LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

SKETCHES ABOUT THE CITY BY THE REPUBLICAN REPORTERS.

THE FAT I SPITE IN WASHINGTON.—Mr. Joseph Dennis, an employee of the Government printing office while walking down Street, between Third and Fourth streets northwest, on Monday evening, was bitten in the leg by a spitz dog, and the wound pained very painful. The proper step has been taken and also remedies applied, but with what results the future will demonstrate. Mr. Dennis is too ill to sit up.

JUDGMENTS BY DEFAULT.—In the Circuit Court yesterday judgments by default were given in the following cases: H. O. Lenox vs. Harvey A. Peterson, for $[illegible]; M. Koppel vs. A. J. Dennis, for $[illegible]; Kerrigan Bros. vs. T. A. J. F. Lathum, for $[illegible]; Mitchell vs. Gaither for $[illegible]; Mitchell vs. Mark Newbury, for $[illegible]; Clements vs. G. B. Wright, A. Ch. for $[illegible]; Worley vs. Cornell Bros. for $[illegible]; Higgins, Cobb & Co. vs. Daley and Slater, for $[illegible].

THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION.—At the last regular meeting of the Illinois Association the president, Mr. A. J. Wheeler, announced the following standing committees: Executive Committee—F. D. Hedges, Lemuel T. Smith, H. Hopkins, J. M. Wade and J. M. Dudley. Committee on Entertainment—J. Seymour, W. P. Lawver, Jerome B. Edwards, Samuel L. Strickland and J. F. Knapp. Committee on Hall—B. F. Miller, Theodore L. Lamb and Samuel McPherson.

A CALAMITY TO A BAKERY WAGON.—About o'clock yesterday afternoon a horse attached to one of the wagons of the New York bakery broke up a neat named Piper, while standing in Pennsylvania avenue, near Seventeenth street, took fright and ran down the avenue at a furious pace, running against a showcase for ornaments, doing no damage other than the breaking of some horses on the runaway horse. The horse was caught before Fifteenth street by Officer Gallagher, of the Fourth precinct, and turned over to the driver.

SLAPPING THE WRONG CHINA.—Maria Lee was charged in the Police Court yesterday with striking Wm. Lee. It appeared from evidence that Maria William is one of our contraband citizens, being only two years of age. Maria found William and another young Chinaman fighting, separated them, giving them a good scolding. William got out a warrant for Maria, and the case developed that as Maria was not the mother of William she would have to pay a dollar for the privilege of slapping him.

THE DESERTWOOD RACE.—To-day the race of horses owned in the District will be tested at Bridgewood, today. There are two entries and it is expected that the race will be closely contested. The entries are Harry Middleton, owned by Jerry Ray, J. A. Kelly, owner, and Whirlwind, E. Woodward, owner. Jockey Little, owner, J. Tom Fields, John Sullivan, owner, A. Thomas. The horses are expected to be present in good condition, and many of the sporting men will leave the hotels for Bridgewood in time for the race.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The clerk of the court has issued marriage licenses to the following applicants: Wm. Thomas and [illegible], and Mary E. [illegible], of Washington, D. C. Albert [illegible] and Lettie [illegible], D. C. Wm. [illegible] and Ella [illegible], D. C. Thomas [illegible] and Mary [illegible], D. C. Wm. [illegible] and Mary [illegible], of Prince William county, Va. Wm. Lewis, of Alexandria, Va., and Sarah Richardson, of the city. A. J. Thomas and Olive Beck, of Lexington, Va., and H. [illegible] Payne and M. E. [illegible].

THE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—The oral examination in the colored schools are still in progress, and will not be concluded until the end of the month. On the 24th instant an exhibition of drawing by the pupils of the colored schools will be given at the Franklin building. The attention of examiners continues now a few days longer, and examination is progress in the white schools to prevent the mere examination of the eighth and ninth grades having finished on the 10th instant. The overall term expires the second Friday in June. The schools will close on the 15th instant, and the last examination will take place a few days before.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WITH A KITCHEN KNIFE.—Early yesterday morning James McDonough, a night driver on Eighth street, between G and I streets, attempted to end his life by cutting his throat with a kitchen knife, and succeeded in making a very ugly looking wound. McDonough had been drinking very heavily lately and his attempted suicide yesterday was probably caused by the depressing effects of a protracted spree. McDonough, who is a man about fifty years of age, was in the Marine Corps for twenty-five years and during the last years of his service was stationed at the Washington navy yard. Having accumulated some money he has recently settled down as a peaceable quiet citizen on Eighth street.

