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Poetical.

Darkly falls the stormy even,
Softly flows the angry breeze—
While the bitter wind is calling,
And the driving sleet is falling.

Miscellaneous.

DR. FRANKLIN AND HIS MOTHER.
A BEAUTIFUL SKETCH.
It was an idea of Dr. Franklin's, if not a fixed opinion, that a mother ought by a kind of instinct to know the character of her children; even though she had lost the recollection of their features.

THE OLD MAN LEANED ON HIS FRIENDLY STAFF.

The old man leaned on his friendly staff,
With tottering step and slow,
As he picked his way of a Sunday morn,
To the church where he loved to go.

AN INDIAN CEREMONY.

Among the many curious ceremonies characteristic of the Indians, one of the most interesting and imposing is said to be the "Feast of Gymsium," which celebrates the introduction of boys to manhood.

ROMANCE OF INDIAN LIFE.

A private soldier, writing from Fort Laramie, March 12th, mentions the following incident of the massacre of Lieut. Grant.

A FEMALE POLITICIAN.

"One of the most remarkable salons of Paris," says a correspondent of the London Court Journal, "is that of the Princess Lievige, a lady who has seen more than any other woman in Europe through a world of political intrigue, such as few have had a taste for or the opportunity of accomplishing."

THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

Times keeps up its assaults upon the Government. It says the great battle the English have to fight in the present war is at home, against the corruption and imbecility of the Government.

WOMAN'S MISSION.

Woman's mission—Woman, permit me to say, is the mystery as well as the masterpiece of God's creation! When she is a true woman she is charming under all circumstances.

INCIDENTS OF STRAMPOAT TRAVEL.

We find the following interesting incidents that transpired recently, in a letter addressed to the Louisville Courier.

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SIN AND FOLLY OF SCOLDING.

It is an ancient proverb, that it is well and only well, and that continually, David understood both human nature and the law of God.

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Odd and Ends.
Better loss a supper than take physic.
Business travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes her.

What relation is the door mat to the scraper? A step farther.
An Ohio editor thinks Bloomer's very well as far as he can see.
Come, rest in this bosom, as the turkey said to the stuffing.
The sun should shine on festivals, but the moon is the light for rains.
Will is the root, knowledge the stem, and leaves and foliage the flower.
The report that a schoolmaster chastised a boy with a railroad switch, is doubted.
To prevent dogs from killing sheep, cut their heads off before they can run about.
It is a remarkable fact that the letters w-r-o-g, are invariably pronounced wrong.
Why are cashiers always like dead people? Because you can't take them here.
Many people drop a tear at the sight of a distress who would do better to drop a sixpence.
Nothing elevates us so much as the presence of a spirit, similar, yet superior to our own.
The man who "threw up" a bargain came near having his bit crumbed when it came down.
The man who "keeps his word," gave serious offence to Webster, who wanted it for his dictionary.
The man who seized an opportunity, is particularly requested to lend a hand to take time by the forelock.
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