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DAVID GREY'S ESTATE.

Over his forge bent David Grey, And thought of the rich man 'cross the "Hammer and anvil for me," he said, "And weary toil for the children's bread. "For him, soft carpets and pictured walls, A life of ease in his spacious halls." The clang of bells on his dreaming broke ; A flicker of flame, a whirl of smoke. Or in travis, forge grown white-hot, Coat and hat were alike forgot, As up the highway, the blacksmith ran, In face and mien like a crazy man. "Schoolhouse afire!" Men's hearts stood still, And the women prayed as the women will. While 'bove the turnult the wailing cry Of frightened children rose shrill and high. Night in its sh ows hid sun and earth ; The rich may sat by his costly hearth. for wide scree and mitold gold, But wifeless, childless, forlorn and old. He thought of the family 'cross the way; "I would, he sighed, "I were David Grey. The blacksmith knelt at his children's bed To look once more at each shining head. "My darlings all safe! O God," he cried, "My sin in Thy boundless mercy hide ! "Only to-day have I learned how great

Hidden Treasures

Hath been Thy bounty and my estate."

Badly as the streets of Paris were lighted at the close of the reign of Louis XV., the art of illuminating ball rooms was as well understood then as it is in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The guests who flocked to the receptions of M. de Bocher, after passing through streets in which a few flickering oil lamps scarcely succeeded in making darkness visible, found themselves in the centre of floods of dazzling light, and surrounded by all that

pleasure-loving city of Paris. Times had much altered since the days of the Grand Monarque, and the hard and fast lines of society, then so rigidly observed, were now well nigh obliterated. A precursor of the great Revolution which was hereafter to

was bright, fashionable, and gay in the

him. Here he found two men, both in Paris, discovered a poor man whom armed, and with their faces concealed they had supposed to be a beggar. by masks. The poor man was in an "Sixty thousand louis," said the aucagony of terror, believing that his last tioneer, "sixty thousand louis are bid, hour had come, but was somewhat re- and this fine property is going for only assured by the gestures of his compan- sixty thousand louis !" ions, who, fearful of trusting their voi- The steward added five thousan ces, made signs to him to make some louis, and the offer was at once capped mortar of the lime which was lying on by the mendicant who bid seventy the floor. A hole in the wall disclosed thousand louis. Thus the war was a recess, and the two men raising with carried on until one hundred thousand difficulty a weighty strong box, placed louis were offered, and people were it in the interior, and made signs to him aghast at this extraordinary duel beto build up the wall afresh. Bocher, tween the steward of the wealthy Duke seeing that nothing was required of and a miserable looking beggar. him but the legitimate exercise of his "One-hundred-and-ten-thousand craft, quickly recovered his self-pos- -louis," slowly, but with emphasis, session, and guessing that the proprie-tors of the treasure were obliged to look at his ragged opponent. Bocher quit the country, and had hit upon this hesitated, for although he well rememdevice for concealing it until better times should dawn upon them, the no-was doubtful whether it contained so tion of appropriating it to his own use large a sum as this, and he was well flashed like lightnining across his aware that the penalty for nonpayment brain. was the Chatelet prison for life with all When he concluded his work, as if wish its horrors. There was not much time ing to give a last polish to its complefor reflection, for already the "going, tion, he placed his hand, thickly c ovgoing" of the auctioneer was sounding ered with mortar, on the new wall, and in his ears. thus left the distinct impression of his "One hundred and twenty thousand five fingers on the hiding place of the louis !" he shouted, and "One hundred treasure deposit. The promised fiveand twenty thousand louis are bid," reand-twenty louis were then faithfully peated the auctioneer, amidst a breathcounted out into his hand, his eyes were less silence. This time there was no again bandaged, and he was re-conducadvance on the bidding, and after waitted to the carriage, which after following the stipulated time, the property ing the same course of deception for was knocked down to Bocher, and the three long hours, at last deposited him discomfited steward of the Duke quitin the same street as that in which the ted the field of battle, revenging himman in the trown cloak had found him. self with a bitter jest as he passed his From that day forth Bocher abanconqueror. doned the use of the hammer and trow-Bocher, with the penalty of non-pay-

