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THE CRADLES.

Lapped in the eider and wrapped in the silk, A cherub watching her beautiful rest, Carved from ivory, white as milk, The little princess lies in her nest!

And the upstretched wings hold the drift of That floats like a cloud round the flower-swee

While the jewelled ladies wave to and fro Great plumes that perfume the winds theyblow Folded in fleece and swinging aloft

In the rough rolled sheet of hemlock bark, The pioneer baby sleeps as soft. Though round her the forest frowns vast and

Where the axe rings clear and the birds sing

And the beast with a crash is leaping by And the shaft of sunshine comes and goes, And the wild bee fancies her cheek a rose,

Long, long ago, in the misty gleam Of that elder day where the ways divide, The little ancestress dreamed her dream By the spear-head's glow and the camp-fire's

side; While the blood of battle across the night Yet sang of the awful joys of fight, And, with all its dints of fray and field, One rocked her to sleep in her father's shield

Rhoda's Prisoner-

BY ROSALIE GRAY.

"I start to-morrow for Belleville." said Rhoda Clare to her aunt, upon "Are you going alone, child?" in-

quired her relative. not leave his business just now, to go let. with me, but he will put me on the cars and my friends, who are already in Beleville, will meet me at the depot. "I don't think it is safe," continued the old lady. "Just think, if you should be robbed, as I was, on that very road, last summer?"

"How was that?" asked Rhoda. "Well," replied her companion, "we were just approaching the tunnel, when a gentlemanly looking young man wearing spectacles, came up to me and inquired, 'Is this seat engaged, madam?' 'No,' I replied, and he immediately appropriated it. He was disposed to be rather chatty, and was quite interesting; but he left at the first station we in my pocket, I found that my pocketbook had left with him!"

"The strange young man had proved too fascinating for you," laughed Rhoda. "I defy any one to rob me so easily." Having just passed through the graduating course at school, and come off with flying colors, she felt equipped for any emergency which might present itself in the battle of life. "Don't be too sure," replied her

looking young man in spectacles, who wishes to share your seat in the cars.' Rhoda set forth with bright anticipations of a pleasant summer. Her ticket was bought, her trunk checked, and she was established in a seat, all to herself, with an interesting book in

aunt;" and beware of any gentlemanly

her hand, and her lunch in a satchel The whistle blew, and papa, giving her a hurried kiss, bade her good-bye;

and, for the first time in her life, she was traveling alone. For a while she watched the scenery, as the train whirled her rapidly along. Then she devoted herself to her book; but finally becoming tired of both, she yawned and wished for company, and even fancied that her aunt's fascinating young robber would be a rather agreeable diver-

"I should like to see him get my pocket-book," thought Rhoda. "If his hand were once in my pocket he would not escape so easily without an introduction to the police." And she closed her own little palm tightly, as though she already had the prize within her the Townsend family; and Nina imme-

While these thoughts were passing through the young lady's mind, the cars stopped, and several passengers came on board. Rhoda was conscious of a shadow falling near, and looking up, she beheld a vision which mantled her cheeks with a deep blush; a tall and rather elegant looking young man, with dark whiskers, and wearing spectacles, was respectfully touching his hat, and inquiring,

then he added, apologetically, "All the people could spend their time yawning reliable source than boarding-house gos- grandfather, get a cook stove with lingwith frozen snow, our friends in others seem to be occupied.'

your service, sir," and she proceeded to trian. remove her satchel.

"Allow me," said the stranger, and he elevated it to the bracket above.

Rhoda kept her eye upon her property, although expecting to see it and palm. His cultivation, his personal ap- ture. The sunshine had lent an addiher companion disappear together.

In spite of herself, our heroine beamusing anecdotes connected with

"But I must not forget that he is a volded him upon every possible occasion.

Willain," was her mental reservation, as she listened.—"Aunt Ann, said that he was entertaining. How funny," she continued, addressing her self, "that I should meet the same person. But then I suppose, he frequents this read."

