THE NEW CONNECTION BETWEEL THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC.

Made Shortly After-Four Routes Proposed by Galvio-French Movements.

The recent announcement of M. de The land actually needed for excavation Lesseps to the French Academy of In October, 1881, active operations Science that the Panama canal will be were commenced under two French enopened on February 3, 1890, at which gineers and contractors-Couvreux and time it will be ready to receive twenty | Hersent-and are still being carried on. vessels a day, brings to mind the fact that many well-informed persons who have work, owing sometimes to a hitch in the taken some interest in the project know | financial arrangements and at other but little concerning the history of sim- | times to difficulties connected with the ilar schemes connected with the cutting supply of labor, but according to the last through, at one part or another, of the accounts received slow but steady prognarrow land which joins North America ress is being made toward completion.

arates the Atlantic from the Pacific. communication between the two oceans expend a sum far exceeding the original has been more or less discussed by navi-gators, adventurers and scientific men. estimate, Frenchmen have learned to place so much confidence in the veteran engineer's judgment that there is little struck with the apparent simplicity of ing has been fixed, but what all the the idea. Those even who have had op- money called for will be forthcoming. portunities of surveying the country have in many instances failed to realize the enormous difficulties to be surmounted before any effort in such a direction could be successfully carried out.

dra, in 1520, suggested the cutting the international copyright which contains through of the Darien isthmus. A little | the opinion that if it were once adjusted it later on a survey was made of the Isth- would give free motion to an agency of unmus of Tehuantepec, with an idea that mixed good and would have an immense a canal might be constructed in that vi- effect in promoting moral and social union. cinity. This isthmus is about 1,000 miles as the crow flies in a northwesterly direction from the Isthmus of Panama. It extremity of Central America as Panama far as the ordinary language of the country but plantations of maguey. Occasion- yet the pulque comes from it as pure and is to the south of that country.

Galvio, after traveling through Central volved. But the composition of our America and the land in its vicinity, population is by no means proposed four routes, any one of which he considered suitable for the location the islands of Great Britain, but from the row proceeding under the supervision of mon, popular literature of the country is "How can these people drink that vile ready for market, the similarity M. de Lesseps—an experiment which has | English. Wby? Because of the spread of | stuff?—why, it smells just like the swill is so striking. Much money, but which promises, if successful, priced reprints of the works of both stan- comparison was apt. There is a pecu- which are to be seen hanging up around to return from 90,000,000 to 100,000,000 dard and ephemeral English authors. When liar pungency which suggests anything the doors or hung up inside the pulque

francs per annum. the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The war of masses have a closer acquaintance with

carried out. General Obegoso. Then Jose de Garny, zens turn naturally to English literature. also a Spaniard, secured a concession in the period of the last-mentioned survey the standard of literary recreation. and concession, Bolivar, President of a familiarity with English forms and a survey of the Panama isthmus. One had to buy were protected by copyright, the result of investigation, to make a of a few authors, but it is the absence of it longer fit to drink. Pulque is Lima. Nothing came of that scheme at | country and this .- San Francisco Chronicle.

the time. In 1843 the French government sent tions and report. He recommended the

