

ward the Crawfordville team. That is what the boys say.

**A Huge Peach.**  
Our sparkling and thoughtful Woodville correspondent, Mr. James M. Davison, sends us a peach of enormous proportions and peerless tint and flavor. We don't know the variety, but we know that it measures ten inches around the girth, weighs about one and a half pounds, and tastes like nectar distilled through a filter of the gods. Thanks.

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# THE BEE.

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Improve William has adopted the dress now during the time the Professor was ruler, and the low-legged members of the Berlin Court are imitable. The costume consists of a three-cornered hat and a pair of breeches, buckle shoes and a sword.

A most interesting condition of the people here is their illiteracy. By the census of 1877, of the population above 15 years of age sixty per cent. could not read. The illiteracy of the women is appalling, for they make up nearly two-thirds of the dark percentage.

Some statisticians assert that the net of a new church in the United States during 1888 was 6484, the increase in the number of ministers 4505, while the increase in church-members was 774,891. The average gain for each day of the year was 17 churches, 19 ministers, and 2130 members.

Scientific evolution is as rapid as it is remarkable. Hides are now tanned by electricity. In the old days when you and we went fishing on a Sunday afternoon, the fish were tanned by the sun, and the hides were tanned also, but it was done in a primitive way by means of a brick twig. It was done well, though.

Senator Plumb of Kansas figures out that there have been 40,391 desertions from the United States army since Oct. 15, 1873, up to which date all deserters were pardoned by proclamation of President Grant. Of this number only 6000 have been returned to the service by surrender and arrest. Over 32,000 deserters live, therefore, now at large, liable to arrest.

The French War Department is rejoicing in the possession of a gun which is thirty-five feet long and weighs forty-three tons. It carries a projectile weighing 600 pounds, and with 435 pounds of powder, that shot is carried ten miles and three-quarters. In other words, under ordinary circumstances the projectile will fall at a point actively beyond the range of vision.

Two of the leading Japanese newspapers, the *Chozo* and the *Yomi*, declare that they speak the truest of the entire Japanese nation when they say that the action of the United States in granting an indemnity of \$15,000 for the families of the Japanese who lost their lives by the capture of an American man-of-war in target practice, has afforded great satisfaction.

There are several very important schemes under way for the improvement of inland navigation and the construction of canals which will compete with the sea. One of these is the Erie canal, which will take it is impossible to say. Among the schemes contemplated is the slack-watering of a portion of the Ohio, also of the Allegheny, and the slack-watering of some small streams in the West.

Nothing connected with the farming industry has grown more rapidly in the last few years, according to the *Form, Field and Stockman*, than the business of dairying. This has been accelerated in several ways, but probably as much as anything else by the great, continued and almost hopeless depression. In best cattle, farmers must sell at a loss, and they all say that they will at least, and while best is a consideration which cannot be overlooked, they feel much more hopeful when they can connect with it the sale of milk and its products. The progress made in the methods of dairying is marked as the growth in the volume of the business, and those who are in a position to observe, will find changes two years from now of which we do not now dream.

Queen Victoria is how heavily. When she went to Southampton, the Prince of Wales' palace, lately some guesses would have it that she was preparing for abdication, in view of her advanced age. As a matter of fact, she declines the New York Tribune, nothing further from the mind of the queen. She is a spirited body, and there is not a trace of senility in her. She is the third longest-lived woman ever alive, never has a pain or ache, and her heart is probably better than that of any other woman in the world. Abandonment is not in the least likely, and she will live on for many years, and will probably be the last of her race.

The Bakers of the Union. Last night our boys had a drilling. They had a new kind of exercise. When an enemy is seen, they are to be silent. Some of the exercises were:—  
—Bark down from chain and bark from heart.  
—You are surrounded, to death or flee.  
—I know not how, nor when, nor where I am, but I am here.  
—A horse runs in from a distance.  
—You are surrounded, to death or flee.  
—You are to see how brought.  
For this I know, all this courage.  
Through dark and light, through calm and storm.  
The southern wind and northern surge.  
Some day shall meet and conquer.  
And all the fights these currents bear shall meet some day somewhere.  
Ah, what though black clouds be the sky.  
And darkness, thick as water, divide the day.  
Some day, somewhere, our boats shall lie.  
Within the harbor, side by side.  
Where some day, somewhere, our boats shall lie.  
—John W. O'Keefe.

## GISELE'S CAPRIOE

The salon was lighted by a single lamp which shed a soft radiance throughout the room. It was simply furnished, but was adorned with a profusion of flowers and plants. Three persons were in the salon—Mme. de Baisy, Gisele, her daughter, and the latter's betrothed, Robert de Gills who was soon to be her husband.

Gisele, who was in her eighteenth year, was very beautiful. She was a natural blonde. Her smile had the double advantage of showing pretty teeth and two charming little dimples in her rosy cheeks. Her eyes were very handsome, but their glance was somewhat imperious. She was, dressed in a robe of soft, white, clinging material that set off to advantage her golden hair.

