Poetry. 1:

IF I COULD KEEP IT SO.

felpless, clinging fingers, downy, golden hair,

Dainty little blossoms in a world of woc.

Thus I fain would keep you for I love you so.

Feet that never weary, hair of deeper gold;

Restless, busy fugers all the time at play,

Thus I long to keep you, for I love you so.

Solving weary problems, poring over sums,

Waking up to study with the morning light,

Fell of contradictions-I would keep you so.

Sweet and thoughtful maiden, sitting by

All the world's before you, and the work

Shy and tender maiden, I would fain forego

Now the rose of dawning turns to lily white,

All the past I summon as I kiss her brow-

Safe among the angels. He will keep her so.

Select Family Reading.

Skelolons.

How Their use Wrought Confusion in Dr.

Sparkle's Church.

in a small way. He was the vicar of an

ful as well as eloquent preacher.

ficulty-and one that increased weekly-

was about ideas. When he knew what to

say he could say it well. No man could

produce a more "brilliant cornecation" or

effective flare up from a paltry amount of

difficulty. He had a reputation to main-

tain, and he was fully, almost painfully,

conscious of the fact. When Mr. Grundy,

will do the best she can to provide a bit of

among his letters. It began as follows:

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a multitude of other rocations-two, three, or

nore sermons a week. He has suffered himself.

and can, therefore, feel for his brethren who are

suffering. Accordingly he is anxious, at the low-

est price that will cover actual outly, to impart

to his brethren the fesults of sermon production

of anxious toil and profound study.

which has been perfected by himself after years

After a good deal more of this sort of

thing, the circular went on to explain that

clients could be provided either (1) with the

ready for immediate delivery, and careful-

ly adapted to any specified class of hear-

Dr. Sparkle smiled as he read the boin-

bastic document, and was about to throw it

into the waste-paper basket, when some-

dear?" he said, tossing the circular to his

bing stayed his hand.

seems to me absolutely sinful."

sermon," suggested Mrs. Sparkle.

fet him bonestly say so. Let him take

into the pulpit with a lithograph, and de-

liver it as his own, is a thing I can not

amining a specimen " thought-awakener,"

that had been inclosed with the circular.

had ventured to think .-

others in the congregation.

It my beart is breaking, but God's love I know,

-All the golden future, just to keep her so.

life for rare unfolding in the upper air;

Hearts are there for winning hearts are there to

Anxious as to ribbons, deft to tie a bow,

plums:

Tongue that never ceases talking all the day:

line eyes learning wonders of the world about ;

Here you come to tell them-what an eage

est a little baby, Iring in my rrice - .

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manly prosence, a good clear voice, and by my treatment of the subject, and they just such an amount of preaching ability | would thue read a meaning and a reference as would satisfy the congregation without into the, perhaps, confused language of a endangering the vicar's ascendency and young and inexperienced preacher, which popularity. Amony the several applicants, were not really intended to be conveyed by Would that I could keep you so with your baby | the Doctor's favorite was liev. Jonathan | him."

When the sunshine lingers, caught from other Hire eyes saving questions, light that cauno Holy-poly shoulders, dimples on your check: Sanday evening. "Not, of course, a trial sermon," the vicar was careful to expisiu: Regulab little damsel, scarcely six years old-"that is a thing I abominate and would

way of patting it. Winsome little damsel, all the neighbors know, Cribber was " to try his voice," Dr. Sparkle | tions all coming in pat." Sober little school-girl with your strap of books, And such grave importance in your puntled was suffering from a bad cold. In the | Poor Dr. Sparkle was in a terrible fix: morning, being single-handed; he had no | So far as words went, he had always been choice but to get through the service as truthful, and he was not naturally a mean Yet with tooth for sponge cake and for suga Reading books of romance in your bed at mig!

address from the words: "The Foolishness | est accents: of Preaching," and the physical disability "Well, you see, Mr. Grandy, not having Has your own, thy maiden, just begun to wake? But in the evening, obedient to his doctor's commended to me. Several partial solu-Is that rose or dawning glowing on your check? orders, the good man stayed at home, leav- tions occur to me, none of them redecting ing the whole service to Mr. Cribber, and unduly on Mr. Cribber. Possibly, he may Ab! the listening angels saw that she was fair,

dling measures as his wife thought fit to And the close-shut exclids veil the eyes fromefforts to cheer him. Bale, and child and maiden, all are with mic

dear, if you could have heard the way the about it." people spoke of you when coming out of church this morning. The Grandys bad ing nod. some friends with them; and they said that they never heard a better sermon."