construction of a sluiced canal. The discovery of gold in California which may be seen with the naked eye, and several years after this caused a great increase of traffic across the Panama isth- gifted with more than ordinary powers of mus. In 1849, consequent on this acces- vision, there are not so many as 4,000 stars sion of travelers, some enterprising at any time visible above the horizon. But Americans completed the formation of a very different result presents itself when a company and commenced a railroad the heavens are surveyed through a telescope. under the superintendence of two emi- Countless numbers of stars then come into nent engineers, Totten and Trautwine, view which were previously invisible, and who had become famous principally be- the more powerful the telescope used the cause of their work on a canal at Cartha- greater the number of stars revealed to obgena. Six years later this road was in servation, until finally the conclusion is arworking order, not withstanding the diffi- rived at that the number of stars visible in culties experienced in securing and sus-taining the men employed on the works. capacity of the instrument which the obthis railroad the United States government, in 1851, ordered a survey of the the southern part of Mexico. The first ordinary opera glass the entire field of view inspection led to no satisfactory conclu- is filled with a beautiful congeries of distinct was dropped. A subsequent inspection Herschel, who far surpassed other astronomy for the maguey plant has other uses beside under the same auspices has resulted in the stellar heavens, has left upon record ing a general feeling of lethargy and obtained a coarse, tough fibre, out of the selection of the Nicaraguan route, some striking results of his observations drowsiness. It is not a fighting drink, which the natives manufacture matting, 500 miles north of the narrowest part of the Panama isthmus, and utilizing the the panama isthmus, and the panama isthmus, San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua. Before this decision was definitely arrived at, the subject of a ship canal was the field of view of the instrument, an opti- cents per gallon, and many Mexicans off across the country to some market brought up for discussion in 1875, at a cal delusion attributable to the diurnal revo- and Indians will consume from one half town-often several days' journey.

Interoceanic Canal Society. The Colom- 258,000 stars.—Good Words. bian government was applied to for the right to construct and maintain a canal through the Colombian territory between

the two oceans. In 1878, this privilege was granted to the society for ninety-nine years. Among pany free; that 1,248,000 acres of public

in carrying out their work. It was also made a part of the contract | tricts the polite forms and pilot them through that the ports at each end and the waters | a winter in Washington. of the canal remain neutral for all time: that in case of foreign war transit should of a superior who condescends to take the not be interrupted by such event, no exclusion being used or preference shown on payment of the dues; that the United past and who dictate its forms now. They of war at all times without the payment | nish their houses, how to talk and act, how of any dues; that the canal be closed to to set their tables, how to receive callers and war vessels of nations at war with each who to call on. They tell them the differother which may not have acquired by ence between an ordinary tea and a high tea,

by the grantees that the government of Colombia should receive a percentage of those who employ them, and they are the all collections made, at the following most courted of all society. They are experts rates: Five per cent. for first 25 years, in Washington life.- Exchange. 6 per cent. from 26 to 50 years, 7 per from the 76th year until the expiration little.

of the privilege in 1977, the sum never to

In 1879, M. de Lesseps began to take Saavedra's Suggestion of Cutting Through | was held in 1881. The capital then anthe Darien Isthmus in 1520-A Survey nounced to be necessary was 600,000,000 that 430,000,000 francs was required for excavation, and 36,000,000 francs for a dock and floodgates on the Pacific side.

and South America, and at present sep- wonderful worker, De Lesseps, funds For more than 300 years the subject of and although it would seem necessary to estimate, Frenchmen have learned to A casual observer looking at the map is doubt, now that the actual date of open-T. CAMPBELL-COPELAND.

INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT. A Few Exceptions Taken as to Its Unmixed Good.

In the Nineteenth Century for November It is on record that one Angel Saave- there appears an article from Gladstone on With this statement we take distinct and immediate is ue. England makes the great mistake of calling this an Anglo-Saxon nation and of speaking of it as the big memis about as far north from the northern | ber of its own family. It is Anglo-Saxon so is concerned; and it is of England's family, ally some other crop is grown as clear as when it was drawn from the In 1550, just 337 years ago, Antonio so far as historical traditions are in-Saxon as a whole. Its new blood and sinew does not come exclusively from of the canal. One of these was that se- countries of the world, and especially from lected a few years ago for the experiment | Continental Europe. Yet the great, com-Dickens and Thackeray visited this country they found themselves greeted by millions A long time elapsed before anything of readers. How many intelligent, apprecipractical was done. It was not until ative listeners and admirers would they have 1814 that an order was received from the found had their works been protected by Spanish government by the viceroy of copyright and published here in three-vol-New Spain to commence cutting through | ume form? It has been a constant subject adependence prevented the order being glish literature than the English themselves form in which it is obtainable here.