Gisele was an only daughter. She had been reared by an indulgent mother, her father having died during her infancy. Although Mme. de Baisy's income was barely sufficient to support herself and her daughter she managed to gratify Gisele's every whim, and her whims were many, for she was a child of caprice.

Many admirers paid suit to Gisele, but she smiled on none until Robert de Gills thrust himself and his fortune at her feet. In Robert Gisele found her supreme triumph, for by his uncle's devotion he gave her the greatest satisfaction a woman can have—to be loved for her beauty, which was Gisele's only dowry. Robert had every qualification to be desired in a lover. He was twenty-five years old, handsome, manly and very wealthy.

While Mme. de Baisy was working at her embroidery and Robert and Gisele were holding a tender conversation, the door of the salon was opened and Georges Langue was announced.

"Good evening, my dear Madame," said the new-comer, as he entered, bowing to the mistress of the house.

"Ah, good evening, my dear Langue," said Mme. de Baisy, welcoming the guest. "This is, indeed, an agreeable surprise."

When the others had welcomed him, turning to Robert, Langue said:

"I know that I would find you here, and that is why I called so late, wishing to have you present to second a proposition which I desire to make to these ladies."

"And tell us. What is it?" exclaimed Gisele.

"My mother's cottage at Saint-Cloud has just been put in order for the summer," replied Langue. "We are going to drive there to-morrow morning, and she desires that you will accompany us. We shall leave Paris for good season so as to avoid the heat of the day. Breakfast will await us on our arrival. We will spend the warm part of the day, swinging in our hammocks and gossiping under the elms. We will dine al fresco, and then, if Mlle. Gisele approves of the plan, we will attend the fête of Saint-Cloud at which, among other matters, will be the great horse race, the Bluebonnet Stakes, with his magnificent. That is the proposition I have to offer."

" Bravo!" cried Gisele. "You plan is charming! charming! It is not, Robert!" she added, turning to her brother.

They first attended Gisele's performance with his lion, which Gisele watched with the liveliest interest. As the performance drew to a close Gisele looked so enraptured in regard to his beauty that Langue said jokingly, she ought to marry a lion-tamer.

"Such is my intention," replied Gisele, "for I am sure that Robert will deny the first request I have ever made of him. Will you?" Robert, she added, turning to him.

"What?" exclaimed Robert. "Do you wish me to enter the lion's cage?"

"Yes, that does surprise you?"

"A little, I confess."

You ought to have as much courage as a vulgar tamer of animals," said Gisele, who seemed to be put out by her lover's lack of ardor in bearding the lion to place her white.

"But to do what you ask me to do would by no means be a proof of courage," answered Robert. "It would be a ridiculous act on my part, for I would be exposing myself for no purpose."

"You speak lightly of the prospect of being devoured," said Langue laughing. Langue wished to laugh Gisele out of her caprice. Gisele, on the other hand, did not really wish her lover to enter the lion's cage but she wanted him to seem ready to do even that for her.

"Then you refuse?" she asked Robert with an air of disdain.

Langue, without giving Robert an opportunity to reply, said:

"Certainly he refuses, for the conditions are not the same for him as for Gisele, who has been long accustomed to being among wild animals and has made a careful study of their character."

"You seem to take great interest in a matter which does not concern you," said Gisele, who was vexed by Langue's opposition.

"But," replied Langue gravely, "what you ask Robert to do is very dangerous. Besides you forget that his mother adores him and that she will never forgive you if you make him expose himself in this perilous manner."

But Gisele smiled.

"Very well," said Robert coolly. "I will enter the cage, if Gisele will allow me to do so, as soon as the spectators have departed. I don't wish to give a public exhibition of my courage," he added with a tinge of sarcasm in his tone.

"Ah! I knew you would consent," exclaimed Gisele with apparent delight. "I will arrange the matter at once," said Robert.

He went to Gisele with whom he held a short conversation, then returned, saying:

"The lions will be fed in a few minutes. I will enter the cage then with Blunt."

By this time the spectators had departed. Robert, Langue and Gisele approached the cage. Presently the lion-tamer joined them. He told Robert, that he was ready to feed the lions and invited him into the cage.

"No, Robert, do not go," said Gisele. "I do not wish you to enter the cage. I asked you to do so only because I wanted you to seem ready to expose yourself to any danger for my sake."

"Pardon me, Gisele, for not according to this new caprice of yours as to the first," replied Robert. "I have to return to enter the cage and I shall do so."

Robert turned away from Gisele, and a moment afterward he and the lion-tamer entered the cage. The lions, eight in number, moved hither and thither, obedient to the command of their master, but their large golden eyes showed their astonishment at the presence of this intruder who accompanied him.