eyes still bandaged, into a kind of cel- ing round to look at the man who had

lar, where his eyesight was restored to the audacity to outbid the richest man

el, and passed his time in wandering. ment of the enormous purchase money about Paris inspecting the houses adstaring him in the face, handed over vertised to be sold, directing his attenthe required sum within twenty-four thing." tion especially to the cellars and lower hours, receiving in return the necesregions of the buildings, seeking everysary title-deeds. where, but without success the im-The mason became a dealer in mo-

print of his hand which would point the way to unlimited wealth. In the mense fortune and a patent of nobility pursuit of this phantom, not only the to his son. Not contented with the house in Patwenty-five louis but all the little sa-

vings of his hard work rapidly melted ris which had satisfied his father's asaway, and misery and hunger began to pirations, the son built himself a splen- just as well talk of taxing Butterwick's knock loudly at the mason's door. One did chateau at Montigny, where he had twins." after another he sold the pretty articles the honor of entertaining amongst other "Butter-

Horrors of Taxation.

originated, to his soldierly couch, doubt-Mr. Shngsby, our Assesssor and Tax less aroused him from his reverie or lar enjoying a fragrant Hayana. My Collector, holds on. He is another model member of the civil force. The principal characteristic of Mr. Slingsby committee are of the opinion that Hines, is enthusiasm. He has an idea now in his zeal to fight the fire and save that whenever a man gets anything new he is always on hand to perform the serand blanket. vice. I had about fifteen feet added to one of my chimneys last spring, and when it was done Slingsby called and assessed it under the head of "improved real estate," and collected two per cent. tions appear in their report, but through on it. A few days later, while I was some misapprehension a gratuitous issue standing by the fence, slingsby came up of trousers and blanket was made to and said :

"Beautiful dog you have there." "Yes; it's a setter."

"Indeel' a setter? "fax on setters is \$5., I'll collect it now which I have it ou my mind." I settled the obligation, and the next day Slingsby came round again. He

opened the conversation with the remark :

that your terrier had pups."

imes two is eight-yes, \$8 tax, please. Baldwin's, and I want to ketch old Baldclothing is now settled, and while Hines win before he goes out. By the way, may be indifferent to the trouble he has when did you put that weather-cock on given captains, colonels, major generals, your new stable ?"

a Secretary of War, and a Congressional committee, he can content himself with "You don't say! Well, hold on, then. Four times two is eight, and four-on the weathercock, you know-is twelve.

Twelve dollars is the exact amount." In conclusion, your committee desire "What do you mean by \$4 tax on a weathercock? 1 never heard of such a

ous, containing no less than seven dis-"Didn't hey? Why, she comes in under the head of scientific apparatus. | tinct indorsements, commencing with She's put up there totell which way the a captain and concluding with the nopolies, and finished by leaving an im- wind blows, ain't she? Well that's Secretary of War, who, in a communication to the Speaker of the House of scientific intelligence, and the appara-

tus is liable to a tax." "Mr. Slingsby this is the most absurd thing I ever heard tell of. You might words, "requests the sanction of Con-

NEWS IN BRIEF.

I was sitting comfortably in the par--The Zanzibar slave trade is reported to be largely on the increase, the with-drawal of cruisers having left 2,000 miles of coast unwatched.

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-During the month of July twentysix foreign steamers arrived at Bos which is the largest number that ever arrived there in one month.

-The new census gives the population of Auckland, New Zealand, and suburbs as 24,442, an increase of 5,640 during the past lour years.

-A newly discovered copper mine in South Mountain, near Monterey, Pa, is said to contain the richest copper ore yet discovered in the State.

June 30, the Jersey City police made 1,503 arrests. The sumber of ioligers at the various police stations was 2,677. —In the Royal Library at Paris there is a. Chinese chart mode 600 B. C. on which 1,400 stars are correctly located. There is also a map of China made 1000 B. C.

-Since the first of January there has been shipped from Boston live stock amounting to 29,205 head, including 19,448 head of cattle, 4,983 sheep, 4,572 hogs and 202 horses.

-An interesting musical event oc-curred in London recently, being a re-vival by the Gluck Society of Purcell's "Dido and Æuess," which has not been performed since 1675.

-A bread-fruit tree is now acclimated and in bearing condition at Sacramento, Cal. The fruit is pear shaped, four inches long and three in diameter, and has a cantaloupe flavor.

