### John Guy Vassar's Will.

The will of the gate John Guy Vassar, the nephew of the founder of Vassar College, has been admitted to probate. He says in the instrument that, having no lineal heirs, his desire and aim in the disposition of his property is "to do the most good and to forward the cause of humanity." After making a large number of small bequests to various Christain Association of Poughkeepsie \$1,-\$1,000; to the Old Ladies' Home, \$1,000; to the House of Industry, \$1,000; to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, \$1,000; to the Associated Fire Department, \$1,000: to the American Seaman's Friend Society of the city of New York \$5,000.

He gives these churches at Poughkeepsie, viz. : the First Reformed Church, the Second Reformed Chrch, Christ Church, St. Paul's Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Washington Street Methodist Church, the Cannon Street Methodist Church, the Universalist Church of Lafayette place, the died the interest is to be applied to various uses of the institution. He gives to the executors of the will of his deceased brother Matthew \$25,000 in trust, to be applied toward the full completion of the Vassar Brothers hospital building and appurtenan-

He gives to the Vassar Brothers Hospital \$200,000 to form part of the maintenance fund of the hospital: to the Vassar Brothers Home for Aged Men, \$25,000 for the general purposes of the Home; to the same institution, his two brick houses and lots, 224 and 226 Mill street; to the same instit. ution \$5,000, to be known as the John Guy Vassar poor widows' coal fund; to Vassar Brothers Institute, \$15,000, the interest to ing herself enthusiastically into some sort be applied toward the enlargement and of pursuit is still stronger if she intende to support of the museum and for scientific remain single, or remains so by chance. and art work in the institute.

He gives to Vassar College \$40,000 for the tory; \$40,000 for the purpose of founding a the other hand, is it feared that modern edupurpose of founding a chair of natural hiechair of modern languages; \$10,000, the interest to be applied toward the purchase of materials and apparatus for the department | no equal mates? There sometimes seems knows as Vassar Brothers, Laboratory, in that college; \$20,000, to be known as the " John Guy Vassar Music Fund," the interest to be applied toward the payment of the expanses of the music department; \$20,000, to be known as the "John Guy Vassar Art Fund," the interest to be applied toward the ed.—Harper's Magazine. payment of the expenses of the art depart-

ment. He directs his executors, within six months, practicable, to purchase suitable grounds in Poughkeepsie for an orphan asylam, to be known as the " John Guy Vassar Orphan Asylum, " for poor legitimate orphan children, free of charge, born in the county of Duchess, and open alike to all creeds and color and free frem all sectarian influence. For the purchase of such grounds and erecting a building be authorizes his executors to corporating the asylum \$1,000,000 for a permanent fund for its maintenance.

In the event of Vassar College; being in need of money to meet obligations, he authorizes his executors to loan the college \$25, 000, to be repaid out of its share as one of the residuary legatecs.

He gives all the rest of his estate to the "John Guy Vassar Ocphan Asylumn," when incorporated, the Vassar Brothers Hospital and Vassar College equally, share and sh are alike. He appoints James H. Weeks, Olive H. Booth, and Edward Van Kleeck, all of Poughkeepsie, his executors, revoking all former wills made by him. The will was drawn on Feb. 7, 1885.

In a codicil dated Ost. 4. 1888; he says that he has purchased the College Hill property, and he directs his executors to devote ti e property to the purposes of the Osphan Asylum. He gives all his right and interest in the plates and copyrights of his book of travels entitled." Twenty Years Around the World," to Vassar College.

