

town people asked young Morris when, one day in August, he made his customand commencing it at St. John, New ary trip from his camp, a few miles down the river, up to the post and telegraph offices in Bullionville.

for their commodities, they said knowingly; As Morris galloped back through

"Oh, that's all right! but as soon as Bullionville, an acquaintance, whom you are ready to 'spring it,' give us a Morris was surprised to see up so late.

asks, calmly speaks, coolly answers, and ceases when he has no more to say, is in want to know! Whose?"-Boston possession of some of the best requisites | Courier.

-Life.

A Reminiscence of Barnum.

" One of P. T. Barnum's most success-

ful traits of bamboozlement," said a New

Yorker the other day, " was played upon

the Canadian customs authorities. The

veteran showman's tours were always

planned for in advance, and one winter

he made up his mind to take his great

circus and menagerie through Canada

during the summer after the next. This

gave him about two years in which to ma-

ture his plans. One important item of a

showman's expenses consists of his adver-

tising placards, and Mr. Barnum was

always lavish with these gaudy prints.

He was aware that the Canadian Govern-

ment imposed a high duty on this class

of imports, and yet he wanted to paint

Canada red, yellow, blue and green,

with a lavishness that no showman had

"Now there was no printing-house

in them when the auctionneer called for

a bid, and finally the whole batch was

knocked down for a song to a secret

agent of the circus, who had been sent

up by Mr. Barnum for that express pur-

Living Persons as Chessmen.

Chess games in which the pieces are

represented by living persons are by no

place in this country, but they are sel-

dom given on so grand a scale as those

recently played at the Royal Concert Hall,

St. Leonards, England. The fullest ad-

for display of dress and pageantry. The

chess board occupied almost the entire

floor, and was used both as a battle

ground and a court. The kings and

figures, and were closely attended by

their pawns-boys dressed as pages.

The remaining six pawns, on either side,

were the first to take up their positions,

pose."-New York Tribune.

ever displayed there before.

I'm living by brain work." Wagg-"I

"This is a magnificent place, str. Why, ten years ago I came here with nothing but the clothes on my back." "And now?" "I've got another shirt." -Bazar.

Brunswick-3385 miles over its own line from Vancouver.

When Alexander Pope visited the Orient nearly two centuries ago he obtained a slip of one of the willows beside the waters of Babylon, whereon the children of Israel hung their harps in the days of captivity. Planting the wand upon his return to England, he secured a thrifty tree in-time. From this latter Martha Washington procured a twig, which it is said she brought to Arlington Heights, opposite Washington, with the same result. And now a tree grown from a slip taken from hers has just been planted in the Indiana State House grounds.

A traveler comes back from Mexico with a new idea which he hopes to utilize in the manufacture of flour. He notes that for centuries the Mexicans have been accustomed to parch their grain before grinding it, and claims to have dis-'covered that the heat gives the flour a sweetness and a fragrance unknown in the flour of the ordinary brands and at the same time adds much to its powers of nutrition. Mills are to be equipped with apparatus for parching the wheat before putting it into the hopper, and we are told that the result will be a culinary revolution.

Some one has discovered that the initials J. and G. figure more prominently together in the world's history than any other two letters. He instances in this country James G. Blaine, J. G. Holland, James Gordon Bennett, John Gorham Palfrey, John Godfrey Saxe, John Greenleaf Whittier, Joshua Giddings, Jay Gould and many other conspicuous names, and finds also in foreign countries the same prominence of the combination, as in John George Campbell (Duke of Argyll), Jacques George Danton, Joseph Guillotine, Jean Jerome and the many famous Germans whose front rames are Johann Gottfried and Johann Gottlieb.

At a recent banquet in his honor al Dusseldorf, Emperor William, of Germany, made a significant speech, in which, after dilating upon his desire for hearers for the protection of the rights of labor, and, after expressing satisfaction at the conclusion of the commercial treaty with Austria, he said: " As to the home policy which is becoming established, I shall not deviate a hair's breadth from the course I have adopted. I alone am master in this country and nobody else." His emphatic language in regard to the treaty with Austria, which Prince Bismark opposed, and also in regard to home affairs, was evidently directed at Prince Bismarck.

