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A SAILOR'S YARN.

Vell, Captain, I speaks from experience— from experience, sir—ven I tells you, as a solemn fact, that there ain't no mortal thing on 'arh' 'arf so damnable delightful as going to sleep, a feeling yourself all cozy 'n' comfortable from the speerets you've been drinking, and a havaking in the morning with a cussed 'edache, and with a big coono a stanning over you, with that 'saying pin' 'saying pin' explaining to you hall the circumstances as to 'ow you shipped, and a binforming of you of the dooties you've now got to perform. Vell, sir, I vos a good bit knocked about by the various parties on board that same craft; so von fe morning, thinking as 'ow I couldn't possibly get into a vorser berth, and having the hopeortunity so for to do, I gives 'em von a good 'n' hard knock on the head with an American valier. Rayther a startlin' incident occurred to me at that 'ere time. A vale 'avin been seen by the man at the look out, three boats were 'medately lowered into the water, 'n' the men vos all told holf into 'em. The Captain himself went in one 'em boats, leaving the first mate in charge of the ship.

THE FEMALE FIGHT AT STEWART'S.

Mary Gill vs. Elvira N. Spinola.—Immediately on Judge Dowling appearing on the bench yesterday, at nine o'clock, counsel for the defendant, Mr. Stewart, called attention to the plea of the absence of his client. This was a charge made by the complainant against the defendant for an assault committed on her by striking her on the forehead with a parasol on the 1st of October. The affray took place in the store of A. T. Stewart.

A SHORT BUT SHARP SERMON.

A recent letter of the Rev. Newman Hall, of England, to the New York Independent, contains the following:

In saying a few words to a most rough-looking but attentive crowd, I referred to an incident which occurred to a temperance friend of mine at a meeting held near London. One of the speakers said to a young man who stood by his side: "During thirty years' advocacy, I have never heard any objections raised to the introduction of religion at temperance meetings. But on this occasion a free-thinker who was present, 'rose to order'; said he came to hear about temperance; and that, in his opinion, the man who invented gas had done more to enlighten the world than all the persons. This caused a great row, in which the cry prevailed, 'Turn him out!' My friend rose to remonstrate; entered a fair hearing for the objection, and restored order. Presently he was himself called up, and began his speech thus: 'Mr. Chairman, I'm for free thought and free speech; and yonder gentleman has a right to speak and think for himself as much as I have. If Loud cheers from the friends of the free press, I would recommend him to send for the Gas man.' Roars of laughter and a tumult of clapping followed this sally, which was better than a sermon; demonstrative without formal logic, and is not likely to be forgotten. The impudent boys of the neighborhood where this occurred still, at a safe distance, shout to the man round the corners of streets, 'Send for the gas man!'

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PARIS FASHIONS.

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Many fall costumes are made of Scottish material, a kind of rather thick twilled tissue. One dress is composed of a skirt, just long enough to touch the ground, and bordered below by a high lace, while a massive, ornamented bodice, each side with black taffeta, or velvet stripes, covers the dress. A tippet of the same material, more or less long, is looped up behind by several folds. The toilets for the end of the season, at the country or for travelling, are also made of Scotch cloth, and assume the form of a palette, with a large round tippet covering part of the dress. This tippet is very becoming, the tippet being cut so as to make the seam form a heart on the back, and its lower part being surmounted by a fringe corresponding to the color of the Scotch material. This costume may be worn over a dress of black taffeta, or even over toilets of light color. Short dresses are constantly worn, and much ornamented in form and choice of colors is displayed. The following for instance, is a highly recommended pattern for a lady of fashion: The lower skirt, of a pale-red color, is trimmed with small crape flounces of the same shade; the light-blue crape tunic is looped back en panier by knots of the same material, while the waist, made of pale-red taffeta, is cut square and trimmed with small crape flounces. A mantlet of light-blue crape, bordered with a fringe of feathers, makes the costume complete. A round straw hat is held up at the side by a large pale red rose, partly covered by small blue flowers hanging over it. For morning costumes it is fashionable to wear unbleached linen during warm weather, but woollen material, with wide stripes, takes the place of the former when the weather is unfavorable. In this costume a cloth waist, corresponding in shade to one of the stripes of the skirt, is very becoming, and generally worn with facings, ornamented by small, bright-colored fancy buttons. A linen sailor collar, with stripes, a black or brown hat of English straw, entirely covered by a long veil of blue silk, and a bonnet of an American valier. Rayther a startlin' incident occurred to me at that 'ere time. A vale 'avin been seen by the man at the look out, three boats were 'medately lowered into the water, 'n' the men vos all told holf into 'em. The Captain himself went in one 'em boats, leaving the first mate in charge of the ship.

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Mr. B. M. Davenport, Nebraska City; Elder Groomsen—Mr. Ohio Graves and Mr. J. A. Young, Hopkinsville, Miss. Ellen Campbell, Hopkinsville. Bridesmaids—Miss Clarence Campbell and Miss Kate Gish, Hopkinsville.

WITNESSES.

Rev. J. B. Johnson, Nebraska City; Elder Wm. Davenport, Madison, Ind.; L. S. Major and wife, Chicago; J. M. Major and wife, Bloomington, Ill.; G. P. Miller, Mrs. H. M. Miller, W. H. Felton, Cincinnati; W. G. Alexander, Allegheny, Pa.; Mr. Mayall, W. H. Cronk, New York; Mr. Corneil, Chicago; Mr. A. Montand, Wash-

THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN ENGLAND.

From the London Standard (Despatching), Sept. 27th.

The Chinese Ambassadors have arrived. That event, which should have stirred the very depths of our British curiosity, has somehow or other failed to excite any particular enthusiasm. Whether it is that our diplomatic relations with the Celestial Empire have ceased to be of an interesting character—whether we have had a surfeit of sensations of the kind, or from some cause less readily explicable, we do not know. It was greatly moved by the news of the Chinese plenipotentiaries' arrival. Mr. Burlingame, with his polyglot train, have landed on our shores with scarcely more eclat than would be commanded by a new troupe of Japanese jugglers. There is an evident indifference to the new arrivals, hardly to be explained by the fact that they possess no accomplishments to regard them as they present no such in butterflies, and would probably be beaten in top-spinning by the youngest member of the late Lyceum company.

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