

THE WEDDING RING.

The sky was flooded with sunshine And birds—

The air harp of the forest Were tuned to the sound of a psalm.

She stood in her bridal whiteness, A lily pure and pale.

And her lover, strong and stately, In the pride of his gracious youth.

He put the ring on her finger— A band of virgin gold.

May I never change to a feather, Breaking her heart to woe.

They have gone their way together, And I sit in the summer night.

I am turning on my finger My own dear wedding ring.

It is not so broad as my daughter's, And the years have worn it thin.

Hearts that knit the closer Through life in woe or weal—

The years fall back like a curtain, And my husband comes once more.

I feel his touch on my forehead; It falls like a seal of rest.

MOTHER'S KISSES. A kiss when I wake in the morning.

A kiss when I go to bed, A kiss when I rub my fingers.

A kiss when my bath is over, A kiss when my bath begins.

A kiss when I play with my rattle, A kiss when I pull her hair.

A kiss when I give her trouble, A kiss when I give her joy.

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THE LEPERS OF THE PACIFIC. A Terrible Story of Leprosy in the Sandwich Islands.

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A RINGULAR TRAIT. It may be one of the instincts of our nature to laugh at deformity.

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It is almost like misfortune added to misfortune that the leprosy is not more swift in its work of destruction.

THE CHAMBER OF HORRORS. We enter the room. Mats spread of all sides are covered by about a dozen of fifteen recumbent figures.

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The flutes began their shrill, dolorous piping; there was rushing to and fro of wild figures.

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Fierce Fight—Two Women Engage in Bloody Combat in Tennessee—One of them Killed.

Within seven miles of Dresden, in Wexley county, Tenn., lives an extensive planter named Gobert.

Young Gobert became familiar with both, to whom he gave slight tokens of his peculiar regard.

An accident led to a full knowledge of his faithlessness, and both girls became violently enraged.

The fire of jealousy, however, raged in the bosoms of the two girls to such an extent that they silently and mutually resolved each to be the death of the other.

According to the testimony of the surviving lady, the contest lasted fifteen minutes, during which they frequently clinched, knocked each other down, rolled over, but scratched terribly.

The survivor, Jane, has an arm broken, an ear bit off, half her hair gone, and four or five contusions about the head and shoulders.

At the moment of receiving the fatal stroke, she appeared to have the best of the fight, as she bears no evidence of rough handling.

She grasped her stick in the left hand, and getting a clear and open stroke, swung her weapon round, and came home on Kate's neck with such force that the girl dropped down.

At once, and keeping in the woods as much as possible, did not stop until she felt exhausted, about seven miles from the scene of conflict.

When the family came home they found Kate cold and stiff in the yard where the fight took place.

The Amazonian duelist was brought to Dresden, where she confessed the whole thing.

Young Gobert has been put under arrest. The girl is in charge of a physician, who says that her injuries may prove fatal.

How to Lengthen Life. 1. Cultivate an equable temper; many a man has fallen dead in a fit of passion.

2. Eat regularly, not over three times a day, and nothing between meals.

3. Go to bed at regular hours. Get up as soon as you wake of yourself, and do not sleep in the day time.

4. Work always by the day, and not by the job.

5. Stop working before you are very much tired out—before you are "fagged out."

6. Cultivate a generous and accommodating temper.

7. Never cross a bridge before you come to it; this will save half the troubles of life.

8. Never eat when you are not hungry, or drink when you are not thirsty.

9. Let your appetite always come uninvited.

10. God off in a place greatly warmer than the one in which you have been exercising; this simple rule would prevent incurable sickness, and save millions of lives every year.

11. Never rest a call of nature for a single moment.

12. Never allow yourself to be chilled "through and through;" it is this which destroys so many every year, in a few days' sickness from pneumonia, called, by some, lung fever or inflammation of the lungs.

13. Whosoever drinks no liquids at meals will add years of pleasurable existence to his life.

14. After fifty years of age, if not a day laborer, and sedentary person after forty, should eat but twice a day, in the morning and four in the afternoon.

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Quaint—Married on Chemise—When and Wherefore.

In England, from early times until the present, a notion has prevailed that if a man married a woman in her shift only, he was not liable to any debts which she might have contracted.

