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Poetry.

BABY'S LETTER.

The following letter, purporting to be from a very promising, sprig of the rising generation, just three weeks old, has been handed us, with the assurance that it is genuine as well as good, which we do not presume to doubt. If any one has a smarter baby let it exhibit itself—*Leary* (N. Y. Gazette).

Dear old nunc,
I did our letter,
My old mammy,
She ditten better,
She every day,
Little bit stronger,
Don't mean to be sick,
Very much sougher,
Daddy's so fat,
Can't hardly stagger,
Mammy says he jinks
Too much lager!
Dear little baby
Had a bad colic,
Had to take tree drops
Nassy parogolite,
Toot a dose of tainip,
Felt worse than erer,
Shan't take no more
Tainip never!
Wind on stomit,
Felt poody bad;
Worse fit sickness
Ever I had,
Ever had belly ate,
Old tute Bill?
Tainit no fun now,
Say what on will,
I used to sleep all day
And cry all night;
Don't do so now,
Cause 'tain't right!
But I'm growing,
Getting poody fat;
Gain most two pounds,
Only tink o' yat!
Little fannin blankets
Was to big before,
Nurse can't pin me,
In 'em no more.
Skirts so small,
Baby so stout,
Had to let the plaits
In 'em all out.
Got a head o' hair
Jess as black as night,
And big blue eyes
Yat look very bright,
My mammy says
Never did see
Any ozzer baby
Half as stout as me.
Grandma comes often,
Aunt Sarah, too;
Baby loves 'em,
Baby loves 'em,
Baby sends a pooty kiss
To his uncles all,
Aunties and cousins,
Big folks and small,
Can't yite no more,
So good bye,
Jolly old nunc,
Wiz a glass eye!

Miscellaneous.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.—The Experience of Mr. Nasby therein, and a Frightful Dream that he Dreamed.

LANSING, Mich., March 28.—If there is a State in this Union entirely worthy of being ranked with Massachusetts—entirely worthy of being considered scarcely second in point of Ham-riddicul, Onemism definin and Hagar rejecting Abilishin fidelity, that State is Michigan. Massachusetts is onery and cussed—Michigan is coyner and consider. They hev colleges in every county—kool houses, gortens and mostly in every town, and if that ain't enough, they hev a croole, tyrannical, barbarous law forbidin the sale of sustenance in the larger towns, give out the Bites and us together similtaneous. Kin sich things be and overcome who like a summer do? They kin! Of course there can't be no whole-hearted Dimorisy in sich a State! They don't hev time to get fully Dimorisy. Eleven o'clock. Dimorisy. They don't live out half their days. They fall short in the trooster avy full grown specimens just an hour. The only good and troo ones I hev seen were a few farmers and sich, who carried it home in a jug. But, alas! ez they never pay rent, they don't stay long enough in one place to make themselves felt. They maternally drift back to Southern Illinois, where fine tooth combs is unknown—where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest. But we hev enuff of that kind here.

From Canada we learn that James Whelan, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Arcey McGee, is a Fenian who belonged to a Quebec Lodge, and afterwards to a New York Circle. There is very little doubt felt at Ottawa that he is the real culprit. It is reported that one of the persons under arrest on suspicion of being concerned in the murder has made certain revelations implicating his fellow prisoners and other parties not yet arrested. A plot has been discovered to blow up the houses of Parliament by means of nitro-glycerine.

Dickens gave his last reading in Boston on Wednesday last week. At its close, in response to the demand of the audience, Mr. Dickens made a brief speech, thanked the citizens of that city for their kindness and hospitality, and bade them adieu. The audience rose and gave him three cheers, and he retired amid the waving of hats and handkerchiefs.

USELESS SPECULATIONS.

There is a strange quality in the human mind, by virtue of which it ever seeks to divine the unathomable and to unravel insoluble mysteries, neglecting often the most useful and practical inquiries of every day in order to gratify its penchant for metaphysical subtleties. Every age has been haunted by some scientific phantom, which it was beyond the power of human mind to solve, and the period of time in which we live forms no exception to this rule. While formerly the discovery of the "philosophers' stone," and other impossible things, engaged the attention of actual and pretended philosophers, speculations concerning the origin of the world have of late years become the favorite theme of the "philosophers' stone." But there is one fact to which we must lay the foundations of modern skepticism, the search for the square of the circle, and the failure in securing perpetual motion we owe the spread of clearer notions on the subject of mechanical principles; but what we owe is the benefit that shall accrue to mankind from the vain attempt to lift the veil from the mysteries of the first creation? Even if any one of the theories proposed should commend itself to general approval, it would only be a barren acquisition to our theoretical knowledge, from which not a single useful result could be expected, and which would prove to be valueless in the advancement of our race.

