or explain something which precedes or follows; as, 'The captain had several men died [who died] in the ship.

THE DASH. [-]

1. The dash should be used where the sentence breaks off abruptly, and the subject is changed; as, 'Was there ever a bolder captain or a more valiant band? Was there ever -- but I scorn to boast.'

2. Where a long or significant pause is required, the dash may properly be introduced; as, The good woman was allowed by everybody, except her hustand, to be a very sweet-tempered lady-when not in liquor."

3. The dash should be used before a phrase or clause in which the idea of the clause next preceding it is repeated in a different form, to render it clearer or more own nature is the first and nearest of all realities -- the corner-stone of the entire fabric of truth;' 'You speak like a boy-like a boy who thinks that the old, gnarled oak can be twisted as easily as the young sapling.'

THE APOSTROPHE; THE HYPHEN, THE QUOTATION MARKS. [' - " "]

1. The apostrophe is used to distinguish the possessive case of nouns, and to denote the omission of a letter or letters; as 'Brown's Grammar;' 'I've got the letter.'

2. The hyphen is used, in writing and printing, where a part of a word is placed in one line and the remainder in the next; and also to join the constituent parts of compound and derivative words; as, 'The incense-breathing morn.

3. The quotation marks are used to distinguish a word, phrase or passage taken from another author; as, 'Socrates said, "I beleive that the soul is immortal."

ERENCE. [A **** * + 1]

1. The caret is used only in writing, to show that a word or letter was accidently omitted, and has been

placed over the line; as, Disappointments often blessings in disgnise.

2. The marks of ellipsis indicate the omission of letters in a word or words in a sentence; as, 'E * * * returned to her friends a heart-broken girl."

3. The marks of reference direct the reader to notes in the margin; as, 'We are indebted to Fowler's Grammar* form any valuable hints.

MISCELLANEOUS HINTS NATURALNESS.

Rules and specific directions are useful in their places, and therefore we have given you a few of them; but, at the best, they but imperfectly interpret Nature's unerring laws of order, and are fallible and subject to perplexing exceptions. If you can make yourself master of the principles which underlie them, you may forget the rules as soon as youplease. Till you can do this, you will find them useful, provided you do not allow them to enslave you. Strive to be correct and methodical, but not stiff and formal. All writtherefore, aim at any set or special phraseology. Imitate no model. Study good authors for the improvement of your own style, and not for the acquisition of theirs. What is natural in them. may be constrained and labored in you. Be yourself—be natural.

LONG SENTENCES.

Unpracticed writers should avoid long sentences. They are not easily managed, and are apt to get involved or entangled. A violation of this ungrammatical willing with which we meet. A writer commences a sentence, without having the whole clearly fixed in his mind, and goes on adding clause after clause, loosely linked tog-ther with "buts" and "ands," till, at last, instead panal states. of having expressed his thought, he has involved in it utter obscurity.

TAUTOLOGY.

Avoid the repetition of the same sense in different words, as well as the needless repetition of the same words. For instance, do not say, "The nefarious wickedness of his conduct," because that would be the same as saying, "The extremely wicked wickedness, etc.;" nor "We returned back again;" for "we returned," fully expresses your meaning.

ADJECTIVES.

Young writers are prone to use adjectives too erlative degree. Those qualifying or describing words lose force by multiplication; and if you make every thing you describe the grandest, sublimest, most beauti'ul, most lovely, most delightful, most exquisite, or most splendid, you can no longer express the difference, in degree of grandeur, beauty, and so forth, between oifferent objects.

FIGURES OF SPEECH.

Comparisons, metaphors, and other figures of speech, when correctly used, add much to the beauty of a literary composition; but the young writer should use them cautiously and with good judgment. A broken metaphor may disfigure a whole essay.

FIGURES OF ARITHMETIC.

Numbers, except dates and sums of money, should generally be expressed in words. In le- | will be due here on each Tuesday morning. gal documents, sums of money should be expressed in words, and sometimes in both words and figures. Never write, "I have been in this town 3 days;" nor, "There are 25 pear trees in my father's orchard."