She avoided him upon every possible occasion.

Meanwhile, this little episode, which he considered a good joke, had only served to amuse him; and the pet of society wondered, and was piqued, at the indifference of an unsophisticated.

The gentlemen took her joke good is a possible of disappointment, "All alike!"

"Certainly," replied Rhoda, demurely.—"How could I be the partner of either of you when I am already engaged for the first game of croquet?"

The gentlemen took her joke good suppose, he frequents this road. · Finally, they entered the tunnel.

I scarcely wonder," remarked the strange young man in spectacles, 'at the mistake of the old lady who, having entered the tunnel for the first time in her life, and having never heard of walk and drive, his devotion to her on its management of the had anything deeper at stake than the amusement of the hour.

His frequent invitations to her to walk and drive, his devotion to her on

that I am a young chit of a school-girl their comments. who can be easily imposed upon, but

he may find himself mistaken." linen polonaise, and immediately thrusting her hand into the pocket, imprisoned long halls, and had seated herself in a masculine hand, which she grasped the window, where the moon poured

tightly. thought Rhoda, "if I am not accustomed to traveling alone.'

They emerged from the tunnel, and own grotesque fashions as they were what was the chagrin of the young gently swayed by the light breeze. lady to discover that she was imprison-"I have found you at last," said a

of his own linen duster. "Oh! I-I beg your pardon!" stammered Rhoda, feeling very much like ner," replied Rhoda, "and then I could the culprit for whom she had mistaken not resist its beauty."

the stranger.

to be an interrogation point. Rhoda felt that, in justification to one she had to offer was the reverse of the summer is almost past."

complimentary.
"I thought," she began—"that is— "I thought," she began—"that is— up the picnic!" exclaimed her com-Aunt Ann said you were—I mean. I panion; "the last gayety of the season.

the truth began to dawn upon him, and | will not take 'no' fer an answer." whom she was making a farewell call. his eyes twinkled with a sense of the

ludicrous situation.

"And so I was to be brought to justice, I suppose, and delivered up to the police at the next station." And the hall intersected this one. dark eyes danced behind the spectacles with merriment.

"Do please forgive me!" replied very little."

"Well," was the laughing retort, "I'll forgive you for putting your hand | companion's eyes. in my pocket. Now see how much more merciful I am than you intended

But Rhoda was in no mood for laughter; she felt that she had disgraced herself; and every time the train stopped reached. After we had passed through she wished that her companion would pointed, however, for the cars were nearing her own destination, and the

stranger was still with her. "Beleville!" shouted the conductor, and the inexperienced little traveler was not a momenl to lose.

"I will bid you good-bye," she re-marked triumphantly. "Oh, don't be in a hurry," was the here, too.'

"Provoking!" thought Rhoda." Now I shall be constantly meeting him. I wish the summer was over."

Rhoda's friends were at the depot ready to smother her with kisses. "Did you have a pleasant journey?" asked Miss Townsend, as they were and now the drive through a lovely

Belleville boastf. "I was somewhat lonely," replied

"Duncan Rivers came on the train with you. He is quite a distinguished lawyer from Philadelphia, with any amount of wealth, which he inherited from an uncle. I wonder it you saw him. He is tall, with dark whiskers and wears spectacles."

"I was reading a good deal of the paid very little attention to the passen-

He friend wondered why the warm ing: blood mantled her cheeks. On their way to the dining room, Mr. Rivers came up and shook hands with

diately presented him to her "particu-

lar friend and schoolmate, Miss Clare." "Miss Clare's face is familiar," re-Were you not on the train this after-

dimpled cheeks, adding new brightness to an acceptance." And there was a to the dark violet eyes, and Nina won- malicious glance in the eyes of the dered if any masculine heart could re- speaker, who had so frequently been

beauty of that fair face. "Answers the description exactly," the magnificent scenery, with the noble haughtily away. soliloquized the young detective." Now old mountains frowning down upon give him the opportunity to pick my to them as it sparkled in the sunshine me for a pickpocket, and then places me, pocket, if he desires it. Perhaps he |-all these proved to have greater fas- to all appearance, in the position of a may not enjoy it so much in the end!" | cinations for the young people than the | humble suitor, waiting meekly for my Then she added, aloud, putting on a cosy old-fashioned hotel surrounded as look of stearness which set comically it was by great spreading trees, and upon her childlike face, "The seat is at looking so invitingly cool to the pedes-

