

russet apples are worth a dcal at this whip. time of year--and we shall miss the market day!"

"Can't you ask Neighbor Hutton to take them?" said my mother.

"Neighbor Hutton is a deal too sharp a practitioner for me," said Leeman. " It's a hard thing to say about a neigh-

bor; but I can't trust his honesty." "Mr. Hall?"

"Hall would be casting it up in my face, for the next six months, that I had asked a favor of him," said Leeman. " No, I'd rather lose the apples than lose my independence. But it is too provoking that I must needs have slipped on that piece of orange-peel, now, of all times in the world. I have been saving of light. up these apples all the winter with a special eye to this particular market day." botel.

" Leeman," said I, "I'll go."

"Nonsense!" said Leeman.

"But why not?" said I. "Old Pomp is as gentle as a kitten, and I know words of warning. evay inch of the way."

"But there are the Red Swamp woods-that desolate stretch of three miles, with never a house on either ide of the way, except the deserted cabin where the old negro hanged himself, twenty years ago," argued my mother.

"Who carcs for the Red Swamp woods?" said I, valiantly I never was afraid of frogs and whip-poor-wills, and I'm not going to begin now. Lil, will you go out and help me harness early in the morning, and-"

"Oh, I wish I was going too! Can't I go, Kate?" cried Lil, my hoiden younger sister, with her blue eyes glittering with delight at the idea of anything unusual.

"Stuff!" cried I, imperiously. "Of course you can't. Hasn't Pomp a heavy load enough, without your ninety pounds ct mischief loaded on? Besides, you must stay at home and take care of mother and Leeman and finish the chintz curtains for the big west chamber; for Colozel Hay may come at any time now."

Colonel Hay was our city boardera gentleman who had been recommended by his physician to try the fresh, pine-scented breezes of the Shawaugeenta mountains, and whom our rector had recommended to the Icy Spring farm.

We were not rich, although mother and Leeman had managed the farm economically and well since father's death, and the weekly addition to our income would be something worth considering.

The idea of a city boarder was very pleasant, too, and Icy Spring farm was a very lovely spot, although we seldom allowed ourselves to think of that.

So, after a little, I coaxed mother and Leeman to consent, and the next morning Lil and I were up long before daybreak, harnessing old Pomp, and getting ready for the day's journey.

By the time the red, level light of the arising sun touched old Pomp's gramane with radiance, I was driving thr ough the Red swamp, where the maple trees from which it took its name were all aglow with crimson blossoms, and the thrushes and robins cal ed to one another with flute-like notes.

Well, I managed splendidly. I knew where I was going when I started. I sold the six barrels of russets to the map who kept the Park hotel for four dolars apiece, and that was more than Leenan himselfanticinate

what was called Church hill, near the "You look ill," said I. famous St. John's church, in which "I am not ill," he said, with a smothered cough. "Only tired with my long

Lenox."

factory."

work."

the scrape as well as I could.

ribbon into the road.

wagon.

heroine.

after it ?" said she.

knitting his brow.

and Pomp both.

I dropped a little paper parcel of blue

"Oh!" 1 cried, checking up Pomp,

'I've dropped my parcel. Would-

"Not in the least," said the stranger,

and he climbed laboriously out of the

He had scarcely set his feet on the

ground before I laid the whip on old

Pomp with a will, and rattled away

over the long straight road at a pace

that seemed positively marvelous to me

but I only whipped Pomp the harder,

and never let him 'bate his pace until

with me in the tangled wilderness of the

Red swamp; Lil declared that I was a

get into the wagon ?" said Leeman,

"Kate mustn't go by herself such a

And I drank my cup of tea, and rest-

long distance again," said mother.

we were well out of the Rcd swamp.

Lil's hat with something else."

would you mind getting out after it?"

