

Feminine Names and Their Meaning.

Bertha is truly fair,
Bertha is purely bright,
Clara is clear to see,
Lucy is a star of light,
Felicia is happy as a fairy can be,
Catharine is pure,
Barbara from afar,
Mable is very fair,
Henrietta is a star,
Margaret is a pearl thrown up from the sea,
Muriel is sweetest myrrh,
Amelia is sincere,
Agatha is very good,
Bridget is shining here:
Matilda is a lady of honor true,
Susan is a lily,
Celia dim of sight,
Jane a graceful widow,
Beatrice gives delight,
Elizabeth an oath, pure as morning dew,
Sophia is wisdom,
Letitia is a joy,
Adeline a princess,
Julia a jewel toy,
Rebecca is faithful as the light of day:
Constance is resolute,
Grace is a favor meet,
Helen is nobility,
Harriet an elf sweet,
Abigail is joyful as a robin's lay,
Sarah is a lady,
Isabel is fair,
Lucinda is consistent,
Femina sounds in the air,
Caroline is noble and brave:
Lyola is well,
Judith a song of praise,
Cornelia a harmony,
Priscilla ancient of days.

BY THE SAD SEA WAVES.

"Yes, Alf, the waves have always to me a sad, uncertain sound."
"Don't be so soft, Tom."
"But I tell you it is true. Just listen, now, to the murmur of the surf. It rushes and recedes like the coming and going of memories which one would..."
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Items of Interest.

There are eighty Americans studying music at Milan.
A warehouse wall fell in Cincinnati, injuring two men.
Two-thirds of the town of Fair Play, Col., was destroyed by fire.
Michigan rustic rowdies amuse themselves by skinning sheep alive.
An angry man is again angry with himself when he returns to reason.
Fillmore and Johnson are the only ex-presidents of the United States that survive.
Better be despaired for too anxious apprehension than ruined by too confident a security.
Prof. Foner, of Berlin, announces the discovery of a new planet of the tenth magnitude.
The Postmaster of Pittsburgh, Pa., is charged with having made away with over \$33,000 of the funds of the office.
Denver dispatches give a florid report of the riches of the territory lately acquired from the Utes by the United States.
A poor man, who was ill, being asked by a gentleman whether he had taken any remedy, replied, "No, I ain't taken any remedy, but I've taken lots of physic."
A little girl was asked what was the meaning of the word happy. She gave a pretty answer, saying, "It is to feel as if you wanted to give all your things to your little sister."
Just before the bombardment of Alicante began the German commander offered to prevent a fight taking place, but the English and French commanders would not interfere.
Money, which had been active during the second panic week, on best collateral, ranging from one-half to two per cent. per day, closed Saturday night at seven per cent. per annum.
Ladies are gradually discarding one by one the little trinkets and cheap knickknacks worn on promenade depending from the waist belt. The umbrella and fan are about all that they can manage.
A movement is on foot to raise \$1,000 at Halifax, N. S., to send George Brown to Europe to run a match with Sadler for the championship of the world. The race is to take place at the Cove of Cork.
A woman and two children attempted to jump on board the steamer Illinois as she was backing out at Columbus, Ky. They fell into the river and were drowned. Their names could not be ascertained.
One of the Salt Lake Gentile papers ridicules the idea that George Q. Cannon will consent to give up his numerous wives for the sake of securing admission to a seat in Congress as the Delegate from Utah.
Over 1,000,000 bushels of wheat is stored in Milwaukee, awaiting shipment to the East. The receipts of wheat at this city since January 1, 1873, are 1,866,750 and 1,390,134 bushels for the corresponding time in 1872.
At a juvenile party, one little fellow, rejoicing in the splendor of his new clothing, went up to another with the triumphant remark: "You ain't dressed as nice as I am." "Well," retorted the other, "I can lick you, anyhow."
During that awful year, 1864, not less than twenty-five Spanish cities and towns, with an aggregate population of 427,228, were attacked by yellow fever, which destroyed 52,559. Other accounts raise this mortality to 124,200.
A boy who maliciously scattered cayenne pepper through a crowded hall in Jacksonville, Wis., setting two thousand people into spasms of irrepresible sneezing, was fined fourteen hundred dollars and sent to jail for four months.
A novel application of ice was made at St. Louis the other day, when forty-five tons were used to cool down three contract iron tubes of the mammoth suspension bridge across the Mississippi, to allow the insertion of the connecting tubes.
The fatal throat disease, first heard of in Pennsylvania, has made its appearance in a number of New York villages. It is almost exclusively confined to small children, and baffles the skill of the physicians, many deaths occurring.
A whaler has arrived at New Bedford from the Arctic regions, with some relics of Sir John Franklin, consisting of forks, spoons, &c., bearing the coat of arms of the Franklin family. They were obtained from Esquimaux who had come from near the spot where Franklin's vessels were abandoned in 1848.
Sidi-Mahmad, the late Emperor of Morocco, has been succeeded by his younger brother, Abbas-Muley. The present sovereign is of the family named Cherif-el-Filali. His family was established on the Moorish throne 225 years ago, and its representatives have reigned in unbroken succession from that date to the present time.
Mr. Methusalem during his long life was without doubt the recipient of many honors, and since his death not a few have been done to his memory. But the greatest has been reserved to the last. He will be in future principally known in connection with a brand of cigars, every box of which will be ornamented with a correct likeness of the old gentleman.
Who can read without emotion the story of two little girls in Green Bay, Wis. The eldest was seven years of age, the youngest only five. A drunken father left them alone in their room for six days with only a small loaf of bread for food. When the children were found the elder sister was nearly dead, having refused to eat of the bread so that her little sister might not suffer.
A letter from the Gold Coast tells of fresh misfortunes for the English. The whole coast west of Elmina has revolted, and all the tribes have joined the Ashantes. A lieutenant with a party of seamen went on shore with boats. They had just landed when a large body of natives opened a sharp fire on them from the bush, where they had been concealed. The lieutenant and eleven sailors were wounded, and a precipitate retreat was made to the boats.

