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THE SORROWS OF SINGERS.

always a happy one. From the days of

Malibran, who was in America over a

half a century ago, to those of poor

Christine Nilsson, trouble and sorrow

have spared none of the great singers

who have been popular idols. The most

lucky of these is Jenny Lind, who retired

on a fortune before her voice failed, and

who leads a happy domestic life in Lon-

a very short time after it. Her contem-

porary and rival, Mlle. Sontag, married

an Italian Count and entered fashionable

life, retiring from the stage when quite

young. But her Count was also a rascal,

and when she died in Mexico there were

suspicions that she and the handsome

Nilsson's husband, M. Rouzaud, is

become his wife. He was crazy, too,

gambling all his own and his wife's

some years ago, married a French Count.

stage. Everybody knows how Adelina

Patti threw herself away on a poor old

earnings, and how she has thrown her-

self away in another manner with Signor

bad fellow, who spends all his wife

These are only a few examples; more

with which popular singers, who can

A RASH PROMISE.

A local editor had printed an article

severely reflecting upon a prominent

citizen of the place, who vowed that he

would take summary vengeance upon

editor was boarding out a big advertise-

"Are you the author of this para-

"I am," replied the editor, turning

"Well, sir, I have come to settle this

m.," replied the editor, yawning; "but,

makes in gambling.

The lot of the famous singer is not

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# BETWEEN THE LEAVES.

BY JOSEPHINE POLILARD. I took a volume, old and worn, From of the library shelf one day; The covers were defaced and torn, And many a leaf had gone astray. I turned the pages slowly o'er

In search of some forgotten truth, Familiar in the days of yore As were the school books of my youth, The mildewed leaves, the faded print, Seemed quite inanimate and cold,

As if they ne'er had been the mint From which I garnered precious gold. So dull and colorless the page, I turned and turned, in hopes to find Something that would restore to age The freshness of the youthful mind.

As well, indeed, might I essay Hope's early visions to renew, Or give unto a dead bouquet Its former fragrance and its dew. I closed the volume with a sigh, As if it were joy's entrance door --A bit of color caught my eye Just as it fluttered to the floor.

'Twas but a maple leaf, all blotched With gold and crimson, green and brown, The edges delicately notched, And perfect still from stem to crown; And when I took it in my hand, This little leaf from maple tree, As if it were a magic wand,

Brought back a vanished youth to me. I lived again those joyful days, The old, familiar songs I sung, And walked again, with sweet delays, . The paths I loved when I was young. E'en as the hues upon the leaf, Each scene appeared so freshly bright That all remembrances of griaf Were lost, and faded out of sight.

# A SEVERE TEST.

A Story of the Melbourne Police.

Some years ago-a good many more, in fact, than I care to recall now-I was wandering very disconsolately through one of the main thoroughfares of Mel bourne, debating with myself the advisability of walking down to the quay and offering my services as steward to the Captain of the first homeward-bound vessel on which I might see the "bluepeter" hoisted. Things had gone very bally with me; 'every enterprise to which I had turned my attention had either fallen through or resulted disastrously to myself; and, after vainly trying my luck in the colony for over three years, I came to the conclusion that the sooner I reconciled myself to the utter failure of my attempts the better it would be both for my peace of mind and my constitution.

In this dismal mood I was listlessly reading over the shipping : nouncements posted on an adjacent wall, when I came across a notice from the Police Department, intimating, in tersely official language, that a few new hands were needed-hands who were strong, vigorous, healthy, shrewd, good horsemen, and rejoicing in the possession of such other natural advantages as would inevitably insure their success in any line they chose to adopt. I was a good horseman, healthy, and tolerably strong; my shrewdness I had begun to doubt lately; and, as for the rest of the desiderate-well, I suppose I was as

well off as "ost people. Here, possibly, was a chance for me; at any rate, it was only a few days' delay if nothing came of it; I would make my application and chance it. I returned to my diggings, wrote an official application as per directions, and, to make a er, a note desiring my attendance at the station on the following day. Here, after a rather stiff examination, physical and mental, and such tests of horsemanship as taking a five-barred gate with my arms folded-which I accomplished successfully-I was told that everything was tolerably satisfactory, and I might expect an official notification of appointment at an early date. Meanwhile, it would be desirable, I was informed, that I kept the matter, as far as it had gone. quite private; a stipulation I had no difficulty in conforming to, since I had not a single friend in the city.

