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TWO MOTHERS.

I sit and rock beside my cottage window ; My baby boy is lying on my knee-His tiny hand clasped close about my finger, His wistful hazel eyes regarding me; Outside, among the cherry tree's thick branches

There sings a robin with a crimson breast : I hear her song and guess its tender meaning, She has two little eggs within her nest.

The summer days are blossoming around us, And every heart is filled with summer's joy; I wander slowly through the sunny garden, And by my side totters the baby boy.

Gay sings the robin in the tree above us. The mother-rapture thrilling all her song ; And tw.ttering answers from her two brow Fill the soft air with music all day long

Autumn has come, the crimson leaves are fall

And golden leaves are flying here and there. The cherry tree is stripped of half its beauty, And stretches out its branches brown and bare.

Robin sits lonely 'mid the autumn splendor, And my heart echoes to her plaintive moan. This is the end of the sweet summer story : Our nests are empty, and our birds have flown.



"I do think, John, you might leave me have a little more money." thinks."

Victoria Hale was sitting at the breakfast table, a pout on her pretty the cashier was anyone but Hale, that lips, an ominous wrinkle between her Denny trusts as he trusts himself-" brows. She looked very pretty, in her "Oh, nonsense, nonsense !" cried morning dress of fluted white lawn, the other old gentleman. "There's with a breakfast cap of Swiss muslin such a thing as being teo suspicious, same band. Carson, with two men, took their trail and came upon them in and rose-colored ribbons that were pe- Hardie! You'll be saying next that their camp at night in the Bad Lands culiarly becoming to her olive skin. Hale is at the head of a gang of burg- on the waters of Eagle Creek, near the and large, velvety black eyes. lars."

Her husband, slowly sipping his "He may be, for all I know," said coffee at the other side of the table, was | Hardie, dryly." unite as handsome and distinguished- Meanwhile, Mr. Reginald Denny be looking in his way. John Hale was gan to be strangely mistrustful. Not killed, and the horses recovered withchief book-keeper and cashier in a large of John Hale-he would as soon have firm on Wood street, and had scarcely doubted himself-but of others about been married three months as yet. Al- him.

ready, however, the bloom and charm "Hale," said he, "sometimes I think of wedded life had been dissipated in those knaves of burglars are nearer some degree. He had begun to discover home than any one imagines." that his divinity was not all divine. " Do you sir?" A ghastly look came over the young man's face, as if he "More money, Victoria!" he repeated, with a scarcely perceptible were in pain. "Impossible !" knitting of the brows. "Are you not "At all events, it is worth looking getting unreasonable? Do I not keep into," said Denny, "The circle of pines, and behind this was a bluff, up you liberally supplied with all that 1 suspicion is narrowing down. Do you have to spare?' mind sitting up for a night or two?" nington, and have to stand by while haven't seemed well this last week or

cried all night before she could induce her husband to consent. Charlie Carson, a nephew of Kit Car-

"Vic, you don't understand," said John, with a careworn look on his brow. "We must study economy, or we shall go to ruin !" "Economy !" sharply retorted Victoria: "I am sick of the very word !" Her husband turned silently away; it was hard, just when he had most

" Yes !"

ford it?"

"No.

Bloods and North Piegan bands of the need of sympathy, counsel and advice, Blackfeet toward him was intense, and thus to be repulsed. they had cause to fear him as well. In the early part of 1865 a pioneer of the "They tell me," said old Mr. Hardie, North-west by the name of Burgess, the senior member of the firm of Harwith his party, attempted to build a die, Blocke & Co., "that Hale's wife dresses the most elegantly of any one trading post at the mouth of the Marias, twelve miles below Fort Benton. It at Yarmouth this season?"

"What, Hale, who keeps Denny's was situated upon territory claimed by the North Piegans, who were then looke? Young Hale ?" cated far to the north, on Belly River. "The deuce she does! How can he They determined to exterminate Burgess' party. He went across the Teton

with two teams and ten men for tim-"Ah !" sald old Hardie, taking snuff, that's a different matter. I don't ber. On their return seventy-five now how he affords it. If I were mounted Indians made a rush, sur-Denny, I should keep an eye to things." rounded them in the prairie, and, after "They've had some serious lessons a desperate resistance, resulting in a

A Daring Man.

son, the noted hunter, scout and guide,

was also a cultivated individual on the

frontier. He was cool, quiet, brave,

and an intelligent guide, familiar with

the mountains and prairie, and known

and respected by the Indians as a for-

midable fighter. The hatred of the

already, I'm told," said the other. severe loss to the Indians, slaughtered That burglary last week cost them a them to the last man. Carson was then at Fort Benton. Shortly afterwards, thousand pounds." one of the band who destroyed the Bur-"Any trace of the burglars as yet?"

