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SONGS OF NATURE.

The harp at Nature's advent strung Has never ceased to play; The songs that stars of morning sung

And prayer is made and praise is given. By all things near and far: The ocean looketh up to heaven. And mirrors every star.

As kneels the human knee.

They pour their glittering treasures forth, Their gifts of pearl they bring. And all the listening hills on earth

The green earth sends her incense up From many a mountain shrine; From folded leaf and dewy cup She pours her sacred wine.

Rise wide as wings of prayer; The altar curtains of the hills Are sunset's purple air.

Or low with sobs of pain, The thunder-organ of the cloud, The dropping tears of rain.

One twilight forest grieves, Or speaks with tongues of Peptecost

The blue sky is the temple's arch, Its transept earth and air, The music of its starry march,

So nature keeps the reverent frame With which her years began, And all her signs and voices shame The prayerless heart of man.

men were working for the Adams Ex-**MODERN DETECTIVE # ORK.** To begin with, I'll say that detectives are divided into three general classes: shadows, investigators and ropers. When a man begins the business, he is put at shadowing. It is an excellent way to test him and see what stuff there is in him. If he will watch a house night after night in all sorts of weather, or a man the criminal, but only a suspicion. The see what he does, what sort of company he keeps, where he resorts; or he is told to watch a house, see who goes in and out, what the character of the inmates is, what hours they keep. Now, in order to do this, a man must have tact, intelligence, perseverance. He must not only not excite the suspicions of the suspected parties, but he must not excite the suspicions of the police. It is very awkward for a detective to give an account of himself to a policeman. While the policeman may be the most honest and faithful in the world, it endangers the case if he knows a detective is around, and mentions it casually to a brother policeman. You can see that to do his work well a shadow must be a man whose apattract attention. You'd not make a good shadow. You're too tall. A very short man won't do. In fact a thoroughly commonplace-looking man is the very best. He should be young and active. We have had office boys who developed considerable talent for that sort of work Sometimes a boy can be used where a man cannot. He can hang around a house and make the acquaintance of other boys in the neighborhood, and the criminal, who may be watching from inside the house for a chance to steal out unobserved, may think the coast clear when he sees that there is no one around except two or three boys playing marbles on the sidewalk. We had a case of this kind in Baltimore at the time of the robbery of the Third National Bank there. We wanted to watch a do it with our regular shadows. So we put a boy there. He was playing marbles when the man came out, and then gave the signal which resulted in his capture. But boys, as a rule, are not safe. . They are likely to become too important in their own estimation, and they may talk. Some great criminals may be captured by means of shadows, The Northampton Bank robbers were shadowed months before the arrest of Scott and Dunlap. Billy Connors was shadowed two months, and Red Leary, before his last arrest, was shadowed nine



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"Not in the least. No more so than

yours. When a man has the law on his

side, and attempts to arrest a criminal,

there is not much danger. Oriminals

are very often cowards, especially our

Eastern thieves and burglars, ... Ocea-

sionally a young and reckless thief will

sttempt to shoot, but such men are of

the lower order of criminals. Burglars,

counterfeiters, forgers, and the like, take

chances of being arrested as one of the

chances of their business. If you have

the law on your side, and go at them in

a proper manner, you'll win every time,

There is everything in going strong enough. If a detective is foolish enough

to go single-inanded into a thieves' resort.

he's bound to have trouble, no matter

who the criminal is. But in the West

and South a detective takes his life in

his hand. The detectives who are sent

into Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Western

Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, the

Indian Territory, and into the great

South and West generally, run a tre-

mendous risk. We lost five men in

Missouri in eight months in looking up

the James and Younger brothers, Our

gerous ?"

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THE MODERN PRIMER.

This is a Fourth Corporal. He Walks

stiff Legged behind a Company of Sol-

diers and Carries a Musket at Half-Mast.

He is Fond of Human Blood and De-

lights in Carnage. Has the Fourth

BY JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTERS.

Have never died away.

Its waves are kneeling on the strand, Their white locks bowing to the sand, The priesthood of the sea!

