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our feet have tripped, you have merely You'll learn that a stumble is not "Fate is against you, and notuse play-

When you discover the odds too That is a vulgar gamster's saying ; Learn that persistency laughs at fate,

Perseverence, you see, has wondrous To win its intent in the face of all ; Some check to your purpose will not

hurt you ; Tis only a stumble and not a fall. She whom you love has been won by

That is a loss you may yet replace: et your resentment your sorrow What is the loss of a handsome face? Such a mishap is a trifle merely : The wound in your heart for a while

But you'll find another to love you That pitiful stumble is not a fall.

Laughed at and mocked at your endea-

Writhing alone in your mental pain, Drop not and faint not; but learn, who-Clings to his purpose at last will gain.

Have trust in the future, and faith in the present. Let hope not delude you, nor failure You may trip at times, which is no ways

But that is a stumble and not a fall Down in the world"-do you think so,

" Lost your labor and toiled in vain! Nonsense, my friend ; but a failure Pluck up your courage and try again spark is left in the dying ember, And vigorous breath may the dames

A stumble's a stumble, and not a fall. Keep up courage, and look before you Though it 'be rugged, and steep, and R. W. PETRIE

Then to your task and still remember

Walk in the path with a steady gait Vho perseveres, in the end wins surely Who shrinks in terrer can't win at all to forth in confidence security,

AN ACCOUNT OF MY BROTHER.

A SEETCH FROM LIFE.

before the rush commences in order whole family, and our father's pride. been some other kind of sickness. Bright, manly, talented, of a fair he died of delirium tremens. and ruddy countenance, first in his classes, selected for his powers ning prizes and medals, with ease, his schoolfellows and praised by his superiors. I recollect one magnificent triumph -so it appeared to our bovish eyes-when, before an audience of two thousand ap " O Lord how long ?" planding listeners, he carried off the highest honors from a school of

two hundred and upwards. He entered college at an early age and bore himself to the front rank of his classes. He was not only bright—he was also a hard working student. When a junior at college, he and I were together at a tenparty. His wit and repartee, his keen satires, his varied and vet modest stores of invention, made bim the centre of an admiring circle At table, he sat op posite to me. Nellie Bruice, beautiful and accomplished girl-d girl whom he loved with his whole soul-sat next him. The wine was passed. But as he was strict ly temperate in his habits, he al owed it to nass.

" No, I thank you, it is against my principles." With her own bands she fille rounding neighborhood that he has his glass. "Surely you will take procured a magnificent HEARSE., it from me!"

He faltered. "What," she asked, leaning fondly toward him, " will you not |

money refunded and freight paid night. he seems to have controlled his prizes.

appetite for a while. But in an evil hour he fell again, and lost his position in consequence.

ft him for dead.

Then the war ended. He moved | He had told me that I must re beyond the Mississippi to one of main until he woke, and I did. the new states, and resumed the When he awoke he passed his Regular army at-home stations .. 133,720 tractice of his profession. He was hand over his face and exclaimed. now married, and four precious "What is the matter ? Where am children, as pledges given to HI Where is my boy ? "You can fortune, seemed to bind him to not see him." "Stand out of my sobriety. Besides this he was rais way. I will see my boy." ing in the estimation of his fellow- prevent confusion I took him to

own patrimony has all gone in that fight till the day of our dearth? And be gla I that a stumble is, not a direction. And no t he has field for fear of prison, leaving his wife and children helpless and deso-

taken sick, and lay dying twenty miles away. At once I went to him. But he did not know me, a [mentioned your name but it creatbrother whom I doved with sincere | cd no emotion? I found him sick affection. He was the joy of our unto leath! Would to God it had Indeed, there were few such boys. Oh; my brother-he is dead! and

unsuspecting victims to drink.

offer wine to her brother to drink. [moment later by her mate. All to overcome His Majesty's objec-She laughed at his scruples for the pieces of machinery connected tions. hesitating. He drank and I notice with the locomotive had been finwasting-for ever ! _.

A Good Wife.