and the result is doubtless due to the cheap Another survey was made in 1821 by The sons and daughters of our foreign cit 1842. Still the work hung fire. Between | because through its cheapness it has become American reader of English works acqu Colombia, instigated and had carried out toms he would never possess if the books he of his surveyors, Lloyd, in a paper pub- these English forms and customs, and he in lished in London in 1830, proposed, as his writings tries his hand at picturing them. railway from Panama or Chorrera to the that has been instrumental in "promoting Rio Trinidad, a tributary of the River | the moral and social" union of England and Chagres. His idea was, in this connection the United States, and it is the spread of cheap literature that has so largely cemented tion, to establish a port on the Bay of the feeling of kinship between Gladstone's

THE NUMBER OF THE STARS.

over Napoleon Garella to make observa- Special Attention Devoted to This by Some Astronomers. Some astronomers have devoted special attention to counting the number of stars the result has been that, even to persons known group of stars known as the Pleiades. Surveyed with the naked eye, this interestland between that place and or seven stars; but when observed with an The universal argument is that pulque scenes from Mexican church history, mers in the profundity of his explorations of | put queer fancies into the brain, produc- supplying pulque. From its leaves is illustrative of the immense multitude of vet, undoubtedly, produces much degra- twine, rope, &c. In the villages of the scientific congress held at Paris. As a lution of the earth upon its axis Herschel, to one gallon per day. The pulque portion of the fibre is fine enough to result of that discussion an exploring party was sent over from France, arriving there in 1876 MM Wyse Celler val of a quarter of an hour as many as 116,review before him the immense number of

CHAPERONS AT WASHINGTON. A Profession in Which Tact and Expe-

rience Are the Capital. The wives and daughters of new congressmen and officials are frequently thrown into of the pulque. Besides ranged that two engineers, deputed by society without previous preparation. From the vending in small the grantor, should be included in the the quiet of a country home this is a terrible quantities to families, surveying party for purposes of consult- transition. There are ladies in Washington | the system of pulque ation and advice. As part of the con- whose husbands have been army or navy distribution embraces tract it was further agreed that an "Uni- officers. They have spent years in society and supply deversal" company be thoroughly organ- have held and still hold high rank. The pots, at ized and kept up; that the canal be fin- mysteries of form and usage are familiar to which orished in twelve years' time-1890-that them, but the death or retirement of their ders are all public lands required for the work, husbands has reduced their finances below received including a belt 200 yards wide on each the figures of their extravagant tastes. These and filled ladies now sustain their position in society by leading the uninitiated through the mysland be given the company to aid them terious mazes. They teach the wives of new

The relation they hold to a novice is that part of a friendly adviser or chaperon. They women who have been belles in society in the States of Colombia reserve the right to now make a business of pleasure. They ad-As a compensation for the rights them polite forms of speech, and tell them ranted to the company it was conceded | what to talk about. They lead them around

PULQUE.

MEXICAN PEOPLE.

the Plant to be Found Throughout the rated with flowers and gay ribbons. Country-First Effects of the Drink Upon Foreigners-Its Large Consumption.



trade. For miles you will find nothing suggestive, but it is usually very dirty the rows of the maguey. At many receptacle is not confined to the plantaof the stations along the Vera Cruz tions. Pulque is shipped to the city in railroad the air is fragrant with the these skins, for carrying which there are smell of pulque. There is, however, quite open cars. The skins are also hung a difference about the odor. An American upon open frames, and from a little dislady going down the road exclaimed:

disagreeable after a little education. trains," "Freight trains." An estimate ing spectacle. based upon the railroad traffic gives the The pulqueria, or pulque shop, is one