Morris had been employed as clerk to the contractors who had built the last stretch of road beyond. He was ambitious to complete his education, particularly in geology, which was his specialty; and he had been glad to get this opportunity to make geological researches in a country rich in specimens. He had answered this question about the railroad to the best of his ability said.

st," said the man.

Columbia this year."

"Columbia is pretty near the salt

uestion.

threefold.

scngers.

before he obtained it.

animal that very day.

and went on.

water, aint it?"

three miles, I guess."

further talk, so he rode away.

road is going to be built now."

bia River. Morris had said so.

itement had taken the place of listles

Improvised real estate offices had been

opened in a dozen places, and were do-

"Prospecting?" asked the driver.

fully rich ground in this valley."

nearly every day for a month, but he replied, good-naturedly: "I don't know, gentlemen. Nothing new has developed.' "You aren't thinking of moving away

the outhit, are you?" "I have no such intention. I will explain the whole thing. You know I am merely the clerk of the contractors who hope to build the road when the time

comes. They finished it to a point about thirty miles from here last fall, and then moved their outfit, stock, tools, tents and all down into this valley for the winter. They hoped to get the contract to build the remainder of the road in time to begin work last spring, but, as you see, were disappointed. I report to them frequently, and I have standing instructions to keep things ready to begin wax on short notice.\_ But you see it is all guess-work. The company may not intend to build the road at all, or it may intend to go along the other side of the valley. About a week afterward a group of

men who had nothing to do were discussing the great topic in the postoffice. "It rather looks as though we weren't going to have a railroad," said the pro-

prietor of the Metropolitan Hotel, in a slow, melancholy tone, as if each wordwere forced from him. "I don't give up yet," seid a real es-

tate owner. "I believe that party of engineers in camp about forty miles down the canon has some business connected with the building of the road, in spite of all they say."

"It's about time for that young fellow Morris to be up after his mail, isn't it? Maybe he knows something more about it," said another. "He won't be here till late, then,'

said the ferryman. "Ile got me out of bed to take him across the river this morning, and has gone down the other side. You know the bridge down below his camp was washed away." "I wonder if he didn't go to consult

those engineers?" said the editor of the Bullionville Echo, eagerly. "No; he said he was going down to

In the Echo extra appeared the followsee the stock, and to get a fresh saddle ing paragraph pony; but he was in a great hurry, and I tell you he looked mightily pleased at some letter he was reading on the ferry."

There was a general increase of interest at this announcement. "I tell you," said the real estate owner, "that young fellow knows how to take care of himself. Like as not he will be the first to get the news, and will have half the town bought up before the boom begins. But I tell you, he won't

last.

office.

five years just to be hoodwinked at the "I'll bet something's up," said the editor. He started toward the telegraph and yet to go everywhere.

The ferryman was right in his surmise It was after sundown when Morris or a future Congress." He was so con-He had received a letter which gave him from the air of haste and importance May, 1776, he was released on account assurance at last that he would be able to which dominated the crowds on the of failing health, and sailed for the West go East and enter college. This was to streets, that something important must Indies in a merchant vessel. He and the him the most important event that could have taken place. He began to make in- vessel were never heard of afterward .take place, and it was with a very merry quiries, but every one seemed too busy Boston Cultivator. heart that he set about making his prep-arations to depart. The opening of the to notice him-even long enough to ask the usual questions about the road. college year was near, and as he wished But presently a copy of the Echo extra to have a day or two in which to comgave him an inkling of what had taken plete a collection of geological specimens, place. The people had deceived themhe made all haste to get his work in shape so that he could spare the time. as little shock to their new found pros-It was almost sunset when he started perity as possible. from the herder's cabin on his return trip, but it was a clear, starlight night, and he found the ride enjoyable. the editor busy upon an article entitled, As he rode about the river, he ran over in his mind the preparations it was neces-"The Future Metropolis." sary to make, and the best means of getting his geological specimens to the editor, looking up from his work. "But college, where, he felt sure, the professors would recognize them as the nucleus You see we are desperately busy." "Mr. Bastian," said Morris, earnestly, of a very fine collection. Before starting out to take his position "it is all a mistake about this railroadwith the railroad contractors, he had left to request you to help me correct it. some of his' books and geological specimens with a friend at Portland. There is no news about the road." He "Indeed," said the editor, increduwished to announce his good luck to his friend, and also to get the rest of his lously. specimens; and as he rode along he framed in his mind the telegram he more reason now to suppose that the finest sort of grinding and polishing pur-should send,

