

OUR SOCIETY AND THE PEER.
The reception we should like to see accorded titled Foreigners with doubtful reputations.

## Tudores



It is sice, if you happen to have rheumatism, to knov that the czar of Russia has it too.

Governor Hill would like a patent milker, and before he gets to be president we guess he will need one.

IT is sad, speaking of pugilism, that Marlborough shouldn't have been known in this country as the left duke.

Mr. Blaine is so silent about his health that he must have forgotten the health and the anxiety of those who are watching him.

In our opinion it was Shakespeare who did the literary part of the Baconianism; but that was so small, comparatively speaking, that William would be glad to have it overlooked.

Sara Bernhardt has made an immensity of money, and yet repudiates her debts. She is a great French actress, and at the same time a great American financier.

Judge Potter of Whitehall went into bankruptcy and paid fifteen cents on the dollar of his indebtedness. That was judicial too.

The leading man of Mrs. Langtry is Mr. Frederick Gebhard, and perhaps that is the cause of the absence of Mr. Coghlan's dress-coat.

## OUR BOB 0 ' LINCOLN.

Robert Lincoln had better take care. He is declining too much. There is a sincerity in his declinations, not to say a wisdom and modesty that were characteristic of his father, that may force upon him the honor, as the second man of the ticket, that he declares he cannot have. It uscd to be said of this young man that he was not-so much a Lincoln as a Todd, but there are a great many noiseless, though forceful, indications that he is the son of his father and no otber kind of individual.

You must nor question the methods of the priest. That was the old idea. You must not criticise those of the judiciary. That is the new one.

Brief description of a sot-A man who has always a fresh spot on the breast of his coat that seems to indicate that he has just been taking a drink.

## THE HOLIDAY HIMBLG.

The parade on labor day cost every man who participated in it from a dollar to five and ten dollars, and not a man in the parade wanted to lose that money. It cost the business of this city a million dollars in annoyance and loss of trade. It has come to be proper to remark that "we have too few holidays." Now the best holiday is the one the worker makes for himself. He earns it, and he would prefer to use it as he wants to use it. He doesn't care to parade, or exhibit himself in any way. He would like to make his own selec-
tion, and it profits him nothing to contribute to some political scheme ostensibly in bebalf of labor in which he has no private interest. We have quite enough general holidays. The whole holidays and the half ones which come between them are innovations that labor will repudiate, and for that matter already repudiates. It is hollow brass. It is a sounding fraud. When a worker needs a holiday he prefers to buy it and use it for his personal benefit and in his own way. Bear in mind that it is not contributed to him. Most certainly he pays for it every time.

Mr. Randall as a Democratic protectionist somehow reminds one of the man who is facetiously called a Republican copperhead. Come out from the ranks of the heathen. Samuel, and learn to be in name the protective magnificence you are by nature !

Zola says he can prove that there are persons who act just as he says persons act in his novels. That may have been the case. It is not so now. A sense of decency obliged the public to pick them up on a pair of chips and pitch them out of the back window.

## WANTED-A SOCIETY C0XsCIENCE.

If a certain gentleman of some title and much notoriety were at all sensitive, which he isn't, and read the American newspaper, which he doesn't, he would presently be known as the duke of Snarlborough. The newspaper in question has done itself credit in publishing him as he is, and as all society outside of "the best " regards him He has, however, the faculty, as unhappily has "the best," of ignoring public sentiment, being a law unto himself and lifting his chin against all opinion which doesn't happen to coincide with his own. It is a sweet privilege. We should all of us be more comfortable if all of us had it. The conscience is a stumbling block in the way of license, and no man with a title can afford to have a conscience, however liberal his ex penditures in other directions. But that the best, our best, the American best society should recognize this titled individual and give him its choicest favors, obviously merely because he has a title, is a development of Englishism that ought to have been postponed. Possibly it has no conscience; and if that is the case it had better hunt around the society that doesn't announce itself in the superlative and see if it can't steal one.

The excellent taste of Mrs. Cleveland in refusing to come here to make an exhibition of herself is in fine contrast with the bad taste that inspired the invi-
tation to her to do so.