# Perchance to Dream.

The young man dreams of the young girl and the young girl dreams of the young man. The old maid dreams of the man who once loved her, and her imagination fills up to date the vacuum in her haart and her life. It must be awfully comfortable to dream of a husband who will be true to her, but to dream of ore who has been is one of the consoling prerogatives of the old maid. I fancy the crustiest old bachelor dreams sometimes of that girl he came near proposing to twenty years ago, and he knows now she would have accepted him. He was afraid she wouldn't then, and so he didn't ask her; but it is a consolation to tainly would have married him. But there neath starts and stops the works. The are so few old bachelors now-a-days. plates and decanters cost \$7.50 each. The question "Is marriage a failure?" it may be Divorce is so essynthatrevery body risks most elegant fancy article that remits musical interesting to quote the following extracts and, besides, the picture is a very good things and gets married. And I suppose cal sounds is a gold snuff box. It is ele- from Gordon's lotters :- Moogie, 29th Aug. one ! there are men and women who dream of di- gantly wrought and is man vollous, in its ust 1875. - 1 think that, happen, what will, vorce, and fashion bright fancies of freedom working. In Pressure Tupon a small idisc a husband ought to take his wife and child: to solace the sufferings from the chains of causes a circular lid about the slize of a ren with him wherever he goes, and trust matrimony of It is sad. There are not silver dollar to fly open, and a little bird silver dollar to fly open, and a little bird silver dollar to fly open, and a little bird natural, and shows how little we trust God. The feathered songster pops into view and the silver dollar to fly open, and a little bird natural, and shows how little we trust God. It is not the climate, it is not the c to the marriage vow and her motherhood in No great characters are formed in this on the part of the thusband. But, after all, world without suffering and self-denial. a woman is never really brought out except by suffering by herself, or of those she loves. But that has nothing to do with the dream. We all dream; we fall like to dream, and it is a nappy dispensation of Providence

It is folly to believe that one can faith-You can not dream yourself into character; aquadrons will no doubt be strong enough to fully love, who does not love faithfulness. you must hammer and forge yourself one. The out the clave trade altogether.

How to be Interesting.

Most persons, it may be admitted, cannot become interesting without an effort. writer knew a man of an inquisitive not primarily an original mind who was al ways a most entertaining companion on account of his information, upon which he drew modestiy, and without boring anybody, whenever it was needed. And having the relatives, he provides for these legacies: habit, he kept himself filled up by reading He gives to the Baptist Church of Pough-, and observation. The society of a man of keepsie \$10,000 toward paying the mortgage this sort never palls, if, of course, he has and other debts of the church, provided the been well enough brought up to be personally church raises a sum sufficient with this agreeable. While it is not possible to prelegacy to pay off the mortgage and other scribe a rule by following which girls may debts of the church within two years from become entertaining and always desired his decease, to the Baptist Church of Christ members of society, it is safe to say that a proficiency rests upon muscular developof Poughkeepsie \$5,000; the interest to be person will never be interesting unless she applied annually toward the payment of is interested. To be interested in something the salary of the pastor; to the Young Men's outside of one's self is a necessity of the situation. That slways with any companion makes | thrift: 000; to the Women's Christian Association, a point of interest. Therehas been a growing seasons' standing-of the scarcity of young of \$70 upon it. When the ashes were recomplaint this season-and it is one of many men at the resorts, and it has also been hinted that the young men who did appear were uninteresting. This is the fault of the young men, for the young women have been as attractive as ever. But it must be kept in a Customs duty upon a live missionary. He mink that however devoid of entertaining qualities men may be at a certain age, from lack of experience and of any actual taking hold of life (or from the idea that they know it all), they will soon plunge into work, either business or a profession, that will in- journal published in New York. Its plan Catholic Church, St Mary's Catholic Church, they will become, in one degree and an should pay has a curb bit. A runaway may also be Victoria \$125,000 a year to keep the rabbits be applied to the purchase of books, tracts, tent to rely upon the charms of youth and cent. The Rostrum thinks that this method on a curb bit," says Maynes, "the effect on all rabbits killed on their lands. A good and papers for the use of their Sunday beauty, and have cultivated no interest in of taxation would discourage the accumulation with the horse's jaw is just what it is if you tie a man can make \$40 per week killing rabbits. and papers for tone use of the more or less artificial. schools. He gives to Vassar Brothers Home anything beyond the more or less artificial. for Aged Men \$67,000, the interest to be ities of being agreeable in a conventional relieve the burdens of the poor and equalize doesn't flow, and the finger becomes numb. 100 traps. for Aged men 507,000, the interest to be likes of being agreeable in a conventional agreeable in a convention agree agreeable in a convention agreeable in a the persons benefited by these annuities have all the parties contribute something to it. difficulty in connection with any such system horses's mouth for a while it ceases to have who do not accept the cynic's definition that equitable. marriage is intended for discipline. Love being, of course, the attraction in marriage, good comradeship is the working capital, and good comradeship between uninteresting people is an impossibility, unless each is too stupid to find out what the other

