the maon will have her planes dur-the moath of December as follows: w, on the 2nd; first quarter, on the r, Tull, on the loth, and last quarter. the 28th. She will be nearest the rit on the 7th and fartness off on the off. While at the hegining of the such the sun will be I degree 37 mo-de from the conthern limit of his a motion is declination, he will reach a limit on the 22nd of the month at the an at which pretime incoment the that limit on the 22mi of the month at 7.55 p. m., at which precise moment the winter makes begint. At the higher winter makes begint. At the higher of the month the hourly variation of the sun's declination is about 25 minutes, while on the day provious to the winter solice at is only about half a second, proving the ale-areas of the sun's motion near the soliton. Its matter is right momenton, however, is faster at the solitons than at the equinesses, which clearly follows from the fact that the path of the sun's motion is indicated to the equator, and hence the motion in declination tends to parallelism, and is consequently slow, and m, and is consequently slow, and rependicularity at the equinomes, therefore, quick, while in regard motion in right ascension the abstracts research.

and is therefore, quick, while in regard to the motion in right ascession the case is abricusty reversed.

The planet Mercury is at first in Sagitarina, about the middle of the mouth in Scorpte, but toward the end back in degitarina, on account of its apparent retrograde motion. The apparent motion of the planets among the stars cannot bet be somewhat perplexing to any person who lacks the power of realizing the motion of a bady viewed from a moving bedy. Viewed from the sun, all the planets would be seen to advance in the same direction, viz., from west to east, in planes but slightly localized to east about not take place. Seen, however, from the earth, a body that is itself in motion, the motione of the planets around the sun appear in an estirely different manner. Supposing two bodies to move in the same direction at different rates, it is easy to see and is a sommon experience that the slower of the hodies as seen from the swifter would appear to move in the opposite direction. When a plane, appears to move in the direction to which the sun appears to move in the soliptic, its apparent motion is said to ecliptic, its apparent motion is asid to ecliptic, its apparent motion is asid to the opposite direction. When a plane, appears to move in the direction to which the sun appears to move in the celiptic, its apparent motion is said to be direct, while, when it appears to move in the central direct, while, when it appears to move in the contrary direction, it is said to be intrograde. The apparent motion of an interior planet is always direct, amost within certain clongation east and west of the inferior conjunction, when it is retrograde. The apparent motion of a superior planet—that is one whose orbit savelopes that of the curth—is similar to that of an interior planet, except that in the latter case the retrogression takes place mear inferior conjunction, and in the former sear opposition.

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Venus will be at first in Sugittarius and later on in Capricornus. She is at present too near the sun to be seen long in the evening, and then only in the evening twilight. She will set about 6 o'clock in the evening and we can catch a glimpse of her when she is close to the horison. Venus began shining as an evening star at the latter part of Movember, and will set in this capacity nutil next August. Mars been mor Venus, and will set nearly half an hour earlier than the latter planet, so that he is in an unfavorable position for observation, neither acting planet, so that he is in an unfavorable position for observation, neither acting as morning nor evening star. Jupiter is in Hoppio, and will act as morning star. During the first portion of the month the great planet rises between 5 and six o'clock, and during the latter between 4 and 5 o'clock, so that an early riser will see this beautiful planet in the eastern portion of the sky, heralding the coming of the king of day. Saturn is the third of the planets that are in the constellation Sagittarine, but, as it sets before, 5 o'clock in the afternoon, it is like Mars, in an unfavorable position for observation. On orable position for observation. On the 17th of the month it will be in conjunction with the sun and totally invisible, except, of course. through a large telescope. The planetary aspect of the sky during the December eve-ning is observed by no fine one eve-

of the sky during the December evening is consequently no fine one, while the morning stres will be adorned by the presence of Jupiter.

In course of the month two eclipses will seem, an annual eclipse of the son on the 2nd, but visible in this latitude, and a partial eclipse of the moon on the 16th, which will be visible here. Manny the whole part of the lunar disk will be eclipsed. The beginning of the eclipse will be a quarter of 7 in the evening, and end about 7 minutes after 10.

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cellipse will be a quarter of 7 in the evening, and end about 7 minutes after 18.