If Robert Lincoln doesn't put a stop to his infernal declinations he'll be one of the candidates in spite of himself.

As between Cleveland and Hill it looks as if one was a little ahead of the other in this state, and both were going to be very sorry for it.

The declaration of Frederick Douglass that he still belongs to the Republican party is as superfluous as would be the addition of a cellar to a house already thus supplied.

What an insult it would be to William Shakespeare to say that he was responsible for the viciousness of Francis Bacon! He was a poor player, but with all his genius and humility he was not capable of that.

## THE GREATEST DEMOCBATIC SHOW ON EABTH.

In his trip around the circle Mr. Cleveland really ought to meet and be exhibited on the same platform with Jefferson Davis. It would be the most captivating of the agricultural-address business. These

gentlemen have about the same ideas as to the raising of turnips and disturbances, and there are indications that unless something of this kind is done there will not be that southern solidity which is indispensable to Democratic success, Mr. Davis is the most popular of southern Democrats, and Mr. Cleveland most represents his party at the north. What a hullaballoo of enthusiasm would accompany this grand combination, and to what impenetrable shades of retiracy it would relegate that other eminent exponent of agriculture, the Hon. David B. Hill!

Thatis a good idea of a southern editor that Jeff Davis join Grover Cleveland in the impending swing around the circle ; bui Mr. Davis naturally feels delicate about it because it might be taken as evidence that he has finally consented to recognize the American union.

It was noticed that on his return from Europe Simon Cameron appeared to be twenty years younger than when he went abroad; so we take no stock in his declaration that he didn't meet Mr. Blaine us he passed by.

It is thought at Newport that if the duke of Marlborough isn't admitted to the celestial mansions they will be so plebeian that it won't be worth while for anybody else to occupy them.

It is remarked that when the prince of Wales met Chauncey M. Depew he said, "I expect to be king about the time you expect to be president:" and we guess that is so.

Mr. Randall carries his party in Pennsylvania for protection. It is as if a convention of undertakers should declare for a new discovery of Ponce de Leon's fountain of life.

It pains one to read in the Sun, "The number" of people who are not laborers are tho insignificant," etc. Possibly it is half decent grammar. but it is poor judgment.

The Chicago anarchists will never be so beautiful as when the law has done its work upon them. They were born to be exhibited in that way, and it is extraordinary merey that has kept them alive so long.


## POLITICAL PREDICTIOH.

You sec ef B aine should git the Irish vote, And Sherman shouldn't carry his own state, Or Hawley's temperance views should cut his throat.
Or Hill should be the one they nominate, And Cleveland fails to wiu the free-trade men.
Lineoln in
Or Lineoln in the west should pop lar be. Or Watterson or Reill should kick, why then I'm blamed ef I kin tell how it will be.

## REFORM IV RALLROAD MANAGEMENT.

The leading railroad presidents pose before our readers this week in a new role, that of pall-bearers and professional mourners at the obsequies of an old servant, whose expensive and destructive eccentricities have been compulsorily endured for a long series of years, not because they were not thoroughly known and feelingly appreciated, but because years of patient experiment and intelligent investigation had failed to reveal any adequate substitute satisfactory to all interests. To write plainly, the deadly link and pin-coupler system, coeval with the establishment of our railroads, and against which during the half century of its service may be legitimately charged more heartrending deaths and more crippling casualties than are chronicled as resulting from our late war, has been doomed with extraordinary unanimity to immediate discontinuance. This event has been anticipated for the past fifteen years, during which the various claims of rival candidates for the succession have been carefully and impartially considered by railroad managersand their mechanical heads of department. A final conclusion has at last been happily reached, and the general adoption of an uniform type of automatic vertical plane, close hook-coupler, as re. commended by the master car builders Minneapolis convention, may be considered certain.

Protection is nature's first law; but there must be protection for labor as well as for capital. That is a great fact which the great parties had better consider with a great deal of consideration.

Gentlemen of the grand army, don't trail the flag in the dirt in order to express even righteous indignation. The flag was made for the breeze and deserves no such treatment.