> Although Belleville boasted of many eligible beaux just now, who had come she avoided him upon every possible bors, and then they exclaimed in a tone

young girl, just fresh from the school naturedly, and went off in quest of of Her Britannic Majesty's Navy, for his room. He carelessly resolved that she other partners.

His frequent invitations to her to she seemed such a shy little thing." it, supposed the Day of Judgment had the croquet ground, their tete-a-tetes over the chess-board, were soon noffced "He is trying to divert my attention" by the other occupants of the house, felt a certain unpleasant sensation in thought Rhoda. "Perhaps he imagines who, of course, did not fail to make the region of his heart, when Rhoda's

A pienic had been planned to the Falls, about twelve miles from the vil-Just then she felt a slight tug at her lage. On the previous evening Rhoda had wandered to the end of one ef the in a flood of silvery light, bringing out "Now I can triumph over Aunt Ann in a shadowy beauty the leaves of the grand old maple trees, which were reflected on the walls, dancing in their once more seated in his carriage, with

ing her companion's hand in the pocket | pleasant voice. "Why did you run away from us?"

"I accidently strayed into this cor-"It is charming!" said Mr. Rivers,

"You are very excusable," he re- seating himself, "I have come to ask as you left it." plied, gazing in wonder at her blush- you, Miss Rhoda, if I may have the ing countenance, while his face seemed pleasure of your company in my carto be an interrogation point. riage, to this picnic, to-morrow."

"I had half made up my mind not to herself, some explanation was neces-sary, but with a fresh sense of mortifi-old Miss Dennis, that I would spend a cation, she remembered that the only day with her before I leave, and now

"Oh, it will never do for you to give thought it was my pocket-and I mis- Give the old lady some other day and thing from me, Rhoda. I was uncontook you for a_____, go with me to-morrow. Come miss "Pickpocket?" asked the stranger, as Rhoda; you must say 'yes.' I think I go with me to-morrow. Come Miss "Well," was the reply, "I will think

about it." "Yes," answered Rhoda, desperately | Just then the pair become conscious | want two hearts." "Yes," was the reply. "Papa can- while her blushes deepened into scar- of a presence. There was a rustle of starched muslin, and they caught a but something in that earnest gaze put time) intensely hot, were hydrogen, glimpse of a figure as it glided past, a little in the distance, where another

How long had this presence been there? And how much of the conversation had been overheard? All of it, Rhoda, "I have never traveled alone or only the latter part? These were before, and I have been from home but the thoughts that passed through Rhoda's mind, and she glanced up and encountered the merry twinkle in her

> "There is the foundation for quite a romance; a lover, deeply in earnest, and an undecided young lady taking darling?" him into consideration," laughed Mr. Rivers, as they separated.

That he, Duncan Rivers, the spoiled pet of society, could be taken into conthe tunnel, and when I put my hand leave and that she might never see him sideration, that any young lady would again. She was doomed to be disap- not answer an immediate "yes," to a proposition of marriage emanating from him, had never entered that gentleman's head as one of the possibilities; therefore, he could afford to be amused in contemplation of the reports to sprang to her feet, fancying that there | which the conversation just related

