A THREE-LEGGED RACE.

Our school was getting up an athfetic tournament, and a prize was offered for a three-legged race. Phil Bailey and I were poor runners and jumpers, but we thought we saw a thance of capturing the prize, so we entered our names.

The trophy was a bat and ball, and we wanted both the worst way. So we practiced constantly, and as far from the school as possible.

There was a certain meadow, known as the Mill Meadow, which suited our purpose admirably. It was bounded by the mill-stream on one side and by a thicket on the other, the thicket lying between the meadow and the road. There was small chance of our being Maturbed or even observed. At the and of the week we were fairly proficient, overcoming to a great extent the awkwardness of running without free

with our legs properly fastened. "We'd better have a good spin toflay," said Phil, one Thursday afternoon; "I can't come to-morrow."

play for our legs. We gradually drew

the knots tighter till at last we ran

"All right; let's go round the meadow without stopping.' "No: we'd much better go straight up

as hard as we can go. The course is only one hundred and fifty yards, you know."

"Fire away, then," I cried, putting my arm on his shoulder. We started well, and made the length

of the field in good time. Then, after a rest, we started to go back. I think I was the first to hear the

sound of galloping behind us. I glanced round. About a hundred yards off, possibly

rather more was a bull making for us at a heavy but rapid gallop. I gave a cry. Phil turned round to see the reason. The action interfered

with our united progress and we came heavily to the ground For a moment this seemed to crown

our misfortune, but it was not so in our fall the fastening at our knees be-; came loosened; a strong pull wrenched It off. The handkerchief round our ankles still held, however, and there was no time to try and get it off; we had tied it with a complicated knot.

We scrambled to our feet again in less time than ever before, but the three or four seconds had given the bull time to lessen his distance conddera bly.

"For the water!" I cried; "quick!" It was our only chance. The meadow, was so long we could not possibly have reached the mill in safety. But the breadth of the field was comparatively small; could we but gain the water we might hope for escape.

As luck would have it, we started badly: I tried to take the first step with my right foot, Phil with his left. We just escaped another fall. Then we got

stream. How we raced along! If we had been running for the prize we should have won it for a dead certainty. But nearer and nearer came the footsteps of our pursuer, which still further added to our fright hy a bellow.

But we reached the water's edge in good time, some thirty yards ahead of the buil. We could both swim well, in fact, our bathing place was a little higher up the same stream. Even had ly. we never been in the water in our lives. I doubt if we should have hesitated on ed as delegates. These delegates mee the present occasion; as it was, we just plunged in head first.

I never felt a stranger sensation than on rising. We were accustomed to runming with our legs tied together, and thought nothing of it. But swimming tied to another fellow, like Siamese twins, is a very different thing. thought my leg was coming off as Phil and I kicked in opposite directions.

Fortunately the bull stopped on seeing us disappear, so we had nothing further to fear from that quarter. It seemed more probable that we should drown than be gored, for it was impossible to keep still, and every kick pulled one or the other of us under.

However, we struggled to the bank which was not far off, and, half choked. pulled ourselves up by the grass and rushes just as a man from the mill came running up.

"Why, what have you tied your legs

breath.

The explanation did not satisfy the why we did not race separately so as tions bill. Then comes the tariff questo see which would win, instead of tied tion. On this subject it says: together, when neither could come in

expert on the eventful day, when we the benefit of the few. We declare it reaped the reward of our practice and to be a fundamental principle of the won easily. I might perhaps mention Democratic party that the federal govthat we were the only couple that kept ernment has no constitutional power their feet for twenty yards, so we could to impose and collect tariff duties ex have walked in and still been victors -Paul Blake.

