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GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY.

Softly O! sof ly the years have swept by thee, T uching thee lightly with ten lerest care ; Sorrow and care did they often bring nigh Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear-

Growing old gra efally, Gracefully fair. Far from the storms that are washing the

Nearer each day to the pleasant home light;

Far from the waves that are big with commo-

Under full sail and the harbor in eight ! Growing old cheerfully, Cheerful and bright.

Past all the winds that were adverse and Past a I the labands that world is so to re t Past all the currents that wooed thee unwilling.

Far from the port of the land of the blest. Growing old peacefully; Peaceful and blest.

Never a feeling of envy or sorrew, Where the bright faces of children are seen. Never a year from their youth wouldst thou

Thou dost remember what I eth between. Growi gold w.llingly : Gladly, I ween! Rich in experience that angels might covet ;

Rich in a faith that has grown with thy Rich in the love that grew from and above it

Soothing thy sorrows and husbing thy fears. Growing old weal hily : Lo.ing and dear.

Hearts at the sound of thy coming are light-Ready and willing thy hand to relieve ;

Many a face at thy kind words has brightened, It is more blessed to give than receive !" Growing old happily ; Blest, we be ieve

Those Diamonds.

"Now, Jack, be very careful," said my sister for the fiftieth time, as she stood by my side on the platform of the village depot, from which the train was about to start for New York; "remember the diamonds are worth ten thousand dollars."

"Oh, bother, yes!" I exclaimed, impatiently; "I am not likely to forget it. I my pocket and was preparing to make myguess you've reminded me of the fact often self as comfortable as possible under the Don't you suppose I ough to take care of them?"

"You're inexperienced, and I'm afraid you'll be imposed upon.'

'Don't you worry. But here's the train; good-bye!" and I leaped upon the platform and entered a car with a sense of wounded dignity. My sister Alice was to be married two days later at our country scat in the village of B—, and I then a young man of about twenty, had been deputed to visit New York city, and withdraw the family diamonds from their place of deposit in the safe of a certain bank. These jewels had been in the possession of my mother's famgrand occasions. During the greater por at my feet. tion of the year they remained safely locked up in the bank vaults. They had not been pected," I remarked. used for nearly a twelvemonth now, but were, on the following Wednesday, to adorn ply. the person of my sister at the wedding. "

and so much doubt expressed of my ability to bring the diamonds safe home to B----, that I realized the responsibility of my position fully, and determined to use the utmost heirlooms. If, after all that had been said. they should be lost, I should not dare to fare. show my face in B- again, I thought.

was occupied either passengers or their bag- I did not forget that I had in my charge was some more overpowering agencies than considerably on my pocket money for the gage. I was about leaving for the forward ten thousand dollars worth of diamonds, love at work in their systems. The groom half year, which I did not feel at all inclined shoulder, and turning, found myself face to have his eyes on even now. I kept the va-face with one of the prettiest girls I had lise tightly locked between my feet, and I back of the seat, while the air from the for?" says the guard. ever seen. She was a blonde, with a spark- did not allow my vigilance to relax even window floated the white veil and the fla- "All right," he replies. The engine gives and a lithe, perfectly rounded form. Rais- tention to my fair companion. ing her eyes to mine, she said with a bewildering smile :-

"Here is a seat, sir. See I have removed my valise. She reseated herself, and motioned me to take my place by her side, which I did half expected that it would be gone, for 1 der, then suddenly arousing and looking two rugs, so I arranged one as a couch, with the greatest alacrity, saying to my-

luck !" weakness was a fondness for the society of pretty girls; therefore I mentally congratulated myself on my good fortune in securing this fair stranger as a traveling companion. I was conceited enough to fancy myself almost irresistible, and I began to exer- eyes. cise my imaginary powers of fascination upon the young lady. At first she was very had begun to move away from the village throb like a small engine, he succeeded in riage, and effectually aroused me. Aroused reserved and replied to my remarks on the station, so I was compelled to rush from the releasing his foot, and a sense of happiness me, did I say? It did more. To use a tive, and when we had been on our way an hour we had been engaged in an animated and interesting conversation. My companand that she was now on her way to the riage. home of her aunt in New York city, where evidently a person of refinement and culture, the vehicle. and I was quite fascinated by her. When I told heramy name, a cry of surprise escaped

"Why, is it possible that you are Alice Bascomb's brother (" she asked.

