When I got back to town, the sessions were only a week off; so the first thing I did was to call on the solicitor in charge of my murder case, in order to learn from him how it stood, and to take it off his hands. The magistrate, of course, had sent the prisoner for trial. When I came to read the deposi tions, the case against him seemed perfectly simple, and as conclusive as circumstantial evidence could make it. The crime had not occurred so long ago but that a diligent search had unearthed some witnesses. The servant-girl, who had now become the wife of a dairyman in the immediate neighborhood, was found, She proved the bad conduct of young Harden, and the ill-will which gradually grew up between him and her former mistress. She also spoke to his ejectment from the house on the day of the murder, and to his threats at the street door. She swore to the knife, which had been in the possess on of the police ever since, as having belonged to the prisoner. There were other witnesses to the same facts; and the landlord, my client, and several others, proved the flourishing of the identical knife and the ominous words in the public house. To complete the chain, the man who had instructed me proved the finding of the knife in the room where the murder was committed; and two or three witnesses remembered being by his side and seeing him stoop down and pick it up. These, with the final facts strong enough to swing John Harden cut of the world.

queerest thing of all is that no one is going to appear for the prisoner.'

"No one to appear for him?" "No one. Young Elkin holds a watching brief on behalf of the prisoner s master, and that is all. He said Harden had been in Mr. Slocum's—that's his master—service for over seven years, behaving extremely well all thetime. He was invaluable to his old master, days, to do it; but I didn't. I was so drunk who is something of an invalid. He had turned religous, and was disgusted at his might have done it if it had happened earlier former wicked life."

anyrate, if Slocum is so fond of him, why I couldn't have done it, and why? Because doesn't he pay for the defence?"

"Why, it seems that his notion of relithe hands of a Higher Power, and it shall be given him what he shall speak, and all the rest of it. He wanted to make a speech to the magistrate; but Slocum, by Elkin's advice, did manage to induce him to hold his tongue for the present, and say he would reserve his defence. Of course they hope he will come to his senses before the trial. But I don't know how that will be. I never saw such an obstinate pig. Only gave in to his master about not speaking because the poor man began to whimper in court!"

for me, and it only remained to bespeak as I was, I owed her too much, and knew it, cepies of the depositions, see the witnesses, to have hurt her in any way. Won't you and make sure that they intended to say at | believe me? I tell you I was miles away at | again. necessary precaution, the imagination being | cne, I suppose. Not a soul was near me take their course.

Court, having various other cases in hand I've done, and you must do as duty bids there. The prisoners, as is customary, were | you." first put up and arraigned—that is, had the substance of their several indictments read over to them-and were called on to plead | tance of the darkened court shimmered "guilty" or "not guilty." These disposed | through the gloom, like those of spectres of, the case of John Harden was called, and | waiting to welcome a coming shade. Then I looked at him with some curiosity. No | the gaslight burst forth, and all sprang into sooner had I done so than I know that his | sudden distinctness, and there was a generwas a face upon which at some time or other | al half stir as of relief, I had locked before, and of which I had taken note. It is a useful peculiarity of mine that I never forget a face to which I have once paid any attention, and I can generally recollect the place and circumstances under which I last saw it. But here the ed one. Clearly there were many in court latter part of my powers failed me. I knew | who remembered it. I did for one. And rethe face well, but could not imagine when and where I had beheld it. I even knew | who sees the glimmer from the distant openthat I had seen the man bare-headed, and that he was not then, as now, bald on the crown. The thing worried me not a little. Agatha Harden.

case," said my counsel, starting up and down again like the blade of an knife.

"Does robody appear for the prisoner?" asked the judge.

"I understand, m' lud,, that the prisoner is not represented," said counsel, appearing and disappearing as before.

"My lord," said an agitated voice from the | man is now, and if he'd remember?" body of the court, "I have used all possible efforts-"

"Si-lence!" proclaimed the usher. "Who is that?" i quired the judge, looking ever his spectacles.

