#### Poetical.

#### From the West Chester Republicant A NOON DREAM.

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.

I sit in the cooling shadow Of the overhanging trees, On the velvet grass reclining, In the sanctitude of case.

And I see the vale below me-Our glorious valley green— Oressed, in its summer panoply, Like a fair and stately queen.

The birds sing gaily around me, As I watch the gentle waving Of every glossy wing:

The boughs shower down their blossoms Like feathery flakes of snow, Till sprinkled in milky whiteness, The timothy lies below.

From the meadows sweet with clover, And the forest sweet with rose, There bloweth a balmy odor, And a breath of calm repose.

And I lie amid the beauty Not awake, nor yet asleep, Gazing dreamily to the Heavens, Filled with azure blue and deep.

Till a rapture, sweet and lowly, Softly steals into my breast; And I seem in that Elysian Where forever there is rest.

Oh, hallowed is the beauty
Which is now before my eyes,
Where I walk the verdent vallies
Through the blue and starry skies. Earth and Heaven are united : What a song of joy prevails
Whilst I greet the happy spirits
Floating up and down the vales!

But the dream is quickly broken, And the spirits gone as soon;
And again I hear the singing
Of the merry birds of June.

#### Miscelloiseous.

#### THE POT OF GOLD.

Deacon Bancroft, though a very good man in the main, and looked up to with respect by all the infahitants of the willage of Centreville was runfored to have, in Yankee parlance 'a pretty sharp eye to the main chance,"—a peculiarity from which deacons are not always ex-

empt. An worldly matters he was decidedly well to do, having inherited a fine farm from his father, which was growing yearly more valuable. It might be supposed that, under these circumstances, the deacon, who was fully able to do so, would have found a helpman to share his house and name. But the deacon was wary.— Blatrimony was to him in some measure a matter o money, and it was his firm resolve not to worldly prosperity. Unhappily, the little vil-lage of Centreville, and the towns in the immete vicinity, contained few who were qualified in this important particular, and of those few there were probably none with whom the

descon's suit would have prospered.
So it happened that year after year passed a way, until Deacon Bancroft was in the prime of life—forty-five or thereabouts—and still unmatried, and in all human probability likely to

remain so.

Deacon Bancroft's nearest neighbor was a widow.

The widow Wells, who had passed through hurriedly: "I only asked for curiosity. By one mairimonial experience, was some three or four years younger than Deacon Bancroft.

She was still quite a comely woman. Unfor-tunately, the late Mr. Wells had not been able to leave her sufficient to make her independent of the world. All that she possessed was the small, old fashioned house in which she lived. and a small amount of money, which was suf-ficient to support her and a little son of seven, though hardly to be classed as "productive" of anything but mischief.

The widow was therefore obliged to take three

or four boarders, to eke out her scanty income which of course imposed upon her considerable

labor and anxiety.

It is not surprising then, under these circumstances, she now and then bethought herself of a second marriage, as a method of bettering her a second marriage, as a method of bettering her condition? Or again, need we esteem it a special wonder, if, in her reflections upon this pricking up his cars. "Why? Did she depoint, she should have cast her eyes upon her eighbor Deacon Bancroft! The Deacon, as we have already said, was in flourishing circumstances. He would be able to maintain a wife in great comfort; and, being one of the chief personages in the village, could accord her a prominent social position. He was not especially handsome, or calcula

ted to make a profound impression upon the female heart—this was true—but he was of a good disposition, kind-hearted, and would no doubt make a good sort of a husband. A de-

Some sagacious person, however, has observed that it takes two to make a match, a fact to be seriously considered; for in the present case it was exceedingly doubtful whether the worthy deacon, even if he had known the favorable ances seemed to indicate that its probable val-epinions of his next door neighbor, would have use was equal to five thousand dollars. The e had known the favorable been inclined to propose changing her name to Bancroft, unless, indeed, a suitable motive was rought to bear upon him. Here was a chance

for guessing.

