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curled, And their mother stood watching them out For men must work, that women may

keep The length of their revels, lest over they And their fond mamma be scrowling.

Three fathers sat up by their ledgers so blank And they conned their accounts with their heads low down; And they added their bills and their checks on

the bank, And read the dread roll of the day's wrecks in town; But men must work, lest the women should weep—
Though lonely his lot and troubles deep,
The pattern papa's not growling.

Three bankrupts were posted in merciless print
In the morning Gazette, as the panic went

And their daughters went duly from frenzy to For the tragedy thrilled the elite of the For men may work, yet the women will

And the sooner they're married, the sooner

ne had just received from England. Hen- waters 700 feet below. Of the twelve particularly attracted by a richly-em- gods, this is all that remains; and a herbroidered coat which he saw brought mit-monk keeps the watch where the eyes sparkled, and he could scarcely keep | and immorality .- Cincinnati Enquirer. his eyes from the coveted prize. But he held back and held his peace for the time. On the following morning, however, the

of his look. came in the box."

and finally said my friend. The coat is yours." The chief went away fairly beside him-

self with delight. to his dusky ally:

"Hendrick, I had a dream last night." hand, and said to me: 'Sir William heard moans from the coffin, that he had Johnson, you have been my true friend, the case opened when the train made its and I will give you proof of my great next halt. The weather was very cold love for you. And you gave to me the and upon the inside of the glass plate of tract of land on the great river and the coffin there had accumulated a thin tor of the Navy to say whether he can

ritory embracing nearly one hundred thousand acres of choice land. outdone in generosity.

"My pale-faced brother," he at length said, "the land is yours." And after a pause he added, with significant nod:

'Sir William, we won't dream any more. You dream too big for me." The title of the land was confirmed to Sir William by the British Government,

in what is now Herkimer county. -Not more than twenty-five years ago a learned doctor published an elaborate treatise to prove that salt was the "forbidden fruit," through eating which our first parents fell, and has ever since been the cause of all our disease and ills, though only a lunatic would deny that salt serves some important and essential uses in the animal ecenomy. The desire for salt seems an instinct implanted in the animal

creation, and there is a natural craving for it when it does not exist in sufficient quantity in tood. Animals will travel long distances and brave great dangers to get at saline earths. called salt licks; horses and cows are most healthy when provided with lumps of rock salt in their mangers or pastures, and even bees will sip a solution of salt with avidity. Men will barter gold for it in countries where it is scarce, and for it husbands will sell their wives, and parents their children. In some districts of Africa salt is far more expensive than the purest white sugar in Europe, and children will suck a lump of it in preference greater or less appetite for salt in all individuals shows that this substance

serves more important functions than that of merely gratifying the palate. . Salt being a large constituent of the human body and forming about half the total weight of the saline matters of the blood, the constant loss of it by the secretions, the bile, and even tears, requires to be made up by its employment as a condiment. The free acid found in the stomach, and which forms an essential constituent of the gastric juice, is obviously derived from the sait taken with our food; and the sods of the blood and in some of the secretions is doubtless obtained from the decomposition in the system of common salt, which is the only mineral food of man and the only saline condictment essential to health .- British Manufacturer.

-Once safely housed, I stepped out of -After the labor of the day is over the Mohawk Valley in 1755, one of his staun- the waters, upon which the fishermen's chest friends was the old Mohawk sachem, little boats were being swayed. In Ca-Hendrick. Sir William had great con- pri there was no sound. Who can defidence in the old chief's judgment, and scribe Capri? It is a dream! We wan-Indians and French without consulting and see the pale-colored, flat-domed houses American money. All bets are settled very verge of his narrow walk, and benbim. "If they are to fight they are too of the peasants Where Augustus built few; if they are to be killed they are too many," was his laconic response to Johnson's question touching the propriety of prickly figs on the edges of its thick, oval, sending out a small body of men which | whittish green leaves. We stroll through | games. It happens sometimes that a for the convenience of the workmen in he had organized against an expected the Villa di Tiberio; there is a ruined light house left, and the perpendicular On a certain occasion Sir William was cliff over which the cruel Tiberius threw being ignorant of the game, thinks that centre of the span was reached and the anpacking a large box of clothing which his victims into the ever-raging, seething

