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The afternoon and evening of April 14, 1865, were cold, raw and gusty. Dark clouds enveloped the capital, and the air was chilly, with occasional showers. Late in the afternoon I filled an appointment by calling on the president at the White House, and was told by him that he "kad had a notion" of sending for me to so to the theater that evening with him and Mrs. Limsoln, but he addach that Mrs. Lincoln had already made UP a party to take the place of General and Mus. Grant, who had somewhat unexpectedly left the city for Burlington, N. J. The party was originally planned for the purpose of taking General and Mrs. Grant to see "Onr American Ocasin" at Ford's theater, and when Grant had decided to leave Washington be (the president) had "felt inclined to give up the whole thing," but as it had been announced in the morning papers that this distinguished party would go to the theater that night Mrs. Lincoln had rather insisted that they ought to go in order that the expectant public should not be wholly disappointed.

On my way home I met Schuyler Col fax, who was about leaving for Californic, and who tarried with me on the sidewalk a little while, talking about the trip and the people whom I knew in San Francisco and Sacramento that he wished to meet. Mr Lincoln had often talked with me about the possibil ities of his eventually taking up his res idence in California after his term of office should be over He thought, he said, that that country would afford better opportunities for his two boys than any of the older states, and when he lieard that Colfax was going to Cali fornia he was greatly interested in his trip and said that he hoped that Colfax would bring him back a good report of what his keen and practiced observation would note in the country which he (Colfax) was about to see for the first

The evening being inclement, I staid within doors to purse a violent cold with which I was afflicted, and my roommate, McA, and I whiled away the time chatting and playing cards. About half past 10 our attention was attracted to the frequent galloping of cavalry or the mounted patrol past the house which we occupied on New York avenue, near the state department building. After awhile quiet was restored, and we retired to our sleeping room in the rear part of the house.

As I turned down the gas I said to my roommate: "Will, I have greesed the worn. cause of the clatter outside tonight. You know Wade Hampton has disappeared with his cavalry somewhere in the mountains of Virginia. Now, my theory of the racket is that he has raided Washington and has pounced down upon the president and has attempted to carry him off." Of course this was said jocosely and without the slightest thought that the president was in any way in danger, and my friend, in a similar spirit, banteringly replied, "What good will that do the rebs unless they carry off Andy Johnson also?" The next on my chamber door, and the voice of Mr. Gardner, the landlord, crying: "Wake, wake, Mr. Brooks! I have dreadful news."

I slipped out, turned the key of the door, and Mr. Gardner came in, pale. trembling and woe begone, like him who "drew Priam's curtain at the dead of night," and told his awful story. At that time it was believed that the president, Mr. Seward, Vice President Johnson and other members of the government had been killed, and this was the burden of the tale that was told to us. I sank back into my bed, cold and shivering with horror, and for a time it seemed as though the end of all things had come. I was aroused by the loud weeping of my comrade, who had not left his bed in another part of the room.

When we had sufficiently collected ourselves to dress and go out of doors in the bleak and cheerless April morning, we found in the streets an extraordinary spectacle. They were suddenly crowded with people-men, women and children thronging the pavements and derkening the thoroughfares. It seemed as if every body was in tears. Pale faces, streaming eves, with now and again an angry, frowning countenance, were on every side. Men and women who were strangers accosted one another with distressed looks and tearful inquiries for the welfare of the president and Mr. Seward's family. The president still lived, but at half past 7 o'clock in the morning the tolling of the bells announced to the lamenting people that he had ceased to breathe. His great and loving heart was still. The last official bulletin from the war department stated that he died at 33 minutes past 7 o'cleck on the morning of April 15.

Instantly flags were raised at half mast all over the city, the bells tolled solemnly, and with incredible swiftness Washington went into deep, universal mourning. All stores, government depertments and private offices were closed, and everywhere, on the most pretentions residences and on the humblest hovels, were the black badges of grief. Nature seemed to sympathize in the general lamentation, and tears of rain fell from the moist and somber sky. The wind sighed mournfully through streets crowded with sad faced people, and broad folds of funereal drapery flapped heavily in the wind over the decorations of the day before. - Noah Brooks in Cen-

Music resembles poetry. In each are nameless graces which no methods teach. and which a master's hand alone can reach.-Pope.

HE WAS TOO SMART.