twenty-four hours. As a beverage it does not last long; exaggeration in saying that every block hence they have to use it immediately, so in the City of Mexico has one place where to speak. Fermentation must set in be- the beverage is to be had. The shops are fore it is pulque, and fermentation, once also highly decorated by flash paintings, begun, goes on so rapidly that in forty-eight hours, or at the longest sixty-five hours-



pelled to hold his nose and hurriedly gulp down a few swallows, while his friends, who have preceded him a few months, will slowly drain great goblets of the milky-looking, ill-smelling liquid and smack their lips over the last drop. is healthful, a corrective adapted to the while the doors are hung with festoons climate, excellent for the kidneys,&c., &c. of corn leaves, resembling a green fringe. moderate capacity, they are alone is, perhaps, equal to the sum of enough they pack it in great square \$25,000. It is sold for twelve and a-half bundles, fasten it on their backs and trot ply at the houses, which the servant re-On another occasion he estimated ceives and keeps in an earthen jar. There Mexico on which pulque is not to be seen at noonday. The little round basket which takes the place of the small tin bucket of the mechanics of the Mexicans are great lovers of milk in con-

at all hours for any ordinary quan-tity. Well-dressed Mexicans in all the only with the edelweiss, but also with other glory of silver buttons and expensive rare Alpine plants. But it is a question sombreros are in waiting at the depots, whether the plant is not changing its charready to start at short notice to fill orders. acter and being transformed, in fact, into a These men are known as conductors de curred in the mountains of Upper Austria,

This information may be calculated to do a twenty minutes for lunch, and doesn't plies regularly in large quantities are vis- tize the edelweiss. The plant throve, but it man ited early in the day by agents who has lost its beautiful ermine-like bloom, and have charge of great two-wheel carts is no longer white, but red.—Exchange. have charge of great two-wheel carts is no longer white, but red.—Exchange.
which fairly groan under the load of

five peons go with each cart to assist in numerous ltttle bells attached to their Chateau Maguey-Enormous Quantities of harness, besides being profusely deco-

ish pulque collectors start out with their their gourds. Each has his portion of the field. He goes to the plant, picks reaching down with the cup drains it of the juice which has gathered since his last visit. There is a peculiar feature about this part of the pulque business which one who has witnessed for the first oump; the gourd is the receiver, the ciated with the thought of drinking the uid afterward.

When the peon has filled the gourd he goes to the burro nearby and empties the gourd into the skins, which are slung upon the animal's back. These skins are ULQUE, the national bev- a source of wonder to the stranger. erage of Mexico, is ob- Their preparation from the hog or goat tained from the Chateau is purely Mexican. The skins are soft and Maguey, a plant which | yield to any pressure; filled with pulque, needs but little encour- of the animal. The ones around his agement to grow al- legs and neck are tied with strong most anywhere in Cen- strings, and a full-grown skin will hold tral Mexico, but seems several gallons of pulque. One may to thrive best on the search in vain for any seam. But how was the skin taken off the animals? That is high plains. The trav- the mystery; not a bristle or a hair is left eler may take any of When a leg or the neck of the skin is the railroads out of untied the pulque pours forth. Once the City of Mexico and he cannot help carrying away a vivid impression of the magnitude of the pulque emptied, the skin collapses like a fish bladder, but it does not dry and is always ready for use.

The outside of the skin is not only

ican is when he starts out for a stroll, The shipment of pulque to other soon after his arrival in the great city, sections of the country and particularly and meets in the main entrance of his to the City of Mexico constitutes a large hotel a peon with one of these distended "Children part of the business of the railroads. skins, containing the day's supply of The pulque trains run daily from the pulque for the house. Very likely the peon pulque districts to the City of Mexico. will have one leg over his shoulder, the The classification of the service by the other three legs sticking out in as many railroads is "Passenger trains," "Pulque directions, presenting a rather disgust-