The Discovery of America.

Just as the sun was rising over the blue waves of the Mediterranean, on the third of August, 1492, three small vessels, two of them without crews, but with forestalls and cabins for the crews, sailed from the little Port of Palos, in Spain, under the command of Christopher Columbus, in search of a new world. It seems almost incredible, that only four hundred years ago, nations had made such slight attainments of mind. The power of the whole category of words at my command is utterly inadequate to the task. There was no use in trying to evade the conclusion that I had been taken in—sold—bamboozled—victimized.
"I now come," said Tom, with a long breath and, I fancied, a cynical twinkle in his eye, "to the painful portion of this narrative."
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That Pot of Paint.

An old lady who lives a little distance from the small village of Quessy, Pa., went to the store in that place a few days ago for a pot of paint, with which she designed ornamenting her kitchen floor. She told the clerk, who went down stairs to prepare the deception, to put in plenty of drying material, and she next turned to the counter to purchase some pomatum from one side of his mousetrap, the loss so annoyed him that he omitted paying that attention to the order which it required, and instead of turpentine, poured in a generous quantity of syrup. That evening the old lady painted the floor, and the next morning she examined the result, to test its condition. When she opened the door, her cat, which was following, playfully jumped into the room, and then stopped. The old lady immediately shewed the animal, but it didn't show. It pulled away and tore at the paint, and then sat it down again to pull up another which necessitated pulling up the first one again. Then it tried the experiment over again, but with the same result. Finally it lifted one foot, and kept it up until the other was lifted. This gave the animal the appearance of trying to stand on its hind feet, but the old lady was so astounded that she was not in the least raised it attempted to lift the third foot, but in so doing fell over, and came down on its side in the paint, and there it stuck, clawing the air with its paws, and spitting forth the most venomous sounds. The old lady got a board, and laying it to the cat, succeeded with some difficulty in rescuing it. But she could not understand why that paint should be so moist. In the afternoon she tested the floor again with her finger, but the paint was still sticky. The third morning there was no improvement, nor in the afternoon. She was astonished. When she touched her finger to the paint this time, she transferred the finger to her tongue, then opened her eyes a little wider, and tasted again. After that she put on her things, harnessed her horse, and started for that store. And that evening she buried his mousetrap, and buried his pomatum in the solitude of the forest.

Robbing Himself.