One evening after a day of fatiguing labor, the widow Wells sat at the fire in the sitting-room, with her feet resting upon the fender. "If ever I am again situated as not to have to work so hard," she murmured, "I shall be happy. It's a hard life keeping boarders. If I was only as well off as Deacon Bancroft-

Still the widow kept up her thinking, and by and by her face brightened up. She had an to some such remarks as thesedea, which she resolved to put into execution sure!" the very carliest practicable moment.— What it was the reader will discover in the se-

quel.
"Harry," said she to her son the next morning, "I want you to stop at Deacon Bancrofts' as you go along to school, and ask him if he will call and see me in the course of the morning or atternoon, just as he finds it most con-

Deacon Bancroft was a little surprised at the summons. However, about 11 o'clock, he called in. The widow had got on the duner, and had leisure to sit down. She appeared

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as visibly excited.

least of what I may have to say to you."

o touch it, or would it belong to them?"

be in the least likely to lay up that amount of

"I will wait and watch," thought the dea-

It so happened that deacon Bancroft was one

to ride over their once or twice a month, to at-

own at the bank.
"Ha hat" thought the deacon; "that mean

mething."

He said nothing however, but determined to

he bank.
The widow tripped into the office pretending

to look very nonchalant.

'Can you give me small bills for a five dollar gold piece?' she inquired.

'With pleasure,' was the reply.

"None in the state on a better footing," was

Do you receive as high as—as five thou

"No," said the cashier, with some surprise

the way, did you say how much interest you allowed on such deposits as came within your

· Thank you. I only asked for curiosity .-

"Do you know whether she had any money

"No : but she enquired whether we received

deposits as high as \$5000.

'Indeed'!" ejaculated the deacon. "Was that all she came for?" he inquired a moment

"No, she exchanged a gold piece for some

"Ha!" pondered the deacon, reflectingly

'No; she said she only asked from curiosi-

The Deacon left the bank in deep thought .--

ly found a pot of gold in her cellar, and appear-

"How much vanity some people have to be

utterty unavailing.
"I suppose," continued the same young la-

dy, "she is trying to catch a second husband with her finery. Before I would condescend to

tempts to catch a husband had hitherto proved tread their path of guilt.

she was old enough to know better."

with her finery. Before I would such means I'd drown myself."

did she give any reason for her inquiries?

"You receive deposits, do you not?

a sum. One thousand dollars is our limit.

mit ?" "Pive per cent. madam."

afterwards the deaco

"The Widow Wells."

posit anv ?

afterwards.

"About as usual." 'Had any deposits lately ?'

a flourishing condition, is it not?

" Ruth

the prompt response.

with it, as a matter of course,"

con abstractedly.

CARLISLE, PA., THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1858.

idea that she had stumbled upon the hidden The deacon very politely promised not to be surprised, though at the same time his curiosity. The widow had calculated shrewdly, and the

display had the effect she had unicipated.

Monday afternoon-Deacon Bancroft found an 'Suppose," said the widow, casting down her eyes—'mind I am only supposing a case— errand that called him over to the widow's. I suppose a person should find a pot full of gold chanced to be about tea-time. He was impor errand that called him over to the widow's. It es in their cellar, would the law have a right tuned to stay to tea, and, somewhat to his surprise, actually did. The dencon pricked up his ears:
"A pot of gold pieces, widow? Why unquestionably, the law would have nothing to do The polite widow, who knew the deacon's

weak point, brought out her best mince pies a slice of which her guest partook of with zest. "You'll take another piece, I know," said "And the one who had formerly owned the she persuasively. ouse couldn't come forward and claim it. could "Really, I am ashamed," said the deacon,

he deacon!" inquired the widow further with and he passed his plate. "The fact is," he said apparent anxiety.

