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IF ONLY MOTHERS KNEW.

If only mothers knew, she said, How hungry children are for love, Above each little virgin bed A mother's lips would prove How sweet are kisses that are given Between a rosy mouth and heaven.

If only my mamma would kneel, As your dear mother, every night, Beside her little girl, to feel If all the wraps are folded tight, And hold my hands, her elbows fair Between my cheek and her soft hair,

And looking in my dreaming eyes As if she saw some lovely thing, And smiling in such fond surprise On all my hopes of life that spring Like flowers beneath her tender gaze, I could not stray in evil ways.

I would not wound the gentle breast, That held me warm within its fold; My mother's love would still be best, However sad, or plain, or old, And, even though the world forsake, I'd love her for her love's dear sake

Unproven Gourage.

On a lovely moonlight night in the middle of June, a light carriage drove down a grand avenue of lime and birch trees that led to an old manor house in the province of Livonia. Harness-bells, which there serve to distinguish between post carriages and private ones, broke the silence merrily.

In the carriage sat, or rather stood, a boy of fifteen, whose eyes were intently fixed on the house in front of him, ea- caped from their deadly embrace by gerly watching for some sign that his coming was noticed, or for the sight of breath as if they were dead. But now a familiar face. And not in vain, for there was only a space between him and the sound of bells reached the servant's the growling beast, and, shuddering and hall, and before the carriage had time trembling he watched the bear raise itto draw up at the door, an old servant stood there waiting to greet Oscar with a smiling face of welcome.

"Can I believe my eyes, young sir? Is it really you who have arrived at this late hour without giving notice of your like lightning under the bed-clothes. coming? Can it indeed be you, Master

"Yes, Petruschka, I am really myself. Do you think it likely that I should stop away at school a moment longer to his head. than I was obliged to? No! not I, and the holidays began rather sooner than ed to him! At length he plucked up we expected. But, I say, is there no

"No one but the servants. Your father, the Baron, has not yet come back from Riga, and the Baroness has gone away, for three days, on a visit in the neighborhood."

and all four carriage-horses out too. But I suppose that my dear old pony is in the stable anyhow. Tell me, how is Tuckum the fox getting on,-and the gray mare, and how are the colts? They ought to be fit for light work by

Thus eagerly inquiring after everything that seemed most lovable to his boyish heart, the handsome, well-built lad walked into the old hall; a large low room decorated with ancient weapons. armor, and many a finely-antiered red deer's head, all of which he had not seen

since his last summer holidays. "If it were not too late, Petruschka, I should like above all things to run out to the stable this very moment and give the old pony a kiss. But I'm afraid it must be nearly midnight, and hark! the cuckoo-clock in the dining-room is striking half-past eleven, but at least let us go out on the verandah for a few moments," said Oscar. So Petruschka unbolted the French windows which

opened on to it. They walked out together into the bright, clear, November summer night, which at this time of the year is no darker than our earliest summer twilight, and filled with intense pleasure at finding himself, after twelve month's absence, once more in his dearly loved home, Oscar drank in the delicious smell of the wild cherry-blossoms and elder flowers, which there bloom later than with us, and often both together.

For some time they stood there talking and at length the old nurse turned to go in, but Oscar hung back, listening to the nightingale, whose voice gave a mysterious life to the deep stillness around. He waited there looking at the weird light of the moon glistening coldly on the silvery stems of the birches, but at last went into his own bedroom. When he got there he sat on the edge of his bed and opened his heart to his old nurse and friend. He told her he was now in the second class, and that therefore his school days would be over in two years and a half. "And then! then!" cried he, his eyes bright with excitement, 'I will go into the cavalry. What a glorious life it must be when one can ride every day! And, who knows? perhaps a great war may break out, and if so, I feel an inward certainty that I shall distinguish myself in it. But be sure of this, until I have accomplished something that my father and everyone shall be proud of, until I bave become a hero, a celebrated man, never will I sit down in ease and idleness under my ancestral rooftree!"

