'Tis said that absence conquers love, But O, it cannot be, For all my dreams that wayward rove Are filled with thoughts of thee

When morning o'er the grassy hill Looks with her golden eyes, And winds that through the night are still, Are breathing softest sighs,

Then do I think of one, to me The noblest and the best, And bid my wandering thoughts and free Fly to my heart's love-nest.

When the moon is in the azure sea With all its magic lights, I think of hours I've passed with thee In just such lovely nights.

But now thou art so far, so far away Thy care is not for me; Yet ever will my spirit stray And sweetly rest with thee.

## A Night in New Orleans.

### A JOURNEYMAN PRINTER'S STORY.

Printers tell many queer, quaint, quizzical, they do a great deal in that way for the mere fun of the thing, it is not to be supposed that they are always joking-always jibing it, merely for the sake of raising a laugh or creating wonder. In their numerous tramps they meet with many strange sights, and often encounter perils which to many would appear incredible.

We will relate a little story which we heard from the lips of a poor fellow, who has long since "shuffled off this mortal coil."

In the year 18-, we were assisting in the publication of a daily paper in one of the to be plundered, and perhaps murdered, I had small towns of the State of New York. One every reason to believe. night-or rather morning-(for printers, above all others of the human race, are |dar!" compelled to keep all sorts of hours), after the "forms" were "locked up," and everything was ready for a final adjournment to our respective boarding houses, a proposition was made to visit a restaurant for the double purpose of having a smoke and refreshing the inner man with a little of the trouble of trown yer down!" he added tude of the trade between the two countries, men, and I ought to take a shot gun and kill and while discussing the good things before us, entertained each other by relating our to gratify you?" adventures both by sea and land.

"Did I ever tell you of that adventure I had in New Orleans?" said Charley Rodman, a gay, dashing, good-looking, and really gifted

"Guess not," was the universal response. "Well, will you hear it now?" "Certainly," fell from half a dozen lips.

"Well, then, here's at it."

· I was working on a morning paper in pearance of a female, who rushed before me down the pit, but down he went, in a moment question. How far influential men in and threw herself down in my path. I was disappearing out of sight. just in the light of the street lamp at the time, and as the woman turned her face up to mine I noticed that she was both young and beautiful.

"Bave me, sir ! save me!" she cried, clasp- my escape from the den of infamy. ing my legs frantically.

"Save you from what?" I demanded, as I raised her to her feet. "I do not see anything."

"Oh sir! a brutal looking man was pursuing me, threatening my life and honor. couldn't be helped, sir ; though I never was out so late before without company:"

"Where do you live?" I enquired, fairly fascinated by the girl's beautiful face and soft voice.

next street" said the girl, "but I am so afraid showed me that it was the negress. I shall meet that man again. Oh sir, if you would only see me safely home, I shall be so much indebted to you."

still there don't appear to be anybody in

pursuit of you now."

down the street, and turning my face in that where we were standing at a rapid run.

the same time as I did. "There he comes now," she exclaimed in a deep fearful whisper, at the same time tightly

clutching me by the arm.

darted up the street. "Stop, young lady!" I cried; "I will protect you-you need not fear."

That was rather a loud promise, under the circumstance, but I did not stop to consider

what I said. and involuntarily I followed her steps. and looked back at me. In a few moments I that pit." reached her side, and by that time the man

was not far behind me. "You had better come in, sir," she said forced to do so." nervously : " for I am sure that man is evil designing, and may do you some harm."

As she spoke she mounted the steps of a very ancient looking dwelling, and violently rang the bell. I followed her, not exactly from prudential motives, but because I wanted to see more of her, and because I was fend of adventure of any kind,

Almost instantly the door was opened, when I followed the young girl inside. An old, hideous looking negro woman stood in the hall just beyond the door, holding a lamp | said, and the girl saw it. in her hand.

"Why, what's de matter, Caroline?" de-

manded the hag. "Shut the door, quick! I've been waylaid by a ruffian!" responded the girl excitedly. "This way, sir !" she remarked, at the same locked the door, put the key in my pocket may be found in it. time addressing me, opening the parlor door and followed close behind her. and pointing me into the room.

I bowed and passed in; immediately after I heard the front door closed and locked. "Excuse me for a moment, sir, while

speak to my mother," pursued the young girl Before I had time to reply, the door closed and I was left alone.