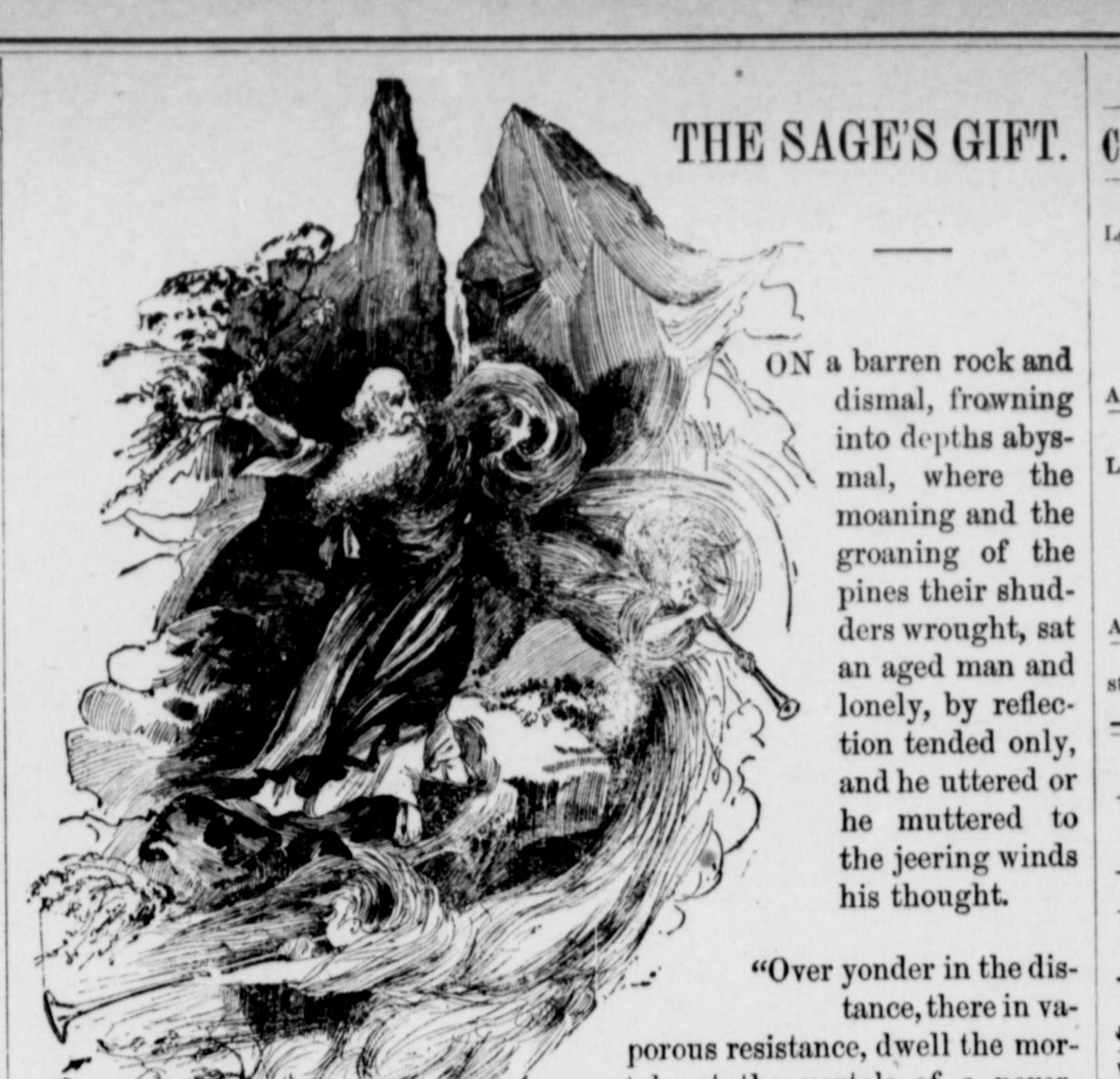
amount of pulque carried out of one of the institutions of the country. It is region alone at 150,000 gallons every more frequently found than the beer saloon is in New York, and there is no



