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WRITE THEM A LETTER TO-NIGHT. | OUR GOOSEQUILL LETTER. | became acquainted and the intense admira Don't go to the theatre, lecture or ball, But stay in your room to-night; Deny yourself to the friends who call,

And think of the absence one.

Don't selfishly scribble: "Excuse my haste,
I've scarcely the time to write,"
Lest their brooding thoughts go wandering back.
To many a bygone night—
When they lost their needed sleep and rest,
And every breath was a prayer
That God would leave their delicate babe
To their tender love and care.

Don't let them feel that you've no more need Of their love and counsel wise: For the heart grows strongly sensitive. When age has dimmed the eyes. It might be well to let them believe You never forgot them quites that you deem it a pleasure, when far away, Long letters home to write. Don't think that the young and giddy friends

Who make your pastine gay,
Have half the anxions thoughts for you
That the old folks have to-day.
The the old folks have to-day.
The they or pleasure wait,
Let sleep or pleasure wait,
Set the letter for which they looked and longed
Be a day or an hour too late.

For the sad old folks at home.
With locks fast turning white,
Are longing to hear of the absen
Write them a letter to-night.

If you or I
To-day should die,
The birds would sing the same to-morrow,
The vernal Spring
Her flowers would bring,
And few would think of us with sorrow.

Yes, he is dead,
Would then be said;
And corn would floss, the grass yield hay,
The cattle low,
And Sammer go,
And few would heed us pass away.

How soon we pass!
How fow, alae!
Remember those who turn to mould;
Whose faces fade
With Autumn's shade.
Beneath the sodden church-yard cold!

Yes, it is so—
Yes, it is so—
We come and go;
They hail our birth—they mourn us dead;
A day or more,
The Winter o'er,
Another takes our place instead.
—Evening Stor.

SOMEBODY. BY PEARL EYTIEGE. Some-body thinks the world all wrong,
And never has a word in its praise;
Some-body sings the whole day long,
Likes the world and all its ways,
Some-body says it's a queer old place,
Where none of the people do as they should
Then some-body thinks it is full of grace,
And wouldn't change the folks if he could.

Somebody calls it cruel and cold, Full of sorrow and sin and pain, Where life is but a search for gold, And souls are lost in selfish gain. Somebody merrily laughs—and cries, "Hurrah for such a dear old earth, Success shall crown the man who tries To make bis mark by honest worth."

Somebody grouns and shakes his head, Calls his lot a wretched one; Somebody wishes that he were dead, 'Cause somebody else has all the fun. But still I fancy you're sure to find, Through good or evil, or pain or care, One certain fact—so make up your mind. That—somebody always gets his share.

OUR NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

tems of Interest from the Crescent City by Our Regular Correspondent.
New Orleans, April 3, 1883.

if a man can turn over \$100 a month that he whole.

A large five occurred at the stronghold of ful turned out in full force, not a stick nor Cook. stone remains as a sign of its former

suffrages at the last municipal election. The people of the Mississippi Valley are land, the effects may be greater than were that the flood of 1882 has been the greatest The floods of the Platte, Upper Mississippi and Ohio, and the snows of the far West. will probably keep up the flood line to its present level and it may perhaps pass above

Morris Marks and Special Agent Neufstatle are troubling us very much on account of turning over the Internal Revenue Office to the new Federal Official, Geo. Drury, and they are violating the rights of

High Authority.

An Old Correspondent Under a New Title
-Lent and Easter in the Monumental City-Reminiscenses of the Author of "Home, Sweet Home."

BALTIMORE, Mp., March 26, 1883.

