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# What I Saw This Spring.

VOLUME I.

I saw a blue bird Free from care Floating along Singing a song In the morning air; Circling down, He lit on the crown Of a king-cup brown, And filled its cell With the tremulous swell Of a thrilling note

I saw a crocus. Lifting up Its dainty cup To catch a pearl From a cloudlet's curl, Ere, floating light, Like a cygnet white, It settled to rest

From his throbbing throat.

In the amber west. I saw a spirit, A spirit of Love. Downward come From a golden dome. Leading along A rosy throng Of daisies pied And four o'clocks. Of violets,

And spatterdocks; From cloudlets blue, And adding to this Her royal kiss, For she was queen-

Queen of the spring. -Guy H. Avery.

# AMY'S FLOWERS

"She always has her face in those flowers," said Sam. "She isn't a bit of good for a sister-might as well have none at all. If she isn't darning stockings, she's sifting gravel, or baking dirt, or reddening pots! Fussing about those old plants forever! Can't play ball, can't take an oar-one brother's worth ten

"I don't agree with you," said Decatur. "If Amy were my sister, I wouldn't exchange her for all the brothers in the world;" and his bright eyes followed the | those things forward, given some sun, little sylph-like shape, flitting about on those small errands, with an expression which meant a great deal more than was

Just then Amy turned and came toward them with a couple of tea-rose "The very first!" she cried. had prospered and doubled. "And you and Sam shall have them, Decatur! Got a pin?"

"Now the idea!" said Sam. "The time that Amy spends at those flowers, she might be learning something useful in. She's got to earn her own living, or I've got to earn it for her, Aunt Sophy says, and I think she should be studying. so as to take a school, or making a good cook of herself, so as to be a housekeeper.

"Those were nice biscuit we had this morning. Amy made them. She made the coffee, too. I guess she'll do about right," said Decatur. "And she's second in her class in school—a large class more than you or I ever were, Sam."

"Samuel," said Aunt Sophy, "the first bell will ring before you're ready;" and off trudged Sam to do his errand; and Decatur, who had just begun his appren-

They were all orphans that Aunt Sophy Smith had adopted. Decatur was some years the elder, and was not a relative of long sleep. Sam and Amy. He was a handsome, quiet lad, and very much attached to

He had begun to learn business with one day to have Aunt Sophy ride in her send me to the Polytechnic."

He was learning book-keeping, and said Aunt Sophy. wondering how he could ever save enough

"About a dollar," said Sam, as well as I think you might buy a boat." he could for the hot potato. what you did with it," said Aunt Sophy. | can't afford it.' "I'd just as lief," said Sam, in the in- The next year, Amy had tripled her

my bat and ball. morning, and sold them for five dollars." "Sixties! S'pose you're going to re- Boston. member the poor, Amy!" cried Sam.

changing a glance with Aunt Sophy, almost every other window was. "but not now. I've spent it all." . "You have! What for?"

"Window glass."

"Whew! Window glass? Well, if that isn't a shame! I suppose you're and things-and I did so want a bamboo | the two heads bent over in a long confishing-pole and reel. I don't see how fabulation anybody can be so mean!"

her money as she pleases, and she of the store kept it for his, Sam's, New Orleans, and the fourth was re- do not occupy the position of a sinecure. mustn't be abused for it.

right. From the day she first opened his ladder; but his salary was yet only her blue eyes on the world, she had three hundred a year, with no prospect

soon as she could walk, dug them up to and ambitious. see if they were sprouting, and pulled | As for Amy's conservatory, he was at them up to set them back in the right home so little, and saw so little of of the old and new dies, are living at way, fully persuaded that they had come what went on, that he hardly regarded the present time.—Philadelphia Record. up wrong end first.

was the gift she loved the most. She the whole, to dress her, she was somehad loved her dolls; but her flowers times so shabby.

steam and warmth of the kitchen. So, before Amy was a dozen years chievous eyes. old, her great window full of blossoms the year round was the town talk and "Don't!"

Aunt Sophy saw it all, and like the wise woman that she was, said little, but waited for things to take their course. | chance as Decatur and I've lost!" She sold the stove, and put a furnace in ellar, although she had to go with- and Amy together. a new winter outfit to do it; and the

them the privilege. When they have bought and paid for the quantity they is a sked to buy, allow keep things to yourself."

