

Mr. Barnum writes from England

not. It was not very bright in the forget for five years? But I leaned visible. For a moment I closed my place, and I cast down my eyes with a over my plate to ask Mr. Lovering a eyes and leaned back, half lifeless. "It truly ostrich-like sagacity, forgetting I question, the length of whose reply I is horrible," I gasped. For I thought

tuguese chronicles; a series of English and French works relating to the political and religious events of the sixteenth

Jones. "It's no use making over things capital of slender gold lines. Scarf

for the children that won't hold to- pins with ball heads like those used by that he has secured the novelty he has gether ; you could not do it yourself, gentlemen are chosen by ladies to pin long been after. It is a screw-driver

could be seen if I did not see; forgetting too the mirrors lining the box if one happened to look in them. However, at the second floor he left, and I went on, thankful I had not been obliged to make the stir of moving out before he did.

I would not have gone down to dinner that day if I could have helped it, I said to myself-not although mamma had asked the Loverings to dine, and my new garnet velvet had just come But mamma would have made home. such a song of it that one thing would be as bad as the other.

I was hardly inside my room when I locked the door, and fell on the bed so faint that I, should have died if at last I had not been able to cry-a good. long, refershing cry that lasted till] grew so angry with myself it dried my And then Amy came to the door. tears. but I told her she must go 'along into mamma's room; she couldn't come in there. And she went away declaring it was fine time of day, and other things of the sort, till I bethought me that it was fine time of day if I fainted away and cried myself ill, and locked my sister out of her room, all because I had happened to meet Loring Richards in the elevator five years after our boy and girl engagement was broken.

I call it a boy and girl engagement; people?" but it had been life of my life, and it had almost torn my heart out in coming And what had he caredto an end. the great, dark, handsome creature, standing there without a line upon his face that told of any trouble it had been to him, who had left me to suffer all I had had to suffer alone? Not go down to dinner? I would go if I went up in and more like an electric hair-brush, a chariot of fire directly afterward. I and mamma cried, "Margaret!" sprang up and bathed my face, and pow-

dered it till it was cool, and unlocked the door and called Amy; and sat bent over a novel, and thoroughly absorbed ma; and then Amy giggled, and mamin it, my hair streaming round my face and shoulders, till she was dressed, having to hurry a little for some caller in cally sympathetic. our parlor. Then I blew off my pow-

der, took a hot, bath, called Davis, and had her brush my hair till it tingled, and put on the garnet velvet with its creamy duchesse lace and the yellow

pourls-everybody dresses so at that home, the internationals, our charity hotel. I only came near breaking down when, Davis not being able to find a jewel I wanted, I tumbled over the things myself, and a little old miniature that nobody knew I had kept tum- elderly lover.

bled from its hiding-place, and showed me for half an instant that proud, grave tive vigor returning. "What if I were face. But I recovered presently, and I looked in the glass, and defied him to tell that I cared a straw, even if he saw me in that vast caravansary of the splendid hotel dining-room, with its chandeliers, its mirrors, its frescoes and its throngs. And anybody would have been justified in making such remarks as were convenient concerning my vanity who could have known the second hought that flashed through me as I boked in that glass, and saw the olive val with its rich flush, the dark and glowing eye, the dewy lip, the clear soft outlines. If I thought it was a picture Loring Richards or another might be glad to see, how could I help the thought? went into the parlor, mamma and Amy, sort of exultation that now, no matter who had become used to my caprices in what had happened to Loring Richards, five years, talking as if they were not I had made it impossible that I should half worried to death for fear I was not ever marry Mr. Lovering's stocks and going to dine at all-mamma's soul bonds, for the temptation was out of being deeply concerned in doing the the way; he would never ask me. Loverings honor; for she meant the But it had all been a little too much Amy should marry the doctor, if for me. And I saw that mamma was obliged to give up hope of my accepting comprehending the situation, and grow-Mr. Lovering's bonds and stocks with ing angrier and angrier. Oh, how himself. Poor mamma had come to angry the dear soul was! "You look make a fetich to herself of bonds and very pale, Margaret," she said. "Are especially the measles and smallpor.

knew would be like spool silk, war- of the fierce shock, the crushing of ranted three hundred yards; and I was body and bone that was to follow at hanging on his words, when my eyes any moment if we fell to the lower caught sight of a person that had just come in, and was seated a few tables distant, had taken out a newspaper, and was never glancing up from the column.