Boulanger and Ferry and Dana and Pulitzer have yet to meet and fight. There is a state of extreme uncertainty in consequence; but some day there will be meetings by accident, and then the fur-or perhaps the legs-will fly.

Mr. Sullivan is repudiating his friends with such assiduity that presently he won't have any; but he has this consolation-he can lick them all back again.

HUM OF THE COURT.
"No woman can walk in a corset," says a dress reformer; but the Norristown Herald saysany woman can, though it admits that it's a pretty tight squeeze.
"I have met this man," said the lawyer with extreme severity, "in a great many places where I would be ashamed to be seen myself"-and then he paused and looked with astonishment at the smiling court and jury.

There is a man in Chicago who makes it his business to straighten bow legs, and it is a curious fact that nine-tenths of his custom comes from women. Scientists will please put that in their pipes when they want to smoke.

Miss Olivia Cobb, the belle of Athens, Ga., is just out of her teens and yet has refused thirty offers of marriage. By the time that young lady is twenty-five she will be looked upon as a southern outrage, not to say the very besom of destruction.

The Courier-Journal says of Senator Riddleberger, who made himself notorious on a recent occasion, "He was drunk." For heaven's sake ! what is that ? Have we got so far in our classics that the original Latin must be brought in to express a state of things which no existing being knows anything about? There is a classical rudeness here which delicacy repudiates with excessive scorn.
Governor Hill's idea that there ought to be a patent milker fills a long felt pail.

When a woman makes up her mind, there isn't a rain-drop that doesn't add cisterns to the overflow of her conviction.
The main differenceas to cruelty and meanness between the cowboy and the Indian is that the cowboy never gets caught.

It is estimated that Smith caught the most and the largest fish during the summer outing, and Smith is the man who is always telling you about it.

Sometimes good old jokes are repeated ; but the man who is responsible for it has the consolation of knowing that the poor old ones are invariably forgotten.

It seems that Cleveland and Hill have not offered premiums for


GETTING UNDER WAY.
Yacht owner - "Haw : What's the next move, captain :"
Yacrt owner -"Haw : Wha
Captain--" Drop the hawser."
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twins or triplets, white or otherwise It would have been rank foolishness for them to do so : but, now that the proposition has been made, the foolishness of the omission to do so seems worse than that.
We suspect that Henry is George the last ; but he has the most intolerable way of postponing his dying.
It is publie senti ment that Uncle Colorow go east - to join Buffalo Bill's establishmentand grow down with the country
There is some thing strikingly original in the methods of Governor Hill, but so there was in those of the reptile that invaded the garden of Eden.
Now take in health. There is nothing so gorgeous as fall weather when it happens to be fall weather, and September and October are kings that ought to rule all round the year.

It will never be forgotten that, as ex-Senator Conkling once said, your noble friend George William Curtis always casts a delicate and unique vote.

A sneeze, says a scientist, is " an affection of the respiratory nervous centre, the afferent impulse of which is conveyed by the trigeminal nerve fibres." May heaven help us, at this season there are such frequent changes in the weather !
"What is diviner," inquires a recent poem, "than the peace of foes?" The divinity mentioned must be rather scarce, because necessarily there is no such thing.
Several statesmen are hard at work telling the farmers how to raise crops ; but if the farmers should assume to tell them how to make votes the laugh would be on the other side.
Among the curious questions that the scientist has yet to present is this-Why is a milk-stool invariably limited to three legs, while that of the counting-room is not considered complete unless it has four?
The agricultural address of the Hon. Amos Jefferson Cummings is said to be quite equal to that of the Hon. David Bennett Hill, principally for the reason that it has nothing of an agricultural nature in it but Mr. Cleveland's agricultural addresswhich the same is the JUDGE's lovely candidate for president-is better than either of them.


