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#### RAIN ON THE ROOF.

Soft falls through the gathering twilight The rain from the dripping eaves, And stirs, with a tremulous rustle. The dead and the dying leaves, While afar, in the midst of the shadows, I hear the sweet voices of bells, Come borne on the wind of the autumn. That fitfally rises and swells.

They call and they a swer each other. And answer and mingle again. As the deep and the shrill in an anthem Make harmony still in their strain ; As the voices of sentinels mingle In mountainous regions of snow, Till from the hill-tops a chorus Floats down to the valleys below.

The shadows, the firelight of even. The sound of the rain's distant chime. Come bring ng, with fain softly deopp ng Sweet t oughts of a sha lowy time ; The slumberous sense of seclusion, From storm and intruders aloof, We feel when we hea in the midni ht The patter of rain on the roof.

#### The Midnight Cry.

In the early days of a certain Western State a crime was committed which has gained a place among the annals of dark It was murder; but the circumstances surrounding it are so noteworthy that we shall here transcribe them. They present the most remarkable instance of a young man sealing his lips when his own life was in jeopardy, in order to conceal a

One night in March, 1831, a farmer named Buskirk left a town where, during which had, as yet, been found. the day, he had disposed of a lot of hogs. He rode a sorrel horse, and carried the proceeds of his sales in heavy leather saddlebags. The money was mostly in silver coin of the dollar denomination, and the amount, therefore, was quite weighty. Buskirk, a fearless man, did not go armed, but rode unconcernedly from town, a little accused had committed the crime. under the influence of liquor, but not drunk enough to call attention to the fact.

Zimri Buskirk was still absent from his had turned his attention to another lady, to farm. His horse stood at the stable door whom he was paying his devoirs. neighing for admittance. The well-known The excitement consequent up and search for the farmer was at once in- his sojourn in jail.

At a distance of five miles from home the body of Buskirk was found lying by the roadside; and not far away lay the saddle- ing. If I escape this time I will be a better bags, rifled of their contents. The villain, man. The murder of my honor would send in his haste to get at the money, had cut my father to the grave as quickly as the his way to it, instead of unbuckling the shedding of me ble quite dead; one side of his skull had been ficing my honor! crushed as if by a blow from a blidgeon, or some murderous weapon of that sort, and all," was the reply. his pockets, like the saddle-bags, had been truth. Do not let Eva believe that you store windows as she goes along. A report-

The excitement from the moment of the discovery became intense. Zimri Buskirk was one of the most influential farmers of the neighborhood, and a man universally liked. He was not known to possess an enemy, and no one ever dreamed that the murder had been committed for anything but that of subsequent plunder.

Though the country was scoured for the perpetrator of the deed, no traces were discovered; but a clew was suddenly furnished

The body of the farmer had been discovered not far from a farm-house occupied by a family named Milligen, which consisted of the parents and two children, son and daughter, who had passed their minority. While the excitement still raged, Ellen Milligan came forward and desired to make a statement that she said had tortured her ever since the night of the murder. She said that she had been the possessor of a guilty secret which she could no longer keep; she could not sleep for it, and it was

the spectre of her waking hours. The girl then proceeded to state that she was up at the hour of half-past eleven or thereabout, on the night of the -th, and that she heaard a horse coming down the frosty road from the directiod of P----Not regarding the sound of any moment, she was about to re-enter the house, when she heard an oath, followed by a dull thud and a groan. Then she heard a name uttered twice in a tone of mingled agony and supplication.

A moment later the sound of hoofs came again to her ears, and the horse seemed to

be galloping toward the Buskirk-farm. The excitement that followed Miss Milligen's narration may be imagined, for pen cannot describe it. It was believed that the name she had heard was that of the murderer, which had fallen from the lips of his victim before insensibility or death followed the blow. The young girl visibly hesitated when asked by the magistrate to pronounce the name. She covered her face with her hands, and in all probability would | grave. have fallen if she had not been supported by her brother Hiram. She did not like to utter the name that might doom one of the young men of her acquaintance to the gallows, for she could not believe him guilty, yet she had heard Zimri Buskirk call on him to spare his life on that awful night.