CONTRACTIONS.

of firms, as, "Smith & Jones," and even there | beneficial. the word 'and' written out in full. looks better .-

Contractions in general are to be avoided. The economy of time and space secured by their use, ternoon, bringing over twenty sacks of mail hardly compensates for the mutilated appearance

of the words and the liability to error involved. Don't, can't, isn't, and other contractions of the

* The English Language; its Elements and Forms. By W. C. Fowier.

where familiar conversation is quoted, but not in any graver style.

READING. You may learn much by reading good autnors, with particular reference to style. Read slowly every direction with renewed vigor. and carefully, observing constantly what kind of words are used, and how they are put together.

Choose for study writers whose style pleases you. We can hardly advise on this point, because tastes and capacities differ, and the style rocks and sands do not prove to be a little ex- stances. best adapted to serve the purpose of one might be studied with but little advantage by another. Irving, Cooper, Prescott, Bancroft, Emerson, Poe, Ik Marvel, and the author of "The Potiphar emphatic-to impress it upon the mind; and also where thy of study, for their style; but, we repeat, bemerely a word or phrase is repeated or echoed; as, 'Our ware of imitating these authors, or anyhody else. Have a style, as well as a coat, of your own.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST. But neither our rules, directions and hints, nor ing of good authors, nor all these together, will make you a good writer without persevering pracquisition. It is cheaply purchased at the expense the same or nearly \$20 a day per man. of years of study and practice. But you may write all your lifetime, and continue to improve to the last; though your style, like your hand- recently found weighing five pounds, and conwriting, is liable to grow worse, instead of better, taining \$125. The miners in that county are if you allow yourself to fall into negligent and careless habits. Study, read, and above all, been paying richly during the winter.

ELIAS SMITH EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

The news by the long delayed Eastern mail is not so very interesting as was anticipated before its arrival.

seemed to know how the difficulties could or found in Negro Gulch, worth \$113, according to would be settled, nor whether the war or peace the Columbia Courier. policy would finally prevail.

Extensive preparations were being made for made of late, and gold digging has received war especially by France, and if things continu- new impetus in most of the mining districts of then war be found inevitable, Napoleon will ance of water this season. be prepared to make a vigorous effort in any direction he may deem necessary.

writing from London under date of March, the coming summer. says that in spite of every exertion that had ing, to be satisfactory, must be natural. Do not, been made, the money market in that mercantile metropolis had a downward tenden- tinues to rage as extensively as ever. The cy; that in anticipation of the object of Lord Cowley's mission to Vienna, the Austrian sas papers, received by the last mail, are filled government had managed to have the Pope request both Austria and France to withdraw these armies from Italy, and that the French Emperor immediately gave orders for his troops to evacuate Rome, which was rule is the source of much of the inelegant and completed in two days-that a squadron was pects held out to adventurers and of the enat once to Marseilles, and that in a short time there would not be a French soldier left in the

It was also stated by the same correspondent that Austria was not prepared, it seemed, to five weeks on the return trip. He came in with move with so much rapidity if disposed, and an ox team, thus proving that oxen can be the difficulty was not lessened by this scheme, as alleged, to gain time, as the continuance of will work, as doing well. He says that they the Austrian forces in Italy, after the French cannot work, on an average, more than two had so promptly left, would furnish Napoleon a pretext for war.

Russia and other European powers were anxiously watching the progress of the game making fifteen dollars ner day each, every day and ready to operate in any way interest lavishly, and to put too many of them in the sup- | might dictate, and if the torch should once war, whether a majority of those governments wish it or not.

> looked a little more favorable for peace, but nothing of any great moment had transpired that would ensure a continuance of the confidence that existed in relation to monetary seen several lumps found on Ralston Creek, affairs.