The Experience of a Country was With

London has its confidence men, who are quite as expert as America's sayer writer in the Boston Herald Their methods are very similar. It is not worth while to record their routine comations, but one recent instance, as illustrative of their resources is amusing and instructive. An old Scotch travel ing man, who bore asmewhat the appearance of a countryman, but who knew the ropes perfectly, was accorded He decided to have some fon at the expense of the would be swindless, so be protended to fall readily in with their tatements to be a particularly easy Yatim. They bought him a splendid dinner, calling him Mr. Kenny of Dandoe-a name which they had cangut from a traveling bag which he had borrowed from a friend. He enjoyed their hospitality hugely, and are prodigionaly and expensi ely. They paid the bill, and began the usual talk about a lottery prize, etc. Then he saw it was about time to "cap their game." Said he:

"Gentlemen, I thank you for the dinner. It was very good, and I have had a very pleasant time with fon. But I won't go to see you draw your lottery prise. Oh, no! I know all about the lottery prime. My name is not Donald. Konny. It is Robert Ferguson, and I'm not from Dandee, but from Lochnoven. where I've lived with my daughter for 20 years. I am too old a fish to be caught. Good night!"

And he went his way rejuicing. Two weeks later, when he went home to his daughter in Lochnoven, one of the first things she said to him was:

"Did you get the £90 all right?" "What £20?"

Why, the £20 you telegraphed for. And it devel ped that the confidence men whom he had beaten at their own game had an ace up their sleeves, which they played after he had left them.

HE KEPT THE CHECK.

Turinan Green Morris Was Too Cuning For the Banks.

With so many bank robberies al around us it is not surprising that there should be some uneasiness among depositors. In general, however, the New Yorker has a clear head. He has faith in the Clearing House association, because he really does not quite understand the mystery of it, and he believes in his bank through thick and thin because he has seen the banks of the city stand together in support of a weakened institution. I am reminded of what happened to Green Morris, the turiman, who lived in Brooklyn and raced horses on all the tracks of the metropolitan circuit. He had a big year of winnings at Monmouth park, and received at the end of the season a check from the association for \$67,000. Eighteen months later he showed that check to me, considerably

Why, Green," I said reproachfully this check is 18 months old. What do you mean by keeping it so long? It is nearly worn out. Don't you know that a check should be deposited at once or cashed? Suppose the bank was to fail?" Green chuckled knowingly and winked as he folded it up and put it back in

his pocketbook.
"I ain't been raoin hosses for nothin these goin on nigh 20 year. I ain't got no faith in no banks. They's too much failin to suit me. That's what I've allus been afraid of, an that's why I'm holdin morning I was awakened in the early on to my check. I am't a-goin to have dawn by a loud and hurried knocking | no bank failin with my money in the safe. Besides I ain't had no use for the \$67,000, an it's jes' as easy to keep it in my pocket this way."

This same Green is worth now \$800. 000 or \$400,000, and yet cannot write his name. - New York Press.

"Christ Hath Risen."

All at once is heard in the distance the clear boom of the cannon announce ing the hour of midnight. The Russian priest, standing on the steps of the altar, swings his censer and announces in tones which penetrate to the farthest corners of the edifice, "Christos voskres" (Christ hath risen), and the people answer him with one voice. "Vo latine voskres" (In truth he hath risen). The woman standing nearest the priest lights her taper at the consecrated one presented to her by him, her neighbor in tur receives the light from her, and so on, till in a minute, as it were, the chapel was illuminated with a hundred lights.

Fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, friends and relations embraced one another, kissing three times on the forehead and either cheek and exchanging the Easter greeting. The whole congregation, then passing before the priest, did the same with him, and high mass now followed.—Chambers' Journal.

Transporting Carp.

When packing live carp for transporby poet, some authorities recommend placing in their mouths a small piece of bread, well steeped in brandy, but I de not myself approve of this plan, as I believe it tends to encourage the fish in a disastrons love for ardent spirits. The eminently respectable Dutch, on the other hand, keep carp through the winter hung up in baskets, but feed them on a blameless course of bread and milk, which the sternest moralist could not fail to approve of .- Cornhill Magazine.

Suit-able.

"My," said the shoe clerk boarder, but I did get a fine lot of sareasm from my tailor when I had to stand him off again. Still, I rather think I deserved

"In other words," gurgled the cheerful idiot, "you deem his remarks both cutting and fitting." - Indianapolis Journal.

Eves and Darkness.

ed up again."-New York Letter. Objects in a dark room cannot at first be seen by one going in from the sunlight, because the pupil of the eye has been contracted during the exposure, and cannot at once enlarge to admit sufficient rays of light to enable the individual to see clearly.

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NEW YORK CONCERN WHICH COL LECTS LEGACIES ABROAD.

