#### Language.

Mr. Darwin disproves his own theory every time he advocates it, since he then calls into play powers which humanity alone possesses. There is between the whole animal kingdom on the one side, and man, even in the lowest state, on the other, a barrier which no animal has ever crossed, and that barrier is language. By no effort of the understanding, by no stretch of the imagination, can we explain to ourselves. how language could have grown out of anything which animals possess, even if we grant them millions of years for that

#### A Pen-Maker.

It is said that in early life Gillott, the pen-maker, worked privately as the employee of half a dozen different penmakers. One day the manufacturers met together at dinner, and each asserted himself to be the pessessor of the wicked boy, whose Sunday School exbest workman. They severally wrote perience seems only to have made him down the name of the special artisan written on every paper. This led to and was using a machine for making pens, which enabled him to do the work of a dozen men with one pair of hands.

#### Diamonds.

The merit of diamonds consists in its own peculiar qualities. This gem has extraordinary star was placed. He of the Indian torrent, cut centuries ago, they gazed at it for hours until they and buffoonery. has not lost an autumn of its weight were mad, and then they began to nor has a spark of its brilliant fire been telegraph to the man in Washington dimmed. Though it has passed through to know what he meant. The discovmillions of hands, it shows no trace of erer took another look, and found that wear; it has been subjected to all tem- the new star had moved about 18,peratures and climates, and its shining 000,000,000 miles in twenty-four peratures and climates, and its shining lustre has never paled. This indestructibility has, then, made it inestimates alarmed to perceive that it had about. The gross ideas of the age proved the main stay of America in able as a standard of value. A thous legs! When he went on the dome and years ago it had its price, and a the next morning, to polish up his thousand years to come it must remain glass, he found the lightning bug. unchanged in form and lustre, and still be an object of worth.

#### Remarkable.

A steamboat struck a snag and sank in the Ohio River; several of the passengers were drowned; unfortunately, the foregoing fact is not the remarkable part of the story. It happened that one Mrs. King was on board with her child; the latter was reported lost, and Mrs. King was sent ashore without her babe The steamer sunk in deep water, and the next morning men went to the vessel to recover the bodies of the lost .--Soon after daylight a mattress was discovered floating in the cabin, which was filled with water nearly to the ceiling. Upon examination, a child, a little boy, was discovered on the mattress sleeping as peacefully as if nothing had happened. His bed was not very dry, for it still sustained its living freight. In due time the child was sent to Shaw-Its coming made an excitement among and was off like a flash. the wrecked travellers, for more than one mother had lost children by the disaster. It was a touching scene when Mrs. King recognized the child as her boy whom she had mourned as lost for nearly twenty-four hours. The preservation of Moses in the bulrushes was not so miraculous as the safety of Mrs. King's boy. He had been tossing about on the waste of waters in the cabin all night, and was brought to his mother alive in the hour of her deepest woe.

### Home Ornamentation.

make it the aim of these pleasant, health-giving rambles to gather autumn son's life. leaves, acorns, cones, and mosses of all range them in the form of a wreath. If a square shape, have it smooth and stained before putting them en. Commence by placing a small sized leaf ra- about yourself -about what you want, should not be fastened on flat, but bent self. It was by pride, by seeking his own and raised a little from the frame, and the whole arranged in a graceful maning but little time for its execution.

#### Sunshine.

Sunshine is beautiful and joy-inspiralways. All things animate and inanimate take on a new life in its presence. Not a flower but gratefully recognizes it, not a song-bird but carols the sweeter underneath its touch. How the rivulets flash and the broad waters shimmer to its glance, while the valley atmosphere is goldenly a-haze, and the grand old woods and mountains are all aflame with its kisses. Earth, that under the cloud and the night shade seemed like one stricken with a mighty sorrow, now treads her round of space like a new-crowned queen. Who amid the gushing sunshine can think of aught but life, health, joy. music, beauty and splendor?