THE MUSIC AT THE SMITHSONIAN.—The Marine Band gave their first concert at the Smithsonian grounds yesterday afternoon, commencing at half-past five. A slight rain fell in the afternoon interfered materially with the attendance, but there were enough persons to render it agreeable to the performers. The music was excellent and received praise from all sides. The band was under perfect control, and gave many evidences of careful training and of a high degree of skill. The wonderful wind has proved a high excellent in excellence. It is to be hoped that before next Wednesday morning will have removed the high and tangled grass that now disfigures the lawn, and which otherwise so much in prepossessing appearance. A vast improvement in the grounds and a decided improvement in the music.

DECORATION DAY AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME.—Chief commissioner in charge of the preparations for the observance of Decoration Day have arranged the following programme for the exercises to take place in the cemetery at the Soldiers' Home where seven hundred Union soldiers are buried. The exercises will include an address and ode, and oration by Hon. L. B. Woodworth, of Youngstown, Ohio, formerly major of the 105th Ohio volunteers, and the reading of Mrs. Maria Barnes Carman's poem on the dead and addresses from by Mr. John Wilkinson. The exercises will begin under charge of Colonel Tolbert, will good in these services. General Sherman is expected to be present. Brief exercises will probably take place at Oak Hill and other cemeteries where soldiers are buried.

CITY BREVITIES.

The forty hours' devotion will begin at St. Patrick's church to-morrow and conclude with Grand High Mass on Sunday.

Burglars made three unsuccessful attempts to enter the residence of Mrs. Colonel Sam. Owen, on E street northwest, yesterday morning.

Colonel F. B. Hawkes will represent the Grand Lodge of the District I. O. O. F. at the session of the Grand Lodge of the World to be held at Portland, Me., on the 23d instant.

Messrs. J. B. Adams, George W. Cochrane, and J. E. White have filed a certificate of incorporation in the recorder's office in the name of the Potomac River Barge Company. The capital stock is fixed at $[illegible].

A little daughter of Andrew Thompson, residing in Bapley alley, between Ninth and Tenth and E and F streets northwest, fell from a window to the ground, a distance of sixteen feet, and sustained serious injuries.

A rumpus was caused in front of the navy yard gate yesterday morning by two drunken sailors belonging to the Wyoming who resisted the marine on duty and a sergeant and corporal of Marines who were ordered to take them aboard ship. The sailors got a mouth full of the butts and were finally secured and taken into the yard.

William Gardner, a young man with hair cropped short, pleaded that he was not guilty of assaulting Robert Washington on the Police Court yesterday. Robert is a small colored boy, a little over three feet high, and he told a very straight story. It appeared that Mr. Gardner had had considerable aggravation, and the court let him off with a fine of one dollar.

Anderson Scott, colored, was fined ten dollars, or thirty days in the Police Court yesterday for assaulting a woman named Catharine Allen. Catharine said he struck her and kicked her in the back.

Augustus J. Powell, charged with assaulting Thomas Gillings, was fined three dollars and costs by Judge Snell yesterday. Gillings went to collect a note from Powell, and the latter was had been frequently annoyed by the persistent Scotsman, shoved him out of his yard.

Edward Blount was fined five dollars in the Police Court yesterday for assaulting a small boy named Henry Hall. Henry says that Blount commenced after him and frightening the horse and Blount climbed down from the saddle and gave him a severe punishment.

William Peck, John Peck and Felix Jones, charged with the larceny of $[illegible] worth of goods from a merchant tailor named M. T. Griffith, plead guilty in the Police Court yesterday and were held for the grand jury. They are all boys, and confessed business as burglars quite early.

Now that the carnival is over New York men who came to Washington to get out of the way are starting for home.

The wedding of Master Towne L. Wilson, U. S. N., and Miss Lillie Abbott, of Georgetown, will take place at [illegible] church, Georgetown, Mr. Wilson is a young officer who has already distinguished himself for gallantry.