Patrick Henry delivered (March, 1775) his celebrated "Give me liberty or walk. I didn't know it was so far to give me death" harangue. The hill "I suppose you are going for work?" said I. "Deacon Brierley has a good turned into a park since the war and many hands just now, in his tobacco named Libby Hill park. Libby was not

as is commonly thought, the first "No," said he; " I am not going to military prison in Richmond. The first was a large frame s'ructure I asked no more questions. I did not that had been employed to house like the idea of a man's shrouding himnegroes previous to their sale. self in mystery in that sort of way; and, It was in Lumpkin's alley, and got the

as I glanced around once more, a sudden name of Castle Goodwin, but having revelation came across me, like a blaze proved inadequate for its military purposes the prisoners of war were re-It was the same man who had eyed moved to the larger structure on the me so keenly on the steps of the Park dock, which has just been sold. Not one

of the Libby prison officials is now, it Then I remembered my mother's is said, in Richmond, though a number words of caution, Leeman's reiterated of men who guarded it are still there. exhortations, the landlord's friendly Major Turner, its commander, was one of the youngest men in the Confederate

And, in spite of it all, I had deliberservice. When Virgin'a had secoded. ately thrust my silly head into the jaws he left West Point, where he was then a of danger. There was only one thing cadet, and went South. Before Richremaining for me to do-to get out of mond had fallen he fled from the city, believing that he would I cast about in my mind how to do be slain by the soldiers of this; and presently, with beating heart,

the victorious army, and afterward went to Mexico, where he entered the service of the ill-fated Maximilian. After the execution of the Austrian archduke, Turner fled back to his native land, studied dentistry in New Orleans and has for some years been practicing his profession in Mississippi. He could not believe for a long while that his life

would be safe where he was generally he would be killed by some of the quondam prisoners if he should come North. Libby looks very much as it did during the war, though the bars have been

removed from the windows, and some So we left our passenger behind, in of the inner partitions have been taken the middle of the Red swamp. I could down. It is so interesting a relic of see him standing there, blank and history that it should be carefully astounded, the sole figure in the long reserved. perspective, as I ventured to look back;

> "I Know That," A London paper has heard of a case

"I've out-generaled him," said I, to where a droll fellow named Scrubbs got myself, "and I've saved Leeman's into a first-class railway carriage. before twenty-four dollars. I'm sorry about smoking carriages were invented. In the blue ribbon; but it was only a yard the carriage was seated a sour-looking and a quarter, after all, and I can trim old gentleman. After the train had started, Scrubbs took out his pipe.

They were delighted at my prowess "You mustn't smoke here," at once when I related my adventure at home aid the old gentleman. Leeman declarea I was a capital little "I know that," replied Scrubbs. He market-woman; mother shuddered at then calmly filed his pipe. the idea o the desperate tramp alone

"Did I not tell you," said the o. g. again, "that you can't smoke here?" "I know that," gloomily replied Scrubbs, taking out his fusee box. He

"Wan't it a good idea for Kate to lit a fusee, but now the wrath of the o. drop the blue ribbon, and send him g. was drendful. "You shan't smoke here, sir !" he "Kate was a goose ever to let him

shrieked. "I know that," added Scrubbs, allo wing the fusee to exhaust itself, when he lit another, and another; the stench was awful, the smoke suffocating.

The o. g., coughing and spluttering, ed myself, and went cut afterward to see the new brood of darling little yelstruggled for words. "You'd better low chicks, which old Speckle had smoke," said he. "I know that," replied Scrubbs, ap-

brought off the Lest during my absence. I was on my knees in the henhouse, plying the blazing fusee to the expectant feeding them with scalded meal from the pipe. palm of my hand, when I heard mother

calling me from the house. "Kate! Kate! come up at once! ColoThe German Census

In Germany, as in England, the census is taken in one day. Schedules are furnished in advance to be filled by each male inhabitant, which are collected by plying with the law. This method is adopted since the creation of the empire. The last census was taken on December 1. Though not yet completed, comparisons sufficient exist to show that the population has increased to a greater degree than in France, or, in fact, any European nation. In 1871 the whole German empire was

found to contain a population of 41,-058,792. During the next term of four years the national procreative power was certain to experience a shrinkage corresponding to the adult males in the Franco-German war. For at least two years of the same period there was also a great drainage through emigration to America. Nevertheless, in 1875 the and intelligent. number of inhabitants had reached 42,-727,360 In the interval between the last and the present enumerations the German bureau of statistics has kept a careful record of births and deaths, as well as of emigration, with a view of

determining the net gain at the end of every twelve-month. It was deducted from these investigations that the regular yearly increment of the population is not less than 650,000 souls. This inference is confirmed by the last census known, and it is said that he still thinks | taken; for although the details are not compiled, the broad result is known, namely, that the German empire now comprises from forty-hve and a half to forty-six millions of inhabitants.

