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ITEMS OF INTEREST Curious Method of Catching Quail. TIMELY TOPICS. quiet neighbor was something that hap- just followed her instinct, and ran with Whoppers. THE HOSTLER'S STORY. It was at a miner's cabin in Tennessee; The following passage, from a work pened about a year after that. Johnny in her arms, or dragging him A horse-race-Colts. "There was a roving family of Indians after her, to where her husband was The sacred right of petition has been a dozen or so of rough, uncouth, un- called "Sport and Work on the Nepaul vindicated to the extent of 10,167 peti- kempt-looking fellows sat over a stove Frontier," describes the manner of cap--"Branch-houses"-The florists. encamped near the settlement; hunting, chopping. tions introduced in the House of Rep- in an atmosphere redolent with cold cof- turing quails in the East Indies: Trav-"Well," continued the one-eyed hosfishing and making moccasins and bask-BY J. T. TROWBRIDGE. resentatives during the Forty-fifth fee and tobacco. ets, which they traded with the whites. | tler ; "I needn't try to describe what eling one day along one of the glades I and 129 for tea. "One afternoon the Red-Sky of the-Morning, wife of the Water-Snake- and Rush took his rifle and started on all sorts of subjects, and come from What amused us most at the Lake "Talkin' about your stories," said a have mentioned as dividing the strips house last summer was the performance all sorts of subjects, and come from grizzly, gray old fellow, removing his of jungle, I was surprised to see a man private individuals, aliens, corporations, pipe from between two shaggy masses before me in a field of long stubble, mated at 2,814. of a bear in the back yard. with-the-Long-Tail, came over to the the track of the bear, vowing that he settlement with some of their truck for would not come back without either the literary, scientific, and labor-reform of tawny hair, while his companions with a cloth spread over his head and He was fastened to a pole by a chain, sale. She had a papoose on her back strapped on a board; another squaw traveled with her, carrying an empty the settlement. In an hour half-a-German, or of German origin. which gave him a range of a dozen or sale. She had a papoose on her back child or the bear's hide. fifteen feet. It was not very safe for visitors to come within that circle, unless they were prepared for rough handling. He had a way of suddenly catching you to his bosom, and picking your dozen men with their dogs were on the dustry. Under the rule of the House killed in '76, a moonshining. Well, his cloth, twisted spirally, were tied. mare. track with Rush. It was so much trou-ble for him to follow the trail that they sion, but are placed on file, and as a shore the war Bill, he swalled of a movements that he must be mad, but I have populations of from 500,000 to "Almost within sight of Gorman's grocery, Red-Sky took off her papoose soon overtook him with the help of the general thing are never heard of. pockets of peanuts and candy-if you peach pit. It trubbled of him a kinder, soon discovered that there was method 1,000,000 each. but no one thought much on't; but in his madness. He was catching quail. We suppose and hung it on a tree. The fellows carried any about you-in a manner around the store had made fun of it dogs. We suppose no one would care to do which i pok your breath away. He stood up to his work on his hind legs in a Bill's appetite it got stronger and The quail are often very numerous in stronger, till at last he'd eat and de- the stubble fields, and the natives adopt "But in spite of them the bear got when she was there once before, so she Sixty-nine libel suits for one libel! without a tongue. But, after all, it is preferred to leave it in the woods rather into the mountains. Two of the dogs Ambiguity has been the death of one only a matter of taste. quite human fashion, and used paw and poor paper in Marseilles, France. The vour of every think as what he could very ingenious devices for their capthan expose it to the coarse jokes of the came up with him, and one, the only Young ladies think they Miss it by Nouvelliste, of Marseilles, stated some lay of his hands on. An'the mystery ture. This was one I was now witness-He was friendly, and didn't mean any boys. The little thing was used to such tongue with amazing skill and vivacity. one that could follow a scent, had his not, and many a married lady thinks she back broken by a stroke of his paw. months ago that the tax receiver of St. about the affair wus, that the more ing. overing themselves with their treatment. Whether carried or hung Mrs. it in being married. harm, but he was a rude playfellow. I shall never forget the ludicrous ad-venture of a dandified New Yorker who After that it was almost impossible to Bill he would eat, the thinner did he cloth as I have described, the projecting Etienne had embezzled \$10,000. The track him, and one after another the become. ends of the two sticks representing the proprietor must have had more than 1817 and completed in 1825. The main line measures 363 miles in length, and hunters gave up and returned home. "It wus six years arter that—yes, it horns, they simulate all the movements wus seving years—when one day Bill of a cow or bull. They pretend to paw and bought, with other luxuries of one "bad quarter of an hour" when he came out into the yard to feed bruin on "At last Rush was left alone; but came out into the yard to feed bruin on seed-cakes, and did not feed him fast enough discovered, as he very quickly did, that there are sixty-nine St. Etiennes, towns nothing could induce him to turn back. he wus took with a gripin' an' a groan-in'. Snakes! how he kicked and yelled; horns, turn round and pretend to scratch cost about \$7,200,000. He shot some small game in the mounor communes in France. Every one of enough. The Pekin (China) Gazette, the oldest more goods. Then they drank again, He had approached a trifle too near, tains, which he cooked for his supper, and from being shy and silent, as at tains, which he cooked for his supper, first, they giggled and chatted like a slept on the ground, and started on the seving men couldn't hold of him. No themselves, and, in fact, identify themdaily newspaper in the world, was first the tax receivers of these places brought when all at once the bear whipped an an action against the paper, which has been ordered to pay \$20 damages to each collector, besides \$40 fine. doctor wus in the parts where we wus. selves with the animal they are repreissued about A. D. 1350. It is still in arm about him, took him to his embrace, trail again in the morning. Well, he had conwulsions, an' he had senting; and it is irresistibly comical to and "went through" his pockets in a hurry. The terrified face of the strugexistence, and is an official journal, 'em right smart, too, I tell yer, and the watch a solitary performer go through "Along in the forenoon he came in A FACT IN ASTRONOMY. Gorman's than they would if it hadn't sight of the bear as he was crossing a furst think we knowd, up came a small this al fresco comedy. I have laughed gling and screaming fop, and the goodstream. He had a good shot at him as cherry tree "-