"I am," I replied; "you are acquainted with my sister (" "Oh, yes, she and I attended the Nboarding school at the same time. You

must have heard her mention me." I was certain that I never had, but I mentally resolved that this young lady's acquaintance should be cultivated by the fam-

'Do you remain long in New York?' asked my companion.

"No, I return by eight P. M. train this

"Ah! I'm sorry; I was in hopes your stay would be long enough to permit of your calling at my aunt's house," and she smiled another of those dazzling, bewilder- They are safely locked in this valise." ing smiles, as her eyes sought mine.

"I only wish I could, Miss Gardner," I

"Oh, I hope so !" she exclaimed. "Do you, indeed, Miss Laura ?" I asked, the horses. becoming bolder; and seizing the little hand

which lay in her lap; "may I then flatter thing happened?" demanded my sister and is not altogether an unpleasant one?" I thought that I was an immensely eloquent and fascinating fellow, and that she knew it; I think now that I was a fool,

and have reason to suppose that she was quite aware of the fact. She gently drew her hand from mine, uttered a half-suppressed sigh, and said :

"It is by no means an unpleasant thought, Mr. Bascomb. "And dare I hope-?" I began. She checked my impetuosity, saying:

"Remember, Mr. Bascomb, we have been acquainted but a few hours.' "I feel as though I had known you a lifetime," I said; "so pardon me if I repeat my question; may I hope-?" "You may hope for much in the future,

she interrupted gently; "for the present, however, it would be well to dismiss the

Of course, I could do no less than obey her bidding, but I flattered myself that she was considerably "struck" by me.

On our arrival in New York, I asked to be allowed to escort Miss Gardner to her aunt's house. But she replied that her cousin had promised to meet her in the depot. I at once conducted her to the ladies' room, where I requested the privilege of remaining with her until her cousin's arrival. But she could not allow even this, and I reluctantly took my departure. She was -evidently anxious to get rid of me for some purpose or other, and I concluded that it would be impolite to oppose her wishes.

As I entered a car to go down to my hotel. I looked back and saw at the window of the ladies' waiting room my fair traveling comman. They were both laughing heartily For a moment I imagined that they were laughing at me. But conceit soon came to was there in my appearance to excite merriment? The notion was absurd!

That afternoon I got the diamonds from deposited them in a safe corner of my valise and said to myself :

"Now, tnen, tne man doesn't live who is smart enough to get them jewels away from

The valise was not out of my sight that day, and when I took my seat in the eight o'clock train that evening I placed it by my side, and resting my arm upon it, mentally congratulating myself on my superior saga-

Presently 1 drew the evening paper from form of a lady in front of me, the contour of which seemed familiar. An instant later I sprang forward, valise in hand, and ex-

"Good evening, Miss Gardner!" For the lady was no other than my pretty traveling companion of the morning. She looked up, and I saw that her face "Ah, good evening, Mr. Bascomb," she said, with an attempt at a smile.

She removed her bundles and I seated myself by her side which, I imagined, might | will be a lesson to him.' have been reserved by her in expectation of ily for centuries, and were only used on my arrival. I placed my valise on the floor

"You are returning sooner than you ex-

"Yes, Mr. Bascomb," was the tearful restarted for home at once."

I expressed great sympathy, offered any and every assistance in my power, and, in ion of the intense interest I felt in her wel-

car, when a soft hand tapped me on my which, possibly, some clever thief might turned over a seat in front and elevated his to do. ling, piquant face, a wealth of golden hair, when I was the most assiduous in my at- vor of orange blossoms over his face. But a fiend-like shriek, puff, puff, and off we

dow?" asked the lady presently. ting the valise, however. When I turned I with head lovingly upon the manly shoul- the best of a bad matter. Fortunately I had was growing nervous as the distance to my uneasily from the window as if in expec- placed my carpet-bag as a pillow, but tied

lose sight of the bag. pressed her little hand and arose to leave in every feature of his face, lifted his right was quickly in the arms of Morpheus.

the car. "Good-bye, Jack," she responded, with

raptures till some future time.

"Here ye are, after all, sir," said Patrick. time had informed me that her name was been very nervous about ye, the whole day, and one by one they dropped upon the pair of spectacles. It was now pitch dark, Laura Gardner; that she lived in Hartford, and they sent me to meet ye wid the car- floor. Both sets of feet were placed in prox- and the lamp placed in the roof but only

dignity. dale o' worryin' about ye at the house this day. By the way, sor-excuse the liberty who was that young lady I seen ye a

talkin' to in the car?" "A young lady from Hartford."

