hands, because he did not want us to think

us where the gang made their headquarters,

would swing before noon to-morrow."
"And what did he say to that?"

"That I would hang an innocent man, and that perhaps it would not be the first

"I suppose he meant Bailey; and some-

times I think that perhaps the man had

"Whether he had or not he was a villain

that the world was better for being rid of;"

and having uttered this sage opinion, the

Leaving the judge and his companions to

drink and further discuss the fate of their prisoner, we will look into the cabin of the

former and see how it fares with its in-

It stood near the centre of the straggling

It was divided into three apartments-two

small sleeping rooms and a large kitchen; and in the latter, before a bright blazing

fire sat Sam Jones, the man to whom was

confided the safe keeping of the prisoner.

The night was cool and he apparently had

come to the conclusion that some other

warmth was needed besides that afforded

by the fire; for on a bench near him sat a bottle which every now and then be had re-

course to, and which seemed to afford him

a vast deal of satisfaction. While thus

caring for himself he did not forget the

comfort of the prisoner-for, once or twice

during the evening, he had gone to the

door, and opening it a little way had asked

him to drink, an invitation that had often

been refused.

There was another inmate of the kitchen

who also had the welfare of the prisoner at heart. This was Katie Larkin, the judge's

only daughter. With a face so pale that it

looked almost like death she was moving

around, preparing supper for the captive and his guard. Her father had said on go-

ing out that he should sup at the lavern,

but she was to see that those who remain

ed behind were well fed. This duty she

was trying to perform, and also striving as

best she could to hide from her companion

Her task was ended at last. The repast

was ready, and set upon the table covered

with a snow white cloth. The good de-

was at the moment paying his attention to, and moved toward the table upon which

was laid only one plate, which he no soon-

me company? Put on another plate and

er noticed than he exclaimed:

the agitation that convulsed her frame,

othing to do with that affair."

Coming out, I told him he might

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The dreamy Summer days were long, The waving grass was green, On stalwart England's sunny fields A battle fierce had been. The wild flowers, formed to hold the dew

While blooming in the dell, wans atcoming in the dell, Pett their white cups filled high with blood. That day, and shrinking fell. And many an insect, which from leaves. And harmless hereb had gained. Its colors bright, by dytog men. That day anew was stained

And feeing from that field of death, Nor during to turn back, Had marked its wild, affrighted way With an unnatural track. The painted butterfly, which backed In the warm sunlight there,

In the warm smalight there,
Upon its gilded wings tock blood
Into the Summer air.
The ground a quagmire fout became
Ere that dread day was done,
Whose one prevailing hue still lowered
And glimmered at the sun.
Int, Oh! from us may Heaven keep
The knowledge of the sight. The knowledge of the sight The slowly rising moon beheld Upon the field that night, When coming up above the line Of distant rising ground, Softened and blurred by trees she rose

And calmly looked around-failed up into the quiet sky And looked upon the plain With upturned faces thickly strewn, The faces of the stain

Would watch and wait in vain May pitzing Heaven the knowledge, too, Keep back from every mind The secrets whispered afterwards Upon the tainted wind, Of that night's death and agony ; But many a moon was bright, And many a star kept mournful watch Above that field by night, And many a wind from every point

Blow over it by day, Before the traces of the light Had all been worn away, But Nature searcth far above The evil hearts of men, And soon upon the battle-ground When it was innocent and pure

As in the days of yore. The larks sang high, the swallows skimmed And fitted to and fro;
The shadows of the flying clouds
O'er it did swiftly go,
O'er grass and corn and turnip-field, O'er roof and spire and wood, Where 'mong the trees the nestling town In slumbrous quiet stood; Away, to where earth's borders seem

To meet the evening sky; Away, into the distance bright Where the red sunsets die. The crops were sown and gathered in, The stream which once ran red Now turned a bustling watermitt, Forgetful of the dead

And would of barns and granaries Have been the garnered store, And would on hearths of quiet homes

Have risen up, and e'en The cradled infant and its nurse

Which glided swiftly by, And with the forms of dying men

Have piled the rickyard high,

And filled the blooming orchards And the green grass-covered dell, So altered was this battle-ground Where countless thousands fell,

The Leisure Hour.

A RUSE FOR LIFE.

position and evidently with the same in

must have respect for that; and it is my duty to see that all in this settlement ob-

for a horse-thief any time."

GUILFORD, Feb. 28th, 1872.