-According to estimates, the cotton crop of the present year will be 4,700,-000 bales—the largest since to war. In 1859-60 the crop amounted t. 4,861,000 bales; 1870-71, 4,337,000 bales; 1875-76, 4,732,000 bales; 1876-77, 4,474,000 bales.

-The Prefecture of the Seine has just terminated a census of the house prop-erty in Paris. The total number of buildings is 75,526, and the rental \$117,-128,120, of which \$50.744,450 is derived

-General Roger de Trobriand, who was in command at New Orleans in January, 1874, when the troops entered the Hall of the Louisiana House of Representatives, has asked to be placed on the retired list of the army on account of his age.

-Mr. MacKenzie, the Premier of the Dominion of Canada, has been conferring with the Governor-General at Que-

"Billy Jones told me at the grocery habilitate him. "Yes." the scene. How he disported himself "A large litter ?" in his new trousers nowhere appears. "Four." Unconsciously he had performed a great "Indeed! Less see; tax is \$2; four service to the army and the country by causing an authoritative decision on a And hurry up, too, if you can, for they have a new batch of kittens over at The question of a gratuitous issue of

"Yesterday."

the reflection that he has neither worn nor lost his trousers in vain.

> to call attention to the fact that they have devoted much time and thought to this case. The papers are volumin-

> > Representatives, asks for the relief of Hines, or to use his own well chosen gress for the issues of said clothing to

said Hines." This communication is marked

from the top of the tent, where they

sleep; and, while the evidence is not wife had gone out for the day, and entirely satisfactory on this point, your therefore I was enjoying the aforesaid prescribed luxury.

I had just brought myself to believe, Government property, lost both trousers that the Silver bill was a financial success, and was just about to tackle Tal-With this view of the case your commage's views of Hell and Chicago, mittee accept the finding of the Board when I heard a timid tap at the door. of Survey, and discharge him from re-Thinking it was one of my wife's sponsibility. No specific recommendalady friends come to make a call, I answered with all possible haste.

The Bubber-Stamp Fiend.

It was not one of my wife's lady friends.

him. As events proved, this was a fatal It was a tall, angular man, of about mistake. His commanding officer, mis-40 summers, and more winters. He construing a mere suggestion, and perwas attized in- a tight-fitting cutsway haps unwilling that Hines should appear before the people of Alken brouserless, or concluding that the out at the elbows. He wore a Thirteenth Century hat of that class commonly known as a stove-pipe." His pants very muchly bellled at the bottoms, honor and dignity of the United States were much too short for him, disclosing would be put in jeopardy by his appearvery advantageously to view a No. 12 ing on duty in a pair "damaged to their full value." made proper haste to regaiter. His coat was buttoned up to the

chin, leaving a casual observer very much in doubt as to whether he had on From this time Hines vanishes from a collar,-or shirt, for that matter. He was daubed from head to foot with bright carmine ink.

"Good morning, sir," he said in silvery tones. [It was five o'clock in the matter that had been involved in doubt. afternoon. | " Nice day.!"

Good afternoon, sir," I answered in forbidding tones. I have a scientific invention here that

would like to show you,"-fumbling in his pockets. "Don't want to see it !"-foreibly.

He pulled from one pocket a flat piece of something covered with the same brilliant color that bedecked his

person. From another he pulled a little handstamp. "Benjamin Franklin may have had his kite ; Darius Green may have had his

flying machine; George Washington from trades, and \$66,382,420 from habimay have had his little hatchet; but the tations. man who invented this had his little Patent electric Uncombustive Oriental

Rubber Handstamp." Then he began. He stamped it on the new wall-paper; on one of the copies of Hogarth which had cost me \$27.26

(and I got it cheap), completely ruining one of the Hudibras plates. "Nice thing for marking books. Marks linen better than every thing ever before invented. Then he stamped it on my shirt-front.

overthrow the state, was to be found in the invasion of the saloons of the nobility by financiers and capitalists, who were received with open arms by those who wished either to borrow money from then, or to recruit their shattered fortanes by alliances with the moneybags of the period. Nor was this all, for the poets and writers of the day, anxious to secure the support of wellthese reunions, which they enlivened with their geniality and wit.