listen to any little bit of tittle-tattle of a | you, candidly, I have preached on that flattering character, but on the present oc- text before-at the Abbey once, and elsepleased. Turning unessily on the pillow- heard me. My thoughts may have passed Dr. Philalethes Eparkle was a great man his wife had made him go to bed early-he into an impressionable mind. They may merely said, in a languid voice:

important suburban church, wheren a highly respectable and not wholly unintelligent congregation was wont to assemble for worship. In that congregation the pastor mon-you ever preached," replied the lady, phenomenon." had no enemier, while he could boast of a enthustically, "though all your cermone large number of thorough-going and ardent have been splendid of late. Some months admirere. The man was admittedly wellsgo, you remember you complained of feelfitted for his post. He was kind-hearted, ing exhausted, and insisted that the founliberal-minded, quick-witted, a ficent speaker, and, in the opinion of many, a thought. seems to me that ever since your ideas have been brighter and more original than | for the curacy. But, in truth, "thoughtfel" was just formerly; they have bubbled and sparkled what Dr. Sparkle was not. His great dif-

as though to match your name." This was an old family joke, and it always used to please him. Now, however, worthy man threw his arms impatiently on the counterpane, and exclaimed bitter-

material; but then, the feel had to come from somewhere, and that was the doctor's "I feel exhausted and utterly dried up to-night, anyhow. I'm fit for nothing." dear. Your brain has been over-wrought," highest interests of the congregation." the people's warden, invited a friend home for Sunday he would say: "The missus dinner, and we can promise you a good ser-Brice said that if ever a man had earned a | Rev. Jonathan: mon, at all events." Grundy, who was &

good fellow, though a jerry builder, used to "Ab, by the way, I wonder how Cribber repeat his little joke to the parson, and no is cetting on," interrupted the vicer, glad, doubt he was a fair representative of many apparently, to change the topic of conversation. "I should like to have heard Under these circumstances and being him myself." sorely harassed by the recurrent drying up "You are letter where you are, dear,

of the well-spring of his ideas, Dr. Sparkle had his attention arrested one morning by she carefully tucked him in for the night. an artfully worded circular which he found. " Mr. Grandy will bring as all the news in the morning, and then we can talk things Moved by the spirit of sympathy, and actuat-"The important thing is what Mrs. ed, as he humbly hopes, by a desire to promote the highest ends, the writer addresses himself to Grandy, the mouth piece of the flock, will

faving had an exceptionally wide experience of | himself among the pillows, pleased appareatly with his own wit. On Menday morning the vicer was so far recovered that he was able to receive Mr. Grandy in his study. The worthy churchwarden was evidently ill at ease. His inquiries as to the pastor's health were profuse and longdrawn out; his observations on the weather diffuse and inconsistent. At length Dr. Sparkle found it necessary

to bring him to the point. "Well, Mr. Grundy, I am waiting to hear how every thing went of last night." "Ob, Erst-rafe, sit, first-rate. Large congregation, beautiful anthem, offertory above the average."

finished article, i.e., a lithographed sermon "And Mr. Cribber!" lieve, sir. Fine voice; made a good imers; or (2) with a "thought-awakener," or pression-that is, on those who hadn't skeleton, containing outlines, illustrations, applications, etc., which could be filled in heard you in the morning." The vicar smiled, and looked well pleased or simplified seconding to the taste and at what he deemed a nest compliment intalents of the purchasers. Finally, a guar-

antee was given that the same sermon or | tended for himself. body of notes would never be sent to two clergymen residing within fifty miles of he is but a young man and without much voueach other, and that, as far as possible, a experience. We ought not to be too criti-

"It isn't that sir. . It was the coincidence "The what?' exclaimed Dr. Sparkle, a vague sense of unessiness creeping over

