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The Valentine.
Eh! give you a lift? Why, surely, jump in,
etc., along o' me.
(What Dobbins, you critter? Wal, yes, sir,
the walkin' is rough, I see.
You're a stranger in these parts, I take it,
Go! to stop a spell?
Spose you'd put up to the tavern? Oh, yes,
they will treat you well.
What's the news of the village? Wal,
stranger, I'll own ye hev me that.
I ain't no hand for a gossip; don't hear any
news I don't.

The Gloves of Omer Pasha.

About fifteen or twenty years since
a young man presented himself at Wil-
din and asked for Hussein, Pasha, the
commandant of that place. This young
man was as handsome as a pasha, and
as imposing as a demigod. His complexion
was white and clear, eyes soft and penetrat-
ing, and his form slender and vigorous. The
Turks, who are superstitious about countenances,
received him with cordiality and pointed
out to him the pasha's dwelling.

Scientific Scraps.
In a discussion before the London
Pathological Society, Dr. Wilkes stated
that in some cases of rupture of the
heart by wounds life has continued for
twenty-four hours.
Being called upon to analyze some
specimens of wine from a vineyard
near Nimes, France, Mons. Barthelem,
Professor of the Faculty of Sciences at
Toulouse, found them to contain a
rather large proportion of arsenic,
which proved to be derived from the
impure sulphuric acid with which the
wine casks had been cleaned.
That lightning killed his son is the
belief of a farmer in Newton, Ill. He
writes: "This summer, when my corn
was two feet high, the lightning struck
it, killing a patch about 100
square feet in extent. It seemed to have
killed the ground, as neither wood nor
spear of grass has grown on it since.
The ground looks dead, and I believe
it is. Occasionally these spots are met
with all over the prairie. The people
account for them as buffaloes tramped
where buffaloes congregated in by
time and tramped until they killed the
soil, but from the above, one would
account for them as having been struck
by lightning."
California physicians who have at-
tended various cases of trouble arising
from the poisonous properties of bisul-
phide of carbon have become satisfied
that the inhalation of the vapor of this
substance will produce insanity. The
bisulphide is used in Los Angeles
County to prevent the spread of the
grape disease, phylloxera. Several
strong and healthy men who have been
exposed to the fumes of the vile stuff
have become insane. It may be a sub-
ject worthy of investigation whether
other deleterious gases may not in like
manner affect the human brain.
A novel device for holding trees at
the proper elevation and in a vertical
position while being planted, is men-
tioned by The Scientific American.
The planter has three inclined bars se-
cured to each other at their upper
ends, and connected by parallel and
braced bars, forming a tripod, and pro-
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their lower ends bolted forward and
provided with claws for suspending
the tree in exactly the required posi-
tion. To the upper end of the three
inclined bars is attached a table provi-
ded with four sights, by which the
planter can be adjusted from stakes at
the side of the hole. This invention,
which has been patented by Mr. L.
Gairaud, Santa Clara, Cal., may serve
a good purpose in planting orange or-
chards, where it is desirable to have
the trees stand upright and in straight
rows.

HUNTING SEA ELEPHANTS.

A Man's Strange Three Years' Life on
a Lonely Island.
A New York longshoreman, who
spent three years on a lonely island
hunting sea elephants, gives a re-
porter the following account of his ad-
ventures: "The fisheries there are of
two general kinds—sea elephant and
fur seals. The elephants took about
all our time. I got into it first by ac-
cident. I shipped on a bark for Cape
Town, left her there on account of a
difference between me and the mate,
and being broke, I shipped again in
what they called a sealer for a three
years' cruise. I didn't know any-
thing about it, and after about a
month's cruising to the southward they
put me ashore in a place called
Heard Island, about the most forsak-
en place you can think of, and after
leaving us provisions, such as they
were, the schooner sailed, and that
was the last we saw of her for two
years and six months. During that
time three of the men died. Heard
Island is a rocky island in about the
same latitude as the straits of Mis-
sion, about twenty-five miles long
and five or six wide, and from the
landward all you could see was
mountains and glaciers. Six of the
latter are between two Whiskey Bay,
pointing down from a big mountain
called Big Ben, about 7000 feet high,
to the glaciers there. The sea was
with a front several hundred feet
high, and every once in a while they
boiled with a crash that you could
hear five miles away. In fact, there
was nothing but ice and when
they boiled it was a fine thing
growing to speak of. The ship was
to make a house to dig a hole in
the ground and cover it over with
canvas, and in winter we nearly froze.
All the streams froze up, and the
ground was covered with snow, the
only water we had was that melted.

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true origin of his famous order to his
squadron.
The admiral gave the order to
discontinue the whole fleet, "Nelson
expects every man to do his duty to-
day." It was found that the word
"Nelson" would require six sets of
flags to be displayed in succession.
Time passed, a Lieutenant Browne,
looking over the codebook, found that
"England" could be sent up with but
one flag, and suggested that the order
be "England" to every man to do his
duty." Nelson heartily
consented. Hence the eloquent touch
which thrilled all Britain to the heart,
was due to a deficiency in the signal-
code.

Curious Customs of the Koreans.

The distant kingdom of Corea for
centuries has been noted among the
group of Chinese dependencies for its
extreme exclusiveness and blind con-
servatism. It pays tribute to China,
yet permits trading to only two Chinese
ports. It is also, in some degree, tribu-
tary to Japan, but die arages inter-
course between her people and the Jap-
anese.
With a harsh, severe climate, a sur-
face much broken by mountains, and a
soil that yields a harvest to nothing but
rhubarb and corn, Corea is to China
what Scotland was to England before
the union—the abode of a proud, ex-
clusive people, independent, but devoted
to the chief of the clan, clinging to
ancient usages with the bigotry of in-
feriority. Corea is rich in nothing but
her half-worked mines, and in the in-
dustrial, frugal habits of her people.
The Korean idolatry of their king is
an Asiatic exaggeration of the old
Scottish devotion to the chieftain. It
is reckoned sacrilege in a common man
to pronounce his name; while to touch
his sacred person with a weapon of
steel is high treason. Like the Span-
ish King, who heroically burned to
death rather than have his chair moved
back from the fire by the wrong officer
a king of Corea, 1870, died of an ab-
sence rather than have his august body
pierced by a lance.

A Sinking Mountain.

One of the most extraordinary of
the many disturbances of the earth's
crust which have occurred, is the sink-
ing of the mountain Naive, in Algeria.
This mountain, which was about twice
as high as the Crow's Nest on the Hud-
son, is said to be gradually descending
into the bosom of the earth, a deep ex-
cavation being formed all around as it
settles. There are several instances on
record of volcanic mountains having
arisen out of the earth or the sea, and
a few mountains which have sunk into
the earth. The Japanese have a legend
that the great volcanic peak of Fusi-
yama rose suddenly out of the earth,
and it is known that in 1750 the vol-
cano of Jerulla, in Mexico, rose in one
night out of a cultivated plain. In
1881 there was a similar occurrence in
San Salvador, a volcanic hill rising
suddenly out of the middle of the lake
of Ilopango. But in these cases
phenomena of the rising mountains
were accompanied by earthquakes and
volcanic eruptions. So the recent dis-
appearance of volcanic islands and the
thrusting up through the bottom of
the sea of sixteen new volcanoes near
Java were accompaniments of a great
convulsion of the earth's crust. But
the sinking of the Algerian mountain
appears to be attended by earthquakes,
and volcanic eruptions. The substan-
tial props of the mountain seem to be
giving away under its weight, and
it is sinking into the ground by de-
grees.

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