Comose, although deprived of their threatmenting character, which they enloyed for so many ages, are still of insemal interests both by rarriey of their appearance such as a certain mystery that still adheres to them. It is not our intention in this article to enterists a full description of these citiquiar bodies, but only to touch upon access of their people, but only to touch upon access of their people, but only to touch upon access of their people, but their mans must be very large. It is but too common a mistake not to discriminate millousity between volume and man. The fatter depends altopather upon the deveity of the subsequent mile earth which its mans in any fatter depends altopather upon the deveity of the subsequent mile earth which its mans in any fatter depends altopather upon the deveity of the subsequent and one-departs calling times as large as the earth which its mans in any fat from accounts and go far merely possibly the earth which its mans in any fat from the fact that compared of the mans of a count to mans and compared with the country operated the way infer from the fact that consequently approached the country is a planet, or alto matter of the planets as closely as almost, if not altopather to count into actual custact with the mans of a count to maneauth of the planets and one planets are closely as almost, if not altopather to count into actual custact with the mans of a count to maneauth of the planets and one planets are closely as almost, if not altopather to count into actual custact with the mans of the planets and the mans of the planets of the mans of the planets of

store perfect vacuum than the most perfect air-ps up can produce. It must however, not be inferred that, because the mean density of a garget in small, that of its constitutent particles must necessarily be so too. The reader can essely comprehend that small heavy particles, which are wid-ly separated, may constitute a body of an extremely small density. They are some very engine reasons for the supposition that a count is in reality made up of such small bodies, in fact that a count is southing but an assemblage of little meteors, though of the magnitude of such of them meteors, though of the magnitude of such of them meteoric bodies we are unable to say anything certain. As to mable to say anything certain. As to unable to say anything certain. As to the urbits in which comets move there prevalls great variety. While all the other moments, as planets and astellites move in ellipses, the comets move in ellipses, the comets move in ellipses, the comets move in ellipses, and hyperbales, the latter two being curves that do not draw, but having the property cummum with the ellipse of being come sections. Of the comets the orbits of a toch have been computed 74 per cent, and parabolic, while out a small number are hyperbolic. Those whose orbits are ellipses have either retuned periodically, or their orbits have been so changed by perturbations as to be changed by perturbations as to be-

came no longer near enough to the earth to be seen.

South of the constellation Persues we see at about 9 o'clock in the evening in course of the month of December two stars of the third magnitude which, in conjunction of a fainter star form a small right triangle, which one leg rather short. This is the little constellation Triangulum, or the Triingle, which would be to unimportant to be mentioned were it not for the fact of its pertaining to the ancient to be mentioned were it not for the fact of its pertaining to the ancient farty-eight of Ftuleup. Due south of the triangle three stars at a short distance from each other constitute the characteristic configuration of the z-discal constellation Aries or the Ham, which according to Hipparchus, the most famous of the astronomers of antiquits, and justly called the Father of Astronomy, occupied the drst sign in Astronomy, occupied the drst sign in the celiptic, which means that at that time the vernal equinox was in that time the vernal equinox was in that constellation. In consequence of the procession of the equinoxes, the constellation Aries has shifted into the sign Taurus, The principal star in Aries is Alpha, or fiamal, a pretty double star, and one of the mautical stars which coable the navigator to determine the place where he is by measuring the distance of any of them from the moon. The other two

is by measuring the distance of any of them from the moon. The other two stars in that constellation are Beta and Gamma, all three forming a very obtuse triangle with the obtuse triangle at Beta. Northeast of Alpha is a little star, furty-one Arietis, which, with Gamma Trianguli and Alpha Arietis, forms a little asterism, sometimes called Musca, or the Fly, but on the whole seldom mentioned in the outalogues of stars. South of Aries and Piscea is situated the largest constellation in the heavens—Cetus, or the Sea Munster. Its head lies about 20 degrees southeast of Alpha Accitis and is marked by a pentagonal figure of stars. grees southerst or Alpha Accitis and is marked by a pentagonal figure of stars. The southernmost side of this figure is formed by the stare Alpha, or Mankar, and Gamma. Southwest of the latter at a considerable distance from it is the star Beta, or Deneb Ceti, the brightest in the whole constellation. This stamarks the tail of the mouster. In this counteilation, near its couter, lies the celebrated variable star, Omicrou Ceti,

celebrated variable star, Umicrum Cett, or, by its more familiar name, Mira meaning the Wonderful. Its nature as a variable faint star was discovered in 1596. During the greater time of its variability it is a very faint star of the ninth magnitude, invisible to the unaided eye, but once in 11 months it assumes the brightness of the fourth and third, and even the second, magnitude. The constellation Persues, in the north, Aus constellation Persues, in the north, and Taurus. in the northean, are closely approaching the meridian, while in the west Aguila and Capricornus have set and Vega and Cygnus are on the point of setting. Ospella and Aldebarran, with the Pleisdes, are high up, and in the east the most brilliant group of constellations in the whole heavens are rising no. above all the beavens are rising up, above all the magnificent star-picture, Orion. The presence of these at an early hour of evening announces the coming of the vinter season.