Take up the song they sing.

The mists above the morning rills

The winds with hymns of prayer are loud,

With drooping head and branches crossed From all its summit leaves.

The chorus of a prayer.

press Company at the time. The men who go out after such criminals earn their money every time, I can assure you.' day after day, without exciting suspi- He works for so much, and does what cion, it is pretty safe to employ him reg- he is ordered to do. But at the same nlarly. A good shadow is an important | time a man is not asked to do a dangerpart of a detective force. In a great ous piece of work against his will. If many cases of crime, there is no clew to he hesitates he need not go. To succeed shadow is told to watch such a man and fact that a man succeeds in a dangerous cent. The work should be done for so much, whatever the result." "What is the average life of a detective?" pearance will not provoke comment or "Are female detectives much emwho is respectable. But we have to women." house on Perry street, and we couldn't

gentlemanly person, social, of good ad-NIGHT IN LONDON. dress, able to frame excuses for anything Come for a long London walk. This he may do or say, and able to turn the is Oxford street at the junction of Museum, and before you is a section of the conversation in any way he pleases. He British Museum, and behind you is one must have traveled, must have a good knowledge of men, must be an easy talkend of Drury lane, and to the left is Holborn, and this close by Chapman's er, but a better listener." "Is a detective's life particularly dan-

gin palace, and right over vonder is St. Corporal ever been in a War? No. George's Church, and directly in front is Then what does he Know about War? Mudie's great circulating library. Nothing in America like Mudie's. All the

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new works there by scores and hundreds. All the old works, and wagons coming and going all the time, loading up books and distributing them for hire. St children taking melancholy evening ex-Over and Under Europe and Taken in ercise. Poke bonnets and drab gowns, and all as hideous as sweet charity can make them. Going round and round and round and round. The tallest at one end and the toddlers at the other. Curious crowd peer at them through the iron railings. Blessed little brands are these, plucked from the burning and

denied the luxury of the dirty-faced urchins outside, who play in the gutters. What hour is it? It is any time, and this is Oxford street, and we will call it 11 o'clock Saturday night. The night of nights in London, when the British laborer spends his week's wages for gin. And his wife, knowing well his procliviyoung. ties and haunts, goes after him at 10

o'clock to save enough from his wrecked Mamma is Larruping Papa with the earnings to get something for Sunday's Mop Handle. The children are Fightdinner and here she is trying to urge ing over a Piece of Pie in the Kitchen. him away from the alehouse. Failing Over the Piano there is a Beautiful to do this she sometimes abandons her-Motto gilt Frame. The Beautiful self to gin and despair, falls to and gets Motto says there is no Place like Home

THE JACK-BABBIT OF TREAS.

The jack-rabbit is an inhabitant of Texas and some other Western States. He is often called the "mule eared rabbit," and, by the cowboy, is familiarly spoken of as the "muley." He is not a rabbit at all. A rabbit is an unobtrusive little animal, who is found by school-boys in a hole in the ground at the end of a long track in the snow. The so-called jack-rabbit is quite a different kind of soup-meat. He is identical with the British hare, except that he is larger, his color lighter, and his ears

much longer. His avoirdupois is about twelve pounds, and his ears measure from tip to tip about sixteen inches. He does not burrow in the ground. He lies under cover of a bunch of prairie grass, but is very seldom found at home, his office hours being between sunset and sunrise. He is to be found during the day on the open prairie, where he feeds on the tender shoots of the mesquite or

sage grass. The jack rabbit has several enemies, among them the cowboy, who shoots him with his rifle, the coyote and the dog that tries to run him down. He has two ways of protecting himself against his enemies. One way is to squat when he suspects danger and fold his ears along his sides. By doing

