

IN THE ODD CORNER.

SOME QUEER AND CURIOUS FEATURES OF LIFE.

Some Tale Told by a Drummer Who Said He Was Robbed—A Remarkable Diamond Story—How He Cared Himself.

It touched the lyre,
A hidden fire
Upstung,
With heaving
breast
And strange un-
rest
He sang.
Beyond the ken
Of mortal men
He saw,
And roused again
Each peaceful swain
To war.
In fitful burst
The notes at first
Arose,
Then swept along
As river strong
Onflows.
Of triumph sure
And peace secure
He told,
And fired the throng
With spirit strong
And bold.

The bugles blew,
The clansmen flew
To arms;
When from the night
A fearful sight
Arise.
With serried ranks
A dread phalanx
Appears,
With Saxon hordes
And Saxon swords
And spears.
With battle cries
They rend the skies
And close;
The cloymore's clang
And loudly twang
The bows.

The Scottish hopes
Are rent like ropes
Of sand,
And gloom and blight
Enshroud like night
The land.
Alas! for Scot;
The bard saw not
The end,
For sounding lyre
Let blazing pyrre
Ascend.
The field is red,
The hosts are dead,
The rill
Alone doth string
Its harp to sing
With will.

The stars behold
The faces cold
And scarred,
And lying red
Among the dead,
The bard.
—H. F. Thurston.

Is It a Ripe Story?

H. J. Boutelette is a traveling salesman from New York, who has had a room at 208 Ontario street, Chicago. The other afternoon he told Mrs. R. L. Baldwin, from whom he rented the room, that he expected company. Then he left the house, as he said, for a short time. The company called during his absence, but at Mrs. Baldwin's request remained until Boutelette returned. A few minutes after Boutelette reappeared the "company," who was A. B. Kennedy, alias "LeClaire Miller," was taken from the house a prisoner. Kennedy was charged with robbery, and in his pockets were a revolver, a bottle of chloroform, several cartridges and pawn tickets, one for a watch belonging to Boutelette. At the police station Boutelette told this story: "It was in front of the Palmer house when I met a stranger. We got acquainted, and I invited him to my room. We played cards until 2 o'clock a. m. Then my acquaintance produced a revolver and demanded my money and valuables. I gave them to him. Then he ordered me to go to bed. I did it. He disrobed and donned my clothes. He sat down, held the revolver on me, and smoked a cigar. While he smoked he announced that he usually had a partner, but was without one, because the police had packed up his old one. Then he asked me if I did not wish to become his partner, and I said I would think about it and would give him my answer. He smoked from 2 a. m. Sunday morning until 8 o'clock, and then left the house. Today just before he was to return to me I desired to become a highwayman I went for a policeman."

How He Cared Himself.

"For many, many years," said the tall, heavily built man, as he leaned against the bar and faced the small crowd of hangers-on that clustered around him. "I was troubled, annoyed, positively afflicted, with a raging, burning thirst for strong drink and alcoholic beverages. I sought relief in every way. I sought the advice of physicians and the counsel of friends. I tried various cures recommended by the newspapers. I spent seven months at Downers Grove, taking the gold cure, but it didn't seem to do me any good. When I was at home," asked the lit-

The man in the negligee shirt, "did you at length succeed in allaying this terrible thirst?"

"Well," said the tall, heavily built man, after a moment's reflection, "I found that old rye whiskey as a steady thing kind of softened it down and quieted it about as much as anything I tried. When I found the thirst and the burning desire for a drink coming on, I would go and take about three fingers of old rye, and the thirst would pass away."

Then all the bystanders smiled, for which the little man in the negligee shirt paid.—From Up-to-Date.