A Domestic Epinode.

When he got bome that night she confronted him at the door, and he gassed with horror. She was not dressed for dinner and she had one arm in a sling. Both thumbs were done up in huge bandages. There was a towel tied around her tousied head and s cut over one of her eyes. The odor of linkment was heavy on the air. "For heaven's suke, what has hap mened?" he asked.

Without a word she led the way into the little drawing room. Over the Oriental drawing room. Over the Oriental draperies had been disposed artistically, with spears and armor, forming a beautiful, cosy corner. A lamp, burning dimly, bung in the

"I put it up myself today," she said
"I bad grown tired of waiting for you
te do it, and the decorators wanted
\$50."

He seated himself juxuriously among

Ile seated himself luxuriously among the pillows.

"How on earth did you manage it alone?" he asked, with exagg-rated admiration and wonder. He knew just how it was done. He had always had to put it up himself before this.

"Oh, just a piece of lead pipe, a few tasks and a paper of pins," she said, simply, yet proudly. "I only fell off the stepfadder twice."

There were almost tenrs in his voice when he spoke. It really touched him to see her standing there bandaged like a broken flown rade horse. Basidus that, no one knew how he had dreaded the task of putting it up himself.

"Ab," he said, "when will we men reallys what a priceless treasure we gain when we win the love of a true woman 4"

earn when we will be some affection of the array offection stelly towards her, and the entire viring colleged about his brad with a crass.

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The Aniatuce Reformer.

The train was full of young men re-

turning from a football game.

Lusty, good-natured youths they were, brimful of enthusiesm, and for the most part simply using and histonia. The fellows who were smashing hats, jerking the bell rope and cutting the cushions of the seats were not the players, but the yelling sympathizers who had witnessed the game from the grandstand.

grandstand.

They had done their share of the playing with their longs, and so far as they were concerned, the gam; was still going on.

Almong the passengers was a man of Almong the passengers was a man of somewhat altitudinous and bowy atructure who had been summoned to the country on legal business and was trying, under difficulties, to study up the points of his case and decide on some plan of solion. dan of action.

He was sitting in an end seat, and as

the express train turned sharply around a curre one of the boisterous rouths

lunged against blen.
"Beg pardon, sir," said the offender,
doffing his but with exaggerated polite-

"Don't mention it," replied the othe without looking at him. la a few moments the train turned sharply in the other direction, with the singular effect of sending the youth against the preoccupied passenger

Beg pardon, sir."

Apparently he had not noticed the confidence game played upon him by the exuberant young man.

Presently, however, the same gleesome eathusiast surged heavily against him, knocking his hat down over his eyes, while the train was proceeding smoothly on a perfectly straight track.

"Beg parlion, sir," he repeated, as before.

Then that tall man came out of his

He rose up, grabbed that young man by the cellar, yanked him across the end of the seat, with a dexterity that must have been acquired by long practice during some other period of his career he threw back the flowing portion of the intervening coat and administered two or three rousing

"Dou't mention it !" he said, oheerfully, lifting bim up and jamming him down hard in a sitting posture on the floor of the siste.

"No harm done at all!" he conthued, churning him up and down with great heartloses. "Accidents will happen"—and be jerked him to his feet again and turned him round and round like a tectorum—"it's all right." Nob dy minds those little occurences after a football game! Don't give it another thought, I beg you."

Jamming him down on the mor again as a parting pleasautry, he re-sumed his seat, breathing rather heavily from the unaccustomed exertion, but otherwise unruffled.

But the car was in an uproar. Dazed by the suddenness and unexpected nature of the proceedings, the friends of the young man had failed to rally to

bis support.

Now, however, a be rose up, considerably creatfallen, but full of sullen wrath and muttering vengeance, five or six of them formed themselves into kind of flying wedge and moved upon that passenger.
At this moment a chunky man with

a round, good-natured face rose up in the next seat and planted himself in their way.

"Fair play!" he shouted. "I saw this whole thing, and that young squirt didn't get any more than he deserved. I'm en old man, but I'm not going to see half a dozen pile on one without making s kick. You lift a hand against him and there'll be two of us

to fight by jocks !"

He rolled back his sleeves, disclosing hairy and brawny arm, and there was

a hairy and brawny arm, and there was a lail in the threatened onset.

"Thank you, my friend," said the man in the sent, wiping his face with his handkerchief. "I think it is quite likely you have saved me from a good deal of trouble. I don't know why it is," he went on, trying to straighten the handkers an expendence of the work. out a hopeless!y rampled cuft, "but I seem to always getting into some kind seem to always getting into some kind of mess. There's nothing in the world I hate werse, either. But, Great Scott, who can stand it to have a cray football player falling all over him and little mother how much he loved her and how hard it was to leave ber.

