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Baby or Bird. BY MR. S. M. S. PLATT. But is he a Bird or a Baby? Sometimes I fancy I do not know; His voice is so lovely I ever heard For up where the birds have their home.

A SMUGGLER FOR ONCE.

One bitterly cold morning in December, I, John Carson, stood leaning upon the gate of my little garden, gloomily thinking over the badness of trade. It was what they call in our parts a "jonster," that is, I kept a horse and cart, and went about the country jousting or selling fish.

it, and how easy it would be for swift runners to take a short cut across the fields and come up with me. Bitterly I repeated being led into such a dangerous affair; and telling myself with clenched teeth that for Mary's sake I wouldn't be taken. I rode on more furiously than before.

I remember the rising in the air, the crash through the top of the hedge, and my own fall, which was followed by a jolt that nearly threw me into the air. I was lying on my back, with the wind shrieking around me; but where was the horse? And what meant the awful yell I had heard after taking the leap?

I found that I was lying on a slope, and turning over on my right side I reached out one hand, intending to lean upon it and raise myself. To my horror I grasped nothing, for—it makes me shudder to think of it—I had turned over into the mouth of a partly disused pit. Already I was hanging half within it; while struggling to regain my balance, I could feel myself slowly but surely slipping further into the hideous gulf yawning to receive me.

Those were minutes of horror, and I believe I must have gone off my head a bit, for I fancied that fearful sounds came up from the pit, and that some invisible power was trying to drag me into it. Then a temptation assailed me to let go, to end at once the anxieties of my life, and the pain and terror I was enduring.

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THE "OCEAN WAVE" EXPLOSION.

Fifty or Sixty Persons Killed and Wounded. From the Mobile Register, 20th. ST. MARKS, MOBILE BAY, August 23.—The Ocean Wave made, yesterday, an excursion to Fish River. She was advertised to touch at Point Clear, this induced many persons to take passage on her for the Point. She did not touch, however, on her down trip, but went direct to Fish River. On her return she stopped at Point Clear, reaching there about 5 o'clock. The boat was made fast, and the band and part of the passengers went ashore. After remaining about half an hour, the boat blew her whistle to go, and the passengers had just reached the boat when the explosion occurred.

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THE AMBOY CASUALTY.

A Farmer, in Jail for a Single Night for Cohort, Burned to Death—His Cry for Help Disregarded. From the Debuque Herald, Aug. 7. One short paragraph in our telegraph column Saturday morning told of a great conflagration then in progress at Amboy, Illinois, in which was involved a loss of \$20,000. The same dispatch announced that a farmer named Shannon, who had been committed for contempt of court, had perished in the flames. We read this report with a momentary chill of horror, that the pitiless flames should have overleaped the walls of the prison so quickly that rescue of the poor man was impossible.

Mr. Shannon, the farmer, had a merciful creditor whom he had owed a debt of \$360. Either before legal proceedings were had, or after Mr. Shannon had been brought before court, he paid his creditor \$200, all the cash he could raise, and he offered to give good security for the remaining \$160, but this offer was refused, and Shannon became somewhat angry over the matter, and talked for a few minutes as most men do when their mind is up. For this the judge ordered his commitment for contempt of court, and the constable confined him in jail for the night.

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SHOCKING BRUTALITY.

Conviction of Ira Gavitt Upon a Charge of Assault and Battery, and Release of the Boy Manacled to a Pole of 950. From the Jackson (Mich.) Citizen, Aug. 26. Mr. Ira Gavitt, of Summit, was tried yesterday afternoon, before Justice Dyer, for assault and battery upon William Henry Forbes, the boy manacled for a few weeks past. The prosecution proved, without the shadow of a doubt, that when Gavitt took this boy from the poor house, he was in no way different from other boys of his age. The testimony, in brief, was as follows:

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A \$35,000 fire occurred in Davenport, Iowa, on Thursday night. The loss by fire in St. Louis during August was \$34,000, insurance \$118,588; loss to insurance companies, \$84,588.

A Turkish steamer on a portion of Lake Ontario, in the southern part of Kansas, last Sunday night, destroyed two houses, moving several others, and killing Mr. Scott and his daughter.

