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Select Poetry.

A Loving Girl in a Pet.

Well, let him go, or let him stay,
I do not mean to die,
I guess he'll find that I can live
Without him, if I try.
He thought to frighten me with frowns,
So terrible and black,
He'll stay away a thousand years
Before I ask him back.

He said that I had acted wrong,
And foolishly beside;
I won't forgive him after that—
I wouldn't if I died.
If I was wrong, what right had he
To be so cross with me?
I know I'm not an angel quite—
I don't pretend to be.

Had another sweetheart once,
And now, what's he all out,
He always says she was not cross,
And that she did not pout.
It's enough to vex a saint,
It's more than I can bear,
I wish that girl of his was—
Well, I don't care where.

He thinks that she is pretty, too—
As beautiful as good;
Larger than the dog him back,
Again, oh, how he should!

I know she would; and there she is—
She lives almost in sight,
And now it's after nine o'clock—
Perhaps he's there to-night.

I'd almost write him to come—
But then I've said I won't,
I do not care so much—but she
Shan't have him if I don't.
Besides, I know that I was wrong,
And he was in the right,
I guess I'll tell him so, and then—
I wish he'd come to-night.

Miscellaneous.

How I Captured an Heiress.

It was during the summer of 18—, that having nothing to do and more than a sufficient time to do it in, I determined to start off on a short tour—where, it was no easy matter for me to decide. I had various things to take into consideration and obstacles to overcome; in fact, I wished to go in first class on a limited amount of the roof of all evil and again I had an object in view.

For four successive reasons had I laid my self out for the capture of an heiress: twice had I eluded my grasp, and now I found myself in such a position that if I could not soon meet with some lovely (ah! well, that was of no consequence provided her purse was not heavy) damsel who could appreciate me and place herself and purse at my disposal, I should be obliged to—to— to go—actually work. The idea seemed highly ridiculous, but the fact was palpable. I had therefore determined on a grand and final spurge.

In this condition were matters when one day in July, while enjoying my cigar at the Hotel, my eyes fell upon a small card setting forth the superior attractions of the Sulphur Springs, Va. In an instant my resolve was taken. Visions of contented plantations, niggers, dark and lovely eyes—and all to be had for the asking, passed through my mind. Not to be prolix I may pass over the preparations, etc., and say that without accident I arrived at the Springs.

It was some days before I got fully initiated into the habits, etc., of the place, but being of a somewhat distinguished air, and without dressed in taste and "got up" my wardrobe of expense, I soon worked my way into the first clique. Impudence was my stock in trade, and I made the best use of my capital.

During one of the balls, of nightly occurrence, I was introduced to the most beautiful of the beautiful bevy of girls then visiting the Springs, and I went in with a perfect rush. Meeting and evening was I at the side of the fair Amaryllis. In the bowling alley, at the Springs the ride and ball room, I was her shadow. She was all my heart could desire—elegant, accomplished, and what was of more consequence to me, rich. The latter I had discovered by pumping her servant—not a very distinguished performance.

I learned that she was an orphan, her father having died some two years previous, leaving her sole heiress to his property, consisting of a plantation, niggers and any amount of Virginia Sixes. But she had a guardian—the most respectable and stand offish customer it had ever been my lot to meet. Never would be conversant to be even civil, and in fact by every means in his power did he try to snub me; but I could not afford to be snubbed, and still kept up the "even tenor of my way," determined to succeed or come to the usual tragical alternative.

As the season drew towards a close, I resolved myself into a committee of one and passed a resolution to the effect that farther delay was dangerous; and on the very next evening, while walking on the piazza in front of the hotel, I determined to "go in lemmons, if I got squeezed." I did, and the result was that Amaryllis and myself agreed as to the plan on which we should operate.

Knowing that her guardian would throw every obstacle in our way, it was decided that I should go on in the next day's train as far as B—, and stay there for one week, when Amaryllis would elude the vigilance of her guardian, and meet me, for matrimonial purposes, and we would then go on to Richmond, and so North.