The fine blooded mare "Lulu," belonging to Mr. E. C. Kirkwood, which was stolen on Monday night last, was recaptured in the country a short distance north of the city yesterday. The thief made his escape, but the police are on his track and have hopes of his apprehension.

Miss Anna Boyle gave a rendition of Juliet at 226 New Jersey avenue last evening. Mr. Rogers, President Hayes private secretary, has accepted an invitation to hear this wonderful young actress. Miss Boyle is not to play in the Thalian club, as has been erroneously stated.

There will be an entertainment at the North Capitol M. E. church this evening at which Miss Anna B. Ware will read and Miss Kate Jones and the Masonic Quartette Club will sing.

JUMPING HIS TRIAL.

Charles Stewart, Charged with Forgery, Runs Away From the Court.

The forgery cases charged against Charles Stewart, and for which he stands indicted, have attracted the attention of the community, and considerable interest was manifested as to the result of the trial. When the Criminal Court adjourned on Tuesday evening, a jury had been empanneled and the cause was ready to proceed. Mr. John A. Green, astonished to learn that the important witness May was in the city, had asked for a subpoena for him, and proceeded to satisfy himself as to being the identical man wanted, during the recess of the court. When the session was reconvened yesterday morning, with Justice Cox on the bench, there was quite a large audience in attendance. The jury, counsel on both sides and principal witnesses were present, but the accused became conspicuous by his absence. He is bailed in three cases, the sum amounting to $4,500, and his bondsmen are Robert Coleman, Daniel S. Finch, John Shaw, D. J. O'Connell, Joseph McIntosh, John R. Miller and Wesley Frye.

The friends of the accused were confident that he would soon come into the chamber, but they were incorrect in their statements, and some of them evidently knew that they were uttering untruths when they promised his appearance, for it was afterwards ascertained that the absence of the client was occasioned by his own volition and belief that it was safer to abscond than to stand a trial and abide the result. Shortly after the court was opened by the crier, Mr. Green arose and said that before proceeding with the case he was desirous of making an explanation, and preferred that the jury should be absent when it was done.

His Honor. Well, go ahead and make it now. I don't see why the jury need retire.

Mr. Green. Well, I simply wish to state that I desire to withdraw from this case.

His Honor. You need not do that, the duty of a lawyer is to look after and take care of his client's interest, and if the client does wrong the counsel is not to blame.

Mr. Green. Well, your Honor, I wish to say now that I do not desire to be a party to a fraud upon the court.

His Honor. We do not understand that you were cognizant that it was a fraud.

District Attorney Wells, interrupting, informed the court that the defendant in the cause was not present in the court-room, and thought the matter should be attended to.

Deputy Marshal Douglass stated that one of the officers of Stewart had [illegible] the house in search of the defendant. A bailiff [illegible] in search of both, but after waiting until near 11 o'clock, and neither the prisoner nor his sureties appearing, the bail was declared forfeited and the jury discharged. It is stated on the street that Stewart as soon as he discovered that the prosecution had obtained the whereabouts of May, and also that he had never been absent from the city, concluded that his game was lost, and the only means of escape for him was to leave the city under the cover of darkness. He is said to have taken his departure on Tuesday night after having a conversation with May on that day, and feeling that his testimony would be prodigious and the trial proceed.

TRE COURTS.

Equity Court.

BEFORE JUDGE WYLIE.

Fox et al vs. Harrington; commission ordered to select guardian. Schofield vs. Heitmuller; [illegible] of records exhibits allowed. Young vs. Young; proof to be taken before Examiner E. Doyle. Baldwin vs. Gaines; proof to be taken before Examiner Grossbaum. Vincent vs. Vincent; proof to be taken before E. Doyle. Mosher vs. Mosher; [illegible] of certain stocks, etc. Wise vs. Wise; decree in behalf complainants. Keys vs. Keys; [illegible] of sale. Bennett vs. Tyler; dismissal of bill. Butler vs. Butler; appearance of absent defendant ordered. Hall vs. Hall; discharge of rounding order ordered. Satchel vs. Fink; [illegible] to defendant.

Law Summary.

The petit jurors of the Criminal Court have been discharged until the 23d instant.