The safe must have been gess party came into the fort in the guise of a triendly South Piegan, who opened by skeleton keys, Denny were then residing at the fort. Carson found this out, and shot him dead as he "Humph !" grunted old Hardie. " attempted to escape by swimming the Missouri. Soon afterward, in the fall of 1865, horses were stolen from the

range near the fort, by a party of the base of Bear's Paw Mountains. Their

camp was among the dwarf cedars, well covered. The Indians were atout loss to Carson's party. The Indians obtained their final revenge on Carson

lowing winter of 1865-'66 with Paul s skimmed off. One very small tribe

of bark or rushes and then stowed away out of reach of children or dogs till winter. "I have never," says Mr. Lord, "seen any fish half as fat and as good for Arctic winter food as these little candle-fish. It is next to impossible to fry or broil them, for they melt completely into oil." They are so marvelously fat that the natives use them as lamps for lightning their lodges. For this purpose the dried fish is perforated from head to tail by a piece

of rushpith by means of a long needle made of hard wood. The wick is then lighted, and the fish burns steadily, with a sufficiently good light to read by. The candlestick is a bit of wood split at one end, with the fish inserted

n the cleft. When by heat and pressure these little fishes are transformed into a liquid oil, and the Indian drinks them instead of burning them, he supplies his own body with a highly car-

bonaceous fuel, which is burned slowly in his lungs and keeps up his animal heat. Without a full supply of some such food, he would perish in the cold of a long northern winter. When a sufficient supply of the fish has been dried and 1 ut by for the winter's food, the remainder is piled in heaps till the fishes are partly decomposed, for the purpose of being converted into oil. The method of extracting the oil is ve-

ry primitive. Five or six large fires are made, and in each fire are a number of large round pebbles, to be made very hot. By each fire are four large square boxes, made of the wood of the pine.

A squaw piles in each box a layer of fish, covers them with cold water, and colds." adds five or six of the heated stones. When the steam has cleared away, small pieces of wood are laid on the stones: then more fish, more water, more stones, and more layers of wood, and so on, until the box is filled. The oilmaker now takes the liquid from this box, and proceeds to fill another box, using this oily liquid for the second box by strategy. He was stopping the fol- the contents of this box, the floating oil in place of water. From the surface of

Vermet, who then had a private tra- often makes as much as seven hundred ding post where the road from Benton weight of oil. Not only is an abunmore." to Helena crosses the Dearborn river. dance of oil supplied by nature, but the

She Never Returned. are not at the highest point yet. Still The poor widow with nine small children and a month's rent due was around to see Bijah. She began : "Mr. Joy, have you a heart?"

He offered to take an affidavit that he had. "Then if you have, Mr. Joy," she continued, wiping her eyes on her

apron, "were you ever left a widow of danger. This is a "crooked" but this crop. with nine small children crying around not a "perverse generation" of railyou for bread and no bread in the roads. At last, well up among the ionse?

Bijah reflected a moment, and then concluded that he had .never been placed in such a position.

"Then you don't know how awful it is, Mr. Joy. I don't care for myself, but it almost kills me to hear them nine children crying together in chorus for food. I came around to see you and ask you what I'd better do."

"Why, I'd go to work and get up a square meal for them," was the honest

she almost screamed. "I told you I ly down the Western slope. From had nothing to eat in the house-not

He looked at her red nose, made mental calculation as to how much liquor she had swallowed during the last ten years, and then calmly said : "Poor woman, return to me and bring me your nine dear children, and I will have oyster soup ready for them, and then take the whole lot to a shoe store.'

mered; "they is all in bed with bald

"Then I will go home with you, poor widow, and the little dears shall

e fed and clothed." "Oh-oh-but you couldn't sir, you couldn's; 'cause my house doesn't look and fill every blessed darling with

soup.' "I will go along and carry the oysters," he said, as he got up.

