#### Cliff Roses

Pale little sister of rich red roses, Wild little sister of garden queens, Art thou content that thy flower uncloses Here where the land to the ocean leans

They, where the lawns are soft and shaded, Hold their court amid eyes that gaze; Thou by the lone sea liv'st, and faded Fall thy leaves in the salt sea sprays.

Smitten of every storm that blusters, Crushed by the mimic avalanche. Bravely still thy delicate clusters Laugh from thicket and thorny branch

Naught may be know of all thou knowest, All that the soft wind brings to thee? Under the cliff-top where thou growest Sail the ships to the open sea;

Art not thou and thy flowers clinging Ghosts of many a sad farewell. Fluttering home from the ships, and bring-

Tidings for loving hearts to tell?

Or art thou, rather, a blithe fore-comer, Blown by winds from the homeward ships, A kiss, turned flower in the breath of Sum A word that has quickened from eager

Nay, though sweet as the longed for hour, Fair as the face that we yearn to see, Nothing thou art but a simple flower, Growing where God has planted thee.

lips?

### How Clay Whittle's Manhood Was Crowned.

Athel Bruce sat on a low rocker in the recess of the bay windows, apparently in deep thought. A very pretty picture she made, so her brother Hal thought as he passed along the street in company with Clay Whittle. Ivies were creeping above and around her head reaching after the sunlight, while lilies, geraniums and hyacinths were blooming at her feet.

The gentleman passed on, as also did the hands of the clock, but still Ethel sat in evident study. The room was furnished with cultured taste, and skillful hands kept it looking very inviting to the family, and their friends. It was library, and sitting room combined. Ethel's parents had al-ways striven to have their home attractive, even if other expenses had to be curtailed

The mother was an invalid and had been for several weeks, and the willing hands and thoughtful heart of mother were sadly body, for Ethel did not neglect anything" and she kept the little mother fresh and dainty, and the room so bright and cheery, that all the family would gather around her in social glee.

Ethel would first notice poor mother's tired look if they stayed so long, and pleas-antly chiding them would drive them off to the sitting room. Clay Whittle used often to come in with Hal to the mother's room, and these little visits were seasons of delight to him. His mother had passed the portals over into the other side. How he missed her room and her counsel, and the time spent over at the Bruces, were choice minutes and great helps to him.

His father was a leading politician, his sister a fashionable woman, while he himself was a law student.

The evening before Clay and Ethel had attended an entertainment together and on passing out from it, she stopped a moment to speak to a friend and Clay was joined by

Clay sne asked "why didn't you bring Eva Drayton this evening. 'I prefer the company I have," he an-

like to see a girl with some style in dress. Everything she wears is a year old."
"Which of itself is a crime of the first

degree in the farhionable world," he answered; joined Ethel and passed on. So on this the following morning, E.hel was trying to study out some plans for new Of course she was indignant over the remark, but it was true that all she had, was a year old, but she had felt that they were good enough, until now. She knew too, that all they had to live upon was her

too, that all they had to live upon was her father's salary, which might have seemed large to many, but their expenses were correspondingly large, and with mother's sickness and Tom's college bills, or a part of them, somebody had to economize and really deny themselves, and she had felt willing, and even auxious, to do her share; but after overhearing the remark of the night before, denying herself had not been so sweet.

She examined the closets to see if there

was anything available to be made over, but returned to her low rocker disheartened. Her father came in, and seeing something amiss, asked, "What are your thoughts like, daughter, and what are your wishes? Speak, and if half of the kingdom is desired, it shall be yours!"
"I thought I was queen of the realm,

and mistress of all I survey. I desire no more than the home kingdom, with a rabe of royal purple."
"Or some other fashionable shade," he said. "Frankly, Ethel, what were you

thinking about?"
"I was wondering if there was any sur

plus money in the family treasury, that I could use for myself," she said. 'I think about forty dollars. Would it

help you?"
"Yes, indeed. Just the sum I want.