"For heaven's sake, my dear young master, do not talk of war. Your good mother, and all of us, would be ready to die of anxiety if we knew that you were in danger and far away. We have only to see how well you sit a horse. and to know how kindly you deal with the servants and laborers, in order to be assured of your courage. You need

Unproven courage is no courage at all. cried Oscar, stretching himself on his never rest until 1 had taken full ven-

and five minutes later Oscar was in bed, the same in your place. And she and asleep as sound as a top, only disturbed now and then by dreams of the flying enemy, whom he pursued on a for many a weary hour that night becoal-black steed, and struck down with- fore he went to sleep. In his heart of London, upon a voyage to the Polar out mercy or pity.

Suddenly he was a wakened by a strange noise. He rubbed his eyes. Was he still asleep and dreaming? No, he was quite sure he was awake. Again that very odd noise. Some one seemed to be pressing heavily on the latch of the door, and grumbling and grunting at it in a very odd way. Then the thing seemed to press harder and heavier on the fastening, till at last the door burst open.

Oscar knew that he was alone on this floor-all the servants slept below. He felt his blood run cold, in spite of the dreams of heroic courage which his imagination had painted in such lively colors a short time since.

But what on earth was it he saw com-

An enormous bear, clear visible in the bright summer night, strode very solemnly into the room; it stood erect on its hind legs, growling gently to itself and swaying its body from side to side. 1t looked and sniffed about as if searching for something, and then softly and cautiously took its way towards Oscar's

His hair stood on end with terror, and beads of cold sweat broke on his forehead as the monster came nearer and nearer.

Even smaller grew the space between him and the monster. Thoughts raced with lightning speed through the boy's fevered brain. In a few seconds all the stories'he had ever heard about bears came into his head; how men had esshutting their eyes, and holding their self up and stretch out its huge paws towards the bed-then-all his plans about shutting his eyes and pretending that he was dead were scattered to the winds, and the poor boy hid his head

But what did it mean? He felt nothng, no deadly clutch of those savagelooking fore-paws; though Oscar still heard the enemy growling away close

What an age those few seconds seem. when, to his amazement, he saw the bear turn to the spare bed which stood refuse. If the history of the seats be at the foot of his own, and begin to roll "What! My father and mother away, bundle. It then squeezed them togethup the bed clothes and pillow into a er with its powerful fore-paws, and dragged them quietly towards the door. With every step that took the bear further and further from him, Oscar's heard the growling well outside in the music-room, he drew a deep breath, and felt that a spark of his old heroic courage still smouldered within him.

He got up very gently and crept towards the door, wondering all the time what on earth the bear could want with bed-clothes and pillows. He locked his door hurriedly, and then peeped through the keyhole, and behold! the bear had placed its stolen goods on one of the divans that stood against the wall of the music-room, just as if the regular cushions were not soft enough, and was turning round and round on the divan, like a dog making a bed, and evidently meant to make itself quite comfortable and curl itself up for a good night's

The boy watched all these proceedings quite rigid with astonishment, and then, after having again made sure that his enemy was securely locked out, he rushed to the bell and rang it violently

1t was a long time before anyone came to answer the bell, but at last Petruschka appeared, sleepily rubbing her eyes. "Oh, Petruschka, I have passed such a terrible night!" cried the excited boy. horrors he had gone through.

Petruschka listened attentively at first, but gradually an amused exprescould constrain herself no longer, and just as Oscar came to the climax, she burst out into an uncontrollable fit of laughter.