But Mr. Warren was calling from

"He's no football player," returned the other with his eye on the young fellows, who seemed to have concluded to call off the attack. "He's only a rooter. I was watching him while he was bellowing his 'rah, 'rah, 'rahs, and I happened to see his little finger nail. Did you ever see a football player with a little finger with a little finer with lane?" "I think I never did."

"I think I never did."

"Well, that's what he carries. He's more likely to be a travelling agent for a wholesale milinery shop, taking a Thankegiving vacation, than anything else. I knew a young chap like him once, with a fiager nail of the same kind. He lost it by some secident, and everybody said be held funeral services over it."

I hope I haven't turned this young fellow's rejoicing into mourning by separating him from his pet nail" rejoined the tall man, rising as the train slowed up at a station. "But this is the end of my journey. I am greatly obliged to you for your interference," and readiness to 'tackie' the whole of them in my behalf. We could have

and readines to 'tackle' the whole of them in my behalf. We could have cleaned them out, though, by George! Well, goodby. My name is Gwilliame."

"My name is Sparks," answered his friend in need. "Down where I live they call me Uncle Allen Sparks."

They shook hands, and Uncle Allen went as far as the door of the car with him.

He Lentent to the Children.

Rome life.

Be just as lenjent with the misdensanors, mistakes and ignorance of the child as you are with your own, and judge his conduct from the child's standpoint rather than that of the adult. Don't expect him to instruction, any more than you would expect from to read without instruction, any more than you would expect from to read without teaching, and don't be afruid that by becoming his intimate and confidential friend you lose any inductors over him. Just as most as he knows that you understeed his world, that you appreciate his feelings, that you are anxious to afford him all the happeness possible, he will become all the more anxious to afford him all the happeness possible, he will become all the more anxious to afford him all the happeness possible to measure a language to explain to a child the resum for every order given. But it is certainly not emiss that the child should understand that every order has a reason hack of it, even though you do not tell him what it is.

Breaking Home Vien

torikwestorn Christian Advocaic. "The train leaves at 0:02. Better urry breakfast, Meg." "Somehow I own't do a thing this morning. I go to the pantre, and when I get them I forget what it is I want. Where is snother ""

"Up stairs packing the satchel."
"Poke the fire a little, will you fa there. I want to mix up some johnny-oake for Dick. It is the last he'll get for goodnes knows how long."

And Meg brushed away a tear with the corner of her auror

"Out in the barn." Yes. Dick was out in the barn with his arm around the neck of his little gray colt, Nan. "I wish I wasn't going," he mut-

tered, looking through the barn window at his dove-cote, "I didn't think it would be so hard. But I can't stay would be so hard. But I can't stay out here, for my time is almost gone thought, Nan," and for a moment his head rested against the silky mane. "Goodby, Nan. I'll come back some

And with a last look around the old familiar barn, he went out. Just out-side, in spite of the protests of the bristling mother hen he stooped and looked at the broad of downy chicks; then the pretty Jersey call. Dick's favorite, claimed his at tention. The hig eyes had a mournful look Dick thought, as he stroked the soft neck. "Pretty Hoss," he murmured

mured.

But he must harry on, for Dick loved every living thing on the farm, and his time was abort in which to say goodby Nothing seemed forgotten, and he had just completed the rounds when Meg chiled how to breakfast.

"How much time have I, father?"

asked Dick as he entered.
"An hour and a half. Sit down,
Call mother. Meg." Call mother, Meg."
Just then Mrs. Warren entered with

a satchel. There was a look of suffer-ing on her face, as she crossed the room and stood behind Dick's chair. She did not cry, but only leaved her head down against bis, and her arms

bead down against his, and her arms went around his neck.

"Mother," whispered Dick in a choked voice, while Meg gently pushed a chair close beside Dick's. For a moment no one spoke. But these last moments were too dear to the mother's heart for her to give way to her grief now, so she took Meg's chair with Bruile.

After all breakfast is quite a cheery meal, and Meg brought blushes often to Dick's cheeks as she gave him hiuts about designing girls.

Then the neighbors dropped in. Old

Aunt Martha was last to come, and Dick was loth to let be go agalu; for he felt that in the happy days of his rethem—her ship was almost in the haven—as he watched her picking her way across the fields toward her home. At last they were all gone, and noth

ing was left but to say goodby. The trunk had already been carried to the wagon. Meg sits by the window with her hand on Guess' bend. Poor Guess, what will be do without his master? all this morning he had seen Dick's shadow, and his oyes fastened on Dick's face with a look which plainly said: "Take me with you!"