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Electing a President

Politics! Politics! Politics! For months we have had it as a daily diet, and will continue to have for some time to come. But why shouldn't we? Isn't it the privilege as well as duty, of every American to be informed about every detail of his government. Where each man is a sovereign and has as much voice in the running of his country as any other man, it is extremely important that he exercise that right and keep in touch with the affairs of his time. What American boy, who is alive, can live in these stirring times and not be intensely interested? We know one who is. He is ours, the one you have al heard about. To say he is interested is expressing it too mildly. He is absorbed even to the point of excitement But, oh! The questions he asks! I would take a dozen philosophers to answer him. The long-suffering father tries to, but succeeds only partially As political events follow one another in rapid succession, he gets complete ly bewildered with such expressions at 'platform," "conventions," "electors," "tariff," "Demogratic," "Republican,"
"Populist," "protection," "free trade,"

The father has endeavored to simplify the whole field of politics, with what success we will leave to our readers to decidé.

The national party conventions have naturally attracted the young mar most strongly. Learning from the ga pers that the object of these conven tions was to decide on candidates for President and Vice-President, he wanted to know all about how it was done. "The importance of this event the electing of a President of the Unit ed States, can be realized by noting that the whole country is absorbed in it," said the father. "This occurrence every four years, brings out the bes energy and ability of the nation. And why? Why, in a country where all an free and equal, should the electing o a new man to office be of so much mo

'Such ques' ons are very simple to ask, but very difficult to answer The main reason is that each candidate it only the representative of a politica party. To elec. him President mean. to place a certain party in charge o the most important branch of the gov ernment. Each party represents cer tain principles and it is expected that interest to every American."

"How is it done?" "Each party is carefully organized into step and set off for the mill In each district there are some Dem ocrats, some Republicans. The activ men among the Democrats meet an hold what is called a caucus or pri mary. The Republicans do the same These primary meetings are carried on like any organized meetings, un der rules similar to a debating so cieity. These rules are known as par liamentary law. A chairman, secre tary and other officers are appointed Every one has the right to speak free

> "At these primaries men are select in what is called a convention. Each party has a convention composed o delegates from all over the state, thu each party has a state convention But each party also sends delegates to what is called a national convention which we hear so much about and which meets every four years."

"Do they elect the President?" "Oh. no! They select the men who are the best representatives of their principles as their candidates for President and vice president. Before doing this, however, they make a declaration of the party's principles. This is known as the platform. To give you some idea of what this is like, will give you just a small portion of the last Democratic platform adopted

at Chicago in June, 1892: 'The representatives of the Democratic party of the United States, in national convention assembled, do reaffirm their allegiance to the principles together for?" he asked, in wonder. of the party as formulated by Jefferson Have they hobbled you to prevent you and exemplified by the long and illustrious line of his successors in Demo-We explained when we recovered cratic leadership from Madison to Cleveland.'

"This preamble continues for a little querist, who had never heard of ath- and then the principles of the party letic sports, and could not understand are taken up, beginning with the elec-

'We denounce Republican protection as a fraud, a robbery of the great We did not catch cold, but were quite majority of the American people for

Once upon a time 🧀

A man-for an hour-doubled up with cramps, took

was cured—immediately. His friends being told, said-"Pooh, we've all used PAINKILLERfor years.

Don't suffer—an hour—keep Pain-killer (Perry Davis') in the house.

cept for the purpose of revenue and we demand that the soliection is such taxes shall be limited to the ne coulties of the government when hot

"Phese platforms are far too loss for me to read them all, but here i the way the Republican reads. After the introduction or preamble, as it ! called, it says:

"We reaffirm the American dot trine of protection. We call attentio to its growth abroad. We maintail that the prosperous condition of ou country is largely due to the wise ray enue legislation of the Republican con gress. We believe that all article which cannot be produced in the Unit at Brainerd, Minn., one year ago, with ed States, except luxuries, should by their baby boy, then four years old, admitted free of duty, and that on al imports coming into competition with to California, and are now in camp at the products of American labor then Sweethrian in that far-off state. should be levied duties equal to the difference between wages abroad and at home, etc."