It is astonishing to see how well take this glass from me? If you a man may live on a small income love me, you will drink with me." who has a handy and industrious Palmerston on Saturday last, hav-He put it to his lips and drank | wife. . Some men live and make a it off hurriedly. It was his first far better appearance on six or 3 days. glass. Would to God it had been eight dollars a week, than others his last. But it was not his last do on fift-en or eighteen doll irs. even on that evening. Before the The man doeshis part well, but the

It was a year after that, that he ly her own. His neighbor has a possess, what agricultural and stock ton, New Jersey, than any left home for ever. He felt so neat, capable and industrious wife raising facilities we have, can we other manufacturer in the United keenly the disgrace of his fall that makes the difference. So do it more effectually than through England, with duties to your people States. Why? Because he sells he turned to other and worse look out, young man, before you the columns of our home paper? fur above any to yourself, and only for cash, takes no risks and has society. He was led into an un- go into matrimony. It is a lot- Do the city papers say anything these duties render it imperative repairing, is now furnished with new and modern furniture of the best description, and is prepared to provide as strictly first class, and are sent of the last class, and are sent only in regard to our county? Do they fortunate encounter with the police tery in which most men can only in regard to our county? Do they that you should at this this time of the best description, and is prepared to provide as strictly first class, and are sent only in regard to our county? Do they fortunate encounter with the police tery in which most men can only in regard to our county? Do they that you should at this this time of the best description, and is prepared to provide as strictly first class, and are sent only in regard to our county? Do they fortunate encounter with the police tery in which most men can only in regard to our county? Do they that you should at this this time of the police tery in which most men can only in regard to our county? Do they that you should at this this time of the police tery in which most men can only in regard to our county? Do they that you should at this this time of the police tery in which most men can only in regard to our county? Do they that you should at this this time of the police tery in which most men can only in regard to our county? Do they that you should at this this time of the police tery in which most men can only in regard to our county? Do they that you should at this time. The present proprietor has received a money refunded and freshed a captain of a Mississippi steamer. state with his eyes closed, as it is publishes without pay? Not an drawing his breath, "if I must, I Alaska diamonds, and which are VERTISER (Catalogue Edition) and He had risen to this position of the case with his lotteries, and we item. Do they say a word calcul-

What Rum Will Do.

John B. Gough tells the follow-

my friend, " I cursed the drink."

citizens. First he had some im- the child's bed, and as I turned militia and army reserve are prac- feet of gas. portant county office and then he down the sheet and showed him tically available for foreign service. was elected to the legislature, al. the corpse he uttered a wild shrick the militia, although enrolled for of 200,000. most any office he aspired to seem- "Ah, my child." The minister home service, being liable to drafts ing within his grasp. A year or said to me : " One year after that to-reinforce the regulars in time of two passed. Our correspondence he was brought from a lunatic war. This gives a force of 304.220 fulled. I next heard of him as asylum to lie side by side with his soldiers, from which must be de liriven out of a bar-room and kick- wife in one grave, and I attended ducted absentees and sick, say 20,ed into the street for disorderly his funeral." The minister of the 000 men. These gaps, however, gospel who told me that fact is to- the authorities estimate they would have two letters from his day a dranken hostler in a stable be able to fill up rapidly by recruit-

noble-hearted wife lying before me. in Boston. Now tell me what ing. In mobilizing this force, the rum will do? It will debase, de plan, I believe, is to call out the "O brother, I am heartbroken grade, embrute, and dainn every- whole of the militia, veomanry and My husband is gone-I don't know hing that is noble, bright, glori- a part of the volunteer force to till Winds how after and clouds hang o'er where he is. Our last penny was one and Godlike in a human being, the vacancies caused by drafts on squandered by him for drink. There is nothing drink will not do the militia to reinforce the regulars. Time after time have I labored to that is vile, distardly, cowardly, It is estimated that, reserving extrictle him from difficulties. My and hellish. When are we not to necessary percentage of regulars,

Rapid Locomotive Bailding.

