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Mr. Gladstone's Library.

Mr. Gladstone's study at Harward Castle is rather curiously arranged. The walls are covered with books, and volumes are also massed in large shelves jutting out from the walls into the room.

Diminutive People.

At Cassville, Barry county, I became acquainted with Samuel Gilmore, a farmer, 40 years of age, who is only two feet nine inches tall and weighs forty-six pounds.

A Woman's opinion of Man.

Mrs. Duniway, of the New Northwest, at a literary reunion at Salem, Oregon, "toasted the gentlemen as follows: "God bless 'em! They have our joys, they double our sorrows, they treble our expenses, they quadruple our cares, they excite our magnanimity, they increase our self-respect, they awake our enthusiasm, they arouse our affections, they control our property, and out manoeuvre us in everything.

"As husbands, they are always convenient, though not always on hand; as beaux, they are by no means 'matchless.' They are most agreeable visitors; they are handy at State fairs, and indispensable at oyster saloons. They are splendid as escorts for some other fellow's wife or sister, and as friends, they are far better than women. As our fathers, they are inexpressibly grand. A man may be a failure in business, a wreck in constitution, not much to boast of as a beauty, nothing as a wit, less than nothing as a legislator for woman's rights, and even not very brilliant as a member of the press; but if he is our own father, we overlook his shortcomings and cover his peccadilloes with the divine mantle of charity. Then as our husbands, how we love to parade them as paragons! In the sublime language of the inspired poet:

"We'll lie for them, We'll cry for them, And if we could, we'd fly for them— We'd anything but die for them."

Items Illustrating the Pleasures of Editorial Life in the West.

A NEW DEPARTMENT.—Next week we shall begin the publication of an agricultural department in the Kicker, thus making a year's subscription ten times as valuable as at present, without increasing the cost to subscribers. We have made arrangements with a tender-foot who struck the town without a cent to take charge of the new department. He is a sailor by trade, and we now have him out in the country learning the difference between a coyote and a Hubbard squash. He may make a few blunders on the go-off, as he sticks to it that potatoes ought to grow on trees, and that wheat grows wrong end up, but he's a hummer and will get there by and by. Remember, this department does not increase the subscription price at all. We are simply trying to publish a paper worth one hundred dollars a year for two dollars.

COME AGAIN.—If there is a more courteous gentleman in all the great West than Colonel Dubif we should like to have his address. We referred to the Colonel the other day as an unhung thief. It was only our way, but he took exception and called at the office on Tuesday and knocked us down. The blow was delivered in the most genteel manner, and was not accompanied with any verbal utterances to shock our sensibilities. Neither did the Colonel gouge our eyes or chew our ears after we were down. He was cool, calm and composed, and we freely admit that we got up with an increase of fifty per cent. in respect for him. Our nose was skinned and we knocked an auction bill into "pi" as we fell, but we have no grudge to satisfy. The Colonel could do no less, and we are thankful he did no more. We shall be pleased to see him again.

NOT DISAPPOINTED.—The Common Council has awarded the city printing to the Weekly Tom Cat, as was expected, and that dishrag of a sheet is giving us the grand crow. We are not disappointed. We put in the lowest bid, and we have the largest circulation, but the aldermen owed us one. The Kicker has recorded and exposed them as forgers, gamblers and thieves, and they do not think of us with kindness. And too, they were under lasting obligations to the raw-boned, knock-kneed, bow-backed, cross-eyed old hyena who runs the opposition paper. Had he not been a member of the last grand jury every mother's son of 'em would have gone to prison. We have no tears to shed, gentlemen. You are on top just now, but wait a few weeks. We are working up your pedigrees, and Billy Pinkerton is coming this way in October!

LET HIM GO.—J. Y. Z. Hopkins, familiarly known to our citizens as "The Young Crowbar of the Rockies," called at the office yesterday and stopped his paper, because, as he explained, "it had no literary merit." We are glad to be rid of him. He hasn't got brains enough to appreciate a good thing when its held under his nose. No literary merit! Great Scotts, but how some people are built! We have been looking over the last three numbers and we find that they average three murders, two hangings, five robberies, two elopements and two shipwrecks each, and the testimonials of those who have been cured of consumption, gone and rheumatism are not slow reading by any means. While we are glad to see Mr. Hopkins go, we shall keep an eye on his future movements. If he has escaped from some Eastern idiot asylum our people ought to know it.