"I'll tell you," said Sam, "ir you're so wish, you can give them as many more as they will accept;" and Amy sent tune, and we've lost it." them away loaded.

"Oh, if we only had a conservatory!" sighed Amy then; and that night a Sophy in the dark to tell her of it. The next day, in obedience to this idea, Amy left a bunch of flowers in the postoffice to be sold, and twice a left and Decatur and I know every trick and pigeons with fatal results. It was

to the sound of digging and stone-hauling, and to see a deep hole under way Aunt Sophy and Amy at the southeast corner of the house. On Saturday night, with eyes big and round as the dollars themselves, he saw

Amy pay the stone-masons twenty dol-lars for her cellar. On Monday the carpenters and glaziers came. When all was done, there was a little glass room, with a little glass roof, opening from Aunt Sophy's parlor, the greater part of the brick floor carpeted with several inches of earth, through which ran little hot-water

pipes from an arrangement that had been added to the furnace. "I haven't one cent left," said Amy, as she surveyed the completed work. "Aunty, 'twas an awful risk!"

"You must work the harder to make sure, then," said aunty. Even Sam, who had been so loud in his disapproval at first, had to confess that the little conservatory was a thing of beauty when he and Decatur were

admitted to its sacred precincts. "You see," said Amy, "I get all the sun there is; and it doesn't cost aunty a bit more for coal, because the hot water whose steam feeds these pipes is held against the fire-pot of the furnace and kept hot by the heat that is doing

"But it took all the money you had," said Sam. "I'd rather have had a ye-"Maybe you won't think so always,"

said Amy.

Amy had taken everything given her, given her love and care to everything, rested these things half the year, pushed some shadow.

When a little bit of a child, she had been found, one cold night, with a delicate tropical plant carefully basketed and taken to bed with her that it should not freeze; and with all her efforts, the plants

It was at about this time that a modest dinner, or for the "girl-graduates" of received a communication from B. F

ticeship at a store, went his separate seen trudging along with a parcel or flowers to some sick person, or to some

above expenses, just one hundred dollars. no other ambition than that of being able don't say so! I suppose you are going to and cotton in bloom and the motto against the Czar or his authority unless

out of his fifty dollars a year to go into she would!" said Sam. "And you the date, "1861." needn't be in a hurry, Miss Amy, to re- The history of the coin may be briefly "Well, Sam," said Aunt Sophy, at fuse before you're asked! I'm going into recapitulated from Mr. Taylor's statedinner, "you thought Amy's time would business with Decatur the minute I'm ment. When the New Orleans mint be so much better spent if she were help- through school. He's learned book-keep- was taken possession of by the Coning you dig bait. Now to how much has ing, and I'm a real hand at a bargain; federates in April, 1861, the original dies all the fish I have bought of you this year and I'll wager we'll soon have a hundred of the United States were cancelled in dollars to every one of Amy's. So! But the presence of the officials connected

"'Twould be lovely, moonlight nights, "Of course I am not going to ask you on the river," said Amy. "But no, I

tervals of his bone-picking. "I bought receipts. She had left school, and now The above design was submitted and gave all her time to her flowers. She approved, and orders were issued for "Well, Amy cut her rosebuds this had a boy on the railway to sell her the striking off of specimen pieces. Four rosebuds, and even sent her baskets into half-dollars were accordingly coined, and mouth and publication. The inheritance

The bay-window was full of those "Yes," said Amy, laughingly, and ex- that would flourish there, as, indeed, "I declare, auntie," said Amy, one

barns and build bigger!" "So we shall!" "But not yet!" And then the bankgoing to set up a hot-bed, with lettuces book came out of its hiding-place, and

Sam had left school by this; and he federate government, the second was pre-"Stop, stop, Sam!" cried Aunt Sophy. also was in a store-still the same Sam, "Amy has earned the right to spend and rather apt to think that the owner of Louisiana; the third to Dr. Ames, of

It was true. Amy had earned the Decatur had gone up some rounds on of more. It used to make him melan-

it as more than play, and doubted if As she grew older, a bunch of flowers | she made quite enough money by it, on

better. All the neighbors knew it, and One evening—it was Decatur's twen- Five belles were at the opera of "Dinoarybody who had a plant was sure ty-first birthday, as it happened—Sam rah" (very charmingly done by the way). save a slip for Amy Smith. The and Decatur came in together, and both with one eye bandaged, beautiful Cytchen shelf and window ledges were. of them looked very downcast. "Why, clops, in white and blue and pink, covered with the little pots, and glasses, what's the matter, Sam?" said Aunt This affection the oculists call malarial

"Don't !" said Sam, peevishly.