might give rise.
The bright morning sun overturned Rhoda's self-sacrificing intentions, and charitably resolving to bestow upon old reply; "there is plenty of time. I stop | Miss Dennis the first rainy day should one occur before she left Belleville, she took her seat in Mr. River's comfortable little carriage. She was beginning and as soon as the paper is out the girls to recover from the shyness which she had always felt toward her companion, in consequence of the awkward mistake | the bell, and when told that they won't she had made when she first met him; driving to the one large hotel of which | country, surrounded by the most enchanting scenery, had an exhilarating effect upon her spirits, and her companion was charmed with the wit and freshness of her remarks, and wished that the tete-a-tete might last all day. It came to an end all too soon, and the entire party was established in the woods; some sitting in groups, some in twos, some taking solitary walks, per-Mr. Rivers had unconsciously fallen vertisement, and is invited in. She time," remarked Rhoda, evasively, "and into a brown study, from which he was says she can do any kind of cooking, rather rudely awakened by one of the party, who stepped up to him exclaim-

"I was to be the first to congratulate

"For what?" asked the gentleman, somewhat startled by the abruptness. "For being the lucky chap who has secured the prettiest girl in the company," was the reply. "At least, we marked the gentleman, roguishly. suppose you have secured her. We has arrived at last. She is all right up were told that she was taking you in to about seven in the evening, when If not, let us be content and take the close of the great exhibition of 1878. consideration; but as she drove with she is suddenly missed, and returns goods the gods provide, and take them, Again the roses depende on the soft, you to-day, we fancy that is equivalent about ten o'clock to say that she "just sist the innocence, and freshness, and eclipsed by the gifted young lawyer. ironing to read a dime novel, and at Australian cousins are seeeking a luxu-

and going to sleep. The shaded drives, sip," replied Mr. Rivers, as he turned silver plated knobs, and have an addi- Australia rattle along, amid dust and "Confound that little school girl!" he Aunt Ann shall be revenged; I will the river, which laughed back defiance mentally ejaculated. "She first takes

sentence." Just then a peal of laughter greeted his ears, and turning in the direction whence it proceeded, he beheld the "little school girl" surrounded by four of her companions, and Mr. Rivers was to rusticate for a few weeks, yet Dun- obliged to acknowledge to himself that can Rivers decidedly carried off the he had never before seen so lovely a picpearance, his polished manners, and tional flush to her cheeks, and was "He prefers pocket-books," was her his politeness to all and devotion to playing be peep through the leaves mental comment; "I'll be on my none, served to rivet the thoughts of with her soft brown hair, from which the young ladies upon him rather than her hat had partially fallen; her beauupon those whose particular attentions | tiful eyes sparkled with mischief, and a came interested in the conversation of were bestowed more indiscriminately. merry laugh parted her rosy lips. In he stranger. He was so perfectly ac- All but Rhoda. The recollection of the her fingers she held four blades of grass quainted with the road and pointed out particular compliment, with which she with one end concealed in her dimpled all the objects of interests, telling had favored him in the car, served to hand. Each gentleman eagerly drew, render her shy towards him now, and and compared lengths with his neigh- isn't three days before she bakes the

"That little coquette!" mentally ejaculated Mr. Rivers. "I never noticed before that she was so much admired

But this gentleman was doomed to make several discoveries in the course of the day, one of which was that he the region of his heart, when Rhoda's smiles were showered too indiscriminately among her admirers, and that his own attentions, hitherto carelessly bestowed had a deeper meaning than he was himself conscious of. He noticed that his courtesies were now accepted or declined with the same saucy indifference which greeted her other adorers. He wearied of the day and rejoiced when he found himself Rhoda beside him, their faces turned homeward.

"Well," said Rhoda, "this is the last picnic of the season! I shall be half sorry to return to the city and settle down to propriety once more."

"That will not require much exerertion," remarked her friend, mischievously, "if you can return to it as easily "What do you mean!" demanded

Rhoda, half angrily. "Have you forgotten that you attempted to pick my pocket on the jour-

ney?" "Oh!" laughed Rhoda. "It was you who were trying to rob me, only by some legerdemain you managed to get both hands into your own pocket before you emerged into the light."

