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SELECT POETRY.

THE OLD BACHELOR'S NEW YEAR.

Oh, the Spring hath less of brightness Every year; And the snow a ghastlier whiteness Every year; Nor do Summer blossoms quicken As it did—the seasons sicken Every year.

A Select Tale.

THE BRIDE OF THE WRECK.

"I was a lonely sort of a bachelor, and had never yet known what young men style 'the passion'."

her, or else in her own indomitable determination. For Mary Sinclair had a mind of her own, and a farseeing eye too. She was nineteen then.

deep sea above my boat. As I came up to the surface, a hand grasped my boat. I seized it, and a thrill of agony shot through me as I recognized the delicate finger of a woman.

AMUSEMENT OF TURKISH WOMEN. Mr. Bayle St. John, in the volume he has just issued, effectually dispels the prevalent idea as to the entire seclusion of the ladies of Constantinople.

THE MAMMOTH TREE OF CALIFORNIA. Two regular live Yankees have just returned from California, and report that they have got the Big Tree on the way home.

COUGHING IN CONSUMPTION. A New York paper recently stated that in one week fifty persons died of consumption in that city.

THE RAT AND THE WEASEL.—My informant states, that a farmer in the state of Maine, of his acquaintance, had noticed at different times, for the period of two weeks, combats between a large rat and a weasel in his barn.

DISPARITY OF AGE IN MARRIAGE. We clip the following interesting paragraph about the ages of some of the wives of distinguished personages from an English paper.

FATE OF THE APOSTLES. The following brief history of the fate of the apostles may be new to those whose reading has not been so evangelical as to know that—St. Matthew is supposed to have suffered martyrdom, and was slain with a sword at the city of Ethiopia.