.mily. Is it hard for the husband to give a smiling "Thank you" to his wife as she brings his slippers on his evening return home? Is it more difficult for the mother to say, "John, will you shut the door, please?" than to use the laconic phrase, "Shut the door!" When Tom knocks over his sister's baby-house, why should not Excuse me, I didn't mean to," be the instinctive apology?

much if not all their suavity of man- 000 damages; the case was appealed, The husband and wife dispense with the decision of the court below. those little graceful attentions which. The children are ordered hither, and thither with crusty words; no "Thank that run on countless orrands. The paper, and the mother to her sewing. such peremptory orders as "Less noise, children; "Stop quarreling; and, finally, "Go to bed."

In many families there is no positive rudeness among the members, only a lack of those simple affectionate attentions which awaken a spontaneous return: a want of that consideration and gentleness of demeanor which are wellsprings of comfort in every household. The well-bred host does not fail to bid his guest "Good-night," and "Good-morning;" plaint, unpleasant discussion, and scan be banished. Let the conversation as far as possible. Interesting incidents of the day's experience may be paper, will kindle the conversation.

No pleasanter sight is there than a family of young folks who are quick to perform little acts of attention toward their elders. The placing of the bigarm chair in a warm place for mamma, running for a footstool for aunty. hunting up papa's spectacles, and secres of little deeds show unsuppressed and loving hearts. But if mamma never returns a smiling "Thank you, dear," if papa's "Just what I was wanting, Susie," does not indicate that the little attention is appreciated, the •hildren soon drop the habit. Little people are imitative creatures, and uickly catch the spirit surrounding stoops to pick it up, bright eyes will see the act, and quick minds make a once a man. Some few were old—all note of it. By example, a thousand times more quickly than by precept, helpful to their younger sisters; the brothers are noisy and heedless.

Scolding is never allowable; reproof and criticism from parents must have their time and place, but should never intrude so far upon the social life of the family as to render the home uncomfortable. A serious word in private will generally cure a fault more easily than many public criticisms. In some families a spirit of contradicdiction and discussion mars the harmony; every statement, is, as it were. dissected, and the absolute correctness of every word calculated. It interferes seriously with social freedom when unimportant inaccuracies are watched for, and exposed for the mere sake of exposure. Brothers and sisters also sometimes acquire an almost unconscious habit of teasing each other, half in earnest, half in fun. This is particularly uncomfortable for everybody else, whatever doubtful pleasure the parties themselves may

welcome on entering. No rude eyes proportion of the smokers were so ensean your dress. No angry voices are heard up stairs. No sullen chilpefying poison as to preclude any dren are sent from, the room. No attempt at conversation, and we passperemptory orders are given to cover servants. A delightful atmosphere pervade. the house-unmistakable, yet indescribable.

The Alabama State Fair is indefinitely postponed on account of the

It is stated that nearly all the wire is constructed and the contracts out for a new cable between England and some point on Long Island. The capital is \$10,000,000, and the directory embraces prominent English and American capitalists.

Love among Thorns.

The relastic age, which has exploded ancient legends, disproved traditions and reversed the oldest caby one of fort, any time in one's life:

the most operation of many a ma

Neilson, finding that the lady offered decided that no words were necessary to constitute an engagement; that completed will be an immense im-

the gleam of the eye, and the conjunction of the lips, are overtures Many who would not be guilty of where they become frequent and pro-discourtesy to a stranger, or to a friend in the world without, lay aside as to the law, gave Miss Homan \$15, ner on entering the home circle. and the Court of Appeals sustained

The flinty-hearted Judge, compared though small, are never unimportant with whom Judge Jeffries was as quires a greater length of bore than mild as the moon-light dream of a maid of sweet sixteen on a midsumyou" rewards the little tircless feet mer night, added, with all the acrid partiality of exasperating detail: "In dinner is eaten in silence, broken only an engagement to marry, the conby fault-finding and reproof from the tract can be entered into between parents, and ill-humor and teasing lovers without his asking in words among the children. In the evening the question whether she will marry the father devotes himself to his news- him, and without her answering in words that she will do so. * interrupting themselves only to give This contract or engagement can be made without such words. If the facts and circumstances are sufficiently full and significant to amount to the engagement, were they or could they be articulate, the spirit of the law supplies the lacking speech."