EDITOR CHIEF:

Lent is over. The shadow of the Cross has faded; the glories of the Resurrection have passed from view and Oh! bitter reflection, the mourning peritents, who have prayed and fasted that they might be purified and strengthened against temptations, will soon be mad again over the attractions of the world. Sorrow (!) will be turned to joy and the gloom of Lent will be forgotten in the brightness of pleasures which society offers. Private theatricals, afternoons teas, receptions, germans and marriages will soon be the rage, and the rush for excitement will be all the greater after the weariness and the pent-up feeling one has had during the six weeks of Lent. Well, the human

The second snow storm of the week fell on Good Friday to the depth, I would say, of eight inches. It was a beautiful sight, and rendered the church services all the more solemn and impressive. The congregations were large but, as usual, the ladies were in the majority. They do ned over-shoes and ence of friends he was appointed to the conubber circulars and defied the storm. The Roman Catholics have no mass on Good Friday. The Psalms and prayers are said. and the people with great reverence approach the altar and kiss the Crucifix, held to their lips by the priests. In some of the Episcopal churches there is little or no change made in the mode of rendering the service—the altar is nucovered and there is music and sermon as on ordinary days. In others there is the simple, spoken service, no sermon and no music. In others, again, where an elaborate ritual is the custom, the reredos, altar, cross and encharistic candles are draped in black and choristers wear the black cassock. This was the case at Mount Calvary. The order of services there was morning prayers at 9 o'clock, Litany and sermon at 11, and the seven sermons at noon. The latter service consisted of a prayer, a hyun and a sermon by rotation, seven in number. It was solemn and impressive.

Has it ever occurred to you that Easter on March 25 is a coincidence that no living person has seen? The rule, according to the Council of Nice is, that Easter shall be the first Sunday after the full moon which hap pens upon or next after March 21. It may come as early as March 22, or as late as April 25. It was as far back as 1668, 1674, 1731 and 1742 that Easter came on the 25th of March. This is the first coincidence in our century and will not occur again until

Easter in Baltimore was a perfectly lovely bright day-in unison with the joyous faces that one met everywhere. The churches were well filled; the music was generally fine, and the floral decorations exquisite. In some of the Episcopal churches as well as the Roman Catholic, the altars were ablaze with lighted candles. It is certainly very beautiful in effect, particularly when the City government and the bunko men still lights form designs, such as pointed arches, exists, as in the days of Shakespeare's adcircles and pyramids. Potted plants of the ministration. It is a nice reflection upon the rarest kinds were grouped about the chan imbeeility of the present odious govern- cels: in the fonts were floral crosses and ment, that a combination of gamblers and other artistic designs; on the altars were black-legs can force it into their way of boquets of St. Joseph and Calla lilies, while thinking under an agreement to divide the the recedos panels were massed with everspoils of their illicit traffic. It appears that greens, which gave a fine rich effect to the

may violate the State law with impunity. The profusion of flowers at Easter time Several houses, not being able to comply awakens surprise and speaks for the energy with this compounding of a felony, have and labor of the florists. Every thing has been forcibly closed by the city's police, and to be pushed, of course, in hot houses with the favored few who can pass the ordeal of constant watchfulness and care. Church the Mayorality can proceed ad libitum to decorations, however, are but a small part fleece all who may happen to foolishly enter their portals. State officers have tried in only a few of the churches spend much e for them Individuals and amatem offenders, but the Mayor's mantle was all growers of plants and flowers are large sufficient for their protection. Judge Lu- lenders and contributors. Most of the rare tenburg endeavored for months to stop this Howers are used by gentlemen as Easter infraction of the law, but the ring and the offerings to their lady friends. It is quite gamblers were too much for him, and he the style now in Baltimore. The offerings had to relapse into quiescence, and peace vary from a corsage boquet, costing from \$3 to \$5, to a placque mounted on an easel, costing from \$50 to \$100; or the designs may the Fitzpatrick Shovel Rangers, who have be eggs filled with flowers, fans, baskets, so well carried things lately. About 4 hampers and all kinds of fancy things. The o'clock this morning Mullan's Grocery, at roses are most in demand-Marshal Neil, the corner of Perdido and Johnson streets, Jacqueminot, Pearl of the Garden, Sofrawas discovered afire and although the faith. nos. Bon Silene, Niphetos and Carnelia

