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HE CARETH.

"The good God always builds the blind bird's

neet!" o rum a Turkish proverb, sweet and wise. w calmiy may she fold her wings in rest, newing His touch upon her shadowed eyes. 50, who hast known his love so strong and

Rest, too, in his right hand.

chold!" he crieth, "I will bring the blind By ways they have not known"-assurance

sweet-

Turn darkness into light before their feet." Is thy sight darkened, friend? Thy God can

Let that suffice for thee.

Unsheltered birds His providence shall shield. The helpless soul shall lean upon his strength. Our need, grown great, to greater love shall yield. And help, though long delayed, shall come

st length. Wait for Him, doubting not. He knoweth

Who builds the blind bird's nest.

-[Florence Foster.

THE DEMON AND THE FURY.

THERACE OF TERROR ALONG THE BORDER.

It is 8 o'clock in the afternoon of an August day and it has been scorching hot along the edge of the great staked plains of Texas and Mexico.

As my horse drinks his fill of the waters of the Rio Pecos I turn my face to the. eastward. It is 200 miles to the foot hills of Mt. Cooper-200 miles of sand, sago brush, and cactus. Never a binde of grass, a tree, nor a drop of water. Sand-deso-

To the north-150 miles of desolation. he east-sand, cactus, sagebrush-

It is a country of dangers-of terrible g-vain prayers to heaven-of ath, and even here, within sight ad scent of the clear, cold waters of the Pecce I point you out the bones of beasts which died of thirst and exhaustion.

"Ah! What's that?"

My horse lifts his head high in air and utters a snort of alarm. To the eastnothing moving. To the north-nothing. To the south-nothing. To the west-the god of desolation entering upon a march of fury. "Rumble! Rumble!"

It is a thunder storm sweeping up from the Apache Mountains-born in the vallove and ravines, and sent forth on a mad race which may cover 300 miles. Here is chelter at hand. Not to the grove, my excited and trembling steed, but to this mass of rock-behind this great bowlder. e waters of

Bell, "but pretending not to notice the look. I said : 'Well, I suppose you have had all you want?" "She felt that she had been treated so

well that she did not know how to ask for what she wanted. But mustering her resolve she finally replied :

"'Papa, I've had a lovely time. But es you say when you talk about the Giant's playing ball, can't I-I bunch my hits in the last inning and have some ice cream."-[Chicago Post.

When it comes to public speaking, personal appearance has a good deal to do with it. Charles Bradiaugh owed much of his success as an orator to his fine stage presence. He was 6 feet 2 inches in height and magnificently proportioned.

FROM RAINLESS SKIES.

MAY DESERTS BE MADE TO BLOOM BY AID OF EXPLOSIVES!

Interesting Agricult ral Department Experiments-Oxyh) drogen Balloons and Strings of Kites Laden With Nitroglycerine Bring Ratu From the Clouds.

The apparently successful experiments in Texas, under char, of General R. G. Dyrenforth, to produ., artificial rain by the use of high explosives, have awakcned universal interest. The history of this curious and impor-

tant experiment is known to but few. Some years ago an Illinois engineer, Elward Powers by name, published a little book showing that many of the great battles of the world had been folwed by rain, and arguing that it might be practical to produce rain by explosions of powder. He estimated, however, that the experiment would cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000, and his theory was not taken hold of.

Senator Farwell, however, became much interested in the theory, and on talking with other members of Congress who had had war experience found that they believed in the theory. He also found another supporter from another walk of life, and a very valuable contribution it was to the information on the subject. This supporter was no other than Senator Stanford, who said that his experience in building the Cenwal Pacific road was in direct support of the theory, Much of this road was built through a section of country where rain seldom, if ever, fell. Yet, soon after the work began in this rainless region, and the heavy blasting that was necessary to cut the way through the mountains of

who was directed to carry it out, nimself a scholarly man, found the best suited men he could for the immediate work.