Ellen Milligen was pressed to mention the name, and further the ends of justice. in which the whole country was interested, and at last her lids parted. "God help him and pity me!" she said.

"The name I heard was Abner Tenney's." If a thunderbolt had fallen into the breathless crowd, astonishment would not have been more complete. Men started at the name, and women uttered cries that added

Standing near the witness was a young man of five and twenty, the only son of a minister who watched over the little flock of believers that worshipped in the church hard by, and a youth of exemplary habits to the outer world. His face was as pale as death, and at the mention of his name he started back with a cry and found the eyes of all fixed upon him.

His name was Abner Tenney. He made no efforts to fly, and when

strong hands were laid upon him, he smiled and told the people he would face the accu-

sation.

The young man was formally arrested on Ellen Milligen's statement, and brought to the bar of justice. He denied the crime, but astonished everybody with his answer but as plain nonest terms as plain nonest terms as possible, to indic; people to give them one trial, as no one who knows them one trial, as no one who knows there ago the sanguing as possible, to indic; people to give them one trial, as no one who knows them one trial, as no one who knows there ago the sanguing as possible, to indic; people to give them one trial, as no one who knows them one trial, as no one who knows there ago to find the prince Imperial has reached any wars between these two tribes may them one trial, as no one who knows them one trial, as no one who knows there ago to find the prince Imperial has reached any wars between these two tribes may them one trial, as no one who knows them one trial as possible, to indic; people to give the bridge is \$1,027,735.67. The net ago to the bridge is \$3.575,331.26, and the total cost of the adviser, as he moved over to the people to give them one trial, as no one who knows them one trial as possible, to indic; people to give the bridge is \$3.575,331.26, and the total cost of the adviser, as he moved over to the people to give the bridge is \$3.575,331.26, and the total cost of the adviser, as he moved over to the peo

to the inquiry concerning his whereabouts timony, when John French arose, and ex-"I admit that I was not at home, but

where I was I will not tell!" This answer was twisted, as it could easiremanded by the magistrate for a regular him! trial at the next term of court:

There were a few who believed that he might be innocent. When it became generally known, that he had been a suitor for Eva Buskirk's hand without the sanction of her father, revenge was added to the motive of the murder. Ellen Milligen's word was believed; she was a girl of violent passions, but her veracity in this case was not dragged into question. She acknowledged that thus he reached the door leading to the she loved Abner Tenney-Hence her reluc- street. tance to testify; and after the preliminary examination, she said that she regretted having revealed the sceret.

But it was out now, and the young man, lying in the county jail, reiterated his innocence, but still he refused to make known his whereabouts and occupation, on that

It was strange that Ellen Milligen's testimony should remain uncorroborated in its essential particulars; but there were several parties who had seen the accused near the scene of the crime at that late hour of

He did not deny this, but persistently refused to explain his presence there. His father visited him, and begged him o unburden himself; but to him he invari-

ably returned the same reply : Were I to tell you, you would feel as badly as though I had committed the mur-The young man was visited by many ac-

half suspected that he had accomplices who had concealed the money, not one dollar of Ellen Milligen continued to reaffirm her statement. She was confident that she had

heard Buskirk call on Abner Tenney in tones that left no doubt in her mind that he addressed his murderer. As the time for the trial approached, she lost her reluctance and openly declared that she knew that the Her brother, not having been at home on the night of the murder, was not summoned

ved but twenty miles from the as a witness. It was known that he, too, expected to reach home about had visited the Buskirk homestead as a But when the morning dawned suitor for Eva's hand, but that of late he

bags were missing, which immedi- farmer's violent death and Abner Tenney's ately gave rise to a suspicion of foul play, arrest did not for one moment abate during To a young man who visited him he said :

"Spare me, John. You know where I was told by initial arter he had made a man was told by initial arter he had made a man was that night; you know what I was do- of himself; but it puzzles many people who

killed her father.

the wall of his cell with a groan. It seemed men, six curb-blocks, four boxes and a to unnerve him. "She will never believe it!" he cried a

ever remain guiltless of her father's murder, She succeeded. They all succeed. A even though they hang me for the crime. two other men of his age in the corridor of

with eagerness. "He is still obdurate, and declares that we must not expose him.