On the evening of the following day I found at my quarters a second note from captor's arm from right to left. My Mr. Superintendent, conspicuously school experience had saved my life; marked "Private," and conveying the very agreeable intelligence that I was temporarily engaged from that day. The letter closed with a request that I would call at once on the Superintendent.

Somewhat to my dismay, I found, on

presenting myself, that my permanent appointment was conditioned upon my satisfactorily carrying through a special job then on hand. It was an affair of some nicety; and an old hand, from another station, would have been given the work, but for being absent on other business. The matter-would admit of no delay; and it was imperatively necessary that it was undertaken by some one not, or seemingly not, belonging to the Melbourne force. In short, I was to do it. The matter was briefly this: A packet of Government papers, of high importance, had been stolen from the messenger to whose care they were intrusted; and, from information received. 'it seemed pretty certain that their present yossessor-a man fast becoming notorious in the colony-would be walking toward the city next afternoon; and | the arm-how it aches !" (So did my to prevent his intimate acquaintance knee.) with the town enabling him to escape. line of road, about ten miles out of Melbourne, and get the papers from him. The man was by no means to be shot,

must be secured. Minute instructions

# The Mountain Banner.

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as to his appearance were fellowed by a pretty plain implication that my career in the force would very largely depend The Atteged Copy of the Most Memorable upon my success.

I felt, as may be easily imagined, in anything but high spirits. The prospect of a single-handed encounter with a man of whose resources I knew nothing, and who might blow my brains out before I had a chance of attack, was not Journal Le Droit has collected and the cheering. However, there was nothing for it; it was my last chance, and I in the highest degree to every Christian. must embrace it without shirking.

Next day, which was Sunday, I accordingly procured a horse from the station, and, taking my revolver with me, started out to try my luck as a policeman, and about 2 o'clock in the afterneon came near the place mentioned. I left my horse at the nearest roadside "hotel," sauntered to the bridge, and, leaning over the rail with no very distinct notion of how I was going to act. waited for my man with what coolness I could muster.

Two hours had passed; the sun was beginning to go down; and I was just preparing to console myself with the notion that the man had got wind of our intention, and gone by another als of the people prove : route, when I became aware of the approach of a solitary pedestrian. As he came nearer, I ran over the description tion. of the man I wanted-which I had learned by heart—and at once concluded that this was the individual. He was a tall, powerful, uncompromising-looking of Israel. fellow of about five and forty, muscular enough to have lifted me up and thrown me over the bridge into the shining water beneath. I commenced to walk over the bridge as the man approached it-passed him slowly, and felt sure it was the man.

After going two or three yards, turned back. Hearing my step, the purloiner of state documents turned

"Well, mate, what is it?"

"Can you oblige me with a pipe of baccy?" I asked. "Oh! yes;" handing me his pouch. "What are you doing about here? You

don't look over-brisk. Broke?" "Pretty nearly," I replied.

"New arrival, I suppose?"

"Almost," "Ah I there are too many carpetknights flooding Melbourne. Come out 1280, in the city of Aquilla, in the Kingexpecting to make a pile got disap- dom of Naples, by a search made for pointed, and don't like to work for your Roman antiquities, and it remained grub, ch? Put a screet tobaccarin there until it was found by the Commisvour pocket-you'll find it pleasant com- sion of Arts in the French army in pany on the road."