In conducting the experiments a line of explosives was placed in about the position that a line of battle is arranged, stretching about three miles in length and a half mile in width. Various kinds of explosives were used. On the ground there was a mortar for firing "rick a rick" powder and dynamite, so that the earth might do its part in conveying the sound and motion from the concussion, and that the smoke, which is supposed by some to have some bearing, night also be present. There were large kites. from 6 to 12 feet high, which were sent aloft bearing a bunch of explosives at their tails and connected by a fine copper wire with a battery. In order to go the required height with these they were "driven tandem," attaching the end of as much line as the first one would carry to the second kite and sending both ou up, attaching the second to the third, and so on. This plan was also pursued when necessary in getting balloons with wire, attached to the necessary height.

The mortars planted and the kitce in the air, the balloons were sent up at a distance of say 1,000 feet apart, and the racket began.

In all three experiments, copious rain fell after the sky bombardment, and, although scientific men may not consider the question absolutely solved, there is no doubt that the results have been so brillight that Congress will provide bleral appropriations for breaking up droughts next year.

FUNNY WAYS OF STARFISH.

Five Individuals in One, Who Live Together Amiably as a Rule.

"The attack of a starfish upon an oyster may be likened to an assault by organized conspirators, inasmuch as each of these five fingered animals is composed of five distinct individuals," said a scientist to a writer. And he added : *

"Each of the starfish's five arms has its own mind, nervous system, and thoughts, such as they are, and all five nerve systems simply meet in the center where the arms are joined. Thus it may be said that the mental guidance of this complex creature and the management of its affairs are intrusted to a board of five members, who have communication with each other, but act without the inter mediation of a presiding officer. Now is it not wonderful that such a quintet should be able to manage its affairs se well and with such agreement of purpose in everything? Supposing each of the live individuals attempted to go where it listed without giving any heed to the others, the animal could not reach a choice bit of food, espied from afar with the eye of one of its members, nor travel in any direction with a purpose in view. But, as a matter of fact proved by observation, when a starfish is spying after food it lifts the ends of its five arms so that the eye beneath each extremity may get a view of things in the neighborhood, and if any object worth going after is discovered all the many hundreds of sucker like feet beneath the five arms are seen to push out together in the direction of the morsel desired. There is a unity of intention among the partners that implies unmistakably a conscious sharing of aim and design. The same thing is shown by the way many starfishes have of letting themselves drop from steep rocks and cliffs, in order to save the trouble of laborious climbing down. In such cases before they relinquish their hold and drop they let go with three or four arms, holding fast until the last moment with the remaining one or two, as if it were to calculate the leap. "My observations on this subject have inclined me to think that matters of concerted action with starfish have not infrequently to be effected by first obtaining the assent of an individual ray that is willing. It is known that these creatures sometimes divide themselves voluntarily into a three armed and a two armed portion, which may be regarded as the violent dissolution of business and domestic relations once happy but grown inharmonious. A starfish will often cast off one of its arms and leave it behind, perhaps because the member is not found agree-able to live with. If a rubber band or a string is fastened around an arm of one of these animals and it can not push the annoyance off with its other arms the starfish will throw the troublesome arm away, not desiring to retain the companionship of such a cripple. Starfish are like human beings in many ways. Then the animal which has thus deprived itself of a ray grows a new one in place of the "As for the arm that is dropped, it promptly proceeds to grow four new arms, thus becoming a whole starfish itself. Being the biggest, it is presumably for a long time the boss of the five, which must be gratifying. A few years ago people who caught starfish in the oyster beds destroyed them, as they thought, by cutting them in halves and throwing them overboard, but the process was not very effective, inasmuch as every one thus treated promptly became two.

sunctively an artist in snow perore ne became an artist in clay and marble. Furthermore, trained sculptors have condescended to make statues in snow.

Pietro de Medicis, a great patron of art in Italy, employed Michael Angelo, during a particularly severe winter in northern Italy, to make snow statues, and the sculptor executed these singular commissions with fidelity, Under the reign of Louis XIII of

France, a splendid statue in snow was crected at the crossing of several streets in Paris with verses in neat raised letters upon it which may be translated thus:

"Remember, you who pass, the day When you, like me, must melt away; And pray that winter rule the sky, For when it thaws, alas! I die."

During the severe winter of 1784. King Louis XVI of France ordered his finance minister to use the public moneys to alleviatr the condition of the poor of Paris; and in return the Parisians raised to the king a fine statue of snow in one of the most public places of the city. The pedestal bore some very ordinary and erfunctory verses, somewhat like the following:

"Great Louis, the poor, whom thy bounties pro

tect. To thee but a statue of snow may erect; But to thy generous heart it is pleasanter, sure. That the marble should pay for the bread of the poor."

