BY ALEXANDER LAMONT:

I heard a blackbird at the close of day Thrill out its song against the amber I said, "O bird my love is far away! Tell her my thought, and I shall be at

The mellow-throated singer left its bough, And flew away amidst the twilight's fall And as I thought of young love's burning yow, I wondered if that bird would tell her all. I plucked a red rose from its parent tree;

I threw it in the stream that flowed along. And said, "Sweet rose, oh, take a smile from me, To where the blackbird speedeth with its watched it take its way far down the

stream, With perfumed thoughts to her so young and fair: And wondered oft if c'er its crimson gleam Would mingle with her locks of golden

I dreamed I heard her voice, so low and Sing those grand sings that all the spirit Iknelt and lowly worshipped at her feet;

I woke and found my loved one singing And then I knew the blackbird, in its song, Had told her all the love my soul had And that the red rose had been borne along, And found her ere its fragrance yet was

## FIELD AND FIREIDE.

THE USE OF PLASTER.

The following statement of the use and value of plaster or gypsum was communicated to the Farmers' Club of New York city, by W. T. Early:

Plaster acts as a condenser of the ammonia of the atmosphere and of the soil. Plaster of Paris is composed of sulpnuric acid and fime. A bushel nare, would clearly exert but a very small effect upon an acre of land by growth of crops. By observation. however, it is concluded that Plaster of Paris acts as a condenser of ammonia, which is found everywhere in the unadapted to plant growth.

"There are a few phenomena which action of plaster: That only a certain amount will act. Thus a bushel to the acre, sown upon a clover field, acts as well as fifty bushels-showing that it does not act as a manure, as a stimulant, or a gastric jnice, or in any other manner analogous to any of these agencies.

"Sow a field with plaster in clover, or any other grass, leaving out a breadth, or in plastering a crop of tobacco--as I have frequently seen it done-leaving a few rows without the application, and the result will be that, while the parts of the crop-to which the plaster is applied will be flourishing and green, those on which no plaster is put will be yellow and worthless, indeed greatly inferior to what they would have been had no plaster been placed in the adjacent parts of the field.

"How can this be explained except upon the hypothesis that the plaster draws the atmosphere passing over it a part of its fertilizing properties and retains it for the use of the plants in proximity to it, while those portions where there is no plaster do not thus derive this greater share from the atmosphere?

"Again, sow upon a dunghill, steaming and giving off ammonia, a quantity of plaster; enought it will stop the escape of gas. Wait awhile, until the plaster sown becomes saturated with the gas, and it will again begin to escape. Put on plaster again, and it will stop; and so on until all the ammonia is taken up and

"Take Peruvian guano, whose great fertilizing property is ammonia, mix plaster with it in proper quantity, and it will become inodorous. And so of any other animal or vegetable manure which gives off ammonia.

"Great losses are sustained in stables, in cesspolls, in all animal and vegetable manures, by the escape of ammonia, which constitutes by far the richest part of all manures. Plaster of Paris may be most profitably employed in fixing this volatile and most valuable ingredient, to the great profit of the farmer and the public."

Andy Again. It is stated that arrangements are being made to give ex-President Johnson a reception upon his expected arrival in Washington, D. C., in a few days. A serenade will be tendered bim, in expectation that he will make a speech on the present condition of affairs. Mr. Johnson, it is said, will visit Washington for the clemency made by the court-martial before approving of the death of Mrs.

Couldn't Stand the People. A fellow once emigrated from Virginia to a certain county in Tennessee, but in less than a year moved back to his old bome. On being asked why he returned he replied that he couldn't stand the peoplethat they were the meanest folks he

A Bonsible Devise, We find the following in the Raleigh Nems!

A few years ago, a well-to-do gentleman in the western portion of our State died, leaving an estate valued at some five or six thousand dollars, and two children, both boys, and a provision in his will that his entire property was to be sold and converted into money, equally divided and placed to the credit of his sons, but his administrator was not to turn it over to them, which amounted to about twenty-five hundred dollars, until each of them could show a like amount. The boys, like sensible men, went to work with a will, instead of receiving their father's hard earned substance and squandering it. foolishly, to earn the required amount. They turned their attention to agricultural pursuits, but finding that a sure but slow business, disposed of their farm and concluded to turn tobacso peddlers which was more profitable. Purchasing a stock they started out, and with economy and perseverance one of the boys has realized his hopes, and passed through this city a few days ago en route home, with his twenty-five hundred in his pocket, to cover the portion left him by his father: He said that his other brother would follow him in a few days, as his present stock of tobacco would make up his quota. That old gentleman's head was level. and we would commend his example for other parents to follow in disposing of their property by "last will and testament."

