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### SONG OF THE PINES.

Oh, song so strange, oh, song so sad, The pines keep ever chanting. Why is it when the world is glad Seems sorrow to be haunting These dark old woods in Southern land, Where trees grow tall, unbending, and solitude becometh grand, When years have brought no ending?

Is Nature closer to us here? We think of wise old sages, Who found her teachings always clear, Far back in those dim ages. She sympathized with human woe, And set to music willing. The melody so sad and low These lonely woods is filling.

### -Maellie V. Dudley. Music and Matrimony.

graduate from the boarding school which has conveniently swallowed her p for the last eight years what is he to o with her? This was the question that uzzled Frank Curtis. He remembered his sister as a very pretty little girl, though he had not seen her for three ears. There was no help for it. Frank saw that matrimony for him was immi-

About this time he made a trip with the Cutler family; they were rich and self-made, worshiping their maker, and it up. the household consisted of father, mothr, and daughter, still under twenty-five. oseph Cutler, of Cutler, Sheffield & Co., was reputed worth \$5,000,000, of which one at least the golden youth hoped would be settled on his daughter Lizzie is a bride. Not very clever, not very retty, she at least knew that her money could buy her whatever she wanted in the way of a husband, and she was content to wait until chance should bring her the man who most nearly resembled

iir when a hundred-thou-Cutler's expense, to be ready for the bridal trip. They were to take in Clara composer, Phillippe Noel, who rivated Curtis' commencement as they traveled, and bring her home with them.

Frank was agreeably surprised at his name, had been engaged for a series of sister's appearance when he and his bride | concerts. mived at her school. In a vague, mascume way he felt that she and Lizzie did to come back here," said Lizzie. not seem very congenial, but he supposed | course, you will take no notice." that would wear off after a little.

"Of course you are coming to night," aid (lara. "It's our concert." "I play," she continued, dimpling and blushing, 'a duet for violin and piano with Mr.

Frank nodded. He was fond of music, and, to sit through a whole evening of school-girl playing and singing was a ion and the proprieties. As for Lizzie music sent her to sleep. But she became suddenly attentive, and so did Frank, when Clara appeared with the violin and the professor took the piano. Frank heard genius in the moaning and wailing under her hands of that most

brother. "I was proud of you to-night." "Clara, Professor Max wants all in the to earth. music-room," said one of of her companions, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were eft alone, while Clara and her fellowperformers pursued their way to the resence of the professor of music and German, a fair-haired, powerfully built man of one or two and thirty years, known among his fluttering pupils as Professor Max, and addressed by them as Mr. Heldmann. He congratulated them on their success, and then disaised all but Clara.

"I have told you many times now already, Miss Curtis," he said. "You have genius that you should cultivate. I adrise you that you go to Europe and

"Be a professional player?" said Clara, with wide eyes. "What would my "Talk to him about it. He will yield.

break from your friends, from love; you were born to be great. Must you smother uch a talent? And for what? That foolish men make love to you in a ball-foom, and you marry and die like other women. What for a career is that for ouf I love you. I tell you so, but you must not love me. I give you to art. fou must love some day, otherwise your laying will alway lack; then you will thow what I have done in leaving you tee from my love, for I ask nothing lack. All that I can do to help you will ldo. You must call on me when you need me, and when you have the world t your feet after your triumph, think once at home of the man who first set free the fluttering wings of your genius. Re-

member what I tell you." Clara, bewildered and frightened, only hands, and she was alone with the

was the very evident desire of Frank and Lizzie to see her married. She had been at home a year now. She had noticed that Harry Bennett, a friend of her brother, was beginning to act toward her

puzzled her greatly.