AN ART COLLECTION.

in forty-one minutes there passed in are few private tables in the City of Which is Attracting Great Attention in the Ideal World. The Catherine Wolfe collection is now open at the Metropolitan Museum, and naturally attracts a great deal of attention. newcomer is misled by thinking the This, with the other attractions, will make terest for a long time. The Wolfe pictures figure pieces are Merle's "Falling Leaves" and Lefebvre's "Graziella." Among the Solace from the Poet Laureate for the The Missouri Pacific Railway and Iron to fully protect the assured in case of large compositions are Gabriel Max's "Last Token, a Christian Martyr," Knaus' "Holy Family" and "Old Woman and Cats," Kaulbach's "Crusaders Before Jerusalem," taille's "Cossacks and Imperial Guard. Breton's "Religious Procession in Brittany, except Mondays and Tuesdays, when a sr all fee is charged for admission .- New York

The Edelweiss. The Kolnische Volkszeitung calls attention o the experiments to make the beautiful pulgue. The shops which take their sup- where also an attempt was made to acclima-



"Here have I, it seems for ages, turned the leaves of nature's pages, where a lover may discover healing simples to combine. Be the providential mixer of a sure and safe elixir, the revealer of a healer that has properties divine.

ending death. Drawing evils miasmatic

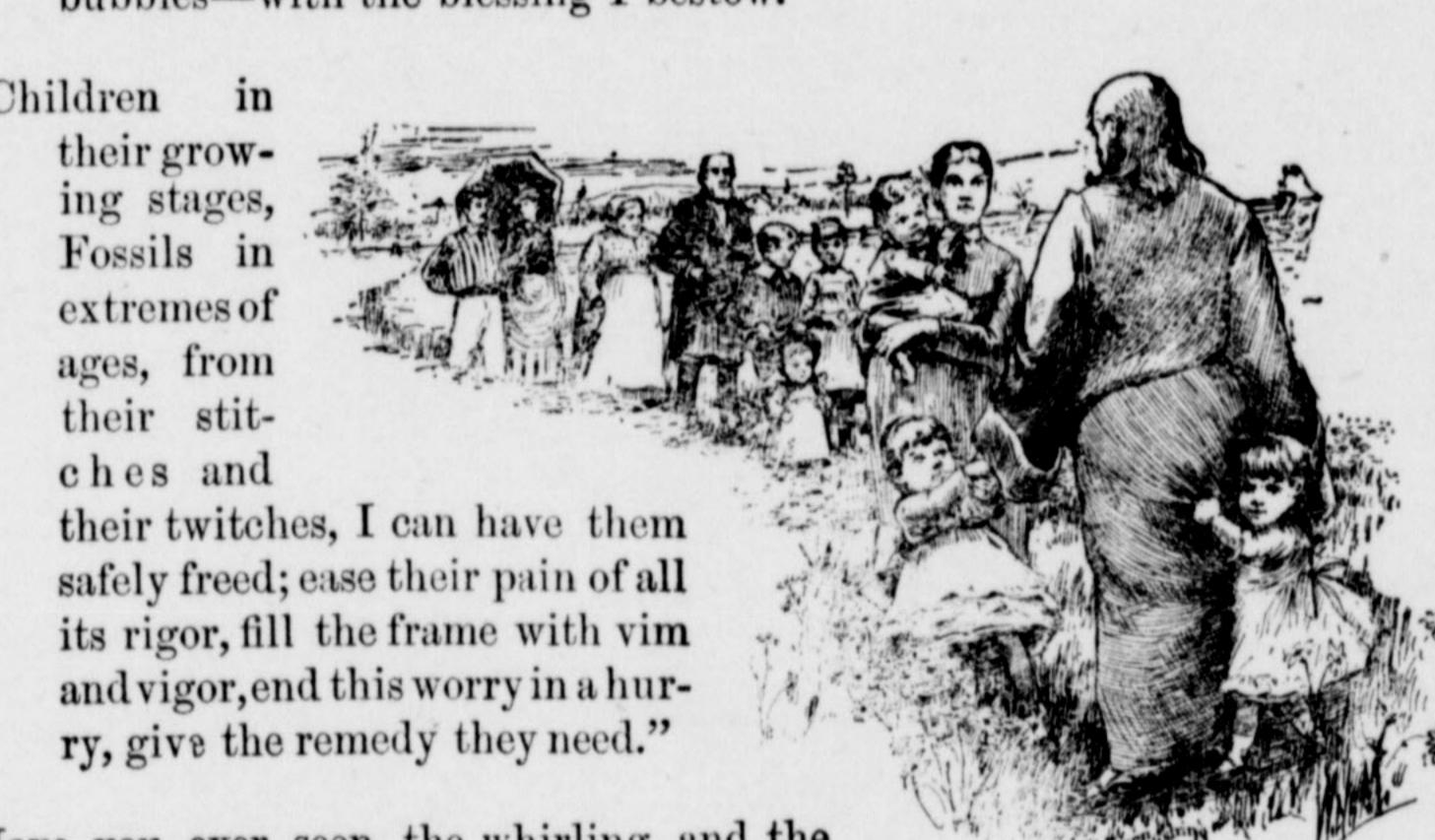
pangs neuralgic, tweaks rheumatic in the