tripped and fell splendidly. I was pret- in the chapel of Casert. The Carthumy knees on his chest and with my by them, which was an acknowledgright hand felt in the breast-pocket of ment of the sacrifice which they made his coat. He struggled violently, but I for the French army. The French thought I should succeed. I got my translation was made literally by the hand on some papers; but, as I was members of the Commission on Arts. ruffian got hold of my right knee-cap graved, which was bought by Lord with his left hand, and gave it such a ter- Howard on the sale of his cabinet rible wrench that I believed he had dis- for 2,890 francs. There seems to be no located the joint. Then feeling my hold historical doubt as to the authenticity of relax, he suddenly hoisted himself with this plate. The reasons of the sentence his right hand, sprang up, caught hold of correspond exactly with those of the long story short, received, two days lat- | my wrists, and hurried me to the bridge. | gospel. Holding me thus in an iron grip, and glaring fiercely at me, he said:

"I see your game : there's only one way of dealing with the police. Dead men tell no tales; so over you're going, voungster."

Suiting his action to the word he released my hands, and in the same instant grasped me firmly and hoisted me.

My last chance seemed to lie in an old twist I had learned at college. As the man raised me, I placed my feet on the brickwork of 'the bridge, pushed myself back with all my strength, jerked a little forward, lowered my head, and then fairly twisted under my for the man let go his hold with a cry of pain, and quick as thought I sprang upon him.

"It's all right, old fellow, take the

papers and read them." But in the mad excitement of the moment, and remembering my mission, I one that met my gaze was a headed piece of police-office paper, on which was written: "This is your test for entering the force;" and was signed by the Super-

"Well, young man," said mine enemy. you have passed the last exam, -with honors. You have nearly broken my wrist. But my horse is at the first roadside hotel. If you'll come with me I'll have a drink with you, and get some cold lotion for this sprain. I believe it will be a case of splints and sick leave; but you have done your work well. Bother

The report was satisfactory, and I was or any confederates attempting his re- appointed permanently. Mr. Superinlease, I was to wait by a bridge on the tendent's test caused me to be sent on various duties which led me into the ny rough experiences; but I never believed myself to be so near death as when I was or if possible even hurt; but the papers ' deciding my future with my superior officer. - Chambers' Journal

CHRIST'S SENTENCE.

Judicial Sentence Ever Pronounced. The following is a copy of the most memorable judicial sentence which has ever been pronounced in the annals of the world, namely, that of death against the Savior, with the remarks which the knowledge of which must be interesting It is word for word as follows:

Sentence pronounced by Pontius Pilate, intendant of the Lower Province of Galilee, that Jesus of Nazareth shall suffer death by the cross.

In the seventh year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, and on the 24th day of the month of March, in the most hely city of Jerusalem, during the pontificate of Annas and Ciphas.

Pontius Pilate, intendent of the prov ince of Lower Galilee, sitting in judgment of the presidential seat of the Practors, sentences Jesus of Nazareth to death on a cross between two robbers. as the numerous and notorious testimoni-1. Jesus is a misleader.

2. He has excited the people to sedi-

3. He is an enemy to the law.

4. He called himself the Son of God. 5. He calls himself, falsely, the King

6. He went into the temple followed by a multitude carrying palms in their

Orders from the First Centurion Quirillis Cornelius to bring him to the place of execution forbidual persons, rich or poor, to prevent the execution of Jesus.

The witnesses who have signed the execution of Jesus are: 1. Daniel Robani, Pharisce.

2. John Zorababel.

8. Raphael Robani, 4. Capet.

Jesus to be taken out of Jerusalem through the gates of Tournes.

The sentence is engraved on a plate of brass in the Hebrew language, and on its sides are the following words: "A similar plate has been sent to each tribe." It was discovered in the year Italy. Up to the time of the campaign I nearly emptied the pouch and in Southern Italy it was preserved in handed it back : and, as the owner put | the sacristy of the Carthusians, near Naout his hand for it, I slipped my foot be. | ples, where it was kept in a box of ebhind his heel and pushed him. He ony. Since then the relic has been kept ty quick in wrestling, and I took hold of sians obtained the privilege, by their the man's throat with my left hand, put | petitions, that the plate might be kept drawing them from the pocket, the Denon had a fac simile of the plate en-