Michigan. The gangs of workmen, numbering fourteen 'men each attempted to put two locomotive towere placed on their wheels with I received this letter last night, simultaneously work was progres. been absorbed into the general they represent. So have I given you a plain, un sing on every portion of the population, who would be sure to There were eighty-three-murder-Y in declamation to grace anniver varnished history of my brother's machines, which were rapidly as re-enlist in case of war. Some ers hanged last year among a populiving and dying. It is not an un- suming perfect form. Water was common history. Many a one of let ir to the boilers, and even while, the number of volunteers who have he was at the same time envied by your readers will recognise some men were working at the gates the passed out of the service and are about 120,000 beeves, of which the shaking the man's arm off. "Heakinship in the statement to records lives were kindled and the "infaut" began to warm up for their work. I draw a long breath and sigh At last one of them is ready for as I write these words. I cry out, the smoke stack, and is pulled along the track until she stops be-Does the destroyer waste for neath the one designed for her, ever'l Is there no end to such which hangs above her. " Lower away, cast off your tackle, go No, there is not. Coolly, calmly ahead," and the yard engine pulls write it. I write it with sup- her out of the house and to another pressed bitterness. No, there is shop for completion, her construct. told George IV., that he was not not, so long as tables of refinement ors working as she moves, and gentleman, and had no business to 350 match-girls, 700 boot blacks, an angel in breeches, old fellow, must needs be garnished with the basy hands being employed in act as one, and he pursuaded the 100 sweepers and 250 flower-girls but you don't look it. Cut your wine cop and fair girls press their fastening the bolts which hold the King to adopt that view. The cirsmoke stack in its place. A few cumstances were peculiar. I have just returned from the moments more and the last screwmeeting of our synod. I had a is turned, the last bolt is fastened; cause he had not supported the host who entertained me with all the engineeer stands in his place, King at the Queen's trial, and kindness. He had wincon his table, and in just two hours and fifty-five spoke of him as " not a gentleman. He pressed even his ministerial minutes from the time the signal. It became necessary in the forms guests to take of it. And some to commence was given, the throttle tion of a new ministry to offer the

is pulled and the first of the twins Secretary of Foreign Affairs to Mr. worked nicely.

Mr. Sames Dickson, probably the oldest man in Ontario, died at ing lived 112 years, 2 months, and

An exchange makes the following sensible and truthful remarks : midnight hour he drank so deeply wife is good for nothing. She will - Suppose the country paper was not a gentleman' replied the plain- to the jumper, there is a pair of that even Nellie spurned his mand- even upbraid her husband for not done away with, what would take spoken duke. lin affection, and others had to living in as good style as her its place? If we wish to make neighbor, while the fault is entire known to others what rich soil we creasing thirst for liquor. Indeed, will use their optics stud draw county, and aid its progress and came one of the most popular with extremities, which innate delicacy for supplying aff English army outenterprise! Not a line.

England's Army.

A well-informed correspondent I heard of him next in govern- ing : A minister of the Gospel told. in London, having considerable inment employ. He was engaged in me once one of the most thrilling sight into War Office arrangements, carrying the mails across the plains incidents I have heard in my life, furnishes a detailed statement of correcting each other in company, more civilized society. These lasof California. It was then a dan- A member of his congregation the mobilization preparations now you may be assured they have tied | ter take the arrow between their gerous and difficult work. For a came home for the first time in his going on in England, and which year or two the new life seemed to life, intoxicated, and his boy met bears our Sir Garnet Wolseley's rend him from his old habits. But him upon the door step clapping paper in the Nincteenth Century. it was not of long duration. Dur his hands, and exclaiming, "Papa but with further particulars. Coming a heavy debauch the Indians has come home!" He seized the mencing with the enlistments, he know they have a companion, the tween the index finger and pulls swooped down upon his camp, de boy by his shoulder, swing him says : - Arrangements are being sign is infullible. stroyed his horses and teams, and round, staggered and fell in the made for extending the machinery If you see a lady drop her glove nor does be raise his arrow as our hall. That minister said to me, for recruiting on the basis of be. and a gentleman by the side of her boys and girls do; he shoots straignt This adventure seemed to have "I spent the night in that house. tween two and three thousand re- kindly telling her to pick it up, you out from the shoulder, and appears a sobering effect. For a while a I went out, bared my brow that cruits per week; and the terms to need not hesitate in forming your to take no aim whatever. He hits. batter spirit was in him. He re the night air might fall upon it be offered are under consideration. opinion; or turned to the haunts of men, and and cool it. I walked up and Staff officers of the army reserves If you see a lady whose beauty soldiers about the garrison can tell, entered upon a career of usefulness child, dead! There was his wife in as a lawyer. Then came the fierce child, dead! There was his wife in selves in readiness to report for attention of every gentleman in the into the air, at some Indian's sugcivil war. His lot was cast with strong convulsions, and he asleep." service. These reserves consist of room but one, you can have no dif- gestion, only to have them pierced the North, mine with the South. A man about thirty years of age men whe have enlisted for short ficulty in determining their rela- by the uncrying arrow. The grow-I heard of him but seldom. Once, askep, with a dead child in the terms, and are liable to serve in tionship to each other—the one is ing papooses, that is as soon as

