Flower or Weed ?

A foolish hope came up in my heart, Up, like a weed on a summer day, Took root and sent out its fresh young leave And I could not say it nay.

I watched it spreading and growing strong, I saw one fair little bud, at last, And the tears came into my eyes, I know, And I know that my heart beat fast.

I longed so to see one blossom blow, Or little bud all open wide, But something happened or the frost crept in, And all in a night it died !

Empty and lonely I feel my heart. The winter time, it has come indeed! For I know not yet if it were a flower-Or only an idle weed !

Moving Day.

I hope you are satisfied now, Marm; I hope you are pleased to-night : We've got all the furniture in, Marm, And every thing seems to be right. There's a knob, though, off your bureau, But the cabinet-maker is near : If you will insist upon moving

he let himself in at midnight, and went premises. In such circumstances one with a lingering hope that she would dering how it must seem to be loved self to be in harmony with one's house-of her presence before his journey to

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by a man after your own heart. Her life seemed to promise to be all No-vember weather. But though The Numbers were so

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But though The Numbers were so isolated, they had their merry-makings.
There was a quilting at Mrs. Deacon Crocket the new year in and the old offered to fave a having-bee at Deacon Smiley's, with dancing in the well-swept barn, hung with lanterns in the evening ; and there were camp-meeting days, and now and then there was a wedding ; and no distance was too far to travel, and Cyrus and would stion the book seat of the way, and now much he cared for her.
With dancing in the well-swept barn, hung with hanterns in the evening ; and there were camp-meeting days, and now much he cared for her.
With dancing in the well-swept barn, bus stoo far to travel, and Cyrus and though the care look seat of the way in a speel, and though Cyrus didn't think it of the least consequence whether in one liness of heart. Nobody knew but Jane was just as happy as the others who danced "chorus jigs" and "college hornpipes"; nobody ever would have known. Sometimes there was a preacher on the circuit, who went about from one Number to another hoding meetings, and Cyrus and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane was a preacher on the circuit, who went the rounds too; ' and Cyrus and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his went the rounds too; ' and Cyrus and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother and Jane put on their best, and his mother an

off, while there was ten miles between them and the doctor. Cyrus was an en-ergetic fellow, who farmed in summer and logged in the winter, that is, he usually took a contract to bring the therefore he had been in the habit of Jane to keep his mother company and help her about the house (for a small here winter for a souther in the mother the mother and finger, and here winter for a souther the mother the mother and finger, and here winter for a souther the mother the mother and the darkness he called for help, without a long prayer that the candles on the between his thumb and finger, and here winter for a souther the mother the mother and who has for three score years and the between his thumb and finger, and here the mother the mother the mother there the house of the block with the second the darkness he called for help, without daring to here for it, put all his waning there the house of the block and as wild, as opposed to luxury Jane to keep his mother company and help her about the house, for a small consideration. Semetimes, too, Jane staid on through the summer, or re-turned for the harvesting when it was ''. Coronation'' gutturally like old Mrs. Qua-heavy; and at such times Cyrus always observed that his butter and cheese found a more ready market; that he house was more cheerful and better the slack kind; that provisions went further and relished better. But for all this he felt no inclination to marry Jane, as folks at Wheatfield had pre-dieted when she first went up to The Numbers. Jane was called plain; and Cyrus had a prepossession that his wife might be a wing built out here, theroof the share was called plain; and conserved the had sprepossession that his wife might be a wing built out here, theroof the share was called plain; and conserved that his wife the share that his wife motor the food there were heard of a honse this he read was are up to the food that his wife might be a wing built out here, theroof the share were and relished better. Such to all the away built out here, theroof the share were and relished better. Such to all the away built out here, theroof the share were and relished better. Just for all this he felt no inclination to marry Jane, as folks at Wheatfield had pre-dicted when she first went up to The might be a wing built out here, theroof the barve area deale prepossession that his wife provements in the house; there might be a wing built out here, theroof the barve area deale prepossession that his wife provements and there are area deale that his wife provements and there area deale there area deale hore area deale to and there are area dealed plain; and three area deale area area dealed plain; and there area are area dealed plain; and there area are area dealed the plane area dealed to try and as are the low number area deale area area dealed plain; and there area area dealed to the area area dealed plain; and there area dealed to there area dealed the market area there area deale area area de dicted when she first went up to The Numbers. Jane was called plain; and Oyrus had a prepossession that his wife should be rosy and dark-eyed, with the smile that conquers men. Jane halted in her gait the least bit in the world— his wife should have the step of a pan-ther. She always dressed soberly, like a brown leaf, as if she would like to melt into the landscape—his wife should carry her fascingting in their garden nowadays:

A SUICIDE'S ROMANCE. nce before his journey to

Weary of Life and its Manifold Miseries. Sixty years ago !--what a long way back it seems through the half-forgotten Doing. back it seems through the half-forgotten pathways of human life ! How much

spair, have blotted ont the sunshine, and Tom Connelly, infidel to his own faith in hope, cut adrift from his creed of life's possibilities, went out into the darkness of the slums in this city of many homes to seek one in death's cer-tainties. He may not die, but may come forth from Bellevne Hospital, where he has been carried, with a re-

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lies through a series of close and dusty streets and dirty "bazars," the smell of which at times was so dreadful that we were obliged to hold our poses, the of which at times was so dreadful that we were obliged to hold our noses, the atmosphere being at the same time so close that we appeared to be passing through the dry heat of an oven. Of Of all the degraded types of civilized of the winding, devious way runs man, says the New York Times, through desert, with here a bit of it half hidden in long grass with tall but-

Sweet are the uses of advertisements A school boy's aspiration—"I wish I were a fountain, that I might be always When is sugar most profitable to gro-cers?-At the bottom of their molosses

Items of Interest.

"I'm having a change of air," as Mr. Jenkins, the city broker, said, when he put on a new wig.

put on a new wig. A child is often the 'hyphen connect ing the uncongenial husband and wife, so common about you. A dyspeptic who has tried hydro-pathy, allopathy and homeopathy, finds great relief in antipathy.

A good action is never thrown away. This is the reasen, no doubt, why we find so few of them.

Wendell Phillips says that a wife who can cook a good dinner will never be without a fashionable bonnet.

Two men undertook to see which could run the fastest. One was a con-stable and the other was a thief. A couple of sailors were recently ar-rested for throwing buckets of tar over each other. It was a pitch-battle. SUICIDE ADROITLY PLANNED.

Ex-Congressman Obadiah Bowne

leach other. It was a pitch-pattle. If a flock of geese see one of their number drink, they will drink too. Men often make geese of themselves. Somebody fizes the standard of news-paper value at ten times the smount of its average net earnings for ten years.

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his wife should have the step of a pan-ther. She always dressed soberly, like a brown leaf, as if she would like to melt into the landscape—his wife should earry her fascination into the knot of ribbon at her throat, or the slip-per on her foot. Therefore it was ut-terly out of the question, if we put any faith in logic, that Jane should become the wife of Cyrus. But, alas! as it often happens, she had not wintered and summered at The Numbers for naught. When the neigh.

as you, miss, hev hed ter come ter it, they answered her. But when she be-came acquainted with Cyrus in his ter, Jer every-day life and thought, she found second that he knew more than she had dreamed. He had a little library of books on a swinging shelf that he had made with his own hands, and had carved with deers' heads and oak leaves; he could talk with her about the heroes of Plutarch and the empires of the Old World, about election and free-will. and seemed to enjoy it. Jane had a taste for those things; and so it happened that as she saw Cyrus in his she laughed, because she felt more like dragged it to a safe distance, she made

daily comings and goings, stripped of disguises, in his genial fireside humor, he grew in her favor unawares; in short, his manly attributes, his kind-liness and good temper, and his hand-some face won her heart without an effort on either side. He had so grown

she overheard Deacon Smiley joking were opened a crack ; then he picked him about Agnes Price, her prophetio soul stirred in her with a mighty throe. Everything seemed to revolve before her eyes—the churn-dasher, the tins on the kitchen wall and the and irred and it. At least yeu'll stay—till

the hearth; she was obliged to sit down on her way to the dairy and recover herself, with a tray of butter in her rands. "It is too heavy for you," said Cyrus, coming to her relief, with his ready thoughtfulness, and taking the