"I'll let you know at tea-time," he said. "Will balance account for the month, and rest assured, you shall have it daughter, if father can spare it," and seated on one knee with her arm twined around his

neck, she stroked his manly beard, caressingly.
"We are not rich, Ethel," he said, "but this home is ours, and is a very pleasant, and an attractive one, and I have a family of whom I am both proud and thankful

There is one thing upon which I congratu-late myself every week of my life, and it is this—that there are no unexpected bills coming in for payment contracted by my family. I know that they never buy without my advice and counsel, and then order bill sent home. At the end of the month I come out greater magnitude in the literary world. even at least. Here is an incident which struck me forcibly, but is only one among the many of my experience. As I passed through the store one day, I saw Mrs. Drayton and Eva buying goods. The bill was brought to my desk, copied and 'please remit' added, as is our custom, and placed in an envelope to be handed to parties or mailed. Opportunity for giving it to Mr. Drayton occurred on my way to dinner. He opened it, glanced at the total, and looked

very much disturbed."
"Was it large?" asked Ethel. "Something over an hundred dollars."

"Inside of thirty days will answer ?" he Yes," I answered and passed en. "Th

time has expired and no payment yet."
"He is very able to pay it," exclaime "Perhaps no more than your father. Ethel; and several such bills coming in un-

Poor Tom. "The money is his, father," said Ethel and now for mother's tea." As she passed the window she caught a glimpse of Clay and Eva Drayton riding together, and he was driving his sister's span of greys.

"What beauties these horses are," exclaimed Hal; "and how stylish Eva looks.

But why are they riding together? Is he taking his sister's advice as soon as this?"

"What do you know about his advisors?" sked Ethel

"'Little pitchers have big ears,' and the Bruce cars are far too quick for their own good. I stood by the door and heard what she said, and I knew that you heard by the ines around your mouth.

Well. I cannot have any better to wear. and I am almost glad I cannot, for what I have is good enough," and E hel entered her mother's room humming a tune. "I wish I could do something," Hal thought; "but my money goes to Tom," and he must not feel that we are sacrificing

particularly for him, for he is very sensitive. Mother must not be troubled, and father does his best for us all; but Ethel descrees more than she gets, but she looks well in what she has. Confound that Mrs. Stratton nyway!"
"What about the money, Ethel? I'll

send Tom enough for his books, and you may take the balance," said Mr. Bruce la-"No, indeed, father! He is away from home and needs it more than I.

"What will you do?" he asked. "I'll wait until I write my novel," she said, laughing. "Truly, father," she added carnestly, "if I could earn money for my own wants and make it easier for you it

would give me great joy." Hal and his father walked down town that evening and met Eva and Clay. Hal never could keep a secret very well, and he told his father what Mrs. Stratton had said to her brother the evening before.

"I wish I had the money for her," said Mr. Bruce, "but I cannot get it without breaking a rule of ours to which we have always strictly adhered. She says 'she will wait until she writes her novel.'" 'Perhaps it is written," said Hal.

"What do you mean?" asked his father, "Ethel has a drawer pretty well filled with manuscripts, many of them nicely copied all ready for the press—short stories and longer ones, and bits of poetry, etc.'
"Drawer locked?" the father asked. "No, it is the left hand blind one."

Late that night Mr. Bruce sat up reading his daughter's literary work. missed by the daughter. The rest of the family said "that Ethel took mother's place senior member of his firm entrusted him to them all so well, that for the time they with some important business to go to the were not great losers," and the mother confined to her room for lack of strength to be detain you several days." That night he elsewhere, rather than from actual pain said started on his journey and in one side of his 't that she was having a rest in mind and valise were a number of Ethel's manuscripts. Heriwork struck him as remarkably good but "I am not an unbiased judge," he said

> When his business for the house was well under way, he visited some editorial friends and told his errand. "Has she ever had anything published?"

> was asked. "Not to my knowledge. She was very quiet over her work, and told her brother that she feared she never could offer any of her pet pieces for publication, for she felt as if she could not bear a refusal. I am not sure that I am treating her fairly, for she does not dream of these being in my

"I think your daughter has considerable talent. In fact some of her pieces are very fine while others we will cut up unmercifully, which will be hard on her feelings, but as good for her as medicine," said the editor, after an examination of the manu-

He was still to be in the city, and was requested to come in again, which he did, of when a check for \$100 was handed to him "asking if it would be satisfactory," and heart by the side of mine to strengthen also requesting more from the same source. me. Business detained Mr. Bruce in the city

ones anxiously awaited his return. Mrs. will assimilate well enough to make you happy?" Ethel hovered over her forgetting everything in her anxiety about her. Clay Whittle made his morning call in the

sick room regularly, and just as regularly would ride out with Miss lova Drayton. The days came when Mrs. Bruce was alarmingly worse, and telegram after telegram was sent to the husband without avail. Hal, Ethel and Clay watched and waited, joined by Tom in their unceasing vigils.