He called one afternoon and found Clara practicing. "Confess that you don't really like that stuff," he said, as clara practicing. "Contess that you don't really like that stuff," he said, as she laid aside the violin. "You only play it because you think you ought to." "God bless you, Clara," said Harry, "It is the best part of my life," she clasping her hands.

thing. That's part of their boarding blessed Max Heldmann, who had given school training; but I have been hoping for months that we might try life together. You shall do just as you like—

### History of Peas When a "floating" young man of hirty years has a sister of eighteen ready practice all day long if you want to." "Don't think that I am ungrateful,"

said Clara, in a low voice; "but I can't, indeed I can't. Musicians tell me that I can, if I will, become a great violinist. the globe, and the highly nutritive prop-I shall open the subject to my brother crties which they usually possess, have

this very evening."
"Clara, don't do that, I implore you. You don't know anything of that kind the world. Thus we find that the Atheorem of life; you don't know what terrible nians employed sodden beans in their influences will be brought to bear on feasts dedicated to Apollo, and the Royou. Give up the fancy; I wish I could mans presented them as an oblation in move you by saying, 'for my sake.' Give their solemn sacrifice called "Talaria."

But Clara thought of Professor Max's

words, and nerved herself for an interview with her brother. It was more stormy than she had anticipated. From his standpoint she was absolutely inex- not so much to gratify the palate of that cusable and equally incomprehensible. But they were obliged to give way before her determination. The world discovered that the Curtises had quarreled with Clara and sent her to Europe, and her name was dropped from its visiting books and after a while from its mind. Frank Curtis' wooing was brief after Lizzie returned it unopened, without con-had once decided that Lizzie Cutler's sulting Frank, and they received no more nency would provide a luxurious home communications. They learned through for himse'f and his sister. He had a an ever-vigilant press that Miss Curtis, a small income of his own, and was con- young American girl had, as Clara Ansidered clever in his profession. Con. selmo, made a brilliant debut abroad, gratulations began to pour in thick and and after that they lost sight of her sand dollar house began to rise at Mr. paper one morning Frank discovered that the celebrated violinist, Mme. Clara An-

"It is the worst possible taste for her

Chopin in his delicate fancy and the

"Most people have forgotten her existence by this time "said Frank, deprecatingly. "I shouldn't dream of your going, but think I shall go and hear her

He went. Across the hall he saw Harry Bennett and his pretty fiance, unconscious of any interest but music on Harry's part, for Clara was years before sacrifice on the altar of fraternal affec- her day. Harry seemed excited and nervous, and, in watching him, Frank she always frankly avowed that good forgot to look for his sister's entrance audience aroused him.

She was the same Clara, simple and quiet as ever, except that a close observer could see added power in her serene forehead and direct gaze. But perfect instrument. If she had been once in the full tide of sound she seemed pretty before, she became transfigured to become etherealized with excitement now. He wondered how she felt, stand- and delight. Max Heldmann was right. ng before all those people of whom, This was her world, the career for which perhaps, not one in ten understood what she was born. The audience was roused sle was playing. But the novelty of the to furor by the violin and piano duet thing, the sweet face lovingly pressed against the violin, the delicate fingers dashing over the strings, brought down feel the sympathy and perfect accord the house. She was the success of the between the two. He turned to the evening, and had her first taste of that pretty girl by his side and knew that she intoxicating drink—the applause of the was all his, but he felt that if he had married Clara she would always have "I congratulate you," said her escaped from him on the wings of music. When she played she no longer belonged

> Unknown to Lizzie, Frank went to see his sister the next morning. He met or return from the most remote parts of Harry in the hotel parlor, and they went together to her rooms, annoyed to find early as it was, the pianoist Noel was already there, apparently on an intimate footing. But perhaps he had only come to practice. He rose with Clara as the Ghent, five hundred miles, in ten hours. two men came forward.

"Frank, I am very, very glad to see you. I didn't hope for this," she said, giving him an affectionate kiss, and holding out her hand to Harry. "This is my husband, M. Noel Philippe, my brother, Mr. Curtis, and his friend, Mr. Ben-

Frank was startled and Harry dismayed. Something still stirred in the depths of his heart for her in spite of the seven years and the new love. Noel excused himself on a plea of an engagement, murmuring in French to Clara: "You will do better without me,"

"And you never sent me a word of the change in your life, Clara," said Frank, reproachfully.

"I had no encouragement," she answered, and blushed a little. "When my first letter was sent back unopened, naturally I did not make a second attempt, considering our parting."