## OLD CHOCOLATE'S TARGET PRACTICE

Dar's many a lie on a tomb-stun.
Ef de cat's asleep de bacon am safe.
Tears dat flow behin' de do' am de fulles' ob sorrer
Dar's no use lookin' at de sun ef hit spiles yo' eye.
De wicked offen wondah how oddahs kin be good.
De dog dat doan' baak gits de bigges' mouf'ul ob breeches.
Doan' weep fo' faded blossoms. Dar er seeds on de same bush.
De bird on de wavin' branch a'n't hit ez easy ez de bird ou de stump.

Ef de doctah kin cu' yo' lumbago w'y can't he cu' 'is own rummytiz?

De lightnin'-rod man does a quick job wid de faamah w'ose baan was struck.

Ef a straight face war ev'dence ob honesty, nobody ud evah cotch de man dat stole dat coon skin

Yo' kin steal an' eat a watah-mellen an' t'ink nobody knows hit but a single seed on de lappel ob yo' coat am ev'dence nuff dat yo're de guilty niggah.
J. a. waldhon.

## COULDN'T SCARE HER.

He (before the wedding) - "You are sure you won't be nervous at the altar ?"

She (four times a widow)-"I nevcr have been yet."

## SUMMER ENDED.

AH, soon the waves will wash away The footprints on the shining sand And soon the autumn winds will stray
In sadness o'er the silent strand
The sea will mourn the absent fai
Who tossed its hosry locks in gle
Who thased it
The picture of that summer

The sea that brings the laden ships With sheeny silks and spice and gold

## Hath left all gifts in sad eclipse

That may be valued, bought or sold.
The sea, true to her mystic past
As taught in grave mythology,
From out her breast in rapture cast
My queen of love from out the sea.

What fate allured my truant feet To wander by the restless wave To hold me as a willing slave? A thousand other paths giverged thousand other paths diverged, What blesed impulse sindly urgee My fateful path beside the sea?

Let Neptune and his tritons rave; Their queen of love hath crossed the sand
And left for aye the rolling wave To walk beside me hand in hand. And when the aurumn time of age Shall merge into eternity, Still bright shall be on memory's page
That summer time beside the sea.


PERILS of cross-town travel.
Pedsetrinas (hailing cars going in diferent directions)-" Hi, there, stop!"


A dreadful alternative.
Scene-A totally deso'ate island. Time-Two hours after shipnoreck.
Arnheim - "Mein Got! unt are we de only two who have exhcaped goin' to der pottom unt ter prospect is dot I vill either haf to eat you or you vill eat me?"

## THE REWARD OF NOTORIETY.

"Since my husband was mixed up in that divorce case," said Mrs. Cantwell, " he has made more money by his literary work than his ministerial fees amount to."

- Indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. Cobwigger. "What kind of literary work does he do, may I ask ?" "Why," replied the good man's better-half, "he writes those unsolicited testimonials for soaps and patent medicines."


## A LONG FELT WANT.

"I see," remarked Terwilliger," that the dress reformers are trying to invent a coat that will distinguish the gentleman from the waiter."
"I wish," said old Moneybags, thinking of his marriageable daughters, "that they would get up something that would make a sentimental girl know the difference between a coachman and a foreign count."

A society woman's dress costs a great deal for what there is of it .

## A SIMPLE DRUMMER.

"I would like to get your custom," said a drummer to the fakir who worked the walkingcane and ring game at Coney Island. "Our house can supply you with canes at cut rates."
"I don't need any, young man," replied the fakir with a smile. "I laid in this stock five years ago and it will last a lifetime. If you want to sell any goods you must get hold of a man who is just going into the business."

Patent medicines are advertised as being worth their weight in gold, and the druggist takes good care to make you pay that much for them.


And they did, but the cars went on just the same.

## Gudoer



Falls upon our weary
All the tales of nutty flavor Cannot now a ripple raise ; But when later we are sitting By the winter's cheerful blaze. Looking back upon the summer With its long, contented days, We will weave such fish romances As the listener's hair will rai-e. Eke of trout in spotted beauty And the bass with silver rays, And such casts as Walton never Made in all his palmy days, These, oh these be fisher's ways.