And so for luxuriating in Roxale na's "eye gleams" and "lip conjunctions," Sandy Earle is doomed to pay the enormous price of \$15,000! Miserable lover! He had better have bought \$15,000 worth of Pacific Mail stock at 250, and seen it drop to 50 why should not this simple expression the day following, than paid so dear of good feeling be always exchanged a price for "eye gleams," which are between parents and children? The transitory, and lip conjunctions, whose kindly morning greeting will often sweetness, though fraught with ennip in the bud some rising fretfulness; twining bliss, fade away like a dream and the pleasant "Good-by," from old and young, when leaving the house for office, shop, or school, is a fraguests were present. Reproof, com- price list in future such high-priced commodities as "eye-gleams" and "lip dal, no less than moody silence, should conjunctions." The decision of the Brooklyn court will be a death blow be genial, and suited to the little folks to all the romances of love-making in New York. A young man with any regard for his purse would as soon mentioned at the evening meal, thus think of getting into a pirate ship as arousing the social element. If re- into a courtship in the face of so terrifuture includes buggy-drives, sleighrides, hand-squeezing, eye-glances at the hall door. Cupid is literally kicked out of court, and his bow and darts have been whittled into igno-

Scenes in an Opium Shop.

were hollow-eyed, with sunken cheeks and cadaverous countenance; many ean children be taught to speak kind-ly to each other, to acknowledge fa-smoked away their last dollar; while vors, to be gentle and unselfish, to be others were offering to pawn their thoughtful and considerate of the com-fort of the family. The boys with inward pride in their father's courte-old man raised himself as we entered, only decent garment for an additional ous demeanor, will be chivalrous and drew a long sigh, and then with a half-uttered imprecation on his own girls, imitating the mother, will be folly proceeded to refill his pipe. five-inch steel needle, some opium from the lid of a tiny shell box, rolling the paste into a pill, and then, after heating it in the blaze of a lamp, deposit it within the small aperture of his pipe. Several short whiffs followed; then the smoker would remove the pipe from his mouth and lie back motionless; and then, replace the pipe, and with fast-glazing fell back on the couch in a state of ble and disgusting. Another smoker, there was a look of despair such as I have seldom seen. Though so young, he was a complete wreck, with hol low eyes, sunken chest, and a nervous twitching in every muscle. I spoke to him, and learned that six months before he had lost his whole patrimony by gambling, and came hither to In the home where true courtesy quaff forgetfullness from these Leth prevails it seems to meet you on the aan cups, hoping, he said, to find death very threshold. You feel the kindly as well as oblivion. By far the larger ed out from this moral pesthouse sick the delinquencies of housekeepers or at heart as we thought of these infatuated victims of self-indulgence and their starving families at home. This baneful habit, once formed, is seldom given up, and from three to five years' indulgence will utterly wreck the firmest constitution, the frame becoming daily more emaciated, the eyes more sunken, and the coun-

a fellow creature.

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Manufacture of 38-ton Guns at the Royal Arsenal.

The manufacture of the seventeen prices of history, has destroyed near- 38-ton guns, which was ordered from will require \$20,000 to cover this ly all the romance of courtship by the Royal gun factories some months years deficit. dragging it into court. Judge Neil- ago, is progressing rapidly at the A morehant named Alexander Earle furnaces in the coiling shed, and lie was sued for breach of promise by outside ready for welding. 'The tubes Miss Rexalena Homan, and Judge of cast steel, three feet longer than any hitherto manufactured, have been no other proof of the contract of mat- received from Messrs. Firth & Co., rimony except the fact that she had Sheffield, and will shortly be turned been kissed by the aforesuid Earle, to receive the superincumbent coils. The appearance of the new guns when 35-ton gun. The addition of three only claim one quarter of her. ook of the original. But the improvement is not only in appearance. It is an established fact that a calibre of 12 inches with pebble powder re-13 feet—the length given to the "infant"-for the expansion of the powder gases, when such enormous charges as 110lb. and 120lb. or 130lb. of powder are employed. And the new gun meets this requirement exactly, for the elongation of the powder gas waves fully provided for by the excess of three feet given to the bore. Experiments with the 10-inch rifled-gun show that the entire force of these waves is not exerted until the projectile has started several feet; hence it is necessary, in order to obgive a considerable length of bore. and with every increase made in the charge of powder to increase correspondingly that length. It is anticipated that no more of the earlier pat tern of 35-ton gun will be constructed.

Noddle's Baby.

"Have you ever seen a baby?" that precious little son of mine, who is one week old to-day. Until one day last week I detested babies, and grant memory through the day of talents in gold, that he did not care always declared that I should drown street is now busily engaged in organiz Mine is the only baby I ever saw that the actual assistance, of Grant. no night, has not yet learned that we week he found it in his Bible. hours out of the twenty-four, and I in the newspapers, stating that "it begin to despair of ever being able to wasn't his other Bible." teach him any better. With this nia "bundling" is no longer to be thought of. The dead line of court-hough even if I should he through the patent back-action gate. She opened the gate, went through, as ship which no bachelor dare touch in church, and lip-conjunctions behind trials should we give to the innocent the fence. murderer of sleep? I do wish some philanthropic individual would estabminious toothpicks.—Louisville Couriof teaching matrimonially disposed young men the art of holding babies. suffer the agonies of suspense whenever the child is under my fatherly
bride. On all four sides of the room were couches placed thickly against the protection. The first time I attemptwalls, and others were scattered over of cotton rolls from her lap, the father room for them. On each of these Then she carefully laid the precious lay extended the wreck of what was burden across them, and would you up, and, recklessly striking its heels to its head, slipped through my arms ed after the horses, but the wrongs of the son are still unavenged. to the floor before I could think an that I was brought up by my mother's bread. slipper, and think] that system far Som more effectual.