I walked to a sofa—a light was burning in the room-and I sat down. Then I took a survey of the apartment. The furniture had been good in its day, but was then much worn and battered.

A few minutes afterwards the satanic " Miss Caroline 'quests the gentleman to

walk upstairs," said she. I began to think the proceedings rather strange, but still my reckless spirit induced

me to follow the negress. Up two flights of stairs and to the door of a back room she led me. She knocked and the door opened.

"Walk in sar, if you please," she said, had evidently been the haunt of robbers for very deferentially.

I stepped into an apartment that had no windows in it, and was confronted by a huge, heard the door closed and locked, and for the first time began to think seriously of danger.

"Fork ober, sar!" exclaimed the negro abruptly and threateningly.

I carried quite a valuable watch, and had as Rodman concluded. considerable money about me, for that night I had been paid off at the office, and a really | it or not." clever sum was standing to my account. I knew I had been drawn into a den of thieves, but I internally resolved not to lose my To the Editor of the Commercial Bulletin: property, let the consequences be what they might.

"Do you mean to rob me?" I demanded resolutely.

"'Spec I do," was the unmistakable reply. "I warn you," said I, my blood boiling up, "that I shall not patiently submit to any such outrage."

"Don't 'spec you will, sar !" responded the negro, as he displayed a murderous looking knife; "but we nebber do things by halves. and sometimes startling stories; and while We nebber let no one that comes here go 'way agin-'cause they might tell tales." "Would you murder me, you black thief?"

I cried passionately. "'Spec I would," rejoined the cut-throat with a broad grin. "I'se used to dat sort of replies.

bis'ness, an' don't mind it a bit." I was now fully alive to the fact that I was in a very dangerous situation, and to tell the real truth, I felt dreadful nervous over it. What to do I knew not. That the girl I had Congressional Record of the 24th February. followed him, and finally drew a knife on him, decoy-and that I had been led to the house

somewhere, for as he spoke, a trap-door flew open in the centre of the floor.

I looked at the trap and then at the negro, in doubt as to whether I had heard aright. "If ye jumb down dar, ye'll save me the present Congress are aware of the magni-

"do you think I'll deprive myself of life just | Houses at Washington is true to its pledges,

Boiling over with diabolical rage, the accursed out throat again sprang at me, our opponents are not a unit against the prinbounding across the pit with the spring ciple, and I hope the question of Canadian New Orleans, during the winter of 18-, and of madness. As his feet touched the edge reciprocity will meet with a large and as I was going to my boarding-house one upon which I was standing, I involuntarily generous support from members of both night about twelve o'clock I was suddenly put out my hand towards him and shoved startled by the abrupt and unexpected ap. him back. I hardly intended to throw him

> I did not stop to learn the villain's fate, for I judged that I should have more such work on my hands before I got out of the say. Of this I feel assured, that the overture whipped out his pistol at the same moment.

round the pit and sprang towards the door. | accept it." Just as I reached it, however, and opened, and a head was thrust into the room. "Not far from here, sir-only round in the length upon the floor. The same moment

The hag was entirely insensible, and I forthwith dragged her into the room and shut the door. At length my attentive ear think that something should be done to open intensest public interest. Immense crowds "Certainly I will," was the response; "but caught the sound of light footsteps outside, up a trade with Africa, while little is said hung about the doors begging for news as to and a moment afterward the door again about relieving ourselves from the obstruction as long as he lived, and the how they would look after washing." He opened. This time it was my beautiful deceiver | tions to an enlarged trade with Canada. At that moment I heard the clatter of feet who appeared. The first thing her eye But few seem to be aware of the fact that failed to recognize his wife or friends and seemed to encounter was the prostrate form next to our trade with Great Britain is that with died without any appearance of pain. direction, I saw a man approaching the spot of the negress, and with an exclamation of astonishment she darted into the room.

against the door. The movement at once aggregate with Canada than with France, attracted the girl's attention to me.

intensely excited—"you and I must have an Suddenly turning away from me the girl understanding. You led me into this infernal den with your tricks, and you have got to show me the way out of it, or by all my hopes, yonder black pit shall be your grave. Any way I may lose my life; and I am desperate as man can be. You see that old hag cannot help you just now!" I added, The girl did not heed me, but dashed on, pointing to the still insensible negress; " and the viliain who was here, and would After running a couple of blocks she stopped have taken my life, lies at the bottom of

> The girl looked bewildered, and exclaimed "I could not help it, sir. Indeed, I am

> "That matters not to me," I added, incredulously; "can you conduct me out of this house ?"