"They went chattering and giggling side The one-eyed hostler, who was the to the tree where the papoose had been the funniest sort of contrast.

natured, business-like expression of the been for the whisky, but finally they fumbling and munching beast, offered started to go back through the woods. he was climbing the bank on the other

"The bear kept on, but it was easier tracking him after that by his blood. "That evening a hunter, haggard, his | tees and the "system of general classi- I say cherry ?-well, that wus a slip of you into convulsions of laughter.

A "first exhibition circular" of the

Melbourne International exhibition of peach pit ?" some one asked. 1880 has been received. It contains "Well, so he did, and he disgorged of try to represent an old bull going through long lists of commissioners and commit- a peach tree about three feet high-did all his pranks and practices, and throw

often at some cunning old herdsman or "I thought as 'ow he swalled of a shekarry. When they see you watching

them they will redouble their efforts, and

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There are fifty substitutes for coffee, The lighthouses of the world are esti-One-third of Chicago's population is The man who was lost in slumber probably found his way out on a night-

The Erie canal was commenced in

If the moon were like some men, Every night she'd be sublime, For instead of quartering then She would be full all the time.

On the Atlantic ocean, during the prevalence of a heavy storm, the extreme altitude of waves above the intervening depressions or hollows was found New Mexico has 1,000,000 head of The difference between the thermometer on a July day and a meadow lark is that the latter rises three hundred feet, while the former goes up nearly a hundred degrees, above nothing. -N. Y.

bear's especial guardian, lounged leisurely to the spot.

"Keep still, and he won't hurt ye," he said, turning his quid. "That's one of his tricks. Throw out what you've it away; but by-and-by the Red-Sky-ofgot, and he'll leave ye.'

The dandy made haste to help bruin to the last of the seed-cakes, and escaped without injury, but in a ridiculous plight-his hat smashed, his necktie and linen rumpled, and his watch dangling; but his fright was the most laughable part of all.

The one-eyed hostler made a motion to the beast, who immediately climbed the pole, and looked at us from the crosspiece at the top.

"A bear," said the one-eyed hostler, turning his quid again, "is the besthearted, knowin'est critter that goes on very much as any white father would have all-fours. 1'm speakin' of our native felt under the circumstances. He vowed black bear, you understand. The brown bear aint half so respectable, and the grizzly is one of the ugliest brutes in fire-water before starting on the hunt. creation. Come down here, Pomp."