Monsieur de Bocher could lay but little real claim to the patrician prefix which he had for some years added to his otherwise plebelan name. But he held a quasi official appointment, which, although outside the Cabinet, gave him almost the dignity of a ministhe Duc de Cairoux, in the immediate vicinity of his own dwelling. He reter, while his well-known wealth and splendid entertainments attracted the collected the story of the sudden disapbest society in Paris. He was, moreover, a man of wit and learning, and as he possessed the somewhat rare faculty of playing the host to perfection, had an excellent cook and a cellar of first-class wine, his mansion in the Faubourg St. Germain was one of the most popular in Paris. Dukes and, peers, ambassadors and foreigners of distinction, the simple gentleman, the poet, the literary man, the barrister, and the capitalist, all found here a common ground for the display of their various talents. Fools were rare, for they soon found that the climate was not congenial, and the conversation was not only remarkable for its piquancy, but its intellectual character. Each guest, after nied the strange visitor during his surpaying his respects to Madame de Bocher, mixed at once in the throng, and lackey was scarcely more courteous was soon busied in discussing the last than the porter, and scornfully exhibnews of the day, or deep in the quesited the rich furniture, pictures, and tion which agitated Paris. Marmontel priceless china which adorned the and Diderot, La Harpe and Helvetius, apartments, to his humble companion. seldom missed a reception, but here, as But these were not what Bocher had indeed throughout Paris, Voltaire was come to see, and at last he induced the the presiding genius. It was a hopeman to show him the cellars. Whilst less struggle for any young author to the footman was descanting upon the attempt to hold his own against so quantity and quality of the wines round powerful a clique. Voltaire denounced them, Bocher was anxiously scrutinihim before his face; Diderst caricazing all the walls, in hopes of finding tured him at the Cafe Procope; he was that print on the mortar which was to jeered and laughed at everywhere, and open to him the door to untold wealth. ended by submitting to his tormentors. It was all in vain, and deaf to the man's The result of such a censorship was insolence, Bocher was on the point of not difficult to foresee; and in a short time no literary effort which did not contain at least a covert attack upon religion, in accordance with the prinhe had visited on that eventful evening. ciples of the fashionable philosophy, when he suddenly perceived a small had a chance of success. Let us now tell the story of M. de Bocher's acquisition of wealth.

His origin indeed was of the lowest, for his father was but a working mason mason at once showing him that the in the days of the Grand Monarque. mortar in one part of the wall was One evening, as the father was returning home with his work basket on his shoulder and trowel in hand, a man wrapped in a long brown cloak, and closely followed by a carriage without any armorial bearings or ciphers, tapped him on the shoulder and asked him whether he would like to earn five-andtwenty louis. The mason eagerly ac-

there was no doubt about it-there were the marks of the five fingers, plain and bees on board of two barges, drawn by others have attempted to account for a steam tug, and the next is now in the dangerous habit of soldiers carrying another, and occasionally retiring a few tion from fatigue. The latter effect "At last, at last !" he murmured to distinct. himself, and to make assurance doubly matches in their trousers pockets. sure, he traced out each of the impresnorth, gathering sweets by the way, Both of these theories, although sions with a trembling hand. There and halting for more systematic business every fifty miles, at which rate it plausible, are rejected by your comquiesced, and having entered the carcould be no doubt whatever about it. will arrive at the head waters of the mittee; and after patient investigation riage, his eyes were bandaged, and the At last his long search was ended. Mississippi about the 4th of July next they are of the opinion that the fire horses started off at a great rate. For Eight days afterwards the property when the clover fields of Minnesota are originated in some unaccountable manseveral hours the carriage was driven rapidly about the streets of Paris, with was to be sold by auction, and numbers in bloom. This is a fine idea. All it ner. If, as is altogether probable, Hines obvious the intention of making the of the aristocracy of Paris sent their costs is an outfit and running expenses. | was recumbent in his tent, the concluoccupant lose all trace of the route he stewards to bid for it. It was put up at the danger is forgotten. There are no rents, no tolls, no taxes sion is almost frresistible that he had had traversed, and when the object had fifty thousand louis d'or, and two thoutrousers on the convenient and useful has this year ordered 50,000 dozen of effects, but on the contrary, when used 5 380 other precious stones, is valued at has this year ordered 50,000 dozen of with moderation, prolongs life. and no gas bills; but only the hum of disrobed and placed his blouse and accomplished, the carriage stopped sand louis were at once added by the mansion. Bocher was then desired to "Sixty thousand louis," said a voice bees, the fragrance of flowers, and cash cracker-box; the progress of the fiames American hay rakes. · plight, and was at once conducted, his from a corner, and the audience turn- receipts when the cargo is full.