"Ah" ye made her acquaintance in the car, I'll be bound, sor.' "Well, Patrick, perhaps you are not far

month's pay that girl has got the diamonds." "Is that so !"

"Certainly it is." Well then, sor, be jabers, I'll not be-

"Have you got the diamonds? Has any- a verdict of "justifiable homicide.

myself that the thought of a future meeting a dozen of her young lady friends, springing to my side as 1 entered the drawing-

"Bother! Yes!" I exclaimed. got the diamonds, and nothing has happened either to them or me." "Well-well!" exclaimed my sister, im-

patiently, "open the value! Quick! dying to see them!" With much dignity I fitted the key into the lock, and turned it. At first it resisted in an unusual manner, but suddenly it gave

way, and the bag opened.

I started back. The contents of the valise were certainly not in the condition in which I had left them. "Why, what's this?" exclaimed Alice, who had already begun an investigation.

"Why, Jack Bascomb, this bag is filled with old newspapers and bricks! It's not your valise at all I sank into a chair, unable to utter

"Didn't I tell ye so, sor?" remarked Patrick, who had lingered by the door. "And here's an envelope directed to you. I tore it open, and on the dainty sheet which it enclosed I read these words:

MY DEAR JACK : It was all a put up job. When in the uture you travel alone, beware of pretty and unprotected girls like Yours truly,

LAURA GARDNER." I will not linger on the scene which felowed. The memory of it is still painful. My sister did not spare me, and I could not say a word in self-defense.

My sister did not wear the diamonds her wedding, but she did very soon after for panion, and by her side a tall, fine looking they were recovered within a week by the detectives who were employed to work up the case, and to whom I made the humiliating confession of my folly. I was sumthe rescue and banished that idea; what moned to New York one morning, three days after the memorable trip of which I have told, for the purpose of identifying a noted thief named Bill Travers, who was in their hiding place in the bank vaults, and the hands of the police. I found him to be the very man whom I saw at the window of the ladies' room in the depot in company with "Laura Gardner."

"It's just as I thought," said the detective when I fully identified the fellow; "the wife. She's an old hand. Well, you can go home now. You'll have the diamonds back in a day or two, I give you my word." Covering him with the whitened mixture. The man promptly jumped over the fence, Two days later the jewels arrived at

The story of the affair was in all the papers, and for a long time I was the laughing-stock of the whole, neighborhood,

"Mrs. Travers requested Mr. Bascomb to to obey; and while he was engaged in a conflict with the bolts and springs, she skillfully substituted for his valise another which was its exact fac-simile. With this spurious valise the fascinating and fascinated youth unsuspectingly departed. Young Bascomb evidently rossessor in the limited amount of confidence in the integrity and virtue of his fellow-man-and woman. Let us hope that this occurrence

Couldn't Stand the Pressure. something was on his mind, and he mo- go. "Will you be so kind as to close the win- mentarily grew more restless, and twisted Of course I sprang to my feet, and exe- bride, too, seemed to have the same symp- wind came in far too large quantities to be cuted her bidding with alacrity; not forget- ton s. She tried the easiest attitudes, now agreeable; however, I determined to make

leg and began tugging at a new boot which imity upon the overturned seat, and the dimly illuminated the carriage. I muttered something not very compli- bride's shawl hid them from the vulgar

'Cresson.'

friends assembled to greet the newly wed- so alarmed me when I first awoke. man came into the car, remarking, "I tell voice, "much he cares for that now," and ling the bear. you the boys at the depot are having fun other words, which I could not catch. shoemaker, and to see the jury bringing in formance.

The Old Masters.

An escaped Italian artist was industrious ly engaged in placing a fresco of white-wash upon the fence of a northend residence, when a man who had looked so long upon the bloom on the rye that the cheerful color had been imparted to his nose, sauntered up the street. As he was making a tour of America on foot and find a few minutes to spare, he leaned carelessly over the fence, and watched the frescoer

operations. "How gracefully he applies the dazzling mixture of aqueous fluid and lime," said the man aloud, as to himself.

The artist raised his head, took in glance the seedy clothes and general bankrupt appearence of the man, and then resumed his work.

"There is the grant and Angelo in the play of that are as I Rectile the brush," continued the man in affected admiration. The artist turned red in the face, but as he was then striving paint around an iron stanchion, he didn't look up.