"What chance?" asked Aunt Sophy commended to all people to open the eye ments, not unlike the ancient dwellers in

bunch of flowers, and Amy made haste to give instead of sell them, Aunt Sophy want to know about it," she said. "It's aid:
"No, no; they asked to buy; allow you mustn't be stingy. You mustn't

> anxious. It's a chance to make our for-Aunt Sophy, much relieved.

"Indeed it's not. It's old Turnthought struck her, and she woke Aunt stable's stand, store and stock! We heard him offer to sell out the whole week thereafter, finding there always of the business. We could roll the proven that the disease could be comsome purchaser; and it soon became money right over in a year. We could municated to mammalia, and it was quite the custom in the town, when do twice as well as he's done. Oh, we found that diphtheria was very prevalent flowers were wanted, to send to Amy could build up a great business there. among the people at the time the fowls Aunt Sophy and Amy exchanged city.

> "Is that so, Decatur?" one asked. "Well, yes," said Decatur. "But what's the use of talking about it. It happens to thousands. We must plow success that Mr. Carlyle, Mr. Bret grateful for the invitation, for he loved, "And you really could build up a good

"Oh, to be sure. Anybody could with pluck and industry. But there, let's drop it! I've got something new to show you in checkers, Amy.' "Wait a minute," said Amy, "then

I'll play."
And she went over to her desk, and was busy there some moments with a little blank book and some scraps of

Then she came back and put a scrap of paper into the hand of Aunt Sophy, who handed it over to Decatur. As he looked at it, his head fell on the table between his arms. "I-I can't take it," thousand dollars.

Sam was looking over his shoulder. 'I'll take it!" said he. "You must take it, Decatur," said Amy. "It is for both of you. We've been saving it all this time for some such occasion. I've the conservatory and my custom still left, you know, and when you're rich you can pay me.

, Of course you'll take it, Decatur," said Aunt Sophy. "That's what it's for, and we won't have any nonsense. Certainly it was a pretty sight, all only I want you both to appreciate all hat store of green and blossoming of the dust and kindred topics. Why self-denial in laying it away."

Ior, and we won't have any nonsense. Only I want you both to appreciate all hier. Wine is the national drink, and there is consumed of it, on an average, for dressy white straw bonnets. Sometimes the French, the April-fool is called papa, what are you looking for?" "Oh, that store of green and blossoming Amy's self-denial in laying it away."

"It hasn't been self-denial," said Amy. It has been solid comfort."

"I never, never can pay you, Amy," said Decatur, by-and-bye, as they stood together in the little conservatory, "unthing in her ear. But Amy will never forgive me if I te

# you what it was he whispered.

Confederate Hard Money. It has been believed and recorded as an historical fact that the Southern Conadvertisement appeared in the daily federacy had no metallic currency. After paper—for it was a large country town, a lapse of eighteen years, evidence now although Amy's own section of it was presents itself to show that four coins a small one: "Cut flowers, crosses, were struck off at the New Orleans wreaths, bouquets, for sale by Amy mint while that place was in possession of the Confederate government. This gan to come in, till at last there was discovery has been brought about by a hardly a single day without an order of Record item, entitled "A Craze for Coins," some sort—a box of flowers for some- which gave the fancy prices upon rare body's party, a bouquet, or a handful of pieces. A few days subsequent to the to the direct consumption of spirits. The orange blossoms for some bride, a wreath | publication, Mr. Mason, the numismatist, | only exceptions are La Vendee and Charfor some funeral, a dozen boutonnieres of 143 North Tenth street, who was infor the managers of a ball, or fair, or cidentally referred to in the article, Taylor, M. D., the secretary and trea-Sometimes it was all that Amy could surer of the Louisiana State Board of do to keep up her lessons and her school Health, giving the information that he and fill her orders. Of course her prices | had a Confederate coin in his possession. were low, which explained much of her In reply, Mr. Mason wrote for a leadcustom, and she might often enough be pencil rubbing of the piece, at the same time expressing a doubt as to the existence of any genuine coins of the Conpoor mother who had lost her baby, and federate States. The return mail brought ing at the governments of continental had no money to buy flowers to adorn its a rubbing of the coin. The obverse Europe, where all political troubles and represents a liberty cap above the Ameri-At New Year's Amy looked over her can shield, the union of the latter con- press, of which ministers and bureauaffairs and she found she had cleared, taining seven stars, representing the seven crats abroad are ever suspicious, and seceding States, the whole being sur- which they take every possible means to "Sixties!" said Sam again. "You rounded with a wreath of sugar cane repress. In Russia nothing can be printed "Confederate States of America." The by secret presses, and the discovery and "Indeed, she'll do no such thing!" reverse has the Goddess of Liberty, with destruction of any one of these is regarded, the thirteen stars, representing the States | and justly, as a triumph of law and | "I shouldn't go to the Polytechnic if from which the Confederacy sprang, and order, or properly of despotism. Every graduates of the Women's Hospital College,