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There is flourishing on a down town ast side street a Legacy Advance compaur with a counselor at French and ferman law as general manager. The offices are handsomely appointed, and apparently the business is profitable. Most of the clients of this company are of French or German birth, and if they can satisfy the general manager that they have an inheritance coming to them from Europe they may obtain from him an advance on it. The company will cither buy the inheritance ontright or it will collect it on commission. New York's foreign population is large, and many of its members are living a hand to mouth existence waiting for relatives at home to die and leave them money. The Legacy Advance commany will not discount the claims of prospective heirs because the laws in this country will not permit. In England this sort of discounting is a recognized business.

Il is were only permitted here, said the manager of the company, "there would be millions in it, but it isn't, and we don't do any of that kind of business. I know of one company in London that has made over \$7,000,000 in these discounts."

This New York company fluds tha there is business enough in collecting unieritances, and some of the men and women who ask it for aid give it phan ion chases. This is particularly true of the French claimants. They are always and on general principles expecting something from somebody. Every time the French papers automos the death of a wealthy man without heirs there is ody the side all one one busul ed of is ready to claim relationship and a part of the estate. The Legacy Advance coinpany takes no chances. When a plaimant satisfies the manager that he has a reasonable claim to an inheritance abroad and is willing to give a power of attorney to collect it, the manager cables for information to his agent in the town where the cetate happens to If he receives satisfactory evidence that the claim is a good one, he makes an advance to the heir here and seta in motion his machinery for collecting the Nicholas.

many than in France, and it is easier to of wet carpet by the side of the bad, or collect them in either country than in a strip of sheet iron, sine or copper, the United States. Moreover, it is which will feel cold to the feet. cheaper. An estate may be settled in might write a column on the subject from six weeks to three months in Gerand really say nothing more so well many, whereas in this country it would worth remembering. take a year to bring about the same sef-

"Most of the legacies that we have for collection," said the manager, "are small once ranging from 9,000 to 10,000 marks. Occasionally we have a big legany for collection, but generally big legacies prove to be myths. For instance, here is a letter that I have just received from a man in the west, who claims that the city of Amsterdam owes settled there in 1795, he says, and died, leaving a big fortune, which the city appropriated, as there were apparently no heirs to claim it. This man writes that he has at solute proof that he is an heir to this estate. Unfortunately for him, all such claims were declared void it not for that law he might be able to collect something. Who knows? As it I shall have to write and tell him so."

"Do you have many bogus claims preented to you?" "Yes, there are a good many such Sometimes the claimant himself is fooled Not long ago a well dressed man called as our office and asked us to sollect a claim for 80,000 marks from an estate that had been left in Switzerland. The mean showed us his papers identifying him, and gave us a description of the property there and a complete his-tory of it. We communicated with our agens in Switzerland and found that an cutate had been left just as this man had described, and that he was one of the heirs. We were taking the necessary steps to collect it when a tramp came into our office. He was shabbily dressed and looked as if he had been kicking around the streets for months.

"Are you collecting a legacy in Switzerland for Blank?' he asked. "We are, I answered, surprised that this man should know anything

about it. "Well, you are on the wrong track. he said, because I am Blank, and the other man for whom you are acting is a

fraud. "His appearance didn't tend to coroborate his claim, but he told substantially the same story about the estate that the other man had told, and my ouriosity was aroused. He said that the man whom we supposed to be the real all his money and his papers. Armed with the papers, he had been passing himself off as the real Mr. Blank. This tramp told such a circumstantial story that I was impressed by it. I got him a shave and then had him photographed. I sent this photograph with the details of the case to Switzerland, and my agent sent back word that the tramp was the real Mr. Blank, and that the other man's claim was fraudulent. The first

A Comparison.

"This here beer," remarked Mr. Dismal Dawson, "is what might be called a reg'lar society affair."

You don't say?" said the barkeeper. "Yes, I do. It is sorter low neck, high collar ball."-Cincinnati Tribune.

FISHERMEN OF LARRADOR They Maye Pistarasame Little Bush

A Talender Sabber Mare consists of a long, low trains better and little successor both, or "tille," at the are called. The house is sent to store and dwalling for the agent of the Newtowndiand merckant who had still up the rises. All the falsermen who occupy the title work for the losschaft and are paid for their fick in getvisions from the store.