"Sent back!" began Frank; then remembering Harry's presence, and conjecturing Lizzie's work, he said hastily: 'Forgive me; tell me about yourself

"If you care to hear. Mr. Bennett, you won't be bored. No? Well, I studied hard, night and day, as you may sup- Spaniards. He is a young man of tall saw the tears dim his bright blue eyes, only felt two bearded lips on her cold lands, and shades and lips on her cold lands, and lands a and she was alone with the conceit. They said I was a full-fledged and sang froid. Two weeks ago, at artist, and the house fairly rocked with Malaga, this popular matador had an memory of her first love affair. She went home with her brother and his applause. You cannot imagine the almost royal reception, He drove from wife, was called upon, went to balls, entered upon a round of gayeties appropriate to a girl upon her first season, under the chaperonage of a sister-in-law whose prestige of wealth cast a glamour over her. But she was not altogether a success. Men thought her quiet and trans them with your emotions; to feel—feel at the note doors to see him angut. The following day, Sunday, about 8,000 people to your highest and deepest capacity, and leave it all here—." She held out favorite's performance. Mazzentini is her hands with a quaint foreign gesture. you; but the universe is in it, and when don Life.

Another thing troubled her, and that words are too feeble we play together -

be and L" She had risen, and stood before them with loosely-clasped bands and far-away eyes. Frank, in his well-fed, placid, domestic life; Harry, in his struggle for very much as poor Professor Max had the almighty dollar and his tranquil enbehaved before his explanation in the music room. She liked Harry, but what he saw in her to care for in that way vaguely felt that she lived in an atmos phere too rare for them; that poets write of but never find. Then Noel came back and they rose to go.

answered gravely; "the only part that I feel is worth living."

"I know," said Harry. "All young girls think they ought to live for some-

History of Peas and Beans. Beans and peas, or pulse of various kinds, from the facility with which they are produced in almost every country of been a favorite food for man and animals among all nations and in every age of the world. Thus we find that the Athe-Pliny informs us that they offered be inmeal cakes to certain gods and goddesses in these ancient rites and cerem nies; and Lempriers states that bacon was added to beaus in the offerings to Cama. goddess as to represent the simplicity of

their ancestors. The common garden bean came originally from the East, and was cultivated in Egypt and Barbary in the earliest ages of which we have any records. It was brought into Spain and Portugal in the She sent one letter to her relatives, but early part of the eighth century, whence some of the best varieties were introduced into other parts of Europe, and finally

into the United States. The first beans introduced from Europe into the British North American colonies were by Capt. Gosnold, in 1602, who planted them on the Elizabeth Islands, near the coast of Massachusetts, also cultivated in Newfoundland as early oung couple on their return from their selmo, and the great Polish pianist and as the year 1622; in New Netherlands, in 1644; and in Virginia, prior to 1648. French, Indian, or kidney beans were extensively cultivated by the Indians of strain of French blood that gave him his New York and New England long before their settlement by the whites; and both beans and peas (calarances), of various hues, were cultivated by the natives of Virginia prior to the landing of Capt, Smith. Among these was embraced the celebrated cow pea (phaseolus), at present so extensively cultivated at the South for feeding stock, as well as for the purpose of making into fodder and for plowing under like clover, as a fal-

low crop. The common pea is supposed to have been indigenous to the south of Europe, and was cultivated both by the Greeks and Romans. Its introduction into the British North American colonies probably dates back to the early periods of their settlements by Europeaus, as it is enumerated, in several instances, among the cultivated products of this country by our early historians. - Culticator.

# Speed of Carrier Pigeons.

"The ordinary speed made by homing oigeons does not exceed thirty miles an hour," said a well-known Pennsylvania railroad official. "Instances are of record, however, of their doubling and even tripling that rate of speed. Pigeons were used as bearers of dispatches as long ago as the siege of Jerusalem, and were pressed into the service during the siege of Paris by the German army. The art of training them is supposed to be carried to the greatest perfection in Turkey. Young birds are taken a half mile away and then set loose. The distance is increased from day to day until they are able to cover one thousand miles

"The Belgians take their birds to the south of France, to Marseilles or Bayonne, and they make the distance from those points to Antwerp, Brussels or In this country high rates of speed have been attained, but I cannot give you the exact time made. We used to send our birds out on the Pennsylvania railroad to Pitttburg, and as far west as Columbus. They returned, but the results were not satisfactory. The mountains which have to be crossed are infested with hawks, and their tops are sometimes ne-veloped in clouds of mist, which confuse the birds and send them out of their

"The best results are now being obtained by taking the birds South. They follow the coast right up, with moun tains on one hand and the ocean on the other as guides, and they make very good time. Flights are often made from Charlotte, N. C., to New York, a distance of 540 miles, and I have heard of several from points in South Carolina, 750 miles from New York, the object being to get them to make one thousand miles." Philadelphia Times.