## NO WONDER.

In the Alps.
The guide leads a couple to the brink of a frightful precipice, and then says in a mournful tone:
" I brought a gentleman and his wife here last year. The lady leaned over too far and disappeared. The gentleman said it was one of the finest views he had ever seen."

## THE ONLY SUBSTITUTE.

"We don't keep any leeches now, ma'am," said the druggist. "They have gone out of use entirely."
"But the doctor says they are the only thing that will save my husband's life. Oh, what shall I do ?' cried the poor woman, wringing her hands in great distress.
" The only advice I can give you, ma'am," returned the pill-roller, " is to go over to Jersey and capture a couple of mosquitcs.

thousanos of men are like it.
Waymipe moratast-" Dear me, how tertibly human that ass is I Although he's up to his neck in plenty, yet he must kiek.

## WHEN a VESSEL IS NOT A VESSEL.

In the Brooklyn navy-yard
An old sailor has just heard of the death of a captain of a man of war under whom he has sailed over many miles of blue sea. He tries to squerze out a tear or two.
"And of what did he die?" he asks as soon as his emotion allows him to speak.
"Of the rupture of a vessel."
"Oh! a fine death, a noble death that, for a sailor!"

## A SEASIDE ROMANCE.

They were sitting silently on the sands, watching the waves roll by. The yellow moon made him look bilious, but she never thought of that.
"I went to see the dector to-day," he murmured in a languid voice, " and he said I was suffering from an affection of the heart."

She started violently. The dream of her life seemed about to be realized. But still it seemed like hoping against hope. He was the son of a millionaire, while she tried on cloaks in a Hebrew firm. Yet his manner and words were so natural that she was convinced he was sincere, and she turned half around so that she could fall into his arms at the critical moment without knocking his pot-bellied hat off into the water.
"Yes," he went on in the old listless way; "the doctor says it has gone so far that he couldn't speak for my life unless I gave up "-

- What?" she screamed in a voice as sad and mocking as the waves that washed the French dressing off her dollar-and-forty-nine-cent kids.
"Smoking cigarettes," he replied, turning around to see what ailed her.


## THE DUDE'S ULTIMA THULE.

Aw, waitah," drawled out a dude in Delmonico's, "take away this beastly stuff. Weally, I cawn't go this common bread. Haven't yaw any of the imported, yaw know ${ }^{\prime \prime}$



Then the manager raged in righteous wrath
And gnashed his teeth with a groan And out from under that lady fair He kicked the old mile-stone. Cash for to fix thy finger nails? Fur for an ulsterette
Blessed are they who naught expect For that's just what they'll get."
The lady's eyebrows quirkled thrice And she wiggled her fingers slim, And the blood of the manager quickly froze
As she jerked a glance toward him. But his legs were long though his purse was short,
So he took to his heels and ran, While the lady gathered her skirt lings up
And followed the flying man.
They fled all day 'till the shadows gray Came down and the light grew dim And the high-heeled boots and striped hose

## JUDGE AND THE PLAY.

The stage people are rapidly making for town from the different summer re sorts preparatory to putting on the harness for the fall season. The regular season here in New York will shortly be in full operation, and then-ah yes, and then?
De Wolf Hepper is an excellent story-teller, and if once prevailed upon to let himself loose can manage to entertain a company fully as well off the stage as he does on. One dreary Sunday evening down at Bath Beach the last week in August, a party of a dozen or more congenial souls vainly endeavoring to keep happy and warm, and succeeding dismally in both, started in to kill time and the hotel proprietor by evolving some stupendous yarns. Clay Greene, author of "The Golden Giant," Charles W. Dongan, and De Wolf Hopper were the aggressors, and of the trio the latter was awarded the conventional palm.

Hopper is a very fluent and pleasing talker, and has a method of talking right at his audience in a familiar, known-you-since-you-were-born sort of way that takes.

Then the leading lady, there on the stone,
What were the words quoth she? What was the burthen of her moan As she sniffled plaintivelee? A dollar or two I needs must get Or life I'll not endure;
want some fur for my ulsterette And the fee for a manicure.