If Oscar had been astonished at the behavior of the bear, he was hardly less so at that of Petruschka; but as soon as she could find words she said, "The fact is, young sir, that nobody expected you to return so soon, and in the night, like this. Your father, the Baron, has been looking forward to your coming home, and he had arranged a little surprise for you. The bear was caught in the woods about this time last year, just afoutside and the dogs. It has even learned to open doors very cleverly. The Baron has often pictured to himself your face, the first time the bear came gravely in to breakfast, according to its cussorry you have been so badly frightened

by our tame bear." Oscar's face during this recital would have been a curious study as it went not kill a lot of people to convince us of through the various changes from excitement to astonishment, and from them

to shame and self-reproach. When the old nurse had finished her story he cried, with a burning face and Never till now did 1 feel what fear meant; but to night, during five min-

wished him good-night and left him. Oscar turned and tossed on his bed hearts he saw clearly that his courage Seas. Nothing material is said to have

protection from all evil. He never forgot the lesson, and when in after years he became a brave soldier and celebrated man, his favorite age at all, but all true courage comes from trust in God.

Old Desks and Chairs. A correspondent at Washington has had a talk with Isaac Bassett, who has way, proposes to write a book embodying his recollections. Mr. Bassett said : Webster. Previous to that time there Benton sat. Mr. Webster thought that he wanted a page, too, and he insisted "that the seats and desks which were once occupied by Webster, Clay, Calhoun, Benton, Cass and the Senate generally of half a century ago, are now in use in the Senate Chamber?" "Perfectly true," was the reply. "I know the Senators who occupy the seats and desks of the statesmen you have named. I am the only person, I believe, who knows the history of the furniture of the Chamber. I have certain marks on the desks and seats which Clay, Calhoun, Webster, Benton, Cass, and a dozen other prominent Senators of their time occupied by which I can identify them. It cost me a great deal of trouble to keep the chairs and desks together during the sessions. The sweepers move the chairs about .- Often I have found Webster's chair before Clay's desk and the new chair of some memthe Union before Calhoun's desk. You see every time a State is admitted two ew chairs and desks are made for the clothes very gently to get a breath of new Senators. Frequently I am asked air, and then cautiously peeped out, by Senators to point out to them the seats of Webster and Clay, but I always came known, curiosity-seekers would hand, frozen to a statue, in the vain baskets of yerba, or bags of mandioca. cut and deface them. Just about the time the seats were moved from the old Chamber, where the Supreme Court now is, to the new one, some one cut a few splinters from Webster's chair, but I had it received for rounger at a nesttion of it, and it has not been marred since. It is not possible for me to be mistaken about the identity of the furniture. In an iron safe I keep a list of the seats and desks I have named, with

ry able man, I assure you. Others are not so able.

the names of the Senators who occupy

them at present. Some of them are ve-

He Didn't Walk Far. A young man in Toronto has a very clear knowledge of the danger of attempting to flirt with a female pedes- tainty. For instance, you go down into the propriety of doing in Rome what didn't have the cash it made no differtrian. One of these walkers stopped at ninety or one hundred feet of water, the Romans do, we attended a ball on ence, for they were just as good as an inn there last week without making with nothing between you and the surknown her powers of speed and endu- face except that little air pipe. If it rance' and the clerk of the inn showed should break or leak, or get cut, it is all her a great deal of attention. At last, up with you. As long as that whizzing one afternoon he proposed to take a noise at the back of the helmet keeps walk. She consented at once, saying up, you are all right; but let it dwindle that she was longing for a ramble, or stop, and there's only one thing to "Let me know if I go too fast,' he said. do, to make tracks out of there." She soon took the lead and began a pace of five miles an hour. Her gallant you?" companion kept up by great exertion, but when she increased her speed he quick as you'd shut off steam. I didn't proposed to return home. She protes- stop there long, you can bet. I was 'It is a miracle that you did not find ted that she was not in the least tired me dead!" and he poured forth in glow- and on they went. When about a dozen the liveliest kind of scrambling to get ing language a vivid account of all the miles had been walked the clerk felt up in time, The pipe had broken at sion stole over her face, and at last she panion then turned back and walked to was coming up. The air inside of the carriage for him. The young man now thinks that he will take a year's practice before asking another young lady a fish out of water."