"If only my husband would come!" Mrs Bruce would say, while the hearts of the others echoed the wish with great earnest-

ness.
Night came on, and Clay said, "If Mr. Bruce is not here at nine o'clock, I will start after him at ten. The wires are cut at a certain point and communication is not to be depended upon," and kneeling at Mrs

Bruce's bedside he said, "I may never see Every visitor here has remarked, and company my friend on earth, can I not have you again my friend on earth : can I not have love me, will you bless us?"

"I know not Ethel's heart, settle it between yourselves my children," and after waiting for Ethel to join them if she would,

Bruce standing in the doorway.

Days passed and the mother gained strength

very slowly. Mr. Bruce gave his daughter dent. the money saying "it was all her own, but nothing more. One evening some company gathered in, and among them Clay and his sister, and they fell to discussing some articles in one of the late monthly periodi-The father seemed to hesitate. Ethel spoke quickly, "I do not want it if it is needed elsewhere." Ethel articles in one of the late monthly periodicals. "I read one," said, Mrs. Stratton, that struck me forcibly. There was so much that struck me forcibly. There was so much principle, and heart in it. I'm sure the writer must have a beautiful soul as well as a sensible body. It reminded me very much of my dear mother's ideas of right."
"Was it written by a lady?" asked some-

ne.
"I think so," she answered. "About such an one as you would choose for me for life's pilgrimage?" asked Clay. "My ideal for you is not a common one but my dear ambitious brother, I fancy this

this one is entirely too high for you in your present state."
"Eva is all furs and feathers this winter" "Eva is all furs and feathers this winter" cool, but utterly powerless to stop them, said Prof. French. Do not imagine for a moment that while you are illustrious in somebody or be killed in the midst of a crash moment that while you are illustrious in your profession that she will be a star of

"How about the tableaux you are practicing for, daily? I hear you want them to come off before Lent. There is talk too of Mr. Drayton failing-better hasten them or Eva will not look very angelic or feel so either; I believe she is to personate some uch a scene. Some say that much of her father's pecuniary trouble lies in her own and

grays and coachman are ever ready to serve the young ladies."
"But Eva is afraid of the coachman, and

Jennie Miller. "And the snow is too deep for pedestrians expectedly soon seriously embarrass a man who cannot always spare such sums from his business without injury."

At tea-time Mr. Bruce said: "There is And the show is too deep for pedestrians this winter," remarked the professor.

"You are saidly degenerating, Professor no one was injured this time. None could be certain that at a repetition of the spectare recommend you as an instructor on the cle several lives might not be sacrificed, and

just one thing to keep that money from you, and it is Tom's letter just received. He says: Father, I have to have ten dollars worth | never are; but, Clay, I want to congratulate worth more of books than I have money to you on being a good horseman. May you cover, and I cannot look scarcely decent hold the reins of law and state as firmly and cover, and I cannot look scarcely decent without a new overcoat. If you remember truly in the future. I understand all about communicants. The receipts for all purmine you will agree with me, especially this tableau affair, else I would not have poses the past year were \$900,000.

when I tell you it has worn threadbare won- spoken as I have. I have read that article, Thirty dollars will get one to Mrs. Stratton, and I think it good. It gave suit me. Hoping mother is better, and that me a high opinion of the author. Am sure Ethel and Clay are as friendly as ever, I am it never emanated from the brains, of a

> "Read it for us, Professor," said Clay, "if t is not too long. "Have you read it, Ethel?" asked Pro-

essor French. "No," she answered; "I have not had time or inclination to look at the last number. Mother has taken every moment nd absorbed every thought until within a Would enjoy hearing you read it," she said.

"You told me once, I believe, that you are not fond of reading, Ethel," said Mrs. Stratton. She looked up puzzled.

"I think you must have misunderstood Ethel," said Professor French. "She reads a good deal, but not everything. She was one of my pupils that adopted a course of reading-"And still adheres to it." she answered auietly. The Professor and Ethel had long been

often easier to acquiese than to oppose her. rate of accretion, say five per cent., it must he felt sometimes that she had planned the now amount to \$60,000,000. The yearly in company, Sh tend to do so.

But for the reading, Professor French's voice was a wondrous clear one, and words dropping from his lips always sounded musically. A better one could not have been monarch of the British Empire, and a good deal more than the entire revenues of the English Government 250 years ago. It is asserted that there are eight or ten English ally. A better one could not have been chosen to do an article justice.

duction. When she sat down, the father low \$15,000,000. There are now probably felt her tremble and saw the lips pale while a 100 private fortunes in the United States she listened breathlessly to every word.