We make these remarks because an examination of the correspondence sent to this office discloses the fact that many of our readers waste their time and abilities on this unprofitable subject. We have also occasion to notice the entire disregard or ignorance of the most elementary and best established principles of science on the part of these theorists. Wild notions of heat, electricity, the properties of matter, and so forth, form the cement which holds together the hypotheses and speculations with which they construct the unsubstantial fabrics of their brains. They are not aware that our knowledge of the behavior of matter under the influence of extreme temperatures (heat or cold), is, as yet, far too imperfect to warrant attempts at generalization. The creation of matter, its formation and gradual settling into the present arrangement is a fit subject for the reveries of the poet or the unbridled speculations of the metaphysician; but practical men who are willing to improve themselves and others should leave it alone. There are too many urgent questions of real importance which claim and deserve all the attention and energy which they can bestow upon them. Those of our friends, however, for whom the temptation to "lift the veil" should prove too strong, will pardon us for suggesting that their first duty is to obtain a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of chemistry. If, after obtaining this, they find that they are further from the solution of the puzzle than they thought themselves before, they will at least not have to repine for wasted time and labor, as they can render their newly acquired knowledge useful in a thousand different ways. *Scientific American.*

THE USE OF FLOWERS.

The time has gone by—if it ever existed—when a man was esteemed less "sensible" or "practical" because he appreciated the beauty of flowers, and loved to have them around him. Each year we are learning more and more of their loveliness, and showing the evidence of a better educated taste in the more extended use we make of bouquets and garlands. A writer says:

There has been of late years a marked increase in the use of flowers for social purposes. Every dinner party or dancing party must now be graced with these "stars of the earth." At large assemblies there is always a lavish display of flowers, as if we were desirous to intoxicate the guests with the delicious odors of innumerable blossoms. If we visit a lady, flowers must precede our coming; if we dine out with her, the odor of flowers must sweeten the pleasure. Superb presentation baskets and bouquets are now seen in almost every parlor, and are the horticultural compliments of gentlemen to ladies. The favorite flowers are the carnation, japonica and the sweet Neapolitan violet, and the white and tea rose. Although a large capital is employed in producing these supply all things is unequal to the demand, and they bring high, even extravagant prices on great occasions. Flowers are, of course, extensively used at weddings, but according to the florists, they are employed more liberally at funerals. Five hundred dollars are not unfrequently expended in crosses and wreaths for these solemn occasions. As weddings and funerals require white flowers only, they cease to be more rare, and of higher price than colored ones. Some of our churches, of late years, have employed flowers extensively on occasions of religious festivals.

WE WANT MORE PLUMP WOMEN.—The *New York Gazette* concludes a plea for "plump women" as follows: "But whatever education your girls have, let us have less of it. American girls are notorious for their pallor and frailty and tendency to wither and lose their charms at an early age. This country has no greater want, at the present time, than of plump and girls and plump women. Let us have them plump and healthy, whether they know anything or not. We can teach their children what they don't know, if necessary; by all means let us have rosy, blossoming, solid women. The Pacific railroad is not half so important to the prosperity of this country as the aggregate avoirdupois of its women. The female sex of America ought to weigh at least as much again as it does."

A HOLY LIFE.—The raising of the sun is known by the shining beams; the fire is known by its burning; the life of the body is known by its moving; even so certainly is the presence of God's spirit known by the shining light of holy conversation; even so the purging fire of grace is known by the burning zeal against sin and a fervent desire to keep God's commandments and to serve certainly the life and liveliness of faith is known by the good motives of the heart, by the bestirring of all the powers both of the soul and body, to do whatsoever God will us to be doing, as soon as we once know. He would have us do it. He, that hath this evidence, hath a bulwark against despair, and may dare the devil to his face; he, that hath this, hath the broad seal of eternal life, and such a man shall live forever.

THE ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS.

Success is the true criterion of ability. Though often won without merit and lost without dishonor, men persist in thinking they are indissolubly connected. And men are right. Though some fortunate accident may raise a drone to eminence, or gain for dullness a brilliant position, yet great achievements are the result only of work and exalted merit.