will," said the deacon, while the young when the snow hedges you about, week man's back was turned. "She'll be a out and week in, and a passing team is lucky gall that gits him ; and, between so rare as to bring the household from rus was safe in Aggy Price. Highty tighty :-now, Jennie, why didn't you set your cap for him, and you right here at hand? "Twould hev bin as easy as lyin' !" would hev bin as easy as lyin' !" Would it ?" langhed Jane, out of which the almanac says are short, but

the depth of her silent misery. Of course Jane should have left off loving Cyrus after this; but she didn't;

of his sex, and never guessed what an built as minaculously as the coral reefs; leaned on Jane's arm, and walked with ache it gave plain Jane Hutton when he dressed up in his Sunday best, with the neck-tie she had made him on his woods close at hand, and find their When the doctor from Wheatfield and birthday, and rode off to pay his court to Agness Price, five miles across the country. She was always awake when there isn't an able-bodied man on the had meant to give her her freedom,

Numbers for naught. When the neight bors had hectored her as she was about ters; and, for her part, Agnes declared, to leave home for the first season, and

to leave home for the first season, and prophesied, "Well, Jane, I dare say it won't be long before you'll be changing your name to Ferriston," Jane had hat Cyrus hadn't enough schooling to please her, and had thought that she could never be reconciled to speading her days in The Numbers. "Folks as held their heads as high so you, miss, hev hed ter come ter it"

s as herd their heads as high hiss, hev hed ter come ter it, quainted with Cyrus in his be-quainted with Cyrus in his be-guinted with Cyrus in his be-ter, Jennie," said he; "or maybe," on knew more than she had knew more than she had

Are you going to swing in a harmock among the trees ?"

some face won her heart without an effort on either side. He had so grown into her affections that one day when into her affections that one day when wool, gathered dry fagots in the edge of the woods, and extended her blaze in a circle about the disabled man, like a Indian watch-fire; then she

home, and, as his mother was too infirm tagive assistance, she yoked the steer into the drag-for old Dapple's slender the kitchen wall, and the andirons on -till-spring?" the hearth; she was obliged to sit down "Yes, I will stay till Agnes comes, legs could not flounder safely through the drifts-and urged them slowl across the untrodden snow, guided by

the lantern, to the nearest neighbor five miles away, who willingly left hi warm pillow, and, with his son of fif teen, plodded back on the drag to "He'll make a good husband, Cy what a winter in The Numbers is like,

where the water. Cyrus waited. It was not long after this before Cy-It was safe in bed, with his mother than the bed of the same safe in bed, with his mother in the same safe in bed. where the watch-fires smouldered an

which the almanac says are short, but homely duties, and the promise of seed-time and bornet

The particulars which have just come hand of the drowning of

rom the steamer Laconia shows, says the Liverpool Post, that the disaster is

by no means so serious as was at first eported. It appears that the Laconis eft Alexandria for Tunis, Algiers, and other ports, with 943 pilgrims on board, including what are known as the "chiefs." These belonged to several

lifferent sects or tribes, among whom an intense antipathy exists, and conse

uently they would not associate to ether. The result of this was that alough the 'tween decks measured

,000 tons of available space, and was

livided into five compartments for the ccommodation of the passengers, a great number refused to go down, and

ne chiefs lying seasick in the saloon. could not exercise their authority. Mat-ters were in this condition when, two days after leaving Alexandria, a huge wave broke over the afterpart of the

ship, and fears being entertained that some persons had been washed over-board, the vessel was immediately

rought head to wind, and kept so fo

een in the water. The loss, however,

enty-four hours, but no one could be

been greatly exaggerated, the first

port emanating from the pilgrims

mselves, whose powers in this direc-

pilgrims

of the property, and who were not in-volved in the suit for ejectment, exskinned, and their skins sold for \$57 The Loss of the Pilgrims,

press their willingness to agree to bear a certain proportion of the expense; but, as the agent of the estate insisted the the average to bear us, (which God forbid for the sake of the laborer as well as the farmer), farm-ing will become impossible in England, but, as the agent of the estate insisted that they should pay more than a fair and we must look out for other sources that they should pay more than a fair proportion, they now refuse to pay any-thing. The result will be, either that the estate will be sold, or that the trustees of the two estates of the infant

tion. Arthur Orton can, therefore, if he cherishes any animosity towards the Tichborne family, hug to his heart the consolation that, if he could not have the estates, his adversarias are in an equally unenviable position. Certain-dyanter