"What do they do after the conven-

tion?" asked the boy. stands for and who its candidates are travel by dog team. the campaign opens. Each party tries to gain the greater influence with the voters. Each tries to show the peo the benefits that will follow if it placed in power.

being as upright and manly as it Blandy proceeded to fit up his conveyought to be. Instead of contining itself ance. This consists of a small apringto educating the people to understand wagon with one seat and covered with their duty, personalities are often in-troduced and the records and characters of the opposing candidates are of. pounds with the baggage of the travelten sadly pulled to pieces. This con- ers. Mrs. Blandy and her baby occuptinues until election; and right here is led the seat, while Mr. Blandy site in an important item-we do not vote di- front on a roll of blankets and a tent. rectly for President or vice president. but for men called electors.

"Of course, we always know the next morning after election day, wil is elected; because a Democratic elect or will always vote for the Demorra candidate for President, and a Reru lican elector will always vote for Republican candidate. So we be that if a majority of Democratic eltors have been voted for, the Dencratic candidate will be President. 1. these electors have to meet and go through the formality of voting. This

is often known as the electoral college, and each state is allowed as many electors as it has senators and representatives in congress. These electors vote for two men, one for President, one for vice president. According to the constitution of the United States. only one of these men may be a resident of the same state. That means that both President and vice president cannot come from the same state.

"A list of the votes is then made, signed, sealed and sent to the congress in Washington. Here, in the presence of the senate and house of representatives, the president of the senate opens man who has the greatest number of with gratitude and affection. votes is elected, if the number is a majority of the votes cast."

"What do you mean by majority?" "A majority is mere than helf. Suppose, for instance, that the total number of votes were 600, and there were will carry you through the snow to a ceptacle, and some ten gallons of the road. The only means of transport only two candidates, a Democrat and safe, warm place and horses would give liquid poured on. In a few moments, then to or from the outside world the President will carry these princi a Republican. If the Republican re- out on you. And didn't we travel 210 as the nitrogen evaporates first, the a railroad. This railroad. ples into execution. The chief execu ceived 301 votes, and the Democrat rppoint foreign consuls and ambasso! only by a majority of one, because 300 dors, postmasters etc., and it would is just half of 600. The difference bebe perfectly natural for him to appoin tween the two numbers is two. This men of his own way of thinking and is called a plurality. Now, when two who are from his own party, so at candidates run, there would always Bruce?" and he patted a great shaggy of these things tend to make the ad be a majority, except in the case of a yellow dog on the head. vent of a new President of absorbin, tie, but when three or more catilidates are running it becomes much more complicated. For instance, suppose that out of the 600 votes cast the results should be like this: Democrat, 250; Republican, 225; Prohibition, 75; Populist, 50; total, 600. In this case, allhough the Democratic candidate has a plurality of 25, he has no majority and would not be elected."

"What would they do then?" "Congress would immediately select the President, but in so doing the constitution allows each state only one vote, and a majority of the states is necessary to a choice."

'But suppose there shouldn't be a majority." "Then the congress 's allowed until

one. If no one receives a majority before that time, the vice president becomes President." "Can anybody run for President.

ed States, is 35 years old and has lived of their wagon. here for fourteen years can run if-. The Blandys always leave towns if he can get some kind national con-

vention to nominate him."

"Papa, which is the best party?" The weary man sighed. Brooklyn Eagle.

Rey to the Rescue. A short distance below Ocean Grove two children of a well-to-do farmer wandered along the ocean beach, fol- dogs-they trot off at a good gait, raiswas low, and the children climbed on copt when climbing hills. When asked some spiles which had been driven in if he ever walks Mr. Blandy replied: the sand many years ago. The dog "It would take a professional runner to left them enjoying themselves by throwing pebbles into the water, which



Rex to the Rescue.

'cep a short distance from where the aildren were playing. The water rose endily and unobserved by the chil-The faithful dog was aroused, and seeing the danger the children were in, swam out to the spiles, which were nearly submerged by the rising tide. and rescued the little enes. If any man deserves a medal for life saving certainly this faithful animal does.