"Judge,"

on the spot."

ing goard."

They would have floated with the stream

Have started up between.

got up."
"I don't feel like eating tonight," said the Gleaners in groups were seen While herds of sheep and cattle there girl, "My head aches; and I think I shall go to bed soon. The prisoner's supper is while across of size-p and cattle there Grazied in the pastures; reen. Smoke from the cottage chimneys rose, The Sabhath belle rang out, And many a childah vices was heard In whoop and call and shout. Old people lived and p seed away, And Time's oblivious tid-

man, drawing up to the table, and com-mencing a fierce attack upon the viands. And rime's convenience in the Swept o'er this bloody battle-ground. Where many thousands died. But could that slaughtered host have risen and be refused; and now he may wait until I get done. By to-morrow noon it won't make much difference to him wheth-Upon that field again, Have stood in their own forms upon er he eats first or last tonight." The spot where they were slain, lashed, ghastly soldiers would have stared The girl gave a perceptible shudder at In at each cottage door,

n, as you say, it is probably the last one he will ever eat on earth. Can-

not I carry it to him? I would like to see how he bears up under his misfortune." "The judge told me to let no one into the room until he came back; but I don't suppose he meant to keep you out if you had a notion to go in. I'll run the risk, any way: so go ahead with it if you want to."

"I'll make it all right with father," an-wered Katie, as she took up the dishes with a trembling hand and turned toward the door, while a faint red glow burned or her pale cheek. Removing the rude fastenings that had been extemporized for the co "It would have been enough sight better ion, she entered the room and the door closed behind her.

to have set him dangling at the end of a rope at once, Judge, in my way of think-A light was burning on the shelf, revealng. 'Taint no use to show any mercy to ng the prisoner sitting on a rude bench in m scoundrels when we once get them our clutches," exclaimed a tall, rawone corner of the apartment, his elbows esting on his knees and his face buried in ned man, standing by a bar and holding his hands; and so occupied was he with in his hand a glass of whisky that he was he gloomy thoughts that weighed down on the point of tossing off, and addressing his spirit, as he reflected upon his terrible another individual standing in the same situation, that he heard not the light footsteps of Katle, until she was standing beent, and who in the new settlement was fore him and had called in a low volce-

the head man and rejoiced in the title of "William !" With a start the young man looked up "Brown is right," echoed at least a dozen and a look of joyful surprise for a momen other volces from the group assembled about beamed upon his face as he saw who his them. "Hanging at once, is good enough visitor was; but it died away as he noted the pale, sad face bent down upon him. "But the law, men, the law," said the "Katie, I am so glad you have come," he judge, draining his glass without stopping for breath during the operation. "We

said. She set down his supper upon a table lines of the man and horse could be close beside him, and then stood gazing ly discerned, and Jim Jones prop down upon his upturned face, with sorrowserve it. Now, you all know as well as I ful eyes. do, that to have strung the man up to-night "Katie, Katle, speak to me. You do not

without any sort of a trial would have think me the villain they have taken me been showing disrespect to a power that we for 911 must all observe. To-morrow we will try his case; and then you may hang him as The words were spoken earnestly, bu not so lond that they could have reached the ears of the guard without, had he been oon as you please, only I wish it was his

pascally father that was to swing instead of on the alert. "William, are you innocent? Tell me "So do I," said the tall man, named the truth, as you hope for pardon from your God. Do you, or do you not, belong Brown, who had first spoken; "but as be gave us the slip the boy must take his to this gang of which your father is the place. He is a chip of the old block; and there is no use standing up for him. With "As "As I hope for happiness here and

my own eyes, I saw him ride off with that hereafter, I am innocent of the crime sorrel mare of mine; and I sent a bullet of horse stealing. Today I was caught after him that I wish had gone through his with some of the gang, as we were out on impish young soul. My fingers itched, a hunt; and I purposely left their company when I had hold of him, to strangle him and allowed my captors to come up. They would not believe but that I was a horse shall pull to-morrow, Brown, if thief; and one man even went so far as to you think that will help pay for the mare; swear he had plainly seen me ride off with but he's my prisoner to-night, and as such, a horse that belonged to him. This madyou will respect him. We know that he is dened the whole party; and, had it not guilty, but we must have a trial-a form of been for the presence of the judge they one at least, and then you shall say when you will string him up. He's as safe as was, they brought me here; and to-morrow though the breath was choked out of him; I suppose, I must die; though they have for my cabin is strong and Jones is stand-I have always known as father. Bad as he "How does he take it, Judge? or sin't is, that I'll never do. Were it not for my you seen him since we shut him up?"
"Of course I've seen him and questioned mother, I would not care how soon I am dangling from some tree. For her sake I him about the gang; but he denies belong-ing to it, although he acknowledged that have staid in the company I have until i has led me to this. Once Kate, I had hoped his father is somehow connected with them. | to win your hand; but the dream is over-His being in their company to-night, he A son of a horse-thief is no mate for you, says was by accident, and that he lingered behind and allowed himself to fall into our be—who can say where?"