The "City of the Kings."

One of the peculiar institutions of eyes blow the smoke slowly through his pallid nostriis. As the narcotic effects of the opium began to work he in a military uniform. They are insilly stupefaction that was alike pitia- vested with the title of a celadore, and a most appropriate appellation it is, for a lazier set of fellows cannot well a mere youth, lay with face buried in his hands, and as he lifted his head be found. When on duty they generally ensconce themselves in some doorway, or corner, and there, with their muskets between their knees, they beguile in sleep the hours of duty. An earthquake may shake a dozen buildings down near him, a salve of artillery be fired, but these minor things cannot awaken a celadore; and he has no ear for the musical cries of murder, help, and thieves. Hunger is the only thing that can awaken him. The old salts, who sometimes frequent the streets of Callao, often disarm the sleeping guardians of the peace, and parade the streets, clothed in their cloaks and caps, and armed with their weapons of protection. How would such men suit in our stirring cities?

Charles A. Nickerson, residing in sixty inches, with a length of stroke East Boston, was picking his teeth of eleven feet. These engines are with a piece of broom-corn, a sliver designed to raise water into the Highcaught in the roots of his tongue and land Avenue Reservoir, in the city of tenance more cadaverous, till the subsequently worked its way down brain ceases to perform its functions, into his throat, where it lodged. He beight of three hundred and form into his throat, where it lodged. He height of three hundred and fifty-six and death places its seal on the wasted life.—Lippincott's Magazine. could not succeed in displacing it, feet. It is estimated that seventy and the result was the formation of million pounds of water can be raised an abscess. On Tuesday morning for every one hundred pounds of coal Sympathy is like blind-man's buff, last the abscess broke, rupturing a consumed, which would make an because it shows a fellow feeling for blood-vessel, which terminated in his average cost of one cent for every death.

News Items.

The Maine State Prison has so few prisoners that the value of the work

A house containing three rooms, in Quincy, Mass., was recently found to be inhabited by sivteen persons—a man and his wife, eleven children, and three boarders.

grandparent and whose youngest is a when they heard your pistol." few days old.

provement upon that of the present derstanding that her husband could

A paper called The Interior is published at Stanford, Ky., and a correspondent says that from his knowledge of the editor he is "enabled to state positively that he will throw a great deal of spirit into his Interior.

of a bell did not put him in mind of his latter end. "No, sir," replied the grim old grave digger, "but the rope puts me in mind of yours."

A little boy has been fairly driven from a Slawson school by the dis-York juryman.

A western paper says of the air, in its relation to man. "It kisses him tain the fall effect of the powder, to and blesses him, but it will not obey him" Poor Doods says that discription suits his wife exactly.

An Iowa wife eloped with a young fellow recently, and as soon as she got intimate enough with him to have free access to his pockets stole \$700 therefrom and traveled triumphantly back to her husband.

"Cap" Hyman, a noted gambler of writes M. T. Noddle. "I don't mean thy and poor, sometimes winning \$10, the same object—the testing of the the senseless, squalling bits of human 000 to \$20,000 in an evening, but who theory that a steady and undeviating try that n. ost people have; but a threw up his business shortly after the pure, sweet little human cherub, like great fire, died a few days, a lunatic. great fire, died a few days, a lunatic.

A New Orleans letter says it is cur rently reported in that city that Long separation. When the family gather to buy repentance at so dear a price, the first that had the impudence to alone around breakfast or dinner table, and the Brooklyn merchant will make its deafening debut upon my quiet and peaceful domestic stage.

A prominent McKcesport merchant I could love; and yet one thing troubles me. The little angel, having lost his coupon ticket for the Connellscome from Heaven, where there is ville Railway nearly a year ago. Last mortals ought to sleep at least eight thought it necessary to publish a card

A Western paper tells a story of a patient, for if the murderer of Fisk the same side seven times; then, ejacudeserves three trials, how many more lating "Merciful sakes!" climbed over

When an enthusiastic editor describes a bride as bonny, and an enlish a domestic school for the purpose vious compositor set her up as bony, as was done at Jacksonville the other Had I acquired this art when young farewell, and freedom shrieks as the ral medicines are rapidly falling into day, hope for a season bids the world my wife would not now be obliged to the compositor falls at his form, brain-

nothing, and whose son, now twentyone years of age, cannot read, because believe it, instead of quietly reclining in a horizontal position as it did in her arms, it suddenly doubled itself to of Cruelty to Animals has look-