"Yes sir, I can," was the eager reply. "Will you do so ?" I demanded inflexibly.

"I will, sir," she responded earnestly. "Then, lead on," I added, pointing to the door. "But mark you, if I see a sign of treachery, or notice the least offer to create an alarm, I'll tear you limb from limb!"

I was strong and wild, and meant what I "There is no one else in the house, sir, I

assure you," she responded. "Lead the way," I said, hardly crediting her words.

The girl passed from the room, when I

No lights were visible anywhere, except in the room we had just left; but keeping the girl right before me, and within reach of my hands, I stepped along. In a few moments we reached the front door. The girl stopped a moment, and I judged, took a key from some hiding place. The next instant, however, she opened the door and I sprang out-

side, thanking God for my deliverance. Without a word, even without looking whoever is ignorant and vulgar, behind me, I started away, hardly conscious of the way I pursued. I found my at the home of "Never." way to my boarding house, however, and Between the "Yes" and "No" of a woman place these hands on the key-board and they visual art in question. By its means numb looking negress opened the parlor door, at the earliest hour practicable, laid the I would not undertake to thrust the point of begin to play. They can be fitted over your less combinations of graceful motion I led a party of police to the house. Not being able to obtain admittance in the usual way, the doors were forced. Everything in the house remained undisturbed, but not a soul was to be found high or low. The trap, however, was soon discovered, and found, upon examination, that there was a succession of traps which conducted to a deep, half finished. damp, mucky pit in the cellar. The house

sometime.

At the bottom of the long pit we found the mangled and mutilated remains of the negro, burly negro man. At the same moment I and a heap of fleshless bones. I shuddered to think what might have been my fate, and congratulated myself on my fortunate escape. I had evidently been more fortunate than others. That is all, gentlemen.' "A very good story, very well told," said

"And true, gentlemen, whether you believe

eciprocity of Trade with Conado.

above topic frequently quoted by Canadian with his boots on. The difficulty was as journals, I have just called on Mr. S. S. Cox, whose Bill, introduced into the last Congress, partners in the lease of the convicts of for the purpose of initiating a practical mea. Georgia, but General Gordon was very sure, has been much discussed in Canada, to anxious to get out of the partnership ascertain what were his purposes and hopes and sent Alston to Atlanta for the future. I found Mr. Cox very much suthority to dispose of his interest to any belongs. On the bar is engraved a spri engrossed in matters connected with the one that would take it. Cox, who organization of the new House and its com. a pestering, bullying man, with a dangerous by the letter V on a red or blue ribbon acc mittees; and finding he would leave for temper, met Alston here and insisted on his ing to the service in the army and navy of Washington to-morrow morning, I rushed selling Gordon's interest to J. W. Walters, recipient. It is not to soldiers and said into the subject without circumlocution. who had agreed to take Cox's if he could get Not being a professional interviewer, I will state in brief his response to my interroga- serve General Gordon better by selling to tories, which may be inferred from his Mr. Charles Howard. Cox then got enraged

or in Canada, but desire to perfect and ten- trade with Walters. Alston said: "I am der to the people of Canada such a measure unarmed; you would not kill a defenceless as those who advocate revenue tariff reform "Come, sar, fork over, and den jump down in this country will sanction as being founded on the true principles of international The rascal must have touched a spring trade. It is always for the interests of na- came in, and asked Alston to step into the tions toact on those principles. Asto the pros- Treasurer's office and stay there while he pect of getting such a Bill through Congress, would send for Cox. I regard it as good. It has not yet been discussed in that body, and but few members of "You infernal rascal!" I cried madly, tariff. If the party now in control of both "You won't do nuffin, hey," cried the there should be no difficulty in passing such negro, springing at me like a wild beast, a measure as I propose, and I shall introduce it into the new House as soon as it is organ-The villain made a slashing cut at me, ized. The party with which I act stands the other side of the trap and escaped the large measure of revenue reform. It is part of our national platform, and no true Democrat can go back on that pledge. Besides, Houses without regard to party lines. It is

Efforts are being made by influential bodies to improve our commercial relations with Mexico, Brazil, France and other foreign countries, and there are those who our next door neighbors. With a tax on her The girl looked in the same direction, at | Quick as lightning I placed my back exchange goods of greater value in the products all but prohibitory, we nevertheless Brazil and Mexico, all put together, and "Now my lady," I hissed out—for I was these exchanges could, under a more liberal system, be doubled.