This goes upon the assumption-perhaps it is a strained one in these days-that getting married ought to be an object to ba considered in proparation for life. But the argument for a girl to make herself interesting by gaining information and by throw-For to be destined to one's own company when one is uninteresting and devoid of external interests is a dreary outlook. On cation will be pushed so far, and girls will become so interesting, that they can find to be this danger. But it can at worst only be temporary. Boys are very quick to "catch on" (it is their own phrase) to a new idea, and whatever course girls take. they are reasonably certain to draw all men after them. . The world has been so arrang

## Some Simple Remedies.

When stung by a bee or a wasp, make paste of common earth and water, put on the place at once and cover with

For a cold on the chest, a flannel rag wrung out in boiling water and sprinkled with turpentine, laid on the chest gives the greatest rolief.

For a cough, boil one ounce of flaxseed expend \$81:000. He dirrcts his executors to inta pint of water, strain and add a little procure an act passed by the Legislature in honey, one ounce of rock candy, and the thing, and that the dramatic in D:ink as hot as possible. ...

Often after cooking a meal a person wil feel tired and have no appetite; for this beat a raw egg until light, stir in a little milk ard sugar, and season with nutmeg. Drink half an hour before eating. For a burn or scald, make a paste of claim; that the highly

once and cover with a linen cloth. When direct the thoughts, but the the skin is broken, apply the white of an passions in such a way us egg with a feather; this gives instant relief average mind with murder in as it keeps the air from the flesh. At the first signs of ring round, take a

cupful of woodashes, put in a pan with a quart of cold water, put the pan on the stove; put your finger, in the pan, keep it there until the water begins to boil, or as long as it can bel borne. Repeat once or twice if necessary.

Each year we hear of some new toy, meant, to furnish pleasure to those who fare able to pay for such things. Music boxes are among the commonost of these. A cat glass decanter with a musical box concealed in the bottom is the latest novelty in the line of fancy articles with musical aftachments. The decanters are tinted in a variety of delicate colors, which serve to conceal the false bottom under which the mechanism is placed. Clear glass bottles are also made, and when partly filled with wine or colored liquid conceal the works still more effectually. The musica. box is wound by means of a button under the bottom, and plays only when the decanter is placed on the table. Musical places are made in a similar manner, but the mechanism in them does not play when the plate is on the table, but when it is lifted to be passed around. A concealed spring under-

It will be a source of congratulation to philanthropists all the world over should the coolness existing between England; and Germany be removed by the combination of the likely they should. What a blessing it is one two powers for the suppression of slavery in that our disappointment does not prevent Africa. England has so far been allowed to beings, I think; if the wife is willing the our dreaming of again.—[San Francisco do most of the police work in restricting the husband is not, and vice versa; how often horrible traffic in slaves, but it is now stated one sees that I Somehow one feels hurt that Germany has expressed her willingness at one's jewels not being appreciated. to co operate in the good work; and if an greement is arrived at, the allied navals

HERE AND THERE.

California seems to be a good place to stay away from. The daily press of the Eastern States is receiving scores of letters from mechanics and others who have been induced by false representations to seek work in Californian towns. It is stated that thousands of men are out of employment, that wages are consequently low, and that board rates are very high.

Hanlan's failures have suggested the de sirability of his retirement from the aquatio profession. In very nearly every department of human endeavour men who climb to the top of the tree find the descent swift and certain. Particularly is this the case where done well to have rested on his laurels. His case has a moral. It teaches the lesson of

A body was taken from France to Italy to be cremated, and the Italians levied a duty turned to France the French proceeded to collect another Customs duty upon them. But we cannot afford to laugh at this. 'A few weeks ago the Customs authorities levied was a Chinese Christian, brought to Victoria by the Methodists to evangelize the Chinamen there.