Do Diamonds Breed?
One of the queerest of the old-time superstitions was the one that is responsible for the notion that pearls and diamonds "breed" like animals do. A writer says: "As for what I know concerning the reputed story that precious stones are divided into sexes, male and female, just as are plants and animals, and that they breed like the latter do, I relate the following, which came under my own knowledge: A certain princess of Luxembourg had two diamonds, the colors of which betokened that they were male and female. The princess laughed at the notion until one day she was startled by finding a tiny speck of a diamond in her casket. She put the two large diamonds and the little one away together and they had a whole family in a reasonable course of time."—Ex.

An Enormous Pie.
Under different skies jubilee and celebrations partake of varying characteristics. In Yorkshire, and in some other parts of England also, every occasion for rejoicing is marked by the baking of a huge pie, which, after being exhibited, is devoured by all the inhabitants.
At Denby Dale, a Yorkshire hamlet, for instance, the other day, the people celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the repeal of the Corn laws by constructing an enormous pie six feet six inches wide and ten feet six inches long. The dimensions of the indentation which followed are not given.
This is not so large as the pie that this same village built on another anniversary some years ago, which was drawn through the place with thirty-one horses, headed by three brass bands, and was afterward put away under the waistcoats of the Denby Dalers.

Cremation in Paris.
A special service of sanitary police looks after the health of the city. A series of disinfecting stations is maintained, with modern ovens and other appliances for treating articles brought from infected homes. Parisians demand that their cemeteries be within walking distance of the city. As the city is very old, millions of people have died within its narrow limits. This is the most difficult problem that the health authorities have to deal with. They are trying to do away with the obstinate, ignorant prejudice against cremation. About 3,000 cremations a year take place now. The municipality encourages this innovation as much as possible.

Railroad Writing Desk.
Travelers on railroads have long hoped for the invention of an appliance which would enable them to write without difficulty on board a train while in motion. The little tables that are fixed to the side of a palace car do not meet the purpose, as the vibration of the train is felt, and sudden curves cause "slips of the pen."
A German railroad has just been equipped with an appliance which is said to work well. It is a board suspended from the ceiling by strong but elastic cords, which not only prevent vibration, but the swinging motion of the car is not communicated. A small charge is made for the use of this swinging desk.

Runs in the Family.
A Henry county, Ky., girl who eloped and was married at Jeffersonville, Ind., the other day is the youngest daughter in a family of twenty-one children, and all of her ten sisters have eloped to the same town in the last three years and have been married by the same magistrate. The bride is but 19 years of age, and stated that she had heard so much of the squire in question she would allow no one else to marry her, and she eloped in opposition to her parents' wishes and despite the protests of her husband. She embraced the squire as soon as the ceremony was over. Anyhow, the old man oughtn't to kick. He is in the cost of ten weddings.

Tube for Carrying Mail.
A mail tube is under consideration for carrying mail between the New York and Brooklyn postoffices. If built it will cross the bridge and be operated by electricity or pneumatic pressure. The bridge trustees ask a rental of \$8,000 for the first two years and \$6,000 a year thereafter. It is stated that the postoffice department is willing to pay from \$14,000 to \$15,000 a year to a company that will transport the mail by tube. The plan would greatly expedite the interchange of letters between the two cities, and it is to be hoped that it may be carried out.

A Facing Dog.
"Possum," a small spotted dog belonging to Capt. John T. Jones, of Winchester, Ky., has developed into a pacer. "Possum" makes his home with the horses at Capt. Jones' stable at the fair grounds and is very much attached to them. Whenever one is taken out for a drive "Possum" goes along and paces out the mile with the best of them.

JOHNSON NOTIFIED.

TEMPERANCE LEADER TOLD OF HONOR DONE HIM.

At Chicago Friday Night Hale Johnson, Prohibition Vice-Presidential Candidate is Officially Informed of His Nomination.
Hale Johnson, of Newton, Ill., was officially notified at Chicago Thursday night that he was the vice presidential nominee of the prohibition party. Chairman Oliver W. Stewart of the notification committee had the agreeable task of calling Mr. Johnson's attention to the fact that he was to be one of the chief standard-bearers of the army of sobriety by compulsion.
Mr. Johnson's speech was in part as follows:
"Many of our people believe that our

A 17-YEAR-OLD HEROINE.