chance." stepped out and hailed him.

The "boom" had gone quite beyond 'We hear your're going to move at the power of one young man to check. Meanwhile, a report of the unwonted Morris was too weary to be pleased at activity at Bullionville became a subject their interest in his college prospects. of discussion in the office of a great rail-"Yes," he said, shortly, "I'm going way company in the East.

"It must be that the other company has "How are you going?" was the next given the word to put its line through,' said a director. "Why, by rail, of course!" Morris

to the contrary," said the secretary. "It has done no more than survey the route, ust as we have done."

"Salt water? Well, within two or "Be it as it may," said the President of the corporation, "I think we had bet-He was tired and in no mood for ter tap that Bullionville country at once. It is a rich section, and a town with so "Boys," said the questioner, trium much faith in itself is sure to become an phantly, to a group at the hotel, "I important distributing centre." guess none of you will dispute that the

place at the office of the rival system, for Before morning the report had gone when Morris reached New York he had through the town that the road was to positive information, this time, each combe pushed westward at once through pany was trying to outstrip the other in Bullionville to the mouth of the Columthe construction of its line, and that Bullionville was really "booming." If Morris had made his accustomed

It is an important city now. It was visit to the town next day, instead of only the other day that the Daily Echo roing down the river in quest of geocontained some reminiscences of a welllogical specimens, he would have hardly known geologist who was a contractor's known Bullionville. Activity and exlork in the town in its early days; and the chief item anong the whole was one ness. Men were busy staking out lots, which told how the editor obtained son. and others were buying and selling real firmation of some railroad news of vital estate in the stores and on the corners. importance to the town by reading a Lumber, brick and building-stone had blotted copy of an important telegram advanced fifty per cent. in price, while the wages of mechanics had increased tossed away .- Youth's Companion.

## The First American Traitor.

ng a thriving business-though not, it While Arnold was the most conspicumust be admitted, a cash business, for ous traitor in the Revolutionary eral the money was as scarce in the town as ever. first man detected in an attempt to be-Meanwhile, the cause of all this excitetray his country was Dr. Benjamin ment was collecting specimens and mak-Church, of Raynham, Mass. He was a ing notes of the various geological strata graduate of Harvard University, studied fifteen miles away. About noon he medicine in London, and became emiwent in search of a feed, of oats for his nent as a surgeon. He lived a bachelor, horse, and had to call at several ranches extravagantly, in a mansion, in 1768. For several years preceding the Revolu-Soon after this he met the stage coach tion he was conspicuous among the leadcoming up and as usual without pasing Whigs of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress and was an active member. At the same time he was trusted as an "Yes," said Morris, "I find wonderardent patriot. Church was evidently the secret enemy of the Republicans. So He was speaking geologically, for he early as 1774 he wrote parodies of his had picked up the tooth of an extinct own popular songs in favor of liberty for the Tory newspapers; and in Sep-"That's what I've been preaching for tember, 1775, an intercepted letter, writhigh onto seven years," said the driver ten by him in cipher to Major Cain in Boston, which had passed through the hands of a friend of Church, was deciphered, and the woman confessed he