A simple and novel scheme of graduated taxation is suggested in the Rostrum, a new

ocean steamship companies in carrying im- yank. He will come down. If the first migrants through to Montreal by water. yank isn't enough give him one more. One suggestion which has been made is that There isn't a horse on earth which can run the Canadian Pacific railway and Grand away with a competent driver if the harness Trunk railway should combine and refuse | holds." Maynes has risked his life a number their specially low through rates to all im- of times, and has had some perilous encountmigrants carried by water past Quebec. It ers before subduing frightened animals. He seems to us that the wishes of the immigrants has received a medal from the Humane Sothemselves ought to be considered. In a ciety' and \$50 from the Cab Society. large number of cases it must be a great convenience to the immigrant to be carried through to Montreal without leaving the ship in which he crossed the ocean. Under the present system the immigrant can, no doubt, disembark at Quebec if he so chooses:

The decoy letter industry will be remembered as a striking feature of the Presidential campaign of 1888. The baits were prepared with care, but'Lord Sackville was the only person taken in. The Prohibitionist candidate, General Fisk, received one. It was signed John L. Hoover, and professed to be the enquiry of a staunch prohibitionist who wanted to vote for Cleveland, and asked if that course would not be effective in helping the cause. The answer was that the Prohibitionists must poll a strong vote regardless of the effect produced on other parties. If General Fisk had shown any signs of weakening, no doubt the Re publicans would have used it as a pretext ledges. The walls and arches were thickly for bringing back prohibition voters to the

Republican ranks. In England the stage is being attacked from various quarters. The British Universal Review in a recent issue published a very bitter article reflecting upon the morality of the stage. Its editor in some subsequent comments expressed his opinion that the present social worship of the star a bad

rama

generally speaking, a danger of womoreover, it is not one ert cqually with those great proare concerned with the series life instead of its amusement fer Lancet attacks the blood and and the ultra-realistic school common baking soda and water, apply at produced at nearly all the and that these representation of " murder culture."

# Birds Losing Thei

lose their way; a contrary wind or a spen or less their way; a contrary wind or a spen or less their movements, and like mariner:

without a compass, they are at a loss when the spen of the less without a compass, they are at a loss when the loss without a compass, they are at a loss when the loss without a compass, they are at a loss when the loss without a compass, they are at a loss when the loss without a compass, they are at a loss when the without a compass, they are at a loss which direction to take. Many wonderful scenes are witnessed at the lighthouse on some parts of the British coasts during the season of migration. Sometimes when the moon is suddenly hidden by a bank of clouds the lanterns of the lighthouse are the point to which the stream of migrants hasten, and where in a confused fluttering throng they beat against the glass like moths round a candle and fly to and fro, utterly bewildered and completely lost. They seen to have no about, many killing themselves against the live that long beyant there?" I :: 1:36 glass, others falling into the water below. The lightmen are alert on these occasions, capture numbers of the poor lost travelers with hand nets.

forester teats for energines a field light General Gordon on Marriage! In connection with the controversy on the side of it, and these very temporary separations will lose their sting. people with families cannot possibly hold the same views as single people. I say "cannot possibly," but I mean that it is un- personal appearances. was never married ! Marriage spoils humani

but we must confess we had not noticed it ruptcy.

Runaway Horses.

Boston correspondent of the Woonsocket Patriot tells how a young policeman, Charles Maynes, stops a runaway horse :-When you see a runaway coming do not try to check bim by a rush from the opposite direction or the side, for you will be immediately knocked flat by the collision, but instead prepare yourself for a short run with the horse. Measure with your eye the distance, and start for the run while he is yet some way off, perhaps ten feet in the case of fair to medium runaways. You may depend upon his keeping a straight line, for a really frightened horse is half blind and would not veer for a steam engine. He will go straight ahead until he smaahes into on which he is rushing, and as he passes the rabbits are," said Mr. Watson, "when you grab the reins near the saddle. Gather as you give this yank, half sliding on your land, and the fence is to prevent them getfeet. The strong jerk on the bit tells the ting over there. horse that he again has a master and preor two forward after the first yank, do it been successful. We are only able to cheek again. This is the finishing stroke. It the increase. About the best means of doing