"Oh, no, sir-it's too much trouble for you. Just hand me out fifty cents,

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

we must go on and on, winding upward through the defiles, among the - The wine-growin Interest of Cali-

rocks, and past places rather trying to forn'a yields fully \$500,000 annually to delicate nerves. But among the scores the revenue of that state. of twists and turns we feel a sense of -In 1870 there were over 262,000,000

ibs. of tobacco grown in the United States. Estimating the average product perfect safety. The roadbed is solid, the system of brakes so perfect and the at about 800 lbs. per acre, we may con-clude that over 300,000 acres were under train so well managed we do not think

-A gentleman in Boston, has just presented to the public library of that city clouds, the echo of the engine whistle the sum of \$1000, which is to be funded, reverberating among the mountain and the income therefrom expende the purchase of books relating to Ameripeaks, announces that we are at the top can history. summit, 9,339 feet above the sea. This

- It is stated that the miniature Swiss is a point more than 1,000 feet higher chalet-a present from Fechter, the acthan has been reached by any other tor-in which Dickens wrote most of his later works, has been taken to the railroad on the continent, a point 3,000 feet higher than the summit of old Mt. grounds of the Crystal Palace Company at Sydenham. Washington, the loftiest mountain in

The Chicago elevators contain at the all New England. And now we are in present time about 4,064,299 bushels of for a fifteen-mile slide down hill, With wheat, 592 295 bushels of corn, 229,265 double brakes grasping the wheels, and bushels of oats, 139,116 bushels of rye, the train men watching with extraorand 1,263,967 bushels of barley, making dinary care, we glide safely and smootha grand total of 6,288,942 bushels.

-A few months ago the city of Cers, Garland, at the foot of the mountain, a Venezuela, was destroyed by an earthquake. It is now about to be rebuilt, long level pull of thirty miles over a but upon an entirely new site in the part of the great San Luis Park, brought plain below, where several villages esus to a new railroad town on the bank caped unscathed, while every town on of the Rio Grande, bearing the musical the hillside was overthrown.

name of Alamosa, It is only six months -Great Britain, last year imported old, and yet has near a thousand inoranges to the extent of 3,533,781 bushels, with a money value of \$7,783 825. habitants. It sprang up in a night. This town is the nearest railroad sta- 781 bushels, showing that the consumption to that new and rich El Dorado, tion in eighteen years has multiplied the San Juan gold and silver mining threefold.

-The receivers of the Townsend Bank, at New Haven, Conn., have de-cided to pay a dividend of ten per cent. (\$280,000) about the middle of December. This will make forty per cent. have a graphic description by one of (\$1,120,009) in all returned to the de-

> -During the last three years about \$3,100,000 have been collected for charitable purposes by the Mayors of London. In 1876 the sum realized was about \$190,000; in 1877 the Indian famine fund helped to swell the total to nearly \$2,-475,000; this year the figures are about

-A number of the survivors from the roads into the rookeries. Among the Princess Alice disaster have started a project to erect a stained glass window

"A square meal out of shavings !" even an old oyster can !"

"I-I wouldn't do it, sir," she stam-

region. The Penguins.

Of the habits of the Penguins, we the company of the exploring ship possers. "Challenger." in his "Log Letters ' fit for the likes of you. Hand me a The writer describes what is known as dollar, sir, and I'll hurry home to them one of their "rookeries," or nesting places, as follows : " Between the foot of the cliff and the beach was a bank covered with long tussock grass. among which the Penguias had their \$425,000. nests, and from which they had regular

they are purchasing the sweetest things two." at such bargains !'

" Don't go shopping with them, then; that's my advice,"

"You would shut me up then, from all amusements and society ?"

"Nonsense, Victoria! You know furnished house, your garden, your little conservatory, to amuse you."

pretty bride. "One cannot be con- morning. Lefting himself in by his tented with the same thing forever." "If you wanted a perpetual change, surance to the alarmed watchman who

should have married a rich man."

coaxingly. "But you know all our able papers were kept was wide open. himself. They were the last words he interest, but this was not the singular neighbor's about here are tolerably Kneeling before it, with both hands well off, and I don't want to be left be- full of bank-notes and bills, hurriedly hind. I shall be mortified to death if I transfering some to an open leather case on his right hand, and putting can't have a croquet party in July."

that," said her husband. "I suppose it need not necessarily be expensive?" iron grasp was on his arm.

course, we must have a band, and the ter at last," said he, in a deep, stern body near where it fell. It rests there weets and less from the confection- voice. "So you are the burglar, John among the pines overlooking the beautiful but lonely valley of the Dearer's." Hale ?"

home-made cake and ice-cream, do?" may. "Have mercy !"