Just as it was finished Hal rising said

each greater than Girard's, and half a dozen at ight place; so he said, "Uncle Tom, we may as well sattle that communion question." after her sometime ago," and slipping her advantage. A dollar would buy more 1,000 now as at any other time. As you won't years ago than five will now. Forty years back a man who had a \$100,000 was rated as you Bapt sts are going to do with the Meth-

Shall I tell them?" "No indeed not for the world." "Shall I ask them to excuse you for the rest of the evening. It is most over, and houses, government, railway, bank, mining

father can attent to them.' "Yes you dear thoughtful brother, I need England, France and the United States rest," she answered. She did go down to cover nearly ten thousand millions, and the the parlour again however and heard Prof. railway securities of the United States alone French say "that he accused one of his cover nearly five thousand millions. The

promised himself that not another day should in the latter country and by corporations. pass without knowing if Ethel loved him. If It is thought, and justly, a great hardship she did not, he felt the future would be a to the common people of England and Scotwary waste—that his would be a crippled manhhood and a one sided life. Ethel was own over 1,200,000 acres, and many other the one thing he needed to make his life. the one thing he needed to make his life a perfect unit and develop his character into what God created him to be. His morning call was on Ethel and he told

per of his whole heart's love, and asked her f she could be his wife. "Some things are now explained which I did not before understand. Your sister does not like me, but I hope she will when she knows me better, and I am sure my heart's

ove is yours."
"Thank God" he said kissing her, "My manhood is crowned with the purest and best of His gifts—love, and I can go into life ready for its battle, knowing there is a true

Mr. Bruce joined them and said "Clay do you think wifely duties and literary work happy?"
"I am sure that she will do me good and

"Be warned in time" said Mr. Bruce "and with this I bid you God speed and good morning," and we will do the same.

Mr. Livingston's 16 in Hand Their Breakneck Run under the Guidance

of a Driver 70 Years Old. FLORENCE, Italy. - The fashionable world. mented on, according to his particular huyour blessings ere I go, and consent to my asking Ethel to be my wife. She need not answer now unless she wishes but if she can

Mr. Livingston of New York has been ac either to exclude the other. There is no fear customed to take his daily airings, handling the ribbons and guiding the animals with a masterly circus dexterity. Indeed, his novel turnout has become one of the staple sights of Florence. Whether his country men could accordance with scientific method, the feel flattered by the national distinction in although she did not, the mother with her of Florence. Whether his country men could hands on the bowed head, pronounced a silent blessing upon him, and an audible European eyes thus conferred on them or European eyes thus conferred on them or He arose and turned to go, and found Mr. froid with which a man of 70 could control them both, and man, when he is complete, so many horses and take them through the narrow, crowded streets, without acc

Three days ago, coming from the Cascine while near the city gates, the horses did take into their heads that they had done the triumphal procession on their driver's account in his way long enough, and that they would set up a little exhibition on their own account. The idea no sooner struck one horse than it was unanimously adopted, and they started on a dead run down the Lung Arno toward the bridges at the hour when it was crowded with fashionable vehicles, and and was the most favourable for the equine interview and a general smash. In a second there was a universal "Sauve qui peut" clear the way-panic; carriages and foot passengers making for side streets and putting themselves out of the course of the excited animals, as they came furiously on, in a dead run, bounding and banging over the smooth pavement, Mr. Livingston erect and of colliding vehicles. On they went, fortunately clearing everything, until they had passed Ponte Carraia, Ponte Santa Trinita, Ponto Vecchio-nobody hurt, but awfully frightened, the police shouting like mad to clear the way, and every Florentine much disposed for once to obey, until one horse fell, and it looked as if the climax had come. But such was the impetus of the others they pulled him on to his legs almost before he her mother's extravagance."

"Why Prof. French," exclaimed one.
"How dare you talk so. Mr. Whittle and and thinking they had had enough fun for Miss Drayton are very intimate, and ride this time, they came the astop, nobody hurt, together every day lately.