"But' you really did steal somescious of it at the time, but I have discovered my loss since.—Give me an equivalent for it, and I will promise not to make the theft public." Then he added, more seriously, "You cannot

A saucy reply rose to Rhoda's lips, the vapors in that star thus (for the

"I don't think you have been any more honest than I," she faltered. " have missed—— But the rest of the sentence was lost

as her lips were smothered with klases. "Then you do love me, Rhoda, after all? I thought you were indifferent." "And I thought that, after you had stolen my heart, you had merely played with it for awhile, and then thrown it

"When did you begin to care for me,

"I believe it was when I found my hand in your pocket, although I wished then that I might never see you again." A few days more ended Rhoda's visit to Belleville; but she did not return

home alone. Mr. Rivers declared it would be necessary for him to accompany her, to prevent her from making arrests on the cars! He said that she had taken him prisoner at their first meeting, and had held him in chains ever since.

Girl Wanted.

Yes, I want another-"A tidy girl to do housework in a small family-good wages and a good home." That's the way my advertisements always reads, commence coming. Tidy girls from ten to sixty-five years old come pulling suit they put on such a look of contempt for the door, the door plate, the front gate and the entire institution, that the world seems three degrees hotter than before.

I always engage the girl. This is because of an idea of mine that I can read human nature, and because I do not fear to tell them in plain English what is expected of them. After the door bell has been pulled about five times, the right looking sort of girl makes her andice at the best, giving us perhaps skat- land. haps in quest of congenial company. appearance. She says she saw the adloves to wash, is fond of children, can never sleep after five o'clock in the morning, never goes out evenings, does not know a young man in Detroit, and she'd be willing to work for low wages

for the sake of getting a good home. She is told to drop her bundle, lay off her things and go to work, and a great burden rolls off my mind as I congratulate myself that the prize-medal girl dropped out" to get a postage stamp. The next day she begins to scatter the ing a big, red-headed butcher walks in, crosses his legs over the kitchen table, and proceeds to court Sarah. She does then we secure another.

This one is right from New Hampshire, and doesn't know a soul in Michigan, and yet she hasn't finished the dinner dishes before a crossed-eyed young man rings the bell and says he'd catch every breeze, and ice is appreci- proportion of working costs has inlike to see Hannah for a moment. After ated as an article for in-door, not for creased until in 1874 it cost £55 to earn seeing him, Hannah concludes not to out-door use. stay, as we are so far from St. John's church, and as we don't appear to be in a general way, know the difference religious people.

herself as being "just like their own us! mother" to the children, and isn't in the house half a day before she draws Small Pica over her knee and gives him a regular old Canadian waltz.

The next one has five recommendations as a neat and tidy girl, and yet it shoe brush with the beef, washes her hands in the soup tureen, or drops hairpins into the pudding.

-The French Geographical Society has awarded the great gold medal of the society, to Commander V. L. Cameron, explorations in Africa.

A new star has appeared in the constellation Cygnus (the Swan). On the evening of Nov. 24th, Professor Schmidt director of the Athens Observatory, noticed there a star of the third magnitude. Not only was no star of that brightness there before, or any star visible to the naked eye, but it was found when catalogues and charts came to be examined, that no star had ever been for a \$20,000 picture. noted there, even in lists meant to include all stars down to the tenth magnitude. For instance, Argelander has made such a list, and charts from it showing no less than 324,000 stars,that is, a hundred times as many as we can see on the darkest and clearest night yet his list showed no star where the new one had appeared. Astronomers do not, however, suppose the new star being seen for the first time. They know that when last a new star appeared in this way it was found to be one of Arga!ander's army of 324,000 stars, and watching that star (which had appeared in the constellation of the Northern crown in May, 1866), they found that though it faded gradually out of sight to ordi nary vision, the telescope could still follow it, until it had sunk to the tenth magnitude, at which degree of luster it remained and still remains. No doubt if we had had full lists of all stars down to the fifteenth or perhaps the twentieth magnitude, we should have found that the new star in Cygnus was simply an old faint star which had brightened up suddenly, and remained for a time as one among the stars adorning our skies.