## An Experiment in Chemistry.

When the kind-hearted Isaac Hopper, a member of the Society of Friends, met a boy with a dirty face and dirty hands he would stop him and inquire if he ever studied chemistry. The boy, with a wondering stare, would answer no. "Well, then," said Isaac Hopper, "I will teach thee how to perform a curious chemical experiment. Go home, take a piece of soap, put it in waterrub it briskly upon thy fands and thy face. Thou hast no idea what a beautiful froth it w:ll make, and how much whiter thy skin will be. That's a chemical experiment; I advise thee to tance. go home and make it."

One of the growing industries of Aus tralia is the cooking and canning of rabbits. The Colar Preserving company near Melbourne had on an average 7,000 of these agile rodents brought in every night at the beginning of the past season, and the supply increasing, orders were given to limit the daily quantity to 2,700 pair. During the season, which lasted for twenty-five weeks, 675,000 rabbits were canned by this establishment alone.

If there is anything that will make a man rip stavin', roarin', bilin' mad, it is to have the cook appear before him at breakfast with the announcement that the fowls, and took a glass of eggnog. the two pounds of lamb chops purchased | He then smoked a pipe, jumped on a by him the evening previous, during horse, and rode five miles through the Britain, kept at an estimated cost of the capacious maw of the family and is a good-humored old feilow of

inadequate to express the poignancy of her suffering, she concluded never to speak again, a resolution which she has adhered to so far with remarkable pertinacity. She lives with her parents on officers. This fulfillment is insured by Willow creek, as before stated, occupies overlooking the James river has been making each owner or agent responsible a room by herself, refuses to see strangers for the occupants of every house com- and to all intents and purposes is absolutely dumb. Her memory is strong declared by statisticians to be the least and accurate for one who neither talks subject to incorrectness, and it has been nor reads nor takes other intellectual exercise. Through the partition of her room she will sometimes listen to the conversation of those in the adjoining apartment, and occasionally, several days after it has taken place, it will be found on paper in her room written out verbatim. A severe mental exertion is nccessary to accomplish this feat, and the fact that she is capable of such ex- Thus nine times 2 equal to 18, 1 plus 8 trip across they had plenty of opportuertion is regarded as sufficient evidence of her entire sanity. It is reported that several ranchers on Willow creek, convinced of her determination never to speak again, have ma 'e matrimonial advances, but have been spurned. On the whole the case is an interesting one, the more so as she is still young, beautiful

Words of Wisdom.

A man of courage never lacks weapons.

Half the ills we hoard in our hearts are ills because we hoard them. Messenger for 1881. Without the company of fools a man of wit would often be embarrassed.

A man who cannot mind his own business is not fit to be trusted with the

king's. It is as easy to draw back a stone thrown with force from the hand as to

recall a word once spoken. No man is born wise; but wisdom and virtue require a tutor; though we

can easily learn to be vicious without a master. No man possesses a genius so com-

manding that he can attain eminence. unless a subject suited to his talents should present itself, and an opportunity occur for their development.

Turn the point of thy curiosity upon and that often the potatoes after they tesself and thine own affairs, and thou shalt within doors find matter enough great extent their natural taste and for the most laborious inquiries.

The cause of virtue and liberty is conshipments of these potatoes made to fined to no continent or climate. It England recently, more particularly comprehends, within its capacious those from California, have commanded limits, the wise and good, however disearnest attention, and that the demand persed and separated in space and dis-

## A Hollow Man,

Joshua Joynes, a man well gnown in the eastern part of Virginia as a glutton, sat down to dinner near Onancock, Accomac county, and disposed of a bill of fare which consisted of fifteen pounds of pork, twelve links of bologna sausage, souse from one large hog, one large goose, which the gormandizer had been fattening for a month, one full grown chicken, one peck of sweet potatoes, one dozen large biscuits, one large mince pie, and six cups of strong coffee. Joynes sat down to this repast at one o'clock, and at 2.30 he had disposed of every article named, picked the bones of There are 20,000 hounds in Great the wee small hours disappeared down frosty air. Joynes weighs 250 pounds,

water were ejected to an immense elevation. Vesuvius and other burning mountains are outlets, or safety valves, as they have been frequently called. In mountairous countries shocks of earthquakes are frequent, and mountains are formed by the upheaving of the crust o the earth.