> NEW MAIL ARRANGEMENTS .- The Eastern mail will leave this city hereafter on Fridays men, and know them to be truth-telling men, and and St. Joseph, Mo., Mondays at 8 a.m., and are satisfied that what they say may be relied

The California mail is to leave every Tuesmorning.

schedule time the connection will be more was in an uproar. Most of the towns were Never use the character &, except in the titles | close than heretofore, and the change will be

THE EASTERN MAIL arrived on Sunday afmatter, some of it two or three months old, now in the mines, in which the most encourhaving been cached or stored by the way, in same class, are allowable in familiar letters and consequence of high water, deep snows, cold weather or something else. It came in by the old route over the Big Mountain.

Gold and Gold Digging

Seems to be uppermost in the minds of many the world over, and men are running after it in

If the reports of gold having been found here and there, in different localities, and of aggerated, or like the "Point of the Mountain" discovery near by, thousands will make forfinds its way into the national treasury or not.

The California papers represent the mines in that State as yielding abundantly of late. At Michigan Bar the claim of Fransue, Pool the study of grammar and rhetoric, nor the read- & Passmore, in six days, the last of March, last, two of which left the same day. They yielded \$1,373, with a fair prospect, it was tice. Writing is a great and noble art and, like said, of a similar weekly yield for months to all other arts, requires time and labor for its ac- come; several adjoining claims producing about Co. These companies are composed of gen-

In Amador county a boulder of quartz was making good wages, and some claims have

At Volcano, where water has heretofore dams. Notwithstanding the losses sustained Wednesday April 27, 1859. in consequence of the superabundance of water, a golden harvest is anticipated.

> In Tuolumne county mining is brisk, and some rich bits have lately been picked up.

A twenty-six pound lump was recently taken The prospects of war in Europe remained out of Burns' creek, says the San Joaquin Reabout as they were at latest date and no one publican valued at over \$5 000, and a nugget

Numerous other rich discoveries have been ed in the same state for a length of time, and the Golden State, in consequence of the abund-

attention, and thousands from Oregon and A correspondent of the New York Tribune, Washington are going there to make a raise

> THE PIKE'S PEAK gold mine excitement, con-Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Kanwith accounts of the movements in that direction, thousands being on the way thither and more going.

> The following extracts will give some idea of the extent of the gold fever, of the prosin that auriferous region:

> LATE NEWS FROM THE MINES .- Lewis Pilcher, who left this city on the 13th of October, returned from the mines on the 5th inst. He left the mines on the 20th of January, and was driven through in the middle of winter. Mr. Pilcher reports some miners, in fact, all who days in a week, on account of the cold weather. Shot gold has been found. The largest lump that he saw was a little over six dollars.

He says that he knows of two men who are that they can work. They work a sluice about seventy five feet long. He says a little gold work not more than one hundred feet apart. the ninth of March, at which time, things eight to ten dollars per day, while the other makes from fifty cents to two dollars.

W. R. Reed writes to C. H. Babbitt, that gold can be found almost anywhere in the coun- their expectations. try about the mouth of Cherry Creek. He has the heaviest of which is worth eight dollars and sixty five cents.

We have private advices from the mines up to February 14th. The reports of rich prosry Creek are all confirmed. Several valuable Should these mails arrive regularly within nuggets had been discovered, and the country and exploring parties were prospecting about pect in a few days. the sources of the streams and in the mountains .- [Leavenworth Times, March 16th.

FROM THE MINES .- George P. Buell received a letter, yesterday, from his brother, who is the time of writing, was in the mountains, and tensive operations.

Mr. Buell represents the mines as holding forth great inducements, and thinks the most sanguine expectations in regard to the country will be more than realized during the coming summer. He sent in numerous specimens of gold, which furnished substantial evidence of the character of the mines, as well as of the gold, which is exceedingly rich and pure, with the abundance and richness of the auriferous little or no admixture of quartz or foreign sub-

It is proper to state that the letter of Mr. Buell is private, and he cannot be charged with making his statements to influence the public tunes before the time for the meeting of the next mind. In view of these facts his letter is Papers," among American writers, are well wor- Congress, whether any of the "yellow truck" doubly gratifying, and the view he takes of the new country and its golden mines as convineing as agreeable .- [Leavenworth Times, 18th.

[From same, March 14 h.]