Death of Barnum's Rhinoceros. From the Philadelphia Telegraph, September 30.1

Early yesterday afternoon Barnum's large rhinoceros gave signs of unusual excitement, and presently began a vigorous assault upon the iron bars of the cage, vainly endeavoring to break through. The struggles of the great brute drew a crowd of this substance, if it acted as a may around the cage, but when the woodwork began to succumb to the furious assaults of the enraged animal. its chemical action upon plants, or and it became evident that there was by entering into combination in the great danger of its escaping from its confinement, the feeling of curiosity gave way to that of fear and when the huge monster, with a terrific snort and powerful upward thrust atmosphere and in all soils to a limit- of its head, carried away the top ed extent-that it holds this most of the cage, ripping it off as though subtle and powerful manure in its it was thin gauze, the crowd became grasp, fixes it and gives it to the paralyzed with fear. Women and growth of plants as they require it, children shrieked in terror, and instead of allowing the ammonia to sought safety in flight, while strong pass away and remain unfixed and men stood speechless before the danger that threatened them. The struggles of the dying animal were fearful seem to me to fully establish the fact | to behold, but, fortunately, of short that this is the true explanation of the duration. As it was, the cage was torn and shattered so as to render it unfit for further use, and had the paroxysms continued a few moments louger, loss of human life might have resulted. The dead animal was the largest one of its species in the country, and cost nearly twenty thousand dollars. We did not learn the cause of his death, but understood that it died from a fit. The corpus will be sent to Smithsonian Institute for pre-

> [New York Journal of Commerce.] Manufacturers' Troubles-The Reduction of Wages.

A few manufacturers, especially those connected with the railroad interests, have been compelled to discharge a part of their hands. We do not expect that this necessity will be imposed on all manufacturers, though it must be confessed that many of them will have a hard time to pull through. The recent panic caught them with large contracts on their hands, full complements of workmen, high rates of wages to pay, and the eight-hour rule in operation in their establishments. They were working on very close margins for profit, and the least depression in trade made its injurious effects felt immediately .-They had no option but to reduce their expenses at once; and this they have done by the per-emptory discharge of a large proportion of the workmen. It is a cause of regret that so many men should be deprived of situations on the verge of cold weather, but it is not to be denied that the action of the men themselves has done more than anything else to make such a step indispensable. By their combinations and dictations they have raised the cost of productions enormously, put the prices of everything artificially high, and left the proprietors but little room for profit, and the moment the least financial disturbance occurs, many of these employers are obliged to fail, or turn most of their hands adrift. In the old days, when the interest of employers and employed were identical, the former would make almost any sacrifice sooner than part with their tried and trusty hands, and the latter, recognizing the community of interests, would work on at half wages, it necessary, during a season of depression in trade. But all this has been changed by the unions.

Mean Revenge. It is quite well that John Hanley, of Seekonk, Mass., should be locked up, as he is to be, for his is a miracle. purpose of answering the statement of a ferociously revengeful disposi-of Judge Advocate General Holt that tion. Five years ago he quarreled bers of Congress come to the relief he knew of the recommendation for with a neighbor named James Riley about a strip of land, the estates of the parties adjoining, and the affair went into the courts, Riley, meanwhile, being subjected to all sorts of abuse from Hanly, so that for the sake of peace he was fain to remove to Attleboro, where, by thrift, he soon acquired a snug little farm, with neat buildings and valuable stock. The irrepressible Hanly followed him, fired his barns, and burned his pigs, cow, hay and horse. During his trial ever saw. He would not live among | Hanley admitted that he had maimed | 20 BBLS. KEROSENE OIL, any people who spelled the word God, the name of the Almighty, with a little g, and the word cabbage with a capital K.

a colt and burned a cow belonging to a Mr. Lee, and evidently he is altogether too enterprising a man to be at large much.

THE FIRST PARRICIDE.