"My lord, I am this foolish fellow's master; and I am rerfectly convinced-" "I cannot hear you, sir. If the prisoner wishes to have counsel assigned to him for his defence, I will name a gentleman, and will take care that the prisoner shall have

due opportunity for his instruction; and if

ence?"

box, it was easy to see from the faces of the brelle, so that even the impassive judge jusy that things were likely to go hard with the prisoner. Always, in answer to the in- more proclaimed "Si-lence!" with a quiry, "Do you wish to put any q

to this witness?" Harden repliea: "No. my lord. He has said the truth, for

Il I know. So smoothly did the trial run its course, that only one incident called for re This was when my client got into the box; and so indecently seger did he appear to be procure the conviction of the prisoner that he twice called down upon himself ssvere rebuke from the judge, for persistentvolunteering trelevant statements Harden's prejudice. And when counsel at ength said, "That, m' lud, is my case," and sat down, but little doubt remained as to the prisoner's fate. I still eat with my gaze fascinated by the set face in the dock, trying-trying to remember when and where I had last looked upon it.

"Do you propose, prisoner, to call any witnesses?" asked the judge.

"Only my master, my lord-Mr. Slocum. He'll speak for me, and he'll say, I know, that I'm not the man to kill any living

"Very well. -And now, before calling him, do you des re to address the jury?"

The interest of the case, which, except for that interest which is inseparable from trial for murder, had slightly flagged, revived now that a human being was virtually at grips with death. For what had just passed meant that there was no defence or attempt at a defence, that the jury must convict, and that the man must die, without of his sudden disappearance and change of hope of mercy for so cowardly and ungratename, appeared both to me and to my friend | ful a murderer. There was not a sound in to be capable of being spun into a rope quite | the court. It was late in the afternoon, and the winter sun was setting. Its rays lit up the crimson hangings, and scarlet robes of "But," said my solicitor-friend, "the the judge, the intent faces, all looking one way, the dropping head and white composed countenance of the prisoner—the man standing up there in full health and strength, and whose life was going down with the

"I have but a few words to say, my lord and gentlemen. I didn't do it. I was bad enough, and maybe cruel enough, in those and so mad, my lord and gentlemen, that I in the day, unknown almost to myself, and "But I suppose he has money-or, at | be standing here rightly enough. But I know I was miles away at the time. My poor aunt, as I've heard from what has been said, gion forbids Harden to avail himself of must have been killed between a quarter to worldly arts. Slocum is only too anxious to | and a quarter past eight in the evening. retain some one; but Harden won't have it, Well at eight o'clock I was at least five and no one can persuade him. Says he is in | miles off. If I'd done it directly the girl went out of the house—as she says, at a quarter to eight-it isn't according to reason that I could have broken open the cupboard, took the money, and got five miles off in a quarter of an hour." He stopped and drew the cuff of his coat across his forehead.

Where had I seen him before? Where and when had I seen him do that very ac-

"O gentleman, I couldn't have done it I couldn't, bad as I was! I know, now, how bad that must have been—the mercy of God The main part of my work had been done has been upon me since those days-but bad the Old Bailey substantially the same things | the time-miles away. Who can tell as they had said at the pilice court—a most as you're saying true? you will ask. No so vivid in people of this class that they are | that I knew, to come here and speak the very likely to amplify their tale if possible | truth for me this day. But I know the -and prepare the brief for the prosecuting | same God that saved Daniel can save me coursel. This done, I had but to let things | from a sorry end, if it is His will to do itif not, His will be done! I'm keeping you When the day of the trial came I was be- | too long, only saying the same over and over times in my place at the Central Criminal | again. I'll just tell you how it was, and

Another pause. The silence of death, or rather of a deathbed. The faces in the dis-

"Oh. isn't there one here that can speak for me? Is there any one who remembers the great gas main explosion in --- Street

that year?"

There was again a stir, and a more decidmembering it, I seemed as one in a tunnel, ing, but can distinguish no feature of the landscape beyond.

In the mean while, John Harden was being | night of the day I was turned out of doors | feet by ten feet beneath. Of these quasi-alput up to take his trial for the murder of | -the night of the murder. How I came to | tars several were standing in the valleys: "I m' lud, appear to prosecute in this I don't know, but I found myself working to place these stones in position, no legend of the house fronts that were blown in, and | except one which connected them with the worked a long time, till I was like to drop; | century, when the invaders were said to gave me a word of praise and a drink of beer of the earth (tichi). Whatever their origin, out of a can. I wonder where that police- they have been left undisturbed. Of the in

> be. No one to help-ne friendly plank to spirits of the mountains in the shape of rage bridge over the yawning grave. What tied to the branches of shrubs, heaps of

many a wicked and foolish prank we'd played thereabouts. The beer I had just drank on an empty stomach had muddled me again a bit, but I was quite sober enough to know Harden had been standing with his head ing with the wretch thas took her life who no trace of any religious feeling having and slatey, sandy and silicity. just when my aunt must have been struggl- far from the North Gate of Soui, there was

gave as art, and the usher, waking up, orce of the law, I beckoned to my o depered extractly in his car. I never man face express more entire astone ment. However, seeing that I was unit takeably in carnest, he merely nedded and ross to him feet.