to have a stroll with him.

have their favorite haunts, such as the which protect it, are made and fitted Wire Skerries and Kilns of Brinnovan, with especial care, so as to afford the in Rousay, and it requires as much greatest amount of protection consistent per berth. "I'll bet a hundred dollars skill to bag them as to stalk a red deer with a clear view. The breaking of none of us can get a wink of sleep toon the corries of the Highlands. The this glass is generally equivalent to night." seal is about as amphibious as a beaver, immediate death, the rush of the water ter you left for school. It has grown and the rapidity with which it "slid- within being apt to choke the victim invery large, but at the same time so tame ders" off rocks into the water on the stantly. Peterson tells of a case on the that it is allowed to go about anywhere, approach of danger is highly creditable Atlantic coast in which a diver was and it constantly plays with the men to the promptitude and agility of this drowned by the breaking of this glass. among Orknian sports. In the autumn difficulty. Especially he dreaded the tom. And although 1 could not help or ca'ing whales, often 300 or 400 reason had it made unusually stout. laughing just now, yet 1 am really very strong, come down among the islands in One day, while working in the hold of bed. "You have often said that I am broken voice, "Petruschka, I will con- whales, if possible, into shallows of the body of his unfortunate mate, kind-hearted, but 1 can tell you that if | fess something to you that 1 would not | sandy bays, where they fall an easy doubled up around a stanchlon. anyone ever dared to insult me, 1 should have admitted to any other living soul. prey to the destroyers, who are armed In diving for the Submarine Company pronged "graips," and any other lethal met with an accident that well nigh times, lived in nine different states, and "Dear! dear! young master, how can utes, which seemed as long as eternity, you have such wicked and terrible ideas 1 learned to know it only too well, and in your head, and on the first evening 1 shall never forget the sensation as long is a regular battue when some hundred Leavenworth in the Missouri River in teen years, you'll begin to think you of your return home, too! You should as I live. I felt so utterly helpless with or two of bottle-noses are driven ashore over fifty feet of water. While at the know your own business. I think I rather be thinking of returning your the wild beast, as 1 thought it, that, by the pursuing fleet of small boats. bottom of the river the bell in which he know mine, and if this baby wants to thanks to Gop for having escaped the had I been able, I would have run away The tourist will find this sport decidedly was at work was overturned, the bell how he's going to do it, if I have got

An Arctic story.

had not stood proof, and from his lips occurred until their arrival in those rose the neglected thanksgiving for his solitary regions, when it became the duty of the crew to keep a perpetual look-out upon the horizon in search of fish. While thus occupied it was fansaying, "Unproven courage is no cour- cled by one of the seamen that a sail was discernible as far to the northward as the eye could reach. As the course of the whaler was towards the supposed vessel a mast became gradually distinguishable amid the mountain of ice which appeared in that quarter to been Assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate bound the sea. It was now summer. for forty-eight years, and who, by the and the afternoon unusually calm, while the whaler gradually neared the object in view, the apposition being "I was appointed a page in the Senate that it was a vessel engaged in operain 1831, through the influence of Daniel ting upon the blubber in a bay which would open to the view upon approachwas only one page in the Senate, and ing nearer to the ice. Upon arriving, he devoted himself too exclusively to however, at the spot, it became clear the side of the chamber on which Mr. that the vessel was a wreck imbedded in the ice, and could only be approached by a boat. This having been on my appointment." "Is it true, Mr. lowered, the captain and several of the Bassett," asked the correspondent, seamon landed upon the ice and proseaman landed upon the ice and proceeded to the vessel, which proved to be a brig. The sails were furled, very little appeared upon the deck, and all the arrrngements were those of a vessel laid up for a long period of time. Descending to the cabin the first object that was seen was a large Newfoundland dog coiled upon a mat and apparently asleep. Upon torching the animal it was found to be dead, and the body frozen to the hardness of a stone. Entering the cabin there was next seen a young lady seated at a table: her and steadfast expressiou upon the new death. Beside her was a young man. desk and the new chair of some mem-ber from a State recently admitted to the Linion before Calbonn's desk. You

than fourteen years before. Under the Waves.