was the author. The case was laid be-"Full particulars regarding the new delopment in railroad circles are not at this fore the Continental Congress, and he writing obtainable, inasmuch as the conwas dismissed from the general directorractor's agent is at present down the river ship of the hospital. He was arrested looking over the work, and buying up the grain in that neighborhood. To persons who and tried by a court-martial at Camhave met him, however, he has expressed bridge on a charge of holding a criminal himself in glowing terms." correspondence with the enemy. He From that time the "boom" proceeded was convicted October 3 and imprisoned without much restraint. No rumor was at Cambridge. On the 6th of November too wild to be credited. Reports were the Congress ordered him to be "close get a foot of my land unless he pays a rife that immense railroad buildings confined without the use of pen, ink or boom price for it. I haven't waited here would be located in the town, that nu- paper, and that no person be allowed to merous syndicates were endeavoring to converse with him, except in the presget possession of land, that manutac. ence and hearing of a magistrate of the

tories would soon be started. All these town, or the sheriff of the county where reports seemed to start from nowhere, he shall be confined, and in the English language, until further orders from this

that Morris was pleased about something. rode up to the town. He saw at once fined in the jail at Norwich, Conn. In

"I think we have the best of evidence

A similar discussion must have taken

to order? It hints at the umbrella as count of Gulliver.

canopy." On coins and in the rock carv-

found in the "right tight little isle." All this goes to prove that Jonas Hanway did not invent the umbrella. This under the displeasure of certain London-





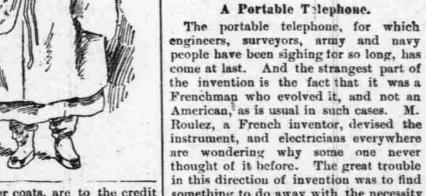
oiled and rubber coats, are to the credit of the storm. In countries where very little clothing is worn rain does not make much difference, but the sun is a power. Why shouldn't the palm leaf be the first sunshade, with its ribs and handle

well as at the fan, Travelers among the Ainos of Japan often make temporary sunshades of gigantic dock leaves, which are sometimes six feet in diameter and eight feet high; large enough for an ac-

Ehe umbrella has a very great antiquity. The word ritself means a "little shadow," showing that it was named for its protection from the sun in this case. which the young man had carelessly | Horace says: "Among the military standards the sun beholds an Egyptian

ings of the ancients the umbrella often shows its familiar form, but it comes down to us by its connection with royalty, and is not the barrel ribbed gingham of the masses, nor can we tell whether the people with umbrellas furnished the same amusement for the comic players as they do nowadays. The Auglo-Saxons used umbrellas. One would think if there is a climate in the worll that would compel the invention it is

great traveler is said to have laid himself ers by the effeminate use of an unbrella to keep off the sun. This was, perhaps, an affectation in a country where the sun is so rarely scen. Jonas Hanway, at least, saw the value of the Eastern sunshade, and soon it became the fashion to carry this article of apparel. There must be a great difference between the



in this direction of invention was to find something to do away with the necessity of a battery. Magnets without number have been made for the purpose, but until the present time none has answered the requirement. M. Roulez conceived the idea of using two magnets with the same

> ers came under the same classification as much smaller lithographs and printed colored matter did, and he knew that the Dominion customs authorities would not abate one jot of the full toll, but would rather rejoice at the opportunity to mulct the foreigner who would convey so much money out of a country where money is badly needed. lot of circus posters of the most gorgestriped tigers and brown bears fought with blue hippopotami till the gore flowed into blue crimson backgrounds. No to pay the duty. They were accordingly held for tweake months, then duly advertised for sale for tibree months more, and finally put up at auction with a lot of other unclaimed parcels, and were designated in the catalogue merely as "col-ored prints." Nobody took any interest ARMY PORTABLE TELEPHONE.

poles opposed and separated by a small bit of soft wire, instead of the old horseshoe magnets with wire bobbins that have hitherto failed. With his new instrument the inventor claims results as perfect as by the use of the stationary. return circuit telephone. It can be carried in a small hand bag, requires no support except the head of the user, and and can be applied at a distance of 400 miles quite successfully.

means a novelty, several having taken The cut pictures the new instrument better than could any description. In use, the telephone is carried on the head of the operator, the receivers remaining attached to his ears continually. Its use vantage was taken of the opportunities will be largely by surveyors and advanced guards or pickets on reconnoitering duty. Vessels of a fleet at sea communicate with each other by the same means, a well insulated pair of wires being kept floating above the water by supporters or immersed by sinkers, as the occasion may require. - Chicago Post.