"The genius of a Raphael lights up that countenance, while the enthusiasm of a Murillo flashes from that eagle eye," pursued the man. One of the artist's eyes was game, and

considering this remark somewhat personal in its bearing, he growled out: "What are you given us, anyhow, you beer-jug.'

"Is not that last effort a reproduction of Turner's great masterpiece," exclaimed the man, striking an attitude; "or do my eyes deceive me? "Tney'll deceive you pretty soon, when I knock 'em both into one," said the artist,

scowling fiercely at the man. "And, if I'm not mistaken," pursued the man, making an opera glass of his hands, "upon yonder panel I behold an exact reproduction of an exquisite Reubens

that I once examined in the Vatican. "In jail, more like," said the artist, the short hair on the back of his neck standing out horizontally with anger. "Git off n that fence an' move along, or I'll paint that blossom nose till your own mother wouldn't

know it. "Descendant of the men who improved nature upon canvas, do not let your passiopretty girl who roped you in was Travers's nate-" began the man, when the artist caught him across the face with the brush, and a fierce engagement took place, in which the brush did active service. When the whitewash of battle finally cleared away, the artists head was jammed into the pail as if in search of a portion of his with the artists coat and hat in his hand, close the window. Of course he hastened was proceeding swiftly up the street, his back ornamented with a fac-simile copy of Napoleon crossing the Alps, while his fiery nose looked out through three layers of lime like a flaming messenger of truth.

With a Madman. ginning of March, 1860, and I was returning to my school, the best in Ireland, in my humble opinion, viz : Portora Royal School. I had come that morning from "the beautiful city" to Dublin, where I had arrived safe and sound about 2 P. M., if I remember rightly. I remained in Dublin until the last train from that city to Enniskillen, which started about 5 P. M. The short time I had in Dublin I spent first of all in "I received a telegram only an hour gives a laughable account of the trials of a recruiting the inner man, which, by-the-by, ago, stating that my poor papa met with an newly-wedded couple who boarded the schoolboys don't often forget to do, and af So many cautions had been given me, accident this afternoon, and is lying in a train at a way station. He says as the train terward in making a few purchases, and very dangerous condition. Of course I drew near the station the whole car was taking a quiet stroll. At fifteen minutes to aroused by the unusual din and noisy fare- five I jumped into a cab and drove to the wells, "wish you much joys," and repeated Dublin and Drogheda terminus, where I arkissings of a jovial crowd of young folks at rived just in time to take my ticket. I care to insure the safety of the valuable short, did all I could to assure my compan- the depot. The newly-married couple, ar- took a third-class ticket-I knew gentlemen rayed in wedding costumes, and evidently don't often travel third-class, and I would fresh from the final service, took seats in not have done so then, but having spent a But my solicitude about Miss Gardner the center of the car and were at once the good deal of money in Dublin on various I walked almost the entire length of the was not so great as to banish from my mind attraction. In a very few moments both trifles, I had not sufficient cash to purchase car in my search for a seat, but every one the responsibility which weighed upon it. bride and groom gave evidence that there a second-class ticket without encroaching

> However I am in the train. "Enniskillen."

The carriage I got into was a rickety old and squirmed in all manner of ways. The concera, full of cracks through which the stoppep at B-, at midnight, I did not ly, when all eyes were attracted to the no one who has to travel in winter to be couple, the groom evidently receiving a without, stretched myself on my primitive "Good-bye, Miss Laura," I said, as I new and deeper twinge with miscry depicted couch, placed my other rug over me, and

A considerable time must have elapsed a bewildering glance from those wonderful into buying as a peffect fit. After pulls strange kind of jabbering. I was still but and tugs which made the vains stand out half awake when a loud peal of discordant I was enchanted; but already the train on his face and the arteries in his neck laughter rang out from the end of the carweather and kindred subjects in monosyllables; but she gradually grew more talkaged pace, postponing an expression of my

stole across his manly face. The bride surveyed the smile, but it seemed only to inout of me. I sat up now fully awake, and crease her misery. She wiggled, she saw, at the further end of the carriage, a fanned, and finally in desperation she at- man of about fifty-five or sixty years of age, the old coachman, who met me as I stepped tacked the bottons of her new shoes with of middle height, dressed in a threadbare ion was very communicative, and in a short upon the platform. "Sure, the ladies have as much vigor as her lord did his boots, suit, with a hat to match, and wearing a