breathing germi-seething inhalation of a

"So my efforts long have ended in success complete and splendid, and I'm certain that the curtain of their miseries will fall when St. Jacobs's Oil relieves them-of the misery that grieves them-then will laughter follow after-gone the evils which appall."

So the steep he then descended, by the winds alone attended, which surrounded him and sounded all the blare of herald note, till the echo crashed a-thunder 'gainst the precipices under, then repeated and retreated to the valley far remote.

swallowed up an immense amount of English cheap literature; because of the lowwhich are to be a season barring which are to be a season barring was a season barring with a season barring was a season barring was a season barring with a season barring was sure you I can cure you of your suffering and woe. Turn the tweaks Is now in ship-shape to wait on its many friends of pangs rheumatic-into easiness ecstatic, change your troubles into bubbles—with the blessing I bestow.



Have you ever seen the whirling, and the tossing and the twirling, and the rustle crisp and bustle of the leaves within a gust? Thus the people so admonished, flocked delighted and astoni hed-crowding madly,

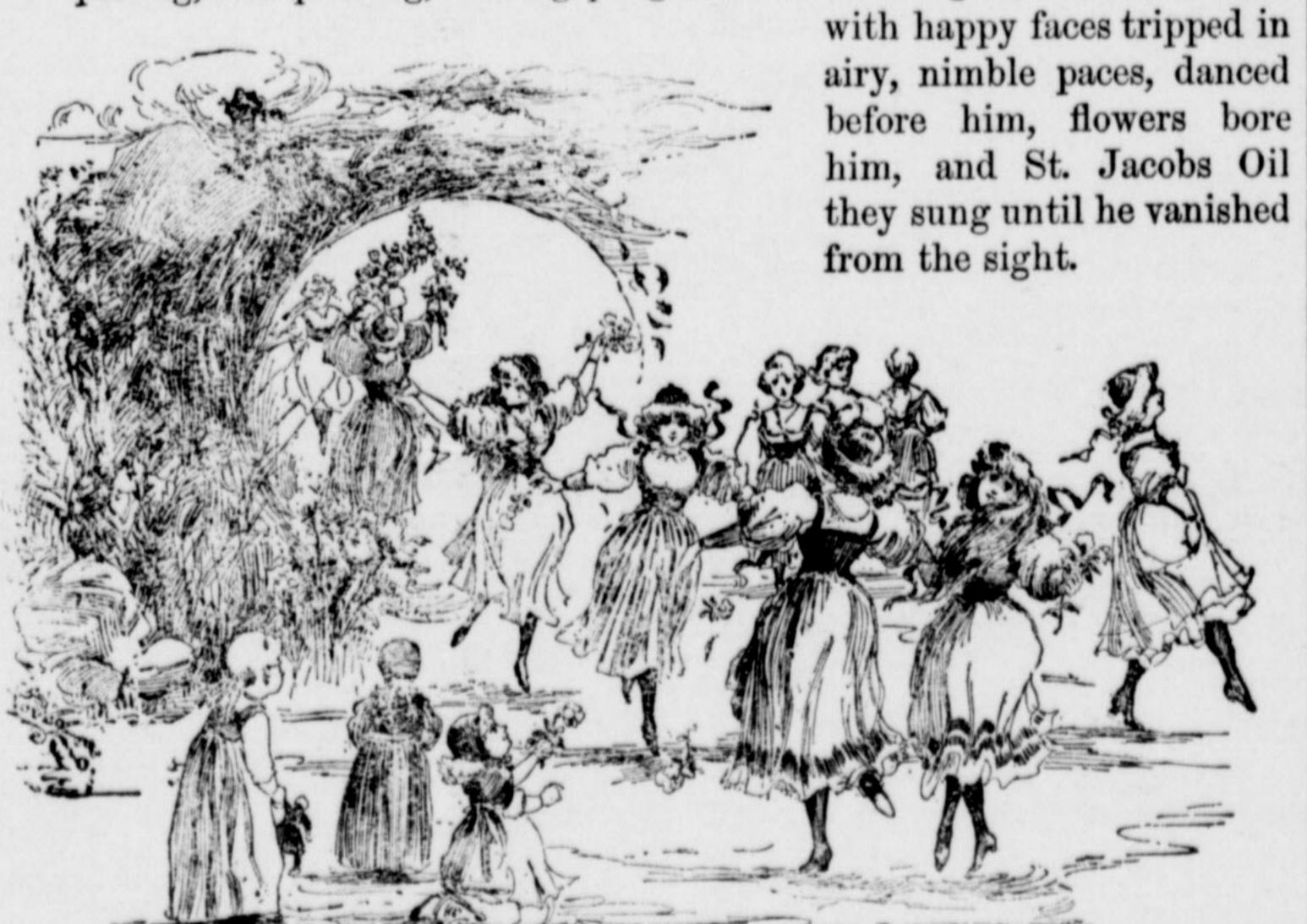
pleasure, jubilantly they unite.