Seizures are reported in Leavenworth, Kansas, and near Little Rock, Ark. The victim in the former place was James Wayne, of Denver, Col.; in the latter a young man named John Walton, living in Prairie county.

The State Board of Education of Missouri has instituted suit against companies for the recovery of nearly 200,000 acres of land, which, it is alleged, belongs to the school, and which the defendants claim to have bought from the counties named.

Seventeen registered letters from the south, addressed to points cast, were stolen from the room of the mail agent on the transcontinental Illinois, at Cairo, on Tuesday.

The grain and debris in the cellar of Whiting, Brown & Co's establishment, in Louisville, where the accident happened on yesterday, has been cleared away, and discovered only two men killed, the body of the third not being found. The man was there at the time the accident happened, and is still missing.

The German schooner Valador was wrecked in the Korean Straits. The crew escaped in boats and were picked up at sea after great suffering.

Advices from Hong Kong announce the prevalence of rumors that the Europeans intend poisoning the Chinese, and consequent cessation of the natives. Measures were taken for promptly crushing the rising.

A steamer from a small town of East Prussia says that in the small village of Chinnachow, with a total population of 179, there have already been seventy-nine cases of cholera, forty-six of which terminated fatally.

Great damage was done by floods in the vicinity of Canton. The British steamer Ring was returned from Corea with two Englishmen captured by the Coreans from the wreck of the Chuzan. They had been kindly treated.

San Domingo advises that the revolutionaries under Cabral have formed a provisional government, having its seat at Los Matas. A new and well organized attack is to be made against the troops of Baez. Baez, on his side, is not idle.

In the French Assembly, on Thursday, the remainder of the preamble in relation to the constituent powers of the Assembly was adopted, and subsequently DeFur's paragraph endorsing the conduct of Thiers was carried, by a vote of 282 yeas against 34 nays. One hundred members abstained from voting.

Swiss papers publish an authentic letter from the Corean Government to the captain of the American steamer Wachusett when she went up the river in 1859, to inquire after the crew of the ship Gen. Sherman. It is friendly and conciliating to the last degree, and had it been received as intended, the subsequent bloodshed would never have occurred. It was delayed a few hours, and the Wachusett sailed without waiting.

The report of Prince Gortchakoff to the Czar, in reference to his interview with the delegate to the Evangelical Alliance, has been published in the Russian official journal. He says that the question of freedom of conscience was one pertaining to the Government of Russia, and one which that Government desired to maintain. He told the delegates that compliance with some of their requests involved the abrogation of some of the laws of the Empire, and in that matter no permission was given.

The American deputations asked leave to submit their own address, but this has not yet been done. It is at present only a general observation. It is at present only a general observation. It is at present only a general observation.

Professor Tyndal has invented a German's respirator. Mrs. Spaulding, M. D., of Sandusky, Mich., amputated a man's leg a few days ago. Anna Dickinson and Olive Logan are their own agents in the lecture business this year.

The Philadelphia Scotchmen are going to erect a statue of Sir Walter Scott in Fairmount Park. Gen. Sherman is planning for a grand buffalo hunt for the Grand Duke Alexis and his suite.

Peter Girser, the tobaccoist, and owner of the Gipsy House, at New York is worth \$5,000,000. The New York Sun dubs Justice Downing the Doctor of the Bench; he disposed of 43 cases in 95 minutes, a few days since.

The Louisville Courier heads an article on Henry Clay Dean's new departure with the quotation: "One by one the roses fall." Mr. Emanuel S. Dickinson, brother of the late Daniel S. Dickinson, died suddenly at DeWitt, Iowa, recently, at the age of 80 years.

John Billings says that, having spent six weeks at Long Branch frolicking in the water, he has gone to Saratoga to let the water cure in him. Mrs. Mary Owsen, wife of Robert Dale Owsen, died on the 11th inst., at New Harmony, Ind., after a brief illness.

At last Hiram Powers has written to New Orleans that his marble statue of Franklin, contracted for over 30 years ago, is ready for shipment. EDGAR CONYER, General Sickness Secretary of Legation at Madrid, Spain, has just married a beautiful German heiress.