"What is the chief drawback of a diver's life?" was asked of Coolan, a professional diver.

"Well, I should call it the uncer-

"Have you ever had it break with

"I have had the noise stopped as down in fifty feet of water, and it took that his gallantry must yield, and he the top, but one of the tenders put his dropped down and confessed that he hand over the break, and they managed could not take another step. His com- to send me down a little more air as I the inn, saying that she would send a helmet grew hot and thick, and by the time I got to the top I was gasping like

Next to the air pipe, the diver looks most carefully after the little pane of glass which covers his face. The iron Orkney game includes seals, which rods, two vertical and two horizontal, very queer flish. Whale-hunting as The man was exceedingly nervous, and seal-shooting must also be numbered apt to lose his head when he got into season great "draves" of bottle nosed breaking of his face glass, and for this pursuit of the herring shoals; and the a ship loaded with railroad iron, he visitor may consider himself highly jammed his helmet against the thin fortunate if he is enabled to take part bottom edge of a rail. The glass was in the exciting chase. Hundreds of shattered. The green water rushed in the island boats, some speeding under with tremendous force, and strangled sail, some propelled by oars, tollow in him before he could make an effort to the wake of the shoal, the efforts of the get out. Peterson, groping his way boatmen being directed to drive the through the dark hold, stumbled upon

thanks to God for naving escaped the dangers of traveling by day and by night, and being safely housed here with us. Now, good-night, God bless you, and send you quiet rest."

The tourist will find this sport decidedly more entertaining, as well as novel, than wandering over the abounding moors and healthy hill-sides, gun over shock. The current was running at the shock.

presence of mind enough to grasp a life line which happened to be within reach, In the spring of the year of 1840; whereupon the current bore him to the whaling vessel sailed from the port of

Coolan was one of the divers who ashed the six hundred bodies out of the wreck of the White Star steamer Atlantic in 1873. The corpses of the lead were found jammed against the furniture, crammed through glass skylights, hidden away behind stateroom doors, and always in the most frightfully contorted attitudes. To grope into a cabin in the dark and come suddenly upon the bodies of an entire familyfather, mother, and children-intertwined in one last embrace, was not uncommon. The most hideous cases and most trying to the nerves were the single corpses, hid behind doors, which tumbled into the diver's embrace on his pening them.

"Which is the easiest sort of cargo to ove ?"

"Railroad iron. It is the cleanest and the easiest to handle. Assorted cargoes, grain in bulk, and miscellaneous goods are the worst.

Pretty Paraguayans.