# THE ELDER BOOTH.

Thea the clder Booth's acting Mrs. Marke's reest significant remark is that e was always in the soul of the characand never resombled Boileau's writwho, "inspired by self-love, forms ill his heroes like himself." We shall of here attempt a summary of this exaordinary being in his transfiguration san uctor. The fact which seems to iggest, if not to define, him is that he heedless and imperfect as an artist, ent electrical and fascinating as a huan being. He would, for example when acting Macbeth deliberately go to e wing and get a broadsword with Lich to fight the final battle, and would to this in full view of the audience-just as Ristori, when acting Lady Macbeth, would carry her husband's letter to the side and throw it away. He was not particular, when acting Richard, whether he wore an old dressing gown or a coyal robe, and he cared very little thought this surrender was only a ruse | where other persons entered or stood, on the part of the ruffian. He sat down that they got on and were somewhere. on the road in the most undignified fash- His acting had no touch of the finish of ion and handed me the papers. The first | Macready. But the soul that he poured into it was awful and terrible ; the face, the hands, the pose, the movement, all was incarnate eloquence; and when the lightning of the blue-gray eyes flashed and the magnificent voice gave out its deep thunder-roll or pealed forth its soacrous trumpet-notes, the hearts of his perers were swept away on the wings of a tempest. Each tone and each action was then absolutely right. Even is marvelous elocution, which brought out the subtle meaning of every sound is every syllable, seemed inspired, such and so great was the vitality, which a corious imagination thoroughly aroused on'd strike out of a deep and passionbe hear. - New York Tribune.

> OLD gent-"Well, my good man, I could never buy a horse with legs like that." Gypsy dealer-" Wot! Legs! Wy, I thought yer wanted a fast one. and you'll never see 'is legs when 'e gits a trottin' !"

ORIGIN OF THE CAMP-MEETING.

There are those who trace he origin of the camp-meeting to Old Testament times; and refer to many pass ges from Genesis to the days of John the Bantist for proofs. We will, however consider its rise as strictly American, and make no other mention of the Bible perenees than are suggested in the opering para-

The first camp-meeting in the United States was held in the year 17,9, on the banks of the Red river in Lentucky, The way it came about was iomewhat peculiar. Two brothers named McGee, one a Methodist and the other & Presbyterian, were on a religious four from Tennessee to a place called in those days the "Barrens." They stopped at a settlement to attend a sacramental occasion Mr. McGreely by name. John McGee, the Methodist, preached on Favitation, and his services are described as having Mr. Hoge followed with serrous, and their effects were remarkable; as they produced "tears of contrition and shouts of joy."

The several Presbyterian ministers. the Rev. Messrs. McGreel, Hoge and Rankins, left the house, but the McCees were too powerfully affected to depart. John was expected to preach again but when the time came he ardio and informed the people that the overpowering nature of his feelings would not allow of his preaching, and he exherted The excitement is said to have been in- noise of artillery. describable. The reports of these wonderful services were heard by the prople in the country round, and many rushed to the place to see the preachers and witness the unusual religious exercises. the meeting house was overflowed and an altar was erected to the Ford in the

ment, and people assembled from far face close to the glass. aear, with provisions and other necessaries for camping out, and remained several days, living in tents. For the be forgotten, and the services were conducted by Presbyterians, Methodists hills; to the south lie the low ground and Baptists.

suggested, and was held on the Muddy river, and still another was hild on what was called the Ridge, both having been attended by great crowds who came for many miles around. These strvices were continued and extended wiff similar results, the Presbyterians and Methodists directing and conducting them. It is stated that at one of these neetings in Kentucky there were present at least 20,000 persons.

The Presbyterians gradually retired from the field, while the Methodists carried the meetings to all parts of the country. Since then other denominations have adopted them, and they have continued with more or less efficacy up to the present time. - Chteago Inter

· STONEWALL JACKSON'S TODDY. Having lingered to the last allowable moment with the members of my family "hereinbefore mentioned "-asthelegal documents would term them it was after 10 o'clock at night then I returned to headquarters for final instructions, and, before going to the General's room, I ordered two whisky toddies to be brought up after me. When they Jackson, but he drew back, saying:

appeared I offered one of the glasses to " No, no, Colonel, you must excuse

me : I never drink intoxicating liquors.' "I know that, General," said I, "but though you habitually abstain, as I do myself, from everything of the sort, there are occasions-and, this is one of them-when a stimulant will do as both good; otherwise, I would heither take it myself nor offer it to you So you must make an exception to your general rule

and join me in a toddy to night." He again shook his herd, but, nevertheless, took the tumbler and began to sip its contents. Presently, putting it on the table after having but partly emptied it, he said : .