No, madam, unquestionably not. When the house was disposed of, everything went

"I am glad to hear it, deacon. You won't think strange of the question, but it happened to occur in my mind, and I tho't I would like

"Certainly, widow, certainly," said the dea-"And, deacon, as you are here, I hope you will stop to dinner with us. It will be ready

will stop to dinner with us. It will be what he said. The fact is, the deacon began to think the woman was a very charming wolong to think the woman was a very charming wolong to you, but they'll be expecting me at home."

what he said. The fact is, the deacon began to think the woman was a very charming wolong to think the woman was a very charming wolong to think the woman was a very charming wolong to the family comes down? Who is it that makes papa's toast and carries up mama's tea, and puts buttons on the boy's shirts, and waters the flowers, and feeds the chickens, and makes home."

At any rate deacon, "said the widow, taking a steaming mince pie from the oven, "you must know I rather pride myself on mince pies."

The widow was really a good cook, and the deacon ate with much gusto the generous slice which the widow cut for him, and after a little more chatting upon unimportant subjects, with-

drew in some mental perplexity.

A month afterwards, she was installed as "Was it possible," thought he, that the widow could really have found a pot of gold in to the surprise of the village people who could why should she show so much anxiety to know as to the proprietorship of treasure thus found, if she had not happened upon some. To be sure, so far as his knowledge extended, there was no one who occupied the house who would know of none."

In the surprise of the village people who could not conceive how she had brought him over. Some weeks after the ceremony the deacon ventured to inquire about the pot of gold she had found in the cellar.

"Pot of gold," she exclaimed in surprise; "I know of none."

"But," said the deacon, disconcerted, "you gold; but then the house was offe hundred and know you asked me about whether the law fifty years old, at the least, and undoubtedly could claim it?"

had many occupants of which he knew nothing. It might be after all. The widow's cvity, "O, lor, Deacon, I only asked from curiosi dent anxiety gave additional probability to the " And was that the reason why you made in quiries at the bank?"
Certainly. What else could it be?"

The deacon went out to the barn and for about half an hour sat in silent meditation. of the directors in a Saving's Institution, situal At the end of that time, he ejaculated as a cloted in the next town, and accordingly he used sing consideration, "After all she makes good

to ride over their once or twice a month, to attend meeting of the Board.
On the next occasion of this kind, the widow Wells gent over to know if he would carry her over with him as she had a little business to attend to there.
The request was readily accorded. Arrived in the village, Mrs. Wells requested to be set down in the best. It gives me pleasure to state that, the union between the deacon and the widow proved a very happy one, although to the end of his life, he never could quite make up his mind about that "Pot of Gold."

# "HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER."

Don't speak so, my son! Don't speak in "Don't speak so, my son! Don't speak in that tone to your grandfuther; it is not respectful," said Mrs. Hale to her son George, who was in the yard, talking in a loud voice. "I did not know that I was saying anything come back, and find out as he could, readily, from the cashier, what business she had with rong, mother." said George.

Perhaps the words were not wrong, but the

often repeated, 'Honor thy father and thy moth-

'Yes, madam, we are receiving them every houghtful What are you, thinking about, my son?' asked Mrs. Hule. or rather we do not allow interest on so large

About the text you spoke of this afternoon, mother. I don't know as I understand it very Repeat the whole verse, my son, and then

Honor the Father and the mother; that thy days may be long on the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee.' Will God let people live longer who honor their parents?' asked Groece

George
"That is God's promise," replied Mrs. Hale. What a beautiful morning it is?'
And the widow tripped lightly out. Short-We know that his promises are all true, and afterwards the deacon entered.
"How's business, Mr. Cashier?" he asked. will all be fulfilled in the best time and the best way. He will surely bless those who obey his "None of magnitude."
"I brought over a lady this morning who semed to have business with you. to any of his children. He will take them before hey are old; but if they can glorify him by liv ing long upon the land, He will preserve them

many years."
"Mother," said George, "you once told me that honor means to obey; but I know now that is not all it means; will you explain it to me more!''