# The Prince of Bull-Fighters.

Alfenso the king and Gayerre the enor have had their reign, and now it is Mazzentini, the "gentle" bull-fighter, who is arousing the enthusiasm of the cendental; women, shy and uninteresting. She practiced incessantly, much to the disgust of Lizzie, who declared to her husband that the scraping of Clara's fiddle drove her crazy. Every day only proved more conclusively that she and her sister-in-law were made of different clay.

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Then Philippe"—she were played and courageous, but, whatever the Spaniards may say, he has neither the fineness of Lagartijo, nor the unerring hand of Frascuelo. On the afternoon referred to he was unfortunate, killing his bulls in really poor style. Sixteen thousand reales (£160) was the amount paid him on this occasion. He has often, however, received as much as £300 for an afternoon's work in the arena.—Lonvou: but the universe is in it, and when

### A FEROC. OUS FIGHT.

Two Royal Bengal Tigers Engaged

in Mortal Combat. In all India there was no tiger like Kagra. He was a monster, and beautifully streaked was his glossy coat as it easily moved to and fro over his muscular limbs and long back. Connoisseurs in tiger fighting despaired of ever finding a match in the arena for this elegant beast. Yet when it was rumored that a tiger of enormous size and prodigious strength had been captured safe and sound in the Terai, which is a long strip of jungle land between Oude and Nepaul, at the foot of the cloud kissing Himalayas, then the eagerness of the populace to witness the contest was unparalleled. The commander of the Anglo-Indian army was going to visit the king of Oude, and the great event of this reception it was resolved should be the spectacle of a contest between these two animals. Preparations of the most lavish description were made. The courtyard was elaborately decorated with flowers and leaves whose brilliancy of coloring alone furnished a scene of Oriental magnificence. The umbrellashaped royal canopy of crimson and gold ti-sue was raised above the state chair, while similar scats of honor were fixed on cither side for the commander-inchief and his retinue.

The cages of Kagra and Terai-Wallah, for that was the name of the stranger tiger, were placed on the opposite sides of the court yard. Their long shining backs were visible as they roamed around their cages restless and greatly excited. It was the intention that the animals should be aware of each other's presence, for it is a well-known peculiarity of the tiger that, ferocious as as he | run laundries. Sun-burnt they are, and is, yet when sometimes suddenly brought into the presence of unsuspected danger be cowers and retreats.

It was soon evident, from the snarls and growls of Kagra and Terai-Wallah, that each tiger knew of each other's presence, for they growled and snapped their teeth in a manner peculiar to the king of felines.

At last the signal was given; the bamboo railing in front of the cages arose. in gathering the abalone, the beautiful Terai-Wallah sprang nimbly as a cat out of his cage, opening his jaws and shak-ing his tail from side with a slow, yet owerful motion. slowly until both animals were, perhaps.

fifty feet apart shaking their tails, meanwhile, as they steathily eyed each other. Then Kagra advanced a few paces. His adversary lay himself down in the courtyard, his feet well under him, as if ready for a spring. Kagra watched his called it, a devil fish, and in a second he foe intently and began approaching, not in a straight line, but coming up in the are of a circle, as if to catch his oppo-Bent unawares. Terai-Wallah rose to his feet and described a similar arc, though on the opposite side. The gal-leries were breathless with suspense. Even the rustling of fans ceased, for the eyes of all the vast audience were intently fixed on the two beautiful beasts circling toward each other. Step by step each slowly advanced. Kagra, as if self-de-fiant made a spring. It was as if he was impelled to it by some unseen power that he could not resist, yet at the same instant, Terai-Wallah jumped aside. Kagra alighted foiled, and before he could recover himself Terai-Wallah was upon him, his huge claws fixed firmly in his neck and the horrid jaws grating at his throat. It was the work of a moment. It could scarcely be seen that Terai-Waliah had gained any advantage, when Kagra made another spring, a bound in which was concentrated all his energy. The Terai-Wallah was dragged with him for a short space. The claws that had been dug into the neck had been torn gratingly through it, the open mouth snapped fearlessly but harmlessly at the advancing shoulder, which bore marks of Terai-Wallah's sharp teeth.