Pomp slipped down the pole and advanced toward the one-eyed hostler, start until they had emptied the jug, so walking on his hind legs and rattling it happened that Old Two Claws got off his chain.

"Playful as a kitten !" said the oneeyed hostler, fondly. "I'll show ye." He took a wooden bar from a clothes-

horse near by, and made a lunge with it at Pomp's breast. No pugilist or fencing-master could actually saw a bear lugging off her

have parried a blow more neatly. youngest. Then the one-eyed hostler began to thrust and strike with the bar as if in man, but such a sight was enough to downright earnest.

"Rather savage play," I remarked. man. She ran and caught up an axe. And a friend by my side, who never Luckily she had a big dog. The two misses a chance to make a pun, added : went at the bear.

"Yes, a decided act of bar-bear-ity." "Oh, he likes it !" said the one-eyed ing his dinner just for a woman and a

hostler. "Ye can't hit him." And indeed it was so. No matter how tremendous blow on the back; at the or where the blow was aimed, a move- same time the pup got him by the leg. ment of Pomp's paw, quick as a flash of He dropped the young one to defend lightning, knocked it aside, and he himself. She caught it up and ran, stood good-humoredly waiting for more. leaving the two beasts to have it out "Once in awhile," said the one-eyed | together. hostler, resting from the exercise and leaving on the bar, while Pomp retired to his pole. "there's a bear of this spe-

cies that's vicious and blood-thirsty. Generally, you let them alone and hunt; but Old Two Claws-for the they'll let you alone. They won't tracks showed that he was the scoundrel run from you maybe, but they won't | -escaped into the mountains, and lived go out of their way to pick a quar- to make more trouble another day. rel. They don't swagger round with a chip on their shoulder lookin' for some scarcely hurt. It had got squeezed and fool to knock it off."

"Will they eat you ?" some one in- was all. around the performers by this time. "As likely as not, if they are sharp-The bostler hesitated, winked his one set, and you lay yourself out to be eaten, eve with an odd expression, put a fresh but it aint their habit to go for human flesh. Roots, nuts, berries, bugs and any small game they can pick up, satisfies their humble appetite as a general ping in the woods about half a mile from and Thomas Tiernay. who died from in- called "Le droit de boire," which, unthing.

left. There was no papoose there ! "This discovery sobered them. They

thought at first the fellows around the store had played them a trick by taking the-Morning set up a shriek.

"She had found the board not far off but no papoose strapped to it, only something that told the story of what had happened.

"There were bear tracks around the spot. One of the prints showed only two claws.

"The Red-Sky of the Morning went back to the camp with the news; the other squaw followed with the jug. "When the Water Snake-with-the-

Long-Tail heard that his papoose had been eaten by a bear, he felt, I suppose vengeance against Old Two Claws, but consoled himself with a drink of the

"The braves with him followed his example. It wasn't in Indian nature to again. Tipsy braves can't follow a trail worth a cent.

"Not very long after that a woman in a neighboring settlement heard her children scream one day in the woods near the house. She rushed out, and

"She was a sickly, feeble sort of wogive her the strength and courage of a

"The old fellow had no notion of los-

mongrel cur. But she struck him a

"The bear made short work with the cur; but instead of following the woman and child, he skulked off into the woods, "The settlers got together for a grand "The child? Oh, the child was scratched a little in the final tussle; that

quired: for there was ring of spectators "As to the bear, he was next heard of Companion. in our settlement.

clothes all in tatters, found his way to a fication," apparently based to a con- the tongue-with bloomin' peaches on Round two sides of the field they have words as he rested on a stool. He had John Clarke, member of the legislative more. found no traces of his child, but he had council at Melbourne. Applications for killed the bear. It was Old Two Claws, He had left him on the hills, and came June 30, 1879. The reception of ex- miner, with a merry eye and a clear they prefer running to using their 000. to the settlement for help.

"The hunt had taken him a roundabout course, and he was then not more than seven miles from home. The next day, gun in hand, with the bear skin strapped to his back-the carcass had been given to his friend the back-

easier way through the woods. "It was a sad revenge he had had. but there was a grim sort of satisfaction in lugging home the hide of the terrible Old Two Claws.