The preponderance of females is ex raordinary. The population of the country was estimated to be about 220,-000 in 1840. The natural rate of increase till 1865 would have doubled this number, but in the subsequent five Years' war the losses may be estimated at half one who had a bigger soul of honor employed in the mills. the population, 170,000 males by battle and disease, and 50,000 women and children by famine and exposeure, The therefore, in its result, viz., 220,000. Or this number about 28,700 were males, and over 106,000 females. The population is principally Indian, the most of eyes were open, and gazing with a mild the whites are gathered around Asuncion. But though their complexion va- I got there the housekeeper said that was presented for redemption, in clean comers to that solitary spot. She was ries from that of a true black of the rich she had positively ordered not to let order and excellent condition one day dead; and in that apparently resigned brunette of Castile, all the women look and religious attitude had frozen to exceedingly cleanly and even hand- Thad, happening to hear my voice, he some with their exquisitely white frocks called out: "Bob, these old fools are Versailles fete consumed 2,000 bottles who, it appeared, was the brother of and glossy, raven hair, which, like trying to find some excuse for killing of champagne, 1,000 of claret, 2,000 litres ble, and before him lay a sheet of pa- having known the deforming confines wanted to see you, old fellow, before I cakes, 20,000 sandwiches and rolls, 400 ble, and before him lay a sheet of paper, upon which was written the fol- of a corset; the poise of their heads is passed in my chips for the last time, partridges, 500 fowls, 50 hams, and 200 pounds of candy. ored since yesterday morning to light a Vere de Vere, and their pace in walkfire, but all in vain; all is now over." ing is worthy of the emulation of a Von for many a day, I tell you. At the other side of the cabin stood Hillern. Yet what they carry is balthe cook, with a flint and steel in his anced on their heads - jars of water, endeavor to procure that fire which One meets them every morning coming alone could save him and his compan- to market in single file, all dressed the ions from the cold arms of death. The same, laughing and talking, with their superstitious terrors of the seamen now | naked toes seeming to grasp the ground harried the captain away from the old Owing to the rank herbage, they do not aside just so much money for this fun. his commission as ensign after the batter away, and from this it appeared that away, and from this it appeared that away and from this it appeared that away are the only the dense grass nor house as the was in luck he'd play ad, and the of the Alma, in 1854, and when in 1873 he was retired with full pay were away, and from this it appeared that the ill-fated vessel was a brig, which another is that of the bullock-wagons, ally didn't turn up well, at the so had belonged to the port of London, and which is invariably followed, as it is much was gone, he'd push his chair gion of Honor. had sailed for the arctic region more easy to lose one's self in the tall pampa back from the table and say quietly, grass and undergrowth. The ground is sometimes covered with tangled haust." Then, if he didn't feel tired, the city was founded. A lot 68 feet creepers, even in the city which caught he looked on for a while before going caught us and threw us down, while home. He never went over his limit branch played havoc with our clothing, and seemed determined to simplify our nected with the Russian Legation then possession until his death, was recently attire. Being convinced of the reason- used to come around nearly every day, ableness of that proverb which admits some of them playing big. If they Sunday evening, and I was not long in wheat. The bank kept a regular ac- keys at an average market price of sevrecogning a pretty maiden who had count with them by the month, and, enty-five cents each, and ducks and orwelcomed me agreeably on the steamer | when their sinews of war came around, | dinary fowls at sixty-two cents per landing. She was again among a crowd they'd clear the slate. But, Lord! I pair, the poultry in Ireland would repof others, many of them carrying light- don't believe any of those good old feled candles, and a few affecting high- lows are in the country any more. Just heeled boots in addition to the ordinary appears like a pestilence or a hurrithe musicians were tuning their instru- whole crowd into the wave. ments, consisting of a harp, a violin and a flute; and as they struck up a the game, and it paid to dine and wine books were left blank, the only records Spanish dance, the ball soom became a your patrons. When a game used to rippling lake of white skirts and co- clear upwards of \$100,000 in a season, quettish scarfs. But the music was we could afford to be generous and give almost drowned by the laughter. The away the lunch. I can remember one Paraguayans find mirth in everything, year when we got away during the seaas we have said. If a bull runs away;

ous laughter. She Thought She Knew.

if they fall down; if it rains; if it shines

The passengers in the sleeping coach were just dozing off when something howled out: "Ow-wow-wow!"

"Great dragons, there's a young one aboard !" growled a fat man from up-

"There he goes again," growled the fat man; "I never travel but what I run across some one's offspring." "Who's that talking?" said the moth-

"Wow-wow!" whined the child.

er of the child, in a loud voice. "Me!" answered the fat man. "Why didn't you either leave that child at home or stay at home yourself?" "Are you talking to me?" demanded

"Yes, ma'am, I am! I say it is a big shame to bring a sick child, into a sleeping car to disturb twenty or thirty

"Are you a father?" she asked. "No, I haint!"