Counterfeit Coins.

[From the New York Journal of Commerce.]
The whole country is flooded with counterfeit coins of gold and silver coin, and unless something is done to arrest the growing evil the rupees will soon have it all their own way. Formerly, a pair of scales and a bottle of nitric acid were all that was necessary to enable any receiver of money to detect the bogus coin, while an expert would separate the genuine from the counterfeit by the very touch and ring of the piece. Science and skill have changed all this; and now the experts are themselves at fault; the common people are altogether at the mercy of the manufacturers of bogus coin. Up to a recent period, the most ingenious fraud circulation was made from a genuine die fitted to strike quarter eagle, which was stolen from the mint at New Orleans. It bore the date of 1854, if the rememberer rightly; and the pieces were made of compound metal, handsomely plated and couched in the stolen die. That was followed by the practice of splitting the gold plate, taking out about sixty cents of its value, and soldering the shell together again. Then came the sawing into the edge of a piece, generally a half or quarter eagle, creating two thirds of the coin, running along the edge. The latest and most ingenious of these frauds is perpetrated, as far as I detected, chiefly with the eagle. The piece is split into three parts, or at least the two outside shells containing the impression are separated from the centre. The latter is fastened to the operator, and its place supplied by a filling of platinum to which the outside are fastened, the edges being re-milled and hand-somely plated. This is so well done, that very few experts, outside of the two accomplished testers of coin employed at the office of the Assistant Treasurer, can detect the cheat. The ten-dollar piece, under this management, loses about \$5.50 of its gold, and remains equally good for general circulation. The fact that this is done at all and the operation continued, is proof that it is carried on upon a large scale, for the exquisitely fine machinery, and the skill and science necessary to success, could not be profitably employed except in the conduct of an extensive business. The pieces are full weight and except through the wonderful instrument of here and there a rare expert, they cannot be detected by the breaking or cutting of the coin. There must be, at this moment, a large number of them on deposit in one bank and in almost every full bag of coins, one or more of these, or other similar frauds, may be discovered while the number of bad pieces offered at the Sub Treasury has sometimes amounted to fifty or sixty dollars in a single package of five thousand.

The counterfeit and fraudulent silver coins are also increasing. The greasy red or soft composition quarter dollars are one new variety; and a portion of the bad half dollars are of the same stamp. But more recently a composition piece has been uttered, which rings well, does not feel smooth to the touch and can only be detected by careful testing. Its exact ingredients are unknown but its weight is evidently made up by a percentage of platinum.

The increased abundance of the last-named metal has added very much to the facility with which these operations are conducted. Formerly, if a piece offered as gold was of full weight, with no increase of size, the fair inference was that it must be genuine. —Platina first came into use about the middle of the last century, being found in considerable quantities in South America, and since it has also been discovered in Russia and other parts of the world. In color it nearly resembles zinc, but it is heavier than gold, its specific gravity being 21.5 while gold is only 19.3. To facilitate the understanding of this subject, we may remark that in addition to these two metals, the others usually employed in these counterfeit operations are—mercury which weighs 13.5, lead 11.5, silver 10.5, copper 9, and zinc about 7; that is, the bulk of the metal displaces that number of times of its own weight of water. It is easy to see that as platina is worth so much less than gold, while its specific gravity is greater, it is certain to be employed in all successful frauds, where the weight is essential. In counterfeits of silver, it is sometimes added in small quantities to give both weight and consistency.

Since these new frauds are so difficult of detection when once the coin is in circulation, it follows that the only successful method of dealing with these manufacturers is to discover the establishment whence they are first issued, and to take possession of the implements employed in their production. This is all the more necessary from the necessities of the case, as such elaborate work cannot be done in a corner. To make it worth while for experienced detectives to move in the matter, they must have a greater stimulus to exertion than the mere hope of becoming public benefactors. Formerly the several district attorneys were authorized to offer rewards for the detection of counterfeiters, but the practice has fallen into disuse. It is the work of weeks to follow the most skillful utterers of bogus coin back to the establishment where the artist has his home, as not infrequently the coins pass through several hands before they make their first public appearance, and the secret of the workshop

Fact, Fun and Fancie.