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Newfoundiand Schlop and mining set-posts (every settlement in Newfoundland except St. John's is an esta-The sides are loss set eneight and set porting sod-covered roods-wreathe abodes at the best. Along the Sunta of Belle lale the Laborder court is fringed with a strip of source great lend, and here you may see an seek sional small verstable marties survey ed by a fish not for a From At Bland Seblon I saw a desciate little burging ground smid the swaying rushes. Mear by lay a couple of worm-out boats, bettom up, and nets spread over the ground to dry. Here, too I saw for the first time the dapper little Labrador masher a small flables craft not much larger than a dory, but with sharp prow and stern, and two masts fitted with reddish-brown salls. Those are telling bits of color when the gashers skim over the deep blue waters, with the foam streaking along their quarters and glittering in their wake. Al together it was a varied scene: the beadland, from a staff on which there finitiered the flag of the merchant who owned the "outst;" the guibers dashing in and out among the punts and jacks (stoutly built two-stickers larger than the gashers); a fishing schooner with furled sails, but with toll-stained nets streaming from her spars in an andless variety of lights and shadows, "according as the meshes twisted or buisted in the breeze; and in the distance the exquisite green and white spires of an icebers. A note of toll drongs through It all, however; for women are sawing and chopping wood while the nich are hauling the note. A curious implement of fishing in these waters is a spy-glass with plain window-gians in place of a lens. A man in the bow of a fishing boat thrusts the glass in the water, and peering through it, discovers whether there are flah enough on the bottom to make it worth while to anchor, for anchoring in deep water is a tollsome matter.-Gustav Kobbe, in April St.

Sleep walkers can be aroused when It is easier to collect legacies in Ger- they get out of bed, by placing a strip

The Chinese Bentlet Looks for Thes. Whom Mis Petionte' Testa Acha. . It would seem that in dentistry as well as in ways that are dark "the beather Chinese is peculiat," and in the Journal of the British Dental Association for January, C. Robins has communicated some carlous sees ys on the him \$15,000,000. An ancestor of his subject written in linglish by Chinese students at the Anglo-Chinese college. Foochow. They describe in quaint language the performances of the den-

tists, who are usually itinerants of the

Sequah order.

They appear to have three methods of treatment: First, extraction, the by a law passed in 1885. Perhaps were patient's attention being distracted and his lamentations overnowered by the beating of a loud gong; second, the is, however, he is wasting his time, and application of armenic to kill as we bed doubtedly worms are produced from the tooth, as these amateur dentists adopt the same principle as the lithese-mist in the story—who used always to provide against finding his diagnosis had been mistaken by inking a patible of mitable size in his westerest poster —and themselves introduce these weems, which are usually concealed drew Letty in Language 1 Magnific and their long patis. A Objects are under their long nails. A Obiness atm dent describes the operation thus two

give his own words): Mr. Blank was, or rather had been, his is as follows: A chopstick and a sliver forms simply no information at all-servant. He had waited for an opports. Din are the only instruments she is London Graphic. nity and had then robbed his master of | quires in her normal act. She is will ing to exhibit them to any one who conceives an inclination of discerning her trickers. She brings the chopstick in contact with the discused tooth and cautiously pokes it through with a pin in search of the odious worant. Aftor a while scrapes out a lump of rellow minute worms on the chopstick and immerses it in a cup of water. Each lump consists of from ten to differen worms, and sometimes 200 or 300 wastes man evidently got wind of the fact that are scraped if the patient makes an exhe had been exposed, for he never turn- act bargain at first that the fee should be defrayed according to the number of worms scraped. The general fee is \$10 cash (is 2d), and only the poor may take advantage of being in penury to ber 200 cash."

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has been the cause of players, put leader and diseases. It is wasted the strength, mosey, hittpiness and, too of ten, life.—Baltimore American.

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posed pulp, and, third, the extraction of "tooth worms." This latter operation, usually performed by women, it throught and mides of the properties the property frequently resorted to, and time Progress." Probably they have realized

dent describes the operation that two give his own words):

"Now let me advert to the practice of arresting the tooth worms. One of my relatives was once attacked by a severe cold, and after the cold was broken up by restoring activity to the skin he had a neuralgia which never him such an intense suffering that he could neither eat now repose, but mounted with a voice so audible and se plaintive that it sent a thrill to the heart of everyone in the house. On the second day his suffering increased to a remarkable degree; indeed, it is impossible even at this distant period to reflect without however in the miseries of his toothache state. Finally he self-meant when we read that this angular fact to the operation of a voman dentist, whose agency was to arrest tooth worms. Her general operation is as follows: A chopstick and a slever for me simply no information at allowing a self-meant when we read that this angular fact to the operation of a voman dentist, whose agency was to arrest the time to the plantic. The self-meant when we read that this angular fact is in "in information at allowing in the point."

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