The Good Friday service of Beauscan greatness. It is said that at this corner all Commandery No. 8, Maryland Knights Temthe plans were arranged, which resulted so plar, was held at night in the Church of the accessfully in robbing the people of their Ascension, the Prelate of the Commandery, Rev. Campbell Fair, formerly of Chris Church, New Orleans, conducting services umencing to feel the effects of the The church was handsomely decorated with neglect of the National government, and the banners of the Order and the officers were resignation of Capt. Eads from the River their jewels. About seventy-five Knights Commission will be deplored by all. It is proceeded up the aisle while the organ true that he has too much labor now on pealed forth the "Dead March from hand to give much attention to the Southern | Saul." Sir Harry Barry, Eminent Com-Valley, but he personally feels the action of mander, proceeded to the chancel under the the last Congress as a slight, and could not glittering swords of four Knights, held longer be persuaded to remain. We trust, crossed above their heads. After a few Veitch has shown that moderate eating however that some able engineer will be moments of silent prayer—the Knights named in his stead, and that more consid- kneeling, with heads resting on their sword eration may be given to our inland sea when | hilts-the Eminent Commander recited his | leaves. Congress again meets. In the meantime charge to the Knights and then the usual the waters are rising to an extent that after | beautiful service. Two addresses were the shed of the Tennessee and the Cumber. given-one by the assistant Rector of Ascenthe the action of various disinfectants. With sion Church, Rev. Lewis De Lew. His ser- the tubercular substance he obtained, disexpected even by Capt. Eads. We believe | mon was very good. He urged the Knights to follow the teachings of the Order, and but exposure to sulphur fumes, holling Geographical Society, has a total area of our lower valley will ever experience, showed that the great principles of both water or a solution of corrosive sublimate natural and revealed religion were incul- destroyed the power of the virus to produce cated in its tenets. The services were consuch an effect. The result of the experi- mean elevation of the desert is from 1300 to cluded by an offertory taken up for the poor.

author of "Home, Sweet Home," now rest sous, barracks, hospitals and schools a some parts rains occur only once in some in the lovely Oak Hill cemetery, Washington City. The expense of their removal and the re-interment has been borne by Mr. W. W. Corcoran, the great philanthropist, sia, fever, ague, and loss of appetite." (Take got was spent at the theatre where his young otherwise render the subsoil of streets danga other.)

tion ripened into a warm friendship. Most fitting way this to express that affectionate regard, and only proves that real, true friendship is not a myth, but is undying and faithful to the end. Mr. Payne was a native of New York, and the Empire State should have thus honored her gifted child. It was in New York that success first crowned his efforts. Payne was a natural wonder-a child phenomenon. At thirteen years of age he was editing a weekly paper, the Thespian

Mirror, and a little later, while a student at Union College, he edited the Pastime. His histrionic talent was remarkable, and poetry was so really a part of his nature that he wrote verses without an effort. Of the plays which he wrote, the best is "Brutus." which Edmund Kean played so well in 1818, and which McCullough plays so grandly now. Payne was only about twenty-one years of age when he went to England and filled an engagement successfully at Drury Lane Theatre. He passed twenty years in prosperous and again distressingly poor. He had the brains and the popularity to have made himself rich, but knew not how to demand his rights or to take care of his money after he got it. Through the influsularship of Tunis, in Tyler's administration, and was afterward re-appointed by Fillmore in 1851. The sweetest of all songs, "Home, Sweet Home," appeared in "Clari," an opera, in 1823. Different stories have been told as to the circumstances under which this song was composed, but it is sweetest to think that it was the outburst of a groaning, sad heart—the inspiration of a moment -when, bowed down by, a sense of utter loneliness, he longed for the home where loving ones were weeping over the cruel fate that exiled him in a foreign land .. The late honors paid to this child of genius will draw