"Can we save him without the expos-"We must! We shall!"

people who had noticed the familiarity. companions, "I hold myself in part respon- correct. Put a man in a vehicle of the sort sible for Abner's present situation.

They had of late been Abner Tenney's cont-

led him into the habits that have fastened but babies have no backs. They are simthemselves upon us. We must save him!" was a young student of medicine, and it the late war were not armed with baby carwas not long afterward that a learned medi- riages was because the factories could not is the most nervous of beings, and the cal gentleman of Cincinnati came to the supply them. They would have ended the exhamed and examined.

blows? "So she swore.

stant death. It drove pieces of skull into country to live in. the brain. A stab in the heart could not prove more instantly fatal than the initial

"That is your opinion?" "I will swear to it."

The young man was satisfied, and the body, minus the head, was returned to the

"If he will not sacrifice his honor to save his neck, I will save it for him, and his father need not know the truth.' These words passed from John French's

lips as he passed from the house with the Professor. From that day the young student and his

on their return. The trial came at last, and the accused olead "not guilty," in a firm voice. Ellen Milligen repeated her testimony damaging to the defense, and adhered to it through a rigorous cross-questioning to

The other evidence offered by the State introduced the Professor, who explained the filed. An attendant, lately dismissed nature of the wounds, and swore that the for drun kenness, has been arrested on first blow had produced instant death. This suspicion of being the author of this produced a sensation in court. It staggered atrocious act. Ellen Milligen's testimony, until that hour believed invulnerable. The blows that now followed from the defense were hard and

No alibi was attempted. The accused had forbidden such a plan, on the ground that it would reveal the secret that he was guarding so closely; but the defense be- and simply call attention to the merits

claimed

"I do now accuse him of the murder of Zimri Buskirk; my affidavit is in the room; the Sheriff holds it at this moment. Look ly be by the excited community, iuto broad at the man! Guilt is written on his face. strands of guilt, and the young man was He is trying to leave the house. Catch

The confusion that now ensued was intense. Ellen Milligen, with a loud shriek, fell forward on the floor, where she was permitted to lie, for all eyes were turned upon her brother.

Pistol in hand, the young man was clearing a path to the door. No one dared to lay hands on him, for he threatened to shoot the first one who touched him, and

On the threshold he paused and faced the excited occupants of the court room. "You will never put me in Abner Ten ney's place!" he cried. "If I did kill Zimri Buskirk, you shall not prove and hang

The next moment there was a loud report, and a human body, after swaying for an instant, fell heavily upon the floor. Hiram Milligen had taken his own life

This tragic occurrence, as might be supposed, put an end to Abner Tenney's trial. It established his innocence in the eyes of all, and the guilty was beyond the punishment of an earthly tribunal.

Upon her recovery, Ellen Milligen unfolded one of the darkest plots on record. She confessed that her testimony was but a tissue of falsehoods; that she knew that her brother had killed the farmer for the purpose of getting his money, and accused young Tenney, in order to prevent him from winning Eva Buskirk. Ellen, piqued quaintances, to whom he would not reveal at Tenney's refusal to court her, had enterpetty vice—the most remarkable instance of his secret, and it at last became more than ed into the plot with revengeful spirit. But the game had failed.

Of course the minister's son was released, and Ellen Milligen left the country between two days. She died several years later in den of infamy in the South.

Abner Tenney led Eva Buskirk to the altar several months after his release, and became one of the solid men of the South. I believe he is still living, but his father, the minister, is dead; and the secret which he guarded so zealously at one time is no

It was simply this: Despite the holy influences under which he had been raised, he had departed from the paths of rectitude and became a gambler, along with John French and his companions. On the night of the murder of Mr. Buskirk, the quartette were in the midst of a carouse which the outh refused to confess for the sake of his father, who never dreamed of his wild life.

But John French had saved the young man whom he had led into vice, and kept him from the gallows. Tenney's secret know it not to this day.