this he often escapes observation, as only his back is exposed, the color of

notwithstanding the rule to the contrary. which harmonizes with the brown of the Usually the watches are kept in leather withered grass. The other plan that he bags which are suspended by a string uses when discovered and pursued is to about the neck underneath the clothing. create remoteness between himself and A good many of the prisoners read the his pursuer. In giving his whole attennewspapers regularly. How they obtain tion to this matter when necessary, he them is a mystery. The New York is a stupendous success and earnest to a dailies reach Auburn at 4 o'clock in the fault. When disturbed he unlimbers his long legs, unfurls his ears and goes off with a bound. He generally stops after running about 100 yards, and looks back to see if his pursuer is enjoying the chase as much as he thought he would and then he leaves for parts unknown. There are many fast things, from an iceboat to a note maturing in bank, but nothing to equal the jack-rabbit. An unfounded rumor gets around pretty. lively, but could not keep up with him for two blocks. When an ordinary cur dog tries to expedite a jack-rabbit route he makes a humiliating failure of it. He only gives the rabbit gentle exercise. The latter merely throws up his ears, and, under easy sail, skims leisurely along, tacking occasionally to give the uneral procession time to catch up. But if you want to see velocity, urgent speed and precipitated haste, you have only to turn loose a greyhound in the wake of a jack-rabbit. Pursued by a greyhound he will "let himself out" in a manner that would astonish a prepaid half-rate message. If he is a rabbit that has never had any experience with a greyhound before, he will start off at an easy pace, but as he turns to wink derisively at what he supposes to be an or-

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PLEASANTRES.

The prevalence of drunkenness in the Moses was a Rush un. State prison at Auburn puzzled the offi-A DEBTOR'S tree-Willowe. cers for a long time. It was at first sup-Hor wether-Boast mutten. posed that whisky was brought in by GoEs against the tide-A decree of disome one, but finally it was discovered that a distillery was in full operation orce. A BOARDING-HOUSE keeper's tree-Ash. A MAN feels bowlder when he has the ocks in his pockets. duce a liquor that would intoxicate who-A GOOD whisky sling-Sling the bottle ever drank very much of it. The man out of the window. did a thriving business, and when he An aeronaut, after inflating his balwas discovered he was making money at oon, highs him away on his trip. a rapid rate. "Beer," as it is called, is DEFINE a gentleman," you say! Well, yes, I think made even at this day. The beverage is I can ! brewing of bread crust and yeast and

le's as gentle as a woman, and as manly as a man. -London Truth

THE evil that men do lives after them. Cows, likewise, do not give oleomargarine until they are dead.

"ALL work and no play makes Jack a full boy." Very few Jacks will become dull boys if left to themselves.

WHAT is that which you cannot hold ten minutes, although it is lighter than a feather? Your breath.

A YOUNG married man whose house rent is paid by his mother-in-law alludes to her as his darling pay-rent.

HUMORISTS are not necessarily darkeyed, but we have seen a good many practical jokers with black eyes.

As Ohio man has taken the small-pox from a pet pig. When once this disease gets into a family it is pretty sure to go through it.

He has a Cousin who Married a Man by the Name of Gunn. Is this a Brass Foundry? No, it is a Traveling Man. He carries big Trunks all over the Country and Makes Love to George's church yard. File of charity Dining-room Girls. He has Been all

> all the Great Masters. He has Scoured the Alps clean. He can Tell more Smutty Stories than a Politician, and he can get Bilin' slower on More Liquer than any Government official. The best to get along Without them.

Way to get along with Traveling Men is III. The baby's Nose is a Queer sort of Thing. The baby cannot Walk, but its Nose can Run. Take the bottle of

Ammonia and hold it Under the baby's Nose and See what a Funny Face the baby will Make. There is Nothing like a Baby's getting used to Ammonia

within the walls of the institution. An enterprising convict had rigged a "worm" in a socluded spot in the kitchen, and, with corn meal and rye, was able to pro-

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A STRANGE STORY.

is exhilarating, if nothing more. The

men in the kitchen make it and sell it to

the prisoners. At one time counterfeit-

ing was actually carried on in the prison.