Messrs. Hensley, Russell & Co., outfitted three companies for the mines on Saturday purchased a complete outfit for six months. The companies were Messrs. D. Hill & Co., D. W. Powers & Co., and Thomas McGraw & tlemen of this city and territory.

[From same, March 16th.] .

FOR THE MINES .- Upwards of seven companies left our city yesterday for the mines. Some were well provided and will have a pleasant trip; others had a moderate outfit and will probably get through in safety.

But one company embraced an amount of fool-hardiness, we are pained to record. This been scarce, there is an abundance this spring, company consisted of sixteen able-bodied feltoo much for some of the mining companies, as lows with blankets, picks and pans strapped it has washed away some of their flumes and to their backs. Their entire lot of provisions consisted of forty pounds of crackers and a quantity of salt-the latter being barely sufficient to preserve the former in case it was not eater.

On being asked how they expected to make the trip of five hundred miles with their ridicu-

lous outfit, one of them replied: "That's easy enough. We intend to kill

enough game and sleep in barns." Verily, the fools are not all dead.

More Companies off .- Amongst the companies of gold seekers which left yesterday for the mines, was that of C. P. Patterson, of St. Louis. Mr. Patterson, goes out with a large stock of goods for the purpose of establishing a post somewhere in the mines. He has been long a citizen of St. Louis, in which city he has a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who, no doubt, will be glad to The Fraser River mines are attracting much hear of his departure in good health and fine spirits.

The John D. Perry brought down a company of eleven from St. Joe, who are destined for

Pike's Peak.

OFF FOR THE MINES. - Four wagons and sixteen men passed through Rockford, on Thursday last, bound for Pike's Peak.

A party of fifty lately started from Janesville, Wisconsin, for the gold mines, with a train of ten wagons.

The Rockford (Ill.) Register of Saturday last published a list of fifty eight citizens of that place who were making preparations to start for the new Western gold fields-these in addition to several who had already started. [From the Leavenworth Times.]

A FEW Suggestions .- In the eagerness to sent from Toulon to convey the French army thusiasm of some of those in search of wealth reach Kansas gold mines, many hasty and illadvised persons will overlook the magnitude of the route and undertaking. We would urge upon all the necessity of a careful preparation. The distance from Leavenworth to Cherry creek is not less than five huncred miles, and to make the trip, without suffering or hardship,

> requires a thorough outfit. Many companies have already left our city with hand carts, carrying but a few hundred pounds of provisions, and relying on they scarcely know what for a successful trip across the plains. Others have started with a small pack and a few dollars, while some have actually left without a shilling.

The Gold mines in Arizona are yielding abundantly, as reported, and in fine, gold is all the rage from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and can be found almost any where in that section from the British possessions on the north, to get lighted it will no doubt be difficult to of country. He knows two men whose claims Mexico on the south. It has been discovered extinguish it till there is a general European are joining and the place where they are at in nearly every State and Territory in the One of the men gets from eight to twenty Union, in greater or less quantities, and the cents to the pan, while the other barely raises amount now in use, not equal to 1500 cubic The latest dates from Liverpoool were to the color half the time-the one makes from feet, will be materially increased, before the end of the year, if those that are or will be engaged in digging realize, to any good extent,

> We never had any inclination to engage in mining, but there are thousands who like the business, and there certainly was never a more We are acquainted with both of these young favorable opportunity for such to pitch in than at the present time.

MERCHANDIZE. - Loud, Hosmer & Co., whose advertizement appears in this number, have reday at 8 a.m., and will be due on each Friday pects on Clear Creek. Vasques Fork and Cher- ceived eighteen six-mule wagon loads of merchandize selected in San Francisco expressly for this market, and have fifteen more eightbeing depopulated in the rush for the diggings, mule wagon loads on the way, which they ex-

Another large train belonging to the same firm is to leave San Francisco for this city on the first of July, by the northern route.

Those wishing to purchase at wholesale, aging reports are conveyed. John Buell, at might find it advantageous to call at their store reported numerous discoveries of shot gold, and examine goods and prices before expendalthough the snow was too deep for any ex- ing their money for what they want, and think

they cannot do without.