Six years afterward another very cold winter came, and the people then cared very little for the benefactions of King Louis. Snow statues were again the order of the day, and one of them, a representation of the Goddess of Liberty, was said to have borne this somewhat ironical but prophetic inscription : "This is Liberty! Worship her, for to-

morrow she will be gone."

Very Embarressing.

Several ladies were sitting together on the baicony of a Southport hotel the other night when the moon, although full, was mewhat hidden by clouds, A natty little fellow came toward the group and said softly: "Pussy, darling," whereupon all the young ladies jumped up and came toward him eagerly. He selected one and walked away with her. The other brides sat down and told their respective Romeos afterward that it was "too ridiculous for anything, " and that they " never were so embarrassed in the whole course of their lives. "-[Sheffield Telegraph.

ROUCATIONAL.

Two young ladies in New York are said to make from \$10,000 to \$15,000 each a year teaching chess.

The oldest college in North America

NO THIRD PARTY NEEDED. Government, With him were arrested five other persons, one an ex-U, S. Commis-Roanoke News. sioner, one a doctor, the colored preacher,

BEACON.

The Roanoke News cannot see the need of a Third Party in North Carolina. The Alliance controls the Democratic party as it did in the last campaigh. Alliance men went into the Democratic conventions and because they were Democrats and were in the majority, controlled those conventions It can do the same next year. They have thousands of friends and sympathizers among Democrats who are outside of the order who will heartily co-operate with them in securing the reforms they advo.

cate. The organization of a Third Party would deprive the Alliance of every advantage they have gained and still uold in this State, and they would have to begin anew the foundations of the success which could only be attained if attained at all, by years of hard labor performed in face of outside opposition and internal dissensions. frequent disaffections and the treachery of pretended friends. What, then, can the Alliance hope for in North Carolina through the Third Party which has not already been secured by means of the Democracy? In the last election they secured a majority of the Con. gressmen, a part of the State government and the Legislature. Next year by pursuing the same tactics they can nomiuste and elect all the Congressmen, the entire State ticket and a large majority of the Legisla. ture. That is all they could hope to do should they join the Third Party and win with it at the polls. There is positively nothing to be gained by abandoning the Democratic party. Its principles are sound and in accord with Alliance principles, and

if the men put into office will not act up to them there are plenty Democratic Alliance man who will, and it is only necessary to put such men in office. But there is a great deal to be lost by the Alliance if it joins the Third Party, and every reasonable Alliance man knows it. They will lose the moral support and active

assistance of their friends outside the order; they will suffer from the active opposition of many Democrats who are not friendly to it but who have hitherto been bound to silence and inaction by the party loyalty. There is another matter for serious con. sideration. The Third Party may be con. fronted in North Carolina by the same problem which presents itself in Kentucky and Virginia. In Kentucky the Third Party

who officiated, and two white women, an parties to the conspiracy, which con in the marriage of a mulatto girl to an old negro veteran who was on his death-bed. the old man being so near dead at the time that he was scarcely concious of what was going on. The business was managed by Garritee, who had gotten a pension of \$15 a month some time before for the old man. and the object was that the girl might come in as his widow for this pension, and an increase which he had been recently allowed with an arrearage amounting to about one thousand dollars. The preacher said he thought the marriage was "rather queor," bat he supposed that as the old fellow had been living with the girl for some time he wanted "to make her an honest woman before he died." He therefore tied the knot and took his fee without asking any questions. The presumption is that the loctor was there in his professional capacity, as he was released without bail, while the others were held for trial under a fifteen hundred dollar bond. This is one illustra. tion, of many, of the ways in which the Government is defraaded, hundreds of young women marrying old soldiers for no other reason in the world than for the pen. sions they become entitled to by such marriages.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

BY WILD BOSE.

Written for the Baacow.