Imitations were made of silver coins

which would readily deceive unless

closely examined. Molds were made

of plaster of paris, and the 10, 25 and 50

cent pieces were plated in the saddlery

hardware shop. The convicts were well

supplied with this bogus money, and a

great deal of it found its way into circu-

The men are not allowed to carry

watches, but a great many of them do,

lation outside.

drunk with him. A mile from Mussum " That suggests the question of pay.

street to the Marble Arch, corner of Hyde Park, and a mile back, on a Sat-"Well, the pay runs all the way from urday night are two miles full of drunken \$15 and \$20 a week to \$3,500 a year. laborers and mechanics, sober and cry-The man that goes on a dangerous mising wives, drunken and crying children sion, doesn't necessarily get higher tugging at the maternal skirt or the pawages. In fact he dees not get them. ternal coat-tail; father besought to return to the family hearth clinging in drunken doggedness at lamp-posts, and occasional mothers, with bonnets awry and bared arms, stride to and fro in bacchanalian fury until the stiff and a man must go willingly. Of course the solemn policeman admonishes them to piece of work is often the means of an retire. Plebeian London drinks gin. and plebeian Paris its cheap red wine. increase of his salary. Why, it's like Paris chatters over its drink. London any other business exactly. Each man wallows. London has the most steehas his value. It won't do to work for ples and sends abroad the most missiona reward. Human nature is human naaries, and Paris has the reputation of ture, and when a man sees a big pile of being the wickedest of modern cities .money coming as the result of fixing a Prentice Mulford, in San Francisco crime on some man-well, it's often Chronicle. dangerous for that man, guilty or inno-

A COLD DAY FOR MAGIC. Everybody has read the marvelous

The hoodlum, who unfortunately had

"Why, to be sure ; how ---- careless

a neighboring alley, leaving the Baron

TALKERS.

been at the theater the evening before.

stories of traveling magicians mystifying people by exhibiting their skill in public "Well, I don't know as to that. I places. Of all the leading wizards such stories are published, and in fact they think, though, they stick to the work on an average, say fifteen years. Then have the discernment to see that no better advertisement' of their performthey get tired of traveling, and want to ances could possibly be obtained. One settle down. They get situations in day Baron Seeman was riding on a San banks, hotels and other institutions."

Francisco street car, and taking in his fellow-passengers with the usual blandly ployed or depended upon ?" unconscious eye of the prestidigitateur. "It is difficult to get a respectable when he suddenly turned and said woman to do detective work. There to a rough-looking young man on are lots of them that claim to be detectives, but they must be employed with the same side : "Pardon, my friend, but you will lose caution. They are occasionally useful your watch-the chain is hanging." to work up a case against a woman. In "Hain't got no watch," growled the such cases we usually employ a female relative of some of our men-a womanvonth. who knows what detective work is, and "Excuse me, but you are mistaken. Look there !"

be very careful always in employing "Do detectives marry?"

and who had just recognized the magi-"Sometimes. But a man with a famcian's face, took hold of the chain, pulled ily cannot, in the nature of the case, be the watch out of his pocket, stared at it as good a detective, as daring, as ready a moment, and then said : to go anywhere at a moment's notice as an unmarried man. But of course a of me ! 'Bliged to you, Baron," and good many of them marry." stepping briskly from the dummy ran up

"Are disguises much used ?"

"Not nearly so often as the student staring after his stem-winder with a of Gaborian would imagine. It's all paralyzed expression.-San Francisco nonsense, this talking of a man's so dis-Post. guising himself by false whiskers, a wig and paint that ne can pass unrecognized The art of conversing is not cultivated in daylight. He might not be recogas much in these days as it was by our nized, but he would surely be detected. fathers. Men who can talk well also The police will pounce on a man at once write well, and, as their writings have a if they see him wear a false beard-and necuniary value, they reserve their good it's easy enough to tell a false beardthings for the public who pays for them. much easier than a wig, and they are Metternich mentions in his "Memoirs" easily detected. The shadows usually a fact which indirectly suggesis what a

Here we Have a Business Manager of an Evening Paper. He is Blowing about the Circulation of the Paper. He is Saying the Paper has Entered upon an Era of Unprecedented Prosperity. In a Minute he will Go up Staire and Ohide the Editor for leaving his Gas Burning while he Went out for a Drink. Little Children, if we Believed Business Managers of Evening Papers, went to Heaven we would Give up our Pew in Church .-- Denver Tribune.