"As he came in sight of his log house out ran his wife to meet him, with-what do you suppose ?-little Johnny drag ging at her skirts, and the lost child in her arms.

"Then, for the first time, the man dropped, but he didn't get down any further than his knees. He clung to his wife and baby, and thanked God for the miracle.

"But it wasn't much of a miracle, after all.

"Little Johnny had been playing around the door, and lost sight of the baby, and maybe forgotten all about him when he strayed into the woods and saw the bear. Then he remembered all that he had heard of the danger of being carried off and eaten, and of course he his little brother he didn't know anything about him, and I suppose really of a live person being buried.

imagined that the bear had got him. "But the baby had crawled into An original character, well known in snug place under the side of the raintrough, and there he was fast asleep all the Latin quarter, has just died in Paris the while. Then he woke up two or at an advanced age. Pere Royer, as he three hours after, and the mother heard | was called, fancied he was an unapprehim cry; her husband was far away on ciated genius, and amused himself in

inventing new systems which were to the hunt. renovate society. He set up a new re-"True-this story I've told you?" added the one-eyed hestler, as some one ligion, one article of which-and the questioned him. "Every word of it !" one that procured the most adherents-"But your name is Rush, isn't it ?" I was to make every other day a day of rest. He habituated himself to eating said.

only on alternate days, and used to The one eye twinkled humorously. "My name is Rush. My uncle's argue that by sleeping twenty-four consecutive hours and then working for a prother-in-law was my own father." "And you?" exclaimed a bystander. like period, the same sum of labor

"I," said the one-eyed hostler, "am | would be produced with a saving of food the very man who warn't eaten by the and the time lost at meals. During the

It was Rush. He told his story in a few phia. The president is the Hon. Wm. back to him, and he wusn't afflicted no they have a large cage with a decoy

hibits will commence June 1, 1880, and complexion. "Me an' Bob Jones we wings. The idiotic-looking old cow, as none will be admitted after August 31. wus a travelin' in '58, just about the we will call the hunter, has all his wits The exhibition will remain open for six time that ere accident happened to Bill about him. He proceeds very slowly calendar months, commencing October Hess, and Bob he got a cinder in his eye, and warily; his keen eye detects the 1, 1880, and closing March 31, 1881. which kinder annoyed him. It got wuss conveys of quail, which way they are Full particulars can be obtained from and wuss, till the poor feller hadn't no going, his ruse generally succeeds won-James E. Denison, No. 123 Collins peace or comfort. One day, says Bob derfully. He is no more like a cow than woodsman-he started to return by an street, West Melbourne, who will act as to me, says he: 'Pete, somethink is that respectable animal is like a cucum-

> A subject of more than ordinary interest is now under consideration by a committee of the Medico-Legal society. and it is deemed probable that the rethat raisen-like sort of think growed and | tected by the net, they begin to take sult of the research and report of the committee will be the passage of a law providing for the verification of every case of supposed death occurring in New York city. The wisdom and necessity of such a law, the Herald remarks, can hardly be questioned by any one who has given the subject any careful thought; and so thoroughly is it

cognizance is taken of the possibility of syncope being mistaken for death. And in nearly all, if not all of the principal cities on the continent there is an officer of the law whose duty it is to decide in there," pointing to a sapling just out of sound, not sufficient to startle the birds every case of apparent death whether it the door, "is the tree which growed of into flight, but alarming them enough is or is not real. In England and Amerhad a terrible fright. When asked about ica, however, no protection is afford- eye." ed by the statutes against the possibility

A Suicide's Letter.

that he had destroyed himself by mor- hunter bags twenty or even thirty brace take their turn. This interesting fact is phine, and that he left behind him a of quail in one field by this ridiculous pitiful and deeply interesting letter. looking but ingenious method. He was evidently a man of culture, and

the letter said he had once been a journalist. On the 2d of July, 1863, he was struck on the head by a piece of shell at the battle of Gettysburg. He recovered to all appearances and was thought to be quite well. In his letter, however, Alston declares that he has since been conscious that he has always been hovering on the dangerous edge of insanity. He has felt on particular and frequent occasions an almost irresistible bear when I was a baby !" - Youth's late war Pere Royer invented a number impulse to kill people, and always pre-

Evening Post.