## Illustrated Advertisement.

after saluting each other, on the centre of the board. The rooks, knights and bishop, appro-priately costumed, followed, and then, with much pomp and sounding of trumpets, the kings and queens marched to their squares. The game was played over a regulation board in an adjoining

"In practicing the banjo," writes a eacher, "don't get discouraged." That's wise. You can safely leave that for the persons who have to listen to you. - New York Recorder.

"Mary," said the lady of the house as the cook was leaving, "I think you are treating me shamefully, leaving without a day's notice." "Indeed, I'm sorry, mum, an' if a reference will be of any use to you, mum, I'll give you one cheerfully."-New York Recorder.

"Wilt take a little smack with me?" They loitered by the sailful sea-Then dropped her lashes modestly, And mildly, meekly blushin',

She said: "I will participate In such diversions as you state, If you the same will designate A labial concuss

-Boston Courier.

anywhere in Canada that could begin to "Yes," said the scientist, as he took a turn out the kind of work that Mr. Barnum required, either in size, color or drink of water from the glass that rested on the table at his elbow. "the temfinish. Nevertheless, his immense postperature of the moon is something over 100 degrees below zero the year round." A local coal dealer who sat in the audience heaved a deep sigh and and thought so hard for the next half hour that his hair actually curled up tight to his head. -Peck's Sun.

"There's a young doctor up town who will have to improve his methods or he "So Barnum studied the question will never have patients enough to mainawhile and finally sent on at once a great tain him. A woman came in to see him only two days ago, looking haggard and pale. "Well," he said, what is it?" "I'm troubled with insomnia," she ous designs, whereon yellow lions clawed sighed. "What shall I do for it!" "Sleep it off, madam; sleep it off." ne agent appeared, when the posters were detained by the Canadian customs officers advised curtly, and asked her for \$2. Detroit Free Press.

## A Counterfeit Coffee Bean.

"Is there such a thing as a counter-feit coffee bean? Well, I should say there is. Billions of 'em, at that," said the head of the coffee department in a Madison street grocery/house

reas and drans, chicory, old coffee grounds, clay bor most anything that comes handy. There are factorics running for no other purpose than whe manufacture of imitation coffee. They fire ones were down East; now the imitatio bean is made here in Chicago, and even out in Sioux City. Imitations such as this are almost necessary. None of them but the clay is injurious; the others weaken the coffee. The cheaper retailers have a call tor cheap coffee which they cannot supply with any real article. It is impossible to buy even genuine Ric and sell it for twenty-five cents a pound, and that is what many people demand. Those people may not know it, but they are drinking just a little imitation cof queens were, of course, the central fee.

"Of course, the imitations are not sold alone. They are sprinkled into the genuine coffee just to make up a little profit. The dough bean is the best imitation. It cannot be told from the rea! coffee unless you taste it. The peas and beans are used only in ground coffee, because they could not be made to look like a real coffee bean. These imitations affect the price of only the cheaper grades of coffee. You will find it only in the cheap stores on State street and aces of that kind. Real collee canno be sold now by the retailer for less than twenty-eight cents a pound, and any-thing that costs less is sure to be 'mixed." - Chicago Post.



"One may be interested to take a man and see how neatly our English relatives are trying to hem us in on every side," remarks the San Francisco Argonaut. "Beginning at Halifax, the defences of which are strengthened from time to time, and are just now pronounced impregnable, we find some nine hundred miles to the south and five hundred miles off our Carolina coast, Bermuda with docks, machine shops, and fortifications for no other purpose than to keep an eye on us. Three hundred miles further southwarl are the Bahamas, which almost touch our coast, and still further southward, Jamaica, where a strong military force is stationed, commanding the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico, British Honduras, in Central nerica, is the last in a chain which und us. With a few cruisers judistributed between Florida and and with Belize, St. Lucia ton as bases of supplies to fall the Gulf of Mexico could be ually sealed."