Examined with an instrument called the spectroscope the new star gave a very strange account of itself. It was found to be emitting the same sort of light as other stars; but besides that light, it emitted such light as comes from intensely heated vapors. Among the vapors of the metals sodium and He has done a good deal for them, and magnesium, and a vapor known to be present in enormous quantities in our sun's outer atmosphere, as seen during times of total eclipse. All these vapors surround our sun; and it is very probable that if anything caused our sun to blaze out with greatly increased light and heat, folks living on a world circling round some other sun would find the same peculiarities in our sun's light as we have found in the light of the new star in the Swan. What caused that star to blaze out in that strange way, we do not know. We should like to know, because we might then determine whether the cause which had so disturbed that sun might not be one from which our own sun may one day suffer. Whatever the cause was, its effects did not last very long. In a week the new star had sunk to the fifth | to say anything, magnitude, in another week to the sixth, in yet another to the seventh, since which time (December 15th) it has very slowly diminished, and is still (January 5th) above the eighth magnitude. But although the unusual light and heat of that remote sun faded thus quickly away, yet if inhabited worlds circled around that sun, the cooling of their sun must have come far too late to save those creatures' lives. If our sun were to shine even but for twenty-four hours with several hundred times its usual heat, it is certain that every creature on the earth would be destroyed, and when the sun returned to its usual luster it would shine single living creature was left .- St. be imported from other States.

Holiday Scenes in Australia.

With us and with European Christians Chrismas is the great winter holiing and sleighing, but sometimes, in the perversity of weather's whims, giving us slosh and mire. It is rather a season in all parts of in door festivity. If we rebel at this state of affairs, we may perhaps be consoled by our pictures of Christmas in Australia. Are we willing to exchange our Christmas, with all its disadvantages, our ice and snow, our cosy, warm rooms, and hearty, vigorous frames, well toned by exercise, for the heat and the lassitudes, the exhaustion and utter pall of all things that are the | don. It is very probable that work attendants of a fierce midsummer's sun?

with thankfulness not murmuring, An Australian Christmas falls in the summer. While our boys are amusing teaspoons in the back yard, stops her themselves with sleds and skates, their "Save your congratulations until you supper time wants to know if I cannot rious swim or bath in the river or sea; ably received in fees, retainers and "Is this seat engaged, Miss?" And Belleville was not a place in which receive your information from a more send the children off to live with their whilewedrive overroads crisp and spark- presents, \$43,700. tion built on to the kitchen. That even- heat, to reach their host's house, overheated and overdone; or, if not blessed with a drag, and fortune always acting as a drag on him, our friend at the antipodes not last but a day or two longer, and has to walk, how vigorously he uses his handkerchief to mop or fan!

No wintry landscape greets the eye. It is dog-days. There is no fear there of every breath of heaven's air. The the railway companies of Great Britain doors are wide, and windows open, to £48 was expended. Year after year the

of climate, how strange the result is The next one especially recommends when picturesquely brought home to

But the heart is not affected by travel, and the great day of home rejoicing is celebrated in far-off Australia as with us; with joy among the children-more sober but deeper, in the aged. In the cottage of the herdsmen, in the miner's camp, as in the cities that have sprung up and grown so wonderfully, it is still Christmas; the churches thronged and decorated; greeting from friendly lips; wishes in which we join the wide world \$3,000; Judges of inferior courts and all the coming year.

CELERY is good for the nerves, but a fect after the next general county elecgood salary is better.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-The French smoked six hundred tons of cigarettes during 1876. -Arkansas has more newspapers in proportion to population than any other State in the Union.