A chair was turned down near him, and all that was so unbearable. Loring it remained vacant for some time. For Richards' wife and Loring Richards him his bride?. No; a man does not come down to dinner and leave his bride to follow alone. For his wife of longer date? When I had the opportunity of another look, a dazzling creature sat there, a gold-headed darling, radiant as if a star had turned a rose. ' Was I not

eshamed of myself to wish to look that glanced. way? What did I care for Loring Richards, cr his wife either, if he had one? Not in that direction again did I turn my head. I was gay and all alive myself, and Mr. Lovering was all devotion. I knew by some other senses when those two left the room, but not by my eyes or cars.

"Who is that going out?" asked Mr. Lovering. "If his looks were a burning-glass, you would be in flames." "One of the waiters?" I asked 'There is a French count among them, you know, and a Polish refugee."

"Margaret !" exclaimed mamma, "how should you know anything about such

"Oh, mamma, I am interested in them; and since I joined the internationals, and the nihilists, and the marianne, and the rest, I know all about such people." I saw Mr. Lovering's hair slowly begin to rise on end. "That old rag-picker," I added, "told me yesterday that-"

But Mr. Lovering's head looked more "Why, mamma, we are all human be-

ings together." "I really must insist-" began mamma looked as if she thought I had gone out of my head, and Amy was hysteri-

said Mr. Lovering, stiffly, "are a surprise to me."

laughed. "It is our boating club at school, the nihilists, our sewing club, Bazar. our book club, our-'

"I really thought you meant secret societies," gasped that old goose of an "And what if I had ?" said I, my naand seventeenth centuries, etc.

the five children, and the loss of their

and destroyed.

diction.

by a man in California against the Cenpavement, if we were driven up into tral Pacific railroad for the loss of his the timbers of the roof. Then came horse, wagon and five children. The the thought that it was but for a mocompany, he charges, carelessly built a ment after all, and with it would end covered bridge near the road crossing and planted trees, so that travelers could not see nor hear the approach of self would be nothing then to me. No a train; and the five children were travmore torture, no more heart-break, no eling on the highway in a wagon valued more tears - just peace. And there at \$200. Defendant's train came dashcame with that a certain gladness over ing along at the rate of thirty-five miles all the immediate horror. "Are you per hour, without ringing a bell or afraid ?" I said, turning to the other ocblowing a whistle, and ran into the cupant of the cage, at whom I had not wagon, killing all the children and the horse and destroying the wagon. The

"Afraid, Margaret? Here?-alone with you ?" came the answer. "Loring! Oh, how dreadful! And -and your wife -"

"My wife! There is only one wife possible for me, Margaret, and you have cept me away from her for five years." "Do you say you are not married to that lovely creature at the table-" "Married? To my cousin Rose And you ask me that, Margaret ?-you ?"

I raised my eyes to look at him. He was standing directly before me in the half-shadow. "Oh, Loring," I said, "we are in the face of death. Can you forgive me- now, when there is nothing

left for us but to die?" He bent and caught me to his heart. 'At any rate," he said, "to die together. There is no greater bliss than that."

"Oh ves," I cried-"to live together. Ah, will nobody save us? Oh, when we have just found each other after all these bitter years! Were they bitter to you, Loring ?"

And just then the ropes began to slide softly over the pulleys again, and we went easily slipping down, and gently alighted at the lower hall as if nothing had been the matter. Talk of the total depravity of inanimate things! It is sacrilege. I believe that elevator knew just what it was doing, But you ought to have seen dear mamma's face when "Your daughter's advanced opinions," | Loring told her that he should not let me out of his sight again till he had a legal claim upon me, and he would be "You silly little mother," Amy glad of her company and Amy's in the

> Church of the Heavenly Haven in exactly one-half hour's time !- Harper'

front and bead embroidery which Eva Hirsch, alias Eva Jacobs, alias Clara smart as you are."