"I wonder whether many clergymen him. avail themselves of this sort of thing, my Foolishness of Preaching ' over again. I table. mean his text was the same as that which faithful wife, who generally sat with him you soubly expounded in the morning." for an hour of a morning. "To deliberate-"Rather awkwark," laughed the vicar. ly get up and read another man's sermon "I fear it would have embarased the poor

young fellow had he known about it; but, "But all men are not gifted like you, after all, the thing might easily happen. Lethe, desr; and I suppose there are some who find it very difficult to preach a good | The words are in the evening lesson, though I took them for my text in the morning. You see, the arrangement for Mr. Cribber "It is the dishonesty of the thing that to preach was somewhat harrielly made." shocks tre." explained the Doctor. " If a "But it isu't only the text-it is the serman cap't write a sermon, or haen't time, mon itself the people are talking about, sir. I didn't pay much attention myself, but printed book and read from it; but to go

words were different, the substance, the conceive any Christian man daring to do." | backbone, the skeleton was just the same." "The skeleton!" exclaimed the vicar, in "It would be different if it were only the notes," said the rady, who had been ex-"Well, that is the word my wife used," said the churchwarden, apologetically "I don't like the idea at all; it savore of "I didn't quite follow, her myself; for untruthfulness," replied the vicar, in a though I've heard of people having skeletons in a cupboard, I never knew of one in Mrs. Sparkle felt rebuked, not so much a pulpit." Mr. Grundy laughed at his own

Mrs. Grandy will have it that, though the

for what she had said as for something she smartness, but a dark cloud settled upon the broad brow of Dr. Sparkle. "I think," he at last said, gravely, " that Some time after this, the vicar found it the people must have been misled by some necessary to appoint a new curate, the old | passing resemblances and fancied analogies. oue having married a rich wife and forth. Hearing the same text, the thoughts of with kicked over the traces. The require- these who were present in the morning ments for the tacant office-were a gentle- would naturally run in the lines suggested.

Cribber. But as it was necessary, in ap- Mr. Grundy, who had a profound repearance at least, to consult the wishes of spect for the vicar, was daly impressed by the congregation (who were expected to find | this exposition of the case; but, re-calling the funds), it was arranged that, before the withering criticisms to which the unarriving at a decision, the young man fortunate Cribber had been subjected by should be invited to preach on a certain | Mrs. Grandy and her friends at the suppertable the previous night, he ventured to make a further stand.

"No doubt there is great force in what you say, sir, and you are well skilled in always set my face against, but just to let you see my people, try your vaice and that | the workings of the human mind, as besort of thing." Cribber, being a prudent comes su able minister of the New Testayoung man, was quite satisfied with this ment; but there are some things Mrs. Grundy and those I have heard speak can't When the day arrived on which Mr. get over-heads and divisions and illustra-

well as he could; and, being a man who, man; but what was he to do now? There when put to it, was always equal to the | was Grundy waiting to be gulled, and it occasion, he acquitted himself very credit- | was incumbent on him to say something. ably. He delivered a striking and pathetic | He gave a little sigh, and spoke in his softunder which he was evidently laboring, heard this wonderful sermon, I cannot disonly served to heighten the effect of his al- coss the matter in detail; nor would I wish lusions to the "earthen vessels," to which to think anything to the disparagement of celestial treasures were so often intrusted, a young man who has been very highly re-

submitting himself patiently to such cod- have looked into the same commentary-" Mr. Grandy gave a knowing nod. " Possibly Mr. Cribber may have read As the night drew on Dr. Sparkle became | some article of mine in one or other of the very much depressed, despite all his wife's | religious periodicals treating this subject. I say possibly, though I do not at this "I amkafe you would have been pleased | moment recall baving written anything

Mr. Grandy gave another yet more know-

"And there is yet another hypothesis connected with the obscure topic of uncon-Generally the vicar was keen enough to scious cerebration and reminiscence. I tell asion he seemed distressed rather than where, perhaps. Mr. Cribber may have have been reproduced without' the slight-"And you, my dear -what did you think est consciousness on his part that they Chansing. were not strictly criginal. There have "I think it was the most beautiful ser- been most remarkable instances of this

Mr. Grundy was evidently impressed. "I think," he said, "I can understand how it happened now, and the explanation you have given is very interesting. But tain of your ideas was drying up. But it | perhaps, under the circumstances, you might find some more suitable gentleman

"I almost think you are right, Grandy, assented the vicar, esgetly. "Mr. Cribber examined for licentare, was asked whether seems scarcely up to the mark for such he thought that " the Bible ought to be fix. congregation as ours. There were several ed up to suit the notions of meu." He it seemed to have lost its efficacy. The other applicants who were most highly recommended-Mr. Playlair, for instance." "I am sure he would be popular," said the churchwarden.

