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Poetical.

From the West Chester Republic. A NOON DREAM. BY I. PRICE. I sit on the sloping hill-side, In the sultry hour of noon, When the heated air is balmy With the fragrant flowers of June.

least of what I may have to say to you." The deacon very politely promised not to be surprised, though at the same time his curiosity was visibly excited. "Suppose," said the widow, casting down her eyes—"suppose I am only a case of simple insanity, and that you are a sane man who has found a pot full of gold pieces in your cellar, would the law have a right to touch it, or would it belong to them?"

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TO MY MIND there is nothing in all the world half so beautiful as a girl, and half so interesting as a girl who is a "nice girl." I do not mean a pretty girl, or a dashing girl, or an elegant girl, but a "nice girl"—one of those lovely, good tempered, good hearted, sweet faced, amiable, neat, quiet, domestic creatures, whom we meet in the sphere of "home," diffusing around the domestic hearth the influence of her goodness, like the essence of sweet flowers.

THE OLD HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Notwithstanding the sacred memories which cluster around the old Hall of Representatives, it is a singular fact that the building has been erected on the site of the old House of Representatives, which was burned down in 1856.

A Donkey among Bees. A laughable occurrence took place a day or two since upon a farm in the outskirts of the city of C., in which a donkey occupied a very prominent part, and showed himself to be a far less intelligent animal than the one we had seen who, when penned up in the farmyard with the chickens, remarked, as he trotted them under foot, "Every one for himself and God for us all."

Odds and Ends. A fine coat may cover a fool, but never conceals one. Bravo actions are the substance of life, and good sayings the ornament of it. Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made, and forgot to put a soil into.

Miscellaneous.

THE POT OF GOLD. Deacon Bancroft, though a very good man in the main, and looked up to with respect by all the inhabitants of the village of Centerville, was nevertheless a miser, and a miser of a very sharp eye to the main chance. A peculiarity from which deacons are, not always exempt, in worldly matters he was decidedly well known.

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HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER. "Don't speak so, my son! Don't speak in that tone to your grandfather; it is not respectful," said Mrs. Hale to her son, George, who was in the yard, talking in a loud voice.

THE WRECK OF NATIONS. The dead nations whose giant skeletons now lie bleaching and crumbling on the sands of time, all died in sin. It was their crimes that dug their graves, and pushed them in. Licentious luxury sapped the foundation strength, and rotted the live virtue of one, and it disappeared beneath the green pool of its own corruption.

Exciting Hunt—Capture of a Leopard. The capture of a leopard in Oswego county, N. Y., belonging to Sands, Nathan, & Co., by the upsetting of a cage in which he was confined, was a small degree of excitement. He had learned the particulars of his capture, which we give below in the language of a correspondent of the Oswego Paladium, who writes from Schöpsville, Oswego co., N. Y.:

THE SEXUAL CHARACTER OF THE STRAWBERRY. A short time ago we visited the garden of a gentleman in this vicinity, and while there the proprietor called our attention to a large bed of strawberries, which was evidently kept in excellent order, and which, he informed us, was three years planted, but had borne no fruit.

When does a cow become deaf, estate? When turned into a field? The three great conquerors of the world are Fashion, Love and Death. The muscles of the human jaw exert the force of 482 pounds, and those of mastiffs, wolves, etc., are more.