ENGLISH RAILWAY CARS.

English railway cars generally are limited to three classes. Each is divided into several compartments, mostly four, each compartment being entered by a door on the side, and separated by a closed partition from the compartment adjoining. These partitions render impossible the characteristic long halls of the American train, and only by means of a small platform extending on the outside can one section be entered from

another. This platform is also utilized by the guard in collecting the tickets of the passengers, and the same are passed to him through the compartment windows. The cars being entered on the side, one-half of the passengers must ride backward, and if the train be full the four persons who enjoy the window seats are the only ones who ride with him, and the look of astonishment. alarm comfort, and catch even imperfect glimpses of the scenery through which the train passes.

'The first-class compartments are the most expensive of all. The floor is generally covered with a rug which is clean and new. The windows glister, and are tastefully curtained. The seats are luxuriously cushioned.

The second-class compartments, as a rule, are not much less comfortable than the first. The floor is often hare, but clean, the seats are less elegantly upholstered. A good second-class car in England or Germany is often more richly furnished than the average first-class car in Italy or France; but in either country cushions, curtains, and comfort are generally wanting in third-class compartments. In the English the floor is bare and often covered with dirt, the windows are dusty and the boards for sents are hard. On account of the low rates of fare the mass of the people precrowded.

Between Liverpool and London, by of the drive, after paying, I gave her a the Northwestern Company's trains, for silver piece. Another driver, 12 years a first-class carriage the charge is about of age, was named Ida Carolina. The \$8.25 in American currency; for a second class, \$5.25; for a third class, only \$4. but she was equal to the emergency; The third-class compartment, too, may be on the same car with the first, stone, went to a farm house and boror, if not, attached at least to the train. First-class passengers are allowed more baggage than the third, although in either case articles that can be crowded under the seat go free. All luggage is weighed but is never checked. and for any excess above a certain weight I did not then know the Finnish lana ticket is required. PET NAMES. cheeks." He-" May I call you Revenge ?" She-" Why ?" He-"Because 'Revenge is Sweet. She--" Certainly you may ; provided. though, you will let me call you Vengeance." He-"And why would you call me Vengeance?" She-"Because 'Vengeance is mine. A MUSIC-PUBLISHING firm lately received an order for a piece of music entitled "The Clock on the Cheese-paring." After it had passed about the store a bright clerk filled it satisfactorily with "The Watch on the Bhine,"-Boston Bulletin

afternoon, and often they will get into the hands of the convicts the same evening. Of course, each prisoner is not supplied with a paper. One paper will do for a dozen men or more. The newspapers must be brought in by officers who are a little lax in discipline. It is supposed that all letters written by convicts pass through the hands of the chaplain, whose duty it is to see that they contain no mischievous or improper language. Half of the men in the prison send and receive letters that the chaplain never sees. These "go through the underground," as the officers say. Generally they are taken in and out by citizen foremen, whose sympathies the men enlist. Some of the convicts send out for raw steaks, which they broil at the forges and in the furnaces. Others prefer cake and pie, for which they will spend every cent they can procure. Joe Coburn used to have two large mince pies sent to him regularly twice a week from New York. Finally the agent told Joe that he would be compelled to deny him his toothsome pastry, and the semi-weekly shipment of pies was discontinued. - New York Times. A BUSINESS TRANSACTION. dinary yellow dog he realizes that there is a pace in nature hitherto unknown to

A man went into a clothing store in Lawrence, Mass., and bought a hat for \$3.50, left his old one, and said he would pay for it when he came back. In half an hour he returned, and entering the store met the proprietor, who was absent at his first visit. The proprietor was glad to see the man-a neighbor of his-but, observing his new hat a shadow passed over his face, and he said : "Where did you buy that hat? I can

sell you a hat just like that, and a good deal cheaper, than what you paid for it. I know." This pleased the neighbor, and, his eye twinkling, he asked how cheap he would sell him one. "Well. you are a neighbor of mine, and you sha'l have one for just \$1.75." " Very well," replied the customer, "I'll take this one which I have on, which I got here half an hour ago, and just returned to pay for "-and he counted out \$1.75 and departed for his suburban home,

N INCIDENT AT A REFIFAL MEET-ING.