"Honor means to obey first; and then, in every way you can, to add to the comfort and happiness of your parents," said Mrs. Hale.— "They that honor Me, I will honor," is a promse of God which never fails. You honor God by keeping Ilis commandment, Honor thy faher and thy mother."-Little Pilgrims.

#### 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. Licen-He came to the conclusion that this "curiosity" only veiled a deeper motive. He no longer entertained a doubt that the widow had actualpeared beneath the green pool of its own corruption. Brutal war made a business of, and

ue was equal to five thousand dollars. The gold piece which she had exchanged appeared to confirm this story.

"I rather think," said the deacon, complacently, "I can see into a mill stone about as far as most people,"—a statement the literal truth of which I defy any to question, though as to the prime fact of anybody being able to see into a mill stone at all, doubts have now and then intruded themselves upon my mind.

Next Sunday the widow Wells appeared at church in a new and stylish honnet, which led of oblivion, not one ever sunk, but its own way sure!"

"How a woman that has to keep boarders other. Shall the stately shade of Republican America, too, go down to join the doleful courbonnet is more than I can cell. I should think | pany of crowned specters, moving them beneath to rise up at her coming with the sardonic The last remark was made by a lady just six mock, 'Art thou also as we?' If we would months younger than the widow, whose at avoid their doom of vengeance, we must not

In this last ab'e speech the young lady had and pure religion.' So soon as the men who

NICE GIRLS. BY A PACHELOR.

To my mind there is nothing in all the world To my mind there is nothing in all the world half so beautiful, half so delighted, or half so loveable as a "nice girl." I don't mean a pretty girl, or a dashing will or an elegant girl, but a "nice girl"—one of those lovely, good tempered, good henried, sweet faced, amiable, neat, natty, domestic creatures, whom we meet in the sphere of "home," diffesing around the domestic hearth the influence of her goodness, like the essence of sweet factors.

What we all know by "nice girl" is not the

the essence of sweet newers.

What we all know by expice girl? is not the languishing beauty, who dawdles on a sofa and talks of the last new novel, or the last new ope-bers of the family! She thes not present her cheek or her brow, like the "fine girl," but takes the initialive herself and kieses the boys akes the initiative herself and kisses the boys one after the other with an audible "smack," which says aloud, "I love you, ever so much." If ever I coveted anything in my life, it is one of those kisses from that "file girl." She is quite at home in all the domestic duties. She troubles no one to "help fill the kettle;" she has tabled it from the leb and realistics the feet.

fetched it from the hob, and replenishes the tea-pot, while some one has been thinking about offering his assistance. active and useful until the day is gone, when she will polka with the boys, and slug old songs, and play old tunes to her fisher together, and never tire. She is a perfect treasure, is the "nice girl." When illness comes, it is she that ittends with unwearied patience the sick champer. There is no risk, no amount of fatigue that she will never undergo: no sacrifice that she will not make. She is all love, all devotion. I have often thought it would be happiness to be watched by such loving eyes and tended by

such fair hands.
One of the most strongly marked characteris-One of the most strongly marked characteristics of a "nice girl" is tidiness and simplicity of dress. She is invariably associated in my mind with a fligh frock, a plath collar, and the neatest of neck ribbons, bought with the most modest little brooch in the tronglet. I never knew a "nice girl" yet who deplayed a profusion of rings and bracelets, by who wore low dresses or a splendid bonnet. Nor can I thangine a "nice girl" with curls; but this may be a prejudice.

rejudice. I am quite suré, however, that "conxers," or were to appear with her bonnet stuck on the other aged people, in some respects as well as her from that moment. The only degree of layour own parents."

