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Home Circle. Home is the sacred refuge of our life.

SAVED BY A FOOL. A MISCELLANEOUS.

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Such was the general situation on the 30th day of August, when "Our Fool" made his appearance. He was a man about thirty years of age, poorly dressed, even for that country, and his face wore the silly look of a born idiot.

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usual, and as he moved around he kept calling out: "Got all fixed--got all fixed!"

"Big noise--great fire--hurt 'em awful bad!" he shouted as he danced around us, and that's all the satisfaction we could get.

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HANGTOWN. "Hangtown! Singular name for a town," says the stranger, after seating himself comfortably beside Hank Monk, the king of stage drivers on the Nevada line.

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THE TEST. An Incident in the Life of Leonardo Di Vinci. The morning was breaking with that wild splendor nowhere held as on the heights of the Abruzzi, and the wild tangled vines that overhung the path were just glowing in the beams of the rising sun, as a traveler passed, ere he entered one of the most romantic passes, and seemed lost in admiration.

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life beaten, and made off as fast as I could, for fear the right owner of my game might make his appearance--not that I could have given the fellow that took me in seven times as much as I did for his cunning and coolness."

[From the New York Times.] HIGH LIFE IN COLORADO. Hops and German and Music Parties in Dr. Bell's Elegant Stone Mansion.

Among the young railroad men and ranch men there was a French count, and several of his sons, a high old English and Scotch families, a class of youths who take most kindly and graciously to the rough, free life of wild parks and plains.

Dr. Bell's cottage is the pride of all this region. It is of stone, built in the English style, English taste being shown in the sweet seclusion of its site. It is an elegant and perfectly-proportioned house, the most artistic and poetic taste being shown in finishing, furnishing and all decorations; while without, English lawns, gardens and shrubberies, modified, of course, somewhat by the climate, produce a sense of wonder and delicious surprise.

A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN'S FEARFUL AND FATAL FALL--Last Sunday Miss Carrie A. Rice, daughter of Philip W. Rice of Glenbrook, Lake Tahoe, was precipitated from Shakers rock and so badly injured that she died in about half an hour.