Gisele and Langue looked on in silence and in agony. Gisele, who was very pale, was only prevented from giving voice to her anguish by the fear of aggravating her lover's peril. Her eyes, which were big with fright, were fixed on Robert. He, on the other hand, was quite calm, as least in appearance.

Like Gisele he was armed with a bar of iron and a raw hide. He was thus doubly prepared to repel the lions if they came too near him.

Robert was in the cage about five minutes. Then he left it and rejoined Gisele, who, radiant with joy, her hands extended, exclaimed:

"Oh, Robert! how I admire you! how I love you!"

Robert took one of Gisele's hands in his, and interrupting her, said in a calm voice:

"Do not praise my exploit so much, for the act which you applaud was performed for my own sake rather than yours. If I am here, as you now evidently think me, I confess I am not without fear that I shall not always be able to accede to your desires, and as it would pain me to even so charming a woman I renege the honor of being your husband."

As soon as they returned to the cage, the lion-tamer ordered Robert to stay. They needed Gisele's horse Robert rode.

her good-bye with a profound bow. On entering the house Gisele found the superb bouquet which she was accustomed to receive each day from Robert. It was Gisele's horse never married. Translated for The Epoch.

## Gold Extraction Today.

Gold mining is in many minds still associated with a flannel-shirted, long-boated, gambling class of doubtful manners, who, with pick, shovel and pan, found fortune in the hill streams of the far west or of the land of the kangaroo. But this race of miners is rapidly becoming as extinct as the redskin of California or the black boy of Australia. As the superficial deposits which attracted the pioneers were exhausted, the aid of machinery and science became essential, and a new order of things began intruding the pitiless, the chemist and the engineer. Moreover, in their haste to get rich, and, with their rough-and-ready appliances, the early diggers only worked the richest ground and passed over tons of ore of stuff that with modern methods would pay handsomely.

As an idea of the perfection which has been attained in some of the processes of today one illustration will suffice. During a quarter's (three months) working last year of the alluvial deposits of Dorisford, Victoria, some 33,560 tons of gravel were treated and gold to the value of \$14,414 was obtained.

From a ton of gravel, that is, gold to the value of \$14,414 was obtained. That is to say, of all the enormous mass of material passing up, passed through the apparatus and reprocessed, only one eighteenth hundred and fourteenth part was of value, the other 1813 parts being useless.

In other words, suppose an acre of land 15 feet deep to be turned over, break up into the most minute proportions and finally removed, in order that it might be made to yield up a hidden treasure in the form of fine dust, the whole of which could be easily held in a small coal scuttle. And this was accomplished presumably at a cost which left a reasonable margin of profit.

These results are altogether unparalleled in any other kind of metal mining. As a rule, the metal or mineral forms the bulk of the mass treated. Thus, iron ore constitutes 75 per cent. of the mineral, lead 85 to 87 per cent., copper 75 to 85 per cent., and silver 85 to 99 per cent., while the gold in the case quoted only amounted to \$100,154, or a little over one-tenth of one per cent. of the whole mass.

When the Big City's Morgue is Full.

It is when there are in fact, bodies that the Morgue is most thickly tenanted, for the warm weather makes the river give up its dead. Speaking on the subject, Morgue Inspector White said: "As soon as the weather sets in bodies in the water decompose rapidly and soon rise to the surface. The movements of many boats and dredging machines also tend to bring up bodies. If a body gets into the water in the early part of the winter there may be a lapse of six months before it comes to the surface. The river is a great ice box for the dead. Some time ago a gentleman living in Brooklyn came to New York for a New Year's dinner party. The last seen of him was at Fulton Ferry on New Year's night. His body was recovered from the river on June 2 with his party clothes on. Some times bodies are kept down by getting entangled in the spikes of the docks, and sometimes suicides load themselves with heavy weights. In these cases the bodies remain down until the clothing or the cords that secure the weights decay. It is a common thing for canoeing to bring such bodies to the surface, and during the central celebration a number of such bodies were brought up.

"In hot weather bodies are brought to the surface within ten days. At the end of that time it is rarely possible to distinguish or recognize the features. The hair falls out and the features become bloated and distorted. In July bodies will generally come to the surface in three days."

"There are some curious instances of bodies remaining in the water for some time in the upper harbor without being discovered. In one case a man was drowned at Forty-second street, North River, and his body was found at thirty-seventh street, East River. It had evidently gone down the bay with ebb tide and was in the East River when it floated in."

"In another case a body was found in the pool near the foot of East Twenty-second street and was brought up by a dredge."

Now He Could Tell.

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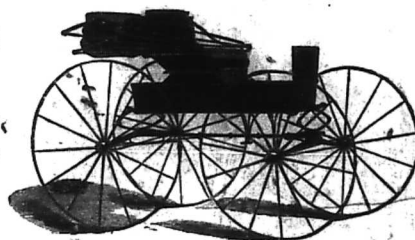


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