of furniture which had embellished his important personages, Lohis XV. and humble home, to procure the bread M. de Voltaire. The chateau was which was necessary to sustain life, and built on a hill, and puffed up with the pale and in rags he wandered about vanity of his riches, M. de Bocher had dollars a piece. I'll go right down there. | lay there has been in this matter the Paris, reading every new announce- the presumption to surpass the great Glad you mentioned it." Then I paid blame does not attach to them. ment of vacant houses, and became a work of Louis XIV. at Versailles, by him, and he left with Butterwick's nuisance to the porters intrusted with bringing the water from a greater dis- twins on his old memorandum book. the care of showing them. tance and throwing it to a greater ele-

Two years thus passed away-two vation. He had a theatre attached to long years, occupied day by day in the chateau, and lived the life of most in dreaming that it was found. He was things quite unknown in Paris. His returning home one evening, sad and museum of natural history, his collecdispirited, with the proceeds of the sale tion of pictures by the old masters, his

of the bed upon which his mother had stud of horses, were all unrivalled, and died, and which had been one of the moreover he had the luck to enjoy his very last articles of furniture he pos- good fortune to the last, for he died on sessed, when his eye was caught by a the eve of the great Revolution, leaving large posting-bill announcing the sale two sons behind him to enjoy his mysof a magnificent mansion belonging to teriously acquired wealth.

Thousands of Hawks. A very curious phenomenon occurred pearance of the Duke, and on reading in this vicinity during the last week in the bill, found that the property was September, 1877, says the Callaway sold under a legal decree, which con- county (Mo.) Gazette: We heard several stituted the heirs proprietors with a persons mention it at the time, but took power of sale. A last hope crossed poor pains to inquire particularly concerning Bocher's mind, and he at once proceed- it before venturing upon its publication. ed to the house, and knocked hastily at A number of reliable persons who the door. It was almost dark, and no witnessed the sight will give the same one paid any attention to his eager sum- facts. Near Middle river, about sixteen mons. After a sleepless night he again miles south of Fulton, thousand of large made his appearonce at the portal of hawks were seen circling just above the Duke's mansion, but although it the trees. After they reached the creek was now opened, another difficulty pre- near A. T. Williams' farm, large numsented itself, for the porter hesitated to bers of them lit in the trees and collected admit a man so ragged and dirty as the close together. Parties with shot guns South, who spoke and labored for the poor mason had become. At length, went in among them and shot a number; however, he agreed to do so upon the but the hawks seemed tired and deterunderstanding that a servant accompa-mined to rest, and the firing failed to of the presence of Federal troops in the United States, and one woollen blanket

vey of the premises. The powdered to flight. Those that did fly soon settled down again. After resting about three hours they rose again, forming great circles, the circles often interlacing each other, and pursued their way to- without committing themselves upon ward the south. The specimens killed this disputed point your committee find and examined showed that they were not quite so large as hen-hawks, and they were not prairie-hawks. Mr. R W. Main, who witnessed this extraordinary sight, says that they were "quailhawks," and that as the qualls have out looking for birds, tell us that they ate vicinity of the hawks, but they re- value," amounting to \$8.65 had vanished like its predecessors, and fused to fly, and ran as if in terror, to

that this could not have been the house the thickest part of the brush. That there was an immense number of hawks is shown by the fact that no one could see them all at once, though cellar situated in an angle of the wall, they were flying very high; and by the which had hitherto escaped observa- fact that they were seen at about the tion. He turned back and examined it same hour by persons eight and ten closely, his technical knowledge as a miles spart.

A Honey Boat.

The latest Yankee industry is a floating apiary, with which a Chicago man

much fresher than elsewhere. He ap-

proached the spot, and there-yes,

that Butterwick has twins? Why, cer- and made a part of this report. tainly, they are taxable. They come It is in no vain-glorious spirit that under the head of "poll tax." Three your committee state that whatever de-Private Hines' Trousers and Blanket.

