DOWNERS GROVE : ILLINOIS.

LIFE'S LITTLE IRONIES.

It is one of them when a young man's buggy breaks down and another fellow has to take his girl home. This

happened to a Kennebec man. And when a tramp reaches a certain fly town in England, to get no beer money, but as much bread as he wants

to eat on the premises. And when a traveler in the Alps goes mountain climbing without guide, to save money, and his family have to pay wages for a week of Sun-

days for funeral expenses. A Chicago man calls his dog Lame Conclusion because he has a broken tail.

A man in Henderson, Ky., sends conscience money to a local capitalist with this note: "Honesty is the best policy. This 20 cents is for stealing rides on the ole mule cars."

They figure out in Missouri that the wicked Mississippi Valley will be thoroughly reformed by A. D. 2959, by which time it will all have caved into the Father of Waters.

LABOR NOTES.

Minneapolis printers have established a printers' club room.

A Springfield, O., firm has shipped a large order of pumps to Russia.

The plate glass trade in the Indiana gas belt is reported very much improved.

Cincinnati labor unions have begun agitation for morning and evening 3cent car fares.

Texas has just finished a new 70-mile railroad, and a 100-mile road in Alabama and Mississippi has just been commenced.

Sam Hop, of Dayton, O., has a son in China, who has mastered the art of making fireworks and he will bring him to Dayton and start a factory.

other day, sent a committee to the two others with 'im. When yo' all hear mayor to protest against the manner three pistol shots yo' know it's 'im. in which the poor of the city were be- Git yo' criters an' surroun' 'lm.' ing cared for.

making vigorous objections to the the log stable. The horses were gone, mayor to "schools of barbering," which | the lights were out in the cabin, and are a new thing and, the barbers say, when we got back it was dezerted. We a bad thing for their buisners.

imported by English manufacturers, Cap. Nelson for half the \$2,000. You all goes into spasms over the fact, saying | hear as a general thing. He took the in effect that if this sort of thing is horses for half what you owe him for to become general the industries of the showing himself, and the rest can be empire are in danger.

The Ruskin co-operative colony located at Tennessee City, Tenn., and him, and we walked thirty miles to conducted on the Bellamy plan, is said town, expecting every minute to be to be in a highly flourishing condition, and will soon build a cominge to cost \$100,000. Nelson Stillwell, for many years a compositor on the Northwest-

sioner Dowling, submitted to the New rangement of spots which might east York state legislature, shows that there be mistaken for a spider. This veil with a membership of 180,231, an inunions reported an increase in working hours, and 68 a decrease. Of 864 organizations reporting, 132,260 members were in active employment in July, 1895.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In the United States there are over 37,000 female telegraph operators

Weather bureaus are now in existence in every civilized nation in the world, including China and Japan. Four thousand homicides a year are committed in Italy. This is almost an average of one in every two hours.

The sum of \$60,000 is annually paid by the gambling institution at Monte Carlo, for the support of the clergy of Monaco.

Antelopes are becoming quite scarce in Texas. Only a few years ago they could be seen on the prairies in vast berds.

The largest experimental apple orchard in the world is at Farmdale, Ill. It is owned by Benjamin Buckcan, and contains 550 named varieties of apples.

Mrs. Annie Merrifield, of Limington, Me., is still industrious, at the age of ninety-four. She spends most of her time in knitting socks, which are sold in Portland.

Miss Ella Ewing, of Price, Mo., weighs 290 pounds, and is said to be seven feet two inches in height. She attends church regularly, and takes up the collection every Sunday.

A big turkey was being dressed, by Henry D. Long, a cook in a Bridgeport (Coun.) restaurant. In the gizzard he saw something glittering, and it proved to be a diamond worth \$200.

A household curiosity is the asbestos towel, which never needs washing. When soiled, it is cleansed by throwing it in the fire, and in a few minutes it

may be taken out fresh and clean. The first prize in the freshman oraorical contest, some days ago, at Earlham college, Richmond, Ind., was won by a full-blooded Indian girl, Miss Gertrude Simmons, of Deadwood, S. D. Cornets have been worn since the actient ages. The mummy of an Egypan princess, that had been entombed two thousand years before the era, was lately found incased | tidewater. CAUGH I THE OFFICERS.

How a Moonshiner Collected a Reward Offered for His Capture.

"Cap" Nelson is a moonshiner whose stills in Clinton county, Kentucky, have never been found. The revenue officers have endeavored for years to catch him, but the nearest they ever succeeded was about two years ago, the details of which raid were told a Washington Star reporter by Thad Arnold, one of the deputies who accompanied the posse.

