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Select Poetry.

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WHAT THEN?
I am growing old, you say—
What then?
And my hair is turning gray—

THE CALICO CLOAK.

"Have you seen the new scholar?" asked Mary Lark, a girl of twelve or fourteen years, as she ran to meet a group of schoolmates...

Interesting Miscellany.

Polite to all Persons.

"You cannot judge a man by the coat he wears."
"Hallo! Limpy, the cars will start in a minute, hurry up, or we shall leave you behind."

A Boy not Afraid of a Dog.

The following account of a brave boy—once a true hero—was taken from the Sunday School Advocate. It imparts a good lesson for though none of our young readers may be placed in such circumstances as are here detailed, yet all of them, both boys and girls, will often be tempted to waver from the true, the right course by fear, or hope of profit.

A Terrible Western Storm.

A Terrible Western Storm.—From the country papers and other sources, we learn that on Wednesday, 1st ult., one of the most terrific storms ever known in this region, was experienced at the village of New Ulm, some thirty miles west of St. Peter, on the Minnesota river. Although it lasted but a few minutes, such was its violence, that six buildings were entirely destroyed, and not a single building in the town escaped without injury.

Illusions of Life.

Man is never satisfied with his lot. The heart demands something more, something higher, something better, whatever blessings it may already enjoy. The scriptural Adam and Eve are typical. The garden of Eden is ours. We bask in its sunshine, its fragrant flowers are all around us, plentiful fruits invite us to partake of their riches. Well were it for this physical frame, if we knew of no fruit forbidden us to taste. For what is beyond our reach tempt us more than anything else, and in obtaining it we exile ourselves from Paradise. Remorse for transgression is the flaming sword that prevents our return.

A Woman's Growth in Beauty.

If a woman could only believe it, there is a wonderful beauty even in the growing old. The charm of expression arising from softened temper or ripened intellect, often amply atones for the loss of form and coloring; and, consequently, to those who never count the years of their life, give much more than they take away. A sensitive person requires half a life to get used to this corporeal machine, to attain a wholesome indifference, both to its defects and perceptions, and to learn at last, what nobody would acquire from any teacher, but experience, that the mind alone which is its consequence; that with a good temper, sincerity and a moderate stock of brains—or even the two former only—any sort of body can, in time be made useful, respectable and agreeable, as a traveling dress for the soul. Many a one who was plain in youth thus grows pleasant and well-looking in declining years. You will hardly ever find anybody, not ugly in mind, who is repulsively ugly in person after middle life.

Pat's Description.

Pat's Description.—Paddy's description of a fiddle cannot be excelled:—"It was a thing of the shape of a turkey, and the size of a goose; a man laid hold of the creature, turned it over on its back, and then he scraped its belly with a stick until he made the creature squeal; and oeb! St. Patrick! how it squealed!"

Only Tight.

"How flushed, how weak he is! What is the matter with him?"
"Only tight."
"Only tight?" Man's best and greatest gift, his intellect degraded; the only power that raises him from brute creation trodden down under the foot of a debasing appetite.

The Use of Coffee.

It is somewhat singular to trace the manner in which arose the use of the common beverage, coffee, without which, some persons, in any half or wholly civilized country in the world, would seem hardly able to exist. At the time Columbus discovered America, it had never been known or used. It only grew in Arabia and Upper Ethiopia.

Novelty—what we recover from oblivion.

Novelty—what we recover from oblivion. We can fish little out of the river of Lethe that has not first been thrown into it. Friend—one who will tell you of your faults and follies in prosperity, and assist you with his hands and heart in adversity. Any one may do a casual act of goodness, but a continuation of them shows it is a part of the temperament.

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