drick, you have been my friend, and now | ger Frank Burgess. While the train was I will reward you.' And you gave me the in the western part of Nebraska, Mr. led bim to believe that the dead man The baronet reflected a few moments, had come to life. It was in the night, and he heard the sounds as he lay dozing "It is true, Hendrick, you have been and half asleep. Again the noise was heard, and the attention of the messenger was riveted to the coffin, and the horrible possibility that the dead might be alive A few days after that said Sir William trust itself upon the messenger so forcibly that he called the attention of other employees to it, but after listening a ton gun. "Ah! And what did my white brother moment, they merely laughed at him. The convictions of the express messen-"I dreamed that you took me by the ger, however, were so strong that he had Canada creek," describing a square ter- film of frost, such as might have been de- build a serviceable man-of-war fit to carry posited by the breath of a person confined armor of this stupendous weight tothousand acres of choice land. in such narrow quarters. The face was gether with guns of one hundred or one also drawn up against the glass plate, hundred and fifty tons. For it would be utterly confounded. This was the fairest and other disturbances indicated life. use ess to have a craft of this kind if in of his domain, But he was not to be While Burgess had no doubt that the the end it proved too ponderous and in the coffin, the other employees ex- floating batteries were. - London Daily plained the accumulation of frost on the News. grass as the natural exhalations of the dead body, and the disturbances of the

corpse as due to the movements in the shipping. A private despatch, received from Chi-

for the calendar years 1875 and 1876, must retrench as much as possible.' The which has just been issued by the bureau sympathetic saleswoman was about reof statistics, presents strong points of placing the shawl upon its shelf when the effect of the blue rays, "M. Paul Bert difference between the commercial transactions of the two years, and all of them take the shawl, then, Madam ? 'No,' was experiments, that a mere ray of green for the past year in our favor. We imported \$76,540,280 less merchandise in It suits me, too, and I was only waiting the person exposed to it, apart from all 1876 than in 1875, whilst our exports ex- for your determination.' Then, turning to aid afforded to it by the smell or presence ceeded those of the latter year by \$78,- the saleswoman, the last speaker told her of arsenic. He has submitted several than one hundred and fifty millions of to Mr. —. The effect the name had of different colors thrown upon them dollars during the past year in our favor. upon the lady who was unable to buy the through stained glass, and in every case Our receipts of specie and bullion from which the curtain did not fall at once, by in the shortest time. In those plants abroad were \$11,783,249 more than in any means." 1875, whilst our exports of the precious metals were \$32,135 100 less. The excess of our exports of merchandise in 1876, to sweet-meats. But the existence of a as compared with 1875, indicates not only greater commercial activity during the past year, but that we have been paying off, in part, with our products, our foreign indebtedness. The decrease in imports during the same period is a proof that we have been economizing; whilst the specie tables show that a part of our sales abroad have been paid for in the precions metals; the amount of specie in the country from larger imports and lesser exports has consequently increased consiperably, and we are, therefore, nearer, by so much, to the resumption of specie payments.

It consists of a group of twenty-four fos-sil lizards from the sandstone strata of their caudy and cake. Has constantly on hand a large and fresh the properties of Zerich has recently apply of Choice Groceries, Wines, Linguistry of Choice Groceries, Wines, Linguistry of Suranteed, and sold attinguished by a maximum of solar spots the lowest market prices. Persons visiling Baltimore would do well to call before putices for two integrations and an unusual average height of July 27, 72 tf.

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my room on to the balcony, which gave weary Chinaman in San Francisco betakes | York Tribune, who has been allowed to me a grand view of the Bay of Naples, himself to the club room, theater or opium | walk across the temporary foot-path of Sorento, the long road that leads to Pomi den for an evening's enjoyment. The the Brooklyn bridge, gives this account peii, Castella Mare, Vesuvius, Naples, and club rooms are filled nightly. The China of his experience: the islands to the left, Procida and To- man is an inveterate gambler. With him A Tribune reporter had been accorded chia. At night we had engaged the ta- it is one of the necessities of life. He the privilege of making the first trip alone rantella daocers to come to the hotel. will stint his stomach to save a few cents and on foot across the bridge. "We will We improvised a sort of auditorium for to gratify his insatiable desire to win or never have any rest until the reporters ourselves, and the dancers came-six lose. He does not seem to care what pairs - mostly old women and men, two the game is. It is said that in many been killed," said the officer in charge, of them, however, young girls of exceed- places in China it is no unusual sight to "so step on here, young man." With ing grace. One of the women, seated on see rich merchants carrying beetles and this encouraging permission the reporter flat shell; and, being once fixed, he bethe floor, began to beat on a large tam- large grasshoppers in the large sleeves of borine, with skillful measures, the taran- their coats. A certain mark is placed tilla, the other sang, and the dance be- upon each insect. A saucer is produced, gan in single pairs, a gliding step, full of and two of the beetles are placed in it motion, and the snapping of fingers, the to fight a battle. The respective owners this narrow path are 11 by 3 inches, and men cutting capers, the women swaying make their bets, and the battle goes on their bodies and moving their arms and until one or the other of the insects are hands with a peculiar graceful motion. killed. The same thing is done with low. Two men approach one of the girls; she tame quails, which are bred and trained joins hands with the best dancer, and in the same manner as gamecocks. Since they continue together with bands joined. the effectual raids made by the police the reporter found himself upon the im The music grows faster; they all dance. upon the game of tan-tan, and the severe The auditorium get interested and feel penalties imposed upon all who are arthat it is not difficult. In hall an hour rested for playing it, that game has been height of 271 feet. The view spread out everybody in the room is dancing and generally abandoned. The game which before him demanded a few moments singling to the thumping, trilling and is now universally played is "dominoes." attention, after which the trip across the beating of the tamborine. This was my Instead of playing the game as whites do, river was begun. The 1,600 feet of temfirst night in Capri. When I stood on the Chinese mix the dominoes well to- porary bridge seemed like a great slack to sleep,
And defy the mamma and her scowling.