"Colonel, do you know why I habitually abstain from intoxicating drinks?" And, upon my replying he continued: "Why, sir, because I like the taste of

them, and, when I discoffered that to be the case, I made up my mind at once to do without them altogether."—Philadelphia Times.

MISSIONARY AVERAGES. It is said that the percentage of mistheological seminaries is as follows: Oberlin (Congregational): 19 per cent.; Andover (Congregational), 10 per cent.; Hamilton (Baptist), 10 per cent.; Union (Presbyterian), 9.5 en cent.; Newton (Baptist), 7.8 per cent.; Virginia (Episconal), 8 per cent.; Rochester (Baptist), 7.8 per cent.; Princeton (Presbyterian),

"How's BUSINESS been with you, Brown?" asked his friend Pingrey, "Not very lively." said Brown. "But you have made something. I suppose?" "Oh! yes : I made an altignment."

THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL.

The dome is the most impressive feature of the new Capitol at Washington. It was designed by Walters, to replace the smaller one removed in 1856, and ranks fifth in height and size among the notable domes of the world. It is, in fact, 360 feet high above the west gate of the park at the foot of the hill on which it stands. Its diameter is 1381 feet, and it is praised as one of the most symmetrical, graceful structures in the

whole world. Its octagonal or stylobate base rises 93 feet above the basement floor of the Capitol. As it leaves the top line of the building it consists of a peristyle 124 feet in diameter, of 36 iron-fluted columns, 27 feet high, ' Each of these columns weighs six tons. Above them is a with a Presbyterian minister, the v. balustrade. Above the balustrade begins the dome, which converges upward to an apex, surmounted by a lantern 15 feet in diameter and 50 feet high, which been marked "with great liverty and is surrounded by a peristyle and growned power." McGee's brother and the Rev. by the bronze statue of Freedom, designed by Crawford.

On Dec. 12, 1863, the statue was raised and placed in its present position at the apex of the dome. Thousands of citizens and soldiers were assembled. A national salute of thirty-five guns was fired from a field-battery in the East Park, and this was followed by a reverberating salute by the shotted, heavy guns of the whole chain of forts surrounding the Capitol. Few who were present on that day will forget the mighty acclaim from the people which them to surrender their hearts to God. almost obliterated for a moment the

itol contains three rows of powerful gas jets, and is very much frequented by strangers, particularly young married couples. The view therefrom in the daytime is magnificent, and even at night, notwithstanding the glare of the gas jets, one may obtain weird views by shading This added new interest to the move- the eves with the hands and pressing the

The eastward view looks out on the plain of Capitol Hill toward a background of hills beyond the Anacostia. broad intervening valley, of encircling The results were so won lefful that | ton; and to the west lies the city with another meeting of the same sort was its Botanical Garden, the Mall, the wooded summits of University Square, the unfinished Washington monument, the dome of the Observatory, the glittering stream of the Potomac, and Arcan be had from any capitol. Yet the picture thus viewed is scarcely more enchanting than that of the Capitol itself seen from any point of vantage, -Sunday Magazine.

