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Cupid Disports Himself on St. Valentine's Day-Observances of Yore-How the Moderns Burlesque the God of Love-Funny Tokens, Etc.

Sunday next, the 14th of February, will be St. Valentine's Day. Of course, as almost from time immemorial, sourceirs, in the shape of valentines - satrical, humorous, or tender - have been exchanged, so they will be exchanged this time. Next Sunday we can take them to church in our prayer-books. Whether we expect to receive them and intend to send them or not, a giance at the history and customs of the day can do us no harm. At any rate, as the simple reading of a farce does not make the reader a fool, so the simple learning of the tricks and pranks perpetrated by St. Valentine and his disciples cannot transform us late

#### Origin of the Day.

Everybody knows that the 14th of February is called St. Valentine's Day from the name of a certain Romish priest who flourished in the a certain Romish priest who flourished in the third century. This unlucky churchman, on the 14th of February, A. D. 270, was beaten with clubs and then beheaded, for which reason he was raised by the Holy Father to the dignity of sainthood. The greater portion of his remains, it is said, are still preserved in Rome, in the Church of St. Praxedes. Mear this point is a gate, which once passed by the name of the Porta del Popolo, but which, in other days, was beauty as the Popul Valentini. known as the Porta Vatentini.

Venus, Eros, and Anteros.

customs, however, connected with this day in modern times have no relation either to the life or death of St. Valentine. They had th ir origin first in a desire to express affection by the sending of a pretty token; then in a desire to express contempt or "poke fun" by the sending of a ludicrous token. As Venus, the Goddess of Love, Cupid (or Eros), the God of Love, and Eros' brother, Anteros, held especial sway over the affections, tet us gather the facts of their mythological history. Many accounts are given concerning the first of this trio. The one most generally received represents her as having sprung from the froth of the sea, like a symmetrical bung from a huge beer-barrel. She was the goddess of beauty, the mother of love, the queen of laughter, the mis-tress of the graces and pleasures, etc. She was numerously married. She were a natty girdle which had the power of exciting love. Her contest with Pallas and Juno for the golden apple of Discord is well known. Mr. Paris awarded her the apple, for which favor he received the hand of the fairest woman on earth. She had a son by the god of war —old Mars. This son's name was Fros or Cupid. He was a worthy chip of the old block, for he fought many battles among hearts, and was not more careful of those tender things than his mother. Some people believe him to have been a chubby little boy, who flew about on wings, and carried a bow and quiver. Owing to the warmth of the climate where he sprouted, he couldn't endure any more clothing than a fig leaf. He was able to ruffle the coats of wild peasts without their biting him; and he had a beasts without their biting him; and he had a brother whose name was Anteros, who was very necessary to his health and vigor. Why? Because the little fellow could grow neither in strength nor stature unless said Anteros was constantly by his side. This Anteros was not a delty who presided over the opposite of love, as his name would imply, but was a kind-hearted chap who presided over mutual love and mutual tenderness. From the fact love and mutual tenderness. From the fact the strength of Cupid, it might be interred that a return of passion gives vigor to love. Some folks believe that it does. Perhaps! The pair of them, Cupid and Anteros, are often repre-sented in old pictures as striving to seize a sim tree from each other, to teach that true love always overcomes by kindness.

Valentines of old. considerable obscurity. The only rational theory that has been advanced concerning it, is that it is a continuation of the Roman ceremonies in honor of Pan and Juno, which were celebrated in the month of February, under the title of Lupercalia. One of the several customs by which this festival was distinguished was the placing of the names of young women in a box, from which they were drawn by young men as chance directed. To such practices, however, the early Christian pastors were opposed because they savored too strongly of the old idolatry. Knowing it to be quite impossible to eradicate the custom at once, they endeavored to impart to it an orthodox character. by substituting for the names of maidens the

The drawing was fixed upon the 14th of Fobruary—which happened to be St. Valentine's Day—because it was the middle of the month which had been devoted to the heathenish Lupercatia. The saints did not long remain in favor, however, their places soon being usurped by the maidens whom they had displaced; and this feature of the old Roman rites once reatored, the transition to the next step was easy and natural. The practice of the choosing mates became reciprocal, as far as the two sexes were concerned, all who were thus chosen being termed valentines from the day on which

The Day in Times of Yore. In the time of Charles II, it seems that the

names of married persons, as well as those of the unmarried, were placed in the wheel of fortune on St. Valentine's Day. It was general in those days for the person

drawn as a valentine to make the person draw-ing him or her a handsome present. This was done to 'relieve" the donors of the obligations ander which they were placed by bring drawn as valentines. Miss Stuart, a celebrated belle, who afterwards became the Duchess of Richmond, drew as her valentine, in 1667, Lord Mandeville, and the latter was glad to relieve himself by presenting her with a ring costing 2300. On one occasion the same fortunate lady relieved the Duke of York from the decree of fate on receiving from him a jewel valued at

In olden times the common people believed that on St. Valentine's Day the birds were ac-customed to select their mates; and owing to the strange influence which pervaded the air, it was maintained that a young person on walking broad would first encounter the one with whom his or her lot was to be cast for life.