My balcony again the moon was silvergether. Two dice are thrown for the rope. Over 6,000 of the little oak stays ing the magic blue waters, and the little choice. The man getting the highest were to crossed, with only a wire railing lights were glistening in the distant win- number of spots on the dice draws off the for support. The reporter kept on his -While Sir William Johnson was dows of the houses and towers of Naples, first six dominoes. The second best throw way, stepping cautiously, and occasion-Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the casting long streaks of faint light into takes second choice, and so on. The ally pausing to look down upon the river game is generally played by four persons. The first choice then plays the first The morning clouds and unstable waters domino. At the end of the game pieces of the river seemed to present unusual atof Chinese coin are given out. These tractions, and the reporter would sudseldom made a move against the hostile der among the ruins of Tiberius's villas, coins represent a certain amount in denly find himself stepping upon the

the men are playing a dice game. The Chinese have been saided so much during drick chanced to be present, and was villas built by Tiberius in honor of the the past year that the appearance of a police officer at the door of one of their club rooms instantly creates a panic, and forth and shaken out in all its glittering hermit-Emperor had chosen his beloved it requires the assurance of the officer splender of gold lace and gilded buttons retreat, surrounded with every luxury that everything is "all right" to quiet and bright silk facing. The old Indian's and living in Oriental splender, seclusion them down. -The Admiralty, it is said, proposes -The body of a man who went to to construct another big turret vessel chieftain waited upon the Governor for a California to regain his health, was repurpose, as was evident from the intensity cently shipped in a metallic coffin for and strength the Inflexible as much as years the fragments from the cook and his former home in the East. When the this does the Thunderer or Devastation. carving rooms of the different hotels in Sir William," said he, with wide-open Central Pacific train arrived at Ogden The armor plating of the last named is city have been eagerly and regularly eyes and a general expression of wonder. "The bone of the last night. Me dream that you say to me. Good Hen
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Order Journal, who says:" The bone only too glad to get the leavings from the tables of their more fortunate fellow creating the process of the ground—I say Spezia experiments have taught us, are them. In most of the hotels this business new coat, with the bright gold on it, that Burgess heard sounds from the coffin that easily pierced with the big Anglo Italian is thoroughly systematized, and the basguns with which Sir William Armstrong | ket brigade marshals itself at the proper and Company have provided the Italian navy; and if the next turret ship we build is to keep out projectiles from these one hundred-ton weapons, its bulwarks will need to be very stout and strong in-

> ward off a shot fired from a one hundred-Thirty-six inches, therefore, at least, must be the thickness of the iron wails of our new iron clad, if it is required to stand the fire of such craft as the Dandolo and Duilio, both of which the Italians propose to arm with one hundred-ton guns. It will now be for the Construcman, though dead then, had been alive unwieldy to handle, as some of our old There has been but little change in the

-The St. Louis Republican relates the following as an actual fact lately transpiring in that city; "Not long ago two cago last night, says that when the coffin ladies stood at the shawl counter of one and called the Royal grant. The land arrived at its destination and was of the two leading dry goods stores in St. was north of the Mohawk, and lay mostly opened, unmistakable proofs of the terri- Louis. They were unknown to each other, ble truth were discovered. The hands but were each intent in the examination were clinched, the lips bitten, and the of shawls. One of the ladies was finally mouth filled with bloody froth. The banded something that struck her fancy. man had been alive, and it was his moan- She turned the article over and over, with ing that had been heard but not recog- admiring eye upon it, and asked its price. She was told what it was, and with a The comparative statement of the she; 'it suits me perfectly, but I cannot imports and exports of the United States afford it. My husband tells me that we other lady spoke: 'You do not intend to publishes a theory, founded on repeated the response. 'Then I think I'll take it. light is capable of affecting the health of 434,303, making a total difference of more to do up the purchase, adding, 'Charge it specimens of the sensitive plant to rays The table of specie imports and exports shawl was electric. 'That's my husbandl' makes an equally gratifying exhibit. She shrieked, and there was a scene upon brilliant green light withered and died