"What nonsense, John ! Do you "Mercy on a heartless wretch ?suppose I could ask our stylish neighnever! You shall pay the full penalty bors to such a two-penny sort of afof your ingratitude and crime." "Think for one moment, sir, of the fair as that?"

"They would know it was as good as we could afford."

"And I need a lace parasol terribly. tenderly love.' And oh! John, I had forgotten about "Her follies are no excuse for your

Mrs. Lacy's cream⁴colored ponies." "I hope, for goodness sake, she don't

want you to buy them ?" "No, of course not, but she says I

may use them while she's at Scarborbugh. Isn't it kind of her ?"

"I dare say it's very kind," said dupe." chance to know how much a pair of sprang to his feet and confronted the to which it may be applied. Living John Hale, ruefully; "but do you ponies cost in the keeping? to say noth- man he had so long been systematically with the Indians, he joined their excurrobbing. ing of the expense of the groom."

"Oh, if you're going to stoop to such petty considerations as that-' "Well, well, use them if you like. I

dare say we shall manage somehow." "And the croquet party? Only thirty or forty couple-just to pay our

social debts. It's so shabby to be be- chant. hindhand in such things." "If you will be as economical about

it as you can-"

Robinson's?" Vic, that there is a limit to our funds." were dearly bought."

Mrs. Hale was satisfied with this as; sent so reluctantly screwed out of her husband.

She gave the croquet party, and had that it was the most elegantly gotten up little affair of the season in Holloway Row. She whirled down to the parks, and along the Bayswater Road, with the cream-colored ponies. She

"Pray don't mention it, I'm well of sight; and Carson, suspecting danenough," said Hale, almost impatiently. ger from the position and movements It was the first night of his vigil-a of the horses, followed by Vermet, stardark, tempestuous midnight, with rain ted, rifle in hand, up the trail in pur-

falling outside, and the rush of equinsuit. He was looking over the crest of octial winds wailing down the chim-

home, but some unanalyzed notion induced him to return, quietly and by "I'm tired of them all !" said the stealth, towards two o'clock in the own private key, with a word of reas-

entered the counting-room.

The safe where the money and valu-" Don't be cross, John, said Victoria,

whites. In the meantime Carson's "I have no especial objection to others back, was John Hale himself. body had remained unburied. The In-In an instant, Mr. Reginald Denny's dians respected it, and took nothing ex-

"Not so very," said Victoria. "Of "So I have got at the root of the mat-

"Wouldn't your piano, and a little "Ah !" exclaimed the culprit, in disborn. These facts are familiar to the writer and mountain men of that day.

convict me !"

The thief of Winnemucca simply assumed the name and identity of a respectable frontiersman.

A Marine Candle. situation in which I have been placed

by an extravagant wife, whom I fondly, There is found on the coast of British Columbia, Russian America, and Vandishonesty. I have placed unlimited couver's Islands a little fish not larger trust in you-this is my reward. Had than a smelt, clad in glittering armor, which is fat almost beyond conception

to-morrow morning would have found It is popularly known as the candleme a beggar, and the viper I have fish, but its scientific name is Salmo Pawarmed and nourisfied, laughing at his cificus. Mr. Lord, the well-known naturalist, has carefully studied the habits White with rage and dismay, Hale and manners of this fish, and the uses

closed the doors, and was released sev-

eral days alterward by a party of

cept his rifle, revolver and hat. The

party who relieved Vermet buried the

sions against the candle-fish, which, sporting in the moonlight on the sur-"You have discovered me !" he cried, in stifled accents, "but you never shall face, gave to the waters the resem-

blance of a vast sheet of pearly waves. There was a vivid flash, the report of To catch them, the Indians use a monsa pistol, and the next instant John ter comb or rake, six or eight feet long, Hale lay dead before the horrified mer- composed of a piece of pine wood, with