A RESIDENT CANADIAN. New York, March 10, 1879.

Wise Sayinge from Don Quixote. Beauty in a modest woman is like a fire or sharp sword at a distance—neither doth the one burn nor the other wound those that come not to close to them. Keep your mouth shut and your eyes

The absent feel and fear every ill. Self-praise depreciates.

The dead to the bier, the living to good All women, let them be ever so homely, are

pleased to hear themselves celebrated for their beauty. Squires and knights errant are subject to

much hunger and ill luck. Liberality may be carried too far in those who have children to inherit from them. Virtue is always more persecuted by the

wicked than beloved by the righteous. Every one is the son of his own works. Honey is not for the mouth of an ass. No padlocks, bolts or bars can secure a

maiden so well as her own reserve. Wit and humor belong to genius alone. The wittiest person in a comedy is he who plays the fool.

There is no book so bad but something good We are all as God made us and oftentimes a great deal worse.

Let a hen live, though it be with a pip. We cannot all be friars, and various are the paths by which God conducts the good to heaven. Covetousness bursts the bag.

It is easy to undertake, but more difficult | didn't" to finish the thing. The term is equally applicable to all ranks,

By the streets of "By-and-by" one arrives

Patience and shuffle the cards.

A soldier had better smell gunpowder than Other men's pains are easily borne.

A bad cloak often covers a good drinker, Pray devoutly and hammer on stoutly. When a thing is once begun it is almost

Lay a bridge of silver for a flying enemy.

Desperate Encounter in the G Mate House - Colonel : Hobert Alston Killed-His Assailant, ward Cox, Probably Fatally Wounded.

PISTOL LAW.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 11 .- A fatal counter took place in the Treasurer's office of the Capitol to-day between Mr. Edward Cox and Colonel Robert A. Alston, in which Colonel Alston was mortally wounded and Mr. Cox severely, if not fatally. Colonel part of our Gracious Majesty's reign, it Alston was one of the most prominent men not deemed advisable to make the action in Georgia and well-known throughout the country, especially in Washington. came of the fighting Alstons, of Carolina, a Seeing your interesting articles on the family of duelists, every one of whom died cross itself is a simple piece of gun-me follows: Mr. Cox and General Gordon are Gordon's. Colonel Alston said that he could awarded, and many civilians who have dis and told Alston if he did not sell as he band. The actual money value of the or "It is my purpose," said Mr. C., "to fol- directed he would kill him. Alston, who, low up the subject vigorously on all occasions although a thoroughly brave man, had always when opportunity is afforded. My views are had a horror of dying a violent death, as had well expressed in my speech published in the all his ancestors, drew away and left. Cox point of view. Thank God the day has I am not acting with any party, either here telling him he would kill him if he did not man." Cox told him to go and arm himself. Hower from the hair of his mistress, Alston went to the Capitol, where the Treasurer persuaded him to stay. The Governor in these later times, many a man has

## KILL OR BE KILLED.

Alston says :- " I know him well, gentle- practicable conferred by her own hand, a built up in spite of our exorbitant and unwise him, else he will kill me. As Alston went into the Treasurer's office Cox came down an additional annuity of £5 for every a side corridor. He looked in the Governor's as well as the interest of the whole country, office as he passed, and, seeing a man who tional bar, such bar being added upon resembled Alston sitting there, drew his pistol. He saw Alston just then entering roes of Britain in Peace and War. the Treasurer's office, and followed him. but with a single bound I sprang clear to pledged by its last National Convention to a He turned and said:—" I want to have no trouble with you, Cox; I've sold that inter- fers to your idea. As she puts it, "! est to Howard already, so we needn't have a fuss." Cox says :- " I must have one. I'm going to kill you." Alston expostulated, and the Treasurer and Captain Nelms, the peni- being too mean to buy a washing machine tentiary keeper, started to interfere. Cox advanced angrily, having first shut the door, PISTOLS AT EHOBT BANGE.