she expected to spend a fortnight. She was mentary about the ladies, as I jumped into gaze. The bonnet was unlimbered from its by this madman's demoniac laugh (for mad- was snow on the ground and tracks-bear pedestal, and the blushing bride dropped man he truly was), I became myself again. tracks—on the snow. Two miles across a "Sure, sor," said Patrick, as he leaped easily upon the shoulder of her husband, My friend in the corner evidently now no- valley and up a hill the hunter followed the into the bus and started the horses, "did ye and securely slept, as the train whisteled ticed me for the first time, and at last rose trail. All at once a huge cinnamon bear bave any throuble in gettin' the diamonds and stopped and started. The passengers, from his seat, and walked toward me. Now appeared in the path, walking leisurely select the first through the diamonds and stopped and started. The passengers, from his seat, and walked toward me. Now appeared in the path, walking leisurely select through the first through the path and stopped and started. The passengers, from his seat, and walked toward me. Now appeared in the path, walking leisurely select through the path and stopped and started. The passengers, from his seat, and walked toward me. Now appeared in the path, walking leisurely select through the path and stopped and started. The passengers, from his seat, and walked toward me. Now appeared in the path, walking leisurely select through the path and stopped and started. The passengers, relieved of all anxiety, had settled to cath "Certainly not, Patrick," I replied with naps and newspapers, and peanuts, when a of mind; here I was, late at night, shut up reverberation among the crags, the thunlong whistle was followed by the brakeman in a third-class carriage with a madman, derous answer of the beast, and the hunter "Well, d'ye know, sor, there's been a putting his head in at the door and yelling goodness knows how far from any station, took to his heels. On bounded bruin. Smith "Great Jerusalem. Julia! wake up! with the guard. However, I thought it closed and knocked the rifle into the air and here we are," shouted the bridegroom, best to put a bold face on the matter. I its owner upon the ground. As he fell He jumped at them and tugged and to meet my fellow-passenger, holding, Stunned as he was he thanked his lucky sweat and swore, but those feet had actual- however, firmly in my hand rather a form- stars that some friendly hand had made itly grown about an inch, and it was no go. idable looking claspknife which I had pur- self in the nick of time, for the bear was The statiot was reached, when only one chased in Dublin; but the elderly gentle-lying by his side dead. Recovering, Smith from being right," 1 replied with a smile. foot was stuck half way in the leg. The man before mentioned, when he reached looked far and near for his rescuer. He "Misther Jack," burst forth Pat, "the fair Julia had encased her pedals slip-shod, the window of the carriage, appeared to be saw no one. Much puzzled, he picked up girls will be the ruin of ye yet. I'll bet a and as "time and tide" and railrosu trains attracted by something outside, for he his rifle and looked into the magazine. He "wait for no man," they gathered their stopped, put his head out of the window, found but eight bullets, and the mystery "Nonsense!" I exclaimed, grasping the traps and went out just as they were, and indulged in another of those discordant was explained. In starting on the hunt he

Nothing daunted, I went up to him and be a subsoil plough.

asked how he was; he did not, however, deign to reply to my question, but gave another horrible yell of, "Much he cares for

that now." At last he turned toward me, and began abbering in a tone, at the same time slowly advancing toward me; I, however, fixing my eyes on his, remained perfectly still, and after a short time, to my great delight (for I had no wish to to make a closer acquaintaince with him), he returned to his old post-the corner of the carriage furthest

A few minutes after he had done so, we arrived at a station: I put my head out of the window, and tried to open the door, but the door was fast. I then called "guard," but no guard came. The whistle sounded, and off we went again. My friend in the corner was now asleep, or at least he appeared to be so, and thinking I could not do better than follow his example, I took another pull from my flask, and re-

composed n yself to sleep. When I awoke, the madman was bending over me, feeling my pulse, and muttering something about taking a little blood from

I remained perfectly quiet, and feigned to be asleep; he brought forth a case of instruments from his pocket, and took a lancet out of it : he then began to turn up my shirt-sleeve, in order, I suppose, to bleed me. I now did not know what to do; 1 had no wish to be bled (perhaps to death) by this madman, neither did I like to preent him, lest he should become dangerous. He had now finished turning up my sleeve,

and was on the point of opening a vein; and while I was considering whether I should submit quietly or hit him between the eyes, the train began to slacken speed. My friend returned his lancet to the case, and the case to his pocket, hastily pulled down my sleeve, and, stretching on the seat,

began to snore audibly. I remained quiet until until we arrived at the station, when I looked out of the window, and was heartily glad to find that I had arrived at my destination.