Louise Frederick, a pleasant-looking girl of 17, lives at the foot of East Fifty-first street, New York. Within a few yards of her father's house is one of the free baths. Louise has patronized this institution with such regularity that she has come to be known as one of the most daring swimmers in the neighborhood. A few evenings ago Harry Reinstein, a 9-year-old boy, who also lives close at hand, was playing about the outside of the bath, when he fell into the river, which at this point is about eighteen feet deep. Miss Frederick was coming home from a shopping tour, when she heard an alarm raised. Without even taking off her hat she ran down to the spot and sprang in after the struggling boy. It was a leap of five or six feet and when she began swimming toward Harry he was still eight or ten feet distant from her. Weighted down by her clothing and shoes, the brave girl was heavily handicapped and by the time she reached the boy he was a foot beneath the surface. She caught him by the hair and lifted his head above the water. She put her left arm around him and with the disengaged hand began to swim for the other side of the pier, where there is a good landing place. The terrified lad made frantic clutches at her, but she warded them off. She had from fifteen to twenty feet to swim before she reached the landing place, but she was so cool and self-possessed that she did not let go of her parcel of finery until she had almost reached her goal. By this time all the neighborhood was in a state of great excitement. The women in the bath came out and crowded forward to watch the rescue. Patrolman Edward J. Kelly came running from East Fifty-second street and the river, and Bath Attendant Jerry Ryan rushed forward from the other direction. They met at the point which Louise was striving to reach. Ryan "knew she was good for the job," as he afterward expressed it, and contented himself with cheering frantically. The girl slowly swam forward until the two men were able to seize and assist her to a firm footing. In a few moments she was at home changing her clothes. Miss Frederick is as modest as she is brave, and last night she made light of her heroism.

present financial depression, low prices and hard times are the result of bad financial legislation, and that an increase in the amount of money by the free coinage of silver would prove a remedy for these conditions. I concur with them in their opinion that we must return to the full and free use of both of these metals in order to keep our circulating medium in a proper proportion to our population, but I do not believe, in the present condition of affairs, that the free coinage of silver would afford us any substantial relief. The saloons of this nation absorb yearly not less than \$1,200,000,000, of which it is safe to say that one-half is spent by the wage-earners of the coun-

PRIESTS AND PEOPLE BUTCHERED IN CRETE.



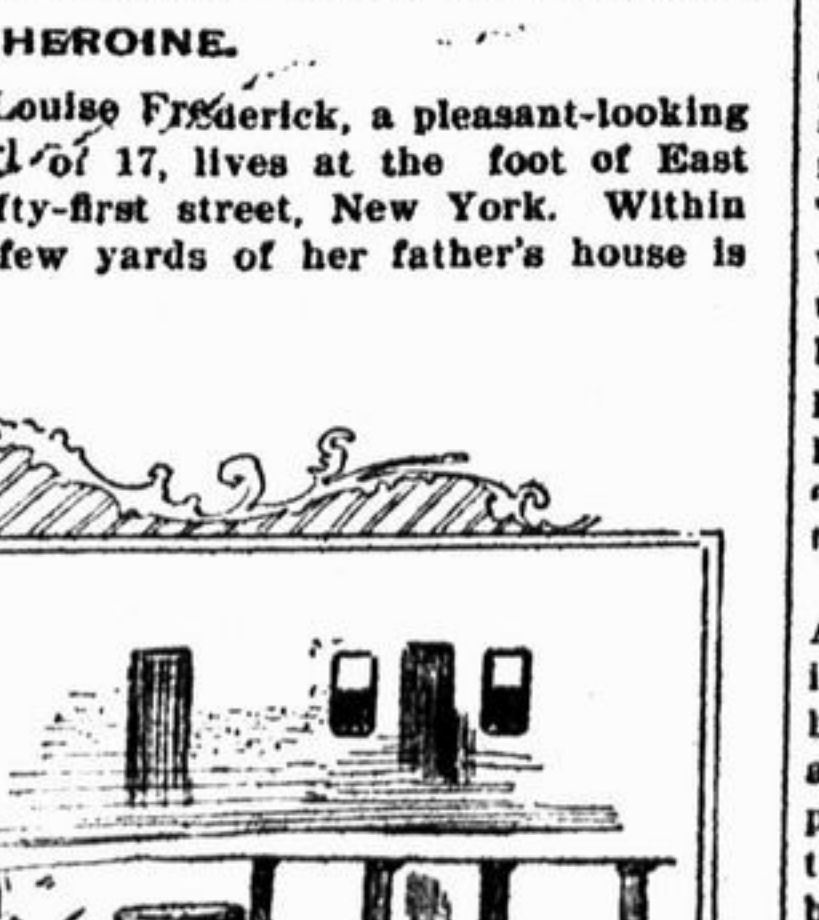
At Anapolis Padiada, near Heraklion, and her husband was butchered on her in the island of Crete, on Saturday, knees. Several churches were desolated 1,000 armed Mussulmans butchered a priest named Jeremiah had his thirty unarmed Christians in the pre-arms and nose severed from his head cinct of the St. John monastery. Sev- and was then burned alive on a pyre of coral priests and women and children's pictures. Our illustration shows were among the victims. One woman Crete, the capital of Crete, is a city of was slaughtered for saving her children 10,000 population.

