A Mother's Kiss.

There's the kiss of the sister, so loving and

Whose impress but lasts till the mor-The kiss of a wife, when adversity comes,

A token of grief or of sorrow, The kiss of a husband, so burdened with love,

The seal of a tender affection ; The kiss of a friend, who doth conjure up

In his mind of a past recollection. The kiss of a child, sweet and pure as the

Or the fily that blooms in the valley; The kiss of a sweetheart, ere parting at

And longing, tho' late, yet to dally. The kiss of a nephew, the kiss of a niece, The kiss of a father or brother; All taken together and salted to taste, Don't compare with the kiss of a mother. -M. J. Donnelly.

Patti charges more every year for her absolutely farewell warbling. She is now singing in England for \$3,500 a night.

A trading establishment in the Congo sun recently sent an order to England for a consignment of rum, and very appropriately it was added in the postscript, "Send more handcuffs."

When a rich man dies who has been notoriously niggardly, the obituarian remarks that he was "quiet and unostentatious in his charities"; out fails to say he was so very secretive no living soul ever discovered | bright rays of the winter's sun-we now

Gen. John M. Palmer of Illinois, estimates that he travelled more than 7,000 miles and made more than 100 speeches during his campaign for the Governorship. Such pure whiteness of the snow into a tinge of work by a man of 72 ought to have won, but it didn't.

In fashionable Philadelphia households instead of the parents sending out announcements of the latest family addition the newcomer announces himself or herself by a tiny address following the name.

A man in Malton, Nev., tipped a couple \$10,000 in gold dust and fled the country.

Theatres in Madrid are in a bad fix. They have been compelled by law to use is very bad, and the lights became so dim at a recent performance that the audience compelled the manager to return their money.

The mailing of charged phonograms from England has caused a row in the British Postoffice. The senders claim "printed matter rates," while the authorities claim letter postage. They have an eye to the postal revenue when phonograms shall have largely superseded letters.

H. Rider Haggard has become a vegetarian. He found by experiment that he could wards the east and west. Venus sparkled less diet than when he indulged freely in of the sun, while a dozen lesser lights sent beef and mutton. He has become a convert their twinkling rays towards the earth. to the theory that the imagination becomes But, oh! the awful grandeur of the huge more active when the body abstains from black shadow ! now extending from a point animal nourishment.

oping a disease of their own. One or two like an immense canopy, and inspiring cases recently occurred abroad, in which the every beholder with the deepest feeling of finger nails dropped off, one after another. | awe ! The affection is supposed to be due to the constant hammering and pushing with the finger ends required by the working of the above its peaks and domes to the width of a telegraph instruments.

the Champs Elysees belong to the City of Paris. There are 7,500 of them. The right cloud lifts from the horizon. to control them for the period of four years will soon be sold at auction, the upset price being 42,000 francs. The buyer may demand three sous for the use of an armchair, however, appeared to be at their very feet. and one sou for a plain chair, and must keep them in good order.

is having all the bridges and cattle-guards from view-there shot out from the northon its lines covered with whitwash with western point of the moon's disc, a piercing which salt is mixed, the effect being both to ray of light, much as a strong, unshaded elecpreserve the timber and make it fire proof, tric light shoots its rays after momentary beside somewhat improving its appearance. depression (if one can in any degree compare This work is done about once a year and is believed to liberally repay the comparatively small expense.

Toothpicks are made in Michigan from white birch, and are sold at a little less than | under the increasing rays of the sun-one \$2 a case of 150,000 picks. Birch logs are by one the stars disappeared, Venus being sawed, steamed and cut into ribbons three | the last. The great shadow passed away to inches wide, which are run through the ma- the east, bathing the lofty Tetons in the chinery, eight or ten at once, and fall in blackness of night in its passage. We finished pieces into baskets placed for their breathed again without involuntary exclareception. The packing is done principally | mations on our lips, and in all too short a by expert Indian women.

The experiments of Mach, the Austrian chemist, show that rifle bullets in motion may be photographed. His process requires the illumination of the bullet by letting it break an electric current. The photographs obtained showed an air formation in front of the bullet having the form of a hyperbole, those whose good fortune it was to witness in which, when the initial volocity was very great, there was some curious spiral motions. From the description given, there appeared from these photographs to be a great similarity between the motion of a body through the water and that of a projectile through the air.

A tragi-comic romance lately occurred t Buda-Pesth. A stripling of seven teen fell in love with a girl three years his junior, and the children were in such despair at the prospect of having to wait so long before they could be married that they decided to commit suicide. After kissing and bugging each other the couple repaired to the Danube, and with a fortitude worthy of a better cause the girl jumped in. Fortunately she could swim, and availed herself fully of her capabilities in that art. She shrieked for "help," which was soon at hand. Just as she was safely landed her lover aimed three pistol shots at himself, but none of them took effect, and a quarter of an hour after the young tolks were handed over to their respective parents.