THANKS.—Our thanks are due Mrs. General Shuff for a peck of beautiful onions, sent in a day or two ago. Also to Mrs. Judge Hendricks for six toothsome sandwiches and several pickles. Also to Major has two pounds of but, and Coleman in am. It is gen Democratic nominee. board our Only four of the five Su with eaches were at Shreveport. It with as if they don't like a visit without air country consins much. P. S. All bench is rarely ever exense the of New Orleans. week. The mentioned atterson the greatest man and tariff reformer ink by is on the stump for

latter to run too freely. We have added some pulverized clay to the lot, and expect the ink to stiffen up before our next issue.—Detroit Free Press.

Plagiarism.

Our talented friend Capt E. E. Kidd of the Jackson Patriot gives some young man the following wholesome advice under the above heading:

We received for publication this week an original composition, one of Lord Byron's finest poems. The love-lorn youth who attempted this fraud is reminded to his mamma's apron strings. My dear boy you should reflect that it is an editor's duty to know every thing and that he is the hardest man to fool in the world. But the idea of putting your own initials to a well known poem by Lord Byron and attempting to pass it as your own, indicates a degree of verclandy that is extraordinary in this day and time. Judging from your hand-writing you are at least sixteen years old and have had some advantages of education and ought to know better. The lesson we are now teaching you, we know is severe but it will do you good. "Thou shalt not steal," is one of God's commands, and applies to literature as well as to hogs. Write and send us something original and we will gladly publish it. We will suggest to you as a subject, "Plagiarism." Hunt up the meaning of the word, its derivation &c., read Edgar Allen Poe on Longfellow as a plagiarist—think of your own attempted sin and you will then be somewhat prepared to indite an article on the subject. You probably will not take this advice and we therefore will give you this parting injunction: Gull all the rest of the world but never try to fool an editor.

Bismark's Weighing Machine

Close by the side of Prince Bismark's bath is a weighing chair, covered with red velvet of the most modern construction, and the great German Minister never fails to "try his weight," at least once a day, or to record the result of his trial in the small diary he keeps attached by a string to the arm of the weighing chair for the purpose. There was a time when the Prince scaled the somewhat gargantuan weight of two hundred and forty-seven pounds, but "much has happened since then," as his late friend Lord Beaconsfield once remarked. And among other things the Prince has taken not to "banting," but to a more recent system of dealing with ones "too, too solid flesh." Thanks to determined perseverance in the system, the German Chancellor was recently able to announce at the breakfast table, in a tone of triumph, that that morning only weighed one hundred and ninety pounds. Europe, which has such a deep interest in Prince Bismark's continued life and good health, will do well, if possible, to secure for information a daily return of the weights recorded in the Chancellor's little diary.—London Figaro.

Care of Harness.

Much money is wasted annually for want of care of harness. It is so easy to hang them up in the stable, where the fumes of ammonia and dust from the horses readily reach them, that few carry them to a separate and clean room. Oiling should be done about twice each year. Take apart, soak well in warm water, scrape with a brush, and leave until dry on the outside, but yet soft and pliable. Rub in thoroughly a heavy coat of genuine neatsfoot oil, with a little beeswax and glycerine, melted in it, and enough lampblack to color it. Let it dry in a cool, shady place until the oil is all soaked in. Three days are better than one. Then rub off with a rag or sponge dampened with thick castile soapsuds. Never oil without having the harness damp, and never hang in the sun or by the stove to soak the oil in.—Courier Journal.

A new reporter was sent to investigate a rumor that a well-known citizen had become insane. The next morning the following paragraph appeared in the paper: "There was a report yesterday that something was the matter before Sander's head. It is as Blaine has always been, state." "Wag in it." The younger Benj had there and in this statement, there is, how differently many things, though looking from same geographic standpo

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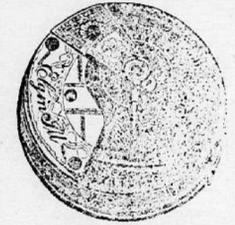
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