"Nor a mother?" she continued. "No, ma'am."

"Well, sir," she continued, as she

poked out her head between the curtains, "when you've been the mother with harpoons, ware-forks, turee- of St. Louis in 1871, Peterson himself of eleven children, moved forty-eight

Gambling in Washington "In olden times," says an old gam-

bler, "we thought nothing of having a

thousand or two up on a turn. There was old Humphrey Marshall. He was prince. I never saw an amateur in my experience of forty years who ly Mass., in 1787. It continued in operawould put down as much cold money out of his hand as Marshall. Some fellows, you know, are queer about cards. There was the other Marshall. He was different from Humphrey that way. He laid himself out on piling his stack of chips up to the ceiling. But Humphrey where they could at 'east earn a living would come in and pull the cod cash out of his clothes and put it ai down on a turn. He made lots of honey, lived like a lord, and never scened to once, that's a fact. It was about the time that he came from Chilings and he was American Minister. He came into the rooms one day, and said his wife 000. The city has 160 cab stands, to wanted an addition to the house, and each of which is attached an inspector, he was going to give her money to appointed by the prefecture of police. build it with right off that table, and by \$4,400 on three turns, and the next day which is at the rate of one in every 4,just like one of us-cool as ice all the than in any other European country. time. One of the grandest old men at the business was Thad. Stevens. Thad mills are running to their tulest capaplayed a pretty game, not very big, but city, and making two or three hours scientific, and then, too, he was regu- overtime every night. The greatest delar about it. Never came across any 8000 to 10,000 hands, it is estimated, are about him than Thad. I used to love him like a brother. He always played tions among the loreign officers that blue chips, never got excited at all, but represented their countries at the grand census of 1873 was probably correct, took more solid comfort out of it than manceuvres has been made in France. most any one I ever saw. Poor old Thad. The doctors had been giving out that he was sick of this thing and that, and wouldn't let any one come into his room. He sent for me. When 1823, one year after its organization, any person talk to Mr. Stevens, but something to excite the envy of a Clara | and he died that day, the grandest and best old fellow we've had in public life

guess its in the blood with them, anyhow, they all did it in the old days, desire to forward exhibits. from Bodisco down. He was a queer coon, but the most systematic man at

In the old days there was money in son with 1,500 baskets of champagne. four years of office he was not aware Yes, of course, it cost a good deal less that one unfriendly word has passed -small misfortunes as well as good luck than now, but other values were in invariably invoke ebullitions of melodi- proportion. We never thought of ask- Government, to the mutual good will ing a gentleman what he'd have to of the two peoples, and the tact and drink when he looked thirsty; we just good feeling of Lord Dufferin. wrung the neck off a bottle, and that was the end of it. Champagne, then, was the only drink. But nowadays there isn't a customer who comes to the twenty-four hours.

Carbonic Acid in Plants.

It has long been known that the green parts of plants are able in sunlight to Vermont, recently, a bone of some undecompose carbonic acid, and absorb known animal was dug out nine feet the carbon. To decide the question below the surface. The formation in which it was found is glacial sand and whether plants can take up carbon in bowlders. One bowlder was so large, any way except through their leaves J. W. Moll undertook a series of experi- it could be removed. This bowlder was ments, which led to the following re- originally from the congiomerate forsults. Leaves and parts of plants kept mation extending along the west side continually in a place free from car- of the Green Mountains in Starksboro', bonic acid never form any perceptible quantity of starch, even if in immediate contact, by any over or underground part of the plant, with an atmosphere claim certain property of Napoleon 111 much richer in carbonic acid than in as belonging to them, particularly the the air. Hence the excess of carbonic Fontainebleau Chicago Museum, the acid that is at the disposal of any por- collection of armor at Compeigne and a tion you choose of a plant, never causes the production of a sensible quantity of and the liquidator of the civil list but starch in a leaf or part of leaf united to difficulties of construction have given it, if the leaf is kept in a space free rise to the present suit. from carbonic acid. The formation of -A tablet of black marble has been starch in a leaf in open air, is not has-tened when any other part of the same lies was been in 1899. Cornelle's plant is in a place containing more car-The carbonic acid at the disposal of the lay out the out the Avenue de l'Opera, roots of a plant in the soil, neither and the only memorial to the great dracauses the formation of starch in a leaf significant streets of Paris, a name conexcluded from carbonic acid, nor per- ferred in 1790. Corneille's house, near ceptibly hastens it in the open air.