"We left Point Burnside," he said, and stopped the first night in Monticello, starting early the next morning for Boston mountain, near which Nelson was known to live. As we rode up the narrow bridle path-that is the easiest way to the top of the mountain

-a mountaineer met us. "'Howdy, strangers,' he said.

"'Howdy,' we answered. "'Goin' to Albany?' he inquired.

" 'Yes.' "'Wall, I reckon I kin do yo'uns some good an' make an hones' dollar,'

he remarked. 'One of yo' all jess git down an' come hyar.' "Our leader dismounted and the man

said, cautiously: "'Thar's a feller named 'Cap' Nelson hyar, an' thar's rewards fur 'im. Ei

yo' all will bring some men hyar I'll

go halvers.' "After a little sparring a deal was made with the fellow, who took us to a house for supper, where he said Nelson had an engagement to come that night. We watched the informer and carefully kept our weapons ready for

"'Yo'uns all go up yander in the loft an' keep a sharp look out. When he comes jump right down an' capter 'im suddent. Take me, too, for my hide wouldn't be worth shucks ef they hed any ijee he were given away."

"We were a little suspicious, but kept a close watch upon the man. He was not out of our sight except when he went to feed the horses.

"About the time it grew dark there were sounds of horses' hoofs and our spy whispered up the loft: 'He'll ride up an I'll go out and see 'Im an' stop Minneapolis trades assembly, the 'im. He won't come in, 'cause thar's

"We started after the horses; the The barbers' unions of Cincinnati are pistol shots were heard as we reached finally got into the house and loosely During the past fortnight the first scrawled on a piece of brown paper was cargo of American pig iron has been | written: 'I told yo' all I'd show you and a leading British newspaper fairly et supper with him, but he don't live sent to him at Monticello."

"It was the last trace we could find of shot at."

The very latest in veils is a large, ern Miller, and a well-known union | delicate mesh somewhat resembling a man, has accepted the foremanship of spider's web. A curious little white the colony's paper, the Coming Nation. speck like a fly near the left eye and on The annual report of Labor Commis- the right, close by the mouth, is an arwere in the state on July 1, 1895, a bordered with a little narrow edge o total of 927 labor unions and assemblies. Honiton lace, and two love knots within a reasonable distance of a pretty crease of 67 organizations and 23,034 mouth. If the veil is white the spide; members over the year before. Of and fly are black, and vice versa. This these organizations, 112 reported an in- might truly be called the allegorical crease in wages for the year, 70 a de- veil, assuming the face to be young and crease and 704 no change. Eighteen Innocent, looking at the world beyond with wondering eyes. The old-time useful fashion of gathering the ends and front, making the veil fit comfortably around the face, has been quite done away with. Instead, it is allowed to hang loose and fall.

A Supreme Being.

False gods, idols, the sun, and other objects were worshiped by the ancient pagans, but this spirit showed that they believed in a being higher than mortal man.-Rev. F. Malone.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

An image impressed upon the retina of the eye remains there an appreciable time. This is the reason why a torch swung rapidly seems to be a circular

While boring a well at Mulhausen Alsace, the temperature was taken at various depths. At 1,650 feet the thermometer recorded 160 degrees F.; at 770 feet, 64% degrees. From this last point down the variation was an increase of

1 degree to every twenty-two feet. Two English bacteriologists conclude that an average of 1,500 microbes must be inhaled into the nose every hour, while in London the number must often reach 14,000. The organisms are caught by the nose and pass to the digestive

organs, which in health destroy them. It is said that the quivering of the aspen's leaves is due to the fact of the leaf stalk being flat on the sides and so thin about the middle that the Yorkers, and were unaware of the obslightest breath of wind sets all the leaves wagging horizontally. A sin- a damage to her machinery obliged gle leaf plucked off and taken by the the Virginius to seek temporary shelend of the leaf stalk between the thumb | ter in the harbor of Kingston, Jamaica,

the peculiarity of the aspen. Up to a short time ago it was popularly believed that the highest habitation of a man on the globe was to be found in a Buddhist convent in Thibet, where twenty-one monks devote their lives to the adoration of Buddha at an altitude of some sixteen thousand feet above sea level. It has been established lately, however, that a colony of mine laborera, exploiting for a London firm the tin and bismuth mines on Mt. Chorloque, in the Bolivian Province of Chichos, are living in a settlement more

BUTCHERIES OF 1873.