-Capary birde, as well as all kinds of their food. I put in one seed-cup oat- and hungry fashion borizontally with the meal, and in another seed mixed as fol. branch from which they sprang; while in lows: One pound canary, and one-half a blue light the contrary effect was prothis seed-cup about one dozen bempseed and perpendicularly from their stem. One of the plants was enclosed in a lanthe bemp and giring a little eaving out lettuce-seed, say twenty or thirty seeds daily-not too much, or it will make the the cage a nice piece of salt pork, as well if by a fatal fascination, turned with one as a good cuttle bone. After tresting the bird in this way for three or four weeks, looked death in the face." I procured another canary, a fine, free songeter, and hung it in the hearing, but -An exceedingly rare and valuable time I had as good a singer as I could palsontological specimen, probably with wish. He has sung ever since, through out its like in any collection in the molting and all. Most people are afraid world, has just been placed in the Royal of getting their birds in too good condi-Cabinet of Natural History at Stuttgart, tion; but remember you must not get growling season. What shall we do to

-An adventurous reporter of the New

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have gone over and scores of them have began his journey up the 930 feet of bridge, which lay at an angle of 35 degrees before him and 31 feet in width beneath him. The planks which form are placed sufficiently far apart upon the

cables to afford glimpses of the river be-The distance to the Brooklyn tower was traversed with ease and rapidity, and mense pile of masonry, amid the cumbersome apparatus of construction, at a with an irrepressible feeling of dizziness outside of the club room. In this way ding over the railing. A cradle was soon the Chinaman is enabled to gratify his reached and a halt made. Here an officer passion for gambling without trespassing in charge of the workmen explained the upon the city laws prohibiting banking object of the foot bridge, which is merely police officer arrests the domino players putting up other cables and completing in mistake. He sees the dice shaken, and the structure of the bridge. When the ascent to the western pier began, the cold winds and biting winter air made themselves felt. The ascent to the New York tower, more than 700 feet, was made in about 15 minutes, and the walk down hill to the anchor pier was quickly accomplished. The trip from city to city occupied three-quarters of an hour.

-How the "broken victuals" are disposed of by the Boston hotels is thus re-But twenty-two inches of iron, as the tutes, at the merely nomical price charged back door with the regularity of old sol-diers on a parade. At the Parker House, where the greatest amount of this trade is carried on, an average of sixty people make daily calls not far from 3 P. M. deed. Anything less than three feet of and presenting their baskets to the lady solid metal could not be relied upon to in charge of that department, get about

fifteen cents worth of provisions each. Some call for but ten ceuts worth, and others even less, but the majority are regular comers and buy tickets at \$1 per week. The provisions distributed are stale bread, carcasses of fowl and joints of meat, on which the carver has exhausted his skill, cold vegetables, indeed anything and everything which, having run the gauntlet of the guests table and the servants board is ready to be cast into outer darkness. Of course there are many rich and relishing morsels in the scraps thus given out, but it is not intended that anything shall go which can be used to advantage in any other way line of back poor custom at the hotels for years past, save that at the present time the number of the callers is steadily increasing. Frequently the demand is so great that the supply is exhausted, and this is becoming a not unusual occurrence, for while the buyers of broken victuals are growing more numerous, the closeness of the times, and the falling off in hotel rates leads most managers to cut closer and practice little economies from the range to the scrap basket. The Revere House, Young's Hotel, the Tremont House and the American House, as well as Parker's, have their regular lines of cheap callers, as does, probably, every diers, balls, and paint boxes. England other public house in the city.

-While Gen. Pleasantown is as confident as ever in regard to the beneficial those which were treated to the most culiar phenomenon was observed; the tips or spikes of the leaves prolonged themselves and grew forward in a lean pound rape seeds, putting on the top of duced; the spikes standing out abruptly the hemp, and giving a little good fresh tern, with red glass on one side and green on the other, instead of shrinking away from the poison on the right to the robird drunk and dumpish. Hang also in seate antidote on the left, the leaves, as

> The stilking lecomotive engineers of the cold, to seemige entities disking at it convicts in this direction, and we think the idea a good one. He says:

We shall soon be in the midst of troube saved? Mudholes and quagmires will heavy building paper, and rest on ressoon be the one great momentous ques-tion with all who have a horse and cart. The inhabitants are fishermen, who eat

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-Mr. Frank Buckland, the naturalist, hus explains the manner in which the yster builds his shell. The body of an oyster is a poor weak thing, apparently incapable of doing anything at all. Yet what a marvelous house an oyster builds around his delicate frame!