brough a stray Northern paper, I house, having a blue mark upon the regular army whenever called her husband. Heard that he was a Brigadier-Gen- the temple where a corner of the upon, for a certain number of eral, and had been engaged in some marble steps had come in contact years, I forget how many, and larly courteous, obliging and good which the points have been sharpbrave and daring feat. I heard of with the head as he swung him number 36,000 men. Excluding natured, relaxing into smiles, say- ened, and may be seen about rehim only once afterwards during round, and a wife upon the brink India, the number of men affected the war. He had been cashiered of the grave! Mr. Gough," said by there arrangements is as fol- every pretty woman in the room small birds, or anything else that

 Iilitia
 131,500

 comanry cavalry
 14,830

Army reserve 36,000 Volunteers (efficient).......188,000

Of these the regular army,

reserve and militia for garrison duty in Great Britain, Ireland, the Mediterranean, and foreign sta-

tions, the country could put into riages took place in Utah in 1877. "I heard three days since that locomotive building is noted by the army of 150,000 men, raising it to army of 150,000 men, raising it to 000 bushels of corn and 175,500 my husband on his was home was Detroit Free Press at Jackson, 250,000 men within a month after- hogs. ward by calling out the whole of the volunteers to replace militia, and this without counting gether in the shortest time yet the recruits. Army officers claim made. The jacks were applied, that the country contains a reserve the huge boilers were raised and (of veterans to fall back on equalled) bolted on their formes, then they (only by Germany, in the vast multitudes of discharged soldiers ill possible expedition, while who have served their time and 193 are natives of the States which

pains have been taken to discover lation of 50,000,000. efficient spldiers, and the number | 000 is confidently stated at 650,000, or total, including the efficients of the present year, of \$40,000 men.

King but not Gentleman.

The Duke of Wellington one

The King hated Mr. Canning be-·List week I saw a young girl moves off completed, followed a Canning, and the Duke undertook

same day, the two new engines " Arthur, you don't mean to pro- adjusted firmly on the head, and made trips of 76 miles each and pose that fellow to me as Secretary the wearer jumps boldly from the

The king started and blushed.

"Your majesty, I say," continued the imperturable soldier, "is not a gentleman, but the Sovereign of

How to Detect Married

If you see a lady and gentleman

each window, without seeming to do this. He takes the arrow bet

If you see a gentleman particuing sharp things, and toying with servations shooting at marks, at excepting one, to whom he appears may happen to attract their attenparticularly cold and formal, and is | tion. They generally become exiunreasonably cross-who that is, pert at the age of about ten or nobody is at a loss to discover.

Interesting Facts and Figures President Hayes receives 100

A ton of coal yields about 8,000 New Orleans claims a population

There are 11,000 men on the San Francisco has about 100

England, fed '606,392 out-door paupers last year, Texas would make 210 States

equal in size to Rhode Island There were 1;593 buildings erected in San Francisco last year. Tennessee's tobacco crop is esti-

mated at 60,000,000 p mnds. Europe expended for telegraph messages last year, \$15,400,000. Members of the Mississippi Legislature receive \$500 per annum. One thousand polygamous mar

Nebraska raisedlast year 25,000, The railroad rioters cost Pennsylvania \$700,000 for millitary expen-

The Cherokee Indians are enough | slowly eivilized to possess a public debt of

Of 369 members of Congress only with it-suspense is worse than

In Hale County, Ala., licenses | if I didn't think you had a chunk to marry were issued last year to of spring poetry. Drive on-sell 44 white and 202 colored couples. | the old shanty - it's a rat-eaten During the year 1876, 108,761 barracks, anyway, and rents are

temporary fourists. daily and nightly busy on New | hair, man; out your hair, and wear York streets.

A Novel Fire Escape.