Charles King has filed a bill in equity against the District Commissioners to restrain the collection of a tax lien certificate on lot 12, in square 86.

Levi Finney, charged with larceny, was yesterday acquitted in the Criminal Court. An other indictment against him of receiving stolen property was nolle prossed.

In the cases of Frank Whitney, larceny; Charles Hamley and T. J. Kimmel, assault; and Wm. Brooks, assault, they failed to answer when called and their recognizance was declared to be forfeited.

Court Calendar for To-day.

SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT, before Chief Justice Carter and Justices Wylie and Arthur.—No. 24, United states vs. Sunbord and Texas; 65, Hibbard vs. Stetson; 66, Williams vs. Barber; 67, Gardhoff vs. Wheeler; 68, Painter vs. Deane; 69, Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company vs. Kennedy, executor; 72, Jackson vs. Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company; 73, Dawson vs. Barber; 74, Robinson vs. Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company; 75, Hopp vs. Vigel.

CRIMINAL COURT, before Judge Humphreys—Appeals—No. 39, Metcalfe vs. Lelo; 41, Hemming vs. [illegible]; 42, Hooker & Evans vs. Fry; 46, Scott vs. [illegible]; 50, Brown vs. Morgan; 52, Johnson vs. [illegible]; 53, Kelly vs. Chandler; 54, Chandler vs. Metropolitan Railroad Company; 55, McNair vs. Wyckham; 57, Kerr vs. Stevens; 58, Boyd vs. Smith & Stanton; 59, Scott vs. Scott; 60, Starkweather vs. Corcoran; 61, Long vs. Gilmore, Meredith & Co.; 62, Cahill vs. Gilmore, Meredith & Co.; 63, Crosby vs. Dessney; 64, Strasburg, agent, vs. Walker.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Semi-Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners.

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held last evening; present, Messrs. Collins (in the chair), Reed, Tait and Barnes. Upon the recommendation of Chief Engineer Cronin, George Spilman was confirmed as foreman of engine company No. 3, to take effect from May 1. The chief called attention to the dangerous condition of Massachusetts avenue from New Jersey avenue to Seventh, and spoke of the necessity of having it repaired, as it was the outlet of three of their companies. On motion of Colonel Tait the matter was referred to the District Commissioners, with the recommendation that it be attended to.

SCHOOL BOYS' MORALS.

Circulating Obscene Literature in the Schools—What Boys Have Been Doing in Georgetown—A Young Man Who Was at the Bottom of it Held for the Grand Jury.

Gossip and scandal have had hold of certain things among the scholars of the schools in the Curtis building, Georgetown, for some time, and Tuesday it became a matter of public knowledge by the appearance in the Police Court of Rose Foster, a young man, charged with circulating obscene literature among the children of the public schools. Foster is a young man about sixteen years of age, of good address, and when he appeared in court was genteely and neatly dressed.

Mr. B. T. Janney, superintendent of the Georgetown schools, who brought the complaint, was present to give testimony, but Foster, through his counsel, Mr. N. H. Miller, waived an examination, and was committed for the action of the grand jury. Mr. Francis Miller, for the prosecution, stated that the young man was engaged in a printing office, and had some cards on which were printed some of the vilest doggerel verses, and which he had shown to several of the young ladies in the Georgetown schools. Mr. Janney secured them and had Foster arrested.

The cards were produced in court, and contained language of the most obscene character. Foster is thought to have been at the bottom of all the devilry, but it appears that other boys who were in the school were easily induced to give circulation to the obscenities printed by Foster. It is hardly possible that they had any idea of the enormity of the crime which they were abetting.

The following letter from a lady of Georgetown will show to what extent the boys have carried on this business, and what cause parents have had to be alarmed for the safety of the morals of their children:

EDITOR REPUBLICAN: Will you please allow a Georgetown parent space for a word in your invaluable "Complaint Book," which I am pretty sanguine is with because of the nature of my complaint, and therefore I do not think you are apt to refuse. Today, while passing Curtis school building, I noticed several groups of young misses and gentlemen conversing very animatedly as if something of unusual interest had or was about to take place. Now, with woman's natural weakness, I was curious enough to make some inquiries, which I directed to a bold-looking lass, who I found to be only too willing and anxious to answer. From this young miss I learned that for a month or so some party or parties have been circulating among the schools at Curtis building some of the filthiest obscene literature ever written. Now, Mr. Editor, some months ago Mr. Curtis or Mr. Janney thought proper to make a new departure from the usual principle of teaching school by mixing the boys and girls of the higher grades into one school, to the utmost disgust of all careful parents, and complaints by note have at different times been directed to the trustees and principal.