it was his wife's," people said when the noe being paddled by one Indian close "And the parasol? And the summer suicide leaked out. "He was weak, but through the mass, and brings it to the that has been buried for an incalcula- of a railroad train. At last the dizzy silk that is such a bargain at Peter not naturally wicked, and she perse- surface, teeth upwards, with usually ble number of years. cuted him mercilessly for money. Poor one, and often three or four, fish im-"Yes, yes! Only remember girl! her dress, fashion and luxuries paled on each tooth. By the repetition

of this process, many canoes are soon filled. The cargoes being landed, the agonized, in her deep widow's weeds, further charge devolves upon the And Victoria Hale, sitting, pale and kne kne well as if supernatural hands squaws, who have to do the curing, had written it in fiery letters on the drying and oil making. They do not the satifaction of hearing on all sides wall, that she had killed her husband! cut or in any way clean the fish, but simply pass long smooth sticks through

scription. The valley up which we the Queen more than once at Balmoral, ceach with nine passengers was passing their eyes, skewering on each stick as started, the Veta Mountain, along and there she had found napkins. This between Leadville and Canon City, Col., ALTHOUGH MANY are predisposed to lung troumany as it will hold, and then lashing poisons, or general debility. There is but one remedy that positively cures ALTHOUGH MANY are predisposed to jung trou-bles from birth, yet even such may escape con-sumption, or other Philmonary or Bronchial dis-eases, if due care and watchfulness be observed, and all exciting causes are promptly treated as they arise. It is in these cases br. J yne's **Ex-**pectorant exercises its most beneficial effects, and has produced the largest properties of its which, hundreds of feet below us, we she told her friend as a sort of justifica- when suddenly coach and horses and another piece transversely at the ends can trace our track, the Spanish peaks tion of her inquiry. "Indeed !" said and down sixty feet into a creek below. these affections, and that remedy is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. to prevent them from slipping off the skewer. The fish are then dried and looking more majestic than ever from the duchess. "The Queen had better The coach turned over three times in its this lofty standpoint, and the vast plain be careful. She will make herself unbought the lavender summer silk, with a "love" of a lace shawl to wear with it; paid Madame Fringe Furbelow four guineas to make it up, and had it ruined the first time she ever wore it. She accepted an invitation to visit Yar-mouth with a party of gay friends, and with a party of gay friends and wit

It was on the west bank. Behind it bottles to store it away in are actually was an open bottom, with scattering provided. The great seawrack grows to an enormous size in these northern which ran a narrow trail. One eveseas, and has a hollow stalk, expanded ning Vermet saw Carson's horses, at the root end into a complete flask. which had been grazing in the bottom, The and are kept wet and flexible till ble over the hill. They would not be required. The oil as it is obtained is safe from Indians beyond the hill, out stored away in these natural bottles.

which hold from a quart to three pints. A Sunken City.

Recently, a small boat, containing an American gentleman, was capsized on

the hill for Indians. There was a pile Lake Leman, just opposite the village better than that. Here is your prettily neys. Mr. Reginald Denny had gone of crumbling granite on the trail be- of St. Pregts, the gentleman receiving tween him and the summit, scarcely no harm, but his valise going to the large enough to hide a man. He saw bottom. The portmanteau contained his foremost horse stationary over the certain articles of value, so its owner hill, and came opposite the pile of gran- called to his aid the divers, who speedite. He saw an Indian lying behind it, ily brought to terra firma the Ameribut too late. While raising his rifle to can's lnggage, and with it a superb a continual whirl of excitement, you passed the warehouse, he noiselessly fire he was shot through the breast. vase, of antique make, an enormous

They had decoyed him into a trap. In piece of white marble and several petfailing, he called to Vermet to save rifications. These were examined with uttered. Vermet fled to the post and part of the affair.

The divers recounted that when at mountain climbing, takes our train. In the bottom of the lake they were con- the next fourteen miles we must mount scious of treading upon a surface so un- up on our "trail" of steel, 2,400 feet, equal that several times they were nearly losing their equilibrium. From the mountain into the Rio Grande Valwhat they observed they gave it as their lev. At Ojo the tremendous climb opinion that the inequality of the sur- really commences. From here the face was due to the fact that they had grade is steeper and steeper, and our been walking upon the roofs of houses, speed slower and more cautious. First and this being communicated to the au- we mount up the steep side of Veta thorities at Morges and St. Pregst. sev- Mountain, the towering summit of eral of the notabilities went in a boat to the spot indicated and caused a quan- window to see. Higher and higher tity of oil to be thrown upon the sur- climbs the train, steeper and steeper face of the lake; which, as is well grows the grade until there is a rise of known, has the property of rendering 217 feet to the mile. Our brave little