O'ertook and captured him.
She read him a lesson long and loud, And proved that the race they ran Was making the lady a tower of strength,
And him a most muscular man.
So they sped away 'till the Jersey
spires
Rose up in the vale below,
And sought the museum advertised As giving a ten-cent show.
Thus matter triumphed over mind,
For the " modern Hercules
And the "giant maid" in feats of strength,
Can do just what they please.


Spanaler-"I trust Mrs. Blenheim wil allow me to renew the acquaintance so Mrs. Blenhery-" Well, hardly. You see, Mr. Spangler, the young lady who at the time was occupying my husband's attention at Saratoga proved to be his own cousin, and we have agreed to quit the playing-off busines on each

BACK IN THE CITY,


PLANNING AN ESCAPE.
Mrs, CnowLey - "I positively can't wear any such looking thing as that!"
Mr. Chowley-" And imagine me turning handsprings with these on!"
Mas. Crowley - "Let's go down to Narragansett Pier, where people are not mo particular."
It was particularly cold, disagreeable and irksome that certain evening, and naturally the conversation drifted into channels suggestive of the surroundings. Dongan opened the escape valve by des canting somewhat bitterly upon the disadvantages of the Wallack dressing-rooms. This brought Hopper to his feet, figuratively, in a lurid defense of the Wallackian article, "There is no use arguing with you," he said, when he found that he couldn't bring Dongan over to his way of thinking; " you are constitutionally a crank, Charlie, and not open to conviction. Nevertheless I think you'll admit that, in comparison, our present abode is a palace along side of the rooms in the outlying districts. Take Chicago for instance. There's Henderson's theatre, in which the rooms are mere boxes filled with rats and compressed profanity, and as for some of the places in the east and south, they're la-las.
"Talking about rats reminds me of the time we played in Richmond. The theatre is literally infested with the animal. It is a peculiar variety of rodent they have down there. They're bald-beaded and hopeful, voracious of appetite as a goat, and as lax in manners and principles as a Detroit baseball player. Honestly, they are without hair or fear, and are the largest breed of rats I've ever run across. Going along the passage toward the dressingmooms you'll meet perhaps two or three of these interesting specimens of Virginia product. They will not budge an inch for you to get by, and unless you are yearning to get into a rat conflict and a southern hospital you will have to step to one side.
"We were singing 'Don Cæsar' down there. A part of my make-up was a pair of huge slippers. I have been (Continued on tenth page.)



## ON THE STRICT Q. T.

## by edwin atwell.

领ES, even the women have left me ; I rest on the counter unbought,
And between you and me and the doorpost I haven't the heart to retort.
I've been talking it over with Henry, and brother James fully agrees
That the critics, Philistine and savage, have still insect malice to tease.

And then there's the "Study" to handle and it nets me five thousand a year,
And I've got to fill ten mortal columns with the shreds of y simple itea.
Does there come in the fife of a human who tries the elect ones to bluff A time when he's called by the bankers and finds he can't put up the stuff? Oh, I'm greater than Dickens or Balzac, than Thackeray, Scott or Valdes, But the stamp of the vulgar's refreshing, when you don't dare be vulgar that way,
For I'm weary of maids lackadaisic and of youth whoo are every day fools, And the cult of the crew analytic and the cant of the realist schools
Of the real life, that is, that a school-girl may know without reddening cheek
Great Scott! How I long for a story where the heart and the mind of man Great speak!
Thank he iven for Tolstoi! he's saved me, I have tamed him and made him When I pat his broad back people fancy I can claim to pretend to his crown. Henry sits on the skirts of dear Zola-which is all very well over there, For what's thought not immoral in England would never go down over here. Confound it ! This feminine public-or rather the boarding-school missThat I write for, would drop in hysterics if I tried to describe a real kiss So give me my nauseous "Kidnapped " and "Quatermains" combats and I'll wallow in barbarous stories. (I'd write them myself - but I can't.)
naturally blessed with a generous share of pedal extremity as you will observe. In addition to what nature had given me, however, I had these slippers built several inches longer and placed upon enormously heavy and expansive heel foundations. One evening I had made up all except the slippers. One of themi couldn't be found. I searched high and low. No slippers. It was impossible for me to go on in my stocking feet (the property line of slippers having run short), and it was equally as impossible for me to go on with only one, as the high heel would soon have transformed me into a cripple with a pronounced and well d fined limp. The curtain had to be kept down until that slipper was found. The whole troupe went to work on a search warrant issued by authority of the stage manager. And where do you think we located that two-foot bit of cobbler's bric-a-brac? Down a rat-hole, all except the heel."