The Manchester Mirror tells the following amusing story of the barefaced conduct of hog-stealers in the town of Chester, N. H. "In one instance the thieves woke up a man in his own farmhouse, told him that one of their hogs had got out of the wagon into the road, and asked his assistance to put him back. The farmer got up, dressed himself, and readily complied, and the next morning, when he went to feed his hog, on looking into the pen found him non est. He had assisted the thieves to steal his own porker. At length the farmer heard a squealing in the road late in the night, and, going to the door, saw a man struggling with a porker. The same story was repeated, and assistance given as at the other house, and the same scene was enacted at the pen in the morning. A SAD STORY.—At Birkenhead, England, a clerkman, who was arraigned on a charge of vagrancy, as he had been found asleep in a field in West Kirby. Upon his examination the sad story came out that he had been rector of Luckington, and had suffered from bad luck. He wanted to be rich, and disregarding the warnings of the Gospel through casting occasional glances on the "Lancers," he saw her take the arm of a handsome young Cuban, and walk slowly with him from the ball-room to the outer hall. By the time the dance was concluded, however, they had returned, and she mingled with the gay throng, casting occasional glances on the Cuban, who was evidently smitten with her. "When we parted for the night, it was with a lingering pressure of the hand, and an appointment for a ride on the following forenoon.

Does Not Like It.

Anna Brewster, writing from the Luca Baths, says: "Wherever we drive we see peasants carrying small bundles of chestnut leaves; every village house has long strings hanging from the eaves, which are strong rich, large chestnut leaves. I thought first that they were some kind of air plant, until I discovered that they were leaves that grew dryer daily; then I asked my driver about them. He told me they were dried and were used for winter fuel, in the baking of bread. And what is needed? They take chestnut flour, mixed with water, stir it to a paste, then make it in round flat cakes about as thick as a very heavily-made buckwheat cake. These are spread between chestnut leaves, folded up into them, indeed, then baked on hot stones. The chestnut leaves, which must be gathered in August, are first soaked in water before they are used for the needi covering. They are supposed to impart a chestnut flavor to the national food. Of course, I have been curious to taste need. So my padrono, or landlord, baked some for me. I love Luca and Luca's ever calm, dignified, and just; by his presence alone overawed these turbulent spirits. While sternly engaged in this moral struggle another week of intense agony passed away. To inspire the seamen with some of his own zeal he offered a reward, amounting to about one hundred and twenty dollars, to the one who could first catch sight of land. This gave rise to many false alarms. Every cloud in the western sky which could be thought to veil a mountain peak would give rise to the exciting shout of "land! land!" Columbus, consequently, found it necessary to issue the order that whoever should give a false alarm should forfeit all claim to the reward. The clouds were often so marred in the western sky in forms so strikingly resembling mountain peaks as to deceive the most practiced eye. Still the weary days came and went, and no land appeared. The alarm of the crew was continually increasing. At length their murmurs became so loud that the situation of Columbus was almost desperate. He was compelled to assume an attitude of defiance. Thoroughly arming himself, he declared that no consideration should induce him to abandon the enterprise.

The Churches in New York.

At the annual meeting of the clergymen of the Methodist Church in New York, a feature of the gathering was an essay by the Rev. C. C. Gossett on the decline of Methodism in New York City. He read many pages of comparative statistics showing the following facts: The Episcopalians have sixty-four registered churches and fourteen thousand members, the Baptists thirty-two churches and eleven thousand members, the Presbyterians fifty churches and sixteen thousand members, the Methodists forty churches and eleven thousand members. From 1850 to 1870 the Methodists have increased in numbers twelve per cent., the Presbyterians ten per cent., the Baptists twenty-one per cent., and the Episcopalians fourteen per cent. All these show a very heavy falling off as compared with the increase of population. Since 1846 the Roman Catholics have built eleven new churches, costing \$1,707,000. The Episcopalians twenty-five, costing \$3,830,000, the Presbyterians nineteen, costing \$2,833,000, the Baptists nine, costing \$872,000, and the Methodists fifteen, costing \$805,000. A Mr. Mitchell, a California agriculturist, has gathered this year 600,000 bushels of wheat from a little patch of 40,000 acres.