That the observance of St. Valentine's Day is of very aucient origin is proved by the fact that both Shakespeare and Chancer allude to it. as well as the poet Lydgate, who died in 1440. Duke Charles of Orleans, who was captured by the English on the field of Agincourt, in 1415 was the earliest known composer of those amorous stanzas for which S'. Valentine's Day

has been distinguished. Valentines Newadays

Since the times when each return of St Valentine's Day was signalized by the giving and reception of costly-frequently very costly -missives in the form of remembrance tokens, the world has changed and the customs attending the celebration of St. Valentine's Day have likewise changed. Now, we never even hear of a valentine worth more than \$100, sometimes of a tew worth \$10, more often of \$5 and \$1 ones, but generally of 10 cent, 5 cent and penny ones. In fact, penny ones are all the go. People buy them because they cost little or nothing, like lunch from 10 to 12, in lager beer saloons. To one \$5 valentine, ten thousand Leent ones are sold. But some of the more costly ones are tre sold. But some of the more costly ones are cally pretty. Nicely tinted, perfumed, and telicately chiselied out, scolloped, or perforated with divers holes to represent leaves, flowers, and angels, they at least cannot fail to attract an admiring eye. They are always insortied somewhere with a motto:—"Remember me," "true love," "deep affection," "sweetheart," "I'm dying for thee"—and other mushy specimens of the kind. It's as good as a glass of warm water to read a dozen of them—you're sure to have a "casting up of accounts." frome of them come in boxes, bearing upon the

BROS AND ANTEROS. | lid a highly colored cupid—a languishing a wain gazing at the window of the tower "where his love lies dreaming," a love-lorn lass imprinting the sleepy features of her Augustus' portrait on her heart, a tender pair floating with the tide in a fairy boat, on a mystic stream, while they vow, by the man in the moon, how they alore each other, or something else of like description, calculated to cause a dangerous flatter in the heart of the one beholding. As a rule, they are so constructed that you have to pull them cut like a telescope, before you can get at the device, motto, or picture below. We saw one which had at the very bottom of a deep, intricate, and airy mass of perforated tissue paper, a tiny looking-glass, over which was written 'The one I love." Quite a 'mobby' way of conveying a delicate compliment and making the "ender confession."

But, after all, the valentine, with emphasis, of modern days, is the funny one—the one which bears a grotesque picture of a little-headed and big bedied, or big headed and little-bodied male or female, with huge ears, gaping mould, and massive nose, daubed with an abundance of red and yellow paint, and subscribed with a stanza of dogeerel, jingling verse. Of course a description of these comic representations would be impossible, but we append a few of the rhymes taken from several of the most humorous which have been issued for the approaching St. Valentine's Day:-

First we have the "Corner Loster":-Loading around the corner, poisoning the air, And insulting ladies with your rowdy stare; Better seek your garret, hide away your head, Better go and honestly earn your daily bread. kum won't save you always; some time 'twill be

That your haunt, the corner, will be all alone. Then the "Literary Chambermaid":-"Tis nice to have a girl around. Where yellow-covered books abound; Tis nice for an inquiring mind, But Low for the dusty room?

Spelling out all the books you find. We miss the use of your broom !' Then the "Foul-mouthed, Cossiping Woman: "If there's a nuisance in the land one that's most difficult to stand, curse on e rth-a blast from-well! Tis the vile tongue no shame can quell, Ot her whose foul mouth is a bane

So dire, her very praise will stain !" Then the ' Eavesdropper:"-To anything mean you would descend, If you could thereby harm a friend; Listening at keyboles is your favorite game, Hearing an evil sentence in a single name, Nature made mistake, you should have been

They also feed on carrion, you know." From the "Old Fop:"-

'Stupid old [numbskull; yes, there you sit, Thinking your ell the first of beaux; In pudence passes with you for wit. And your sense lies in your clothes."

Then the "Lady with the Grecian Bend:"-Pray, what's the matter,' said a friend to me, With that young woman that I see?" stopped and looked, and calmly said, The wits have surely lett her head: out where they're gone there's no telling Unless you judge by that large swelling.

Then the "Fancy Billiard Play:"-"With artistic position and figure to grand You think no player before you can stand; You talk of your games and brag of your matches, You sleep on the table, but rely on your

scratches; Could you but see yourself aright.

A perfect flat would be the sight.' Then "A Mrs. Caudle:"-

"Poor Mr. Caudle has gone to his club-A chub waits for Caudle at home: How can be such a dear creature snub? How wish from her arms e'er to roam?" Then "the Tailor":-

"'It takes nine tailors to make a man,' " I have heard that this was true: But the worst yet seen since time began Would be one made up of nine like you! so thread your needle and prick your thumb; We pray that no such spook will come."

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the lith instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. To proceed to Latrel Hill.

GARRISON.—On the morning of the lith instant, after a short liness, Mrs. MARY GARRISON, in the 7th year of her age.

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McNULTY.—On the 9th instant, MARY, wife if the late Arthur McNully, siged it year.

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