is pacified." to get on the side of the wilder one, as, if best method in use is the ordinary rat trap, terest them, teach them a knowledge of is that if \$100 worth of property is taxed pulled to its senses, the other one can be but all these methods are very expensive. human nature and of affairs, and then ten cents, \$1,000 should pay \$1, \$10,000 managed. The task is easier if the horse For instance, it costs the Government of other, interesting persons. Where will the \$5,000. On estates valued at over \$100,000 stopped by the driver in the same manner. down on the Crown (Government) lands. young women be then who have been cos- the taxation it is proposed should be five per "If you pull steadily with all your strength The Government pays ten cents a pair for Marriage is no exception to this, as a great of taxation would be to convince property any effect. You cannot then force him out many people have discovered, even those owners and wealthy men that it would be of a run if he is frightened. But give him fined \$50 for the first offence, \$100 for the The citizens of Quebec are apparently its numbness, lash him with the whip if you somewhat exercised over the action of the have a free road, and then give him a sudden

#### A New Niagara.

hunting party returned from the mountains cipal market is in England. At present I north of the Grand river yesterday, and re- am canning 500,00) rabbits a year, all of ported the discovery of a wonderful water- which are killed oil my ranch, and still this fall hitherto unknown. Though not equal number does not keep the pest down as the to Niagara in volume, it was thought to ex- Government requires. I put a rabbit and a ceed it in beauty. The place is on Rifle half in a can, and at present I make 37 cents Creek, 25 miles from here, and is supposed profit on a dozen cans. They are retailed to have never been visited by white men be- in England at 12; cents a pound, and confore. The stream spreads out to a width of sidering the high price of beet it would be 300 feet at the brink, and the water glides supposed rabbits would become a favorite over the rock edge, spreading out into a thin dish with the poor of England; yet the rabsheet as it falls, a distance of 150 feet to the bits are now only purchased by the higher. bottom of the canon directly underneath. class, who consider them a great dainty. The party dismounted, and carefully creeping along the base of the perpendicular wall passed behind the aquatic tapestry into nooks and caverns beneath the overhanging studded with stalactite and stalagmite formations of rare beauty.

# Not on the Play-Bill

The audience at the Palmyra (Mo.) Opera house an evening or two ago were startled by a shower of plaster, and looking up beheld a pair of legs dangling forty feet above them. In a moment the legs disappeared. A policeman captured the cause of the unusual disturbance, which proved to be-a- youth-who wanted to see the performance without buy; ing a ticket. He had reached a space between the ceiling and the roof through a skylight in the latter.

# Sudden Change of Base.

Husband (impatiently): Is it possible, my dear, that you cannot keep those children quiet for a moment? July me & grace h Wite (soothingly) : Now, John, don't be harsh with the poor little innocent things it is natural for them to be full of spirit and they're doing the best they can; Husband: Well, if I could have a moment's peace I would sit down and write that check for fifty dollars that you've been

Trish guide to American tourist : ... And there, is no king nor quane nayther in America, they're tellin'me, sur?" Indifferent Tourist : "No; we've a Presi And how loug have you bin havin President, moight I ax, sur?" I. T. "Oh, something over a hundred

years !". Irishman, stopping paralyzed with aston; idea of their true course, and fly aimlessly ishment: "Howly saints! And do they

> Extenuating Circumstances. Wife: Liwas so annoyed; my dear, day, to find one of my pictures displayed in a photograph r's show-window. Husband : Why didn't you go upstairs and tell himto take it out? Wife: I declare, I didn't think of that-

Not Low Enough for That! 12 12(11) Woman (to tramp, kindly) -How would you like a pair of my husband's old shoes? Yours seem to be dropping of your feet. Tramp-I do need shoes, ma'am; what

business is your husband in? Woman-He's waiter at Delmonico's. look more genteel barefoot. I may be a tramp, but I have still some respect for my

Positive Bankrupt.

Parson-I am astonished to hear a man with three married daughters say "marriage is a failure." LA. L. Citizen-Well, air, when you have three families beside your own to support, you There is said to be a scarcity of \$100 bills will learn that marriage is positive bank-

Millions of Rabbits.