Some men gather rags and waste from the streets; others build cities, found empires, and revolutionize the world. One earns his bread by the hardest toil, and is supremely happy if might finds him sheltered from the cold and the storm; another plans adventures which yield him millions, or directs the course of squadrons on seas thousands of miles away. Each has bones, nerves, muscles and perspiration, in all physical respects, the rag-picker is the superior of the merchant. Whence, then, this difference? It is from mind. One is a sort of a thinking animal—the other has called into exercise his higher faculties, that sublime intelligence which controls events, sees the end from the beginning, and moulds the future to its will.

To achieve success in any pursuit, there must be mind to plan and energy to execute. Without these, a man is like a ship without a rudder, tossed about by chance and uncertainty. With these, success is as sure as destiny. But to achieve great results, a man must not waste his energies on small things.

He must lay out large plans, pursue noble aims, and force them to successful issue. He must have boldness to conceive, vigor and intelligence to execute. And above all, he must be actuated by high motives, and aim at objects which others have not the courage or the virtue to adventure.

The man who does this has nothing to dread. Unforeseen events may frustrate his plans; unlooked for disasters may bear him down; and envy or malignity may conspire to crush him; yet he will rise, by the irresistible energy of his own will, above all opposition from men and things. Let no man, therefore, despair. Success is within his reach, if he will but grasp it. If he has the vigorous stamina of intellect and will, the ultimate result is certain. The force of his talents will raise him from obscurity, and place him in his proper rank in the estimation of the world.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IN LIFE.

In Dickens's charming novel of David Copperfield, which is supposed to contain a great many incidents in his own life, occurs the following, chapter forty-two:

I feel as if it were not for me to record, even though this manuscript is intended for my eyes but mine, how hard I worked at my pen when I was writing it, in my sense of responsibility to Dora and her aunts.

I only add to what I have already written of my perseverance at this time of my life, and of a patient and continuous energy which then began to be matured within me, and which I know to be the strong part of my character, if it have any strength at all, that there, on looking back, I find the source of my success. I have been very fortunate in worldly matters; many men have worked much harder and not succeeded half so well; but I never could have done what I have done, without the habit and punctuality, order and diligence, without the determination to concentrate myself on one object at a time, no matter how quickly its successor should come upon it heels, which I then formed.

Heaven knows I write this in no spirit of self-satisfaction. The man who reviews his life, as I do mine, in going on here, one page to page, had need to have been a good man indeed, if he would be spared the sharp consciousness of many talents neglected, many opportunities wasted, many errands, and perverted feelings constantly at war with his heart, and defeating him. I do not hold one natural gift, I dare say, that I have not abused. My meaning simply is, that whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do well; that whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself to completely; that, in great aims and in small, I have always been thoroughly in earnest.

I have never believed it possible that any natural or improved ability can claim immunity from the companionship of that dreary, plain, hard working quality, and hope to gain its end. There is no such thing as such fulfillment on this earth. Some happy talent, and some fortunate opportunity, may form the two sides of the ladder on which some men mount, but the roundness of that ladder must be made of stand wear and tear; and there is no substitute for thorough going, ardent, and sincere earnestness. Never to put one hand to anything on which I could throw my whole self, and never to affect depreciation of my work, whatever it was, I had, now, to have been my golden rule.

DEBT AND TAXATION.

The Democratic party is trying to get back into power on the cry of debt and taxation. Herein they show their contempt for the intelligence of the people. He must have an extremely short memory who does not recollect that the debt and taxation were created by a rebellion for which the Democratic party is responsible. Buchanan was President when the war began. We have the testimony of Lewis Cass that his administration was in league with the South. To say nothing about the tendency of the principles of the party and to go no farther back, it is within the recollection of every one from the outset of Buchanan's administration, he and his Cabinet so shaped affairs as to render the first blow of the rebellion successful. A Democratic Secretary dispersed the Navy as to be beyond call; a Democratic Secretary filled the Southern and robbed the Northern arsenals, and sent the Army into remote quarters; a Democratic administration placed Southerners in the chief positions abroad; and when the rebellion broke out the South had a large part of the machinery in its hand, and the Government was crippled at all points. Throughout the war the Democratic party sympathized with the South, and in many ways afforded it aid and comfort. The war and the burdens of debt and taxation are the legacy of the last Democratic administration the country has seen. To suppose that the people can forget these things or that they will under any delusion whatever bring another back so soon, is to suppose that men have lost their reason and that no speck of patriotism is left. The national debt, so far from being an argument in

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

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Humorous.