try; men whose families are deprived of the necessities of life to the full extent of their expenditure of money for liquor. With more money in circulation, although we might temporarily have better times, the sum wasted in the saloons would be increased, so that it would not permanently benefit us in any appreciable degree. No kind of financial legislation will relieve us under such conditions as now exist."
Then the candidate spoke extemporaneously on the issues of the day. He said the silver question could not be no measure would bring relief; that no measure would bring relief till the beer measure was "made useless and we quit making men drunk by law."
Dr. J. G. Evans, president of Abingdon college, said that he hailed with delight the disintegration of the great political parties, believing that it was a sign the people were at last beginning to think for themselves.

SIX PERSONS PERISHED.

Floods in Pennsylvania Not as Bad as Reported.

A series of disastrous cloudbursts occurred in Western Pennsylvania Thursday afternoon. Six persons are known to have lost their lives and seven others were seriously hurt. At least six bridges were washed out along Pine creek, between Sharpsburg and DeHaven. Shortly after the cloudburst at DeHaven another occurred at Claridge, a little mining town in the Manor valley above Greensburg on the Pennsylvania railroad, about fifty miles west of Johnstown. A dozen houses were swept away and a number of people are missing. The dam at the pleasure lake of the Greensburg & Jeannette Electric railway above Jeannette burst. The pent-up waters rushed down the already flooded valley and carried away from forty to sixty houses and buildings. At Irwin station the Pennsylvania railway depot and other struc-



tures were swept away by the flood. The dead are:
MRS. SUSAN AULD of DeHaven, aged 87 years.
MRS. HELEN POPPLETON of DeHaven, aged 57.
MRS. FLORENCE ROBINSON of DeHaven, aged 34.
MARTIN COCHRAN of DeHaven, aged 2 years, son of W. B. Cochran.
EMIL SCHOFFELL of Etna, aged 16 years.
UNKNOWN MAN, found in Pine creek.
The injured:
William Humelstein, lumberman of Pennsylvania station; side cut by logs in Brush creek.

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NOTED WRITER DEAD.

"Gail Hamilton" Passes Away at Her Massachusetts Home.
"Gail Hamilton," Miss Abigail Dodge, died at her home on Main street, in Hamilton, Mass., about 9 o'clock Monday night. She arose apparently quite well Sunday morning, but while eating breakfast was stricken with paralysis, the shock being much more serious than the one experienced in Washington, in May, 1895.