When an oyster is first born, he is a very simple dot, as it were; and yet he is born with his two shells upon him. For some unknown reason he always fixes himself on his round shell, never by his gins to grow-but he only grows in summer. Inspect an oyster shell closely, and it will be seen that it is marked

with distinct lines. As the rings we observe in the section of a truck of a tree, denote years of growth, so do the markings on an oyster tell how many years he has passed in his

bed at the bottom of the sea. Suppose the oyster under inspection was born on June 15th, 1780, he would go on growing up to the first line we see well marked; ne would then stop for the winter. In summer, 1871, be would more than double his size. In 1872, he would again add to his house. In 1873 and 1874, he would again go ouilding, till he was dredged up in the middle of his work in 1875, so that he is

plainly five and a half years old. The way in which an oyster grows his shell is a pretty sight. The heard of an oyster is not only his breathing organ -.. i. e. his lungs-but also his feeding orgau, by which he conveys the food to his complicated mouth with its four lips.

When the warm, calm days of June come, the oyster opens his suell, and by means of his beard begins building an additional story to his house. This he does by depositing very fine particles of carbonate of lime, till at last they form a substance as thin as silver paper, and exceedingly fragile. Then he adds more and more, till at last the new shell is as

uard as the old shell. When oysters are growing their shell, they must be handed very carefully, as the new growth of shell will cut like broken glass, and a wound on the finger from an oyster shell, is often very poisonous.

-Several acres of level ground in Boons county, Ky., surrounded by hills, were once a marsh of quicksand. Now there is a fertile surface, under which is is a vast quantity of bones of animals that, long ago, sank into the quicksand when they ventured on it to drink. The account of a week's excavating is giving by a correspondent of the Louisville present because the valley, having recently sunk, is annually inundated, till there is a deposit of several test over the original earth. James Douglas 1773 reported the bodies to be so thick upon the ground that he could walk on themteeth of ten pounds weight, tusks eleven teet long, thigh bones five and ribs ten. The first shipment made of these remains was by Dr. Goferth, who in 1803 loaded a flatboat with them, and sent them to England, where they are now in the British Museum. President Thomas Jeffer. son, then President of the American Philosophical Society, had a collection made in 1805, a portion of which he gave to the French naturalist Cuvier. In 1819 & third collection was made by the Western Society. In 1833 a resident exhuned a skeleton, twenty-two feet long and eleven feet high, with tusks twelve feet long, all of which are now in the Kentucky department of the British Museum." The new digging yields an immense number of bone, and the deposits seems to be almost inexhaustible.

-It is estimated that during the New Year's holidays \$400,000 worth of toys were sold in Paris. Toys of all kinds come to Paris from various parts of France, and from other countries. The Jura has the monopoly of cheap little wooden playthings, such as miniature chairs, animals, blacksmith shops, &c.
They are colored red by soaking in a decoction of sorrel. Windmills turned by strings, and firwood spades are manufactured in the Aisne, at Notre Dame de Liese, near Laon. From Germany come the more intricate toys, such as mechanical dolls, biscuit china statuettes, solcontributes tin whistles, and France or Paris furnishes leaden needle-guns, tin table-ware, drums, dolls, tambourines, card board flowers, &c., &c.

-Ten thousand newly invented horse hammocks have just been placed in store in the transport department of the Royal Dockyard at Woolwich, England. In the shipping and transport of horses in war time a mortality of 17 to 20 per cent has hitherto occurred by the animals injuring their heads and getting on their feet during the rolling of the suip. When once a borse gets down under those circumstances he cannot rise again without aid, and often struggle to death in the vain endeavor to recover his feet, The new English hammock consists of a sling fixed under the horse's body in his stall. The British Government expects to save \$5,000 on every hundred horses.

-The cold in Russia has been more severe this winter than for 158 years. In St. Petersburg, on Dec. 30, the thermometer fell to 82 degrees (Reaumur) below zero. Several cabmen were frozen to death on their seats, and cats, pigeons, and sparrows were found dead in the street. Large lires were kept burning at night by the police for the benefit of the public. In Moscow the Grand Theatre was closed for want of audience, the peo--The editor of the Germantown Tele- ple being afraid to venture out in the

-About four bundred shanties are far