" Well, I-shall gire the matter my best consideration; and you may rest assured it "You have studied too hard, Lethe, will be my wish to do whatever is for the said Mrs. Sparkle, affectionately. "We Dr. Sparkle spoke in his most dulce must go for a nice long holiday when the | tone, but as soon as Mr. Grundy left the new curste comes. Only last week Dr. room he sat down and wrote as follows to

DEAR SIR :- From what I bear of the serme delivered by you last night, I regret that I am oblided to conclude that you are altogether unmited to my currey. My people have become secustemed to original, or at all events ladependent, thought in the pulpit; and I do not rappose you would yourself maintain the ayplicability of either of these words to the discourse with which you favored them. I return | that time as tender reminiscences. much better." urged the good woman, as the testimonials you sent me, and beg to remain

. P. SPARKER Having sent this ill-tempered production to the post, the unfortunate man was forthwith ashamed of himself, and would gladly have recalled it. He blamed himself for Hamilton, will receive by return man lan parti- his over-wrought and sorely-oppressed brethren. say," remarked the vicar, as he settled all that had happened, and became a vic-

ber, in hot indignation, sought out the I heard the clock strike twice." Very clerical agent who had made up for his own | doubtful was another compliment paid to lack of brains and energy, and bearded him the late Dr. Afmstrong, of Burslem. Durin his den.

ic who devoted his energies to helping his churchwarden. " I am downright sorry, weaker brethren, "that for originality of sir to see you fishisting in this 'ere poor thought and freshness of treatment, I con- little place; a much worser gentleman "A most excellent young man as- I be- sider the 'Foolishness of Preaching' to be would ha' done if we could only have among my master pieces. I could show found him."-The Agreey.

you numerous letters that I have received in reference to that very sermon. There must, I take it, be something very unfortunate in your voice or mode of delivery. Now, I am about to form a clerical elocu-"Well, my friend, you must remember | tion class, and I would strongly urge upon

"My voice is excellent, sir! I have been yet wider area of distribution would be ob- cal. We all had to make a beginning congratulated upon it again and again !" roared the Rev. Jonathan. "I do not doubt its power, sir," replied

the agent, with a deprecatory motion of his band : "but it may need ---"You talk about letters, sir. Read that ! said the irate Cribber, interopting him, "The coincidence, sir. He gave us 'The and flinging Dr. Sparkle's note upon the

> The agent read the letter, and then, after few minutes' consideration he remarked "Do you mean to say that you gave them 'The Foolishness of Presching' in Dr. Sparkles' church !" "I do; and why not? I paid you for

the sermon." "You told me you were in Lincoln dio ese when I sent it to you." "And so I was; but I came to town see after Dr. Sparkle's coracy. I had perfect right to preach the sermon," said

Rev. Jonathan, fiercely. "Yes, I suppose you had-to your own risk." admitted the agent. "But it has lost me an excellent curracy," continued the frate Cribber. "And you have lost me an excellent client. Good morning."

pulpit was occupied by Mr. Playfair and it was announced that the Vicar, in obedience to the peremptory orders of his medical adviser had gone abroad for a few weeks.

On the following Sunday Dr. Sparkle's

SCIENTIFIC.

We have come to the season when mysterious deaths will alternate with the more honest report of death by escape of sewer gases. There are thousands of houses in every one of our large cities that are outlt for habitation, owing to the large impossibility of safe and proper plumbing. The use of lead in water plumbing is also dangerous to an extreme. A case has recently floated through the papers of a family poisoned by the lead cement on the pipes which careless plumbere had placed in the house-well. There is so much of

mechanism about our modern house, well farnished with conveniences, that either the occupant must make a serious study of all phases of sanitation, or ran the risk of losing his life. There is some reason for following the advice of a Baltimore editor, to ignore the plamber and stick to the old-fashioned wash-bashn and kerosene lamp .- Globe Democrat. The researches of M. Teisserenc de Bort

show a marked tendency of the earth's cloudiness throughout the year to arrange itself in zones parallel to the equator. A the extensive offices of the Scientiste Amerbelt of maximum cloudiness may be traced ; ican at 361 Broadway, New York, but many near the equator, to bands of light clouds have not, and to such the following account ness extending from 15 degrees to 35 degrees | may be of interest. A correspondent who of latitude north and south, and two zones | recently had this pleasure informs as that of greater cloudiness between 45 degrees he was greatly surprised at the magnitude and 60 degrees, beyond which the sky seems of the establishment. It suggested to his to become clearer toward the poles. These mind an enormous insurance company or The zones of clear sky correspond with re- the establishment-may be seen the memgions of high pressure. The distribution of bers of the firm and pheir able corps of ex-