The reckless behavior of a certain few of the boys and girls attending the said school has been a source of much scandal about town for a long time, and many have been the prophecies that ere long, when the trustees and principal thought proper to open their lazy eyes, they would look upon the fruitful characters of some of their brightest scholars. Now again, Mr. Editor, I have a couple of daughters attending Curtis building, and doing finely, for which I feel very proud, and now I want to ask you what I must do. My husband is so indignant and mortified that such conduct should be carried on under the eyes of the principal, and a well known fact to outsiders for a long time, that he threatens to remove my daughters from school, who are even so anxious to continue. Find, like you men, he thinks that a great scandal has fallen not only upon the school and trustees, but a blot upon the name of every girl attending the school.

Investigation so far has disclosed the fact that a couple of school boys—Heads if guilty—have been printing with small presses this filthy stuff. Their mission too most keep dark, as one of them is the son of Mr. Pleasants, the banker man, and the other the grandson of Mr. Sanger, the youth who shot a young girl and a boy some weeks ago. Whether they are guilty of the printing or not investigation has not disclosed, but that several cards have been caught and confiscated to have circulated this stuff is notorious among the town, that the son of a shoe dealer in High street of very doubtful character, did confess yesterday, and is to have a hearing before Mr. Janney to-day. I hope, Mr. Editor, that you will give this space and may be the means of opening the eyes of the trustees, and give the schools a thorough cleansing, of which they are so much in want.

Respectfully yours, PARENT.

GOBBLED GAMBLERS.

A "Hell" in Rum Row Raided by the Police.

The quiet of Rum Row was disturbed about 12 o'clock last night by a raid made by Lieut. Austin, accompanied by Sergeants Arnold and Leach and Privates Miller, Riley, Smith, Shilling and Breen on a gambling-hell kept by Dick Harris, over Mike Kelly's Theatre restaurant. The officers entered by the back way, and found a game in full blast. In addition to Harris, the proprietor of the "hell," they arrested Connor Royer, Edward Moran, John Freer, Jonathan Graves, Will Davis and Timothy Lanagan. The officers also captured the paraphernalia of the establishment. The prisoners were taken to the Fifth precinct station and locked up for the night.

Shortly after the prisoners arrived at the station a number of the thieving fraternity called to see them, provided with cigars and whisky, but they were refused an interview, much to the chagrin of the captured gamblers, who became pretty hard that they were compelled to remain in prison over night without refreshments. This is the first raid made by Lieutenant Austin since he has been in command in the Fifth precinct, and it is to be hoped that it won't be the last. We hope that Judge Snell will deal rigorously with the caged rascals when they come up before him this morning.

A TOO HASTY SUICIDE.

An Unfortunate Result of Yesterday's Procession.

[By Telegraph to the National Republican.]

NEW YORK, May 16.—Mr. James Howard, aged twenty-seven, of Hancock, Delaware county, in this State, came to this city last Friday and engaged a room at the Vanderbilt House, No. 56 Warren street. His brother and a Mr. Lord a day or two afterward visited the city, putting up at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Last evening all three went out to see the procession, and in the crowd James Howard's watch was snatched from the chain. Notice was given at police headquarters, and the party, who had previously been drinking more or less, proceeded to drown sorrow in still further flowing bowls, and separated last night, with an engagement to meet at James Howard's rooms at the Vanderbilt.

Early this morning the cosmopolitan pair knocked at the door of the room at the Vanderbilt where James slept, but received no answer. Calling the clerk he looked through the fanlight and saw the guest lying on the bed. Bursting open the door they found a corpse. Howard had shot himself through the right temple and was cold in death. There were found in his possession the fragment of a chain, a diamond pin and a book on a Port Jervis bank containing $100. His friends suppose that chagrin at being his watch and depression of spirits at being unable to procure employment at his business as a mercantile drummer he committed the fatal act.