fresh attention to his history. Who John Howard Payne was, had escaped many. Many never knew who was the author of professedly engaged in leading out the the song that has made him immortal, of the song that, of all others, not excepting the charming Scotch, Irish and English ballads, is the most popular. Many, too, sang it and oved it, perfectly indifferent as to its authorship, but there will be few now who will not see a deeper meaning in its words and sing it with a warmth of feeling greater than ever before; a new interest will be aroused in contemplating his checkered career, and the sight of his genial, trusting, poetically handsome face will draw from

every heart the tenderest sympathy. In Prospect Park, Brooklyn, is a monu ment which was erected by the Faust Club of Brooklyn. It consists of a shaft of gray marble surmounted by a colossal bronze bast of Payne. The unveiling of the bust, September, 1873, was accompanied by most posing ceremonies, the most significant of which was the singing of "Home, Sweet Home" by one thousand public school

least, twenty-five thousand voices. GOOSEQUILL.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Prof. E. Wollny concludes that a layer of farmyard manure spread upon land protects the soil from excessive alternations of temsoils by checking evaporation.

measles but to scarlatina and diphtheria them diligent.

light of the full moon at any place on the attracted and led out, but not expelled. flame. The latter result differs widely from | yield they will, with reluctance. The same that obtained by Arago, who found the light | may be said of study. Pupils which love of the sun to have about 15,000 times the intensity of candle-flame. A remarkable betanical specin ported to exist in Pedur, India, in the form thing to be accomplished in education is

norning and evening. The tree is eleven

lined so near the ground that children may uluck its fruit from branches which in the norning are far above their reach. Mons. Bacle's investigations have con way tires. If accidents to tires are more and irregularity of the road, which adds to

the violence of the shocks received by the epithets and cruel treatment. I never could If the assumption that pitcher plants eat hand, the pulling of the ear and hair, and the insects caught by their leaves is correct, the striking of the head, and the leading there is no reason why the plants should not, like meat-eating animals, experience ill by an exhibition of Sarracenias before the London Royal Horticultural Society, Mr. seemed to benefit them, while injury resulted when dead insects accumulated on the

Mons. Vallin has made some experiments upon the virus of tuberculosis to determine ease could be readily produced in animals, ment prompts Mons. Vallin to suggest that 1650 above sea-level, but its mountain chains The remains of John Howard Payne, the it would be a wise procaution to give pri- attain a height of from 6550 to 8200 feet. In

from Tunis, where Mr. Payne died in 1852, streets and open spaces of towns has been a ture rises to 122 degrees, it sometimes falls recent topic of discussion among Swiss below 20 degrees, and snow and ice cover He has also provided for a monument, which the trees impede the circulation of the air several months of the year. The animals will be erected over the grave, and at its to such an injurious extent as to more than and plants are of much interest and imporcompletion in June there will be appropriate counterbalance any good effects they may tance. The human population numbers two or three days after being placed on a ceremonies. This deed excites no surprise, produce. To this view Prof. Goret replies some 3,000,000, and the desert contains towns for Mr. Corcoran's name is synonymous that trees temper the heat and serve as a of from 5000 to 10,000 inhabitants. with goodness and generosity. He was at-Dr. W. E. Scott, President of the College of Physicians, Montreal, writes: "I have recommended Colden's Liebig's Liquid Extract of tracted toward the young poet and actor from their leaves helps to keep the air cool." Beef and Tonic Invigorator as the best prewhen he was himself a student in Georgeand moist. He contends also that the roots oldest and best citizens, died last week,
town College, and all the spare money he of trees absorb much filth which would Joe McKnight stole Mr. H. Braumm's

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM. uition, Education; Attraction, Repul sion, Expulsion.

Donaldsonville, April 10,1883. EDITOR CHIEF: The terms above written are very im portant, but very imperfectly understood, at least, the daily practice of many conveys the impression that they have a very indistinct idea of the meaning attached to

EDUCATION is a word of pure Latin origin The verb educe, from which the noun educatio is derived, is compounded of the proposition e, "out," and the verb duca, "to lead," and consequently means literally, " one who

ATTRACTION very closely resembles colo cation in meaning, and also in origin. The verb attraho, from which the noun attraction is derived, is compounded of the preposi-tion ad, "to," and traho, "to draw," consequently signifies, "to draw out." The word attractor means literally, "one who draws

amined, is purely Latin, but has a meaning directly opposed, being composed of the preposition re, "back," and the verb pello, to drive."