A SAN FRANCISCO doctor advertised for a "good office cat." He has already received 248 replies, with the southern counties yet to hear from. A NEW YORK lady—Kate Miles—sings abroad. She won great honor at the Theater La Scala, in Milan, Italy!

His first pupil of India, rubber shoes ever seen in the United States was in 1820. They were gilt, and pointed like the slippers of the Chinese mandarin. It is said that Ellis H. Roberts, doctor of the Utica Herald, lately received and declined an offer of a salary of \$10,000 a year to take editorial charge of the New York Times.

GEORGE M. PULMAN, of sleeping and palace-car fame, owns a small island and cottage among the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence, not far from Alexandria Bay. Mrs. MARCUS MONTON, Massachusetts, widow of the Governor, and now 84 years of age, is enjoying remarkable mental and physical vigor, and insists, when her sons visit her, on cooking a dinner.

The eldest son of the Laird who built the confederate steamer Alabama is about to marry a young Welsh lady named Pritchard, who lives at Lwydiarth Esgab, in Llanerchymedd, North Wales. Miss Clara Louise Kellogg has been preparing for the winter's campaign by studying new operas. She is forming a company for a concert tour during the month of September, when she will introduce to the public her protegee, Miss Emma Abbott.

Sir Walter Scott's wife expressed herself with regard to her husband's indiscriminate hospitality, by remarking that she saw no difference between Abbotsford and a large hotel, except that at the former nobody paid. D. H. CHASE, the inventor of the new system of autographic telegraphy, has sold out his residence at Rockville, and returned to New York, where he will engage in the management of the news business in connection with his new system.

LOUIS XIII, speaking to Bassompierre, his ambassador to the court of Spain, remarked: "You cannot imagine how I laughed when I heard that you entered Madrid on a mule—just to think—a jackass on a donkey!" "Very true, sir, but you must remember I represented you at that time!" "CLARENCE" is the name of Clara Louise Kellogg's country seat near Cold Spring on the Hudson. The estate embraces twenty-five acres, half of it running up the side of a mountain, at the base of which the house stands. There is a building in the shape of a balcony, and from its piazzas and numerous balconies commands a view of West Point and various places of interest on the river.

In one of the mounds of the Miami Valley, Ohio, a patient antiquarian has come upon evidence of a buried civilization, in the shape of the image of a ram about four inches long, of blue stone. It bears a petrific ripple, suggestive of a fleece, and is believed to be the same little lamb which Mary had on one occasion, when she was endeavoring to obtain the rudiments of her education.

The oldest tree on record, in Europe, is asserted to be the cypress of Somnia, in Lombardy, Italy. This tree is believed to have been in existence at the time of Julius Caesar, forty-two years before Christ, and is therefore 1,911 years old. It is 106 feet in height, and twenty feet in circumference at one foot from the ground. Napoleon, when laying down his plan for the great road over the Simplon, diverged from a straight line to avoid injuring this tree.

A RICHMOND letter tells this of Governor Wise: "On one occasion since the war he seized a colored peewee on the street, gently laid him down on the pavement, put his foot upon the neck of the prostrate boy, and then shouted *Ne expere tyrannus!*" But this dreadful expression of sentiment was immediately qualified by his presenting a fractional greenback to the 'tyrant'—making that colored youth importune him to 'do it agin' at the same price."

An American captain reports that while entering the straits of Gibraltar he was met by the English naval squadron. He did not know exactly what to do, but the squadron itself ended the difficulty by gracefully dividing into starboard and port divisions and leaving him a clear passage through their centre. As he sailed by each ship in the fleet courteously dipped its ensign and fired one gun, and various American ships also played.

The Sicilian states that the anti-German feeling is as strong as ever in Lombardy, and is carried to such a height that some manufacturers obtain coal, for working their machinery from France or Belgium, although they could obtain it cheaper from the collieries on the Sarre. At Metz the French tricolor is still flying from the summit of a very lofty pinnacle of the cathedral, and the few persons capable of climbing up the spire have firmly refused to take it down in spite of large offers of reward.

Trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl through a pair of green goggles. You may know what you are doing, but nobody else does. TEXAS, west of the Colorado, has taken \$1,000,000 or more in gold, lead and horses within one hundred days.