A boy eight years old has been sent to the Wisconsin State prison.
He shall be immortal who liveth by the stone by one without fault.
If you admit only true friends to your house, you will need very few extra chairs.
Blowing hot whiskey pinches to cool them; may be termed, "blowing your own horn."
To be deprived of the person we love is happiness in comparison to living with our wate.
Dogs are said to speak with their tails. What is not proper to call a short tailed dog a stump orator?
The spire of a very fashionable church is usually the only thing connected with it that goes toward Heaven.
Every plain girl has one consolation: though not a pretty young lady, she will, if she lives, be a pretty old one.
A passenger describes Aspinwall as a very lively place, the business being cock fighting and nigger fanlangoes.
It has at last been authoritatively determined that the republican candidate for President is named Abraham—not Abram.
Some one says that human heads are like hogheads—the less they contain the better report they give of themselves.
A Frenchman, intending to compliment a young lady by calling her a gentle lamb, said: "She is one mutton as is small."
Rev. Theodore Parker, who sailed for Europe some months since, in the hope of prolonging his health, died in Florence on the 10th ult.
To increase the distance between London and White walk into the parlor with a lighted candle in his hand. The effect is instantaneous.
It is a mistake to suppose that "time is money." We know of one or two roads that make first-rate time, but not a bit of money.
The Pennsylvania Railroad will sell tickets to the Baltimore Convention, at half the usual rates, good from June 16th to June 21st inclusive.
A young lady of Cincinnati just returned from Europe, says that an aristocrat in Philadelphia asked her if Cincinnati was a slave State.
An exchange says that "seven hundred industrious individuals gain a respectable livelihood in the State of Ohio by manufacturing counterfeit money."
A slave girl of Gen. Miles in New Orleans, lately decamped with \$5000 worth of diamond jewelry. She has been arrested, but the jewels had gone North.
A political paper, in noticing a recent demonstration of its party, says: "The air was rent with the snout of three thousand people!" After which, we suppose, the band played "Root, Hog, or Die!"
A contemporary wants to know in what age woman has been held in the highest esteem. We don't know, but certainly fashionable ladies fill a larger space in the world now than they ever did before.
A minister called at the house of a friend the other day and found the wife in tears. What is the matter, my good sister? O, dear John, my husband has run away with widow Smith, and I am out of snuff!
They must have some model divines down in Texas. A Texan paper says that Rev. P. Thompson, a native son of the State, is "breaking himself of the habit of swearing, and reads the Scriptures quite fluently."
Recently some articles in "Living Stone at Ithaca, (N. Y.)" were burned by the concentrated rays of the sun passing through a glass globe filled with liquid. This shows how easily fire may occur which are attributed to necessities.
The Doom of a Parricide. A man named Kirby killed his father and mother in Alabama, about a year ago, and then fled to Mississippi. When captured, he cut his throat desperately, but was after some time completely cured. He has since been tried, convicted, and sentenced to be hung on the 19th of June.
A woman should never, under any circumstances whatever, lose her temper. "Might as well tell the wind not to blow on a March day, or the rain not to come down in April. It does them good to "explode" occasionally. A woman, to be good for anything, must have as much spice and sparkle in her as a bottle of champagne, and if the stopper comes out, once in a while, with a bang, why that don't "depreciate the value of the goblets."
Ladies and flowers. "Red cheeks are only oxygen in another shape. Girls anxious to wear a pair will find them where the roses do—out of doors." "Will they, indeed?" remarked Miss Josephine Hoops, as she laid down the number of the paper containing the extract: "Well, if, doing as the roses do will help a lady to color, one might as well never get up at all—for I'm certain sure that the flowers stay in their beds all the day. Now, if I'm ever metamorphosed into anything horticultural, I hope it will be into a camelia—they are the only vegetables that ever get a chance to go to the opera—gracious goodness!"