"Well," grumbled Jones, "I wouldn't A suit for \$101,100 has been brought have closets full of things mildewing for want of wear, if I was a woman, that's all. A penny saved is a penny earned." That was in April. One warm day in May Mr. Jones went prancing through the closets looking for something he couldn't find and turning things generally inside out. " Maria !" he screamed, "where's my

> gray alpaca duster ?" "Made it over for Johnny."

"Ahem! Well, there's the brown linen one I bought last summer ?" "Clothes-bag !" mumbled Mrs Jones, who seemed to have a difficulty in her speech at that moment. "Just made it plaintiff has sustained great damage, to into a nice one." wit: First, in the loss of the services of

"Where are my lavender pants?" relled Jones.

society, and by reason of great mental "Cut them over for Willie." anguish and suffering occasioned by the "Heavens!" groaned her husband death of said children, in the sum of then in a voice of thunder "Where \$100,000; second, damages in the sum have my blue suspenders got to ?"

of \$800, which was necessarily expend-"Hung the baby-jumper with them." ed by plaintiff in and about the burial "Maria !" asked the astonished man of the children; third, the sum of \$300, in a subdued voice, "would you mind the value of the horse and wagon killed telling me what you have done with my silk hat; you haven't made that over for the baby, have you?"

President Taylor, of the Mormon "Oh! no, dear," answered his wife church, was persuaded by the United cheerfully, "I've used that for a hang-States census agents to admit that the ng basket. It is full of plants and church is a regularly organized hierlooks lovely." Mr. Jones never menarchy. It has a president and twelve tions the word economy or suggests apostles, as everybody knows. It also making over-he has had enough of it. has states, each of which has a presi-Detroit Post. dent and council; the states are divided

A Setter Dog Upset by a Parrot. into wards, governed by bishops and councilors, and so on down. The New A gentleman had a fine English set ter of which he made use in the hunt-Orleans Democrat remarks on these revelations and says: But the strangest and ing expeditions of which he was very fond, finding the dog always alert, remost important piece of information liable and well trained. One day, howfurnished by Taylor against the Morever, the family received an addition mons was, that among the clergy of that in the shape of a parrot, brought over church there were regularly ordained the seas by the sailor son of the housejudges who had control and jurisdiction keeper. When first the setter came over temporal as well as religious matinto the housekeeper's room, he stopped ters. This has been charged against the at the dooway and pointed at the gay Mormon church again and again by the bird perched on the outside of its cage Gentiles, and as constantly denied by at the other end of the room. The parthe Mormons, but is now conclusively proved by the testimony of Taylor himrot, not at all daunted by the dog's self. It is not to be wondered at that professional attitude, left its place and came mincing across the room "with many a flirt and flutter," and squared tion, when this church is allowed to itself in front of the setter. The two confronted each other for a second, and then the bird remarked impressively:

"You're a blamed rascal!" The dog

fichus and kerchiefs. Some of these that wont slip.

ders, butterflies and daisies are also

favorite heads for such pins. A number

of pins of medium size are also used for

fastening back the loops of mull or lace

neckties, or to fasten the ends of a

neckerchief as well as to confine it at

the throat. The most popular pins of

this kind are of sterling silver, with

round or with pear-shaped heads, and

there are also larger scarf pins of silver

with hanging chain and pendant pieces.

Dull yellow gold, either smooth or

hammered, is pretty for pins that are to

be used in black lace fichus. There are

also pearl heads to gold pins of various

sizes, costing from \$1.75 each to \$20,

according to the size and value of the

pearl. Silver brooches in floral de,

signs are also very popular, especially

in the whitened silver, when a pretty

little spray of white flowers is repre-

sented. A silver daisy brooch is espe-

cially popular with young ladies. With

simple morning and traveling dresses

a brooch is worn with a linen collar

without a necktie or lace, but for more

lressy occasions fichus are fastened low

n surplice fashion with from two to

four pins, or else a lace scarf passed

around the neck is tied in large loops

and pinned in reveral places; black net

with tinsel dashes is prettily worn

around the neck with a hammered gold

pin holding each loop of the large bow

tied at the throat. A long straight

scarf of tamboured mull is worn around

the neck, passed down the front of the

corsage and fastened in a bow at the

have a ball of cream white enamel dotted The scientists have taught that inwith colors, others have tiny turquoises sects have their affections, and now set in, or else a cat's-eye, or perhaps a some one knows a mosquito that was ruby, a sapphire and a diamond mashed on a young lady. are set in star shape. Fans, spi-

There is going to be another comethold on, don't dodge yet ; it's the comet of 1744, and it is only expected around once every 122,683 years.