THE PART CHITTING . HINGE ITS appearance recently for the season of 1879. It was oc-"They will hang you if you do not tell cupied by the usual baby, and it was pro-"Let us swear to the pelled by the woman who looks into all the er who followed the carriage for an hour The last sentence drove Abner Tenney to found that it collided with five women, ten street car, and every collision only made the woman more determined to occupy twomoment afterward. "In her eyes I will thirds of the side-walk if it took all summer. The young man's visitor left, and joined her on the sidewalk is as dangerous as seven roller-skaters and four velocipede riders combined. She can't kill a full-grown man quite as promptly as a runaway team, but she can knock his shins to pieces, tumble him over, upset all his good resolutions and leave him flint-hearted and evil-minded You can't dodge a baby cab. Your only safe way is to jump from the curbstone or climb a ladder. They go on wheels. They The trio were youths of respectable are supposed to be a convenience which no parents, but considered fast young men. respectable baby can do without. No matter who first got the idea that jolting a bapanions, much to the regret of the few pious by around town, bobbing him over curbstones and bouncing him over crosswalks "Look here," said one, addressing his would sweeten his disposition—the idea is We and his back would be broken in an hour, ply great big hunks of sweetness. The spokesman of the dissolute party only reason why all the Union regiments in county. The body of Zimri Buskirk was war in one year. The woman with the baby carriage needs no advice. She knows John French stood by and watched the enough to heed the vehicle towards every crowd she can see. The thicker the crowd the more business she has there. It is her "You say that she swore to hearing Mr. duty to run to all fires with it, to select the Buskirk cry out after the thud of two busiest crosswalks, and to get in front of all runaway teams, and she perfectly understands it. If there is any country on earth "The first blow must have produced in- where these vehicles are not in use, it is no

A Frightful Scene. During an exhibition of some wild beasts a short time ago at the theatre of a small town in Thuringia, a frightful scene occured. A leopard was not nearly so submissive to the tamer as usual, and dashed wildly about the cage. Suddenly two of the bars gave way, and the animal sprang with a tremen lous bound among the spectors in the pit. The terrified people rushed pell-mell to the door, but the beast at two friends were not idle. They made many tacked the hindermost of them furioustrips from the county, and compared notes by with teeth and claws, and in four minutes had killed a woman and child and fearfully lacerated four other persons about the face and neck. The moment the leopard escaped from its cage, the beast tamer and his assistants hurried after it, armed with spears but which she was subjected. She had heard the cries after the blows; she was positive were unable to overcome it until it dropped dead from its wounds. On examining the broken bars of the cage was merely circumstantial. The defense it was discovered that they had been

Advertising the its

It has become so common to write the beginning of an elegant, interesting article and then run it into some advertisement that we avoid all such cheats