"Your lordship will pardon me," he said, "for interfering at this stage between the prisoner and the jury; but I am instructed to make a communication which I feel sure will be as actounding to your lordship and the ary as it is to myself. I think I may say that it is the most surprising and unprecedented thing which ever occurred in a cour of justice. My lord, the solicitor who instructs me to prosecute tenders hims if as witness for the defence!"

TO BE CONTINUED.

A LOST EARL.

Lord Drummond Turns Up as a Porter in a New York Shipping House.

A despatch from New York, says: At the instance of a lady belonging to a wealthy and respected New York family, an old friend of the Lady Capel—whose name is withheld at her request-a correspondent has been engaged for some time past in an investigation as to the whereabouts of Lady Capel's son, Lord Drammond, heir to the earldom of Perth and Melfort, and a kinsman of Queen Victoria, who eloped to America with his governess twelve years ago, thus incurring the resentment of his noble relations, This scion of an ancient house was found recently working as a porter in the Broadway clothing house of Carhart, Whitford & Co. young man, coatless, heated, and with collar loosened, came forward and extended a

big, brown, toil-stained hand, "You are Lord Drummond, I believe,

said the reporter.

"I am," said he, a little surprised, but in no wise disconcerted. He was fully six feet tail and splendidly built, had a finely shaped head and full regular features, with closely cut light hair and moustache.

His story, as gathered from himself and other sources, is as follows: George Essex Montifex, Lord Drummond, only son of Malcolm, Visiount Forth, and the Lady Mary Capel, niece of the Earl of Essex, was born September, 2, 1856. At 12 years of age he was as orphan in the care of his grandmother, the Countess of Perth and Melfort, who confided his education to a nursery governess named Hariett Harrison. Possessing the entire confidence of her master and mistres, the governess and her ward were much together, without exciting suspicion. When it was learned one morning that they had mysteriously dissappeared, the effect was startling. Matters were not improved much when the young couple returned later in the day, and Lord Drummond shyly amounced that he was married to Hariett, and prayed his grandfather's forgiveness and blessing. The ancient Earl stormed at what he denounced as a degradation of the noble name, and apgrily for. bade his young heir to ever enter his house was urgent still. "Think it over, and

sage for America and arrived as cassic car- prized to to more wonderful that persons who den almost penniless. The young Lord | rarely use their risible muscles are unpopuvowed never to desert his wife or to return | lar. to Scotland until he returned as Earl of Perth, and his wife was received as benefitted her new rank. He assumed the plebeian name of George Johnson, and went to work as a shipping clerk in a wholesale flour house in South street, where he remained working | these countries the actual market value of steadily for about two years, until his employers collapsed in the panic of 1873. Except while on a voyage to the West Indies in a schooner a year ago Lard Drummond has been in the employ of Carhart, Whitford & Co. ever since, advancing a little, but still half shipping clerk and half porter, and evincing much more inclination for physical than mental exercises.