A Custom of the Country.

backwoodman's hut over in White's valley. siderable extent upon that of Philadel- it. And arter that Bill's health cum previously put fine nets, and at the apex to be forty-three feet.

quail inside, or perhaps a pair. The sheep, valued at \$1,500,000; Colorado "I've got a story to beat that," ex- quail is a running bird, disinclined for 950,000 head, valued at \$1,000,000; Wyspace should be sent in not later than claimed a young, sprightly-looking flight except at night; in the daytime oming territory 225,000, valued at \$450,-News. general agent for American exhibitors. the matter with that ere eye, somethink is ber; but he paws, and tosses, and moves the matter. It feels like as what it wus about, pretends to eat, to nibble here, gettin' bigger and leavin' of my head.' | and switch his tail there, and so on "I looked at it, and sure enough there | maneuvers as to keep the running quail wus a raisen-like sort of think on it. | away from the unprotected edges of the Still it trubbled of Bob. Day by day, field. When they get to the verge pro-

> growed, until it wouldn't let the eyelid alarm; they are probably not very cershut. Mind ye, all this time Bob could | tain about the peculiar-looking "old see just as well as ever, if anythink, bet | cow" behind them, and running along ter than nor before. The raisen like the net, they see the decoy quails evi- the orange peddler, "Are they sweet?" sort of think growed and growed for dently feeding in great security and Inquiring of your friend Smith as to two years, when it had growed three freedom. The V-shaped mouth of the inches out of Bob's eye. It was just large basket cage looks invitingly open. like a bush, with tiny branches and little | The puzzling nets are barring the way, bits of leaves. Well, to make a long | and the "old cow" is gradually closing story short, one night Bob turned over up behind. As the hunter moves along, on his face in his sleep, and in the I should have told you, he rubs two mornin' he found a little maple tree pieces of dry hard sticks gently up and "How are ye?" as though you cared a lvin' alongside of him, and the pain in down his thigh with one hand, produchis eye and the bush wus gone. That, ing a peculiar crepitation, a crackling Boston Transcript. the cinder what Bob Jones caught in his to make them get out of the way of the drive, says: "The cattle go to the river "old cow." One bolder than the others, for water at noon, with the exception of possibly the most timid of the covey, a few, which remain behind to take care irritated by the queer crackling sound, of the calves. One cow may often be The dead body of an unfortunate now enters the basket, the others folman. Hood Alston by name, was found | lowing like a flock of sheep; and once in, | while their mothers have gone with the on the 3d of March under a tree at Bay | the puzzling shape of the entrance pre- | remainder of the herd to drink. After St. Louis. Miss. It was discovered vents their exit. Not infrequently the the return of the herd the 'watchers'

How Vassar Lost a Pupil.

A letter from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to the World, says: At the beginning of the term one year ago a young lady from New York entered the freshman class of and, to his great astonishment, saw 1878 at Vassar college. She was then standing at his side the very man whom sixteen, of slight figure, brown-haired, pretty, and a young person of buoyant spirits, who speedily became something of a character among her fellow-students, It is said, however, that the faculty ready to make the most humble apology of means for annihilating the Prussians, ferentially those who were most dear to found her intractable and subjected her looking first at the insulted member of to a course of mild discipline which she did not like. She had entered the col- Congress, whose face was anything but lege under peculiar circumstances. Her lovely, and then at the animal compared father had endowed a scholarship to him-"hang it, if I can tell whether there at a cost of \$8,000, and she was I ought to apologize to you or to the the first to receive its benefits. Finally, monkey !" much of what was considered infelicitous in the girl's ways was overlooked by the horror of his secret was too much for faculty, and under the new order of things matters moved along more

Two lovers at the gate; They linger, linger, linger; He binds the ring of fate-The ring of love and fate-With a kiss upon her finger. -Somebody.

One lover at the grate; She lingers, lingers lingers, "Heigho! this ring of fate," She says, "I've seen of late Upon six others' fingers.' -Louisville Courier-Journal.