The Victor's Crown

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The Sun's Eclipses.

Seldom indeed-certainly not once in the average duration of a human life-is it given a man to witness the marvellous celestial phenomenon observed by the good people of this little hamlet on the 1st of January. Cawas-a little railroad town 243 miles north of the City of Ogden, Utah, on the line of the Utah & Northern railway-stands alone on a level plain or prairie, extending on the west to a high and rugged range of mountains over 40 miles away; on the north to some low hills 20 or 25 miles distant; on the east to the wonderfully picturesque Teton Mountains (the western boundary of the Yellowstone National Park) some 80 miles, and on the south to a point beyond the reach of human vision, except where two or three isolated cones raise their crests above the horizon. At this pointfifteen miles north of the centre line of totality of yesterday s solar eclipse-I was fortunate enough to be under an absolutely clear sky in a perfectly pure atmosphere seldom equalled even in this region of clear skies and pure atmospheres.

At one o'clock and 44 minutes (local time) the first appearance of the moon's orb upon the sun's disc was observed slowly creeping eastward from a point a little south of west and gradually converting the face of the

INTO A PERFECT CRESENT.

Anxiously, through bits of smoked glass, the dark orb of the moon, as she progressed in her steady course, was waiched by the

greater portion of the townspeople. Looking to the west where the stately range of rugged peaks, capped with snow, had but a few moments before reflected the beheld a huge blue-black cloud-no, a shadow, sombre and awesome, slowly moving to the east, enveloping the mountain range in an unbroken night, which converted the steel grey, wierd and unnatural of aspect.

To the north the hills still basked in the sun's rays, while the grotesque Tetons, far to the east, reflected his light, as yet uncontaminated by the awful shado w which was so surely hemming us in from the west. On the southern horizon there rested the visiting card—the date of birth and the blackness of a moonless night, in which the mountaid cones were lost to view.

I have only time to give one cursory of barrels of whisky into a natural spring glance to these scenes and notice that every which flowed on his premises and invited all little snow mound upon the ground at my the ranchmen for miles around to come and feet had thrown out an elongated steel grey see it. The next day he sold the spring for shadow towards the north, when, suddenly -almost startlingly-there hung upon the sun's surface, completely hiding its whole disc, the great black orb of the moon, and the electric light only. The electric service | my companions and self were shut in by a gruesome twilight, whose peculiarly indescribable appearance I may never hope to behold again. No need for our smoked glasses now. The deep, rose-colored, irregularly corrugated corona surrounding the moon (apparently of deeper shade and greater width towards the north) was better observed with the naked eye, and in no wise affected the sight. The scintilating rays of the sun protruded from behind

THE DARK BODY OF THE MOON. in varying lengths towards all points of the compass, but seemed to extend farthest towork longer and to better effect on a meat- brightly in her accustomed place to the east below the horizon on the south, far beyond Telegraph operators, t seems, are devel- the zenith to the north-hanging over a

A quick glance to west showed the noble western range again in sunlight, while degree or more there appeared a long line of The iron chairs arranged so thickly along pinkish sky, not unlike that observed in the west of a summer's evening when a thunder

> To the north the hills still dimly reflected the sun rays, and the Tetons in the east were still without the great shadow which,

Only a minute and a few seconds were given the observer in which to witness this grand panorama, when-as suddenly as the The management of the Wabash railway black body of the moon had hidden the sun so glorious a celestial scene with anything terrestrial), and the totality of the eclipse

> WAS ENDED AT OUR POINT OF VIEW. Gradually the sombre twilight brightened space of time the extreme western point of the moon's surface passed eastward beyond our vision. The sun shone out again, seemingly with renewed effulgence, as if in apology for the untimely obscurity he had imposed on us.

The phenomenon was indeed a grand and imposing sight, never to be forgotten by it under circumstances as favorable as were those of AN UNSCIENTIFIC OBSERVER.

Cawas, Idaho, Jan. 2. A Woman Battles With Wild Cats. On a farm ten miles west of Mandan, Dak., lives Charles Casperdone with his family, consisting of his wife and two little boys. On stock and remained there visiting friends. On heard the noise she jumped out of bed, graspthe door of the hennery she encountered a wild cat, which sprang at her, catching one of its claws in her left arm and lacerating it terribly. Pushing it away, she struck it a of the cats sprang at her, seizing the calf of Mrs. Casperdone aimed a blom at the beast, which missed, but the animal became frightwhich had been crouching in a corner, then unknown. sprang upon the little woman, getting its teeth entangled in her clothing, and tearing it almost from her body. She succeeded in pushing the infuriated animal from her, she as it sprang at her throat a second time, and perdone was so overcome that she fell in a See that you get Putnam's Painless Corn who had been summoned by one of the boys. Extractor, the sure, safe and painless cure | She will recover unless blood poisoning sets

Prayer.