HOW SPAIN TREATED HER LIB-ERTY-LOVING SUBJECTS.

The Story of the Virginius Massacre at Told in Leslie's Newspaper of That Year - Only Stopped When Our Muskets Began to Rattle.



HE reproduction page from Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper of the year 1873, illustrating the horrible massacre of the crew of the American steamer Virginius, will viewed with a sad

interest by the majority of readers. The pictures will bring home to them at a glance the extreme barbarity of Spain's methods of warfare, and will justify the denunciations launched against that retrograde nation, in the highest legislative council of this country; for it is hardly to be supposed that the bloodthirsty hidalgo has undergone any change of heart in the past twenty y ars. In fact, there are reasons to believe that, if anything, the practices of the present authorities in Cuba even surpass for refinement of cruelty the dark deeds of their predecessors of the seventies! The story of the Virginius, briefly

SPANISH SOLDIERS BLOWING OFF THE HEADS OF MEMBERS OF



Volunteers. On Nov. 2 a drum-head court-martial was convened on board the Tornado, and the four leaders of the expedition, Generals W. A. C. Ryan, of New York, Jesus del Sol, Bernabe Varona and Pedro Cespedes, brother of the president of the Cuban republic, were condemned to death on the charge of piracy. The sentence was carried into effect the following morning. Hardly had the smoke cleared from above the corpses of these four lovers of liberty when a second court-martial assembled to try the rank and file of the expedition, including the captain and crew of the Virginius. Here again the charge was piracy on the high seas, and again the same awful sentence was pronounced. It being impracticable to execute the entire body of priscners at one time, the unfortunates were divided into batches, and on the morning of Nov.

marched in solemn procession from

the jail to the slaughter-house half a

mile away, to fall victims to the vin-

dictive hate of the Spanish tyrant.

lowing day, Nov. 1.

lar circumstances, when evidence

ed, and having their faces turned to distant when half the money disbursed the wall. The clergy, after having conveyed to the 'miserable sinners' their be paid to northern veterans living in Master's message of Peace on earth and good will towards men,' and having recommended their souls to that mercy in another world depied to them in this one, retire to the center of the square, where they take their place beside the colonel and the regimental staff. The commanding officer gives the fatal signal by waving his sword. the men fire, and the wretched objects of Spanish bate and vengeance fall headlong into the shallow trench, some dead, some dying, and others wounded, but alive. Then comes the crowning barbarity-a company of artillery, till now kept in reserve, gallops forward and crushes, with the broad and heavy wheels of the guns, dying, dead, and



AFTER THE SHOOTING OF THE CREW OF THE "VIRGINIUS" -NEGROFS OF THE CHAIN-GANG TUMBLING THE DEAD BODIES OF VICTIMS INTO MULE-CARTS.-Frank Leslie's Illuestrated Newspaper, December 20, 1973.

summed up, is as follows: The vessel, a side-wheel iron steamer, was purchased in New York in 1870 by the Cuban revolutionary funta, and was used for the transport of men and munitions to the coast of Cuba. She was entered as an American vessel, however, and continued to fly the stars and stripes on her various cruises. Her last trip was in the autumn of 1873, when she left Kingston, Jamaica, with one hundred and seventy-five volunteers and a complete armament, and turned her helm toward the Cuban coast. Her captain, Joseph Fry, was a native of Louisiana, and had been specially engaged for the occasion. Her crew for the most part were Newject of the expedition. Unfortunately and forefinger admirably illustrates a delay which sufficed to put the Spanish authorities on her track, and when she made her second start the Spanish man-of-war Tornado swooped down upon her, and after a long chase suc-It should be said, however, that before this every object that might in the least excite suspicion, such as horses, arms and munitions had been thrown into the sea, so that when the boarding party stepped on her deck they found themselves on board an ordinary merchantman carrying the stars and stripes and cleared for Colon with than seventeen thousand feet above a clean bill of health! In spite of this, and of the apparent fact that the cap-

