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THE BEDFORD GAZETTE IS PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY MORNING BY E. E. MEYERS...

Select Poetry. LIFE. BY N. LOUIS GOLDSMITH. Life is but a troubled stream, Flowing on in a dream...

BILL PAID. Bill met Katy in the lane— "A wink, O' bink, O' bink, Or bink, I think, She winked again!"

A PRINTER ON A TRAMP. A Dutchman sitting at the door of his tavern in the Far West, is approached by a tall thin Yankee...

ILLUSTRATION OF FINE ART APPRECIATION. Two very splendidly attired ladies recently made a condescending visit to the studio of one of our distinguished landscape artists...

JIM AND HIS BRIDE. The Indianapolis State Sentinel relates the following: A happy, unsophisticated couple from the rural districts got married on Tuesday last...

THE RASCALS BEATEN. On the steamer Ocean, from Cleveland on Monday night, there came a number of sharps, attracted thither by the State Fair...

MYSTERIES OF COURTHOUSE. "Sally, don't I like you?" "Oh, Jim, I reckon so." "But don't you know it? Don't you think I'd tear the eyes out of anybody that dares to look at you a second?"

MR. CORNWALL SIMON. Mr. Cornwall Simon gives the following anecdote in his "Stay Notes on Fishing and Natural History."

ONE UNLUCKY DAY. The proceedings being rather dull, and Dobbs being rather thirsty, he concluded to go over to the hotel and take a drink...

KISSING THE HANDESTOM GIRLS. A distinguished candidate for an office of high trust in a certain State, who is up to a thing or two, and has a keen appreciation of life generally...

A LEAD YEAR POPPING. "A-hem, Ephraim, I heard something about you." "Le, now, Miss Sophina, you don't say so?"

HONELY TRUTHS FOR WIVES. Although your husband may neglect to give you a new dress, do not seek revenge by giving him a good dressing...

AS THE POLITE omnibus agent of the Lexington and Louisville Railroad was going through the ladies' car, checking baggage...

ANECDOTE OF A PARROT. Mr. Cornwall Simon gives the following anecdote in his "Stay Notes on Fishing and Natural History."

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SALIER BOY. My love is a Salier Boy, so glorious and so bold, He's as tall as a flag-staff, only nineteen years old...

MR. CORNWALL SIMON. A sickly girl in Plymouth, N. H., a son-of-a-bustard, with a strong propensity to walk off with things and hide them where they could not be found...

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