"Wril, time to go, Dick," said Mr. Warren, as he picked up the satchel.

Mrs. Warren looked quickly at the

"Why, no, father, not for ten min "I leave at 9:03, you know, mother."

"And you must go now ?"

She was at his side in an instant, and putting her hands on his shoulders gazed up into his face as though she would never look away Just as she looked when she beat over James' little coffin and kissed him for the las: time-a look which sought to fix his face in her mind forever and at the what it held for her boy. Dick longed to comfort her. His heart was almost breaking, yet he could not stand there awkardly holding his hat. He was not looking at his mother, but off into the distance and was alreaging term. not looking at his mother, but off into the distance and was atruggling hard to keep back the tears. In his boyish heart he believed that to show any emotion was numanly; yet how he longed to tell that dear, hard-working

But Mr. Warren was calling from the wagon, and, after one last goodby Dick was gone.
In the farmbouse that night a silent

figure stole into the south room under the caves, and knelt by the bed. The moonlight, streaming in through the open window lighted up the dear disordered room and bed. Evidently nothing had been tunched there that day.

far away the same moon was look Far away the same moon was looking down upon a young boy standing on the forward platform of a train speeding enatwards. The world was before him, and he was looking manfully through his tears into the future Breaking home ther? No, thank God I they are not broken. It may be some chance word or look will bring back to the poor wanderer the dear old farm, the father leaning over the Bible, or the mother's loving face, and with the rush of memory will come. with the rush of memory will come too, the old-time thoughts and desires.

"No, the He is never broken. The chain is unly lengthened; thy dest alone can break the tie That binds the hear! to some." Exact Information. blesgo Tribane.

"I have noticed," said the Bev. Dr. Goodman, pausing in his discourse, "that two or three of the brethren have looked at their watches several times in the last few minutes. For fear their timepiaces may not agree I will say that the correct time is 11:45. I set may watch by the regulator at the jaweler's last night. The erroon will be over at 11:01. It would have closed promptly at 12 but for this disgression. Let us proceed to consider now what the apostle means when he says, 'I press toward the mark."

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their various humors to successfully manar them, but rome men a. d some rouses have intuitive knowledge or the sa ject. They are born managera. The success attending the currers of great men has generally resulted from heir atolity, natural or acquired, it pick out the right assistants and get bem to use their best efforts. Their methods are not always the same. Some men beve to be driven and some led, with every possible shade of differ ence between the two processes. But the successful managers of monegation one characteristic to common. The sale their course whatever it may be, with an even temper. When they drive key do so with moral force rather than physical; when the lead. It is with cheerful manner. They are al ways in car est, and their purposes command tespect. The driving man command tespect. The driving man may be very quest, though det rinined, it is his persistence without passion that breaks down osponicion. If he ghould be ground, he would arouse recistance and perhaps fail in his pur-recistance and perhaps fail in his pur-puse. The noisy, abusive, domineering ruler of men may command them through fear, but he has no real hold upon them, and the moment they are given an opportunity to recape from his tyruiny they rebel. He is not a good manager of men, though for the time being they may obey him with alacrity. Successful managers of men implies that they have been so trained by him that they will do their duty whether he is present or absent; whether he has the power to punish or re ward, or is the mere agent of another and higher anthority. Such a man rules by force of character, because the men under him have learned that he is air-minded, sympathetic and devoted to duty. He is not arbitrary or bad tempered, but has obtained control over himself lefore undertaking to control others. He is, moreover, an observant man and quickly learns the dispositions of those whom he rules and treats them accordingly. and treats them accordingly. With one he is indulgent, with another severe; with all he deals justly. Such men are, if course, rare, but these are men who rise to the higher positions in business life. They were the course of the property of the series o business life; they are the men who are fitted to become foremen, managers and principals Some of them are fitted for such posts by pature; all can qualify themselves for higher others try required of those who are to successfully manage other men. They must first of all learn to control themselves that their tempers shall be even; they must be free from prejudice, abte to desi justly with all men; they must have a definite purpose in life and sufficient determination to follow it unswervingly. Men thus constituted ditted to ru'e or manage other and we ker characters. The common idea of a manager or boss is of an arrogent. loud mouthed, cruel ruler who governs by the fear be inspires; but the real rulers of men are gentle and just, but persistent. They are men who control thems-lives and are thus fitted to con-

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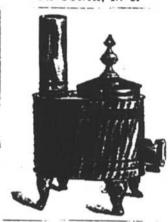
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