Singularly enough as Captain Caffrey, who had been requested to do so by Coroner Croker, was overhauling the dead man's satchel, a dispatch came from police headquarters that the thief had been captured and the watch recovered. A hasty suicide indeed, if the loss of the watch were the real reason.

VANDERBILT'S TRIP TO EUROPE.

His Departure a Complete Surprise Even to His Family—Farewell Dinner Party at His Residence—The Law Suits Against Him.

[By Telegraph to the National Republican.]

NEW YORK, May 16.—A few old friends of Commodore Vanderbilt, who have been closely connected with Wm. H. Vanderbilt since the death of his father, were discussing last evening Mr. Vanderbilt's trip to Europe. They declared that he has frequently expressed himself of late as being completely "beat out and fatigued" with the amount of business that has devolved upon him since he assumed complete charge of his father's estate, and that, therefore, he needed some change and recreation. The destination first proposed for the journey was California, and many of those who are intimate with him have thought for some time that he would start for that State, but his intention of sailing for Europe was a complete surprise to his closest friends, and even to his family.

How long he had contemplated the visit these gentlemen were unable to tell, but he disclosed his purpose to his wife three weeks prior to his departure, telling her that she was the only person that knew of it, and asking her to keep it a profound secret. It was only one week before the steamer sailed when he told his plan to Samuel F. Barger—who was his companion on the journey—and he was placed under the same bond of secrecy. Why Mr. Vanderbilt wished to keep the matter private these friends could not say, except that they surmised he wished to avoid comment and the trouble and bother often made when a person starts for Europe.

In order to tell all of his family and intimate friends at the same time he gave a large dinner party at his residence, No. 349 Fifth Avenue, on the Friday evening before departing. In the course of the evening he made many presents, mostly to his children, and it is estimated that over $8,000 was expended in this way.

A short time before this dinner Mr. Vanderbilt used some sharp words to his barber for some little offence, and the barber, fearing that he might incur the lasting displeasure of Mr. Vanderbilt, concluded to write him a note of apology. Thinking that his own style and use of English might ruffle Mr. Vanderbilt's temper still more, he decided that it would be prudent to hire a scribe.

This hireling made the apology in the most humble terms, but with a profusion of "fine writing," which amused Mr. Vanderbilt greatly, and he showed the letter to some of his friends, who laughed over it with him. On the night of the dinner he arose amid the festivities and asked all to remain quiet, as he wished to read a most extraordinary letter from a barber. Much mirth was caused by his telling the story and reading the letter. He then said that he had an announcement to make. "To morrow," said he, "I shall sail for Europe!"

Those in the room at first thought this only a continuance of his jesting, but his son Frederick turned to Mrs. Vanderbilt and said, "Is it so, mother?" She replied that it was true. Immediately every one in the dining room arose as the health of the traveler was proposed and the heartiest wishes for his prosperous and enjoyable voyage were expressed. Some of the guests waved their handkerchiefs and clapped their hands to express their good will, and cheers were given as if at a public dinner.

The notion that Mr. Vanderbilt was going to Europe to escape any law suit or on any business was utterly repudiated by these friends. They considered that he would be able to meet any of the law suits that might be brought against him. In regard to his relations with his brother and sisters, these friends—whose opportunities for information are unexcelled—said that he offered to pay Cornelius J. Vanderbilt's entire debts, which amounted to nearly $150,000, and to pay him the interest on $600,000 yearly. To each of his sisters he offered to make her bequest $1,000,000, thus keeping his promise that he would "act munificently with them all."

Some of the sisters have already been settled with and a receipt taken of them in full satisfaction. Mrs. Allen would not give such a receipt, not because she was dissatisfied with the amount of money offered her, but because her brother Cornelius was not given as much as the remaining members of the family. The friends thought that Cornelius was very foolish in not accepting the proffered annuity, as it was likely that he would now fare much worse.