Nose-Painting A leading artist of St. Louis recently said "you cannot imagine how many of our nice society young men, who figure in the most aristocratic circles, come to artists, on with any who may visit their territory, most aristocratic circles, come to arises, on they are nevertheless, veritable cannipioneer life in Eaton county. For several an all-night frolic left on their faces in the bals so far as the Huitotes are concernremember, not long ago, a clerk at one of our leading hotel-I won't mention his name, because it is not necessary, in the oners, whom they sell as slaves in Bra- a radius of as many miles. In that year name, because it is not necessary, in the first place, and in the next he's a friend of zilian territory, or reserve for a worse which would attack the stock in the night first place, and in the next he's a friend of mine—came to me in great haste one after-fate, serving up, the still palpitating and bite promiscuously all within reach, noon and said, Do you ever paint over bodies of their victims as an article of the victim of the bite invariably going mad, bruised flesh?' I said yes, and then he in- food in their horrible and disgusting and suffering terrible agony until relieved formed me that he wished to take a lady to feasts. The frightful orgies practiced by death. It seems a peculiarity of the few days before, while out riding with her, the buggy had been overturned, and her face and arm were badly bruised—so badly, in fact, that, triless the traces could be covered up in some way, it would be im- tribes. The buildings or temples in and numerous attempts had been made to him to bring her up to the studio that after- about thirty metres square with several middle of June Mr. Wall was awakened by noon, so that I could do the work in daylight, but they didn't make their appearance until after supper, just as I was leaving for the theatre. I said to her 'Now I can fix this so that no one can tell the dif- by a chief several times up and down leaped into the inclosure, took the wolf by plainly unless you come to me in the morn-shouts and laughter the most infernal; head against the logs. The wolf had a firm she said, and I went to work. Her arm near the elbow—it was a beautiful arm, I out and in through the various doors, and succeeded in killing the wolf, which near the elbow—it was a beautiful arm, I tell you—was bluish black, as was also her and at last is allowed to stand for a proved to be mad. The dog had taken proved to be mad. The dog had taken proved to be mad. After I had painted her up and added a lit- ing, in the midst of his savage destroy- eral bites, and with three of the swine, went tle pearl powder to hide the gloss of the oil, she admitted the deception was perfect. I met the clerk the next day and asked him if anybody had discovered that her face and arm were painted. 'No,' said he, 'not a But I tell you I took her home in a and proceeds to dismember and divide hack; she lives in the western part of the the body among those present, who decity, and this morning I discovered a long vour the remains even without the for- closing in from all sides. He could hear coat collar, and I want to know now what will take it off.' One morning a young man engaged in the banking business came up to my studio with his eye bandaged 'Oh, you need not make any explanation.' I said, as I saw him stammer out something about being out the night before with a few friends. I understood all about year ascend the Caqueta River, attack it. I fixed the eye up. A few days afterwards we met at the Lindell. He shook me warmly by the hand. 'You see,' he remarked, I got on a little spree that might, and got into trouble somehow, I don't know their houses and sell into slavery every itation convinced himself that it was made where. It was absolutely necessary for me year, without protest on the part of the by a burning log-heap in a clearing, where to be down at the bank that morning. My local authorities, or steps being taken he had been at work during the to put an end to the infernal traffic. had, he would have dissolved partnership with me in a moment. The few daubs of paint you put on saved me \$50,000. While artists, as a rule, are ready to oblige their friends by covering up traces of their dis- feetly useless. sipation in this way, their generosity is sometimes imposed upon. Apropos, Mr. Miles remarked that while in New York several years ago, a bunning come cyto bir

The next morning there was another bum- millionaires and hogs. mer with his face in a similar condition, and the next a third. The artist generally put soul and stifles the intellect. them all in a presentable shape, free of charge. Before the end of a week they be- win the respect of his fellows. gan to come in at the rate of two or three a One morning in came another. Sa-a-v,' said he, 'I collared too much budge last night. Out on a lark with a aim to be what you appear to be. friend. There was a little scraping match twixt me and a friend of mine, and he put a head on me. What'll you charge to fix me up. There's a fellar down here that only charges two bits. What'll you charge? The nonplussed artist turned to him. 'Here is half a dollar for you, he said. Take it down to that other 'fellar,' and have the kindness never to darken my doors again."

How to Put Nervous Babies to Sleep.

A baby is a very tender thing, people say, but most of them are very far from knowing how tender. Imagine how nervous you are in certain states -when recovering from illness say. door makes you quiver and feel faint, it is as if some one gave a blow. A puff of wind will set it gasping, it's little breath blown quite away. A noise air makes it turn death cold. A baby tortures it suffers in going to sleep and being awakened by careless sounds when "dropping off," are only comparable to the same experience of an older first months of their lives in the country, for its stillness no less than its fresh air. But where silence is not to be commanded, baby may be soothed by folding a soft napkin, wet in warmway to put nervous babies to sleep. I have tried it hundreds of times with a child so irritable that paregoric and and, though baby sometimes fought against being blindfolded in this way, five minutes usually sent him off into deep and blissful slumber. The comdeadened sound in his ears, and shut out everything that took his attention, so that sleep caught him unawares. Teething babies find this very comfortable, for their heads are always hot. and there is a fevered beating of the arteries on each side.