"A pair of rabbits will preduce 2,000,000 rabbits in two years in Australia," is a statement that at first seems incredulous, and when James Watson, of Victoria, made it the other day to a party of gentlemen they thought he was jesting, says the Philadelphia Press. Yet it is as true as gospel. Mr. Watson is one of the largest ranch owners in Victoria, Australia, having under ferce alone 30,000 acres. The problem of how to exterminate rabbits is the greatest question that confronts the people of Australia to-day, as their entire prosperity depends upon it. It is in hope that Yankee ingenuity might be able to solve this important problem that

Mr. Watson now visits America. "You can imagine what a terrible plague the reins firmly, and then, leaning back: a fence of wire netting which, when comward as you run, give them a powerful pleated, will be 8,000 miles long, and which yank. You may be able to brace yourself | will divide New South Wales and Queenr-

pares him for the final struggle. A step rid of the rabbits, but so far nothing has never fails when given by a determined this is to scatter fruit with arsenic over the man. The horse is on its haunches. Keep ground, but this is very expensive. In this a firm pull on the reins till you grab the way I have killed 600 rabits with ten bushels horse by the nostrils and hold him so till he of sliced apples. Then we used phosphate of oats, but the trouble with this is that the In stopping a span of horses Maynes tries phosphate soon loses its effect. I think the

ernment employs men to attend to the rabbits at the expense of the land owner. In many instances owners are compelled to give up their land, as the expense is so great. The owner of 10,000 acres is obliged to employ 100 men for killing rabbits alone, and es a result land that a few years ago was worth \$50 an acre' is now only worth

"I have found a way by which I can keep the rabbits down and make money by it, but, of course, every ranchman cannot do this. I have started a rabbit canning fac-We can the rabbits much the same Glenwood Springs, Col., Nov. 2.-A way that beef is canned here, and our prin-

"How long have we been bothered with the rabbit?: About ten years. Rabbits were brought to Australia about twenty years ago from England for sporting purposes. A pair will usually produce four does and two bucks .- The does breed when two months old, and they have on an average four litters a year. You can calculate from this, and, you will find that the statement that a pair of rabbits will produce 2,000,000 in two years is not so preposterous as it at first appears. I brought a man over from South America just before I left, and he firmly believes that the South American skunk would get rid of the rabbits. Anyway, the Australian Government offers a: reward of \$100,000 for the best plan for their extermination:

# An Astonished Drummer.

The Rev. A. E. Donning, D. D., the manager, of the Congregationalist publishing house and Sabbath school work, and one of the busiest men in Boston, is an off-hand; approachable man with a bright, winning face, easy:manner and personal' magnetism, that contribute much to his success. He has none of the outward signs of the clerical calling, but looks more like a business man. He travels nearly all of the time, and he says that in the cars he generally passes as a drummer and is recognized by the fraternity as one of their number. "On going' into Minneapolis one Saturday evening, a smart young fellow approached in a free and easy, way: | cair bin hourafted americanic "Going to stop over Sunday ?" The start of t Yes," replied the Doctor.

"Stop at the Blank Hotel, I suppose?" "No, I am going to stop with a friend."; Come around to the hotel to merrow afternoon and we'll have a racket. Quite a number of the boys, will be there." But to morrow, is Sunday." Li'I know it, and that's why we can have such a good time." Oh, I think that we fellows who fare

travelling all the time ought to keep Sunday," said the Doctor, OFF 119' Figure 11's "Yes," assented the drummer, good naturedly, "but Pllibet you won't !" 1 37. C. "I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll go to church to morrow if you will !" "I'll do it. Where shall we go ?". I "Tol the First Congregational. It's the

best church in town."

(" All right. I'll be there, but I'll bet you

won't !" .... was there according to his promise, and could hardly believe his eyes when he saw his friend of the night before assend to the pulpit. Dr. Donning tried to find him after the service, but he had fled,

# Re Coulda't Afford it

o Dumley (to Brown) -I say, Brown, did you hip in five dollars with the rest of the boys for the charity fund? Brown-No, I can't afford to give away Damley-Well, that's the way I feel. Tramp (promptly)-No, ma'am; I would By the way, Brown, can you lend me a V for a few days ? Brown-Can't do it possibly, Damley. Didn't I just tell you I can't afford to give

# away five dollars? Not Guilty.

Teacher Who was Christopher Colum-Fritz-"I dunno."

"Who discovered America?" " Well, I never did it. You can't lay the blame to me.