Artificial Grindstones.

The manufacture of artificial grindstones now constitutes a very important selves. He must undeceive them with industry in this country. The materials used in this manufacture are pulverized quartz, powdered flint, powdered emery

After ascertaining that no message or or corundum, and rubber dissolved by a telegram had really arrived for him, he suitable solvent. These materials, after went to the office of the Echo. He found being carefully mixed together, form a substance that is exceedingly durable, and that will, when used for sharpening "Come in ! glad to see you!" said the tools, outwear by many years any natural

stone known. During the process of you must excuse me if I don't talk much. mixing and kneading there is a constant escape of tar fumes, very often rendering

the covering of the mixers with a sheetiron hood necessary. The compound is a very unfortunate mistake, and I came afterward calendered into sheets of onehalf to three inches thick, shaped up and carefully vulcanized, and the process is completed by the wheels being trued up with tools made especially for the pur-

I tell you it is not true. There is no pose. These wheels are used for the

EGYPT the modern steel ribbed, silk covered, slender article which is regarded as a

misfortune to get wet. The desideratum at present is a porta ble umbrella. There is a fortune for the

man who invents a really good umbrella, which can be stowed in a valise or trunk. There is an unpatented Korean umbrella that may fill the bill. When it begins to rain the picturesque and stately Korean swell reaches into his sleeve and produces a folded oiled paper affair, resembling a fan. This is spread and set over the hat like an extinguisher, and is kept in place by two strings held under the chin. It is not very large, but any-

thing that will cover a Korean hat will keep the rain from a Korean. Japanese umbrellas are triumphs o skill and bamboo. One must not also forget the artist who lays on the impossible decorations in gaudy colors. The Siamese Emperor is not in good

form with an umbrella of less than six or seven stories, covered with tiusel. The Chinese Emperor sets the fashion in multiple sunshades, and he would be a reckless Celestial who would copy the imperial umbrella.

A young man moving in high circumstances, who is in temporary embarrassment, would like a permanent position of some kind .- Puck.

A recent count shows that the Christian Endeavor movement begins the new year 1891 with over thirteen thousand societies and at least 700,000 members. This is a gain of 110,000 members in six months.

a herald. When a pawn was taken, was led off as a prisoner of war by the attendants of the other side. A knight under similar circumstances delivered up his sword, and a bishop his mitre. The queens were treated with great courtesy when they fell, and were led off attend-

ed by their pawns and knights. At the end of the game, when the king was checkmated, he delivered up his sword and crown, and the remainder of the pieces, having capitulated, marched off the board to slow music.-[New York Sun.

Slapped the Emperor on the Back. Emperor William of Germany dined at the barracks in Potsdam the other evening. Before seating himself at the table he stood, in naval uniform, with his back to the door conversing. An officer of the guard, who had seen him shortly before in a general's uniform attended by an adjutant in a dress similar to that now worn by the Emperor, approached him suddenly from behind and clapped him on the shoulder familiarly, with a re-mark which showed that he mistook the person addressed for the Emperor's adintant. William laughed heartily over the mistake and shook hands with the embarrassed officer .- New York Tribune.

Too Much Even for the Highway men. Of all the devices and inventions for the protection of treasure and the circunvention of the road agent, the only one that has stood the test of time and experience is a big, ugly tempered man with a sawed-off shot gun, on the box ... If the robber gets the drop on the messenger and keeps it, and contents himself with ordering the driver to throw out the box, he may win; but it is the business of the man with the sawed-off shotgun not to let him get the drop but to blaze away as soon as he shows up. The gun is sawed off for the greater convenience of the messenger in potting road agents. It is loaded with buckshot and statters broadly. The length of the gun is such that when the muzzle rests upon the footboard the locks are about level with the messenger's knee, and he can swing it up into position very readily. If he gets it pointed anywhere near the robber some of the buckshot are sure to hit .- New York Commercial Advertiser.

The fifty largest libraries in Germany possess 12,700,000 volumes, against those of England with about 6,450,000, and of North America with about 6,100,000