

BY LULLIA CLARE.
On a sunny morning,
Early as the dew was dry,
Up the hill I went a-beraying.

Lonely work is picking berries;
So I joined her on the hill.
"Jenny dear," said I, "your basket's

"This is up-hill work," said Jenny,
"Go to the 'ere," said I, "I shall
climb it back alone, or Jenny,

LETTERS FROM THE WEST.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

DEAR WATCHMAN: Now that the
omphs of party politics have
ceased to "bicker" in the dim distance

We propose, in these letters, to give
to the readers of the WATCHMAN, in "Old
Center," an inside view of the "wire-working,"

It will be observed that we have laid
out quite a "job" for our witer's work,
and the question may be asked of us: "How, Mr.

But to my letter. I presume the most
appropriate place to begin this correspond-
ence is in the middle, and branch out both

COUNCIL BLUFFS.
Council Bluffs is most romantically
situated on the slope and between the hills after
which, or, rather, from which, the city is

The Omaha occupies the lands on this
Nebraska side of the Missouri river; and
the Pottawatomies on this side.

Standing upon the public square of this
city, and casting your eye southward, you
view one of the most picturesque scenes

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entirely on the use of your legs. The first
principle of the game is running.

It is splendid exercise; keeps you so
warm; consequently is always played in
the summer time.

A FEMALE BICENTENARY.—United States
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ungraded school; one laundry, one foundry,
one grist mill and two breweries.

The Democratic Watchman.

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

State of three times the size of this, that
does one half the business that is done in
Council Bluffs. No one, not acquainted with

Three railroads will eventually have their
terminus here, one of which will be completed
next summer, connecting this city (by rail)

But I find it impossible to complete my
description of Council Bluffs in this letter.
Want of space will compel me to postpone it

"HAWKEYE."

BASE BALL.

The Brooklyn Eagle philosopher, in his
effort to keep up with the amusements of
the age, has slipped into base ball sport.

One fellow takes a club and stands on a
line, and another stands in front of him,
and fires the ball back at him.

Several fellows run after the ball; some-
body catches it and fires it at somebody
else, when the chap who had the club stops

When one side is out the other side goes
in, and when both sides are out it is called
an innings.

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THE CATHOLICS—OH! THE CATHOLICS!

There is a certain class of over-much
righteous preachers and people in the
country who profess, just now, to be terribly

"Oh! it's dreadful!" cry out these
preachers. "Something must be done," say
they all, with one voice; "something that

It is true. Some have more than hinted it
—they have said so, openly, again and
again! Yes, war—war to put down the

Perhaps some of these distressed ones
will listen to the Advocate for a moment.
If so, then it speaks thus to these preachers

The Catholics are increasing rapidly,
very rapidly—no doubt about that—and if
you had attended to your own legitimate

One thing more. Consider well whether
you had not better leave off that Pharisaic
paper, "God, I thank thee, I am not as

Your course as ministers, the course of
your press, and the course of a large por-
tion, a majority, perhaps, of your people

All this while the Catholics have worked
—in the camps, on the fields, in the pris-
ons, in the hospitals, and wherever else

You did not lose more than will speedily be regained.
Don't blame the Catholics, blame yourselves;
your is the fault, and yours will be the

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fense of the Catholics, however. A large
portion of their teachings and usages it
does not receive. The Advocate is pre-
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They recently attacked two trains, killing
four men, and wounding several others,
and have stopped the overland mail.

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paper, "God, I thank thee, I am not as
other men," and adopt that of the publican,

A SUBTERRANEAN THIEVES' REFUGE.

A despatch from Nashville says: A startling
discovery has been made in this city within
the last few days. A large number of thieves

The affair has been kept secret, not leak-
ed out in spite of the military. A year ago
it was reported that the McNary tomb was

Now, having, as the preachers sometimes
say, treated the subject negatively, the Ad-
vocate proceeds to speak of it positively. If,

1. Go out here, there, everywhere, and
seek to "preach the Gospel to every creature,"
especially to the poor, the destitute and

The best authorities on the subject consider
months longer than this, and the great
majority give out before they are a year

A STORY FOR REPUBLICANS.—It is amaz-
ing to witness the audacity with which the
Republicans claim to be the friends of the

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NEGRO SUFFRAGE AND NEGRO EQUALITY.

Over all creation,
In the church and State,
Black and white are rated
Equal and without guile.

Everywhere we see it,
Though we do not like it,
In amalgamation
Black and white united;

Woman clad in sable,
White as white can be,
Kinky-headed baby,
Dancing on the knee!

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

"The young gentleman who flew into a
passion" has had his wings clipped.
—Black eyed and blue eyed people are
admired and respected, but moon-eyed people

It is supposed that Earl Russell will suc-
ceed, as Prime Minister of Great Britain, the
late Lord Palmerston.
—The Governor of New York has appointed

A horse thief was taken from the jail at
De Witt, Iowa, on the 18th ult., and hanged by
a midnight mob of more righteous than thou-

The grain speculators of Chicago are lo-
sing vast quantities of wheat from sweat, and
are now compelled to sell. It is to be hoped

It is a remarkable fact that, however,
well young ladies may be versed in grammar,
very few can decline matrimony.
—Briggs has a great facility for getting

An excessively modest lady fainted at an
evening party on seeing a plate of oysters on
the half shell, placed before her—because they

—Charlie—"Did the minister put a stamp
on you when you were married, Mary?" "Mary,"
"stamped, Charlie! What for pray?" "Charlie,"

"I shall be at home next Sunday," the
young lady remarked, as she followed to the
door her partner, who seemed to be wavering in

—Some wretched benedict perpetrates the
following:—"Why is a bridegroom worth more
than a bride? Because she is given away and

—An abolition lady has sent us our own
photograph of a tall plume. The lady in this
case out a prettier figure than the ever did be-

THE CONGRESS OF FEMINISTS.

The National Congress of Feminals or Liberator's
of Ireland, in Philadelphia, adjourned on
Monday evening. They held secret business

The object of this Congress was, it is said, to
ascertain as nearly as possible the numerical
strength of the Order, throughout the

Representatives were present at the meeting in
Philadelphia from nearly all the States, and
a number of speeches strongly denunciatory

On Saturday and
Monday the Brotherhood formed themselves
into a Nation, created a president and cabinet,
and a senate and house of representatives.

SALT IN PATTERNS SWINE.—A correspond-
ent states some interesting experiments
to test the use of salt in fattening swine.

He selected two pairs of barrow hogs,
weighing 300 lbs. apiece. One pair received
with their daily allowance of food, two

After four months, the weight of
the salted hogs was 350 lbs. each while that
of the unsalted five weeks later, reached

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