### MEXICAN JAILS. In the department of jails there is a

deficiency. As at present arranged they can present but moderate terrors to evildoers. The really-fine penitentiary at Guadalajara is the only one in which ist. Fine man, Hard hitter. Very modern ideas of penal discipline are fol- popular. Always surrounded by lowed. There is by law no death penalty. The number of the most-nefarious criminals is kept down by semi-official lynchings-as the shooting of certain kinds of offenders on capture-into which nobody ever inquires, and by transportation to Yucatan but there still remain sufficient to make one look means of restraint employed. The bolts more often than iron. At the great | you know him?" central prison of Belen, where some 2,000 persons are confined, it seemed to me that a very large portion of them were more comfortable than they could have been in their own squalid homes. They make a strange spectacle indeed as one looks down upon them in large old convent, where, of all ages, and for sentences of all durations, they eat, tions together. No attempt is made to cents."-Somerville (Mass.) Journal. prevent their communicating with one another, or staring about. They have good air, light and food, and are paid a part of their earnings. They take their siestas at noon, play at checkers, gossip and even bathe luxuriously in a central tank .- W. H. Bishop, in Harper's to ask the cause of so much emotion.

STATISTICS show that the people of this country consume about four and onehalf pounds of cheese per capita, while the people of England consume about fourteen pounds per capita annually. The argument that cheese is not a wholesome article of food, it would seem, would not hold good in the light of this slonaries who have gone from various; fact, as the agricultural classes of England, who are large consumers of cheese, are among the most robust and healthy people of the world.

> THE New Albany Press says: "The weekly paper culls the jewels of thought and news from the mass and presents the same to its readers in a condensed. tasteful and palatable shape. The whole paper is read from beginning to end. It is a paper which is taken to be read and enjoyed, and occupies a field peculiarly its own, which can not be invaded nor superseded by any daily."

DILATORY LOVERS.

The impatience of the parents of the young lady over the long and fruitless visits of the chronic caller was pictured in comic colors some years ago by a funny writer. It seems that it was midnight. The young man had farewelled himself out, and Emeline had locked the door and was untying her shoe when her mother came down-stairs with a bedquilt around her, and said:

"Wanted to creep up stairs without don. But Malibran when young married my hearing you, eh? Didn't think I a rascal, and, although her second marknew it was an hour after midnight, did riage was not unfortunate, she lived but

The girl made no reply, and the mother continued:

"Did he propose this time?"

"Why, mother!" exclaimed the

who squandered all her money in gam-"You can 'why, mother,' all you want bling, and she had, when nearly 50 years to, but don't I know that you've burned old, to resume her artistic career, which up at least four tons of coal courting was brilliant to the last. But her husaround here?" band was jealous as well as a spendthrift,

The girl got her shoes off, and the mother stood in the stair door and asked:

tenor Pozzolipi were both poisoned. "Emeline, have you got any grit?" Mlle, Grisi, who was the acknowledged "I guess so." grandest dramatic singer of her time,

"I guess you haven't. I just wish that wedded a man whom she did not love fellow with false teeth and a mole on his and who was not worthy of her, and she chin would come sparking me. Do you made a scandal by leaving him for the know what would happen, Emeline?" arms of the equally famous tenor, Mario. " No."

Mile. Alboni, probably the grandest con-"Well, I'll tell you. He'd come to tralto singer that ever appeared in pubtime in sixty days or he'd get out of this lic, was married for the fortune in her mansion like a goat jumping for sunvoice by an Italian Count, but the marflower seeds." riage was not a happy one, and they

And Emeline went to bed hugging this lived apart for some years. He did not, thought to her bosom.

however, squander her money, and when Occasionally such visits become so he died she lost no time in becoming burdensome that the young lady talks the wife of a French subaltern officer. to the young man herself. At least they much younger than herself, who loves had such a girl out in Colorado. She had her fortune devotedly, and makes himbeen receiving the attentions of a young self generally disagreeable to those that man for about a year, but, becoming im- rent houses or apartments of hers in patient at his failure to bring matters to Paris. a crisis, she resolved to ascertain his intentions. When he next called she took said to have inherited insanity from his him gently by the ear, led him to a seat family, and he was literally madly in love with her when he persuaded her to