Cannibals.

authority of the Prefect of the District of Caqueta, in the State of Cauca, on the borders of the Brazilian Empire. tribes which are marked by the atrocithe Huisotes and Gasques-between whom appears to be an endless fued. ways

destroy and annihilate each other in the most horrible manner in the most horrible manner. Although the tribe of the Guvuaques engage in commerce at these barbaric rites are described by mad wolves, that they leave the company a gentleman named Guzman, a Colomblan, who, for commercial purposes, visited the country inhabited by these which the victims are sacrificed are destroy it to no purpose. One night in the doors on either side, and will ac- the squealing of his pigs and bark of his commodate about forty individuals. dog. Jumping out of his bed he ran to the the victim selected is led by the hand wolf chasing and biting his hogs. before the assembled savages amid the hind legs, and attempted to dash its few moments in the centre of the build- active enough part in the affray to get severs. Then, without a word of warning mad and died. This adventure gave Mr. the savage chief attacks the helpless Wall the name of "William Wall the wolfcreature with a club, knocking him slayer," by which he was widely known. senseless or dead with the first blow, mality of submitting them to the fire. them running through the underbrush and Like wild snimals, crouched upon the howling in a frightful manner. The prosmud floor, they proceed to their unnat- pect of being compelled to spend the night ural and horrible feast. But the Gua- in the woods with the but pleasant. The ques are in turn exposed to the attacks wolves became more and more daring, and of wandering parties of Brazilian ne- occasionally one would dart past him and year ascend the Caqueta River, attack At length he was compelled to take refuge dwellings and villages, making prisoners of men, women and children indiscriminately, whom they carry off to their houses and sell into slavery every

#### Seventeen Sermons

The perfectly contented man is also per- were howling and digging around the foot

Try to see yourselves through the eyes of Taking off his coat, he made a bundle of it. those around you. The ideal saint of the young moralist

Faith that asks no questions kills the He who thinks poorly of himself

Happy is the man who has neighbors will ing to forgive his mistakes. Appear to be better than you are The trouble with many communities

that their dead men refuse to be buried. Only infinite wisdom can distinguish the difference between some men and beasts. dicts the testimony of his own ignorance.

The gilded calf, having wealth without the prisoner hastened home to his family soul, finds more worshippers to-day than in who had expected to hear that "William the days of Moses He whose only claim to the title "gentle- the wolves. man" is in his clothes, must necessarily be

careful as to what he wears. Whether he is great or sma'l, set that man down for a fool who boasts that he does not read the local papers.

The Lord can more easily have faith in religion that wears an old coat to church than the man in the coat can. shut your hens out of your neighbor's yard, quired for a diary for 1879,

# than to indulge in long prayers.

The stories of ruin every day at Monaco, Italy, sometimes on good authority, are horrible. Fortunes, trust money, provision for children and widows, the sums acquired by the sale of commissions; sums raised on house and land, have disappeared in a few days or hours. Often it is the extravagance person during the acute nervous head- of the companion that drives her victim ache. Young babies ought to pass the back and back to the tables, deeper and deeper. But women themselves are the most reckless gamblers. The common computation is a suicide a month, and there sometimes come three or four together. On the ramparts, or the garden of Monaco, there are several points from which ruined gamish water, lightly over the top of its blers have thrown themselves into the sea. head, its eyes and ears. It is the best 300 feet below. Only the other day a politics. "lady" threw herself out of her third floor chamber into the road. There have been incidents in the rooms of the Casino, and one at the table itself. Having staked and soothing syrup only made it wide- lost his last franc, a gentleman stood up and awake. A fine towel would be wet and drew a pistol and discharged it in his mouth. fair is off my mind for a year to come I laid over its head, the ends twisted a For the reception of such scandals there is feel thirsty. Won't you go and take little till it made a sort of skull cap, provided a room, handy for the railway something. which passes almost directly under the Casino. Some inquest there must be, and it is performed by the servants of the estab and hide themselves and die like a sick dog, press cooled the feverish little brain, in some corner, where they hasten death or let a broken heart take its course. It is other day visited by a young attorney, impossible even to conjecture the total amount of the annual ruin; nor is that an important matter, for the loss of a few hunhreds is as utter ruin to some people as tens of thousands is to others. When a man cannot meet his creditors, or even his wife and children, it is all over with him, unless points and can say nothing. Now I he is devoid of natural feeling and lost to want to ask you if this don't show a shame. The mere excitement of a day's lack of confidence in myself, and how A curious story comes to us, upon the gambling has been known to kill people constitutionally weak of heart or head, whether they have won or lost. Ecstasy works the effect of despair in such cases. People have been known to go to Monte Carlo after being assured by friends and doctors that it will be their death if they do, return home ies common to Central Africa, or the late, and die in a few hours. The attracislands of the South Sea, On the deso- tion once given way to becomes irresistable. late sands of the lower parts of the It is on this fact that the bank chiefly stands. river Caqueta, live two tribes of Indians If a visitor loses, he leaves the table and shovel." their is an end of him. If he gains, he always returns and plays till he has lost every-

