appears that on Thursday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, a colored woman whose name we did not ascertain, who had been complaining of being unwell, being troubled with sore throat, etc., to all appearances died. The news of the supposed calamity soon spread throughout the neighborhood and quite a number of the colored people gathered at the house, when the body was laid out in the usual manner and preparations were commenced for the funeral. That night, in accordance with the usual custom among the colored people, a crowd was present to sit up with | them to their fate. They are thoroughly the supposed corpse, and singing and other ceremonies incident to such solemn occasions were indulged in. It was among the small hours approaching the dawn, and the devont worshipers had become warmed up to about the highest pitch of animal excitement, when all of a sudden the supposed corpse jerked herself up into a sitting posture and demanded to know what "all dat fuss was about!" There was a sudden cessation in the vocal performance-a break in the devotions of the sympathizing crowd—dire consternation took the place of grief and condolence in the hearts of the mourners, and in less time than we have taken to tell it the resurrected woman (who it seems had only been in a trance) had been left in solitude and wonderment to unravel the mystery of her condition and surroundings.

## The Probabilities of a Democratic Senate.

Republican managers are manifestly much concerned lest the organization of the Senate shall fall to the Democrats. It is pretty nearly certain that Louisiana will have two Democratic Senators and South Carolina one asking for seats when Congress meets. The Democrats are strong enough to prevent reference of their claims to committees, which will insure them their places. Morton will not most condition that he will either be absent entirely, or be prepared to favor the Democracy to saye himself from prosecution for erimes committed in South Carolina, Speccer is not to be relied on by Republicans, and Connor is distrusted. All thesethings considered, it is not improbable that the United States Senate may be organized on a Democratic basis when Congress meets on the 15th of October .-Char. Observer.

A CONSERVATORY ON THE ROOF OF A HO rel.—That excellent plan which we have so often advocated, of turning the tops of houses in cities into gardens, has been carried out by the Palmer House in Chicago; and a portion of the roof of that hotel is now covered with a magnificent conservatory. The structure is entirely of glass and iron; and as it is built on an extension, its location is such that it opens directly out of the fifth floor corridor of the main edifice, which rises some two stories above. A fine collection of tropical and rare plants has been provided, and the regular heating apparatus of the house supplies ample warmth. The conservatory is open to guests of the hotel, and furnishes a delightful resort .- Scientific American.

The cotton seed oil trade has increased greatly of late years. This article is largely shipped to Europe, whence it is "pure olive oil."

Black Walnut Stain .- Asphaltum thinned with turpentine will stain a beautiful black walnut color. It must be varnished

It is claimed, though the fact does not or electricity, all are but phases of but rest on sufficient authority, that the organ is the invention of Archimedes, about 200 years B. C. The invention is also attributed to a barber of Alexandria, named Ctesibus about 150 year B. C.

> Very little is known of the first introduction of toothed wheels, and toothed gearing. Two centuries before the Christian era, Hero, of Alexandria, spoke of toothed wheels in a manner that would indicate that he was conversant with this mode of transmitting motion.

> Put a tablespoonful of sulpher in the nest as soon as hens or turkeys are set. The heat of the fowls causes the fumes of the sulpher to penetrate every part of their bodies, every louse is killed, and, as all nits are hatched within ten days, when mother leaves the nest with her brood. she is perfectly free from nits or lice.

> Mortgaging Crops Not Yet Planted .- It is a surprising fact that on yesterday there were recorded in the office of the register of deeds, four mortgages upon crops of 1878. which will not be put in the ground until

> The young lady had coquetted until the victim was completely exhausted. He rose to go away .- She whispered, as she accompanied him to the door, "I shall be at home next Sunday evening." "So shall I," he replied.

Levi Coffin, well known in ante-bellum Railroad, always a prominent anti-slavery man, died at his residence in Avondale, near Cincinnati, Sunday afternoon. His age was about seventy-five years.

The officers of the United States army stationed at Atlanta, Ga., have bought the plot of ground upon which Gen. McPherson was killed during the late war. The spot has been marked with a Parrott gun firmly set in the ground, and the lot has been enclosed with a substantial iron

Nearly a dozen of the strikers who bore a conspicuous part in the late railroad riots, are now in prison in Warren county, N. J., awaiting trial. One and all, they profess the sincerest penitence and regret the folly which made them the dupes of mischievous men, who have abandoned cared of striking.

"The South was defeated," remarks the obsequious Key, "and, as men and soldiers, they were bound to submit with good grace, and admit that the result was right." From which it would appear that in the gospel according to Key success is the only measure of principle .- N. Y. Sun, 11th.

"What do you mean by humbugging, madam?" asked a homely barrister of a lady whom he was cross-examining. "I don't know as I can exactly say, sir; but if a lady was to say to you that you're a handsome man, that would be what I'd call humbugging."

The keeper of a candy and ice cream store in San Francisco discharged a waiter for fonding the keeper's eat in business hours, and paid him at the rate of \$30 a month, instead of \$40, as previously agreed. The waiter carried his case into a Justice's court, pleading that he was not particularly found of cats, but that he consoled the one in question because the employer had just chopped off the heads of two of her progeny. He recovered his rightful wages, but the Justice decided that he was lawfully discharged,

BONE MEAL FOR GRAPES .- The editor of the London Horticulturist asserts that among all the fertilizers proposed for the grape, none embody more of the necessary ingredients than bone meal. It should be applied as early in the season as possible. About a ton to the acre makes a dressing that will prove valuable for two or three years.

Cement for Leather Belting .- Take common glue and American isinglass, equal parts; place them in a boiler and add water sufficient to just cover the whole. Let it soak ten hours, then bring the whole to a boiling heat, and add pure tanin until the whole becomes ropery or appears like the white of eggs. Apply it warm. Buff the grain off the leather where it is to be cemented: rub the joint surfaces sol ly together, let it dry for a few hours, .... it is ready for practical use; and if properly put together, it will not need rivet-

The Formica Pennsylvanica.-There is a general notion that only tropical countries are infested with ants that are capable of doing serious damage. This, it appears, is a mistake. There is a black "carpenter ant," whose name, Formica Pennsylvanica, indicates its residence, that is capable of effecting much destruction in woodwork. The Rev. Dr. McCgok has seen a rafter which these ants penetrated to an extent of five or six feet of its length, completely honeycoming it. The rafter was in the roof of a porch. The attention of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences was called to the matter, as it is evident that such penetration of wooden structures, and especially bridges, might cause their unexpected fall. Wooden thorough inspection as iron structures.