water transparent. Gazing down into engine, with sinews of steel and breath the depths below, the investigators of fire, and voice of thunder, puffs and clearly distinguished a town of apparently considerable extent in the bed of the lake-streets, detached houses, and one end of it. - Look yonder across the larger buildings being distinctly visi- narrow deep valley to our left. Do you see that road looking like a little ble. The town, which it is stated consists of upward of two hundred houses, has at its extremity a large square towor, which was not, properly speaking, of the "shoe." It is hundreds of feet unknown to boatmen, for in calmer weather its summit was visible at ten metres below the surface of the lake, a mile long on each side, and one end but until the recent discovery it was 500 feet above the other. And what commonly supposed to be a rock. The Swiss authorities, anxious to in-

vestigate the subject more thoroughly, and swinging around the mountain have voted a sum of money for the construction of a vast jetty, which will inclose the underwater town, and communicate with the banks of the lake. "It was not so much his own fault as nails are not to be procured. The ca- This done, nothing, we are told, will known in railroad building. Still up u was nis wile's, people said when the ugly facts connected with John Hale's to the shoal, the other sweeps the rake and restore to the light of day a town grade, as if it were in a balloon instead be when "ta muckle dinner hersel!" is excursion boat for the last five or six

Pompeli.

Excavations at Pompeii prove the city to have been one of the most fash-ionable and beautiful of Roman summer resorts, and, but for the eruption it might have remained so to this day. As with Pompeii, so with thousands of people who have beauty of form and They might always be adfeature. mired but for the eruption, that makes the face unsightly, and betrays the presence of scrofula, virulent blood

and the angels will bless you for ever

"I have to go along and get a thirtydollar bill changed-come." She made a rush for the door, knock-

ng the India-rubber cat clear under the fierce digs we now got in our legs, the table, and, standing under the winfor a star a test a should be should be start a start and headed ward delegate, and don't ye forget the fact."

"Heart-broken mother - distressed widow-return-hold on-come back?' he cried. But she never returned.

A Baby Railroad.

From Cucharas the main line of the Rio Grande road strikes directly for the mountains and crosses the Sangre de Christo range. As we go bounding over the plains toward the pass, the Spanish Peaks, two giant twin mountains, stand out in all their majesty to our left. Both of them lift their heads above timber line, the one being 12,720 feet, and the other 13 620 feet high. At ands of maddened penguins swarmed the Mexican town of La Veta we commenced the up grade. From this point a heavier engine, built expressly for and then sweep down the other side of which we have to lean out of our car

cliff. This stretch of rock was covered with penguins, one stream coming pulls as if in agony. Now we begin to climb the Mule Shoe Bend. We are on

rocky shelf running up the rocky ing up against the rock, they came mountain side? That is the other end with it under water, chooting out of the depths in shoals, clinging on the rocks above us, but our train will be up there half an hour hence. What a shoe. Over must the mule have been ? Slowly up

and up we go, dodging the precipices. curves, in the steady pull, until we reach the toe of our great shoe. Here we swing around from the Veta to the Dump Mountain, on the sharpest curve

"How magnificent !" shouts a fellow

traveler. "How lovely !' says another. "How frightful!" whispers a third, and no wonder. This is the Dump of Dump Mountain, the "Cape Horn" of the pass. We are swinging round the brow of the promontory, and from our carwindows we can look over the verge of

stems of the tall tussock grass they in the Woolwich Union Chapel, as a were sitting about in thousands on their thank-offering for their preservation nests; consisting of a layer of grass. It and a memento of the kindness which was not pleasant walking in the rook- they experienced from the officials of

ery; horrible smells, to say nothing of the Plumstead Infirmary. -During the last war 594 000 Russian

and the flendish noise-something be-roar which is kept up night and day, soldiers poured down through des by sea, 29,000 are still in hospitan, 31,dear children to call ye an old black- and plainly, audible from the ship, 000 laid their bones in Roumania, and sounding on a still night like the roar 99,000 perished in Bulgaria.