Alston then says: - "Well, we'll have it Canada may co operate with the friends of now; are you armed?" Alston waited for little creature, whose pa is also a clerk the measure at Washington in maturing the an answer, but Cox, without replying, drew proposed measure, I am at present unable to his pistol, uttering a cry of rage. Alston house, if, indeed, I ever succeeded in making I desire the United States to make to the Captain Nelms jumped between them and people of Canada will not be wantonly reject. | caught at both men. The two pistols flashed Instantly after the fall of the negro, I ran ed. It will not be without a party ready to simultaneously and the close room was filled with smoke. There were several successive These are not the identical words of Mr. flashes, interference being impossible. Alwas about taking hold of the knob, some Cox, but the substance of his rapidly express- ston's first ball struck Cox in the mouth and the Halifax Poor Asylum. one turned it on the other side. I sprang ed views. As Mr. C. claims to represent the apparently blinded him, as he wasted several up against the wall in a way that would sentiments of the business men of New shots. Alston stood perfectly cool. His be compelled to use a bell-punch when the stood perfectly cool. My mother was taken sick and I was forced keep me out of sight of any one who might York more fully than any other representations and that's the forced keep me out of sight of any one who might York more fully than any other representations and that's the forced keep me out of sight of any one who might York more fully than any other representations and that's the forced keep me out of sight of any one who might York more fully than any other representations. tive from the city on matters relating to and his third was buried in Cox's throat. By O mores ! international trade, the views of leading this time Cox had staggered up to Alston, and Without waiting to see who it was, and taking merchants on this subject will be invoked, putting his pistol almost to his head fired. an infuriated customer of a pious merchants it for granted that all in the house were and a full and free discussion in leading Alston fell forward instantly, the ball having "Certainly not, sir. If you can prove to arrayed against me, I doubled up my fist, journals will disclose the condition of public entered his temple. Cox threw up his hands that one of my young men willfully and with all my strength instantly dealt a sentiment on the subject in this commercial and said, "We are both killed." The men represents any article of merchandise to y were both carried out and attention given to he forfeits his place at once." The custor

# ALSTON DEAD.

Alston lingered unconscious until half-past whole city is borne down with sorrow. He hired over again at an increased salary.

Cox is in a critical condition and the public indignation is very high against him.

# "Punch," March 1,

MISPLACED CHARITY .- On coming out of church, General Sir Talbot de la Poer Sang razul is so struck by the beauty of the afternoon sky that he forgets to put on his hat, and Lady Jones (who is rather near-sighted) drops a penny into it!

The Great Loan Land—Turkey.

thrifty rustic, who has recently taken a little from fifty to one hundred per cent. on farm.)-" Well, Thomas, you'll give your cost every year. Good stock pays vastly vote to Squire Shoddy at the next election ter than poor; good fences, neat laws, "Thomas.-" No, I shan't-I ha' got selected fruit trees, all pay large prof 'un, and I mean to keep 'un myself—I bean't as well as adding to comfort and self a goin' to gi' 'an to nobody ! " INSCRIPTION AND DESCRIPTION (For Parlia-

men.) - Satis eloquentia, sapientia parum.

### The Joken Club. Before the introduction of mucilage nearly all

letter writers were wafering people. They got into a sweat about electing a Bishop, and consquently elected a SwEAT-MAN. Ms. Hay condemns Ms. Patteson's

appointment. In this case a straw shows which way the wind blows. From the Finance Minister's delay in bring-

name of MR. TILLEY SLOWBOY. The Globe calls Mr. Hay of Centre Toronto of a new emotional art capable of high a political baby. It will next be insinuat- velopement. Among Eastern nations,

public crib. M. P .- " I tell you we never have vacan.