For a moment the two tigers stood gazing at each other with distended jaws, their ample mouths opened to their utmost limits, their beautifully streaked skins started from their forms in excitement, while their tails moved convulsively as if snapping like a whipcord. Kagra was the first to attack again, but he was too near to try his former trick of possible to tell the attack from the de-Each seemed to have succeeded in grasping the other's throat. With their mouths buried in each other's flesh and their claws dug deeply into the neck, they arose at length to the contest on their hind feet, straining and tugging, and wrestling as it were with each other, each with its utmost force and skill. It was a sublime moment, and breathless was the interest of the assembled multithey thus grappled with each other, elevated on their hind legs in a kind of death struggie, their round heads and glaring eyes surmounting the muscular pillars of their long bodies. Frmly their claws were fixed into the neck on both sides. There was no shifting of position. No further grasping either with claw or mouth. It was a contest of life or death. Both were bleeding freely and it was a contest of strength now as to which hold. At length Kagra, more skillful or impetuous than her antagonist, overthe arena, Terai-Wallah on his back beneath Kagra above.

a moment. The hind claws of Kagra they are torn and bleeding. Terai-Wallah thrusting one paw under needle. - Atlanta Constitution.

his lower jaw, forced back the head further until he fixed his teeth still more deeply into the throat. Kagra fought ineffectually with his paws, tearing the skin of his antagonist here and there, but his strength was fast ebbing away. "Kagra is beaten," was heard on all

sides in Hindostance and English. "He is," said the king, and orders were given to open Kagra's cage and drive off Terai-Wallah. Red hot rods were thrust at the victor before he would release his hold, and yet it was the only way the life of Kagra could be saved. At last Terai-Wallah was driven off, his paws dripping with blood. Kagra's cage was opened, and he at once made for it. His tail hung flaccidly between his legs. He fled stealthily and with a catlike tread. The red hot irons were thrust in front of Terai-Wallah to prevent him from pursuing. He stood and lared at his beaten foe, and before Kagra had reached the stage sprang high above the rods to attack him. Kagra reached his cage and crouched in the

furthest corner like a whipped cur. Terai-Wallah watched his retreating foe till the last, then, shaking himself two or three times, licked the blood from his paws, rose majestically from his crouching position and with the delib eration of a judge walked toward his cage, and large drops of blood and a lacerated shoulder attested how dearly his hard earned victory had been won .-Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Drowned by an Octopus.

In our harbor lie a number of Chinese junks preparing for another fishing trip to the coast of Lower Califo nia. The Chinese who sail from this port fishing look almost as bronzed as Modo: Indians. A Sun representative had a talk with one of them yesterday, named Hoy Kee, who seemed to be intelligent and speaks English rather fairly, and clicited the news that on their lest trip they lost one man. It occurred down at Ballenas Bay, below Abrejos Point, on the coast of Lower California, about four hundred miles south of San Diego. They were engaged shell which adorns many homes in the United States. One of the men, whose first And nothing pleaseth but rare accidents." rest, and it being the lowest point of the tide, which was commencing to run in, with big breakers. It seems that this Chinaman standing barelegged with the water up to his knees was surprised at being caught by one of his legs by an immense octopus, or, as our informant was tripped over, drawn out into deep water and drowned before the rest of the Chinamen realized what was the matter with their fellow shell-gatherer. The boats of the Chinamen were high up on the beach, and when they were got into the water no trace could be seen of the missing man. Several days afterward his remains floated ashore in a horrible state of mutilation. The octopus, from the description of it, must have been a monster, with a body ten feet long, each arm measuring about ten feet. Our informant said his junk expected to leave to-day for the lower California coast in search of abalone shells and fish, but will not touch at Ballenas bay, of which he and the other Chinamen have a superstitious dread, owing to the loss of the Chinaman there during the last trip .-