One hundred head of cattle is the amount involved on the result of a recent Texas horse-race. This is the largest beefsteak on record.

"The oldest inhabitant" is not a natural liar. He simply lets his imagination play in the open lot formerly occupied by memory and reason.

> A little pair of gloves that yet Betain a smell of clover, And just a tinge of mignomette ; I turn them vaguely over, And marvel how the girl I kissed, That night she premised to be true, Could jam a number seven flat. Into a paltry number two.

CLIPPINGS FOR THE CURIOUS.

It rains twice as often in Western as in Eastern Europe. Geese have been known to live to the

age of eighty years.

The word lent comes from a Saxon word, meaning spring.

There are 1,500 square miles of ice in the Alps from eighty to 600 feet thick. The greatest mortality of mankind is between three and six in the morning. In 1584 "cages and stocks" for the unishment of offenders were or lered to be set up in every ward of the city of London.

Shells six feet in length and weighing 500 pounds, the covering of a clam which weighed sixty pounds, are among the curiosities in the Smithsonian institute.

Ink used in England was formerly more lasting than at the present day. A deed of the reign of Richard II. is preserved in which the ink is as black and brilliant as though of last year.

There are a couple of Shoshone Indians in Tuscarora who have heavy beards, something which is seldom seen upon the face of the red man. They

are both old bucks, and their whiskers are nearly white, giving them quite a peacock feather decorations all over venerable and patriarchal appearance.

Very few of those who have used the expression, "He's a brick," know that worn in the hair to form lace trimmings it comes from Pintarch. An ambassador from Epirus was shown by King Agea silana of Sparts, over his capital. walls and fortifications. "Come tomorrow," quoth the king, "and I will show you our walls." On the morrow remarking: "Each one is a brick."

the Federal government finds some difficulty in dealing with the Mormon queshave temporal as well as spiritual juris-Another new application of electricity

was a second transfixed with horror at as a motor has been experimented in the unprecedented phenomenon of a peaking bird; then his tail sunk between his legs, and he slunk away. But from that day a valuable dog was spoiled, for the setter would never point again.

waist line, with silver pins to hold it at the throat and the waist .- Harper's Bazar.

Fashion Notes. Circular fans grow in popular favor. Silver gray silks, satins and surah are

coming in vogue. There is a rage for peacock feather lecorations at present.

Gold bangles are the only jewelry much worn in street costume.

Small carriage parasols are made with them.

Very large bows of colored velvet 'are with large hats.

Ombre watered silks in new de in the shaded and watered effects ap- expressed surprise at the absence of modest morning toilets at watering he showed him an array of 10,000 men,

Why She Stole. Instead of the silk dress with a shirred

own cousin to Vera Sassa itch ?" "Do have her name right," said the

doctor. "I was afraid that our young ladies would be following Natalushka's fashions as soon as Mr. Black made her so charming."

"Charming?" said his father. "A girl with such ideas charming ?" "I am rejoiced to hear you express yourself so," said mamma. "And I," said I. "because they are my ideas."

"Which are your ideas?" he asked, "mine, or those of that young Russian girl and her like?"

"Hers, certainly," I said. "The ideas of humanity and brotherhood.' The Loverings were waiting when I gine one hears in the night, with a wild

place."

Care.