In the little town of Peninsula, there ives a disciple of Blackstone who had acquired more than a mere local repu tation as a collector of hard bills. His ability in this direction was so well recognized that a threat of a weary creditor to hand the bill to McNeil for collection would usually extract shekels from

OLD Ocean may be excused for lashing himself to fury" occasionally, on the ground that he has been crossed a good many times.

THE condor of the Andes is said to kill his prey with his bill. and the milliners of this country are trying the game on married men.

ATMOSPHERICAL knowledge is not thoroughly distributed to our schools. A boy being asked, "What is mist?" vaguely responded, "An umbrella,"

Some fellows are never satisfied. We know a chap who sat down to dinner with twelve females, and then had the concentrated cheek to call for molasses. "My day's work's big gun," as the foundry man said when he commenced to cast a cannon." "My day's work's ore." said the man at the blast-furnace.

CONJURORS astonish an audience by taking rolls of ribbon from their mouths, but then it is a common thing to see a carpenter take hammer and nails out of his chest.

THE brilliant Sophia Arnold, when she heard of a certain diplomatist that had been eaten by. the wolves, exclaimed : "Poor brutes! Hunger must indeed be a terrible thing!"

"THE most difficult man to please that I ever saw," said an old Judge, "was my friend, Col. ---, who didn't wish to be lied about, and couldn't bear to have the truth told of him."

"You must have been leaning up against the banisters, Angey, dear," affectionately remarked the fair girl's grandmother as she brought her spectacles to a correct focus and took another look at the stains in the waist of Angey's dress. "Them ain't no banister stains," returned the truthful maiden. "Charley was feeding me caramels last night, and I guess them's the prints of his fingers,"

New YORK shoemakers are unbosoming themselves as to the wonderful structure and astounding peculiarities' of New York feet. One of them says : "I know men and women whose feet are so broad and flat that we have to. make each last in four sections, in order to get the last out after the shoe is made-The finest-looking men generally have the ugliest feet,"

An editor out West announced that he would cease to publish the big takes of game from hunters, unless he should share some of it. The very next day he had carted to the door of his residence a dozen blackbirds and a dead mule. The next day he wrote : "Never mind the -notices will be publish

tire of one of our wheels became loose, she alighted, blocked the wheel with a

night Sun," Mr. Paul B. Du Chaillu gives many novel experiences. Not the least interesting of these were his rides with girl drivers over Scandinavian reads. "At every station in Finland," he writes, "I had a young girl for a driver, and these children of the north seemed not in the least afraid of me. My first driver's name was Ida Catherina; she gave me a silver ring, and was delighted when she saw it on my finger. I promised to bring her a gold one the She was glad, indeed, when at the end

fer this class, and the cars are generally following winter, and kept my word.

and disgust, as he furls his ears and prompdy declines the nomination. is amusing. Undersuch circumstances he goes too fast for the eye to follow his movements, and presents the optical illusion of a streak of jack-rabbit a mile and a half long .- Austin (Texas) Sift-

ings.

GIRL POST-BOYS, In his book, "The Land of the Mid-

i i i i at his bargain.

weeks by three different detectives. "The investigator," continued Mr.

Pinkerton, "is the man who, after crime has been committed, makes preliminary investigation. He usually works with the local officers. Heseldom pretends to work in secret. He looks the ground over, mingles with civilians, talks with every one, and forms his conclusions. He must be a man of greater intelligence than is necessary to make a good shadow. He reports the results of his investigations, and on this report is decided the course to be pursued.' Perhaps one result of his report will be that a shadow is put on a certain man, and an effort is made in that way to reach the truth in the matter. The preliminary investigator, in short, opens the way for private investigation.