The evening after this conversation, George bean ideal—or should it be in this case belle was sitting near to his mother looking very iteal—in kid boots with brass heels. There is a nameless charm about tidy feet, which I hellove the whole world recognizes. I maintain that a neat booted foot, and a well shaped ankle, in conjunction with a clean white petticoat and a tight stocking, will nearly make amends for a clear white petticoat and a tight stocking, will nearly make amends for a clear white petticoat and came back manifesting much terror. The

Young men, is it not so? Yes, you confess

#### Swimming.

In former years we have several times called the attention of our readers to the importance of pain, sprang down upon the dogs. The poor of teaching young persons of both sexes how to swim. Upon this subject we find in the N. Y. were killed outright, and the other three put to

can learn to walk can learn to swim; and so diately rushed up and placed the muzzle of his far as the preservation of life is concerned, the latter is quite as important as the former—in charge in his head. The animal relinquished fact, more so. There are very few who, in the his hold and expired in a moment. Young Bycourse of their earthly experience, do not at ran was found to be badly scratched about the some period find themselves in danger of being breast and shoulders, but was able to walk cast into water beyond their depth, and every man should be prepared for such an emergency, for his very life may depend upon it. In most barbarous countries, infants are taught to swim

as invariably and naturally as they are taught to walk. The young mother takes to the river side her baby of a few months old, ties her girdle around it, and lets it play in the water, and ing in. The tableau is thus ingeniously drawn find its own way of balancing itself, and moy- by a late writer:— Let us imagine ourselves at ing from point to point, so that many a child the top of a tower a mile high in Hyde Park : can swim before it is steady on its feet on dry we look off to the north, and we see a drove of land. In such a country as Egypt, where the water is in the great highway, and there are no bridges, land and water are both one to the nableating wool twelve miles in length: again, to

tives. The most trifling cause or whim launch the south, and we see a drove of swine coming es a child of any age into the water with or towards us whose driver is ten miles off. After without its palm log or bunch of grass .- these have approached at their journey's end, a Every body there crosses the river or canal, as cloud approaches, which we find to be composed we cross the road or common. We know of turkeys, geese, chickens, and game of all what feats of diving the people in Malta will sorts—and this extends over fifty one acres. do for the smallest coin; and that in wild re- When we estimate the amount of fish consumgions where those people live whom we call saved wh is it with us meanwhile? There are hundreds bacon, smoked beef, &c., were placed in a pile bod, would be no match for kittenhood in the be two hundred feet square, and twelve hunwater-who know no more of the art of striking out there and moving from place to place than an unborn babe. We are apt to have longings to fly; and every body who dreams at all, dreams of flying. But who can say, after all, whether if we had wings, a quarter of our number would use them? Birds have wings,

and yet have to learn to fly. The majority of of civilized men. we think, would hardly take of civilized men, we tank, would nardly take roundings—their garments—apartments, etc.—the trouble. At all events they have four limbs Who has not seen hats which looked just like and don't swim, and we don't know why the acrial should be more attractive than the aqueous element. There are parents who are restless till their children are vaccinated, and yet less till their children are vaccinated, and yet them. Apartments show this, also, very strong-are wholly supme about securing them against ly. Not so much in the simple matter of neat-ROUGH.—The New York Christian Intelligence thus speaks of its neighbor, the Tribune:

"We can and do rejoi e that the Tribune avows itself at last in layor of sound morality and large red large red for improvement here. The levy is great need for improvement here. The levy is great red large red large red large red for improvement here. which deaths makes every summer day as a

cause can hardly be called accidental—it should be called rather the result of culpable igno-

Dolunteer.

#### A Donkey among Rees.

under foot, "Every one for himself and God for

us all." This modern donkey, being penned up in a and he passed his plate. "The fact is," he said appointments would ne soid under the nammer apologetically, "your pies are so nice I don't know when to stop."

"Do you call these nice?" said the widow, modestly. "I only call them common. I can make mince pies when I set out to, but this time I didn't have such good luck as usual."