Foolish Every-day Questions-Askin what the weather is going to be in the future time, certain or indefinite. Demanding "What's the news ?" with the expectation of getting any answer other than "O-o-h, nothing." Hailing Tom, Dick and Harry with "How d'ye do? rush how they did or how they were .--

The American Agriculturist, in an interesting article on the Texas cattle seen watching twelve or fifteen calves, vouched for by several old ranchmen.'

David Crockett once visited a menagerie at Washington, and, pausing a moment before a particularly hideous monkey, exclaimed: "What a resemblance to the Hon. Mr. X. !" The words were scarcely spoken, when he turned, he had complimented. "I beg your pardon," said the gallant colonel; "I would not have made the remark had I known you were near me, and I am

acknowledged by Europeans that in every principal country of Europe legal

The one-eyed hostler leaned against carry him his luncheon. the pole, stroked Pomp's fur affectionately, and continued somewhat in this about five years old, and a baby just big were working with safety-lamps on the state of utter destitution. enough to toddle around. style:

"Bears are partic'larly fond of fat. juicy pigs; and once give 'em a taste of he strayed into the woods with his they worked made no gas, but another human flesh-why, I shouldn't want my brother a bear might carry them off, beneath it, with about nine feet of slate in a good many miles of their den !

Claws, as they used to call him, a bear when the sun shone so pleasant and the pressure of the strata above, of course, lation at previous eclipses. This is the that plagued the folks over in Ridge- woods looked so inviting, he wasn't one helping. The movement caused a name given to the bright light seen outtown, where I was brought up-wall, as to be afraid of bears. much as forty year ago.

shape of his foot, and he got that from and then went back to the house; but O'Neill, and a miner named Jacob some observers thinking it proceeded trifling with a gun-trap. You know just before she got there, she saw the Imschweller, were watching that part, from the sun's atmosphere, or from luwhat that is-a loaded gun set in such a oldest boy coming out of the woods on when the noise became so violent that minous gases which shot far above its way that a bear or any game that's curi- the other side. He was alone. He was they ran into the heading, fearing that surface; while others imagined it sepaous about it must come up to it the way white as a sheet, and so frightened at the roof would fall. The roof, however, rated from the sun altogether, and due it p'ints; a bait is hung before the muz- | first that he couldn't speak. zle, and a string runs from that to the trigger.

"He was a cunning fellow, and he put out an investigatin' paw at the piece of pork before trying his jaws on her next question, shot off. There were but two claws left on that foot, as his bloody tracks show- she.

seemed to have soured his disposition. him!' said he. He owed a spite to the settlement.

"One night a great row was heard in the mother was in. my uncle's pigpen. He and the boys r ushe out with pitchforks, a gun and a | Where was it ?' was, or soon found out.

and fast. jabs from a pitchfork, and a shot in the

before my uncle could load up for neighbors; what to do with Johnny ceased came to their deaths from the ous, beside making them take deeper elevation to the fact of his being the said: "He was a stranger, and I took another shot. The next morning they meanwhile-all that would have been effects of an explosion caused by run- root, as does a weed cut off near the only member of the royal family left un- him in." examined his tracks. It was Old Two hard enough for her to decide even if ning through the gas with their safety ground; but the plan advised is safe, slaughtered; and the multiplied butchershe had had her wits about her. Claws. "But what sp'ilt him for being a! "She hardly knew what she did, but | current."

The Cause of a Mine Explosion.

quid into his cheek, and finally resumed: "A brother in-law of my uncle, a man of the name of Rush, was one day chop- inquest on the bodies of William Crone time by the students, and of a poem

"She left two children at home, a boy liery, near Pottsville, Pa. These men other philanthropists, he died in a bottom level of the mine, 1,900 feet

"The boy had often been told that if below the surface. The vein in which

of him. "what is the matter?"

"' ' A bear !' he gasped out at last. " Where is your little brother?' was

lantern. They knew what the trouble "'In the woods,' he said. 'Bear a few hours, while the others, being come along.-I run.