#### A Wolf-Slayer.

William Wall, a veritable wolf-slayer, lived recently in Eaton county, Michigan. An interview with one of his sons disclosed ed, whom they hunt as they would wild county, but in 1842 Mr. Wall could boast beasts, with the object of making pris- of quite a "clearing," and four neighbors in or flock of wolves, and, with remarkable persistence bite and destroy every animal succeeded in doing onsiderable damage,

Another time, while after his cows in the woods, he lost his way and wandered till in the woods with these half-famished decided to make a break for the clearing, and for his protection cut a limb from the tree and made a very formidable weapon in the shape of a large club. The wolves of the tree in almost endless numbers. and when he had descended near the ground time Wall jumped to the ground, and running for the clearing had gained considerable ground before he was discovered by the pack, when they all sprang after him. It was a hard run and a close race, but he succeeded in reaching a large burning log-heap built around a stump, and jumping over th smouldering logs reached the stump. wolves came within a few rods of the fire and began circulating around it, keeping up always their unearthly howling. Mr. Wall passed the night perched on top of the stump, but found no time to sleep, as he was kept busy poking up the dying embers Man believe that to be a lie which contra- in order to keep the wolves at a respectful distance. At daylight they dispersed, and

## Wall, the wolf-slayer," had been slain by

He might have been drinking a little -just a few drops of weak lemonade or something of the kind-but yet he looked like a very respectable young man It is better to arise from your knees, and as he leaned over the counter and in-

Off His Minti.

"We have all styles and prices," replied the dealer as he displayed the ot, and in a short time a sale was affected. The buyer asked for a pencil, and standing at the counter he opened his

diary and wrote: "Jan. 1-Begin to save \$10 a week. "Jan, 2-Love your enemies and be oft with everybody.

"Jan. 3-Give liberally to charity. "Jan. 4-Pity everybody's sorrow.

"Jan. 5-Set everyone a good exam-

"Jan. 6-Don't smoke, chew, drink. olay cards, swear, stay out at nights. lie, steal, borrow money, speak cross words, get in anyone's way, or talk

"Jan. 7-Buy a pair of wings and fly to the better land "

he folded the book. "Now that the af-

## A Candid Opinion.

A Detroit lawyer, famous for his wise and candid opinions, was the

"I was admitted to the Bar two years ago, and I think I ought to know something about law, yet the minute I arise to address a jury I forget all my

The wise attorney shut his eyes and studied the case before answering:

"My young friend, if its lack of confidence in yourself it will some day vanish, but if it is lack of brains you had better seil out your office effects and buy a pickax and long-handled "But how am I to determine?" anx-

iously asked the young man.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Simon Gould and wife, of Montpeler, Vt , are 98 and 95 years old respecively, and have been married 78 years. -Dr. Gerhard Kohles, the soung explorer in Africa, who it was feared was lost, has been heard from in

perfect health. -The quantity of logs and sawed timber lying along the upper waters of the Delaware is said to be the largest ince the panic of 1873.

-Representative Newberry, of Michgan, is said to be the wealthiest man n Congress. He had an income last ear of \$250,000. -Mr. Samuel L. Clomens Mark

I wain), who is new in Paris, will return to Hartford, Conn ber 1st.

There are over 67,000 Sundayschools in the United States, with an aggregate attendance of \$,000,000 chil-

-Mr. W. W. Corcoran will purchase rom Mrs. Fletcher Webster the porfaits of Daniel Webster and of Lord Ashburton, which were saved from the Marshfield fire.