I got out of the carriage as quickly as possible, and calling a porter, I asked him if he knew the gentleman inside. He told me that he did very well. He was a doctor, who had been mad for many years, but was perfectly harmless. He was allowed by the railway officials to travel in a third-class carriage whenever he wished, and was in the habit of taking short pleasure excursions now and then. I was very glad to get rid of the gent, as I think anybody in my position would, and am happy to say that I never since traveled with a madman in a third-class railway carriage.

The Khabar. From all we can learn, the Arabic word like the familiar chat, are connected khabar signifies news; and as used in India it means a method of communicating news in some extraordinary manner which, it is alleged, science fails to unravel. The speed with which the news travels is said to be mice. It seems to follow that cats came greater than that of the electric telegraph; into the Wost with the Romans, but rate, should you walk through an Indaa and the animal! M. Pictet traces the market-place to view the silks of Cashmere name to the Syriac qato, and the Arabic or stroll into a Turkish bazar in quest of a serviceable saddle, your hospitable native qitt, out of which by an easy and naturacquaintance will ask, "Have you heard at process we make kitten. Qitt and the news of so-and so, or of such-and-such gato, however, are not the primitive naa place?" Your reply being in the negative tive forms of the cat's long-descended he may probably proceed to tell you what title, and we must go from Syria to the khabar says on important affairs trans- Africa to find gada, kadiska and kadd sko. piring at a distance. To your astonishment you find, after a few days, or even weeks, that your loquacious Hindoo, Turkish, Arab or Persion friend has told you the truth with tolerable correctness The Earl of Here, then, in Egypt is a native ono-Carnarvon, in his interesting little volume matopæic name of the cat, such as any "Recollections of the Druses of Lebanon." makes this observation; "No great moral or religious movement can be confined to the country where it is first born; and through all ages, sometimes by a subtle and almost mysterious agency, the spark of intelligence has flashed along the electric chain the "rat-eater" (though snakes are the by which the nations of the East are darkly ratters of some districts), and the "toe bound to each other." And in proof of the existence of this potent agency, he relates that during the Sikh waf (1845-6) there were cases in which the news of defeat or pleasing specimens of the race are also victory forestalled the arrival of any letters derived. The Persian cat, wild or on the subject; and, further, that in the tame, is "puschak," which the Afghans | 000 pounds. late Indian mutiny the somewhat exaggerated intelligence of Gen. Windham's re- anians, as old an Aryan-speaking race pulse at Cawnpore actually reached the Indians of Honduras, and the Maoris of New Zealand in a manner truly astonishing. glish "puss" is clearly of the same fam-A relative of the writer of the present notice states that when in Jerusalem during run is derived from a Sanscrit word for the Crimean war he often found that the a "tail." there is a curious coincidence khabar of the bazars anticipated the ordina- between the word used by Herodotus home lessened, but there it sat exactly as I had left lt. From that time until the train had left lt. From that time until the train "the frown of an angry father." Suddenture from accuracy. Various theories has waving tail," and the term found in been adduced to account for the marvellous Persian, Lithuanian, and English. rapidity with which news is transmitted or An I sect's "enses. intercommunicated among nations who possess neither the electric power nor steam some wicked shoemaker had inveigled him before I awoke; when I did so, I heard a power. Some even allege that a certain ver, has been experimenting with buttermysterious phychic force is brought to bear flies, in order so solve the disputed question

A Chance shot Away over and up in Douglas County, Oregon, G. W. Smith shouldered his Hen-When my first alarm had sebsided, caused ry rifle and strolled into the woods. There and without any means of communicating turned. In a terrible moment the bear therefore rose from my seat, and advanced Smith heard the clear report of a rifle. bag involuntarily; "you're crazy, Patrick. "without one pley," to meet a crowd of peals of laughter, with one of which he had had put ten bullets in, had fired one shot, and so it must have been that the rifle disded pair. As the train started, the brake- He then began to yell at the top of his charged itself in the fall, providentially kil-

