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SELECT POETRY.

FOR THE AMERICAN. MATRIMONY—A PARODY.

Hail, wedded love! mysterious law, true source Of human offspring, sole propriety In paradise of all things common else.

A Thrilling Sketch.

THE THREE SONS. A TALE OF MID-AIR.

In a college in the valley of Sallanches, near the foot of Mont Blanc, lived old Bernard and his three sons.

CELEBRATED CHARACTERS WHO HAVE JESTED WHEN DYING.

It is recorded of one who was going to execution, that he requested not to pass a certain street, but a tailor to whom he was indebted should arrest him on the way.

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Mr. C. L. Brace, who has recently returned from Europe, is delivering a series of lectures at New Haven, upon Hungary. The Palladium gives the following portions of his first lecture:

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thens fastened the cord around his waist, and began to let him down. Holding the sabre in his hand, he safely reached the hook that contained the nest.

When Rabelais was dying, the cardinal sent a page to inquire how he was. Rabelais looked at the envoy and felt his strength declining and his last moments approaching.

Drantome, with his usual naïveté, relates the death of Mademoiselle de Dimeuil, a maid of honor at the court of Catherine de Medicis. Young and handsome, she was equally celebrated for her ready wit and amiable repartees.

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of Mallerbe, his instructor in poetry, gives a very characteristic anecdote of his death. An hour before he expired, he started up suddenly and reproved his hostess, who was watching by him, for an ungrammatical expression; and when his confessor reproached him for this, and told him his thoughts should be otherwise employed, he replied that he could not help it; but, to the last grasp, he would contend for the purity of the French language.

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"WHO MURDERED DOWNIE?" About the end of the eighteenth century, whenever any student of the Marischal College, Aberdeen, incurred the displeasure of the humbler citizens, he was assailed with the question "Who murdered Downie?"

But there was a time, when to be branded as an accomplice in the slaughter of Richard Downie, made his blood run to the cheeks of many a youth, and sent him home to his books, thoughtful and subdued.

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