McCook, of the Committee on Military they feel that mey are discharged from The ston to UT T. TPTLA Affairs:

The Committee on Military Affairs, 4007) for the relief of Private William system of checks and guards thrown "No, sir!" Hines, Company F. Eighteenth United around the issuing of Government States Infantry, having had the same property. The thoughtless may call it of cutlery, guns, and all implements of under consideration, submit the follow- "red tape," or circumlocution, but withing report:

The evidence is conclusive that Hines was a member of the company and and a blanket to which he would have

regiment referred to, and that he lost no legal title. As it is, the system has his trousers and blanket by fire on or been vindicated, the right of the United about the 11th day of October, A. D. States to Hines' trousers fully estab-1876, while serving with his command lished, and his personal and pecuniary responsibility determined. at Aiken, S. C.

much more than a mere passing notice. the bill.

the time when the freemen of the re- from numerous officers, from the captain public were called upon to cast their ballots for the men, or rather the electors Secretary of War, and embracing the of their choice. The air was filled with proceedings of a Board of Survey, comthe eloquence of orators both North and posed of three commissioned officers, success of their candidates. The pro- fix the responsibility for the loss by fire priety, not to say the constitutionality, of one common tent, the property of the put any considerable number of them Southern section of our beloved country, was a question that entered largely into

Eighteenth Infantry." the discussions of the day. Upon this subject there was then, as now, great difference of opinion, and unanimously that Hines was there by trousers and blankets for the whole of order of the legally constituted authorities; that he wore the usual and ordinary uniform of the private soldier;

that he lost his trousers and blanket, as set forth in the bill for his relief; that begun to leave the country they were the loss occurred by fire; that a board in pursuit. Many of the hunters were of survey was called upon them, and that, in the language of that tribunal, saw hundreds of quaits in the immedi- "they were damaged) to their full

Your committee also find that this same Board expressed the opinion that the fire was accidental; "that it originated at the top of the tent," and no direct testimony upon this point, but it is fair to assume that Hines was lying down in his tent enjoying needed re-

and maintaining the sovereignty of the

He stamped the family Bible from beginning to end. Stamped it on the The trouble with Hines began nearly framed copy of my marriage certificate. eighteen months since and the papers Stamped it on several oil paintings. only reached the hands of your com-mittee a few days ago, and in pleasing around to the corner where stood my double-barreled shot gun, which I had

further responsibility. They cannot, not unloaded since the riots. Now however, dismiss the subject without Richard was himself again. I pointed to whom was referred the bill (H. R. calling attention to the almost perfect the gun square in his face.

" It is also good for marking all kinds

Then he stamped it on the barrel of out it, filnes to-day would be in undis-puted possession of a pair of trousers and a blanket to which he would have Since that time our front door has been locked and visitors, are seen sneaking in and out of our back door.

> The Virtue of Coos Leaves. Coca leaves are largely used by Peru-

vians as a strength sustainer. Several pieces. under which this loss occurred deserve Committee recommended the passage of travellers in that country had testified when chewed with a small piece of lime, tion, and but one brief month prior to of decuments containing endorsements in relieving them from the fatigue inci-Accompanying the report was a mass

commanding the Company up to the of the leaves to England, where experiments were being made with them at the time of the exhibition in this counspecially detailed, "to report upon and try. The results of these experiments varied greatly, but did not impair the as we learn from the Scientific American

The stationery, postage, mileage, of officers of the Board of Survey, time of public officials consumed, etc., probably would amount to sufficient to purchase tance to them in sustaining their Company F. Eighteenth Infantry. strength. Of twelve members two or three are reported to be doubtful about its effect, but no member of the club has

Held at Bay by a Tigress.