Bathing. Cleanliness is surely next to godliness. do not think an individual can be physi; cally unclean and morally pure. One of the greatest causes of skin diseases is the ack of the use of water. There is at all times and under all circumstances a sheding of the epithelium of the skin. It comes off in scales, which if not removed, will close the pores of the skin and prevent the free respiration that is constantly taking place. One of nature's modes of disposing of her surplus heat and waste matter is by sending them out through the pores of the skin. In fact so essential is this to the physical economy, that if the body be covered with a coat of varnish for even a short time death will occur. From this you will observe how important it is for us to keep

every pore open. To do this we must bathe. I will not stop to speak of the benefits to be derived from the employment of Turkish or other baths, but bathe regularly and often. Every man, woman and shild should bathe twice a week at least. and oftener when the employment followed is such as to render it necessary. Now it may be strange, but most people don't bathe once a month on an average, and one half of those who do, do it in such a way that no good comes from it. While sponging one's self off is better than not bathing at all, yet it is not as beneficial as it should be. It is not necessary that you have a bath room, with all the modern conveniences. All you need is a warm room and a few gallons of water, some soap and a sponge. It requires no skill to use them. se the bath if you would preserve your health. I remember of hearing a doctor tell a patient to take a warm bath. The patient afterward said: "That's the fust water that has touched my back in sixteen years." The man that will not wash himself oftener than that is a brute. Physicalwe are a nation of invalids. We can never be aught else as long as we antagonize all the laws of hygiene by our daily lives. The neglect of cleanliness is one of the most flagrant causes of desease. Then keep your body clean, and my word for it you will instinctively lothe and abhor all that is vile and filthy. A physically impure man or woman is an object of aver-

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sion to everybody. Regard cleanliness as a

One of the most singular proofs of he foreign importation and perhaps of the late arrival in Europe of the cat is o be found in its various names. It is old Aryan source from which most of our language is derived. Most of them, with the late Latin catus, which took the place of the earlier felis, when cars drove out the former 'oes of rats and As for the ancient Egyptian "mab," that is merely the "mew cat" and the "pussy mew" of English nurseries. human being might give it when he first heard the peevish, prolonged note of his voice. The Indian names of the cat are not very old, and they are easily of mice." The endearing title of the cat comes from the land whence the most pronounce "pischik," and the Lithuas any in Europe, "puije." The Enily of words. If "puss" in the long

between man and man, separated by long as to the use of their antennae. He found gistered in the United Kingdom, or 34 distances from each other, in a manner that they could fly when deprived of their somewhat similar to the revelations we antenna, but with some hesitation of move- which, in the middle of the year, was sometimes hear of as given by one relative ment. It has been stated by other entomoto another at a distance. But be it as it logists that they fell at once without any may, there can be no doubt that there exists power of flight. When temporarily blinded in Eastern countries some means whereby by covering the eyes with India ink, they intelligence is conveyed with marvellous could fly without dashing into object, procelerity, without the aid of either steam or vided the antennæ were left on, but if cut off they fell at once. When blinded they did not perceive sugar by the antennæ, but if the stump were touched with it, the tiny proboscis was at once unrolled and searched for it. When the stumps were covered with gum arabic, they were insensible to the seductions of sugar water. M. Treuvelot concludes that the sense located in the antennæ is not merely that of touch, hearing or taste, nor a combination of all three; but one that differs essentially from any experienced by human beings. It is a kind

f feeling and smelling at a great distance.

Most persons would agree that the rose has enough in its perfume and beauty to ers; but it seems that the rose can be made exquisite also to a third sense. Not long ago a confection of rose petals was served to Emperor William. It was the gift of an | well, out of which the girl fished the English lady, and came from Alexandria, child, and, putting it into the bucket where the rose thus prepared is considered a strengthening as well as a delicate dish; mother. The child was but slightly but Egyptian cooks are said to be the only hurt. ones who understand the art of preparing it, and the right species of rose for this purpose grows only in that region. A Smyrna house, however, exports a jelly of roses. climment in London. The gas interest Perhaps research might find a way of con- there is an enormous one. The total verting other flowers besides Eastern roses authorized capital of the six principal lieve it till I see them;" and Patrick reso- over that couple." We are expecting every termingled with peals of unearthly laughter WE believe in going to the bottom of into delicate food. In that case, cookery companies amounts tonearly \$70,000,000. lutely turned his back and began hurrying day to hear of the sudden death of that and seemed much delighted with his per- things and floriculture would strike up a closer. The total gross earnings in the last six and enough of it. All the better if it alliance than it now seems possible for them months or last year amounted to nearly to have.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-One hundred and eighty-three cotton mills have been built in the South

since the war. -A wealthy Philadelphian spent \$1,400 in collecting rare china cups. They sold at auction for \$259.

only \$1 a day on the theory that poor pay will shorten sessions. -A ball was recently given in a mine at Gold Hill, Nevada, at a depth of 1,040

-Legislators in Missouri are paid

eet under ground. -The late Prince Henry, of Holland,

eft an estate of at least forty-one miltion dollars. -The largest steel rail mill in the

United States is to be erected at Baldvin, near Harrisburg, Pa. -Reuben R. Springer, of Cincinnati,

-The grain receipts at New York last ear show an increase of 40,548,388

oushels over the previous year.