This was a vulgar error, founded probably on the legal maxim that a husband is liable to his wife's debts, because he, upon marriage, acquires an absolute interest in her personal estate.

The learned deduction being that if the wife had no estate the husband would not incur any liability.

The register books of a village in Wilts, under date of 1715, contain an entry of a marriage of a woman "in her smock, without any clothes or head-gear."

At Uleomb, in Kent, in 1725, a woman was married in her chemise. At Whitehaven, in 1766, a woman stripped herself to her shift in the church, and in that condition she stood at the altar and was married.

In Lincolnshire, between 1838 and 1834, a woman was married enveloped only in a sheet. And not many years back a similar marriage took place.

The clergyman finding nothing in the rubric about the woman's dress, thought he could not refuse to marry her in her chemise only.

At Kirton-in-Lindsey there was a popular belief that the woman must be actually nude when she left her residence for that of her intended husband, in order to relieve him from her debts; and a case of this kind occurred.

A woman left her house from a bed-room window in a state of nudity, and put on her clothes as she stood upon the top of the ladder by which she accomplished her descent.

The notion of marriage in a chemise was prevalent at Cottenham, in Cambridgeshire, recently.

FIVE CENTS WORTH OF ORANGE PEEL. A man from the county of Bedford, in the purchase of an orange, and preparatory to getting himself outside of it, threw the peel on the sidewalk.

Soon after, a young woman came along, slipped upon the peel, and fell, breaking her leg.

The woman was to have been married the next day, but wasn't. The man who was to marry her had come from St. Paul, Minn., and was obliged to return on account of business, to await the recovery of the girl.

On his way back he unfortunately took a train on the Erie Railroad, which ran off the track, and his shoulderblade was broken, forcing him to stop at Dunkirk for repairs.

On getting back to St. Paul he found that his forced absence had upset a business arrangement which he had expected to complete, at a pecuniary loss to him of \$5,000.

Meantime the injured girl suffered a relapse, which so effected her health that her marriage was delayed, which had a bad effect on the young man, and he finally broke the engagement and married a widow in Minnesota with four small children.

This so worked upon the mind of the girl that she is now in the insane hospital at Middletown, Connecticut.

Her father, outraged by the conduct of the young man, brought a suit for breach of promise, and has just recovered ten thousand dollars. The anxiety and expense of the whole affair thus far have been enormous, as anybody can see.

Similar cases are likely to occur, so long as people will persist in throwing orange peel around loose.

In Richmond is a negro who, eighteen years ago, bought his freedom of his master, and, working hard, early and late, soon was able to buy his wife. He has been prospering since, and he now owns the finest livery stable and hack stand in the state, and is said to be worth \$50,000.

His old master, when Lee evacuated Richmond, was worth half a million dollars. Thus and upon thousands were destroyed by fire, money went this way and that, and not long after he came back to Richmond, broken in spirit, ruined in property and tired of his troublesome life.

His old slave found him, took him to his house, gave him the best medical skill that money could buy and every luxury. Presently the old man died, peacefully and happily.

His funeral was a large and expensive one, and he was borne to a lot in the cemetery paid for by his old slave, who also paid for the funeral outlay.

Over him was raised a handsome monument, paid for with the negro's money. The widow of the deceased slave owner lives in a house presented by the negro, who also supplies her with every comfort.

YOUNG MAN, YOU'RE WANTED. A lady writing under this heading, hits off the man as follows:

"A woman wants you. Don't forget her. Don't wait to be rich; if you do, ten to one you are not fit to be married. Marry while you are young and struggle up together. But mark, young man, the woman don't want you if she is to divide her affections with a cigar, spittoon or whiskyjug. Neither does she want you if you don't take care of her and the little 'after thoughts' which are sure to follow. Neither does she want you simply because you are a man, the definition of which is too apt to be an animal that wears bifurcated garments on his lower limbs, a quarter section of a pipe in his hand, swears like a pirate, and is given to filthy practice generally. She wants you for a companion, a helpmate—she wants you to have learned to regulate your appetite and passions; in short in the image of God, not in the likeness of a beast."

A man who lately sued a lady for breach of promise was offered \$200 to settle. "What!" he