"Nobby, you've been feelin' 'round this claim fur mighty near a year, an' about stock speculations, and, after hev never yit shot off your mouth on the time denominational division; seemed to To the north there is a view, beyond a marryin' biz. I've cottoned to yer on fortune away on the Bourse he died in the square clear through, an' hev stood a mad-house. Another great singer, off every other galoot that has tried to Mile. Heilbronn, who was a pet of Paris and sparsely settled parts of Washing- | chip in; an' now I want yer tu come down to business or leave the ranch. Ef | and lost through him all that she had in you're on the marry and want a pard | the crash of the Union Generale. She that'll stick right to ye till ye pass in | is now compelled, after having lost the your checks an' the good Lord calls ye freshness of her voice, to return to the over the range, just squeal, an' we'll hitch; but ef that ain't yer game, draw lington Heights beyond. No finer view out an' give some other feller a show fur French Marquis, from whom she fled his pile. Now, sing yer song or skip after he had enriched himself out of her-

He sang.

Nicolini, Adelina is reported, by a DIFFERENT KINDS OF BENEFITS. Western interviewer, to have said, also, "Who is this well-dressed man with that her sister Carlotta's husband is a the sealskin overcoat, hat and gloves? He carries a gold-headed cane, and is followed by a bulldog in a searlet blanket. Do you know him ?" might be given to illustrate the facility

"Oh, yes; that is Slugger, the pugilearn from \$500 to \$5,000 a night, sacrifice themselves on the altar of Hymen, crowd of admiring friends, as you see who must be a very mercenary kind of him now. He is very well off; was divinity.-Philadelphia Bulletin. given a benefit the other night which netted him \$500."

"Indeed : he is very fortunate,"

"Oh, yes, a very fortunate fellow; ranks high in his profession, you see." "Who is that white-headed, wearywith uneasiness on the slightness of the looking old man, close behind the pugilthe man of types, bought a horse-whip istand his friends? Poor man! he seems and bars are only lattices of wood much thinly clad for this wintry weather. Do and proceeded to the hotel, where the

> ment. Here he inquired for the object "Oh, yes; that is Old Faithful, a of his fury, and was shown to his room, country clergyman. Very learned man. where he found the editor in bed. they say. Been a preacher of the gospel all his life, but poor as a rat. He graph?" said the avenger, drawing the had a benefit, too, the other night." paper from his pocket and the horse-

"Oh, indeed! Did it net him much?" "I don't think it did. You see, it was courts, of what again has once been an a sort of surprise party. His parishionover, so as to get a better grasp of the ers called upon him in a body, ate up everything there was in the house, and sleep and work at various light occupa- | left him presents to the amount of 60

> PROFITABLE LITIGATION. Lawyer-" Hurrah, let me congratu-

late you. You are the luckiest of morif you prefer to do business here, how do They embrace, and the client ventures

"Thanks to my skill," replied the lawyer, "I have obtained a judgment in your favor in the Supreme Court."

"After nine long years." "But, my dear fellow, better late than be a coward to take such an advan-

"How much do I get?" asks the client, anxiously. "The court decrees that you shall re-

ceive \$2.000. The costs and my fee will only amount to \$3,500, so all you will have to pay me is \$1,500." "Merciful heaven, and I must lose my the blankets around him, "I guess money beside?"

"Of course you lose your money, but console yourself; you have gained your longer, if I can get a supply of writing case. You can't expect to gain everything." "Then I will go back to the plowing,

The work is not near so hard, and pays better," said the boy. Taxation for education provides less that \$1 for each pupil of the public

schools of Georgia,

matter with you, sir," shouted the avenger. "Office hours from 6 a. m. to 12 p.

whip from under his overcoat.

you propose to settle it?" "By giving you a horse-whipping," cried the avenger. "What!" exclaimed the editor; 'surely, you will not commit a ruffianty attack upon a man in my situation-in bed, undressed, half asleep! You must

tage."

"No, sir," retorted the avenger; "I am no coward, sir. I ask no advantage, and will take none. I shall not strike you, sir, until you get out of bed, and dress and defend yourself."

"Then," said the editor, wrapping you'll have to wait a spell. I'm game to stay here till next week, anyhow-and materials. Sit right down, and tell us the news."

There was an appeal to the Revised Version, and the avenger stalked off unavenged.

THERE are three ways of getting out of a scrape-write out, back out, and the best way is to keep out,