-While a farmer of Monroe, N. Y , of a heavy surf. They never had more than two eggs, sometimes only one, was prying open a flat stone in a quarry larger than a Dorking's, covered dirty last week his hand touched something cold and clammy .. He raised the stone white with brown stains. The young, and found a ball made up of forty-five just out of the egg, were black, naked large black snakes. They were matted things. Many of the eggs were cracked together as though they had been braidby the young inside, who were poking ed, and were separated by beating with their bills out. Afterwards we walked a club.

-Mr. Spurgeon has declined to sace t back to the rocks where we had landed, personally the gift of \$25,000, which h s a distance of five hundred yards, through congregation is raising to commemorate the densest part of the rookery, and althe completion of histwenty fifth year's ways to be remembered by me as the work as a Baptist minister, but will demost awful walk I ever had. The vote the amount to the establishment grass grew six feet high, matted and of a permanent fund for the sged of the Metropolitan Tabernacle alunhouses, tangled, while thousands upon thousfourteen in number.

-The annual report of the Board of between the tafted stems. When we Police Justices in New York city shows stopped to see where we put our feet. the following statistics of crime in that we were instantly attacked by a host of clty: The number of arriss male by infuriated birds, and got horribly the police during the year was 78,533, tweaked and digged at. You can have of which 56,404 were men. The numno conception how infuriated and bold ber of prisoners held was 51,786, the they are when protecting their nests, number discharged was 26,717, and 30 cases are still pending. rushing at our legs in crowds, and fol-

-The old Charter which was granted lowing us, pecking viciously. They to the colony of Connecticut in 1662 by were so thick that it was useless try-Charles II, and which was hung in the ing to avoid them, so one had just to Secretary of State's office for man tramp on as fast as possible, amid the years past, has recently been reframed deafening brays and overpowering and the text renewed, and was on Sustench. Suddenly we were stopped by urday hung in the Secretary of State's office, in the new Capitol, at Hartford. finding ourselves at the brink of a low The frame is made of solid oak, from the charter oak tree.

-Mr. Walter M. Gibson, a member from the grass and putting to sea, and of the Hawalian Parliament, has just the other stream landing and hopping entrusted to Mr. T. R. Gould, of Bost m. into the rookery. Marvellous jumps the work of designing a bronze statue of they made in coming down the rocks, Kamehameha, the founder of the prifdoing a jump of three feet and more ent government of the Sandwich Istquite easily, bolt upright the whole ands, which is to be erected at an expease of \$10,000 to commemorate the time. They jump into the sea from off centennial anniversary of the discovery a ledge of rock feet foremost, and land of the islands by Captain Cook. very cleverly ; as the wave came wash-

-A resident of Melbourne, Australia, recently received from a friend in the were taken from the folds in the cloth ; by their feet, and when the wave re- irg of an Egyptian mummy. 3000 years ceded the face of the rock was plastered old. On receiving them he placed them with them, and before the next wave in a tumbler of water, where in twentyfour hours they had swelled considercame they had clambered up in some ably, and then planted them in pots, where they are now growing vigorously.

-The old steamer Columbia, which was sold in Baltimore last Monday for \$1000 to satisfy claims against her, is well known along the Potomac. She is It is not the general custom to use supposed to be the oldest steamer in the Baltimore and Washington. She was re-

> -An East Litchfield, Conn., boy Shortly after two of his brothers were badly injured by the premature explosion of a blast. The news was carried receiving severe injuries about the head.

-Lately, on a dark night, a stage

with their bills, but not with their flappers. Napkins in England,

9. An American lady was visiting at one of the houses, where she found the named Goodman fell recently and broke. usual absence of the napkin at midday. an arm and dislocated his shoulder. She knew her hostess so well that she could venture to ask her why it was that napkins were not used at lunch- to their father by some one incantiously. con. Her grace (for she was a duchess) He was on the barn shingling, and was replied simply and briefly that it was so affected that he partially fainted and inot the custom "and with an air that fell to the ground, breaking one leg and "not the custom," and with an air that the precipice into the abyss below, and signified that that settled the question. the skull being fractured in one place. off upon a scene magnificent beyond de But her guest had taken luncheon with

wonderful fashion, helping themseives

napkins at luncheon in England, al- United States. She was built in 1828. though at great houses luncheon is in and for forty-five years ran between reality a small dinner-as it may well built in 1859, and has been used as an