course of the winds. It is a psychological fact that a man of seen inventors from a | parts of the country brain-power is hannted and driven by an showing their models and drawings, and incereant, instructive graving for intellect- explaining their inveltions. The models ual work. As the athlete suffers muscular | fit by inventors form a large and interestirritability when mactive, so the intellect- ling collection, and are kept in a room by toal man, with all this blood flowing to his ! themselves. The large corps of draughtscerebral organs, finds himself driven to men who prepare the patent drawings are to mental activity. It seems a biological | for the most part experienced mechanics, law, as it is a social law, that herever elebtricians, cr-engineers, some of them power is, there all power tends. The brain. having been connected with the U.S. Patwaves of a strong intellect are so incessant ent Office. Most of the correspondence is that they impel and hurry the mind here | carried on by type we here, and this necessand there in search of new problems on which to expend its force. Such an intellect is always employed, for inherent in itself is the stimulus to brain-work .- Susan

The advice of Thomas Jefferson to every one in anger is that he should stop and si lently and slowly count ten before he opens his mouth to say a word. . The probability is that by this process he will cool off and hence speak more advisably with his lips. Men often say in anger what they have ocession afterward to regret.

A candidate for the ministry, when being

plied : I have always thought that the business of the Bible was to fix men's notions. and not to be fixed up by them." A very good answer. When the politician wants to pick up something bot without getting burned he

uses the office-liolder. There is nothing like leather, excepting, of course, the upper crust of the young wife's first pie. He (as the Lancers is about to commence): Shall I have your hand?" She, (softly)

With all my beart." A building lot in an East End ravine bears this sign: "Drop's cartload of dire in this lot and see it fill up." A man who formerly acted as fireman to locomotive refers to his recollections of One of the questions of the day is : What

is the use of paying so much per foot for wood-carpet when you can have the bare floor for nothing !

DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENTS. When ponderous Samuel Parr had concluded the Spital Sermon before George III. His wife, who had learned something of the latter remarked, "I heard sometime, what had passed, had her own suspicions; Doctor, in jour sermon to-day that I never but, like a wise woman, she kept them to heard before." "May I respectfully ask herself, and did her best to comfort her | what that was, Your Majesty ?" lisped the gratified divine, who was expecting a That very afternoon Key, Jonathan Crib- | bishopric. "Well, Doctor, I will tell you: ing the sadden illness of a neighboring rec-At first he stated his case without men- | tor he had come to the rescue. The congregation was scanty, but the eloquence of the "I can only say," replied the snave eler- Doctor excited the enthusism of the parish cant a clerkship.

A PUNSTER. Dr. Barton was a punster. He said The fellows of my college wished to have an organ in the chapel, but I put a stop- to it." whether for the sake of the pun, or be cause he disliked music, is uncertain. He invited, for the love of punning, Mr. Crowe and Mr. Rooke to dine with him : and have ing given Mr. Birdmore, another guest, hint to be rather after time on his appearing, said, "Mr. Rooke, Mr. Crowe, I beg leave to introduce one bird more." married his niece to a gentleman of the hopeful name of Buckle. Mrs. Buckle gave birth to twins. "A pair of Buckles!" exclaimed the Doctor. A friend of his hav. ing re-established his health by a diet of milk and egge, took a wife. "So you have been egged on to metrimony," said the Doctor " I hope the yoke will sit easy on

HOW TO STOP A DOG FIGHT. A very desirable piece of knowledge .

how to stop a dog fight. Choking off, douching with water, etc., will sometimes answer ; but very game dogs will hang on. even under a pomp, and choking off is sometimes somewhat dangerous. A certain an old mab who was once a very prominmeans is showering something over the ent citizen, on account of his honesty, indogs that will produce susezing. Be his dustry respectability and realth. Indeed, will ever so good, the motion of sneezing he was so good a man that his friends involuntarily opens his jaws. Pepper never wholly forward or forgot him. This snewers very well, but snuff is probably was exceptional, for in an evil hour this the best, as it can be used ad libitum, and prominent gentlemen contracted the babit will certainly produce the effect, if enough of taking a glass willly with his friends, is used. In a large kennel a supply of and in a little while the pabil controlled