The pan-cake season has commencinch. I quickly picked up my fallen ed in Richmond, Ind. A hired girl second edition, but before I could get employed in a family there, while a good firm hold of the yielding baking cakes the other morning, stepyoungster he gave a convulsive twist | ped backward to a chair in which backward and turned a back somer reposed the batter, and deliberately sault on to the bed. The doctor sat down in the pan. As she subwants us to bring the baby up "by sequently refused to sit down on the hand," but I object, for the reason stove, the breakfast was finished with

Some "eminent physician" (name not given) is being extensively quot-ed after declairing it unhealthy to rise before eight in the morning. "This,,' says the exchange, "will be cheerful inteligence to the boys of the present generation." We cannot believe

Gen. Ryan was a greatladies' man, and created a sensation while promenading the avenue in Washington, with his military cape, large Texan braid hat, long curling hair, etc. He always caries a heavy cane, and was generally accompanied by an unusually large bloodhound, which was a terror to many pedestrians. He frequently had difficulties in the hotel lobbies, generally following up a discusion on Cuban matters in that way.

There is at present in course of construction at Pittsburgh, Penn., a pair of pumping engines said to be the largest in the world. The follow-ing are the weights and dimensions of certain parts: cranks, nine tons; shaft, twenty-four tons; four sections of the two valve-chambers, one hundred and twenty tons; fly-wheel seventy tons; four plungers, nearly four hundred tons; cylinder, sixty four inches in diameter; stroke, About a week since while Mr. fourteen feet; diameter of plungers, three thousand and seventy gallens.

A Cool Robbery.

A Melbourne paper gives the fol lowing as the latest bushranging For Disguss of the Throat and Lungs, such as land service "Woolwich Infants," or done is greatly diminished, and it gossip :- Recently a certain person was travelling along the road, when he heard a great noise and an outcry. Thinking bushrangers were at work, he fired off a pistol to intimidate them; and presently the noise ceased and a scampering was heard. On coming to the open, the traveller discovered a man tied to a tree. "Oh! sir," cried the victim, "I am so glad you are come. I've been attacked by ruffians, and they were robbing me when they heard your pistol." "And couldn't you get loose, my friend?" asked the traveller. "No; they tied me so very tightly." "And did they roby out of anything?" "No; only of my watch. They had not time to search for my money, which I placed in my left boot." "How fortunate," observed the traveller. "Was the sum considerable?" "Over a thousand, thank Heaven," seid the poor was travelling along the road, when There is said to be a woman in Ritchie Country, Va, eighty-three years old, whose eldest child is a grandparent and whose youngest is a when they heard your pistol." "And A Salt Lake girl significantly said asked the traveller. "No; they tied to her Mormon father, who urged her to marry a man with three wives, rob you of anything?" "No; only that she would consent with the un- of my watch. They had not time to and, thank Heaven," said the poor man. "Are you sure they are gone?" asked the other. "Oh! certain." The new-comer looked round and round, and, seeing the coast clear, A consequential young for asked said, coolly, "Well, as they're gone, an aged country sexton if the ringing I think I'll finish the job myself." And he proceeded to rob the unfortunate victim.

> Mr. John T. Musselman, of Logansport, Ind., subscribed \$5,000 to a Universalist College of that place, a year or two since, and now refuses to pay his graceful persecution of the other subscription, on the ground that he was scholars, who taunted him with the insane. The trustees sucd him and obfact that his father had been a New tained judgment against him, but Mr. M. has carried the case to the Supreme Court.

and bids fair to do so until the snows of winter make the air too opaque for ascensions. It is gratifying to read that all of these numerous ærial voyages are made in the interests of science solelyecuniary profit, a love of wild adventure, and the desire to see names in print, have nothing to do with the coronautic fever which has become an epidemic. All of the æronauts are Chicago, who has been alternately weal- working for the attainment of one and ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1874 motion above the clouds. Thus far the voyagers in the baloon have demonstrated nothing more important than the truth of the old law of gravity, and of the older proverbs that the wind is a model of uncertainty. However, time earth and float screnely to Europe, propelled by the potent and faithful eastern current.

The Old World has played its part in vegetable medication. But the botany of the New World is, as yet, impersources fail, sometimes little bits read aloud from the morning or evening must go by the board, and Pennsylva and I could not condemn him for such tempt to get in the court-house yard feetly explored. One new and most important revelation from the land of wonders—California—has astonished the scientific, and accomplished such cures of diseases of the stomach and bowels, bilious complaints, malarious fevers, nervous affections, and all diseases proceeding from a vitiated condition of the blood, as have never before been witnessed.

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