wounded into one indistinguishable

And these horrors the Spanish governor proposed to repeat day by day until the last man of the two hundred odd prisoners of the Virginius had been done to death! But on Nov. 5, a few hours before the time fixed for the third orgy of blood, a British war-ship, the Niobe, appeared in the harbor, and her captain promptly informed the governor that he would tolerate no further bloodshed until the matter had been referred to the home authorities, who were then engaged in a similar business in Ireland. The Spanish governor referred to current events in Ireland and was about to carry out his awful work when a United States cruiser steamed into port with decks cleared for action. The guns were at once trained on the city and a request sent to the governor that the remainder of the Virginius prisoners be surrendered within half an hour. The request was promptly complied with. The American vice admiral then sent word to the officers of the Tornado that they ceeded in forcing her to surrender, should fire a salute of apology as the American war ship steamed out of port This they refused to do until ordered by superior authority. They were then shown the American flag, which was floated from the main mast. "This is superior authority," said our officer. referring to the stars and stripes; "salute it or I shall open fire." The Spanish captain did so. Then the government of Spain was compelled to apologize. But apologics are useless.

ture had been made in British waters, No apology, however abject, could the Tornado towed her prize to Sanbring to life again the poor mutilated tiago de Cuba, arriving there the folforms in the trench at Santiago de Cuba; none could ever atone for the hideous cruelty of Governor Juan The ordinary procedure under simi-Nepomuceno Burviel, their butcher! Is it any wonder that the people of the wrong-doing was as slight as in the United States, with this ghastly tragpresent case, would have been to unedy staring them in the face, refuse to dertake a thorough and painstaking believe the Spanish protestation that judicial examination. Governor Burthey are conducting their present war riel, of Santiago, thought otherwise, and so did his adherents, the Spanish against the Cubans upon humane principles?-V. Gribayedoff in Leslie's

PENSIONERS IN THE SOUTH.

Colonies of Veterans Settling in a Mild-

Weekly.

er Climate. The time may not be distant when a third, and perhaps half, of the pension money paid out by the government will be distributed in the south, says the Savannah (Ga.) News. The movement of members of the Grand Army of the Republic, particularly of those who receive pensions, to the southern states is now so large as to attract general attention, and it is steadily growing in volume. The reason of this is that the old soldiers of the north suffer from the effects of wounds received or diseases contracted in the war, and are anxious to pass their declining years in a milder climate. The long and severe northern winters are thinning 4th the first one, consisting of Captain | their ranks rapidly. They believe they Fry and thirty-six of his crew, many would live longer and have better of them being boys in their teens, health in the south. That is why so many of them are settling in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

In a dispatch published recently, giv-Here I quote an eye-witness' de- ing an account of the movements of scription: "The sad procession halts immigrants from the west to Alabama, when it has arrived at the place of it was stated that at present about \$7. doom, and forms a hollow square with | 500,000 of federal pension money is paid the victims in the midst. The line of out in the south annually and that it is soldiers next the slaughter-house then estimated that \$15,000,000 will be paid opens and the prisoners are placed out next year. If this estimate should on the edge of the trench or moat, not prove erroneous it affords good kneeling and bound, but not blindfold- ground for saying that the time is not by the government for pensions will the south.

Gold Coin to a Drawer. Several days ago Henry Rodewald, a grocer, died, leaving a small stock of goods. The goods were sold for the benefit of the family and appraisers were cailed in to fix the value of each piece. The task was all but finished when a rickety old table was dragged out to have a price fixed upon it. With much misgiving as to whether it was not an overvaluation, the table was marked at 10 cents. Herman Hartman, the appraiser, was about to put the table back in the corner when it occurred to him to look into its drawer. He pulled out a heavy package, which, when opened, was found to contain \$1,-700 in gold coin. The heirs are greatly stirred up over this unexpected addition to the assets and all the furniture is being searched for more money.--Indianapolis News.

Americanism.

To be an American is to believe in America and the American people. To be an American is to have an abiding faith in the future and in the destiny of America. To be an American is to have a high conception of what this great country should be, and following out that ideal loyally.-Rev. John H. Prugh.

Seemed Sufficient.

Mrs. Tono-So you're going to send your daughter to Wesleyan. Why not Vassar? - - - - - -Mrs. Undate-The Vassar colors don't become her.—Philadelphia Record.

The Whole or None.

rowed less than a dollar from me yet.

Jones-Black is a liberal fellow. H never does things by halves. Smith-That's a fact. He never bor-

STRANGE ACCIDENTS TO BIRDS

An Irish naturalist once observed dumlin acting in a very curious manner on the seashore. The bird would alight then fly a short distance, then alight again, violently shaking its head. A round lump appeared lastened to its beak. It turned out that the bird had innocently attempted to investigate a cockle which it had found open. The shell had closed on its bill.