"The roper must, to speak plainly, 'rope' men in. He comes nearest to the dime-novel detective of any in the list. but he is a great way off from that romantio hero. The roper is simply a 财威能

carry a soft cap or hat, or both, in their od talker should be. He says : pockets to use in case of necessity : and sometimes in the night a beard can be used, but not often. If the criminal has dropped on' a shadow the best plan is to put another man on him. As I said in the start, there's very little romance or mystery about a detective's life."-G. H. Pinkerton, in New York Sun.

EDWARD PAYSON WESTON, the great pedestrianic failure, is lecturing in England on temperance. He says he has

walked 56,000 miles in the last fourteen years, and that the training he has un-"I think I made a sensation," said dergone has improved his constitution. Brown. "All the time I was speaking. the whole audience received my state-Ten little boy who owns a handsome ments with an open-mouthed eagerness sister of sweet 18, or thereabouts, is the that was really wonderful." "Gaping luckiest chap in this country. The sister is nothing very wonderful," remarked has many young-gentlemen visitors, of Fogg, in his usual exasperating mancourse, and the little brother is made ner.-Boston Transcript. sick four or five times a week with an

overplus of candy. In St. Louis a man was fed seven A WESTERN editor wrote an article on months through a hole in his stomach. died of a disease due to another "Rhubarb." and the compositor made and 68045.

"In my whole life I have only known ten or twelve persons with whom it was pleasant to speak-i. e., who keep to the subject, do not repeat themselves and do not talk of themselves ; men who do not listen to their own voices : who are cultivated enough not to lose themselves in commonplaces; and, lastly, who possess tact and good taste 'enough not to elevate their own persons above their subjects. - Youth's Companion. AN ITERESTED AUDIENCE.

rowed a few nails and hammer, and with the help of a farmer made everything right in a few minutes; she did not seem in the least put out by the accident : she chatted with me all the time, though I did not understand what she said, for

guage. She was a little beauty, with large blue eyes, thick fair hair, and rosy

PROTECTION AGAINST CONTAGION. Precipitated lac sulphur is one of the most excellent as well as simple and safe preventives against contracting any and all kinds of contagious diseases. It is conveniently used by placing a pinch of it in each stocking as often as they are changed. Under the direction of the noted Dr. Herring, of Philadelphia, sulphur was used as above, with the most remarkable success, as a preventive of cholera during its terrible prevalence in that city many years since. as well as of nearly all other contagions diseases,

the tonghest canaler. A few months usual." since Peninsula was visited with an

awakening grace. Protracted meetings were held, and many wanderers were gathered into the fold. On one occasion, at an experience meeting, one of the elect, Brother Coleman, arose to testify. In one corner of the building slumbered a rough, rugged canal boatman, who swakened with the discourse.

"My dear brethren and sisters," said Prof. Coleman, "I sarved the devil more'n thirty year, and he never gin me cent of pay-"

At this juncture the canaler, who had not taken in the principal idea sought to be advanced, roared out in stentorian tones : "Send in the account to Bill McNeil, and he'll collect every blasted cent of it."

Times of the greatest calamity and confusion have ever been productive of the greatest minds. The purest ore comes from the hottest furnace; the brightest flash from the darkest sloud,

OF ex-President Hayes' children one, Webb Hayes, is a manufacturer in Cleveland ; Birchard Haves is practicing law with young Mr. Waite in Toledo: Rutherford Hayes, Jr., is at school in Boston, and the younger children go to the public school in the village of Fremont. A WRITER in the Lancet strongly advocates open carriages for doctors : "An

open vehicle enables the doctor to purify himself, even to his hair, after quitting each sick-room, thus insuring safety not only to patients, but also to the members of his family."

"WHAT? Seven dollars for this! Why, you only charged me \$2. 50 for that fine large oil piece on the wall there." Great artist: "Exactly so. That little bit in your hand is done in water-color. They come high now on account of the recent drought."