You are a poorer chicken' than the hen said when she hatched out a duck.

A WIFE WITH A CAPITAL IEN' always a capital wife.

A little boy being asked what meekness was replied: "Meekness always gives smooth answers to rough questions."

NAPOLKIN used to say, and think he had uttered a good thing when he said it, "A general should not stand too straight; he should lean a little on his staff." In our country we think if a general cannot stand straight, he is not fit to have a staff.

The Housatonic farmers have met and passed a resolution to send only pure milk to New York. The railroad agree to keep the milk locked up till it gets here. But some ladies refuse milk that has a "nasty yellow scum" on it after standing. For such it has to be watered.

MADAME DE STAL, cordially hated Talleyrand, and in her story of "Dolphine" was supposed to have painted herself in the person of her heroine, and Talleyrand in that of a garrulous old woman. On their first meeting, the wit pleasantly remarked, "They tell me that we are both of us in your novel, in the disguise of woman."

Is a real property case before a French judge at an early period of the Revolution (the story is told by the elder Berryer), the defendant, whose title was contested, proved that the estate had been in his family for more than two hundred years. "Well, then," said the judge, "It is now full time for another family to have a turn."

A HORSE dealer in the Athenian city of Oxford, made an addition to his stud of two fine horses, to which he assigned the classical cognomina of Xerxes and Artaxerxes. A gentleman commoner having demanded of him his "exquisite reason" for so doing, he replied, "Why, you see, when I drives tandem I makes Xerxes my leader and puts the other in the shafts, and so I call him Artaxerxes."

A PITTY—A fellow who was brought to King James I., could say, it was said, a whole sheep at a meal. "What else can he do," asked the king, "more than other men?" "Nothing," was the reply. "Hang him, then," said James; "for it is a pity a man should live who eats the share of twenty men, and can do no more than one."

A beautiful day, Mr. Jenkins. "Yes, very pleasant indeed." "Good day for the race?" "Race, what race?" "The human race?" "Oh, go along with your stupid jokes; get up a good one, like the one which I told Day."

"Day, what Day?" "The Day we celebrate," said Jenkins as he went on his way rejoicing.

A COUNTRY schoolmaster, preparing for an exhibition of his school, selected a class of pupils and wrote down the questions he would put to them on examination day.—The day arrived, and so did the hopefuls, all but one. The pupils took their places as had been arranged, and all went on glibly until the question of the absentee came, when the teacher asked, "In whom do you believe?" "Napoleon Bonaparte," was the answer quickly returned. "You believe in the Established Church, do you not?" "No," said the youngster, "the boy that believes in the church hasn't come to school to day!"

JOHN BILKINS of Bed Boos.—I never seen enny body yet but what despised bed bugs. They are the meanest or awl crawling, creeping, hopping or biting things.

They dassn't take a man by dalite, but sneak in after dark, and chaw him while he is fast asleep.

A musketo will bite you in broad dalite, at a short range, and give you a chance to knock at his sides—the flea is a game bug, and will make a dash at you even in Broadway—but the bed bug is a garrotter, who waits till you strip, and then picks out a mellow place to at you.

If I was ever in the habit of swearing, I would not hesitate to damn a bed bug right twice his face.

Bed bugs are uncommon smart in a small way—one pair of them will stock a hair mattress in 2 weeks with bugs enuff to last a small family a whole year.

It don't enny good to pray when bed bugs are in season; the only way to get rid of them is to bile up the whole bed in aquafortis, and then heave it away and buy a new one.

Bed bugs when they have grown all they intend to, are about the size of a blue jay's eye, and have a brown complexion, and when they start out to garrote they are ez flat ez a green pot, but when they git thru garrotting are swelled up like a blister.

It takes them three days to get the swelling out of them.

If bed bugs hev enny destiny to fill, it must be their stomachs, but it seems to me that they must have been made by accident, just as silvers are, to stick into somebody.

If they was got up for some wise purpose, they must hev took the wrong, for here kant be enny wisdom in chawing a man all nite long and raising a family besides, twer foller the same trade.

If there ez some wisdom in all this, I hope the bigs will chaw them folks who see the eye, and let me be, because I am one of the heretics.

