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Poetry.

A PRETTY FOOT.

There's magic in a pretty foot—
And well the ladies know it—
And she who has a pretty one
Is pretty sure to show it.
At times, too, you are martyred by
The neatest little ankle,
That shoot an arrow through the eyes,
Within your heart to rankle.

Of course you turn your head aside,
And all your blushing starts,
For well you know she's not aware
Her skirts are raised a trifle,
But should you think she might perchance
Have on a haughty gaitor,
Your fingers itch to play the part
Of honest lady's waiter.

Though tantalized till he is crazed—
Start mad with wild romancing,
That witching foot along his brain—
A thousand waltzes dancing,
The while it mildly lightly pats,
As thoughtless she may move it—
No modest man would dare to dream
There was a leg above it.

But when it slips across the street,
Through winds and mud, and vapor,
By sheerest accident you see
How beautiful that taper,
And as it steps upon the walk,
Amd the crowd to throng,
Two regal eyes look up at it—
"I wonder if he's single!"

But I would have no lady think
I fancy her a schemer,
And keep her in remembrance
The past is a dreamer.)
He sees what others do not see,
And seeks for hidden beauty—
No pretty face can turn him from
The path of moral duty.

WIT AND HUMOR.

A RESOLUTE VOCALIST.

Some twenty years ago, when the gallant Col. Magruder commanded the United States forces at the mission of San Diego, it entered into that officer's head to execute a serenade for the benefit of certain ladies then honoring New Town with their presence. Accordingly, all the officers of the mess who could sing, play or beat time were pressed into the service, and one night about 12 o'clock, a jolly crew left the mission for Newton, in a large wagon plentifully furnished with guitars, flutes, and other arrangements of a musical nature. Among the rest, a jovial young surgeon, attached to the command, had established himself on the back seat with his instrument, which happened on this occasion to be a bottle of whiskey, and on which he played during the ride with such effect as to have raised his spirits, on the arrival at New Town, considerably above the fifth ledger line. You may remember a bowery song, rather popular in those days, the chorus of which ran:—

"Oh, my name is Jake Keyser, I was born in Spring that day,
To make me a pension my father did try,
But it's no use a blowin', for I'm a hard one,
And I'm bound to be a bimber, by Heaven, or die."

This unfortunate song had somehow or other occurred to the Doctor; he couldn't get rid of it. He could not help singing it; and accordingly when the whole party were duly ranged beneath the window, and with flutes and voices upraised were soliloquizing forth,

"Oft in the silly night,"
the entertainments were disagreeably varied; for far louder than the "silly night" rang the wine medevit chant, only varied by an occasional hiccup.

"Oh, my name is Jake Keyser, &c."

This was not to borne; so turning fiercely on the delinquent Easculapius, Col. Magruder commanded him to desist from the interruption, and to "henceforth hold his peace."

With admirable strategy the Doctor backed up against an adjacent fence, where he could defend himself safely and to advantage, and with most immense dignity replied:—"Col. Magruder, I'm a relation of the army; when I'm at' Mission, I'm under your eye, consider soft-and-sobey 'em; but when I'm down here, soft-and-sobeying—Oh, I'm bound to be a bimber, by Heaven and die!"—and after performing an extempore dance of a frantic description during which he fell to the earth, the Doctor and voices upraised were soliloquizing forth,

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NAPOLÉON having entered one of the cities of Italy, the churchwardens recommended to him the roles of their church. "Sir, will you do us the favor to take our apothecary under your protection?" Your apothecary! are they won?" "No, sir,"—"What are they then?" "Solid silver!" replied Napoléon, quickly:—"Yes, I shall hold them to fulfill their mission; it has been ordained that they should go throughout the world, and they shall!" Having said so, the emperor sent the twelve apostles to the mint at Paris.

MISLACED CONFIDENCE.—The St. Louis Intelligencer says:—Col. Beale relied on "the masses" and the masses defeated him!

THE PUZZLER'S CORNER.

Answer to our last week's Riddle.—
For the Sunbury American.

RECOGNITION ENIGMA.

I am composed of 24 letters.
My 1 to 12 is 26 3 to 13 is 10 in one word.

My 2 to 3 is 10 in a country in Pennsylvania.
My 3 to 8 is 24 4 to 13 is 10 in Missouri.

My 4 to 10 is 24 5 to 16 in Indiana.

My 5 to 6 is 24 7 to 13 is France.

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