Arrest of a Female Confidence Woman.

The Troy (N. Y.) Arena, says: "Miss Abby Gullard, a well known female, formerly a 'character' in this community, was arrested in Roxbury, Mass., on a requisition from Gov. Morgan, and brought to this city, where she was lodged in jail. Miss Gullard's career is a somewhat remarkable one. Possessed of fine intellectual characteristics, she became an author of some celebrity, contributing to several magazines and newspapers, and publishing two or three volumes herself, among which were the 'Trojan Sketch Book,' and 'Gleanings.' She was also at one time a large contributor to the local press of this city, over the signature of 'Kate.' She kept a family summary in the 'Troy,' and was highly successful as a teacher, having at one time, several assistants, and lectured on 'bought break houses,' kept a bank account, got notes discounted, became a little 'short,' borrowed money and flourished, and eventually passed through all the stages of the 'old' and 'aching' operation, from prayer to gay, from lively to severe. Many staid and respectable citizens endeavored to help her, but their names for thus and that, but the pay day, more certain than 'death taxes,' at length came, and with it ruin for the intellectual and brilliant 'Kate.' It is asserted that in her career here she not only swindled but forged. If this may be we cannot tell, but certain it is she has now been arrested and brought to this city, for changing the amount of a note for \$150 to \$1500 which was given by Mr. Wetmore, a high note, was discounted by one of our city banks, 'Kate' obtaining the money upon it. Some months since Miss Gullard was up before the Boston courts on a criminal charge (obtain money under false pretenses, we believe) and passed through the ordeal of justice and came to this city. Her real estate considerably attention here, especially among those who are unacquainted with her system. She is now in jail in this city, and it is quite likely her trial will gross a large degree of public interest."

Rev. Jacob S. Harden.

The Western Journal states that the verdict of the jury in the case of Harden, seems to meet with the approval of the people. A better more conscientious or impartial jury, the prisoner could not have had. When they retired to their room to deliberate on the case it was proposed that a chapter of Scripture be read and a prayer offered to God. In accordance with this resolution, the former, Mr. Weller, read a chapter of Scripture, and Mr. Blair offered up a prayer to Almighty God; also at the close Mr. Blair read a portion of Scripture and Mr. Norton made the closing prayer.

The prisoner seems to be cheerful, converses freely, eats and rests as usual, and appears to feel little concerned about his approaching death. It is thought by many among the last ray of hope disappears, either for a new trial or commutation of the death sentence, that he will make a clean breast of it and unfold the whole of which plot to destroy the life of her whom he had solemnly sworn to love and cherish. But whether he does this or not, after the conclusive evidence produced by the State, there can be no doubt of his guilt. "The man who could stand by the bedside of his dying wife and hear her agonized moans and cries for water to quench the fires he had kindled and which were burning up her vitals and yet be unmoved, we should think could walk calmly to the scaffold and die without confessing his dreadful crime."

At the Ohio Sunday School Convention, several very important movements were made. From a report of the proceedings we clip a resolution offered by an exemplary young delegate, which is eminently worthy of praise. It is worded as follows:—
Resolved, That a committee of ladies and gentlemen be appointed to raise children for the Sabbath School.
A very pious idea—not original—but it is hoped that the committee will attend to it in a legal way.

We heard a story of a railroad conductor illustrative of the force of habit, which is worth relating: While at church one Sunday, he fell into a snooze, and remained unconscious of all things around him for some time, when starting from his seat all at once, he gave his nearest neighbor a shake by the shoulder and shouted in a steady loud voice: "Ticket, sir."—*Albany Herald.*

If misfortune comes into your house, be patient and smile pleasantly, and it will stalk out again, for it can't bear cheerful appearance, and the secret of the workshop

The Religion of the Japanese.