"A huge black bear had broken down "She caught him up and hurried takes an outward course, were only give up his prey, even when attacked. were fresh tracks crossing it-bear him. The mine was then being in- and continue this treatment until the eldest brother would certainly put out He looked sullen and ugly; but a few tracks. There was no doubt about it. spected for the third time that day (the corn falls out. If you wear moderately his eyes on mounting the throne, he was

and never pardoned the war departhim. To avoid this he has fled often ment for the indifference it manifested from the presence of a wife and chiltoward his Greek fire, which he called dren, living in California, whom he Some peculiar features of mining the "prussovore." He was the author tenderly loved; but has never had the casualties were developed at a coroner's of some songs, which were sung in their moral strength to confess his fears and cause himself to be placed under restraint. At last the accumulated his house, when his wife went out to juries received by an explosion of fire- fortunately for him, he never found a agonies of his apprehension, and the damp, at the Lower Rausch Creek col- publisher to bring out. Like many him and he slew himself. The case is singular and suggestive. How far Al-

A New Astronomical Wonder.

At the last total eclipse of the sun children to be playin' in the woods with- and she charged him again that forenoon between, gave forth gas in quantities so many astronomers busied themselves not to go away from the house; but he great as to force up the solid slate-cov- chiefly with observing the corona which "Which reminds me of Old Two was an enterprising little fellow, and ering in the centre of the breast, the had excited so much interest and specurumbling and cracking, which the men side of the moon's disk when the body "The woman stopped to see her hus- thought came from the roof, and they, of the sun is completely hidden by it. "He got his name from the peculiar band fell a big beech he was cutting, together with the fire boss, James Opinions were divided as to its cause; issue forever in the sequel to be remained undisturbed. The men had to other causes in the depths of space.

"Johnny,' says she, catching hold scarcely left the breast when the floor From the observations made, and heaved up, opened, and a volume of from photographs taken, it is now be-

gas poured forth, which at once filled lieved to be simply the reflected light of the whole place. O'Neill and Imsch- the sun. This reflection is supposed to weller, fortunately for them, darted be due to immense numbers of meteorit; so instead of gettin' a bullet in the "'I don't know,' said he, too much into the passage leading inward from ites, or possibly, systems of meteorites, the king of Burmah, at which over head, he merely had a bit of his paw frightened to know anything just then. the breast; but Crone and Tiernay en- like the rings of Saturn, revolving about eighty of his relatives lost their lives, Elmendorf, of the Second Reformed "Where did you leave him?' says tered the "intake" passage. Crone, the sun. The existence of such meteor- frightful as it appears, is merely one knowing that a strong current of air ites has long been suspected, and ob- more example of a custom so universal

"Then he seemed to have gotten his would force the flame through the servations now seem to justify a belief in the East that it may almost claim "He got off; but this experience wits together a little. 'A bear took meshes of his lamp and set fire to the in their existence. Their constant fall- rank as a recognized institution. The gas, shielded his lamp as he ran, but ing into the sun is thought to be one of natural commencement of every Oriental "You can guess what sort of an agony Tiernay neglected this precaution. The the methods by which its heat is main- reign is the slaughter or disablement of gas ignited from his lamp, and a terrible | tained without loss.

Relief From a Corn.

quarter of an hour every night; after of the last century, a Western traveler the bride and groom are in business tothe side of the pen; he had seized a fat with him into the woods. She begged slightly injured by being dashed against each soaking, rub on the corn patiently, found one of the royal princes of Persia gether, the former being a wealthy manupo rker, and was actually lugging him him show her where he was with his the coal. The wood-work of the mine with the finger, a half dozen drops of going about with a bandage over his off in his arms! The pig was kicking little brother when the bear came along. was shattered for a distance of 100 sweet oil; wear around the toe during eyes, and on questioning him was told. squealing, but the bear had him He pointed out two or three places. In yards, and a boy named Grady received the day two thicknesses of buckskin, in a matter-of-course air which made the He did not seem at all inclined to one of them the earth was soft. There fatal injuries from a door which fell on with a hole in it to receive the corn, statement doubly horrible, that "as his

"It was a terrible situation for a poor explosion occurred at noon), and 16,576 loose shoes, it will be months, and even teaching himself to dispense with the the act of cheating a man at cards, and shoulder, convinced him that he was woman. Whether to follow the bear cubic feet of air per minute was then years, before the corn returns, when the use of them." The Turkish sultan, and try to recover her child, or go at passing through that portion of it. The same treatment will be efficient in a few Mahmoud, famous for his destruction making a mistake. "He dropped the pig and got away once for her husband, or alarm the jury returned a verdict that "the de days. Paring corns is always danger- of the Janissaries in 1826, owed his lamps against, instead of with, the air- painless, and costs nothing but a little ies of Mehemet Ali are still fresh in attention. - Exchange. levery one's recollection.