In conclusion, although I do not and ticipate the approach of the "last day," yet I cannot close my eyes to the fact that there will be startling phenomena. and such as the oldest man living never saw before. In the Cabala nine is a mystic number tignifying "completion," and 1881 has the singular property of being divided thus-1 plus 8 equal to 9. Ninc is a peculiar number. for in all its multiples the total is 9. equal to 8, 9 times 3 equal to 27, 2 plus 7 equal to 9, 9 times 4 (qual to 36, 3 plus 6 equal to 9, and so on to any amount; and this is the only number which can be multiplied into itself. This also marks an important year, and I look forward to some grand physical and martial events, to which at present we are strangers. It is true the world may be destroyed, for the time when this will happen is known to no one. Everybody is in doubt about it, so I must leave it, and I candidly confess that neither I nor any one clse know when it will be.-Raphael's Prophetic

Potatoes Preserved.

is susceptible to sweat and rot, and on

made on the intact part of the cargo.

come by the recent invention of a

that they may be dried and

tion of curing no chemicals are needed,

machine, which is capable of pre-

potatoes in twenty-four hours. The

machine not only presses the potatoes,

but lays them on a tray in a concave

form with the hollow side down. After

the pressure they are put into a drving

apparatus, where they remain for two

hours, then they are ground into coarse

meal resembling cracked rice. The first

shipment of preserved potatoes to Liver-

perton more than all expense of ship-

ment. Lust year about twenty tons

were shipped by one San Francisco

merchant which brough, forty-five

at a rate of £1.50 per bushel for green

boarded in front. Esoofally Hiptala, a Bombay mer-

Changed Her Mind.

George Boyard is the name of a young Metl odist minister who attended the annual conference of the M. E. church The great drawback in the past in the at Mercer a couple of years ago. While way of an extended export trade of pothere he and a young lady teacher of the tatoes from this country has lain in the Soldiers' Orphan school, located in fact that in ocean voyages the vegetable Mercer, fell in love with each other. Her name was Cara Shaffer. He was about arrival the losses from this cause are to start for India to Christianize the often found to counterbalance the profit heathen. A correspondence was kept up between the two, and he wanted her to This inconvenience seems to be overcome to him, be married, and a ssist him in his labors. He had no money to machine for pressing and preserving potatoes in such a manner pay her expenses, and she had none. In this emergency a few months ago she made a confidante kept for a number of years in any climate. It is said that no oxidation or of "Dick" Wright, a heavy clothing fermentation takes place in the process, merchant of Mercer, and he being a bighearted man with generous impulses, offered to supply her with what money go through the entire process retain to a she needed to reach her far off lover. She gladly accepted his offer, and at original freshness. We understand that once began her preparations for the long journey. " Dick " and Miss Shaffer were thrown much together for a while, and about the time she was ready to start he was deeply in love with her himseif. for them largely exceeds the present But he said nothing, and she started for supply. It is claimed that in the opera-New York with enough of "Dick's" money in her pocket to take her to everything being done by a simple India. serving six hundred busbels of

Two or three days after her departure he grew despondent, and chided himself for having given away his chance for marrying Miss Shaffer himself. A thought struck him, and that was to follow her, and, if possible, overtake her before she boarded a steamer in New York for distant India. He acted promptly on the thought, took the cars, reached New York, and found the vessel on which she was to sail. Miss pool brought the handsome sum of \$160 Shaffer was already on board; he made known his affection, asked her for her hand for himself, was accepted, and the two returned to Mercer a few days ago English shillings per hundred weight, or as man and wife.

The outcome is a little rough on the potatoes. This surely would leave a young minister who is wrestling with

forts, they could make as much money. If there is anybody who has our sincerest sympathy it is the dear young man who has on a white vest so stifly starched that he feels as if he was clap-

pioneer and do without the same com-

chant prince, who arrived in New York a short time ago, brought with him his four native wives. These are in charge of another woman and cunuch. In addition were three servants of the male sex, varying in height, size and age. The prince says each servant has certain things to do. "No servant does two things, and when I get tired and weary I make them amuse mc. They are all good musicians. During our nity for practice, as in that time some of our most solemn feasts took place. . To the last of these we invited all of the passengers, and they appeared highly amused. Then I have also my conjurer, my snake charmer and my women who dance for me after dinner. When the Prince of Wales visited Bombay some years ago I entertained him, and on that occasion my wives showed him the nautch dance." The prince says he is here just to see the United States.