"William, I believe what you have said : him as guilty as the others. I held out a chance of his getting off if he would tell help it. I fear my father has made a terrible mistake before this; and, if possible, I'll save your life, and him from commitbut this he refused to do, saying he would not betray his friends if they had broken ting a terrible crime. But promise me this: that you will leave the connections to whom as well make his peace with Heaven, forbe you have been bound, and this part of the country at once. Five years from hence, if you come to claim me and are worthy, I'll

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worthy of you when I come back, as I
aurely will it I live. But how am I to esespe?" A footstep in the kitchen startled them; and, for a few moments they conversed in a whisper. The guard was through his supper and had moved again to the fireplace and to the companionship of his betile. Ten minutes later he advanced judge turned to the bar, and ordered his glass replenished. empty dishes -- also a small bundle which, however, he did not see. She reported all right within; and after carefully securing the door he returned to his seat, while Ka tie, after clearing off the table, retired to

twice he straightened himself up and made an effort as though he would shake it off, But he failed in the attempt; and at last his head fell upon his breast and he slept Through the half-ope n door Katle Lar-

kin had been watching his every motion; and when at last she saw that he slept, she came out into the kitchen and moved nob lessly across the room out into the night. the guard had not been awakened, she passed around the end of the cabin to the ruce barn that contained the two horses that were owned by her father. To saddle and bridle the fleetest of them was to her the work of a few moments, accustomed as she was to perform the task; and then she led the creature out slowly, so as to make as little noise as possible, and fastened it beneath the deep shade of a large tree that tood close to the cabin.

Then, with a glance toward the tavern from which the lights were gleaming, she again passed into the kitchen where the guard was still nodding before the tire. Aroused by her footsteps he tried 40 shake off the drowsiness that oppressed him, and half awake, he saw her pass into her own room. Rising to his feet he again examin ed the fastening of the door that led into the prisoner's apartment, and then return ed to his seat, evidently determined to keep his eyes open, judging from the efforts

signed for the prisoner was set out by itself in readiness. Jones set down the bottle be Never had the moments seemed so long to Katle Larkin as they did for the next fifteen minutes, as she stood in her own little room, hoping and praying that the guard would again soon lose bimself in sleep. To her it seemed as though he never would "What Katle! ain't you going to keep Slowly did the moments pass, and the hope that had risen in her heart died away and a help me eat this capital supper you have terrible fear took possession of her-that after all she would not be able to save the life of the man she loved, and whom she knew to be innocent of the crimes charged against him. To fail now was terrible; and she stood with this great fear at her heart, watching his every motion. In spite of all his efforts, the man found all ready. Ain't you going to carry it in?"
"Not till I've had mine," answered the

"Twice tonight I've offered him a drink, and he refused; and now he may wait unhis breast, and be was unconscious of what was passing about him, and unmindful of the charge that had been committed to his care. To him it seemed as though he had lost himself but a moment, when he | 1791. His father, the Rev. Jedidiah Morse "It seems a pity that his supper should pear out of doors. Of course, it could be could when as you say it is probable none other than the prisoner; and with a cry of alarm he sprang after him just as the figure before him leaped upon a horse and dashed violently up the road past the tayern where the indge and his companions. were still discussing the fate of the prison-er, startling them from their cups and oringing them to the door just in time to hear the shout of Sam Jones to stop the prisoner, who had e caped from his custo dy. With a volley of oaths the judge and his companions dashed out into the road; but they were too late. Mounted on the indge's powerful sorrel, the rider went past

him like the wind, "Out with your horses!" shouted the ludge. "After him, boys! and if we can catch the young villain, we'll string him up to the first tree we come to."