with the building. The Confederate cabinet, which was then sitting at Montgomery, issued orders for a design for a Confederate currency to Mr. Taylor, who was then chief coiner of the mint. these also, following the design, were of the great English tongue carries many approved by the cabinet. Then came an obstacle. That body found that it had not control of sufficient bullion to proceed with an issue of coin, and, conseday, "we shall have to pull down our quently, the matter was deferred, and a temporary issue of paper decided upon. The subsequent retirement, of the Confederates threw the coing project over-

Of the four coins struck, one is in the possession of one of the chiefs of the Consented to Prof. Biddle, of the University tained by Chief Coiner Taylor, by permission of the cabinet. It is a noteworthy fact that all the individuals who defect when the weaving of a lifetime is were connected with the coinage, including the superintendent of the mint, She had planted her peas and beans as choly enough, because he was eager assayer, coiner, engraver, die sinker, down to the man who held the chisel and used the hammer, in the cancelling

# Weak Eyes in New York.

A prevalent malady of the eye is curious, writes a New York correspondent. and bulbs, put there on account of the Sophy, taking Sam's chin on the tips of ophthalmia, I hear. It closes one eye at her finger, so as to look into his mis- a time only, apparently. It also affects the sterner sex, and I see many a pair of blue glasses amongst the young newspaper men, who, unfortunately, have to work all night. It is said to be con-"I don't feel like it, I tell you! You tagious and most painful, and it is cerwouldn't either, if you'd lost such a tainly not becoming, although the ocu-

### TIMELY TOPICS.

William Dawson is the name of a poor Quaker shoemaker in Spiceland, Ind., who is an excellent astronomer, who has "I'll tell you," said Sam, "ir you're so anxious. It's a chance to make our formune, and we've lost it."
"Some lottery, I suppose, then," said Aunt Sophy, much relieved.

Who is an excellent astronomer, who has made his own telescope, constructed his own observatory, and for twenty years has furnished the Smithsonian Institute and the Meteorological Bureau with valuable statistics and observations.

Some interesting experiments and ob servations have been made by two not be allowed to be brought into the for a more agreeable life than earning a the goddess of love and beauty. Plu-

W. R. R Ralston is telling "stories to described the lady and invited him to this children" in St. James Hall with such city to meet her. He came and was very Harte and sundry other literary people not at first at second sight, and proposed fought their way in among the innocents marriage as soon as he could. The wedding to hear him, and white-haired grand- came off in due time in Brooklyn, and my heartily joined, and he who could make the greatest number of fools was esteemed the happiest of all. One of the sires were as enthusiastic over his won- record adds that it was affirmed at the time derful narratives as golden-haired girls that the husband had settled two hundred of seven and eight years old. The magic thousand dollars on his wife. They have seems to be partly in the tales, the work of authors yet unknown, and partly in the telling, which has already made the She has recently been here on a visit.

Industrial thousand donars on his wife. They have lived since very happily and in great style. This Indian custom has descended to the present age, and in the British isles withered sprig in a frame, beneath which "Hunting the Gowk" is a time-worn.