It is not prayer, This clamor of our eager wants, That fills the air With wearying, selfish plaints.

It is not faith To boldly count all gifts as ours -The pride that saith, "For me His wealth He ever showers."

It is not praise To call to mind our happier lot, And boast bright days, God-favored, with all else forgot.

It is true prayer To seek the Giver more than gift ; God's life to share And love-for this our cry to lift

It is true faith To simply trust His loving will, Whiche'er he saith-"Thy lot be glad " or "ill."

It is true praise To bless alike the bright and dark : To sing all days Alike with nightingale and lark.

Patience With the Living.

-[REV. JAS. W. WHITE.

Sweet friend, when thou and I are gone Beyond earth' sweary labor, When small shall be our need of ace From comrade or from neighbor: Passed all the strife, the toil, the care. And done with all the sighing, What tender ruth shall we have gained, Alas! by simply dying?

Then lips too chary of their praise Will tell their merits over, And eyes too swift our faults to see Shall no defect discover. Then hands that would not list a stone Where stones were thick to cumber Our steep hill path, will scatter flowers

Above our pillowed slumber.

Sweet friend, perchance both thou and I. Ere love is past forgiving, Should take the earnest lesson home-

Be patient with the living. To day's repressed rebuke may save Our blinding tears to-morrow: Then patience-e'en when keenest edge May whet a nameless sorrow.

'Tis easy to be gentle when Death's silence shames our clamor, And easy to discern the best Through memory's mystic glamor: But wise it were for thee and me, Ere love is past forgiving, To take the tender lesson home-

Be patient with the living.

The Uses and Abuses of the Brain.

In a lecture delivered before the Industrial Educational Association which met in New York a few months ago, the eminent Dr. Wm. A. Hammond said: "It is well for us to know that the emotions cause more unhappiness and crime than any other function of the brain. Human beings are governed by their emotions, and it is well that they should be, though it is emotions that wear away the brain, It is the emotions such as anxiety, fear, sorrow, and love. I consider that eight hours are sufficient for a man to use his brain, because it he exceeds that time he becomes nervous and fretful, and an exhausted brain is an irritable brain. You may not feel the evil effects of the stress of brain work at the time, when it will be too late. The men that work at night with their brains are the ones that expose themselves to danger and death, which will surely come unless the great strain on the mind is lightened. Any man that neglects the first warning of a brain or nervous system that is becoming exhausted, overtaxed, or about to break down, is not only a fool but a criminal. These signs are not many, but they tell the story of coming dangers only too plainly. Headache, sleep lessness, irritability of temper, neuralgic pains about the head and heart, unrestful sleep, nervous dyspepsia, dull'eyes, heaviness of the head and stupid feelings after meals, worry about trifles, unreasonable anger, tingling and numbness in the limbs, cold feet and hands, flushed face and burning ears, palpitation of the heart, and irregular, weak and unsteady pulse. When you note these symptoms, beware! The brain and nerves are about to break down, and it may mean insanity, perhaps death."-[The Home Guardain.

A New Explosive.

A strange story, "not unlike a whale," has crept into circulation about some terrible explosive, "ever so much" more destructive than melinite or sobrorite, which two Americans have sold to the French Government for the comfortable sum of \$2,000, 000. The purchasers, strange to say, would not grant a safe-conduct to their purchase, instigated, so the story goes, by the predatory desire of confiscating it at the port of entry, and voiding the purchase money by having the stuff analysed. But this felonious design was happily frustrated by the devotion of two plucky American women, who smuggled the samples of the " terror" into the country in the shape of Saturday Casperdone went to Mandan to sell | candy, covered with chocolate and neatly packed in boxes. It was safely taken to Sunday night the chicken roost was visit. Paris and handed over to the inventors who ed by wild cats. When Mrs. Casperdone were in company at the time with a lady not in the secret. This lady, so runs the ed an axe, and sallied forth. Rushing in at romance, was as curious as she was ill-bred, for while the others were engaged in conversation she opened one of the boxes, saw what she took to be chocolate candy, bit off a piece, took it out of her mouth with every blow which rendered it unconscious. Another symptom of disgust, and in the very nick of time was prevented from throwing it on the her leg and cutting it severely with its teeth. floor by one of the terrified conspirators who lost no time in explaining that had the piece fallen they would all have been where ened and ran into the woods. A third cat explosives and chocolate candy are alike



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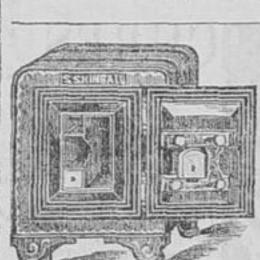
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