In a very few moments the whole party inted and in full pursuit, the judge at their head; and for half an hour the chase was kept up without apparently gaining on the object of their break-neck ride. At the end of that time, Jim Brown, who was in the advance, exclaimed --"We are gaining, Judge. The young

seamp don't know how to ride that sorrel of "That he don't," said the judge, as anx ious for the credit of his horse as he was to overtake the rider. "If he had he would have left us a long way behind before this, rapidly upon the horseman before them; and at last they were so near that the out lines of the man and horse could be plain send a pistol bullet after him. But to this the judge sternly objected. It might injure the horse instead of the rider; and he rould not run the risk. A little longer at this rate and they would have him in their

power again, The judge was right. Despite the efforts of the fugitive the distance between them grew less and less each moment; and be fore many miles from the settlement had been gone over Jim Brown was alongside, and with his brawny arm pulted him from his borse, reining in his own at the same "Safe again, my bird," exclaimed the set-

tler, as he gave him a rough shake; "and ow we'll hang you as we would a dog. "Yes, string him up," exclaimed the judge. "A little more and I should have lost my so rel, that is worth a cool hundred. No need of a trial now, for we have caught him in the act." "Give me the halter off my horse," ex-claimed Brown. "It will answer to stretch

is neck as well as anything we have here," One of the men obeyed, and a noose was ade and slipped over the head of their rictim, and the other end was thrown over low branch of a tree beneath which they "Say a prayer if you want to," said the "You have not five minutes to

During this time the prisoner had not spoken or uttered a sound; but now a voice same to their ears that caused them o start and totry to piece the gloom about

"You would not hang your Kaile, would you, father 7"

The judge was the first to find his tongue.
"What is the name of all that is wonder-

have followed you here tonight?" with his life, father," said Katle, laying her hand upon his arm, while Jim Brown hastily removed the balter from her neck. "William Babcolm was innocent of the charge you brought against him; and I employed this ruse to effect his escape. By this time he is far away, and all pursuit on your part is useless. Come, let us go home now."

The judge never attered a word, but helped his daughter to the back of sorrel; but Jim, finding his tongue, exclaimed—
"But how in nater did you do it? Did
you bribe Sam to let him out?" "No, Sam knew no more about it than

And then in a very few words, she told | dis them how she had put them on the wrong sent; but she did not say that when she left the house he was still there, and that It stood near the centre of the straggling village and was the largest and most pretentions of any, as it well should be, to be the common to the strangest and most pretentions of any, as it well should be, to be the common to the strangest and most pretentions of any, as it well should be, to be the common to the same time she had unfastened the door of his room at the same time she had unfastened the same time she had unfas follow her, and so give him a chance to escape. Nor did she tell them of her putting on the garments she had brought from his

> their place.
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> Before the five years had rolled around,
> Before the five years had rolled around.
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> The difficulties, however, were not yet It had thereased to importance, and the udge had come to bless his child that she | ing the wires in lead pipes buried in the had saved him from a crime that he would have regretted to his dying day. At the expiration of that time, William Babcolm none of the parties laid ever cause to regret the ruse for life.

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For editors do not like to print An acticle larily long, And the general reader does not care For a couple of yards of song; So gather your wits in the smallest space, If you'd win the author's crown, And every time you write, my friend,

PROF. MORSE.

The New York Tribune of Monday con tains the following sketch of Professor F. S. B. Morse, the inventor of the electr telegraph, whose death occurred in the

city on Tuesday evening, April 2: Samuel Finley Breese Morse was born in Charlestown, Mass., on the 27th of April this allusion to the fate of the prisoner, and her face, if it were possible, grew a shade paler; but she mastered her consistence as she could assume—

Institute the fate of the prisoner, and her face, if it were possible, grew a shade paler; but she mastered her consistence as she could not be sprang to his feet just in time to see a man rosh past his seat—so near that his clothes brushed against him—and disappeared as manner as she could assume—