OFFICE SEERER .- " What, Never ?" M. P .- " No, Never !" OFFICE SEEKER .- "What, Never?" M.P .- (Who does not go to the theatre)-" I

think I told you two or three times that we

artificial piano hands. With them one no amplitude, and phase of the harmonic longer needs to learn to play the piano and tions given to a moving body, which craze the neighbors with the scales. You claim is the first musical instrument of own hands before you go into company so as producing emotional effects on the behold to deceive the sharpest eyes. When placed on | can be given to a visible body, the influen the piano they will at once take the most being heightened by the use of colors proper graceful and striking positions, and when you blended together. - Harper's Magazine. play, everybody will applaud. You can remain an hour at the piano before they run down, and they are arranged to play several tunes. There is one kind made especially for the Wagnerites, which begin by breaking the on good pasture. piano.

The Victoria Cross. Of all prizes that men in the army navy covet, there is none more eagerly sou more jealously guarded, or more dearly lo Rd- than the simple cross in gun-metal bea the inscription "For Valor." The Viet Cross was instituted by Royal Warrant January 19, 1850, as a reward for indiviinstances of merit and valor in the army navy. Although many acts of heroism been performed in both services in the ea the warrant retrospective, and the heroe He the Crimes were therefore the first who ceived the much coveted decoration. bronze-colored, with the royal creat in middle, and below the words "For Val in the centre of the reverse the date of act of heroism is inscribed and on the ba which the ribbon is attached, the name of with individual and of the corps to which laurel, and the bar is attached to the only, however, that the Victoria Cross guished themselves by acts of conspicu bravery have been enrolled among the h is only a few shillings, but the laurel or of the Romans cost even less, and decorati are of course altogether valueless from come yet when Chivalry lies dead, or w bravery sells itself for cash! Many a bi knight has gone into the clash of arms has fought bloody battles for the sake scarf which has encircled the fair neck; into the deadly breach, and through temp of flery missiles for the love of country honor, sustained in the midst of dangers the hope that some day that simple Mal Cross devised by the Queen, and always w

## "Mayflower" Blossoms,

"READER."-Eva, in another column, husband stands by while the wife tram; the wine-press," which, I suppose, me takes in washing for a living, her may

rest upon his breast. The Victoria Or

carries with it £10 a year pension for e

non-commissioned officers and private,

fresh act of bravery equal to the first .--

"SPOONEY."-This is a young man receives the magnificent stipend of \$4 a as a cross between a clerk and an errand l He loves, oh so fondly. She is a vivaci something like \$1,000 or \$1,500 a y "Spooney" wants to know if he "will warranted in marrying and trusting to I vidence?" "Spooney" is a fool. It is obvi that there are more fools already in the wo than can get a decent living in it. Why d "Spooney" wish to add to the stock of fo on hand? There are five hundred pauper

Some wicked wretch suggests that desc

explains his dissatisfaction, and points the salesman. " Did you tell this gentler these paper collars would wash, Mr. M -said the merchant, in a severe tone, to anxious salesman. "Yes, sir," readily

The Farm. To save the posts from decay, dip the e to be set in the ground into petroleum or pa to char them.

To make hens lay the whole year, each hen half an ounce of fresh meat ev day, and mix a small amount of red pep with their feed in the winter. Give the plenty of grain, water, gravel and lime, allow no cocks to run with them.

No investment pays so well as money diciously spent upon the farm in reasons "BEATI POSSIDENTES." - Canvasser (to improvements. Draining wet land will

> Small bones in animals are an indicat of good feeding quality, early maturity, superior, fine grained flesh; while com large bones, with prominent joints and an lar projections of the skeleton, indicate t feeding quality, late maturity, and coa flesh, in connection with a large proportion offal and cheap pieces in the carcase, wi reaching its final destination at the slaugh house.

MELODIOUS MOTION.-Ayrton and Perry

a paper read to the London Physical Soci have called attention to the well known ing down the Tariff he has fairly earned the that emotion is excited by moving bodies, have predicted the creation upon this be ing that the Hon, gentleman is feeding at the example, entertainments consisting of tions and dumb show are common, whi although incomprehensible and even lud rous to the European, powerfully affect the feelings of a native audience. In Jap the authors had seen whole operas "melodious motion" performed in theatres, the emotions being expressed movements of the body affecting to the dience, but quite strange to them. To cal out this idea the authors have devised A rich American has just invented instrument for effecting changes in the peri-

> Red clover hay safely housed and well our s the best article for sheep. With supply of this, and an occasional sprinkli of corn, sheep ep as fat and as well