A RETURN TO THE STATE OF THE ST

eatly and economically administered A MOVEL TRAM USED BY A MINKS SOTA MAN-

> Prayied to California With Wife and Child Drawn by six Dogs-Two Hondred Militan the Mallrand-Over Long

Mr. and Mrs. Blandy are a Minnesota couple who have just made a most remarkable journey. Leaving their home they have traveled by dog team clear

The Blandys wanted to make a trip to the Pacific coust. They wanted to go lawurely, so as to see the country. Coopony was an object, as was also an "As soon as the conventions an opportunity to earn something an route. over and it is known what each party So Mr. Blandy and his wife decided to

> Dogs are used in the arctic regions." argued Mr. Blandy, "why not in the temperate rone ?"

No one advanced conclusive reasons "This campaign is often far from against his novel project, and Mr. camvas, the whole outfit weighing 210 from which perch he drives his dogs: These are six in number, huge crossbred St. Bernard and Newfoundlands, powerful of muscle and kind of disposition. In the rear of the wagon is a rack of shelves, containing dishes and provisions, while pots, kettles and an off stoves are hung from hooks above the rack. The back end of the wagon

is made to let down and supported by

stick, serves as a dining table.

When seen by a representative of the San Francisco Call in the camp at Sweetbrier, Mr. Blandy had a tin can and a paint brush in hand, and was "going the rounds" among his dogs. painting their feet with tannate of glycerine to prevent sensitiveness. learned this at college," Mr. Blandy will tell you, "when I engaged in athletic aports and my feet became sensitive." When traveling over rough roads he makes applications of this preparation every evening to insure his animals against suffering, and the faithful creatures seem to like the the package and counts the votes. The operation, for they look at their master.

> "These dogs are far shead of any, some day, a wise one. horses," Mr. Blandy said, emphatically, when some one suggested that Shatland ing bodies in figured tip. The corpse ponies would be preferable. Why, dogs is to be placed in an open metalle remiles on the railroad. Horses couldn't tresties a mile and three-quarters in length as our dogs did. I wouldn't take time, and reducing the expense. 50 horses for one of our dogs. Would I

When the Blandys set out from Brainerd. Minn., with their queer ris and \$25 in cash to attempt this unusual undertaking many people declared it was impossible. No wagers were made, no time limits were given. Mr. and Mrs. Blandy simply started out to do what they were confident they could accomplish—namely, to be drawn. across the continent by dogs for the purpose of seeing the country, earning their living as they progressed. And so they pushed along, following the Northern Pacific railroad, and, not being pressed for time, they traveled at a speed that was convenient to the charactor of the country they crossedthe following 4th of March to select never traveling less than ten miles a day, reaching a daily maximum of 52 two days and stopping in towns to sell pictures or pick up a few dollars by Anyone who was born in the Unit- painting advertisements on the canvas

there is that awful little word again amid a roar of cheers and laughter. er one mile thick. When they are about to start Mr. Blandy walks among his dogs, and, "Suppose we leave that for some as to prevent the entanglement of limbs other time."—Edwin W. Foster, in in harness, quickly steps into the low are treated annually; orangellowers, wagon, seats himself in the bedding and tent, and, with lines in hand, he calls to the dogs, and they are off.

There is nothing slow about these keep up with my dogs," but, perhaps, soon began to rise rapidly as the tide be finds the speed up hill sometimes had turned. The faithful dog went to convenient for his own walking and his dogs' pulling. At any rate, all the wonder-stricken viliagers give the Blandys a screaming send-off when they are favored with a visit. You may hear some one in the crowd remark that "Blandy ought to be arrested for cruelty to animals." but a look at the well-fed and well-groomed dogs belies these words.

Worth Rembering

the mosses and brambles there is no jostling or heart burning. The elderberry on the edge of the swamp is not Enxfous to be the barberry beside the stone wall. The lichen clings with fond tenacity to its own place on the rock. the carboniferous period. The chestnuts and the cake show no dissatisfaction with their qualities and cren, and when they discovered their situations. An expression of content predicament they began to scream, reigns supreme in the forest. The trees stand in their places where God plants. them, send their roots down to drink. in the water courses of the earth, lifttheir leaves up to drink in the upper air, sway and yield to every wind that beates them, drop their yellow foliage without a cry.