The Case of John Schildt, of Read-

ing, in 1812. Most people believe that the Walworth affair was the first case of parricide in this country, but the Reading, Pa., Eagle shows a previous case, happening as far back as 1812. We quote this from an interview with one of its old citizens, Mr. Phillippi:

Q. What do you know about the hanging of John Schildt? A. I know all about it. In 1812 John Schildt took an axe and first

killed his father by splitting open his head. He then killed his mother, who was baking bread, took out her bowels and filled her body with dough. The intestines and liver he threw into the fire in the bake oven, as he also did the dog after cutting off his legs with the axe. His wife took her children and ran off into a field, and hid in some brushwood about 100 yards from the house, and escaped with their lives. He searched for them, stood on the fence near where they were hid and looked around, but could not see them, although they could see him. He then set the barn on fire, the flames from which brought the neighbors together. who seeing what had been done, arrested John Schildt, brought him to Reading and put him in the old jail. Q. In what part of the county did

the Schildt family live? A. Among the mountains in Alsace township, about six miles from Reading and two and a half miles from Pricetown. John Schildt must have been about 36 years of age. I often saw him chained down to the floor in the old jail and lying on a chaff bag. He was a strong, powerful and cross-looking man. When any persons went in to see him he. would ask in a snappish manner, "Was bring eich haer?" His trial took place before Judge Porter, and on the last day of January, 1813, he was hung on the hill in the same spot that Susanna Coxe was. It was the coldest day that I ever experienced. It snowed so fast that you couldn't see the fences, and the town was full of sleighs. The snow was so deep that the boxes of some of the sleighs were lifted off the runners. I climed up into a ground oak tree to see the hanging. His body was buried on

the Schildt farm. O. Did John Schildt make any confession, and state why he killed

his parents? A. He said it was his mother's fault that he became bad; that when he was a boy she sent him out to steal linen from the neighbors whilst it was bleaching on the grass.

A Strange Adventure.

young lady belonging to the highest circles of society in Holland met recently with a mysterious adventure which has excited a good deal of speculation. Having occasion to go from Rotterdam to Utrecht, and being alone, she took a coupe for herself. The instant the train started a well-dressed gentleman, of distingue appearance, jumped into the coupe and seated himself opposite the young lady. After the expiration of a few minutes the intruder suddenly addressed his vis-a-vis with the words: Madamoiselle, I must ask vou a favor." "Me. sir." "Yes, and a very great favor at that." "But I do not know you." "Oh, never mind, it will not inconvenience you much, unless you should refuse, and then "-here he drew a pistol, carefully examined

it, and put it away again. "I am waiting for your answer." What could the young lady do? Pale with terror she promised to do anything he might ask. "Well," replied the intruder, pulling out a pocket handkerchief: "I shall tie this over your eyes. You must neither move nor cry out until I remove the handkerchief. That is all I desire of you." The young lady suffered herself to blinded. After an hour's painful silence, which seemed to her a contury, the frightened girl was permitted to remove the handerchief. But who can describe her amazement! Instead of a gentleman an elegantlydressed lady sat before her. "Ma-damoiselle," she said, in the most polite manner, "you have rendered me an invaluable service. I hope some day to be able to prove my gratitude. Will you promise not to mention this little incident before the expiration of six weeks?" "I promise, madame." "Thanks, a thousand thanks; you will not find me insensible of this kindness." Arrived at the next station, the guard opened the coupe, the stranger bowed and disappeared. In consequence of the excitement the young lady suffered for many weeks from a nervous affection, and was more than once despaired of by her physicians. Not until after the stipulated period did she relate the adventure of the coupe.

Doctors Differ.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean believes "that we must have relief from Congress before this panic will be over or trade thoroughly revives. Shams will aid nothing. The country is rich, but currency—the business lifeblood of the country—is deficient in quan-tity. Let the President and memat once. The President should lose no time in calling a special session of Congress. Permanent relief can only be had at the hands of our national legislature." Per contra, the New York Evening Post opposes a session of Congress, and believes it would be productive of more harm than

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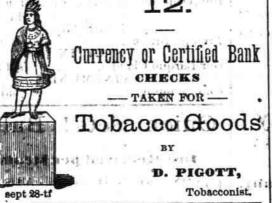
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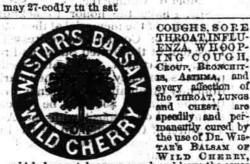
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