The total amount of salt sold in the United States during 1878 was 7,662,658 barrels, of which 3,075,533 were imported. About 1,856,000 were made in the Saginaw district of Michigan, about 1,434,000 in the Syracuse district of New York, 850,000 in Ohio and Virgina, and the rest he said. It was Amy's check for two at other points. The imported salt chiefly comes from Liverpool, but Trapani in Sicily, Cadiz in Spain, Hyeres in France, and Turk's Island and Curacoa in the West Indies furnish a large quantity. As the domestic manufacture red or gendarme blue. The Rhine crystal every land beneath the sun capricious yearly increases, the imports naturally

Some interesting statistics on the consumption of alcoholic liquors in France have been lately brought before the French Academy of Medicine by M. Luthirty gallons per inhabitant per annum. a single loose frill of Breton lace is put "un poisson d' Avril," which being lit- nothing, I just thought I'd get up and see the In 1833 the number was only fifteen gallosely across the inside of the bonnet and long. The consumption of cider tends to long. The consumption of cider tends to diminish. But brandy is drank to facili- satin lining follows the upward scooped-out derived from the fact that the sun now tate the digestion of cider; and the more brim. Two or three bees of steel, or else enters the sign Pisces, instead of Aries, less"—and he bent and whispered some- cider the more brandy. The consump- crystal dragon-flies, may rest on this lace as formerly. Napoleon I. brought upon tion of beer has increased considerably frill. Arrows made of the dark feathers of himself the title of "poisson d' Avril," within the last fifty years. The con- the humming-birds are fashionable orna- by espousing Maria Louisa upon the sumption of spirits, which was about ments for holding white lace on the crown 1st of April, 1810, which was perhaps two quarts per head in 1837, is now re- or side of fine white straw bonnets. A long as foolish an act as he ever committed. presented by three quarts. The depart- gilt, steel or silver dagger is thrust through ments which consume most spirits are the side of the bonnet or round hat, and the those which do not consume much wine. | end appears beneath the brim. For the With regard to spirits, M. Lunier proves city streets the English round hats have that it is in the departments consuming | very high square masculine crowns, and in most spirits that most cases of accidental order to look jaunty are very slightly death, through excess, occur, and the trimmed. Artificial flowers for the garnicases of apprehension for drunkenness are five times more numerous in these a large bouquet at the ends. Every blos departments than in those consuming principally wine. Alcoholic insanity, too, is almost everywhere in proportion enie Inferieure, where they drink only white wines; but these are stated to be as dangerous in this respect as brandy.

"We have so much freedom of the press in this country," remarks a city paper, "and have had so much of it from the beginning, that we hardly know how to appreciate it fully, having nothing different to measure it by. We can form a very clear idea of it, however, by glanccomplications are associated with the Press offenses have been condoned in Spain, but they are still grave political sins, and must be guarded lest they be severely punished. In Austria there is no real liberty of the press, but it is growing in Italy, and Switzerland, a true republic, is little shackled. But only in Great Britain and here have we any genu ine freedom of opinion and criticism by advantages, and not the least of them is

### freedom of speech. Words of Wisdom. Laziness is a premature death. To be in no action, is not to live.

An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves. When things are plain of themselves, a set argument does but perplex and

confound them. Be very careful, if you regard yourself as the guardian of your honor, that you He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the

I know not which of the twain lifts man the higher, genius or gentleness; genius lifts him above others, gentleness out of himself.

on our minds than sentences.

A City of Caves. Away out on the Texas frontier, and in the eastern margin of that vast desert expanse, the Llano Estacado, sixty miles north of the little town of Graham, says a letter to a St. Louis paper, there settled about a year ago a colony from Oregon consisting of nine families. The locality was distant from market, and lumber scarcely to be had. The settlers, therefore, as the cold northers of winter were approaching, determined to build habitations underground. They selected a hill, in whose sides they excavated

# FOR THE FAIR SEX.

### A Romance of the Treasury.

Since I last wrote, says a Washington correspondent, I have chanced to find a record I made in 1870 of a romance of the Treasury which occurred then and which oldest festival of which there is any goes to prove, as did the other instances I record, and in former ages ushered in cited, that numerous honorable gentlemen | the glad new year, which commenced at of wealth and position have found wives this period, the time of the vernal equiamong ladies employed there. A former nox. The custom of playing practical United States Minister to China, dying, left jokes upon April-fools is said to have a widow and two or three children with a originated among the Persians, who Night. very small income for their support. She were wont to give themselves up to the was advised by friends to apply for a clerk-wildest expressions of joy at the compugilist out of? Ans: Box wood.--Grisship in the Treasury, which she obtained and ing of another year. The ancient Ro- wold retained two or three years, faithfully dis- mans abstained from pleading causes charging her duties. She was a lady of su- upon the first of April, and the Roman perior education and intelligence and more ladies were wont to bathe beneath myrmeager support for herself and children in the confined air of the Treasury. He wrote the Confined air of the Treasury. London is enjoying a new pleasure. to a friend in Connecticut, a millionaire,