BRILLIANTS

Self-conguest is the trees royalts Religion and reason mover distance Bigotry is not peculiar to religion. Meny a God-sent afficien has be bridle to check presumption. Ston in private we are overbeen by

Notoriety is cheap to get, but dear to

Love is the one universal bedge of the Christian. Christ did for man what the Greater

did for matter. There is nothing truly "God-for engen" in the world. Love's flowers are our feelings, its

fruits are nur deeds; It is better to go home on foot than to prison in a palace car. It is always confer to recognise a debtor than a creditor.

at it with colored gissees.

The great wonder is not His mira-cles, but the miracle of Himmelt. God cannot help the man who does not feel the need of His help.

Some nien will not worship God because God will not worship them. It is the goudness you are looking for in others that will fill your own

A society gentleman is often a man with white hands and a black heart. The man cannot help being an optimist who is looking to God all the

The secret Christian will either fall to be a secret, or he will fall to be a

Christian. The fleeting smile of the world may be purchased at the price of sternal

"Thy kingdom come" will not be answered until you let it come in your own heart.

The man who wants to work for God doesn't have to go to an employ-Religious worship is dying out. Peo-

ple too often go to Church to be entertained. The sermon that is born in the prescher's heart makes itself at home

in the hearer's. It no one finds fault with you, rea member that nobody notices the dirt

Many preachers think they are brave because they whip God's saintsand let the devil alone. The man who is learning by his mis-

takes will be a busy student, and, A crenatory is being built for burnoxygen can be ignited and will burn Gilead and follows the valledavoiding all the unpersant features that is many places there to be of the present method, saving much room for the rails. On sever a

FACTS AND FIGURES:

Every German soldier corries & 4-0seligious book with the rest of his personal equipment.

Mexican school-children are allowed to smoke during lesson-time, provides they have attained a cortain standard of New England. It penetrates fourof excellency.

cover 5,000,000 square miles with a lays, road, not usually taking passengers.

used in the Alpes Maritimes in the stooping down, adjusts all their feet so manufacture of perfumes. It has been estimated that of roses alone 2,000 tons 500 tons; jessamine, 200 tons; tuberoses, 150 tons; and violets, 200 tons.

Since the enactment in 1893 of the new law providing for the use of automatic couplings, there has been a decrease in the number of railway casuallowed by their faithful dog. The tide ing a big dust, and never walking ex- ties in the United States. There were 1,034 lewer employees killed and 4,062 fewer injured during the year, anding June 30th, 1897, than during the year ending June 30th, 1893.

The most recent investigations by that the starting point of the Gulf chusetts shout 100 years ago. Stream does not lie in the Straits of Forty years ago G & Hastless Florida, but in the ocean districts between and near the West Indian is burg bought 50,000 acres here, practically the whole region. In 1881 last warm water of the Gulf Stream is about sold the right of way through saity times as great as the water contents of all streams of the earth at and twenty acres of the Wild County their mouths.

According to Mulbail's estimate the areas of coal land in various countries are-Great Britain 9.000 square miles. In the woods we see that amongst . United States of America 194,000; Russla. 27,000, China and Japan 200,000, Germany 3,600, Belgium and Spain 1,-400, India 35,000, France 1,800. Engrmous areas of lignite in various parts water system, sewers, etc. Then of the world might be added. The their timber at Bear's Purchase and corn-fields enumerated are chiefly of haut it by rall to their steam fill buss

The white powdery coating seen on to its full capacity some fruits and the leaves of many Carl Storrs may be termed the opinies is known to botanists as jer of the sattlement as he holds to plants is known to botanists as er of the settlement, as he bote "bloom." It is of a waxy nature, and, public office so satisfactorily. according to experiments recently other man has been thousant of 1 made at Oberlin College, its chief purpose is to prevent water from passing too readily out of the leaves. When the bloom was removed, the transpiration of water was greatly increased. the loss in some cases being in a given time two and a half times as much

as before the removal.