An Iowa deaf mute has invented novel fire escape. It is a cap or turban to be placed on the head and fastened under the chin. contains enough material to form a small baloon, and when inflated looks like a baloon. It is so arranged that when placed on the "Good heavens!" exclaimed the bead in its collapsed state, the air ed that one glass was not enough. , ished and ready for use beforehand, Kink, roused to anger at the men- can enter it from underneath; and the stones. And so the destroyer will go on but none had been fitted. On the tion of Mr. Canning's name. expand it. In case of danger, it is of Foreign Affairs! It is impossible. | window of the burning building; I said on my honor as a gentleman the air instantly rushes into the he should never be one of my min-turban, swells into a baloon, and, isters again. You hear Arthur, buoyed by it, the wearer comes account. on my word as a gentleman. I down so gently as to strike the Forest Village Council has fixed am sure you will agree with me. ground with very little force. The hotel licenses at \$100, and shop-I can't do what I said on my honor inventor claims that with tit one licenses at \$140: as a gentleman I would not do." | can jump safely from a fourth "Pardon me, sir, I don't agree storey window; but to make cerwith you at all; Your Majesty is tain of it, and to impart confidence huge padded shoes to be fastened

Recently a very modest young Boston lady, who wanted a pair of garters, addressed the shopman thus: " It is my desire to obtain in pair of circular elastic appendages, capable of being contracted or ex- whether it has come or not. panded by means of bscillating hurnished steel appliances that sparkle "Well," answered the King like particles of gold-leaf set with Mr. Canning subsequently be tion the habiliments of the lower ville is said to have received or less

Indian Bow-Shooting.

Indian archery is somewhat different from that practiced by the disagree upon trifling occasions, or young ladies and gentlemen, the fingers, place it against the bay

If you see a silent pair in a car string, and make it assist in bendor stage, lolling carelessly, one at ing the bow. An Indian does not the string with his middle finger; the mark, though, too often, as the these are able to toddle, are furnished with bow and arrows, of

twelve, but are not allowed to graduate into buck-age, and all the pleasure of the chase, until they are sixteen or eighteen. Then is the time the pleasure of the Indian is found to culminate in his first bunt after buffale.

A Badly Scared Editor.

An editor was sitting in his easy chair, buoyant in mind and heart, with the calm serenity and blissful tranquility that none but editors know. A shuffling sound at the door brought him back to earth, and facing nervously about he beheld a man of deep; determined look, closing the door behind him. With a sickly feeling of foreboding, the editor motioned towards a chair, and gazed upon the intruder, helpless and breathless, resigned to meet the worst. The hand of the man wandered towards his breast pocket. Tue editor's cheek blanched and his lips turned blue. Alss, alas, he had guessed aright the mission of the stranger. The man pulled out a bundle of letters and papers. The head of the editor fell forward upon his breast and his arms dropped listlessly from the grms of his chair.

"My errand is not a pleasant one," said the visitor, speaking

"Thank heaven!" exclaimed the editor, plucking up courage, "Out

"I have an execution on vour home," continued the man with professional sadness. "The mortgage has been foreclosed."

"Hoora! ha! ha!" roared the editori springing up and nearly still in the country, having become West provides from 38,000 to 40,- ven be praised, but what a scare you gave me! Blutter my corns. Italians came to America. Of this cheap. Hh, ha, what a load you've number, 89,000 are set down as taken off my mind. Let's have your name-down it goes for two There are estimated to be about years' free subscription. You're

> children sorrow." The new Baptist tabernicle at Ottawa cost \$18,000.

> a stand-up collar. It'll save your

Berlin giol will receive alter .tions and additions shortly. The weakest spot in every man

where he thinks himself the Do not eat cherries with your superiors, they will bind you with

Learn not to julye too harshly of any one, either in respect to

Time is gold; throw not one minute away, but place each one to

The Wosley in College at

Dundas is to be closed; cause, want of patrobage. Human things must be known

on the feet, so as to blunt the con- to be loved; but divine things must be loved to be known. Souls are not saved in bundles.

> "How is it with the?"-Hope is like a bad clock, forever striking the hour of happiness

the Spirits asks of every man,

B; always at leisure to do good never make business an 'excase to decline offices of humanity.

A firm of cattle drovers at B :lle-

cities.

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