### Bonnets and Flowers.

The millinery openings display fresh novelties each week. Among the richest new bonnets are those heavily beaded with et, not in the large floriated designs formertipped marabout feathers and black Breton "gowk" another mile. lace, some Marshal Neil roses of the brightest yellow shades, or a cluster of gilded or fools, and, if we go further south, the bronzed nuts, or some large flowers in peony | same merry-making is found; so that in ornaments are becoming popular, and are April seems always to come in with a seen on the finest bonnets. The colored laugh, no matter how many tears she straw bonnets in plain shades and in mixed may afterward shed. In Lisbon, on colors are chosen to match the figured trim- the Sunday and Monday preceding the ming of the suit with which they are to be close of Lent, everybody is privileged to to her father, as he sauntured into the parlor, worn, and are very simply trimmed with play the fool, and it is thought the away along in the night, when she and her satin, feathers and striped ribbons. Gath- height of wit to throw water or flour Adolphus were conversing upon the ethics ture of evening dresses are long sprays with som, from that of the mammoth sunflower down to the smallest heath-bell, is now copied in artificial flowers.—Harper's Bazar.

# News and Notes for Women.

A Western lady has made 500 words from the letters in George Washington. Mr. B. Chambers, of the Postoffice Depart ment at Washington, writes that there are no fewer than 4,000 women postmasters in the United States, and that the number is on

A German dealer recently received 32. 000 dead humming-birds, 80,000 dead aqua tic birds and 800,000 pairs of wings of birds of all kinds for ladies' bonnets.

Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth says that she has written constantly ever since she was fifteen years old. She is now at work on her sixtieth novel.

A class of twenty-five young ladies are studying geology at Union College, and their progress compares favorably with the record of Union's male students.

Soft and brown and silky, with no suspicion falls in luxuriant profusion far below her waist, a marvel to all beholders."

Cincinnati is to have a Women's Art Museum Association, and Denver a Woman's School of Art and Design.

A Viennese lady has lately been admitted to the degree of doctor of philosophy, by the University of Zurich.

# Village Life.

It is hardly just to say that people who live in villages are more given to gossip han their town or city neighbors. One town is neither above, or below, nor beyond another in this respect. Just measured by the size of the place is the amount of gossip. In a town of one thousand inhabitants there cannot be two thousand persons' worth of gossip. Wherever two or three hundred are gathered together, posed tunnel under the Hudson river there will be gossip. There is the same between New York and Jersey City, is sub-stratum under all human aggrega- given: The entrance to the tunnel on tions, going the same lengths, the same the Jersey side will be 3,400 feet from Our eyes are quicker than our ears; rounds, varied only by the conditions the river banks. There will be 3,400 brutal manifestations.—Harper's Magexample, therefore, goes farther than and numerical forces of the inhabitants. feet under the bed of the river, the precept; and facts operate more strongly It underlies human life, business, bio- greatest depth being ninety-seven feet, graphy, aristocracy and democracy. It and 3,000 feet on the New York side, is somewhat difficult to tell where his- making the entire tunnel about two tory leaves off and where gossip begins. miles and a half long. For the purpose As for the gossip of country places, there of expedition, it is proposed to work is some excuse for it. There is so little from each side of the river at the same of anything that approaches to society time, employing as many men as can be or social intercourse of a superior quality, successfully employed, changing them of new railroad are to be built next sumthat without the excitement and frivoli- every twenty-four hours, thus doing three mer, in the United States, all to be laid ties of cities, they fall back upon petty days' work every eight hours. The tun with new steel rails, and that 8,000 rails small talk of one another, and invent and | nel will be twenty-six feet in width and dress up images of scandals such as in the twenty-four feet in height, with a double Most of these additional roads will be great busy vortex of city life are never track of heavy steel rails, and capable a higher character. If one must hear It will be painted white and lit with gas, back-stairs incidents, and back-to-back while the locomotives will consume lists think it not dangerous. It is relists think it not dangerous. It is pleasant to secure the night
est quality. If in literature or art one
lists think it not dangerous is recommendately a proposed to the passage pleasant as well as speedy, ly all the leading lines of railroad. While stretches out for the best, why not in gos- not more than six minutes being re- the freight traffic has increased more than "Nothing, nothing at all," said Deca- morning. By learning to do this at first by running a stovepipe up through the hill hear about queens and duchesses and boys knowing nothing of it, neither she nor Amy touched any butter nor sugar during all that year.