Gail Hamilton was a frequent contributor to prominent magazines, and her published works, written in a witty and a gossamer style, consist largely of selections from her contributions. In 1887 she wrote a series of letters on civil service reform for a New York paper. Letters on a wide range of public questions, written for the Boston Journal, were widely copied throughout the United States. During recent years she engaged in political writing, and many famous review articles and political interviews have been accredited to her which have roused much warm discussion and have exerted more or less influence upon national politics.
Bryan to Visit Milwaukee.
Chairman Peck of the silver state committee of Wisconsin said Monday that while he was in New York Candidate Bryan promised him to make one speech in Milwaukee, even if he could not tour the state. Mr. Peck says he clinched the promise by securing the consent of the national committee.
Tanner Will Address the Veterans.
The twelfth annual reunion of the Northwestern Illinois Soldiers and Sailors' association will be held at Amboy Aug. 25 and 26. John R. Tanner and a number of other speakers have promised to be present.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

EXTREME HEAT AFFECTS BUSINESS BADLY.

This and the Especially Gloomy Government Crop Report, Has Made All Trade Bad—Comparison with One Year Ago—The Week's Failures.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:
"An extraordinary spell of deadly hot weather has affected trade throughout the country, and in the east speculative feeling was somewhat affected until Thursday by apprehension of the possible influence of the Bryan meeting. With cooler weather there came also on Thursday perception that the meeting would not affect business unfavorably. "But other conditions were not stimulating. According to government reports, the crops have sustained serious injuries. Labor difficulties extend and the closing of establishments for want of work and the refusal of commercial loans by banks checked operations in many branches of industry and trade. The week, therefore, closes, as the last week did, with domestic business unusually dull for the season. Measured by clearing house exchanges it was 59 per cent smaller than last year and 15.5 per cent smaller than in the same week of 1892, the last year of full business at this season."

"The government crop report for August was so gloomy that a great rise in prices would have followed if it had been entirely credited. Cotton advanced a sixteenth because of continued reports of injury. It is wise to remember that the government accounts were based on returns prior to the fearful spell of heat, and hence may be more nearly correct than they were when prepared. But official and unofficial estimates of a great decrease in the wheat yield are confronted with a movement from the farms of 3,569,741 bushels for the week, against 2,295,242 last year, and it scarcely seems reasonable to believe that 20,700,000 bushels would have been marketed since July 1 this year against 11,625,262 last year, if the yield had been smaller with the price 9 cents lower than a year ago. Atlantic exports (flour included) 1,409,780 bushels against 889,301 last year are not enough to account for the difference."

"No one questions the probability of a very large yield of corn. But the advance of cotton to 8.12 cents caused large selling and a reaction, although a turn upward on Friday took the price to 8.19 with moderate trading. "Iron production was reduced 20,764 tons weekly in July, and has been further reduced since Aug. 1, while un-sold stocks increased 26,192 tons in July. The stoppage of a large share of the Conneville coke works and of many lake iron mines is a fair indication that the two combinations do not believe anything could be gained by reducing the prices of materials, and the main difficulty is obviously the extreme narrowness of demand for finished products, which is so slack that most transactions are at some concessions even from the current low price. Copper receded to its quotations before last week. Tin has been sold below current quotations at \$13.35, and with sales of 800 tons lead weakened to \$2.75."

"The woolen manufacture makes little change, with not more than a third of the machinery now running, and the demand for goods does not improve, although prices of some important grades have been further reduced. Sales of wool at the three chief markets for two weeks have been 4,791,000 pounds, against 14,473,150 in the same weeks of 1894, and 16,426,302 in the same weeks of 1892. Nor has improvement appeared in cotton goods, although the curtailment of production for some weeks has been great."

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Encouraging.
Curate (who wishes to encourage local industry)—Well, Adams, how are you getting on with my watch?
Adams—Why, it is nigh finished now, sur, an' 'e do seem to go mortal well, but dang me if there ha'n't a weel as I can'! And a place for sommo'!—'Tunch.

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Justice Administered by Telephone.
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