Morris, the pretty young woman, wore when sneak thieving in New York and Brooklyn, she wore in Raymond street jail a calico wrapper which the matron had furnished her, but she had it fastened at the neck with a gold fan and tied at the waist with a velvet band. She said to a reporter that she was ready to plead guilty to two of the robberies, but she denied that she had stolen \$3,000 worth of property, and said that the amount would probably not exceed \$300 worth. "I was at different times in the public schools." she said. "My mother died when I was young, but I kept house for my father until three years ago. I found it dull, though, to be at home so much, and 1 ran away and got employment in a lace factory. I was led away by bad asso ciates. I needed to dress well to keep the friends I had made, and I took up that plan to get dresses, because I could not earn money enough at my employment. I wished the floor would open and swallow me when I was in court, because I saw there in one corner of the room my old employer. Inever expected, when I worked for him, to be in this

take what doesn't belong to them,

during the last few days in Paris. M. G. Trouve, a well-known electrician, has devised a method of applying the electrical current to the propulsion of a boat, and so far the results have been

eminently satisfactory. The experiments have been made on the Seine, on several occasions, with a small boat containing from two to six persons. M. Trouve's electric motor consists of a Siemens coil, which by a simple but ingenious arrangement is made to transmit its power to a three-bladed screw at the stern of the boat. The motor itself is fixed on the upper part of the rudder. which it follows in its movements, as does also the screw. The motor, with its accessories, does not weigh more than five kilogrammes. M. Trou /e's apparatus may be adapted to any boat, and there seems to be no reason whatever why it might not be so modified as to be applicable to vessels of much larger dimensions than that experimented on. Experiments in navigation by electricity were made on the Neva in 1839 by Jacobi but the method adopted had so many drawbacks as to be practically useless.

An Austrian journal reports the

Children should be warned not to curious fact that four "Titans of the German stage" have lately become insane. The calamity was due in two cases to Fork Sun.

A Swarm of Bees in Broadway, Several hundred persons might have been seen at Broadway and Park Place. New York, with their heads inclined as if making astronomical observations. Instead of star-gazing, however, they were looking at a strange black mass in the air, which proved to be a swarm of bees. The keeper of the fruit-stand on the corner, who had an eye for business, proceeded to capture the swarm. Turning an old fruit barrel bottom-side un. he performed frantic incantations over it with a green bough. The insects were soon borne off in triumph. A reporter followed the fruit-dealer to the office of The Bee Keepers' Journal, where the rebel colony was safely lodged on the roof, along with about seventy-five other communities. After the editor, A. J. King, had given the fruit man \$1 the reporter asked him why he kept so many

pear among late importations. Pongee hunting jackets worn with black or colored skirts make pretty and

places. The flounces of striped nun's veiling gowns are usually made of goods cut crosswise, but the basque may be cut in the ordinary way, if one prefer.

Immense bows of wide satin ribbon frequently take the place of corrage bouquets, being placed on the left side over the supposed region of the heart. In spite of the fashion journals bringing out most of their plates with long basques, the most fashionable women wear corsages without basques, or very short basques.

with colored, black or white dresses. bordered on one side with scalloped bees. "To raise queens," he said, "some | bands in delicate shades of color, woven or bows for the hair and belt.

Fairly Beaten.

Goethe was one evening interrupted, while absorbed in literary work, by a caller from America. When the caller was asked by a servant if he had any special business, he replied, "Only to see the poet."

Goethe was vexed at the interruption and showed it plainly. Coming hastily into the room without a word of greeting he seated himself abraptly on a stool, as if saying, "If you only wish to

see me, look at me."

White dotted mull scarfs two and a The visitor's impudence was sublima half and three yards wide are used as He proved himself master of the occascarf sashes, to be worn in any way that sion. In perfect silence, like Goethe's fancy dictated by good taste directs, he rose, took a lamp from the table, and walked slowly around the post, looking Many of the new ombre ribbons are at him from every point of view. Goethe was conquered by this coolness. He burst into a hearty lanch.

f which are worth \$20 apiece." An to imitate lace. On others, emboased and began to converse in his pleasant incident similar to this happened in the daisies dot the surface, and the effect is style. The visitor proved to be an agree-Strand, London, some weeks ago .- Nee very pretty. This ribbon is much used able companion, and Gothe was amused at his impudence .- Youtk's Companion