One day, at last, when some wayfarers one day, at last, when some wayfarers at the door and wished to buy a stopped at the cleast and most freezer the cleast and most freezer the cleast and most freezer this little city of caves has been named Oregon City, and will be the cleast and most freezer this little city of caves has been named Oregon City, and will be the cleast and most freezer the cleast and most freezer

### ALL-FOOLS' DAY.

# "Laugh dull care away With merry All-Fools' day!"

The festival of All-Fools' Day is the

In India, that cradle of the world, the Hindoos celebrated their Huli festival upon the 31st of March, with great revelry, in which persons of all castes heartily joined, and he who could make teemed the happiest of all. One of the favorite jokes was to send messengers the present age, and in the British isles withered sprig in a frame, beneath which "Hunting the Gowk" is a time-worn

"On the first of April, hunt the gowk another

Gowk signifies a cuckoo, who is popularly esteemed as the most foolish of his dexter elbow to stimulate the revoluly used, but as if dotted with glistening jet, birds, and the "April gowk was the tionary requirements of the voice-inspiring, or else with parallel rows of jet beads that unlucky bearer of a letter which never ear-piercing crank of the hand-organ.-seem to be closely strung together. These reached its destination—each person to Boston Courier. are on plain Brussels net, trimmed with jet- whom it was carried sending the

The Swedes also have their April-Upon his wedding day Napoleon caused to be struck a medal which had for its device love, armed with a thunderbolt -which was not a happier omen than the poisson d' Avril; since the thunderbolt fell all too soon, crushing the royal bridegroom forever. History makes note of more than one April-fool among those in high and prominent places, and to fun. Even the poets have not dis dained to write lines upon this marvel- partaken of it died. Moral.---Cunning perous April day. Here is a little verse sons are often outwitted in theend.

"TO A LADY WHO THREATENED TO MAKE THE

AUTHOR AN APRIL FOOL. Why strive, dear girl, to make a fool Of one not wise before; Yet, having 'scaped from folly's school. Would fain go there no more?

Ah! if I must to school again, Wilt thou my teacher be? I'm sure no lesson will be vain. Which thou canst give to me. Thou need'st not call some fairy elf Or any April day,

To make thy bard forget himself Or wander from the way. One thing he never can forget Whatever change may be-The sacred hour when first he met,

And fondly gazed on thee !"

Court Pedestrians. insures a visitation of the police, and in securing a hospital position in this coun- During the eighteenth and the first fortable profit and a quickened intellipunishment of the editor who dares to try, where doctors of both sexes have met in quarter of the nineteenth century there gence. ompetition.

The Lancaster (Ky.) Visitor says: "Mrs. belonged to the regular trappings of a court a corps of runners numbering from of any people can of course be only very Sally Davis, a venerable woman over seventy | twenty to fifty persons. These runners, | imperfectly measured by the casual years of age, is the possessor of a suit of hair gorgeously arrayed in silk and velvet, traveler. The Tyrolese are represented that might awaken envy in the breast of adorned with huge bouquets of artificial as being extremely superstitious and many a fair maiden of "sweet sixteen." flowers and carrying long gilded staffs, priest-ridden, but no evidence of this was accompanied the royal carriage when- obvious to me. They are unquestionably of silver among the glistening threads, it ever the king took a ride, running in honest and faithful, and universally temdouble files on both sides and also in perate. Probably every man, woman and the front of the vehicle. As the car- child in Tyrol drinks beer and wine as riages were very clumsy and the roads constantly and as freely as we drink very bad, the speed was probably not water; but during all my journeyings in so very great, but trips of twenty miles all parts of the country I have not seen a were often made without any stoppage; single person either drunk or under any Worth has living lay figures in his shop. and it was no uncommon occurrence, considerable influence of drink. There When they put on their spring clothes the when the king took a pleasure ride, are, too, very slight evidences of poverty, that one or two of his runners dropped and beggars are rare. Among themdown dead on the road. That which selves, especially at the Gasthausern in astonished people with Mensen Ernst the evening, the younger men are noisy was-as may be seen from his biogra- and uproarious, and much given to bad phy by Rink-the circumstance that he music and harsh play. Some of their always took the straight line between games are rough to brutality, and it is not two points, swimming the rivers, climb- long since the use of the knife was a coning the mountains, skimming over the stant accompanient of their quarrels. marshes and swamps on his snow-shoes, and crossing deserts and salt-steppes ing the middle fingers and twisting for