—An elegant and palatial residence t Newport, R. I., which cost 400,000 vas sold recently for \$201,000. -lows has 20 savings banks, with

eposits aggregating \$2,447,166; and 33 general bank-, whose total assets -Twelve thousand prizes remain un-claimed, and 1.863,000 france suit re-

main in the hands of the administration of the French Lottery. -in 1851 Great Britain imported 71,-76,421 pounds of tea, while in 1876 the otal imports of tea reached the enornous aggregate of 185,698,190 pounds. -There are about 1500 articles taxed our tariff, and the whole product of

omestic manu actures in this country s over \$4,000.000,000 per annum. -The bycicle mania does not seem in he least to have diminished in England and a company to manufacture these mach hes has just been organized with capital of \$175,000

-M. ryland has 1,989 schools and 3,071 eachers, instructing 150,274 pupils. The average attendance last year was 1,829. The expenditures for the enools amounted to \$1.593 259.66. -The payments for dunes at the Boson Custom House for the Plouth of

April amounted to \$1,428,358.44, a gain

of \$260,307,07 as compared with the corresponding month of last year. -This has been a good season for the Newtoundland sed fishing. It is outhly estimated that 500,000 seals nave been taken, giving about 106,000

-Dr. J. H. fleath, of Boston, a dis-

junies and reties, is in Dalias, Texas, with the skeletons of 30 tamous Indian warriors. -Mr. H. Houghton, the oldest editor

in Lilliands it died at Galena recently. He Sandwich Islands in 1869 by General -Senator Jones owns Santa Mon'ca, which is to be the fashionable seaside resort of California this summer. It ias 36,000 acres, for which he paid a quarter of a million dollars five years

hours is the latest novelty of pedestrianism. A one-legged man in Elmira has issued a challenge to all residents of Pennsylvania who have lost a leg by amoutation. -The sales of tobaccostamps at Rich-

mond. Va., on May 1st, aggregated \$200,000; at Lynchburg, \$181,000; at Danville, \$142,207; at Petersburg. \$100, 000. From Lynchburg over 1,000,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco were recently shipped in one day. -The area of gold mines in the Russian empire occupies about 2,100,000

square miles, and now yields yearly

about 80,000 lbs. of gold, in value up-

wards of £3,000,000 sterling. The total amount of gold produced in Russia since 1752 has been upwards of 2,500,--A curious incident occurred in the course of the recent run on the Aldersgate street branch of the London and County Bank. An enlightened butcher came into the bank office when the run was at high tide and carelessly threw

down £600 (\$3000) as "something to go -To judge from the San Francisco papers there would seem to be an extraordinary mining development on the Pacific Corst. They abound with aunouncements of new companies with \$5,000,000, \$10,000,000 or \$20,000,000 capital, Bu, then, it only costs about five dollars to start twenty millions

capital in California. -Last year 1,152,525 births were reper 1000 of the estimated population, 33.881.965. The deaths registered were 716,165, or 21 per thousand of population, snowing an excess of births over deaths of 436,460, or 49,242 less han the xcess in 1s77. - 11 e report of the American Bible

society for 1878 show receipts, \$162,274. Of this amount \$112,255 were from legacies. During the year, at the Bluie house, there were 1,055,761 copies of the Bible manufactured; printed abroad 145.500 copies; purchased abroad,65,637, total, 1,266,958 copies. Issued at home, 949,814; abroad, 238,040 copies. -The 26331 anniversary of the foundation of Rome was celebrated on the 21st of April with more than a custom-

ary solemnity by the German Archæol-

ogical Institute, inasmuch as it was the ifflieth anniversary of the establishment of the institute. A number of the most distinguished German savans went to Rome for the occasion. -A small boy belonging to a Mrs. Stafford, who lives near Corrydon, Ind., tell into a well recently. Mrs. Stafford placed her twelve-year-old daughter in the well bucket, lowered ber into the

-It is no wonder that the probable substitution of electricity for gas as a lighting agent has created much ex-

with her, both were drawn out by the