amounts to 12,000,000 bushels.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Kansas counts on a population of ,000,000 by 1880.

-The first cotton factory in the United States was established at Bevertion until 1802, and then stopped, ninety per cent. of the cap'tal having been

sunk in the enterprise. -The Boston Transcript says there is money enough spent in charity in Bosby working on the land.

-J. C. McCabe, Commissary of the Citizen's Relief Committee, of Memphi-, Tenn., in making a final statement, reports that 745,000 rations were issued be short. Hold up. Yes, he was short to 68,022 persons during the prevalence of yellow fever in this city.

oles plying for hire in the street Paris bring in a revenue of nearly £148,-

-According to the Swiss tables of the Lord he did! He walked off with mortality just issued, 597 persons combegan work on his house. He played 600 inhabitants, a greater proportion

-Most of the Paterson (N. J.) silk

-The usual distribution of decora-Germany not only has the greatest ment to grade of grand officer.

-A two-dollar bill, issued by the Smithfield (R. I.) Exchange Bank in fects of a lady recently deceased. -The guests at Marshal MacMahon's

an international exhibition of sea and river fishing material in Berlin, in 1880. Some of these foreign fellows used to This exhibition will contain not less be game, especially the Russians. I than nine departments. A programme will be sent abroad soon, giving all necessary particulars to those who may

-Lieutenant Colonel John Brett, one of the few English officers who rose the game you ever saw. He used to set from the ranks, has just died. He got Turkish metra and the Cross of the

-The value of land in Melbourne, "Ze appropriation for zat is all ex- Australia, has increased somewhat since wide and 220 feet deep, which was bought from the Crown in the early days of the colony, for \$80 by Mr. on the appropriation. The fellows con- Michael Pander, and remained in his

sold by his heirs for \$165,000. -Ireland has 751, 869 turkeys, 2 250,-399 geese, 2,653,070 ducks and 7,920 805 ordinary fowls, making a total of 13,-566,083. Estimating the geese and tur-

-The failure of Messrs. J. Innes Wright & Co., of Glascow, for \$2 380,000 disclosed the facts that the books had robe of calico and linen. As we entered cane had come along and swept the not been balanced for thirteen years, nor had the cash books been added up. Sometimes for months together the randa on scraps of paper. The bookkeeper was "too busy.

-Lord Carnarvon in his address at the Edinburgh Philosophical Institunetween Britain and America. That was due to the right intention of each

-Vermont is said to stand at the head of the New England States in the relative proportion of her agricultural popare engaged in occupations are engaged rooms who don't cat up his head and in agriculture, while the percentage drink up his jaws three times over in thus engaged in Maine is less than forty, in New Hampshire thirty eight, in Massachusetts less than thirteen, in Connecticut about twenty-two, and in Rhode Island about thirteen per cent. -In excavating a well at Castleton,

that it had to be reduced in size before Lincoln and Ripton.

-The cause of the ex-Empress Eugenie and her son against the State is just now being tried in Paris. They great many pictures. In 1873 a compromise was signed between M. Rouher

house, Rue a'Argenteuil, where he died, bonic acid than the atmospheric air. October 1st, 1684, has been torn down to Rouen, is, however, in good preserva. tion, and is to be restored and furnished -The wheat crop of Texas this year with relics of the poet and objects recalling his history and works.