smoothly. Just before the last holiday week she ston's madness was, as represented by was again, however, in open rebellion himself to himself, real and how far against the authorities. She expressed feigned we shall probably never know. a determination to accompany a fellow-Perhaps, as some writers would have us think of Hamlet, he was sometimes sane to spend the holidays. The head of the and sometimes otherwise. But were college protested with emphasis; but his fears lest he should take the life of when the time arrived the young rebel others incident to his lucid intervals, or went on her proposed trip and returned did they only present themselves when his mind was off its balance and so con In the meantime she was corresponding stitute the characteristic and proof of his insanity? The question is a puz-Saturday, when the young ladies are zling one, and, like the problem of permitted to leave the college to do Hamlet's lunacy and the inquiry whether their shopping, the young son of her it is genuine or simulated, may invite father's partner in New York. endless discussion while leaving the

Thus matters stood up to a recent Friday, when the young woman was "smothered by surmise."-New York missing. Inquiry discovered that, with the assistance of two of her chums, she carriage in waiting for her, and on her scend the seven throats. More talk. The massacre recently perpetrated by arrival they went to the residence of Dr. church, in Poughkeepsie, and were married. Then they were driven to the Nelson house, where they remained was induced to perform the ceremony all possible pretenders to the throne; only by the presence of a gentleman of and the annals, not merely of Burmah, high standing in this city, who accombut of Persia, Turkey, Afghanistan and panied the couple to the house and Bomara teem of instances too frightful vouched for their character and the regu-Soak the foot in warm water for a for quotation. As recently as the close larity of the proceeding. The father of facturer of a proprietary " bitters." The two girls who assisted his daugh ter in making her escape from the college have been expelled and sent home.

> A confidence operator was caught in boldly insisted that by so doing he was only obeying the scriptural injunction. When asked how he made that out, he

perjury and sometimes per jury.

The Custom of "Treating."

"Treating" constitutes one of the chief perils attaching to the custom of imbibing spirituous liquors, and there are now few persons who could not, if free from its shackles, restrict the indulgence of their thirst to a decent moderation. A man meeting student to the latter's home in the West a group of his friends just as he is bent on obtaining his afternoon allowance of "sherry and bitters" must, if he does not violate usage, and if he wishes to do what is expected of him, ask them in due time and resumed her studies, all to join him. Suppose the whole party to number seven. Seven drinks with and meeting in Poughkeepsie every | are poured down seven throats, willing or unwilling. What is the immediate result of this hospitality? Six other individuals feel themselves mortgaged with an obligation to equal it. There may be a little chat, and then some one

says: "Ah, let's have another drink !" Then seven more drinks are poured down seven throais. More talk, Anhad quietly packed her wardrobe and other happy thought by another memstolen away. The young man had a of the party. Seven more drinks de-A fourth inspiration by a fourth participant. Some one who has done his fated duty tries to beg off; has business to transact ; ought not to drink any more. His objection is vetoed by the asking until Saturday afternoon, going then to party, who is already slightly stimulated New York. Dr. Elmendorf, it is said. perhaps. "No shirking ole feller, come on !" Repetition of the gulping act by seven performers. Every one feels the mellowing influence by this time. "Charley," says No. Six affectionately to the genius of the bar, "giv's 'nother! All hands round!" Encore the feat of seven men swallowing seven drinks. No. Seven's turn has arrived. The happy relief is near. He happens to be the least experienced of the party. He is already full of bliss. His words are few but expressive. "Set 'em up again, hic !" Up they go, and then down they go-seven more drinks. Let us see. Seven times seven are forty-nine. And all because one man felt like taking a little "sherry and bitters." Perhaps he goes home to his dinner afterward. Perhaps he don't. Perhaps he fails to see his wife and mother-in-law until the next day. Such A case is sometimes gained through is life in a country where "treating" is

I the custom,-New York Herald.

"' Oh, Johnny, tell me true ! Think ! | explosion followed. Crone and Tiernay were so badly burned that they died in

behind the explosion, which always