Institute for the first Congregational of invention have mankind been so prompt the first Congregational and heavy in honoring their benefator. All the principal nations of Europe gave the controversial disputes of the day, and a shining light of the Orthodox party in their three controversial disputes of the fate of the first Congregational and bearing in hearing the first congregational and heavy in honoring their benefator. All the principal nations of Europe gave the controversial disputes of the fate of the first Congregational and heavy in honoring their benefator. All the principal nations of Europe gave thin tokens of distinction. So early as 1848 full the principal nations of Europe gave the controversial disputes of the fate of the first Congregational and heavy in honoring their benefator. All the principal nations of Europe gave the controversial disputes of the fate for the first Congregational and heavy in honoring their benefator. All the principal nations of Europe gave the fate of invention have mankind been so prompt the fate for the first Congregational and heavy in honoring their benefator. All the principal nations of Europe gave the fate of invention have mankind been so prompt to the first Congregational and heavy in their three fates and shade of invention have mankind been so prompt to the fates of invention have mankind been so prompt to the fates of invention have mankind been so prompt to the fates of invention have mankind been so prompt to the fates of invention have mankind been so prompt to the fates of invention have mankind been so struggle against Unitarianism. He is best the Sulian presented him a decorntion set indige, eachineal, teas and silk. Vast herds however, as the author of a series of geo graphical text books, which for thirty years were adopted almost universally i our schools, and were extensively reprinted in England and on the continent, Mr. Morse has been called indeed the father of American geography, for he was the first laborer in this field of science, and a large eart of the material for his works was gath red by personal research and travel. Samiel was graduated at Yale in 1810, and having resolved to become a painter, went the next year to Eugland with Washington Aliston, to study under his tuition and that of Senjamin West, He showed a decided talent for art, and produced a model of a dying Hercules, which gained for him a Britain gave him a banquet in London. In gold medal from the Adelphi Society o Arts; but Providence had reserved him for other uses than those of the pencil and the chisel, and though he always retained his early fondness for aesthetic pursuits, and even made a second voyage to Europe i 1829 to complete his studies in the chief cit ies of the continent, he can hardly be said to have really adopted art as his pro-He was one of the founders of the Nationil Academy of Design in 1826; he was its first President; he was about the same time cturer on the fine arts at the New York Athenæum; and during his second resisorship of the literature of the arts of design in the University of the City of New York. It was on the voyage home in 1832 United States and Canada.

to enter upon the duties of this position that he conceived the great invention to which he owes his world-wide fame. Ever since his college days be had dabbled a little in chemistry. The new discoveries in the science of electro-magnetism had an especial attraction for him, and he had dissed them over and over a ain with his friend, Prof. J. F. Dana. On board the Havre packet Sally, which brought him home in October, 1832, the subject formed one day a topic of conversation among the passengers. Dr. Charles Jackson of Boson described an experiment recently made in Paris, by means of which electricity had stantaneously been transmitted through a great length of wire. "If that is so," said Morse, "I see no reason why message may not be instantaneously transmitted by electricity," Before the packet reached New York the invention of the telegraph was virtually made, and even the essential features of the electro-magnetic transmitting and recording apparatus, were sketched upon paper. Of course in reaching this result Morse made use of the ideas and discoveries of many other minds. No great | vincible determination-a purpose once invention ever sprang complete and per-fect from any one brain. Various forms of quality will do anything that can be done telegraphic intercourse - had been studied by savans for many years; Franklin even | stances, no opportunities will make a two | Columbia road, will sail for Europe on the had experimented with the transmission of | legged creature a man without it.-Sidney electricity through great lengths of wire. Smith. It was reserved for Morse to combine the results of many fragmentary and unsuccessful attempts, and put them, after years as in case of sickness, a dull light is wished, of trial, to a practical use; and though his or whon matches are mislaid, put powdered claims to the invention have been many salt on the candle till it reaches the black times attacked, in the press and in the courts, they have been triumphantly vindicated alike by the law and the verdict of by a small piece of candle.

The judge and his companions were spell | the people both at home and abroad. Part bound. The voice was that of Katle Lar-kin; and it was trapossible to mistake it. by Mr. Morse, in New York, before the close of the year, but it was not until 1835 that he succeeded in putting up an experiful does this mean? Why is it that we mental line, consisting of half a mile of wire stretched around and around a room, "That an innocent man might escape | and exhibiting a telegraph in actual operation. With this instrument he could send and record a message only in one direction. By 1837 be had a duplicate apparatus, and now he gave greater publicity to his scheme by an exhibition at the University. The invention attracted a great deal of interest, but very few persons could be persuaded of its financial value. At the close of the year Mr. Morse went to Washington and asked for an appropriation to build a tele-graph line from Washington to Baltimore. The House Committee on Commerce, the head of which was the Hon. F. O. J. Smith of Maine, gave him an attentive hearing and a favorable report, but the session passed without further action, and the disappointed inventor went to England and France. He met with no encouragement in Europe, and struggled on for four rears longer, renewing his appeal at Washthe Capitol entirely disheartened, after patiently waiting through the long day. But the next morning, to his amazement, he learned that in the hurry and confusion of speculid empire they had creeted upon the apariment when she had carried in his the midnight hour the expiring Congress supper, substituting those of her father in

