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Odd Notions About Wedding Rings.

It is a vulgar error, the idea of a vein going from the fourth finger of the left hand to the heart...

As to the supposed artery to the heart, Livinus Lemmus quaintly says, "A small branch of the artery, and not of the nerves, as Galen's thought, is stretched forth from the heart into that finger..."

In the "British Apollo," it is said that, during the time of George the First, the wedding ring, though placed in the ceremony of the marriage upon the fourth finger, was worn upon the thumb.

The use of this has become so common in England that poor people will not believe the marriage to be good without one, and the notion also that it must be of gold.

In another case of humble marriage, the bridegroom announced that the ring was not necessary. The woman entreated to have one.

ROMANCE OF FIRST LOVE.—Some thirty years ago there lived in the city of London an opulent Jewish banker of the name of R. As rich man usually have, the subject of the present sketch had a lovely daughter, rejoicing in the scriptural name of Sarah.

This is a beautiful exposition, truly. We have always felt satisfied that the so-called "Loyal League" was a corrupt and traitorous organization.

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ARMING THE SLAVES.

The bill which has passed the Confederate Congress, arming the slaves, contains the following provisions:

A bill to increase the military forces of the Confederate States. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact that in order to provide additional forces to repel invasion, maintain the rightful possession of the Confederate States, secure their independence and preserve their institutions, the President be and is hereby authorized to ask for and accept from the owners of slaves the services of such number of able-bodied negro men as he may deem expedient for and during the war, to perform military service in whatever capacity he may direct.

Sec. 2. That the general-in-chief be authorized to organize the said slaves into companies, battalions, regiments, and brigades, under such rules and regulations as the secretary of war may prescribe, and to be commanded by such officers as the President may appoint.

Sec. 3. That while employed in the service the said troops shall receive the same rations, clothing, and compensation that are allowed to other troops in the same branch of the service.

Sec. 4. That if under the previous section of this act, the President shall not be able to raise a sufficient number of troops to prosecute the war successfully and maintain the sovereignty of the states and the independence of the Confederate States, then he is hereby authorized to call on each state, whenever he thinks it expedient, for her quota of three hundred thousand troops in addition to those subject to military service under existing laws, or so many thereof as the President may deem necessary to be raised from such classes of the population, irrespective of color, in each state, as the proper authorities thereof may determine.

Sec. 5. That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize a change in the relation of the said slaves.

The Oath of a Loyal Leaguer.

During the trial of one W. B. N. C. on charges before a military court, on the charge of swindling the Government by supplying bad tents, a "loyal" witness who had been sworn to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," refused to answer a question put to him by one of the attorneys engaged in the prosecution, because he said, "he had taken another oath to keep everything secret relating to frauds on the Government."

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FIGHTING MEN WANTED.

From a hundred of the Abolition presses of the North now goes up a renewed demand for more active hostilities, and a greater earnestness in the prosecution of the war.

The work of "crushing out the rebellion" is to be short and quick—for this purpose it is necessary that the requisite number of men should be furnished on demand; there is to be no more half-way work; the great army leaders are to be re-inforced immediately; Sherman is to sweep around resistance from the States of North and South Carolina, and bringing his mighty and victorious army to the Southern side of Richmond in co-operation with General Grant, the finishing stroke—the coup de grace—is to be dealt to the power of the Confederacy.

This is a pleasing picture if it was not so old, so stale a one. The finishing stroke has been held suspended above the Confederacy for years, and yet the effective blow has never been struck.

We have been told that there were hopeless divisions in the councils and among the people of the Confederacy. The press of that section, echoing the popular thought, giving voice to the people's will, shows no evidence of want of harmony.

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THE RIVAL VENTRILOQUISTS.

By our Ned.

"Once upon a time," as the "story-tellers" have it, we were sailing down the great "father of waters," the Mississippi, in the beautiful steamer, "Godless of Liberty," bound from St. Louis to New Orleans.

Being of an active temperament, and fond of excitement, we could not suffer calmly upon such an occasion to get the upper hand of us, so, with a view to kidding up some kind of a rumpus, for our own sake and the relief of the passengers generally, we walked boldly into the captain's office, and laid the whole matter before the distinguished commander.

Just at that moment, our eyes fell upon a name distinguished in the annals of dunder—no less a personage than the celebrated wizard and ventriloquist, Signor Blitz.

Notwithstanding all efforts to find the speaker, he was seen and the bystanders supposed the voice a trick of the Signor's.

The two wizards shook hands heartily, while the passengers enjoyed a laugh which fairly shook the boat from stem to stern, and for the balance of the trip there was no end to the fun.

The whole attention of the passengers was now centered upon the speakers, and considerable interest manifested by the company in the peculiar subject under discussion.

The stranger (emerging from the state-room) — "No, not frightened, exactly. I merely put away my book because there is going to be some fun aboard, and when there's fun about I want to be 'counted' for that's my forte."

The stranger had barely finished his remarks, when a loud yelping and snapping was heard at his heels, and the passengers began to scatter.

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