The Carnival in Peru

It would require a man of wide and varied experience to describe how they "play at carnival in Peru." The aim all have in view is to get as much wild enjoyment out of the three days as possible. A lady may receive a little scented water from a delicate spring, or she may receive the contents of a bottle of pickles and the yolk of an egg on the crown of her head; she may stand in her balcony and pelt the passers-by with egg-shells filled with sweet things, or she may find her house invaded and herself placed gently in her bath. To pass through the streets of Lima is to insure a drenching, either from those very convenient balconies or from the brawny negress who coolly awaits your coming with a pail of water, which she empties right over you. In the country the object is the same, but the means sometimes differ. At Matucana a poor little Cholo, coming along with a few potatoes, is seized and laid lengthwise in the stream which runs by the side of the railway. Another, who has "played" oftener, stands knee-deep in the same stream, with a calabash, and to her descends a man with a wooden bucket, and for half an hour they dash water at each other, resting at intervals to recover breath. Here a gentleman has a handful of bitter herbs, which he rubs into the teeth and mouth of his lady-love, while that lady's friends dexterously insert between his shirt and skin a handful of nettles. But she does not escape harmless, for, just as she has planted the nettles well home, her mouth is filled with blue mixed into a paste. They seem to enjoy it.

Clara Morris' Boston Experience.

Boston Advertiser, 15th.

A few minutes after the curtain fell upon the second act of "Miss Multon" at the Boston theatre last night, Mr. Shewell, made up as M. Beiin, the venerable tutor of the Delmar family, appeared before the footlights. He prefaced a few remarks to the audience by saying that he had a painful duty to perform, and that he was called upon to make one of the most remarkable announcements ever made from any stage. He then went on to say that Miss Morris deemed the piece insufficiently prepared, and that she declined to proceed with it for fear of not doing herself justice. The part of Miss Multon, Mr. Shewell explained, is largely dependent for its effect upon elaborate display, which, in its turn, depends upon the assisting action of the supporting artists. The Boston theatre company had rehearsed the play some four or five times—being as many times as it had been possible to arrange—while in New York about six weeks had been given to its preparation. Another and most thorough rehearsal would be given on Tuesday morning, and the audience were at liberty either to have their money refunded or to exchange their tickets for others for this (Tuesday) evening. No strong demonstration of any kind followed, but Mr. Shewell was applauded as he closed, and the audience slowly dispersed.

AN EMPTY TRUNK IN BALTIMORE.

Twelve Thousand Dollars' Worth of Jewelry Put Into a Car in Worcester.

From the New York Sun.

William B. Kerr, an experienced salesman for Alling Bros. & Co., jewelers, 170 Broadway, went to Worcester, Mass., last week, to receive $12,000 worth of jewelry that had been made there for his employers. The jewelry was put into a small case, and then locked in a "traveling salesman's trunk," a trunk of extraordinary strength.

Mr. Kerr rode on Friday morning to the depot in Worcester and had the trunk checked for Hartford. When he presented his check in Hartford the baggage-master handed him a worn black traveling bag that had the duplicate of his check. The bag contained a sack of salt and four oranges. Having ascertained by telegraph that his trunk had undoubtedly been put on the train at Worcester, Mr. Kerr came to this city. His employers informed Superintendent Walling of their loss, and Detective Dunn was ordered to search for the trunk and the thieves.

He learned that the trunk was delivered to a small, dark, black-whiskered and mustached man, accompanied by a tall, well-developed, light-complected man. The smaller man gave the baggage-master a duplicate of the check on the trunk, and the trunk was taken to a coupe, and the men drove to the Putnam house. The smaller man got out, registered as Charles Brewster, of Providence, R. I., and paid for a room for the night. Then he directed the porter to take the trunk to the room assigned to him. "Brewster" came down stairs within a quarter of an hour, lounged about the restaurant and sitting-room for about half an hour, and then went out. Shortly afteward a coupe stopped at the door of the hotel, and the driver gave the clerk a request from "Brewster," penciled on a card, for the trunk. The porter aided the driver in putting the trunk on the coupe, and the former drove away.

The trunk was taken to the Twenty-third street office of the Adams Express Company, and the expressage on it to Baltimore was paid. Detective Dunn's next discovery was made on Monday, that the trunk was in the express company's office, not having been called for. Accordingly, he went to Baltimore on Monday night, but on opening the trunk yesterday he found it empty. The inference is that "Brewster" rifled the trunk in the Putnam house, and sent it to Baltimore to decoy inquisitive detectives from his hiding place in this city.