## The Superstitions of the Coreans.

"The only subject of historical interest which we saw in our travels," says Mr. Carles in an official report of a journey into the central provinces of Corea, "was a curious structure resembling a rade altar, consisting of one massive stab, placed horizontally on small blocks of granite, which supported it on three sides, leaving the other "I was there—that night. It was the side open and a hollow space some sixteen be there, so far from my aunt's neighborhood | but though it must have cost immense labor hard, helping to lift the stones and timber | was current to account for their existence, getting the poor crushed people out. I Japanese invasion at the end of the sixteenth and a policeman clapped me on the back and | have erected them to suppress the influences fluence of superstition over the people con-He did not respond, wherever he might stant evidence is seen, in offerings to the was it, this that I was trying so hard to re- at mes on the tops of mountain ridges, long ropes hanging from trees, shrines two or "I wandered off after that into the by- three feet high placed by the roadside, and streets. I knew those parts well. I had | the most quaint of all; in thick planks set in had a comrade who used to live there, and | the ground, with one face rudely hewn and is met with as high as forty-five degrees painted to represent a human head, with north, but it needs a warm climate. teeth fiercoly prominent. These figures are France and in Spain it is found sixteen hundred feet above the level of the ma, while said to be intended to keep foxes out of the in Algeria it occurs at double that altitude. villages, and thus protect the people from you desire to give evidence on his behalf, every step of the way I went, and remember | their spells and witchery. Beyond these few The tree can bear a minimum average annual you can do so .- Prisoner, is it your wish it now. I turned up Hiedley street, and obstacles and a small Buddhist temple, near that counsel be assigned to you for your de- then to the left along Blewitt street; and a fine figure of Buddha cut in the rock not

ABOUT LAUGHTE

The Con mirth. It should not be so bor rous as to exhaust the laughter and dester he

There is the loud guffaw of se vulgar, and the laughter which appear likely tear the laugher in pieces, causig him wipe his eyer after the explosit is over. There is the laugh of embarrassment, when a shy parson at a loss what to samext, "remarks to he," as Artemus Ward describes it. There is the schoolgirl's gigg; and the schoolboy's sniggle, as he reflect on some recently-perpetrated, but still reollected, piccs o mischief. There is the cuckle of the successful man.

All these laughs bear some family resem. tlance to each other; they all, in their degree, express sensations of pleasur. There are darker descriptions of laughte. are laughs more cutting than the bitter speeches, more starming than the cruelest threa's. Satirical laughter is mostoffensive. A laugh can convey contempt which words would fail to express.

Is any one proof against being amoved by ridicule? Even a dog is sensible when he is laughed at, and resents the impertinence. Some animals are indeed quite as sensitive to derision as human beings. The laughter of the underbred which finds opin amusemeat in the minor troubles of their neighbours—say the ridicule lavished on sea sick arrivals at pier, or on hapless foreigners in an altercation with a cabman, of an old gentleman who falls down a slide also ranks among "laughs offensive."

Then there is the laugh of incredulity. When Tom goes to his rich old utcle, full of glowing descriptions of the performance of the lady to whom he is engaged, or the appointment which he expects to obtain, does the old gentleman damp his hephaw's ardor by a long harangue? No, he only gives a dry laugh; and Tom's hopes of a cheque fall rapidly.

Too rare laughers are as unpopular as too ready ones. A teller of good stories hever forgives the man who does not laugh at his jokes. Many persons have make their fortunes by laughing at judicious moments; applauding some poor jest, or becoming convulsed with mirth at a dull pun. To be duly appreciative of his patron's wit was an important part of the duty of a hanger-on. With what ready laughter are a schoolmas. ter's witticisms received by his class!

There is a story of a dramatic author, whose play had been accepted, being requested to make sundry alterations to suit the taste of the actors. Among other changes, the manager suggested that a "laugh" should be introduced at the conclusion of a speech of an out-going performer. would give him a better exit " The author pleaded that to admit this alteration would spoil the whole dialogue, but the manager what you can, B-'s position in the thea-The bride and groom took steerage pas- ter demands it?' When laughs are thus

## The Cork Oak.

At present we depend for cork upon the

countries bordering the Mediterranean. I

cork is ten times what it was at the begin-

ning of the century, and it is likely to go still higher. In Sardinia, Sicily and Naples, extensive cork plantations are being destrayed for the purpose of obtaining the tannin of superior quality yielded by the bark and carbonate of soda from the ashes of the wood. This destruction has been going on for years, while planting has not even replaced the trees destroyed, except in France and its African dependency. As long ago as 1822 the French Government appropriated forty-five bundred francs, which were to be divided among those who, planting in 1823, should possess at the expiration of ten years plantations of ten trousand vigorous saplings- In 1834 only three persons had been entitled to the reward. But France has now over five hundred thousand acres of cork plantations in Algiers, yielding a considerable revenue to the State. About fifty years ago the Spanish began to encourage the planting of the cork oak, and the number of trees in that country has increased. This in rease would have been greater but for the fact that, while in some provinces cork bas become the chief source of wealth, in others, many proprietors destroyed their trees in order to clear their ground for more valuable productions. The cork oak grows to the height of about fifty feet. In Algeria and in the Spanish province of Estremadura the development of the tree is age. It continues to grow for one hundred and fifty or two hand dead reaches a great and fifty or two hand dead reaches a great and fifty or two hand dead reaches a great and fifty or two hand dead reaches a great and happy, if they only used Dr. Carson's Butters occasionally. It is a splendid Blood Page All Druggists 50 cents. and fifty or two hundred years, and after its growth it still yields ourk, though of an inferior quality. In some parts of Spain it is customary to