Much has been said and written about this crime, but not too much. as on every hand we yet see it going on, this crime which is one of the most cruel and coward-ly man ever committed. The most cruel because it is often the unmerited abuse of a faithful servant, which perhaps after long years of toil and abuse, has become unable to longer serve them. The most cowardly because it is always cowardly of the strong to oppress the weak and this is an attack on that which has no means of defense no one but a coward or a brute would thus persecute the helpless, yet some men seem to think it gives them quits a noble appear-ance to curse beat and otherwise misme their horses and other animals and because God has placed them beneath them willfally use the power he has bestowed to persecute the dumb unimals he has given to serve them to ratisfy their own brutal hearts, they make the lives of their poor humble dumb slaves an untold missery, they oppress Much has been said and written about dumb slaves an untold misery, they oppress when they should protect

I have sometimes been disgusted beyond

the flood receded. There is wind in that blue black cloud-wind, rain, fire, fury, Waiting! The black cloud has covered the sun, and it is almost twilight. A terrible silence has fallen on the earth. A hare comes running to my shelter, and I hear her footsteps while she is yet afar off. A serpent is running to the bank of the river for shelter, and I hear the rustling away to my left farther than I can make him out.

Waiting ! The blue black cloud comes up majestically, and tongues of fire are darting and leaping and licking up the gases. My horse lies down with some-thing like a groan, and a scared have comes running up and nestles under the flap of the saddle. The silence is like a great weight holding one down. It is deeper than any sleep. It is next to the stillness of the grave. Another serpent rustles-another hare comes running. I hear the beart beats of my horse as if some one were keeping time on a drum.

Merciful Heavens! The whole west, from right to left, blazed up with a fierce light, and next instant the earth reeled and quivered with the awful shock of 10,000 pieces of artillery fired at once. It was the signal for the Fury to springfor a thousand demons to scream and shriek-for innumerable scrpents of fire to writhe and light up the blackness at fitful intervals.

Now the rain falls-now the wind is let loose with a terrible shrick-now the lightning is so constant that the eyes burn, and the thunder claps merge into an awful roar, as did the 800 cannon at Gettysburg. Crash! Crash! It cottonwood trees falling to earth. Shriek! Shriek! Shriek! It is the Demon racing along the plain and uprooting even the blades of grass. Shock! Shock! Shock! It is the fury flinging his fiery bolts into the bosom of the earth.

And so for an hour. Then we stand up to see the glory of the sun again-to feast our eyes on the blue skies of heaven. The Demon and the Fury have passed us by and are racing madly to the east.

A Girl of the Period.

Digby Bell, the comic opera comedian, has a 6 year old daughter to whom he is particularly devoted. Lallah is a bright. pretty, child, with dark, expressive eyes and an abundance of brown hair that falls in waves upon her shoulders.

One day last summer Mr. Bell, who had promised to take the child to see Barnum's circus, started out with her. A sudden shower forced him to abandon the plan. The downcast looks of the one were too much for the tender little heart of the fun maker, and he decided to take her to dinner at Delmonico's. After having had the supreme pleasure of ordering anything on the carte that she wanted, she heaved a deep sigh and gazed at her papa with a longing and stioning look. She had forgotten

grantte was under way, there was fre quent, almost daily, rains, and this con-dition continued until the blasting ended and the road was built, when the rain ccased.

So a clause was added to the appropriation bills in the two sessions of the last Congress, appropriating \$9,000 for experiments to be conducted under the direction of the Department of Agriculture. In looking about for somebody to conduct the experiments, Assistant Secretary Willetts found that General Dyrenforth. ex-Patent Commissioner, had given the matter some thought, largely through his acquaintance with Senator Farwell, and he was asked to take charge of the work.

The field was an entirely new one. He began the study of the history of battles with reference to rainfall, then the question of explosives. He soon conceived the idea that if it is concussion that acts upon the air to produce this result it would be better that the concussion should be in the stratum of air where the rain is to be formed. - How to get it there was the question. To send up captive balloons was easy, but to send them up loaded with dynamite or nitroglycerine; and take the risk of some of them getting away unexploded was too serious.

Besides, the explosion of dynamite or nitroglycerine produces too quick and sharp a sound. What he wanted was something like thunder, which will shake the atmosphere. He remembered that sharp claps of thunder in the midst of rain are often followed by a great increase in the rainfall.