-Ex Gov. Hanford, the California millionaire, has given Bierstadt an order

-Marriages solemnized in Pennsyl-

vania on the Sabbath are not legal. So says a law enacted in that State in 1777. -John Brougham has written over one hundred acting plays, none of which could be called literary or theatrical

-The wife of Dom Pedro is the first empress who has trod the streets of is really new, except in the sense of Jerusalem since the days of Queen

-The Secretary of War has ordered home the troops now stationed at Alaska. The cost of the post has been \$50,000 per year.

-In the year 1798 the national debt of France was held by 23,971 citizens; in 1875 the public fund-holders increased in number to 4,380,933. -The Augustine convent at Witten-

berg, in which Luther lived when a monk, and which was afterward given to him and his wife, is now to be used as a Lutheran Museum. -A Holly Tree Inn has been started at

Chester, Pa., and one is soon to be opened at Titusville, Pa. The Holly Tree Inn is intended to popularize hot coffee instead of hot whisky. -Charles Fairbanks of London, Eng-

land, a member of the Vermont family of that name, has given \$15,000 to finish a new hall for women students at Drury College, at Springfield, Mo. -Col. Moore, Cincinnati's new mayor, is popular with the news-boys.

they celebrated his election by a torchlight procession and serenade. -The son of Charles Dickens will not allow a monument to be placed over his father's grave, as proposed, because the novelist's will requested that

nothing of the kind should ever be per--The Post Office Department reports that during the past three months there have been 132 detections and arrests for mail robberies, embracing

officials in nearly all grades in the pos--A bill to allow a husband and wife to testify against each other has been killed in the Indiana Legislature. It was feared that it legal permission was given nobody else would have a chance

George Eliot and her husband Mr Lewes, are going to give up their Lon don house and reside altogether in Surrey, in which county they have purchased a house which formerly belonged

to Sir Henry Cole. -The King of Holland has offered to M. Krantz, Commissary-General of the Paris Exhibition of 1878, 40,000 tulip roots, which will be taken care of at the expense of the King. The offer has been gratefully accepted.

-The people of Virginia, it is estimated, drink annually 2,325,000 gallons of ardent spirits. Of this 310,000 gallons are produced in the State, leaving on a system of worlds on which not a 2,625,000 gallons of the consumption to -It is shown that the British Post-

office Department carries thirty-two letters per annum for every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom, or, in detail, 35 each in England and day. In the north it is a winter of snow | Wales, 17 in Scotland, and 13 in Ire--Since the accession of Queen Victo-

> ria to the British throne, forty years ago, it is calculated that eighteen members of the royal family, including the Queen's uncles and cousins, have cost the nation £20,217,000 or about \$101,--The Municipal Council of Paris is considering the project of a great system of metropolitan railways to connect

will be begun on this shortly after the -Fred Archer, the leading jockey on the English turf, is only 18, but during the racing season of 1876 he rode no less than 657 times, and won 217 races—a feat never before accomplished by any horseman on the turf. He prob-

all the quarters of the town as in Lon-

-An immense meteor, weighing untold tons, alighted sometime since in Nevada Valley; and, as they assay everything out there, this was taken in hand by a chemist, who demonstrated that this windfall from the heavens was a real bonanza, yielding \$387 in silver

and \$42 in gold per ton. -In 1870 for every £100 received by £100. In 1875 matters were so far im-It is a picture to study, for though all, proved that it cost only \$54 and last year only a trifle over £50.

-One of the foremost champions of women's rights in England is about to condescend to matrimony. Miss Lilian Ashworth, John Bright's niece, who has been held up as an example of rigid celibacy, is soon to marry Prof. Hallett, of Bristol. The lady is said to be rich, handsome, and remarkably intelligent.

-A bill has been passed by the Legislature of Tennessee to reduce the salary round for peace, health and plenty in special Judges from \$2,500 to \$2,000.

The bill, after it receives the promised signature of the Governor, goes into ef-