# Running for the Train.

More than one medical authority has admonished people of the danger o running to catch a train, especially for those who are subject to heart disease, one of the most common of ailments in these latter days. The following, from an English paper, may serve to emphasize the warning: A few days since, a railway clerk, aged twenty, was found dead in a sitting posture in a secondclass railway carriage when it arrived at Woolwich. At inquest, it was stated that deceased had been suffering from heart disease for two or three years, and it was supposed that he had hurried to catch the train that morning. The surgeon who made the post-mortem examination stated that the heart was enslipping to one side. He advanced boldly. They stood in the center of the exertion in a man suffering from disarena, and their sharp claws moved so eased heart has occurred. A signalman rapidly and their huge mouths trying to at Brixton railway station, while pulling grasp each other's necks, that it was im. on the levers, suddenly fall backwards, and on the arrival of a surgeon was profense. They drew gradually nearer as nounced to be dead. The widow stated, they thus fought, uttering fierce snarls. at the inquest, that deceased had been treated for an affection of the heart for some time. In this case there does not seem to have been a post-mortem examination. Yet another death from exertion has occurred. A young lady, aged sixteen, expired suddenly in a gymnasium after performing a feat of skill. According to the medical evidence, she was suffering from valvular disease of the heart. How often has the hurry to tude. They stood fully six feet high as catch a train, or some other sudden exertien, throwing extra work on a dilated, fatty or otherwise diseased heart, resulted in fatal syncope! It is our duty to warn such patients of the risk they will run if they allow any consideration of business or convenience to attempt them to a single rash act of this kind. -London Lancet.

# Horrors of the Opium Evil.

Frightful accounts of the opium evil would be thrown under and loose its appear from time to time in the newspapers, and it is probable that the half has not been told. A writer in a St. Louis threw him, and the two rolled over in paper tells of a bright and beautiful woman who buys \$20 worth of opium at a time. When her supply of the drug is "Kagra has it!" shouted many a voice; out she wakes up in the night in the utbut the advantage was with him for only most agony, and bites her arms until

were being plunged into the stomach of A celebrated actress gets fairly wild his foe, when Terai-Wallah, who never let go his hold for a moment with his mouth, struck one of his fore paws over the face of his antagonist. His claws she is a changed woman, and for a short evidently pierced Kagra's eyes. One of time pleasant and talkative, and then she them was torn from its socket, and utter- begins to drift into a semi-unconscious ing a howl of pain and despair the mu- state. Her eyes shine and look at you, must be quite evident to the reader, from tilated beast relinquished his grip, and through you and beyond you. Then she would have torn himself from his antago-nist. But Terai-Wallah would not let stir up her bang, brace up for a few mingo his hold, but clung pertinaciously to utes and float away again. This continues over the arena by Kagra, who tried to release himself, and then, all at once leaping from his prostrate position, the Terai-Wallah hurled himself on the top of through a long discrete will drift away over her plate, rouse herself, take a fork and separate some portion of her food, have another relapse, and so on Wallah hurled himself on the top of through a long discrete will drift away over her plate, rouse herself, take a fork and separate some portion of her food, have another relapse, and so on Wexico is making rapid advances in Wallah hurled himself on the top of through a long dinner without eating a his assailant. The fight was virtually mouthful. Sometimes she suspends her ended. Kagra, now fallen beneath his awful habit and adopts as a substitute foe and fast losing blood, could not whisky, tobacco, and other things, but regain the advantage he had lost. The she always returns to the hypodermic

### THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Questions that are Asked Applicants for Government Positions.

"C. J. S.," of Toledo, writes: "I am young man of nineteen, and am anxious to enter the government service. I know that I must have an examination, under the civil service rules, but what does that examination consist of? Can't I procure a list of the questions to be asked and post up on them?"