urmounted. Mr. Morse proposed inclosearth-a plan which soon proved impracticable. The expense far exceeded his expectations, and he was endeavoring, with came and claimed the waiting bride; and the aid of his friend Mr. Smith of the Committee on Commerce, to devise a sort of plow that would both open and cover a trench for the pipes, when accident brought him into association with Ezra Cornell, afterward so intimately connected with the progress of the telegraph in the United States. Mr. Cornell devised a machine, drawn by a yoke of oxen, which, as it moved along, opened the ground, laid the pipe and covered it with earth; and with this, superintended by Cornell himself, the the story runs that Cornell saved him the against a rock and breaking it to pieces. The whole year was consumed in fruitless experiment, At last, when only \$7000 of sulated upon po.es.

ne colossal fortunes amassed by other men | duced, are found in great abundance. Gold medals were awarded France made him a Chevalier of the Legross of Knight of the Dannehrog; Spain | yield rich returns, he cross of Knight Commander of the Order of Isabella the Catholic. At the instance of the Emperor of the French, representative of the European States - France, Russia, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Sardinia, Tuscany, the Holy See, and Turkey-met at Paris to decide upon a colective testimonial to him, and the result of heir deliberations was a vote of 400,000 ranes. Scores of learned societies all over he world admitted him to membership, 1858, the American Colony in France en ertained him at a grand dinner in Paris, On the 29th of December, 1868, the citizens New York gave him a dinner at Delmico's. In June, 1871, a bronze statue f Prof. Morse, erected in the Central Park the voluntary contributions of telegraph imployes throughout the country, was for mally unvailed, with an address by Wm. Cullen Bryant; and in the evening a re-ception was beld at the Academy of Music, where one of the first instruments used on the original line between New York and and Washington was placed upon the stage and connected with the wires, that Prof. Morse might send, with his own hand, a word of greeting to all the cities of the

It should not be forgotten that to Prof. Morse we also owe the invention of the submarine cable. One moonlight night in October, 1842, he laid in New York harbor the first submarine telegraph, anticipating thus by more than a year and a half the actual construction of the first land line. It was only an experiment, but it enabled Prof. Morse to predict the next year in a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury the certainty of the great project which so long afterward was carried out by the energy of Cyrus W. Field,

The latter years of Prof. Morse's life were passed in quiet comfort, chiefly at his residence in Poughkeepsie. His venerable figure was often seen at public gatherlogs, and wherever he appeared he was always one of the most honored and distin-

The longer I live the more I am certain that the great difference between men, be-tween the feeble and the powerful, the length. Two-thirds of the stock of the New great and the insignificent, is energy-in- York and Boston and Dutchess and Colum fixed, and then death or victory. That are the Hop, Abiah W. Palmer, Samuel J. in the world; and no talents, no circum-

A CANDLE TO BURN ALL NIGHT.-When,

MEXICO.

At the present time, when the deplorable condition of Mexico-a country once so prosperous-is exciting the solicitous attention of statesmen and philanthropists, a brief allusion to her history and resources may not be inappropriate. Her history seems a highly colored fictitious narrative. rather than a sober, truthful record of events; presenting a series of vielsalindes without a parallel in the history of the past. From about the year 1200-the period when the Aztees, or Mexicans proper, acquired possession of the country-until the mid-die of the fifteenth century, an uninterrupted warfare was waged between then and neighboring peoples. When hostill-ties ceased, they had secured a domain whose area measured 1,690,317 square

Then commenced a period of almost uninterrupted prosperity. Agriculture was encouraged; manufactures were estabmotest portions of the country was mainlations were adopted, and a governmen ington year after year, and still hopeful in inaugurated whose code, Mr. Prescott the midst of poverty and trouble. On the last states, extinced a profound respect for the night of the results in March, 1343, he left great principles or maratty, and as clear a perception of those principles as is to be ruins of other dynasties, was destin had voted \$30,000 for his experimental es- crushed by the ambition and cupidity of