The day lately are the story intimate, and ride this time, they came the astop, nobody hurt, and Mr. Livingston more of a hero, centaur It takes a long time to prepare for tableaux factum, than even he had ever anticipated, especially when Mrs. S'ratton is commender but with his occupation gone; ior, it is said, in chief, but she makes it pleasant, for the city Fathers have now resoived to do what they should have done long since, i.e., foabid any such amateur opportunities for "But Eva is afraid of the coachman, and breaking people's necks, at least within the would rather walk than ride with him," said limits of the town, by limiting Mr. Livingston's equestrian feats to the regulation complement of horses for a decently behav-

> perilous a show in its confines, for the gratification, too, of a foreigner. THE Presbyterian church in England has

no one was injured this time. None could

The Great Increase in Private Fortunes.

Doubtless the labouring classes of this day in all civilized communities are better housed, fed, clad and paid than tha same class at any other time in the history of the human race, yet there never was a time of greater dissatisfaction among workingmen During the magnificent reign of Louis XIV. there was more extreme poverty in France than there is now in all Europe, Ireland included. The condition of the emancipated few days, and since then I have slept when Russian self is far better than that of the French or German peasant two centuries ago, and within the historical era there is no

50,000,000 who now inhabit the United But if the condition of the poor has improved, the private fortunes of the rich have so increased as to utterly confound all attempts at comparison with the rich men of past ages. \*\* As rich as Crosus" has stood past ages. \*\* As rich as Crœsus" has stood for an adage these twenty-three centuries. Yet Crosus was a king who devoted his whole energies to the aquisition of gold. and warm friends, and Clay was really afraid there is good reason to believe that we have sometimes it might prove to be something more. He blessed him in his heart to-night in this State who are richer in gold and its in this State who are richer in gold and its for speaking of the tableaux. He felt that equivalents than this Lydian monarch. The in some way Ethel did not favour him altorichest man in Rome at the time of Cæsar gether, and it flashed through his mind that was Crassus. His fottune has been caregether, and it flashed through his mind that perhaps she knew nothing about them as she had been confined closely at home and nothing had been said of them in her presence or of the absence of his brother-in-law, which made it necessary for him to stay at his sister's house, and thus he was subject in many ways to her orders.

Here will was a strong one and it was the perhaps see \$40,000,000. At a moderate that the perhaps are perhaps are the perhaps are per Her will was a strong one, and it was ten years ago \$40,000,000. At a moderate ableaux on purpose to bring him in Eva's come at the same rate is \$3,000,000. This She was wary enough not to predis a third more than the entire income of the monarch of the British Empire, and a good hosen to do an article justice.

E hel drew an ottoman up to her father's the richest men in England are commoners. side and sat down. He held one of her hands firmly in his, while the reading progressed. She never dreamed of hearing, her own pro-Philadelphia. His estate was appraised be-

Please excuse sister. Mother sent me ing power of money the ancients had the carried her to her own room and when she quite rich, and one of \$500,000 phenomenal. revived a little he said, "Praise enough to The latter class was not as numerous in this turn your head, and no one but her father country as those of \$5,000,000 are now.

Of course there is not gold and silver and your brother knows you deserve it!

and other stocks. The national bonds of pupils for writing the article," whereupon the largest private landed estates are held in spanish America, Mexico, Russia, England rest laughed at his conceit.

Spanish America, Mexico, Russia, England
Clay noticed him watching Ethel, and and the United States, but the largest of all prominent nobles more than 100,000 each. But there is one corporat on in this country that has been granted 49 000,000 acres, and one 48,000,000, and two others, represented by less then ten men, 25,000,000 acres.— San Francisco Uhronicle.

> Scientific and Poetical Views of Nature

We frequently hear protests made against

the cold mechanical mode of dealing with esthetic phenomena employed by scientific

The dissection by Newton of the
light to which the world owes all its visible light to which the world owes all its visible beauty and splendor seemed to Goethe a desceration. We find, even in our own day, the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of Helmholtz to arrive at the principles of hearmony and the endeavour of helmholtz to ar resented as an intrusion of the scientific intellect into a region which ought to be sacred to the human heart. But all this oppositiou and antagonism has for its escential not evil all the days of her life, and that the heart of her husband shall safely trust in oppositiou and antagonism has for its essential her. Was it true that one of Prof. French's pupils was the author of that excellent article?" proached Nature were radically different. but they had an equal warrant in the constitution of man. As regards our tastes and tendencies, our pleasures and pains, physical and mental, our action and passion, our sorrows, sympathics, and joys, we are the heirs of all the ages that preceded us; and, of the human nature thus handed down, poetry is an element just as much as science. The emotions of man are older than his understanding, and the poet who brightens, equally permanent needs of human nature; and the incompleteness of which I complain that the man of science can ever destroy the glory of the lilies of the field; there is no hope that the poet can ever successfully contend against our right to examine, in European eyes thus conferred on them or the not, all could not fail to admire the sang one field upon the other. Nature embraces will exhibit as large a toleration.