Expulsion is derived from the Latin word expello, "to drive," and signifies, "to drive out of."

I have now given a brief account of the origin of the words, Education, Attraction, Repulsion and Expulsion, and perhaps reader, you are beginning to wonder what it all means. Well, I said that these terms were imperfectly understood, at least the practice of many indicates as much-and

now for elucidation. Education and attraction go together. If you wish to educate you must attract, or in other words, in order to draw an object you must attract it. And especially is this the case when the object to be led out is a free acent. An educator is a person who is mind, and in order to be successful he must be an attractor. If the mind shrinks from him he can not lead it out, and becomes a repulsor and drives it back. How many persons there may be who are

professedly educators, but are repulsors instead of attractors, I will not take upon myself to say. I feel disposed to say, however, that the number practicing upon that plan which repels instead of attracts, is by Let it be received as a fixed principle that successful education depends upon the amount of attractive influence possessed over the pupils by the educator, and I have

all I desire for the present. This being admitted, I will ask, how is this influence to be obtained? and I couceive this to be a question of some importance to every educator. If we wish to gain a point with a fellow man, do we abuse him by mal-naming and flogging him! Would any one take children, assisted by the multitude—at the least twenty-five thousand voices. Certainly not. Now, why do educators pursue that course with children when desiring to attract their attention, which they know would prove repulsive with

Taking every thing into consideration, i is not strange that so many children play perature, but acts injuriously upon wet truant and love to remain at home-their educator is not attractive, but rather repul-Mods. LeBel nas discovered a small or- sive. Frost will nip the tender bud. Eduganism in the urine of persons having cators must be attractive in order to draw leasles, and peculiar to that disease. Herr their pupils to school. They must be at-Tschamer had previously found an organism tractive to keep them at school, and they which he believed to belong not only to must make the studies attractive to make

Many parents and teachers attempt com-Sir William Thomson finds that sunlight pulsion, which produces repulsion. It is has about 70,000 times the intensity of the impossible to drive the mind. It may be arth, and about 53 000 times that of candle. Punils that love their teacher will yield, if their studies will attend to them, not only while under the teacher's eye, but when at home, or it matters not where. The firs of a date palm which changes its position that of gaining the affections of the pupils feet in height, and in the afternoon is in- place them in connection with the studies This, alone, the work of education has a promising commencement. But how are these affections to be won! This may make a deep draft upon the teacher's ingenuity rinced him that changes of temperature but what is his ingenuity for if he can no have little effect upon the strength of rail afford to make the draft upon it ! Of one thing I feel convinced: no one will secure frequent in cold weather than at other times, that love which generates that fear and t is due probably to the increase of rigidity respect which every pupil should have for his or her teacher, by cross words, hard see any analogy between the slapping of the pull the hair and ears, slap the hand and Russian Czar. strike the side of the head with a book, be cause the mind did not come out as fast as they desired.

Attraction will accomplish education, but expulsion will produce repulsion. Those who employ attraction as their agent act wisely, and show it by their success: while those who use compulsion are foolish and

The Desert of Sahara, according to an address by Prof. Guido Cora to the Italian 3,700,000 squre miles, not more than onefifth of which is covered by sand. The yearly purifying by sulphurous fumigation. twenty years, while in others there is a The advantage of planting trees in the regular rainy season. While the tempera-

Mr. Joseph Larguier, one of Baton Rouge's horse at Baton Rouge and was promptly ar-

GENERAL NEWS SUMMARY,

Domestic. California has a silk growing society. Tennessee has a female Notary Public. A woman was langed in Vermont, Friday

before last. The President has refused to pardon lergeant Mason.