You cannot. The questions are differ-ent at each examination, and even the Examining Board would not know them until the very day of the examination. In previous examinations applicants have been asked, for instance, to write the following words and spell them correctly: excede achevement prescious leekage reccomendashion seperate chartay registerred tonnage abcense ocasion

guager prinseple abcense In mathematics the following examples were given out: Question 1. During the fiscal year 1884 the exportation of cotton from certain American ports was as follows: New Orleans, 703,698,018 pounds; Baltimore, 84,820,654 pounds; New York, 278, 258, 850 pounds; Yorktown, 11, 208, 245 pounds; Galveston, 190,574,067 pounds. What was the total number of pounds exported from the ports named? How long will it take fifty clerks to count \$1,500,000 in silver coin, one half of which is in half-dollars and the other half in quarter dollars, each clerk counting at the rate of fifty pieces a minute? Write in figures one million one thousand and one dollars and one cent.

Multiply 657, 134 by 3.209. The whole number of pieces of mail matter handled at 112 postoraces was 1,-143,518,880. What was the average number of pieces for each office? In the fourth subject the following samples are selected from the many

given out: Express in your own language, at greater length and in good prose, changing the principal words, the thoughts contained in the follow verses:

"If all the year were playing holidays, To sport would be as tedious as to work; But when they seldom come, they wished for-Copy the following sentences and cor-

tain: Of all other simpletons he was the

"Everybody has recollections which they think worthy of recording." Neither James, John or Peter were

Copy the three following sentences. changing them so as to remove the ambiguities which they contain: He stood at the window in Paris, where

the crowd was assembled and saw the Walter to'd his brother William that

his face was tied up because he met with Please send to me at Washington the Daily Sun, of Baltimore, where I shall

remain next winter. In geography the questions were given

What is a republican form of govern-

When did the present constitution of

the United States go into effect? Which three States extend farthest north, and which three farthest south? Describe the course of the following rivers, giving the source, direction, and mouth of each: Hudson, Delaware, Po-

tomac, Missouri, Arkansas? What States are bounded in part by

the Missouri river? In what wars did the following battles occur: Bunker Hill, Lundy's Lane, Eutaw Springs, Gettysburg, Palo Alto, Lake Erie, Heights of Abraham, Saratoga, Stone River?

Name five principal American generals and five British generals of the Revolutionary war? Give the date and circumstances of

the Louisiana purchase. Describe the executive branch of the United States government, and name the several departments belonging to it.

Describe the Senate of the United States, giving its numbers and functions peculiar to it, not belonging to the

House of Representatives? In the modern languages candidates were required to make translations in French, German, Italian and Spanish. In chemistry and chemical physics the following questions were asked:
What is the relation of volume of

gases to pressure? What is Dalton's atomic theory? State what you know of the combining volume of gases.

Describe spectrum analysis. Discuss carbon and its compounds. Describe the structure of flame, and describe the blow pipe and its mode of

In the Signal Service examination, under the head of "Theory of Instruments," the following questions were asked. State the sources of errors in thermometers and in the various methods of determining the temperature of the air. Explain a method of calibration and

the calculation of the calibration erro- of Explain the method of determining the tension of any air that may be present in the vacuum chamber of a mercur-

ial barometer. Explain the theory of the optical principles involved in the ordinary astronom

use of the dip circle.

ical sextant. Explain the method of determining the dip of the magnetic needle by the

Considerable space has been given up to this subject for the reason that so many letters have been received of late from young men making various inquibarred out. There is an examination for every branch of government employ, no two examinations being alike, and it the sample questions above quoted, that a candidate who is not naturally intelligent, and who has not been at least fairly educated, will stand a poor show

seven mills which run 247,894 spindles, and 8,745 power looms,

Kangaroo leather is the toughest want any of the harmony to escape, you leather known, but not much used. . know."—Hartford Post.

### BEYOND THE STREAM

Beyond the stream there looms a hill-Upon the hill there stands a pine, Upon the pine there hangs a cone, Within the cone there lies a seed, Within the seed there lies a germ; But sun, nor deew nor warmth, nor chill, Will ever cause the germ to thrill.