The Germans, Italians, and French re preparing for extensive exhibits at the Mexican Exhibition of 1880, with a view of interrupting the growing trade etween the United States and Mexico. -Peas and beans contain nearly ouble the flesh-forming matters that

are found in wheat, corn, oats or barey, but far less starchy and heat-giving matters, or fat. -Cream is composed of 2.7 per cent, flesh forming matters, 26.7 per cent. flesh forming matters, 26.7 per cent. fatty matter, 2.8 per cent. lacting 1.8 per cent. saline matter and 66 per cent.

-The Annual business meeting of he American Bible Society was held n New York on May 8. The sixtythird anniversary was held in the

-In 1856 the translation of the Bible nto the Russian language was begun. t was finished in 1877, and last year he first edition of 24,000 copies was

-The Empress of Austria has expended \$10,000 on the house and stables of Lord Langford's Summerhill mansion, in Ireland, which she has leased for next year. -In twenty years the United States

has increased 130,000,000 bushels in its

production of wheat; while the value of its agricultural implements in use apon farms has increased \$183,000,000. and its live stock \$1,081,000,000. -In McDuffle, Ga., there was dug up few days ago a sweet potato, which when smail had grown through an irea Texas Legislature, physicians not pernamerally settled are taxed \$50; each

iorse entered for a race, \$25; each bullfight, \$500; and life insurance companies, \$1,000. -Mary Paul, a granddaughter of the amous privateer, John Paul Jones, stely died in Scotland at the age of eventy-nine Her ancestor's name was really John Paul-when he enter-

ed the privateering business he added the "Jones." -The Union Pacific Ruinoad sold luring the first four mouths of this ear 108,418 acres of land at an average of \$5.03 per acre: the Kansas Partie. 127.721 acres at an average of \$3 38. and the Denver Pacific, 18,500 acres at

an average of \$3.37 per acre. -The receipls of flour at Chicago during the year 1878 amounted to 3.120,000 barrels. This is unprecedented in her history. The same may be said of wheat and corn. Of the former 31,000,000 bushels were received, and of the latter 63,000,000.

-Illinois has 800,000 milch cows. To properly care for them and their products requires the labor of 40,000 men and 60,000 horse-; while they demand for their subsistence the use of over 3,000,000 acres of land. Their total money value is placed at \$124,800,--In 1800 Boston consisted of only 783 acres of solid land. 'To-day"

ers 20,160 acres. The nopulation then

was 23,000; now it is 360,000, and \$25,-

000 people live within a circle of twelve

miles from the City Hall. The total valuation has increased from \$15,000,-000 to \$630,000,000, -Queen Victoria travels in a railway carriage which cost \$30,000. A correspondent of The Chicago Times says that its windows are shaded with green slik cortains, trimmed with costly white lace; its ottomans are covered with cream-colored silk, embroidered with he royal arms and mologram, in pur-

ple and gold, and a carpet, which cost

ver \$500, covers the floor. -The number of children in San Francisco between the ages of five and negroes and four Indians. The numper under five years, of all classes, is 80,288, of whom 1505 are Mongolians. Of the white children of school age, who have not attended any school during the past year, these are 16(147. The returns do not mention any Mongolian children as having attended any

-John C. Hamilton, a St. Lonis Tockmith, is said to have the keys of the old French Bastile. When the mob tore De Launey, the governor, to pieces, one of the revolutionists, Lechastel by name, secured the keys. They were kept in the Lechastel family until 1852, when Antoine Lechastel emigrated to this country. Hamilton secured them from Lechastel, the latter being in need of money. There are five keys in the bunch. The largest one is rusty. though the marks of the armorer plainly can be seen. The smallest, inches long, is made of fine steel.

-At a meeting of the Trustees of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge held in New York, Prosident Murphy stated that the total cash expenditures up to August 1, 1878, were \$9,718,722.91, and the total amount of expenditures and liabilities \$9 905,189 69. The amount paid for land up to the present time is \$2,827,206 26, and the net cost of the bridge, exclusive of land, is \$6,979,-859.67. According to the present estimate, the amount require to complete the bridge is \$1,027,735.67. The net