destroy the tree when the quality of its cork

begins to deteriorat In Europe the tree

temperature of fifty-five degrees Fahren-

heit. It prefers land aloping to the south-

CURIOUS FACTS.

The system of hydropathy was by the Arabe in the tenth century The Japanese entangle whale then kill them with harpoons and he teather cannon was proved at Man in 1778, fired three times and per

There are several sorts of fishes with armed with poisonous spines, and which have poisonous flesh.

Dr. Vessmayer, the English who tried to live on food that cost me than a penny a day, is now at the

Many citizans of Dodge County to are constructing cyclone cellars. The plan is an arcned vault with an from the house cellar.

A force of about forty men is now atrep iring the Yosemite road, shoveling the snow and preparing it for travel of snow ten and twelve feet deep hand cut through.

By a statute of Henry VII., 1489, person above seven years of age was to wear a cap of wool, made in Red Sundays and holidays, or to pay a for ald draw as of three farthings.

A grand wedding in India is remain But why w for the universal hospitality by which attended. At the wedding of the R Catch, 34,000 people were fed on the day, on the second 37,000, and on the

The origin of the custom of turning right is given as follows: Our and drove oxen as a usual thing. In drive ox team, the driver walks on the left team so that he can handle the whip with his right hand. In met waggon each driver would turn to the so that he could be between his om and those of the other waggon,

In the year 1669, at a term of count in New Haven, Jacobeth Murtine and Tuttle were prosecuted. They were of "setting down on a chest'e togethe arms around her waiste, and her arms his shoulder or about his neck, and on ing in that sinful posture about half at in which time he kyssed her and she h him, or they kyssed one another, as we nesses testified."

One of the natural curiosities of He County, in Florida, is an immense line Linitation to situated near Brookville, which, seve re of the di from the ground, measures thirty-fin formed Je one-half reet in circumference; free and he height to the top it has but two largeling Surprised the limbs spreading out, and at the measure eighty yards across. On one of this singular work of nature is to Bernie orifice from which issues a continual to of cool air, showing some subterraner nection that is going on above the m of the ground.

Many of the odd names which pu formerly gave their children may be charactering as aspiration names. The Paritam the fary of distinguished for religious aspirations which backed found such startling modes of utterm minerable, the following paragraphs indicate: This beyonet Puritan ransacked the Bible for appells of the strangest sound, and siled his Thee . The Habektuk, Epaphroditus, or perhap and with a hershallbashbaz. He delighted on his offspring a prænomen expressign the grandfrabstraction familiar in his religious particular disconstructions. ology, as Experience, Repentance, or he were exting lation. He sometimes invented for his fant's personal denomination a lengthy After ha tence, either admonitory, doctring therpshoot otherwise, such as Fight-the-good Search-the-scriptures, Hew-Agaging and depart before-the-Lord, or even If-Christ-his An hour was the name of the brother of the in the dead Praise-God Barebone. The following farm house stract nouns, most of them apparents again. presenting parental aspirations, and She was having, as it would seem, a religious to the wi monition, Advice, Affability, Comfort, Comfort, a sole liverance. Duty, Equality, Faith, Free Grace, Gratitude, Hope, Industry, cence, Liberty, Love, Meditation, Modesty, Obedience, Patience, Peace, Providence, Prudence, Repentance, ence, Silence, Sobriety, Temperance, In Unity, Virtue, Wisdom and Zeal.

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of Nerviline, the great pain remedy. by druggists and country dealers. That virtue which requires to be guarded is scarce worth the sentinel. There are lots of people going around grumblist half sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the Stomach all the time; who missing the sick at the sick at

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