# A Tunnel Under the Hudson.

Th following description of the pro dreamed of. The gossip of cities are of of passing 400 trains every twenty hours.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A woman's weepins---Tears. No matter how short they are in pocket,

fashionable ladies are long in gloves. Advertising may deplete a tradesman's stock, but it never runs down his credit

Bookkeepers are never offended when called to account—at a respectable salary. Female compositors are continually setting their CAPS for the editor .-- Saturday

In all sciences the errors precede the truth, and it is better they should go

Twenty-two Mennonite families, representing \$300,000, are to settle at White-

While pride is continually dunned for unpaid clothing bills, economy is happy in a well-worn surtout. Since paper napkins were introduced by a manufacturing firm in Wisconsin, a year

ago, one Boston firm alone has sold 250,000 One of the articles rescued from the ruins of the drowned city of Szegedin, in Hun-

upon fruitless errands, from which gary, was a cradle in which lay a sleeping

are the words: "Plucked from Washington's grave." The sad-complexioned son of sunny Italy, who recently propelled the handle of the rotating chestnut-roaster, is training

A rich young lady has fallen in love with and married a New York street-car driver. From the bridle and the halter he went to the altar and the bridal, and the only train and switch to occupy his mind hereafter are those belonging to his wife. She takes

him for wheel or whoa, as it were .-- Norris-"Why, papa," said a Market street girl son rose and vanished, and the old man

went back to bed .-- Steubenville Herald. A Japanese fable runs as follows: A man was once cutting up a poisonous fish to make some dainty dish, when a hungry, homeless cat snatched up a piece and scampered off with it. The man followed. and saw puss in an inaccessibly narrow space between two houses gloating over the stolen morsel. When he saw the cat eating the fish he said to himself: "If these cunning animals eat it, surely I can eat it without fear," and he returned home. Meanwhile the cat had waited, having its suspicions as to the wholesomeness of the fish, but when she saw the people eating it, an account of famous jokes perpetrated she also fell to eating it. Other cats came, upon their unsuspecting friend by noted | and a quarrel ensued over the morsel, but wits, would fill a large volume devoted they were seized with a fatal sickness, as

# The Tyrolese.

It is not easy to see how, in a country so broken as this, and where so many farms and even whole villages have no access to market except over mountain foot-paths, any system could be introduced which would lighten the labor of the people. On not one farm in fifty in the mountain valleys could the mowingmachine be used, and from at least onehalf of the hay and grain fields the whole erop has to be carried away on the heads and shoulders of the people. Something might be gained by the introduction of a better race of cattle, but it is a question whether these too would not deteriorate under the constant exercise needed to pick up a living on these broken pastures. The conditions of living are very much such press is held to be dangerous; and has been successful in winning, by compe- was not so much his speed and power which is so common among the Tyrolese. it is. Autocracy is unsafe where freedom titive examination, a place as assistant. of endurance which astonished people. As musicians, as peddlers, as cattle dealhas any privileges. In Germany disap- physician to the county insane asylum. Instances of those qualities were more ers, and as mechanics, they wander over proval of the government in a newspaper | This is the first competitive success of a lady common in his time than they are now. | the wide world, bringing home a com-

Wrestling and "finger-hacking" (hookwhere for several days he could get no the mastery, even at the risk of the joint) are still common, and are watched by comrades with the same interest which attaches to a cock-fight or a dog-fight in England. Among a people whose life makes physical endurance a cardinal virtue, these trials of strength and of the ability to endure pain are regarded as

# Concerning Railroads.

Mr. Oliver Garrison, vice-president of the Missouri Pacific railroad, and brother of Commodore C. K. Garrison, constructed in the West and Northwest. One of the singular features of railroad traffic in the United States to which the