Professional & Business Cards.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
JOHN T. KRAIG, ATTORNEY AT LAW.
134 Office opposite Reed & Schell's Bank. Counsel given in English and German. [Apr 25]

KIMMELL AND LINGENFELTER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA.
Have formed a partnership in the practice of the law, in new brick building near the Lutheran Church. [April 1, 1863]

M. A. POINTS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA.
Respectfully tenders his professional services to the public. Office with J. W. Lingenfelter, Esq., on Public Square near Lutheran Church. Collections promptly made. [Dec. 9, 64-1]

HAYES IRVINE, ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Will faithfully and promptly attend to all business entrusted to his care. Office with G. H. Spang, Esq., on Juliana street, three doors south of the Mengel House. May 24; 1863

ESPY M. ALSIP, ATTORNEY AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA.
Will faithfully and promptly attend to all business entrusted to his care in Bedford and adjoining counties. Military Claims, Pensions, back Pay, Bounty, &c. speedily collected. Office with Mann & Spang, on Juliana street, 2 doors south of the Mengel House. April 1, 1864, -1

E. F. KEYSER, J. W. DICERSON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
Office nearly opposite the Mengel House, will practice in the several Courts of Bedford county. Pensions, bonuses and back pay obtained and the purchase of Real Estate attended to. [May 11, 63-1]

E. B. STUCKEY, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, AND REAL ESTATE AGENT.
Office on Main Street, between Fourth and Fifth, Opposite the Court House, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
Will practice in the adjoining Counties of Missouri and Kansas. July 12; 63

R. L. RUSSELL, J. L. LOSGROVER, RUSSELL & LOSGROVER, ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA.
Will attend promptly and faithfully to all business entrusted to their care. Special attention given to claims against the Government, Pensions, Back Pay, Bounty, Pensions, &c. Office on Juliana street, opposite the banking house of Reed & Schell, Bedford, Pa. [Mar 21]

J. M. SHARPE & KERR, ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
Will practice in the several Courts of Bedford and adjoining counties. All business entrusted to their care will receive careful and prompt attention. Pensions, Bounty, Back Pay, &c., speedily collected from the Government. Office on Juliana street, opposite the banking house of Reed & Schell, Bedford, Pa. [Mar 21]

J. B. DURBORROW, J. O. LUTZ, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA.
Will attend promptly to all business entrusted to their care. Collections made on the shortest notice. They are, also, regularly licensed Claim Agents and will give special attention to the prosecution of claims against the Government, Pensions, Back Pay, Bounty, Pensions, &c. Office on Juliana street, one door South of the Post Office, and nearly opposite the Court House. April 28, 1863

W. M. W. JAMISON, M.D., PHYSICIAN.
Respectfully tenders his professional services to the people of that place and vicinity. [Dec 1; 1863]

D. R. B. F. HARRY, PHYSICIAN.
Respectfully tenders his professional services to the citizens of Bedford and vicinity. Office and residence on Hill Street, the building formerly occupied by Dr. J. H. Hoops. [Apr 1, 64]

D. R. S. G. STALLER, near Schellburg, and Dr. J. J. CLARKE, formerly of Cumberland county, having associated themselves in the practice of Medicine, respectfully offer their professional services to the citizens of Bedford and vicinity. Dr. Clarke's office and residence same as formerly occupied by J. White, Esq., dec'd. Schellburg, April 21; J. J. CLARKE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

E. SHANNON, BANKER, BEDFORD, PA.
BANK OF DISCOUNT AND DEPOSIT.
Collections made for the East, West, North and South, and the general business of Exchange transacted. Notes and Accounts Collected and disbursements promptly made. REAL ESTATE bought and sold. [Feb 22]

DANIEL BORDER, WATCHMAKER AND DEALER IN JEWELRY, SPECTACLES, &c.
He keeps on hand a stock of fine Gold and Silver Watches, Spectacles of Brilliant Double Bottomed Glasses, and all kinds of Gold and Silver Watch Chains, Breast Pins, Finger Rings, best quality of Gold Pens. He will apply to order any thing in his line not on hand. [Apr 23, 63]

S. P. HARBROUGH & SON, Travelling Dealers in NOTIONS.
In the county once every two months.

WELL GOODS AT CITY PRICES.
Agents for the Chambersburg Woollen Manufacturing Co. April 1; 1863

D. W. CHOUSE, WHOLESALE TOBACCONIST,
On the Pine street, opposite of Schell's Drug Store, Bedford, Pa., is now prepared to sell by wholesale all kinds of CIGARS, and offers promptly filled Persons desiring anything in his line will do well to give him a call. Bedford Oct 20, '63.

ALL KINDS OF BLANKS for sale at the Ledger Office. A supply of Deeds, Leases, Articles of Agreement, &c.