A tigress with young cubs is always found it injurious. They are all gentle-very savage, and will sometimes charge men engaged in sedentary occupations spread of wing thirty or forty feet. anybody approaching her den or other and the game they play is one demandresting place before her own presence ing, for a brief period, from an hour is at all suspected. Three men in the to three hours, the exertion of a great service of the writer were once obliged dealength of str in quick movements, to take refuge on a rock only some 6 or and it calls into action every muscle of 7 feet high, where an angry tigress their bodies. Their opponents are genbayed them, and repeatedly threatened erally Indians or men engaged in outto charge home for at least two hours. door work and exercise. During the One of the men was armed with a year 1876 several members of the club "that no one was to blame." There is sword, and the other two had nothing used the coca leaves, and, finally led the but sticks in their hands. The tigress whole club to chew coca leaves during crouched at the very foot of the rock, their important matches. The club held which was small but fist-topped, over the championship against all comers. pose after a day's labor in asserting and over again. She there alternately During this year coca was regularly blinked and glared at the unfortunate used a drachm or drachm and a half of General Government. It is true that men, who only succeeded in keeping the leaves being given to each player to those who seek to hold him responsible her off from actually springing on them be chewed (without lime) during the try east of Lake Winnepeg and in many other places, is said to be identical with those who seek to hold him responsible her off from actually springing on them be chewed (without lime) during the southern nowers to sell in northern telef to the general and t the catastrophe by calling attention to moving from one side of the rock to cular force and an almost entire exempcrouching again. The state of their with the exhausted condition of their throats, and the terribly husky whisper contestants, whose daily occupations to which their voices were in the end reduced, may easily be imagined. How-In Peru coca is sometimes used to excess reduced, may easily be imagined. How- In Peru coca is sometimes used to excess ever, down to their humblest followers, as alcoholic liquors are here used, and hunters as a rule are a merry set, and the result is said to be imbecility. but directly actual danger has passed away it is also reported, on apparently good

bec upon the proposed improvements in the fortifications there, the contract for which will be given on the Premier's return to Ottawa.

-The Empress Eugenie and Prince Napoleon are both on the Continent The former is staying at Ems, while the latter makes the tour of Sweden and Norway. About the middle of August

-(l'here were 90,335 barrels of ale and beer brewed in the Allegheny county district from July 1, 1877, to June 30, 1878, each barrel containing 32 gallons. The production of whisky for the same period amounted to 549,771 gallons; in bonded warehouse, 736,837 gallons, making a grand total of 1,286,608 gallons.

-The Fall River (Mass.) News says that the curtailment by the stoppage of the Union, Border City and Sagamore mills, the changing from print cloths to other goods by some of the other mills and the running of short time by the remainder, has diminished the production . of print cloths during the past three or four months about 546,000

-Sir Garnet Wolseley's salary as Governor of Cyprus is £5,000 a year. The garrison is to consist of 10,000 men. ,000 of them natives of India, and, sccording to the Spectator, will cost £1,dent to making a long journey across 000,000 a year. This, with the "imthe mountains, and the reputation of provements," &c., the same paper coca had led to the importation of some thinks, will make the island cost Great Britain at least £2,000,000 a year for ten years, after which it may possibly pay its own expenses.

- There were 4,319 marriages in the State of Connecticut last year-a less number than for 12 years. The divorces claims made for coca by travelers who numbered 427, 120 being granted on the had seen it used by native Peruvians in place of food. For the last two years, included 7,316 males and 127 pairs of twins. Of 9,696 deaths 956 were violent and 4,796 of males, the sex not being

-Professor Marsh, of Yale, has been finding more toothed birds among the Wyoming and Colorado fossils, besides the petrified remains of 300 or 400 dinosaurs, a mammoth kangaroo of the crocodile order sometimes 100 feet long, and about 1,000 pterodactyles, a sort of

New York city during July, in which the aggregate liabilities amounted to \$5,738,171 and the assets were estimated at \$2.702.442. This shows an increase of thirteen failures and \$1,400,000 liabilities, compared with the record for the previous month, and an increase of 50 per cent. in number and double the mount of assets, as compared with July 1877

-Six reindeer are to be imported from Lapland into Manitoba this year. They will be accompanied to their new They will be accompanied to the home at Winnepeg by a Lapp, who will have charge of them during their journey and also for some time after their arrival. The moss which grows in great abundance in the wooded coun-

Louis XVIII., the Crown Jewels numbered more than 64,000, weighed 18,731 carats, and were valued at 20,900,250 francs. Besides the Regent and the Sancy stones, of which every one knows Holy Ghost in brilliants, worth 396,00 france; one of the Legion of Hon costing 45,000 francs; a set of pearla 1,165,000 francs; another of brilliant 1,165,000 (rancs; anoth authority, that coca does not act like and sapphires, 280,000 francs. The -A single firm of Sheffield, England, opium and has no deleterious after crown, which contains the Regent and

and one pair of trousers, the property of Private William Hines, Company F. the members of the Toronto lacrosse club have been using coea (printed cuca in the Scientific American), and after two stated in 146 cases. years of testing its effects they have decided that it has been of great assis-