Hampahire, and is the t New Bogland, perhaps in the st

It contains 200 inhabitants the rillage process with a making of the relation of the process o dehtor than a creditor.

The fairest fore bloom where the bitterest tears have fallen.

It does not change the truth to look streets, store, see, rainrest, telephone. Tions around the second Contract A representation of the second New England. Tet it is neither eligtown, plantation or even an import ated piace. It is nothing.

Its lababitants pay no taxes of a word Rabber have been been been have grown to manhood and beco-hands of families and never inc what it was to per one seal for to

There is, of course, a vild land to and a State tax on the milt property, but these are paid by non-residents and are something with which the the habitants have nothing to do. On the other hand me inhabitant can you They are, as a rule, well selected, it daily papers have a large circulation here, the people are well posted it amos

rent events Yet here, in the very heart of the England, is a community who have a more voice or influence in National State, County, or town affaire this though they fived in the heart of Rosesis. Here are gray-halred Americancitizens who have have much a hallest and cannot so long as they live bern

It is the most commercilian vision in New England. Every nation of earth is or has been represented himse The most remarkable thing about this most remarkable place is the self-tire absence of crime. Notwithstand ing this heterogeneous population there are no police, not even a committee ble. There was a sort of constable is here, but his commission expired about a year ago, and his duties had been she light he did not consider it worth his

while to renew it. Here is the only village in the U States to which there is no much tive, as he is called, has the power ti 299, the Republican would win; but walk ties and carry you over long up the body rapidly and thoroughly. Wild River along a route to the body rapidly and ambasso only by a majority of one because and aide of the village are assembling age steep that even a teetman che although their sides only with difficulty that the high that the sun is yieldle only says

of the day. When this railroad was first but few persons ventured to drive w Last year's export of agricultural riage over the thes. But it provide products from the United States reach. difficult and dangerous that this ed the enormous value of \$387,419,000. od of reaching the village of the lines abandoned.

This rallroad is one of the wond teen miles into the wildest deflecting The easiest railway, perhaps ever the White Mountains. A ride upon it built is that which crosses the Argen- is a new experience, even to a travel built is that which crosses the Argen- is a new production of the Republic from Puesdo Ayres to or who has visited every country agost the Andes. There his no grades to the globe. You tollow the allegate overcome and no curve. Wild River, whirling around curves. From youth to for boyond middle 40 degrees, where it seems impossible age Humboldt seldom s'ept more than for a train to go; you climb the select two hours a day. From the time he of mountains where a horse could se was 70 until his death, at the age of 90, searcely so and sould not heat stout was miles (at one time covering 86 miles in he slept four hours a day. It has been reskored that if the almost precipiose, where a break is the whole ocean were dried up, all the was machinary means death. Once the parties are a value of the was machinary means death. ter passing away as vapor, the amount train did run away and was smalled on of salt remaining would be enough to killing the trainmen. It is a frest to

Here was the first successful every Enormous quantities of flowers are ment of hauling logs by rail large scale in New England and money this road was used the first progeared locomotive for mountain ing in the Bast.

The school is another unique for ture. The schoolhouse was built in the 92 by the two companies who operate here, and the teacher is paid by a contribution from each workman of temporants a month. This is taken from each man's wages each pay day and la enough to pay for about thirty-are weeks of school a year. This term there are thirty-seven pupils. This territory was granted to Ries Dr. Linden-Kosl have demonstrated and Batcheldor by the State of Masse

> Lumber Company of Talaso Fords This company purchased at the some time, 40,000 acres of timber in Beas Purchase, just across the New Essays shire line.

They put in the beg steam dill se mont of the houses, the sectric syst Which is we involve on a subjection with

nection with the positions; the is the company a second keeps, paymaster, trial lustice.

master, police, etc.