Being himself a graduate of the school of technology, he was perfectly familiar with the fact that a combination of hydrogen and oxygen gases is easily exloded, and with the most violent results. The happy thought suggested itself to his mind that these gases would be needed to carry up the balloons which were to transport the explosives and the very article furnishing the motive power might itself be the explosive best fitted for the work. So he experimented, and ex-ploded a few balloons near Washington with the most astounding results.

This matter satisfactorily settled, he set about the practical preparations. He Junted up Professor Carl E. Myers, the distinguished balloonist, at his New York tome, and, finding him well posted on the production of hydrogen in quantities, directed him to utilize his experience in balloon construction and hydrogen making in aid of the project. He then de: vised a machine for the production of oxygen in large quantities in the field. and finding that it worked perfectly, sent forward a car loaded with the necessary material for the experiments. The results of the experiments in Texas, in . an arid region, are now well known.

The experiment is not in any way crankiam," Congress directed that it be done, and it is said that 100 members of that body believe in the theory under-

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Snow Statues.

Boys and girls who make "snow men" may not be aware that they are artists. but in a humble way they are, and many stories have been told of sculptors who have obtained the inspiration of their career from the making of figures in snow. Thorwaldsen, the great Danish "I knew what she wanted." says Mr. lying it. Assistant Secretary Willetts. | sculptor, was one of these. He was in-

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Distant.

was founded in 1531-the College of St Ildefonso, in the city of Mexico. The next oldest is Laval College, Quebec.

The enrollment at the Kansas Agricultural College reaches 592 this year, showing an increase of 78 over last year. Scientific farming is rapidly growing in favor in Kansas, and the college at Manhattan is aiding the good work materially.

Dr. Lorimer meditates starting an enterprise in or near Boston as a rival to the Chautauqua movement. It is to be called the Temple Educational Union. Bible study, literature, science, and social and political economy will be included in his system.

The Governor of Pennsylvauia has ve toed a bill requiring "instruction in physical culture, including calisthenics" in all city schools. His objection is that the city schools are already loaded down with legislative requirements, and that something may be left to the discretion of the regular school authorities.

Teachers in some European countries do not have the pleasantest experiences In Spain the payment of salaries is habit ually in arrears. Altogether 2,500 teach ers have arrears due them, and it is not surprising that in one place a teacher has taken to selling matches and his wife and children have gone into domestic service. At the Atlanta University 600 colored

pupils are being trained this year, not in the higher branches of education, but in English studies, mechanical arts, in household industries, and in Christian living. They are being trained, the majority of them, with special reference to services as teachers and missionaries among their own people.

Speaking of the cry for "Southern' schoolbooks, The Chattanooga Times sensibly says: "It is one of the rankest follies of provincialism ever perpetrated. What in the name of se se would constitute a 'Southern' arithmetical text book? Can algebra, physics, physiology, geome-try, and grammar be localized? Let us have the best, no matter where or by whom produced.

The London Board of Education has appointed six women, at a salary of \$400 ach, to visit schools. Heretofore lady visitors have been regularly employed, but without remuneration, the position being honorary. The visitors will be expected to put in as many hours' work as the teachers, and to furnish weekly reports to the board, accounting for every hour of service during the session .-[School Journal.

Do not the methods of teaching in our public schools need to be overhauled? The pupils are crammed with a superficial knowledge of nearly a score of different studies, without an ability to write a sentence in the English language correctly. What children need is not to learn so much, but to learn a few things well, and while acquiring such knowledge to learn to think for themselves .-INew York Evangelist.

campaigo. The result was that a very large proportion of the vote it cast at the election was drawn from the Republican party, which hoped by that means to con. trol it and return to power. The Republi, cans of Virginia have determined to make no nominations but support Alliance candidates, as the only means by which they can again be a factor in politics. They remember the success with which they co-operated

with the Readjuster element of the Demo. oratic party, finally swallowing that element and by its assistance defeating the Demo. eracy. Yet the State debt which the Readjusters wanted to settle still remains unsettled.