The orthodox religion of Japan is Shinto—all worship the Sun. Their belief is that the world was regenerated through the instrumentality and appearance on earth of a female, and after having performed this great and good work, for which by God she was ordained, she ascended to Heaven and became embodied in the Sun. Their national flag emblematical of their religion, displaying, as it does, the sun in all its purity upon the field. There are other sects, among them the most numerous would appear to be the followers of Buddha. Many suppose that Buddha is the principle creed, from the fact that its followers number three hundred and twenty millions—thus and the Mahomedan religion being the principle creed or religion of the nations of the East. The founder of the Buddhist religion was a man called Sakyasinh, who was born, as was supposed, 2420 years before the Christian era. It is not known for certain when Buddhaism was introduced into Japan. The statement so often made that Christianity is not at present in any way tolerated, is a mistake for the government is far from being intolerant in religious matters. The people of Japan attend very little to religious matters. Religion is a matter of business, rather than of conviction. The Buddhist temples are almost exactly like Roman Catholic churches. In their interior arrangements, decorations, altars, &c., it is difficult to tell the difference, except by some familiarly acquainted with both. Their form of worship is very much the same as Catholic. The Makoto, as the name implies, is the spiritual Emperor, who has the exclusive control of all religious matters. The office is hereditary, but should he die without issue, he has authority to name his successor from one of the family of the highest officer of his household—male or female, as he may choose. The Japanese are a strange people—deep mysticisms in everything. Thousands of little trinkets, representing dragons, sun, moon stars, &c., emblematic in some way of their religion, were carved upon their dishes, sword hilts, pipes—in fact, upon everything so different from what we have ever seen, that we can't help wondering and admiring these strange and mysterious people. It is not strange that these people, simple and confident in their disposition, who were so terribly deceived and imposed upon by the European who first landed upon their shores in 1543, who called themselves Christians, should have been opposed to admitting Christianity into their country ever again. These Portuguese Jesuits, who were so kindly treated at first, paid for that hospitality by interfering with the government, and before it was known that a conspiracy was going on to depose the government, upwards of 2,000,000 Japanese had been converted to the Roman Catholic religion. Among the number were four hundred hereditary princes. "Owing to this interference, Christianity was prohibited under pain of death and all Christians put to death or expelled in 1639. Our religious forms appear as strange to them as theirs do to us. The idea of "asking a blessing or grace" before sitting down to table on board the Rangoon at first appeared strange enough, and it was with some little effort that they could restrain themselves from laughing until the thing was explained to them. They were evidently affected by the funeral ceremonies of two men at the same time on board the Rangoon. It was on Sunday; the men, (about) some 550 besides the officers, were present, the bodies were both covered with the American flag, the band playing a solemn dirge, followed by the burial at sea, read by the chaplain, which was solemn and impressive, although not understood by any of their except the interpreters. The Japanese—most of them—came upon deck and sat down in a circle, all holding up their hats to protect themselves from the sun. They all appeared quite solemn, and very much interested. Some of the Japanese attached to the Embassy worship Buddha, some Shinto, some Mahomet, and some worship nothing. The two Embassadors and one of the interpreters are Buddhists; the Consul has no particular religion; the Vice Governor is partly Shinto and partly Buddhist.

A short time ago a married lady of South Memphis, Tenn., returning home from a party late at night, saw a burglar in her bed room, and procuring a revolver from the drawer of a bureau, fired at him. The ball missed the rogue but passed in close proximity to the head of her husband, who was lying asleep in the bed under the influence of chloroform, administered to him by the doctor.

The post of Treasurer of the freight Department of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, at Pittsburg, made vacant by the death of Wm. White, has been filled by the appointment of Hudson Henry, late Freight agent of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad company.

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