## THE JUDGE'S BENCH WHIT-

 TLINGSGeneral Rosecrans is not a favorite in Washngton, where he holds a high government position. He is regarded a crusty, cross and disobliging. No one would suspect him of having any broad humor in his composition. One of his old army comrades tells me that during the war a lady came to Rosecrans and amid a deluge of tears asked for a pass across the lines to see her uncle, who was very ill, she said, and might not recover. Rosecrans had reason to suspect the family, but instead of making the rejec-


SPIDER, weary, sad and disheartened, one day called upon an owl and thus spoke of his trials and tribulations. "O, wise owl ! I have come to you for advice and see if you could suggest to me any way out of my difficulties. I believe I am the most persecuted being on the face of the earth. No matter where I build my home it is destroyed. I have woven the silken threads around almost everything that I thought would never be molested, but it is always the same old story-'Destruction'. Now can you give me any assistance ?"

Then spoke the owl-" O , foolish spider! If thou hadst half as much brains as perseveranse thon wouldst have found, ere this, a place of safety, but I will direct you. Go you at once to the nearest fashionable church and weave your dwelling over the hole in the lid of the charity box, and there you will never be disturbed." The spider went forth with great rejoicings and did as bidden by the owl and his house remains there even to this day.

Moral-Never say die.
tion depend on his suspicion he said, "I am sorry, my dear woman, that your uncle is ill. My uncle Sam is also ill. When he recovers I may be able to accommodate you and let you go over to see your uncle. But not to-day. Your visit to your uncle being dependent on my uncle's recovery, I trust you will do your duty in helping my uncle Sam to get well."

While the Ives affair was running high and the young Napoleon of Wall street was baffling the efforts of those who wanted to inspect his boois I ran acrosss Colonel C. W. Moulton of Ohio. Said the Colonel, "The reply of Ives to his pursuers reminds me of the boy whose mother had promised him a penny for every fresh egg he would find and bring to the house. The lad found a nest and thereafter regularly brought in an egg every day. His mother began to tire of her expenditure and one day asked him where was the nest. 'Mother,' said the lad, 'The hen knows and I know, and that's enough.'

## General George H. Sheridan "of Louisiana" is almost as

 much of a public character as General Phil Sheridan, for whom he is often mistaken because they have the same name and military title. General George Sheridan is noted for his oratorical ability and for his wit. Talking about Canarla the other day he said, "I'm dead against annexation until I get too old to steal."
## DECISIONS HANDED UP.

All Philadelphia thermometers this summer are built five stories high, with elevators.-Philadelphia News.
When you come to think of it, young man, isn't the marriage ceremony miss-leading? -
Yonkers Statesman.
George Washington, we are proud to say, never bathed in a Mother Hubbard at Brighton Beach. - New York Morning Journal.

If something is not done to retard the upward flight of tobacco Mr. Gould will within a twelve month be the only man chewing, and the Van
Servant, to the parson, who is very ill indeed : "If you please, sir. the chorister is down stairs and wants to know if you won't give him the hymns for next Sunday'sservice?" Parson, feebly: "Tell him there will be no service ; I expect to be dead before next Sunday." Servant, exit and re-
enter: "If you please, hesays then will you be kind enough to send down the hymns you'd like sung at the funeral ?" (Parson recovers much more
rapidly than chorister.)-Burdette.
A New York publisher asks, "Will the coming man read books?" We wager that there will be published a great many books that the coming man will not read-especially if he should be a literary critic. But he will review them all the same.-Norristown Herald.

## PACKER'S <br> TAR SOAP.

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