#### A Bad Boy.

dreadfully sold a few days ago. A more deprayed, caught a fire-fly, and stuck it, with the aid of some mucilin the telescope That night, when ceived a blaze of light apparently in more was that it would give a couple burst forth again in a second or two. He examined it carefully for a few moments, and then began to do sums People down at Alexandria, seven miles distant, heard part of the swearing, and they say he infused into it much wholesouled sincerity and vigorous energy. The bills for telegraphic dispatches amounted to \$2,600 and now the astronomer wants to find that boy. He wishes to consult with him about something.—Max

#### A California Story.

A wealthy resident of Oakland, aced off at a furious rate. The wretched father gazed after them horror-strickhad sunk a good deal from soaking, but en, but utterly powerless to save his child from danger. But a native Californian stood by beside his fleet and neetown, where the other passengers wiery horse. He took in the situahad been landed the evening before. tion at a glance, sprang on his horse,

The horseman was soon ed over the carriage horses, and with marvellous skill gathered up the reins ers, was keen and exciting. and gradually checked their mad career. He then jumped into the carriage and drove leisurely back to the point from which they had started. The father's joy was of course even forgot to thank the swarthy Spaniard, whose brilliant black eyes flashed with pleasure at the consciousness of a noble deed bravely done.

The gentleman soon shook the Spanish vasquero warmly by both Every autumn we have delightful hands, and extorted a promise from Every autumn we have dengation mands, and extend a product a produ enjoyment to those who admire the embarrassed by the parent's gratitude beauties of nature, or can appreciate than he had been by the runaway fresh air and healthy exercise. An-horses, but the following day he called other inducement for young ladies to go at the gentleman's elegant residence. on these rural walks is that much can The grateful parent reiterated his fit al consummation of all things. be found that may be manufactured heartfelt thanks, and expressed his into ornaments for our homes. Then regret that he was not prepared at the time to reward the savior of his

At the close of his elequent peroravarieties, and beautify your homes with tion, the wealthy gentleman grasped ornaments which are none the less beauthe Spaniard's unwilling hand, and quenched forever how far soever he tiful for being your own handiwork. - | slipped into it the munificent sum of | may have surprised his predecessors, When the leaves are falling from the one dollar. The honest vasquero could hardly be said to have pursued trees in the month of October, go into smiled as his eyes fell upon the two Things unattempted, yet in prose or rhyme the woods where there are large oaks, shining silver halves, and at once reand among others that are scattered around your feet, you will see perfectly marked that he had neither asked nor fair and smooth oak leaves, of a pretty expected any reward, but having lost brown color, and of various forms and a day's time by remaining to call at sizes. While you are looking about for the house, he would have accepted some of the best of these, you will find enough to have paid him for that loss, a variety of acorns also. Press the had it been tendered. Without stopleaves, and dry the acorns, and you ping to parley about the matter, he have material for a picture-frame. They mounted his horse and rode off in disshould be fastened to the frame with gust. Comment is entirely unneces- rousens and solecisms perpetually glue. If you make an oval frame, ar- sary in a case like this. It speaks for occur. The Old Testament charac-

How to be Miserable. -- Think ther more than a third of the length of what you like, what respect people the side from the corner, and with the ought to pay to you, what people think stem toward the corner; then two of you, and then to you nothing will be more on each side of that; lay a small pure. You will spoil everything you acorn on the first leaf, the point toward touch; you will make misery for yourself the point of the leaf, and the stem under out of everything; you will be as wretchthe two others; then two or three larger ed as you choose on earth, or in heaven acorns, two or three more leaves, and so either. In heaven either I say; for that on. Put a group of the largest acorns proud, greedy, selfish, self-seeking spirit at the corners, and fill in around them would turn heaven into hell. It did turn with small-sized leaves. The leaves heaven into hell for the great devil himner. Varnish with furniture varnish. will, and do God's will like the other This makes a handsome frame, and is a langels. He would be a master himself, trip. As they wait at the door where good imitation of leather-work, require and set up for himself, and rejoice in h own glory; and so, when he wanted to thus cautioned: "Augustus, love, let make a private heaven of his own, he me beg of you! Do not give way to