"Just after I had received my check in Worcester," Mr. Kerr says, "an ill-looking fellow, answering the description of 'Brewster,' checked a travel-stained black bag. A moment later he returned to the baggage-room and asked permission to take something out of his bag; and although the company forbids a baggagemaster to give any one, except his assistant, permission to enter the baggage-room, Baggage-master Stickney gave it to the ill-looking man. The latter fumbled his bag suspiciously, taking it to different parts of the baggage-room, and then came out. He probably transferred his check to my trunk."

Detective Glitzow, of the Erie railway, says that the men who stole Mr. Kerr's trunk are the men that he is tracking for the robbery of a trunk containing the trousseau, valued at $1,000, of Mrs. Kate Server, the bride of a merchant of this city. Mr. Server checked his wife's trunk in Buffalo on the 25th of March. In the Buffalo baggage-room the thieves transferred the check on their own worthless bag to Mrs. Sever's trunk, and her check to their bag. After the train arrived in Bath they obtained Mrs. Server's trunk, put it on a carriage, and, taking it to a neighboring hamlet, plundered it. Detective Glitzow arrested them, but the livery stable proprietor in Bath declining to swear to their identity, they were discharged.—*New York Sun.*

Fire in St. Paul, Minnesota.

[By Telegraph to the National Republican.]

CHICAGO, May 16.—A St. Paul special says schollenberg, Berkster & Co.'s saw-mill, at Stillwater, was burned this morning. Loss, $60,000.

The aggregate of naval vessels belonging to the various countries in Europe was, in 1876, 2,000, of which 208 were ironclad. They carried 200,000 men and 15,000 guns. In addition to these 110 vessels were under construction. England possessed the greatest number of ships, then followed in order France, Russia, Turkey, Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway and Portugal.

So infectious was the marriage ceremony of a couple in Keokuk the other day that the bridesmaid and groomsman promptly made the preliminary agreement and were united in wedlock the same evening.

Scenes in Cairo.

The traveler who desires to see the Mohammedan at home cannot do better than to seek him in Cairo, and he finds in the narrow, picturesque streets of the old part of the town scenes of interest which he may seek in vain elsewhere. When he emerges into the modern quarters the change is remarkable. Though all the tyranny of the Turks has not sufficed to alter the indelible characteristics of the place, and though the wide squares, the fountains, the gardens, the arcades, the watered roads, the rows of villas have a half-French look, the people who crowd every thoroughfare are as unlike anything European as they can be.

Here, a long string of groaning camels, led by a Bedouin in a white capote, carries loads of green clover or long fagots of sugar-cane. There half a dozen blue-gowned women squat idly in the middle of the roadway. A brown-skinned boy walks about with no clothing on his long, lean limbs, or a lady smothered in voluminous draperies rides by on a donkey, her face covered with a transparent white veil, and her knees nearly as high as her chin.

A bullock cart, with small wheels, which creak horribly at every turn, goes past with its cargo of treacle jars. Hundreds of donkey boys lie in wait for a fare, myriads of half-clothed children play lazily in the gutters, turbaned Arabs smoke long pipes and converse energetically at the corners, and every now and then a pair of running footmen, in white shirts and wide, short trousers, shout to clear the way for a carriage in which, behind half-drawn blinds, some fine lady of the vice-regal harem takes the air. She is accompanied, perhaps, by a little boy in European dress, and by a governess or nurse, whose bonnet and French costume contrast strangely with the veiled figure opposite.

A still greater contrast is offered by the appearance of the women who stand by as the carriage passes, whose babies are carried astride on the shoulder, or sometimes in the basket so carefully balanced upon the head. The baskets hardly differ from those depicted on the walls of the ancient tombs, and probably the baby, entirely naked and its eyes full of black flies, is much like what its ancestors were in the days of the Pharaohs.

In the inner quarters of the town the scenes are much the same, only that there is not so much room for observing them; for the streets are seldom wider than Paternoster Row, and the traveler who stops to look about him is roughly jostled by Hinlad the porter, with his heavy bale of carpets, or the uncle of Aladin, with his basket of copper lamps, or the water-carrier, clanken his brazen cups, with an immense skin slung round his stooping shoulders.—*London Saturday Review.*

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