Beyond the stream there lies a plain, Upon the plain there rests a cot, Within the cot there stands a crib-Beside the crib a mother cries, Within it still a dead child lies; But mother's tears and prayers are vai: To call the child's soul back again.

Alone beneath the night I pace; Outlined upon the setting moon The gaunt pine sprays its pallid gleam; The cottage sends one golden beam, A firefly spark, 'twill vanish soon,

As others live and leave no trace. Oh, mystery of life! whate'er Thou art none knoweth, nor shall know Until the tide of Time shall roll Between the body and the soul-Until each soul shall homeward go To that great Soul of whom we dream, And life with Life Eternal share, Beyond the stream, beyond the stream.

-Albert P. Morse, in Youth's Companion.

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Stage struck--Run over by an omni-A sliver in the bush is worth two in

The silent watches of the night-Those

not wound up. The mosquito begins to send in his bill as soon as the plumber leaves off. -

Boston Post. The woman question-Now, isn't this pretty time of night for you to get

home? - Philadelphia Call. "What's a footlight?" "A landing after her father has kicked you out of the front door."-Boston Budget.

A million dollars in gold weighs 3,685 pounds avoirdupois. That explains why so many editors are round shouldered .-

Chicago Ledger. Soggie nie is mentioned as one of the causes of dyspepsia. One of the causes of soggie pie is young married women.

- Courier-Journal. It doesn't tire a man half as much to saw a cord of wood as it does to amuse a baby for an hour while its mother's

away .- New York Journal. A new novel soon to appear will be entitled "A Superior Woman." We all know her. She married some other fellow. They always do .- Graphic.

"Tis sweet to love, But 'tis no joke

To treat your girl When you are broke. The king of Bavaria pays \$40,000 for an opera seat; but then, as he runs no chance of sitting behind a woman wearing a four-story hat, it is probably worth

it. - Boston Post. In certain parts of Germany the peasantry consider it good luck to meet a pig. It isn't considered good luck in this country-that is, if it is in a car and you want a seat .- Arkansaw Traveler.

NO ROSE WITHOUT A THORN. When summer is breathing her sweetest de-

And nature is everywhere burdened with 'Tis then we must spring from our couch in To chase the mosquitoes all over the room

"It is claimed that the highest faculty of language is to conceal thought." This may be true in a man's calmer moments, but when he falls over a rocking chair the combination is broken. - Providence

"Is land high in Vermont?" asked a speculator of an old Green mountain farmer. "You just bet it is!" was the reply. "If the trees weren't so stunted the clouds couldn't get by at all."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The news comes to us that severa celebrated amateur tenor singers intend going to Europe this summer to study, about the same time the cholera arrives. They will tend to make the plague easier to bear. - New York Graphic.

A CHANCE ACQUAINTANCE. As they rolled round the rink together, He asked with a winning smile,
"Will you take my arm, fair maiden?"
And she said, "I am not that style. I have never made an acquaintance, And I surely will not to-day,
Except through an introduction
That is made in the regular way.

Just then she falls to the surface,

And she murmurs, demure as a kitten Oh, sir, pick me up, if you please!"

—Boston Courier A Boston millionaire provided in his will that his wife should be annually paid a sum in gold equal to her own weight. And now is the only time in her life that she ever envied a fat woman

And a thousand stars she sees,

in the side show .- Brooklyn Times. "Waiter!" cried Fogg, "bring me a quail on toast." "Sorry, sir," replied the waiter, "but we are all out of quail." "Well, then, bring me the toast. I'm not the man to make a fuss about such a little thing as a quail."-Boston Tran-

TRUTH AND POETRY. The delights of early rising Bvery poet seems to have them Still I've noticed, and you know I've Often said,

This induces the reflection, That poets do not always mean just What they say, Their enthusiasm oft' is But a hoax,

And their prettiest maxims just apply to Other folks.

-Somerville Journal.

# Securing His Notes.

Fitzgay appeared on the street when the thermometer was eighty-two degrees in the shade, with a pair of earmuffs adorning the side of his head. "Hello!" said a friend. "What's the

ing frostbitten, are you?" "Oh, na a-w; not at all, thanks. Went to the Thomas concert last night. Don'

matter? Aren't airaid of your ears be-