A baby camel was born in Central Park, lew York, recently. Peter Cooper died at New York of paen

nonia at 3:30 A. M., April 4. The California mint is to do ail the coin-

og for the King of Hawaii. Buffalo capitalists propose to construct a unnel under the Nihgara River.

Shomakin, Pittsburg and Philadelphia are the scene of immense strikes. A couple aged respectively 15 and 13,

were married at Covington, Ky., recently. The leather-beard mills at Lominsten, Mass., were burned April 2. Loss \$100,000 The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher attended performance of the opera recently for the first time.

A lot of newspaper correspondents intend keeping close to the President on his Southern trip. New York boasts of 'a young Chinaman,

who reports news in both the Chinese and English lauguages. Salmi Morse has succeeded at last in giving a full dress rehearsal of the "Passion

Play" in New York City. New York has an incorporated company which gathors the names of persons who do

not pay their honest debts. Gov. Butler says he can prove the bodies missing from the Tewksbury, Mass., Almshouse, were sold to be skinned and tanned. The Houston Hook and Ladder Company are soliciting subscriptions to rebuild their truck-house, which was burned while they were answering a false fire alarm.

Another cave in the Diamond mines at Braidwood, Ill., imprisoned a party of earchers at almost the exact spot where the bodies from the former disaster were lying. All were rescued. A colored soldier who attempted to cor

mit snicide at Fort Elliott, was sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for three nonths, with loss of pay for "making himself ill in order to escape the performance Foreign.

The ex-Khedive Ismail is about to return All Albanian tribes are arming against Iontenegro.

Russians are preparing to occupy Amer

The Vistula has overflowed its banks.

Mr. Gladstone has returned to England.

an territory.

Louise Michel has surrendered to the rench authorities. Mexico is preparing to compete with Caliornia in wine making.

Dr. Schliemann has completed the excautions at Thermopyke. All the public buildings in Lordon are kent under constant police surveillance. Three Constables from Balla, Ireland, have gone to America in quest of Fenians, An elaborate system of subterranean tele-

graphy has just been completed in Ger Parnell will consult the Dublin National League respecting his movements while in

The port of Guayaquil, in Equador, is closed, in consequence of a ravolution in the interior.

leannette survivors have been decorated by the Czar. The principal pier of the great bridge at Nice was destroyed by fire April 4. Loss,

Russians who extended courtesies to the

King Alfonso the Golden Fleece upon Crown Prince Frederick William.

\$1,000,000.

the imperial eagle. One hundred and fifty persons have left he county Mayo, Ireland, being driven rom their homes by famine. The Berlin Reichstag has given a vote of

thanks to America for the relief afforded the

eceive an enameled mug decorated with

lood sufferers along the Rhine. During a police raid on a dynamite fac tory in Russia, a Nibilist, fearing capture ommitted snicide on the spot. John Brown, well known personal attend-

ant of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor

Castle and has been succeeded by his brother. unless the Phoenix Park murderers are

released The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will be the only members of the royal family of out of the mind; yet, I have seen teachers England attending the coronation of the The editor, the proprietor and the printers

> of the London Freethinker have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment for ridiculing the Trinity. The marriage of Prince Louis Ferdinand of Bavaria, to Infanta Maria Delfa Paz-was

celebrated in the chapel of the royal palace at Madrid, April 2. asserting that Fenians are engaged in send ing packages infested with small-pox to ns who are obnoxious to the Irish Na

tional party. ssued a proclamation announcing that they have completed arrangements to frustrato

Noticing that the little spiders which live n flowers and prey upon various insects are ometimes yellow and sometimes white, Mr. James Angus suspected that their color changes to correspond with that of the scientists. In the spinion of Dr. Piachaud, the highest mountain summits during flower in which they may be making their home. Experiment proved this to be so, sunflower. This change in color of course adds to the facility of these creatures in concealing themselves from their intended

Glenn's Sulphur Soap removes all local eruptions, southes all abrasions of the cutiele, Pike's Toothache Drops care in one minute.