As it has been in Kentucky and Virginia so it will be here if the Third Party is organized by the Alliance men. The Re publican party in North Carolina is dead but it has some shrewd individual members in the State who will if possible use the Third Party to hoist themselves into control of the State government. Every white man in North Crrolina from recent experience knows what that means. Every man ought to know also that when the Republicans have once been put into power by means of the Third Party they would care nothing for the reforms domanded by the Alliance, because they have in this State refused to place Alliance demands in thei. political platform and because the very principles upon which the Republican party is founded have made these Aliiance de. mands necessary. They can no more advocate A,liance principles housestly than Anglo-Saxons can honestly advocate negro supremacy When Republicans honestly favor the Alliance platform they are no

longer Republicans. These are serious times, not only for the Democratic party, but for the Alliance also, Just as sure as the Third Party is launched in North Carolina just so sure will the Alli. ance lose its prestige and power and become a more sideshow to the Republican party. This is no highly colored picture existing only in imagination, but sober truth made plain by experience, and observation of what is going on around us. The Alliance is not a political organiza.

tion. It is scoret in its nature, and the existance of sccr. t political parties is made unlawful by the Constitution of the State-

pending against him for violating the pen. sion laws, was arrested a few days ago shart of with conspiracy to defrand the least of his creatures.

HALLOS IN BAL en who wo most indignant if anyone had said their natures yet contained a remnant of savage barbarity, beat their horses most unmerce. fully, swear like maniace and behave like - well like anything but rational men for some simple cause sometimes, often for no precivable reason, substantially proving to all beholders that there was a rather large remnant of brutality yet abread in the land that civilization had yet to distroy.

that civilization had yet to distroy. I have heard men who called themselve christian gentlemen boast of cruelty which should bring a blush to their check, but have never heard this without a feeling of thankfulness that all are not thus and alm a feeling of strong disgust for one who could boast of their cruelty to a helplus could boast of their cruelty to a helplus oreature. One of the silliest things I over noticed is

to hear a driver cursing a horse as if the poor brute understood what was desired of him and cursing him would force him to mm and cursing him would force him to perform his daty. It is at once sinful and disgusting, in truth more the act of a luna. tic thau a rational being. Just think reader for a moment how utterly useless it is. Do you ever remember having seen an oath pull a heavy load or cause a horse to turp more quickly? Have you ever known cru-elty or profanity to help anyone any where, except on the road to ruin.

Instead of cur-ing animals to benefit them I venture to say it will harm and really debase them, though some of my learned readers may contradict the amortion. learned readers may contradict the americon-I am sure that gentle means are the best with brutes as with human and a horse that is habitually cursed and misused will become more savage and vicious until al-most unmanageable. If I was a farmer I would be most careful never to employ any one who curse or misuse one of the farm animals and I think every farmer would do well to use the same care, if they would well to use the same care, if they we have their stock in good condition easily coutroled. With some brutality seems innate.

see them when children begin by pulli off the wings of flies and showing a dea to distroy every helpless thing, when th themsolves are almost as helpless, we they destroy bird's nexts and in fact p everything to forture that falls in t power. This is often not heeded or pa by unrebuked by their parents and in c sequence they grow up to be cruel and i just to every living creature. They almost a terror to every one and want greater fun than giving pain to the help they are cowards who dare not attack t who can meet them fairly. Some one has aid they would not get in the way of one who would hick a dog for fun, and indeed it would be a wise precaution. So who could expect kindness at the hands of one

who would misuse one of God's creature which could not complain of the creativy mankind? Who would care for the co

wil Star Ohns. E. Garritee, a pension attorney, of Baitimore, who has now nine indictments direction of the State-a constitution of the State-a constitution framed by representatives of the people and ratified by the people them-welves at the polls. Dankind? Who would care for the com-panionship of one who saw anything imphable in the pain of any creature? Parents should teach their children from carliest infancy to protect and not distroy, and promptly punish them for any creature, Will Star Ohns. E. Garritee, a pension attorney, of Baitimore, who has now nine indictments direction of the state-the people and ratified by the people them-welves at the polls. Direction of the state-panionship of one who saw anything imphable in the pain of any creature? Parents should teach their children from carliest infancy to protect and not distroy. and promptly punish them for any creature and the tig its duty to use every dumb oreat-ure kindly, for if God has bidden us hould use with kindness all he has given life, and we should ramember in all seeing sysand we should remember an all se