To a connective was no exception. He never married—he was too poor—and there were but weak ties to connect bin with his native country. As been mounted laborer in the eastern counties of England, whose wages hal astycar been advance to cooper, and with that for eapital and bis faith in life's possibilities for en-couragement, came to this country in which coordinger were out when the the stretch in the strength with the laborer's account with the strength is hores to work, but ill-fortune, faits whore to image and too, locked out some friends, ill-health, and old agree with which their cumulative shadows of desponden or, dependend to the sunable to it mushing and they cell resistance to "union dieta, faith in hope, eut darift from his cread or define a mark is dignity had a welcome for the contexp in the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's accounting to show and more to the size of the stretch in the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account with the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account with their strength with the laborer's account with their strength with the laborer's account of the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account with the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account with the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account to the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account to the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account to the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account to the size of the stretch in their strength with the laborer's account too the size of the Donnybrook Fair, and keep up a con-tinnons "thwacking," until their pro-genitor is open to reason, and permits himself to be consumed in a decent and orderly manner.—Florence Marryatt. Capsizing of a Steamer. Capsizing of a Steamer.

The North China Herald records a 2,590, and the men again acquies

 worthless, their fur being at that seems of the's proscientities, went out into the possibilities, went out into the possibilities, went out into the possibilities, went out into the provide and post, and dong sufficing farmers to succeed that it is an end toget sufficient farmers to succeed that it is an end toget sufficient farmers to succeed that it is the possibilities went to the provide that it is the possibilities went to the transfer of the possibilities went to the possibilities went to the transfer of the possibilities went that the possibilities went the possibilities went that the possibilities went the possibilities went the possibilities went that the possibilities went the possibilities went that the possibilities papers: "We also fully believe that should this Union get the mastery of hundreds of spectators rushed along the Praya to see what was the matter,

the Praya to see what was the matter, and the excitement became intense. Several house boats were immediately on the scene. Inspector Stroud was prompt in getting all the police boats available to the scene, and a large num-ber were thus saved, although it is be-lieved that about one hundred, if not more, have been drowned. The saved were brought on shore as they were picked up, and the police had the am-bilances ready to carry away the dead. From some articles that have been picked up it is supposed that at least one European has been drowned.

sweat in the like manner. It is under-stood that the ashes must be good,

hard-wood ashes, unleached, or the job will prove a failure.

A Plattsburg paper speaks of a gen-tleman of that vicinity who recently sold his wife and children to one of his neighbors for a coat, a pair of second-hand pants, and \$5 in cash.

granger. His society quested his resignation.

A Moral.

Cure for Meningitis.

A Michigan correspondent pronoun

Our wives, mothers, and sisters are wearing vests—real masculine waist-coats, to be more explicit. They are made of bright-colored silk or satin, and are intended for evening wear. All

kinds of trimming can be used A Mormon bridegroom was simulta-neously married to three blushing brides in Salt Lake City recently. Some confusion was created after the ceremony by each bride persisting on her individual right to the first kiss.

An act passed by the Legislature of Maryland prevents the manager of any place of amusement from marking seats reserved—unless they were sold be-fore the entertainment opened—under a penalty of \$5 for each seat so marked. It is the solemn thought connected with middle life that life's last business is begun in earnest, and it is when mid-way between the cradle and the grave that a man between the state. that a man begins to marvel that he le the days of youth go by so half en

joyed. The fellow who declared he could name any liquid blindfold "gave it up" when he was handed a sip from the pump. "It reminds me," he said, "of something I have tasted in my yout, but for the life of me I can't now te l what it is."

On the last trip of the steamer Sibe ria to Boston, among the steamer 5,000 ria to Boston, among the steamer base sengers was a family of Italians aged as follows : Father, 47; mother, 43, with fifteen children, aged as follows : 23, 22, 20, 19, 17, 16, 15, 14, 11, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6. Twelve were boys and three

Treading on a Snake's Tail. The latest snake story comes from tleman, who had been invited to call, Connectiont. Some workmen building rang at the door and asked if Mr. and mrs. —, the gentleman and lady of river killed a rattlesnake, and after severing the head from the trunk and cut-ting the rattles off the tail for a keep-