shouting gladly so their ills he might adjust. Smiling pleasantly, he gave them some of St. Jacobs Oil to save them; faces fearful, turning cheerful at the curing liquid's sight. Round and round they swiftly rally, over table land and valley. In a measure of their

"Oh, he!" pleasantly assures us that its saving mixture cures us. We will try it; will apply it, hence all faltering delay," and the happy words they uttered with the distant echoes muttered, softly sighing and reply ing as the sage went on his way.

Just a month it was thereafter, jubilant the air with laughter; through the valley people rally, in ovations they engage, send the fragrant rosy flowers all about in tribute showers to do honor, to the donor of the remedy-the

Singing "ho! our pains are ended-by a cure complete and splendid-ill dispelling, evil quelling, turning pangs and twitches right;" and the maids with happy faces tripped in



LITERARY PLAGIARISM.

I hold it truth, with him who sings To one clear harp in divers tones, That men may rise on stepping-stones Of their dead selves to higher things. If the poet alluded to by the poet laureate is Goethe, the following lines by Longfellow indicate that Goethe may have been indebte St. Augustin, well hast thou said

That of our vices we may frame A ladder, if we will but tread Beneath our feet each deed of shame. By their own deeds men ascend, and by their East. The value of the present is \$15,000 .-Like the diggers of a well, and like the build-

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