In 1518, a Spanish squadron discovered upon that brilliant but merciless crassile which resulted in its complete subjugation. From 1528 to 1808, Mexico was held in sub-Jection by Spain, and ruled by viceroys of her appointment. Then commenced revolts and insurrections, with varying success, until, in 1824, a Republic was proelaimed, and a constitution, similar to that of the United States, adopted. From that time until the present moment, with brief intervals, this ill-fated land has been the bloody theatre of anarchy and misrule. Her agricultural and mineral resources have been largely diminished; her commerce paralyzed, in consequence of the this, superintended by Cornell himself, the work was begun at Baltimore. Ten miles ment; the most flagrant abuses of person had been laid when Mr. Morse was con-vinced that the pipe would not answer, and uncertiess bandits and vindictive guerrillas have perpetrated acts of vandalism and embarassment of confessing failure by pur- violence almost unrebuked, and have osely driving the machine at full speed roamed her territory with impunity; in a word, there scarce remain a semblance of order and established government.

experiment. At last, when only \$7000 of the appropriation remained, Mr. Morse by any other on the globe, including both gave the mechanical execution of the work | the temperate and the torrid z mes; and entirely into Cornell's hands; the pipe sys- her products embrace the growths of the tem was abandoned, and the wires were in- frozen climes of the North, as well as those of the burning skies of Asia and Africa-The first message was sent on the 27th of Although her developed wealth consists May, 1844. Every part of the apparatus mainly in the product of her mines of gold, worked imperfectly, but the feasibility of the project was established, and the long struggle was over.

mainly in the product of her mines of gold, with the exception of small districts, is exuterantly fertile, and, owing to the variety of her cli-There came afterward a long series of water, there is scarcely a known product vexatious lawsuits. Morse's patents were which cannot be grown within ber terriviciated, his honors were disputed, even his integrity was assailed, and rival companies devoured for a while all the profits in others, a great variety of dyetinally overcome, and though his pocuria-ry rewards seem small in comparison with which the most valuable gums are proout of his invention, he n vertbeless ab. agricultural productions embrace not only tained a full recognition of his services to every variety necessary for the consumpthe world, and dies with the knowledge | tion of the inhabitants, but the most imthat two heurispheres spoke his name with portant articles of commerce. Among these gratitude. Rarely, indeed, in the history may be mentioned wheat, maize, beans, hlm by Prussia, Austria, and Wartemberg. and mountains: horses, asses and males abound in an undomesticated state, and numerous pertoise-shell and pearl fisheries

Irrespective of incidental considerations in which the interests of the United States are concerned, the future of Mexico is certainly a problem, the solution of which is of the deepest significance, both as it affects the welfare of her own citizens and the cause of civilization and humanity. It is richly giated with every material element of greatness, and every natural facility for the accomplishment of a glorious destiny, insurrections, which periodically desimate her population and bankrupt bernational

That the United States are deeply interested, both geographically and politically, in the speedy deliverance of Mexico from the overwhelming evils with which she is afflicted, cannot be gainsayed; but how this can be successfully accomplished, and our national honor remain untarnished, is the perplexing question. On the one hand it is proposed, in the interests of humanity, to extend the moral support and sympathy of our government to the ruling powers, in the hope that thereby the restoration of faw and order will speedily harmonize the supreme. On the other hand, it is contend ed that annexation or a protecorate is the only effectual remedy, from the fact that since the adoption of a republican form of government in 1824, her people have uniformly demonstrated their incapacity for self-government. We trust that the wisdom of our statesmen will devise so plan for the suppression of her intestine struggles, and her speedy restoration to peace and prosperity. - New York Mercan-

RAILBOAD CONSOLIDATION.—The Rutland Independent says that the following five roads have been consolidated, to wit: The New York and Boston, leading at present from New York to Carmel, Putname county, N. Y.; the Putnam and Dutchess, from Carmel to a point near Hopewell on the Dutchess and Columbia; the Dutchess and Columbia, to Millertown; the Pine Piain and Albany, leading from Pine Piain to Chatham Four Corners; and the Harlem Extension from Chatham to Rutland, Vt. length. Two-thirds of the stock of the New bia have been subscribed. The trustees Tilden, and H. H. Van Dyck, Geo. H. 6th of April to negotiate a loan for the new consolidation. An express train with drawing room ears is to be placed on the Harlem Extension Railroad, leaving New York at S A. M., and arriving in Rutland at

For appropriating its items a western paper accuses a contemporary of "wholesale

pastry.