#### The Moralities.

In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries these plays were performed in the churches for the instruction of the people; but the monks, finding that the exhibitions of the jugglers at the Easter revels drew the populace away from the churches, gave their plays a more attractive character, and performed them in the open air. Reading was an art confined, of course. entirely to the clergy, and the ignorant masses could only vaguely comprehend the dull homilies they heard; but the public representation of the Nativity, the Passion, or the Resurrection, at the appropriate seasons of Christmas, Good Friday or Easter, was easily understood and vividly remembered. But these sacred representations

characters, comic scenes, and ridicu- lacks one somewhat requisite article as ous speeches, were introduced in the world goes, and that is common They say that the chief astronomer order to excite mirth; and a flippant sense! Show us a man who is not at the Washington Observatory was and irreverent treatment of the most sublime themes became a prevailing vice. Many of the clerical performers degrading themselves to the level fool! who could make more pens in a day stuck it, with the aid of some mucil-than any other man. "Gillott" was age, in the center of the largest lens originally intended to communicate of buffoons, and the Miracle plays, religious instruction, frequently dethe discovery that Gillott had invented the astronomer went to work, he per-generated into broad and indecent farce. The lower elergy adopted this in the heavens, and what amazed him vehicle for the abuse of their superior; and the rude populace found in of spurts and then die out, only to them both subjects for burlesque and caricature. Thus the most sacred associations of religion became degraded into objects of vulgar mirth. The lanto discover where in the heavens that guage even of the female characters -who were generally represented by intrinsic beauties of its own. It has a thought he found the locality, and the boys, however—was frequently exlimpidity, a brilliancy, a fire appertain- next morning he telegraphed all over ceedingly coarse, and gives us a low ing to itself, but above all, an absolute the universe that he had discovered a opinion of the manners of the age. indestructibility far surpassing that of new and remarkable star of the third The devils especially, or "tormentany known product, which gives the magnitude in Orion. In a day or two ors," as they were called, were the additional reason for its enhanced value. all the astronomers in Europe and clowns of the play; and caused infi-The first diamond taken from the bed America were studying Orion, and nite merriment by their rude jokes

> The stage was divided into three parts, to represent heaven, earth, and hell; and very intricate and ingenious machinery was often employed to produce proper theatrical effect. concerning the material torments of the demand were faithfully delineated. | ment. Her mining industries have The monks doubtless thought a very salutary lesson was inculcated when a man who refused to pay his tithes, of promise to the fortune seeker. But or a woman who adulterated her ale, the Golden State has lately sent us a or sold too scanty measure, was dragged off forcibly by demons to Hell Mouth. The devils wore flame-colored TERS. The health-giving principles and grotesque clothing, and carried contained in this curative are a more clubs of buckram stuffed with sawdust, precious boon than gold. In all affecwith which they most vigorously belabored each other and the crowd. In tent and intermittent fevers, rheumaone play Satan and a "nigromancer" dance, when the latter is suddenly tripped up and carried off bodily. The moral always is that of the Scotch companied by his little son in an elegant carriage, drew up in front of a who wad sup wi' the de'il." Yet the house on Fourteenth street. Having sign of the cross, or the invocation of some business within, he left the the saints or the Virgin, immediately child in the vehicle, intending to return in a moment. He had just crost they have a mortal terror. In the sed the sidewalk when the horse dash- Nativity play they roar horribly when Christ is born, and, and make a great noise under the stage.

The various parts originally performed by the monks, came, in course of time, to be enacted by companies em. The rivalry b ween the worclose beside the runaways. He reach- shipful tanners, chandlers, vintuers, mercers, bowyers, skinners and weav

When we consider how humble were the talents employed, the majestic sweep and sublime compass of these plays is perfectly astounding. unbounded, and for a few minutes he They comprehend the entire drama of time from the creation of the world to the day of doom. Nay, the daring imagination of the monkish writers went back beyond the dawn of time to the counsels of eternity; and, scaling the battlements of heaven, laid bare the secrets of the skies. They vigor and minuteness the tortures of the lost. They pierced the mysteries of the future, and revealed the awful scenes of the last Judgment and the

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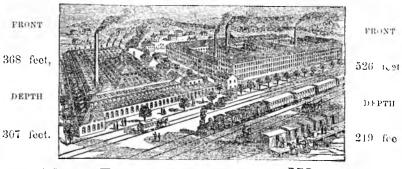
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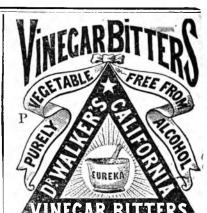


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