A poor little chaffin was found dead near Epsom with its lower mandible so firmly imbedded in the shell of a beechnut that it had been unable to ex. o cate it and had died of starvation.

A hen pheasant was observed by a sportsman to be flying around and around in a wild manner. On being shot it was discovered to have a large oak leaf impaled upon its beak in such

a way as to totally obscure its vision. Herons sometimes choke themselves by attempting to swallow large tron!. An eider duck has been killed by attempting to swallow a toad. A kingfisher was once found which could not fly on account of having a young pike stuck in its throat. Some hunters removed the fish and the bird flew away

unhurt. Birds that employ hair in the building of their nests come to grief in strange ways. A gentleman who possessed several colts noticed a small bird entangled in the tail of one of his colts. It had evidently been on a search for hair and had become ensnared Cases of birds getting their fec' entangled in wool or string are well sized volume." known and death usually ensues if human help is not forthcoming.

In the spring of the year the dead leaves of pampas grass dry, fall to the ground and curl up like shavings from a carpenter's bench. A correspondent of an English paper mentions a robin which had accidentally gotten one of these pieces carled so tightly aroun. Its neck that it could not feed and so starved to death.

HUMORIST'S CORNER.

NEW JOKES AND JIBES FOR OUR LEAN READERS

Sweet Mand Sat in a Willow Chair-A Doubtful Experiment - In a Very Tight Place-Every Man His Own Poet.



WEET Maud sat in a willow chair. also-in high feather. plan our marriage, I declare,

together. Her father came. He cast one

glance. "Why" asked not "Whether?" The doctor in the ambulance

Then put my head together.

just below.

Every Man His Own Poet. You build a sonnet on about this plan: Your first line ground out, take the next one-so:

And make it rhyme with this one,

Then, next, you match the first line, if you can. Don't hurry the machine. The lines

must scan. With steady motion turn the crank. You know

'Tis not a sonnet if it limps. Go slow. Now find some rhyme for "scan"-for instance, man.

As to the last six lines some latitude May be allowed. Take any word, as "grove."

Now hunt a rhyme for "latitude." Tell shrewd. This line must end with dove, or love,

or strove. And this with mood, or prude, or crude, or dude; And there's your sonnet. Throw it

The Last Stand.

in the stove.

"Mike!" cailed the editor of the Hoboken Hasbeen, to the foreman of the composing room.

"Yes, sir," replied the latter, poking his head through the slide.

"Don't forget to double lead this editerial announcing our farewell bow to the reading public of Hoboken; and print the paragraphs calling attention to our manly struggles against adversity and final surrender to the grim destroyer, in pica."

"Yes, sir. Anything else?" "Yes. Commence this obituary with a wreath of immortelles initial letter if you have one; if you haven't, slide in that cut of the broken column out of the undertaker's ad. We shan't need

It any more." "All right, sir," returned the foreman. "But whose obliuary is it?"

The editor sighed as he looked affectionately but pathetically at his mucilage bottle and shears.

"It is the obituary of our last remaining subscriber," he said.

No Need of Legal Compulsion. "Blest if I can understand this currency question. I asked somebody what a legal tender was, and he said it was like this: If I owe you \$2, and I offer you a \$2 bill to settle the debt, you

must take it." "Weil, that's right!" "Yes: but what a blooming idict you

would be if you wouldn't take it."

In Full Dress.

. Mr. Wallace-I was at the theater last night a white-I went on Hargrayes' ticket. I wish you wouldn't interrupt me that way and, by the way, I saw your dear friend, Mrs. Fash, in a box. Mrs. Wallace-What did she have

"About the only thing I could detect on her was the gaze of the audience."



Roundabout Dingy-I had my brain photographed, Miss Stillwell. Miss Stillwell-Why, I thought that

impossible. Roundabout Dingy-The experiment was doubtful until a microscope was used.

A Reversible Overcont.

Gus De Smith-I say, Kosciusko, your overcoat looks shabby. Why don't you get a new one?

Rosciusko Murphy-Mose Schaumberg has shut down on my credit. "Then take it to a tailor and have it

"Humph, do you think that this overcoat has got three sides?"

Two Opinions. "What I know about bicycle riding," said Scorchleigh, "would fill a good-

"What you don't know about it," said the officer who arrested him for running down an old lady, "would fill a good-sized cemetery."

Why It Is So Slow.

"I should like to know," said one New York sportsman to another, "what makes Lord Dunraven's apologies so slow in getting here." "Maybe he's bringing them over on his yacht," was the reply.