The doctor is now, with his faithful wife will you have some more of the stewed the few friends this fallowed his remains to by his side, recruiting his energies and lay- potatoes? I cooked them myself." . Hus- the grave explained that they remembered ing in a genuine stock of fresh ideas. He band: "No; I've had enough.". "Wife; the virtues of his driv life. At the last be has resolved for the future to have no "What is the best way to keep potatoes, had so lived that had his firmer days not secrets from Mrs. Sparkle, and to eschew John? Husband: "I think the best way been better days facre had been bond to do for you to keep potatoes is to stow 'em." I'him

PRICE THREE CENTS THE OLD YEAR.

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flast thou ventured, O frail your? When shall there be to our unnuished days. An ol hag. O brief year ! Are our hearts no more to glow With the year just vanished, O glad Year?

Can we, with patient stflying cease to know bread sorrow's shape, O sad year ? Down reaching through the ciest, crisp air, A beauteous voice the stilleeiralls; Lo. as I wear the limit. More

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OF THE SCHATIFIC AMERICAS. Perhaps some of our readers have visited zones have noticeable tendency to follow bunking house. At the main office, which the sun in its change of declination, moving is principally devoted to the patent business northward in spring and southward in fall. - forming as it does so important a part of cloudliness is a direct consequence of the aminers. Ready act is to the principals is offered to every ont | and here may be itates a seperate depr finient, where & number of experienced ty is writers and stenographers are constantly employed. The dark room, where the photographs of the patent drawings are offied, and where the photographs for the patitectural department are developed, is also on this floor. On the floor above may be found the editorial

rooms, compositors' and subscription rooms, and the engravers' department. The Architectural Department occupies the top floor, and here may be seen the manager of this department, and also a number of draughtsmen at work preparing the plans and general designs for the Architect and Britter edition of the Scientific American, which is published monthly, and has attained a widesproad circulation. The printing of papers is carried on in a separate building. At the entrance of the main office, which alone occupies a floor space of 60 by 165 feet, may be seen one of Prof Draper's remarkable recording barometers, with which instrument a complete record is kept of the atmospheric changes. This barometer was boil specially for the Scienti-Ac American, and it is a remarkably fine

and sensitive as well as a very expensive Some idea may be hed of the extent of the business done at the office of the Scienthe American when we state that over one hundred persous are employed by Munn. & Co., on their several publications and in

their extensive pat it departments.

THE CLERR'S LUCKY HIT. Mr. Gladstone had very little patronage in his gift while he was Chancellor of the Exchequer; but he wast of course, importuned constantly by crowlds of applicants. An instance of the Arreonal Interest which he took in such cases may be given. A clerk out of place wrote to say that be had borne his mistortines a long time with resignation; but an incident had happened which knocked the beart Floan out of him. and he appealed a pordingly to Mr. Gladstone's pity. The peldent was as follows: The clerk had replied to an undertaker's advertisement, and found himself one of a long quere of similar applicant's before the undertaker's office. Two street Arabe passing by exclaimed !" Eh, Bill, what & lot of chaps waiting to be measured for their coffins!" This was too much for the clerk's feelings; he 'returned home and wrote to Mr. Gladstone. The humor and asthos of the incident touched Mr. Gladstone, and, after inquity, he gave the appli-

WILD KITTENS OF PARIS.

The inhabitants of the quarter in which the Institute is situated have for some time past hit upon a antions expedient for getting rid of their spperffpons kittens. When night throws ber cambpy over the scene-the language marches somewhat loftily-they emerge from their shodes with baskets, in which the little creatures have been deposited, wand their way to the Palais Mazaria, and when no one is looking, turn them loof in the court-yard. The consequence of his maneuver is that at the present mome & the altics, and collars of the Temple & Literature, Science and Ari are overrom with a whole colony of cats in a wild state, and such alarming dimentions has the uncance attained that the scademicians and the employees who are located in the amoining buildings have been compelled to post persons to sot as sentries and keep watch and ward over the culmary establishments, it liaving been ascertained from painful experience that these feline creatures have keen taste for the good things of this life. Mest, Esh, and a variety of other trothsome edibles have been purloined reportedly, and for once in a way there has been the fullest evidence the blame may fairly be laid on "the cat."

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