## A Snake Fight.

On Saturday afternoon last, while Rev. J. H. McGahen was driving on his way to Fulton, as he reached a small stream of water which crosses the road, he was permitted to witness a scene both novel and exciting. Two large water-snakes were contending for the possession of a small fish which had been captured (the fish being about eight inches in length), while two smaller snakes, one on each side of the contestants, with heads slightly raised above the water, were apparently interested pectators of the struggle, but neither interfered. One of the larger snakes had seized the fish by the head, while the other grasped him by the tail, the former, of course, hav ing much the better hold, on account of the tapering form of the fish; but it was a long pull and a strong pull; the water was lashed into quite a fury; the snake with the tailhold wound himself twice around a small stick fastened near him, given him quite an advantage over his antagonist. But after a desperate struggle of about five minutes, the snake having the head-hold wrested the contested prey from his opponent, and bore it rapidly away up the stream in triumph, while his vanquished snakeship, crest-fallen, supperless, and subdued, slunk away out of sight. It was an intensely exciting performance, but probably not a very pleasing one to the poor fish.

CHARLES READE made \$30,000 from 'Drink." Some men have lost as much from

the same cause. SAID Angelina, suddonly breaking the op-pressive silence, "Don't you feel afraid of the army worms, Theodore, that are coming so rapidly this way?" The question was such a strange one that Theodore's surprise caused him to look right at Angelina for the first time in his life. Why did she ask that, he wanted to know. "Oh, nothing," she replied, as she toyed with her fan, "only the proposed they are accessed. the papers say they eat every green thing wherever they go.'

A curious coincidence has been noticed in cle several lives might not be sacrificed, and London, where three men well known in the city mulcted in damages for allowing so fin incial and social circles—Lionel Lawson, M. J. Ponso, and Julius Beer, all of enor mous fortune and all great friends—died suddenly within a space of little more than six months. More odd still is it that each ner in succession to the other.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By betting in gloves ladies have a great advantage. If they lose, they pay in onebutton pairs; if they win, they are paid in eight to eighteen button pairs, according to the generosity of the male victim.

THERE are families who endure miseries untold because they live beyond their means, because they wish to dress aid visit and entertain as neighbours do who have tenfold their income. If this narrow and vulgar ambition a brood of sordid and unwholesome things are born. It is impossible that child ren shall develop symmetry of character in houses where life is a frantic struggle to appear as grandly as the occupants of the next one appear, the grandeur being all tinrecord of a time when 50,000,000 of the com mon people and poor were so situated as the sel and vain show.

THEY HANDLED IT GENTLY.—The Liverpool inspectors of explosives report that quantity of honey recently came into that port with a label well calculated to secure roper handling for the package. In well lisplayed and large letters the cautions to porters and others ran thus "Handle gently as dynamite. A drop of one inch will cause certain destruction to the contents." words "handle gently," "dynamite" and "certain destruction" were, of cour.e, printed in more prominent type than the rest, and one can well understand that little damage was done to the contents of

that package. THE habit of exaggeration grows almost imperceptibly on one by use. "I'm tired to leath," says one So you have said a thou death, sand times, and you'll say so a thousand times more before you die. "I had not a wink of sleep all night," says another. And yet your bed'ellow heard you snore many times. "I would not do it for all the world," says a third, and yet you have done it and many things equally as bad again and again we were up to our knees in mud," says a fourth, when you know very well that the mud was not over your shoes. Be correct, truthful and moderate in your speech. The law of the harvest is to reap more than you So an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow character and you reap a destiny.

THERE'S an old Baptist darky in Hart Co., Ky., known as Tom Wood. A Methodist D. D. also lives near Tom, and when the two meet the former twits Tom about his close communion. On a recent occasion they met, may as well settle that communion question you Bapt sts are going to do with the Methodists, Presbyterians and the rest of us when we all go to heaven?" Uncle Tom scratched his head a while and then, looking the Doctor in the eye, said firmly, but deliberately: gate of these little private fortunes, nor a tithe of them. They are invested in lands, houses, government, railway health.

#### Green's August Flower.

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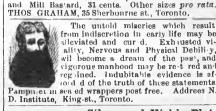
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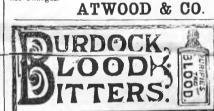
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