"I shouldn't want anything better," said the deacon, emphatically. "Then I hope if you like them, you'll drop "Then I hope if you like them, you'll drop" and the last new novel, or the last new novel new nove

ed and bellowed and ran, and jumped and lashed his sides with his tail; and finally, as if in utter despair of getting rid of his assailants. he threw himself upon the ground and rolled over and over as if in an agony of pain. Findover and over as it in an agony of pain. Finding this to be of no use, and that his assailants seemed to multiply rather than diminish, the poor donkey picked himself up again, and seeing the kitchen door open, with ears and tall erect, and eyes glistening with tears and terror he made a rush into the house. Thither the bees followed him; and such a scene as then bees followed him; and such a scene as then an accordance of the made and over all of solid mahogany, and the prices instead of being uncommonly low, exceeded the Breakfast over, she dives down into the kitchen to see about dinner, and all day long she is running up and down the stairs, always doing and light-hearted. And she never ceases to be and upset the table, the bees had not done with him yet, and it was not until the whole house-hold, summoned by the noise, had worked vigorously for some minutes, with napkins and dusting brushes, that poor John Donkey was dollars the purchaser had made up his mind to sufficiently rid of his enemies to be able to leave give. Those old chairs many of them with n safety by another door than that which he had entered.

This is no fable, render, but a veracious narrative; yet there is a moral in it as good as if it were a fable, and one which the strong who attempt to oppress the insignificant and apparult paid for "—we feared would dampen the attempt to oppress the insignificant and apparently weak—and the meddlesome, who are inclined to poke their noses into other people's business, and the covetous, who hanker after

The escape of a leopard in Oswego county., N. Y., belonging to Sands, Nathans, & Co., by which we give below in the language of a corer, is meant to apply to your grandparents, and back of her head, I should cease to believe in respondent of the Oswego Paladium, who writes from Schroepel, Oswego co., N. Y.: About two hours after entering the woods,

and about a mile and a half from the scene of the animal's depredations the previous night. ately the leopard was espied by several, only a lew yards in advance, seated on the lower limb of a large tree, and eyeing the dogs-which had set up a great uproar—with a ferocious scowl. A volley of well directed shot was fired upon him, and the leopard immediately, with a howl Courier & Enquirer, the following sensible reflight. A young man named William Byran,
came near falling a victim to the ferocious min "The season for boating and hathing is upon us, and almost every day brings new cases of deaths by drowning. In nine cases out of ten, with his sharp claws fastened to young Byrau's It is an inability which every civilized man or baye been his last, but for the desperate daring boy ought to be ashamed. Every child who of an elder brother, Joseph Byran, who imme-

## on the success of the excursion.

home, and joined in the enthusiasm of the party

What it Takes to Feed London. This vast metropolis cats an amount of food dred and ninety-three feet high.

CHARACTER.-A man's character is the man set of wigmaker's blocks, without enough dif ference to distinguish us apart. In persons of strong character, this expression is correspond-ingly. It impresses itself upon all their surtheir owners? Yet in the hatter's window, the hats look like nobody—they must be worn to got something of the wearer's individuality into

"Did you not tell me, sir, you could hold a plough?" said the master.
"Arrah! be also now," said Pat, "how the

NO. 5.

The Old House of Representatives. Notwithstanding the sacred memories which cluster around the old Hall of Representatives, the sanctity which it has obtained by reason of the great deeds accomplished within its walls there was a scene witnessed there yesterday there was a scene witnessed there yesterday morning entirely unprecedented. In that grand old place the cloquence of a Clay, a Calhoun has charmed and electrified the nation, but never before has the full, round voice of the auctioner appealed to the cupidity or inquisitiveness

of an audience. Devoted exclusively to the legislation of the whole Union, who could have thought that the time would come when all its appointments would be sold under the hammer to the highest bidder? We doubt not the pear of the sovereigns of this great and growing confederacy! The American people are rapid progressionists, and in the railroad speed of he present day this circumstance will be absorbed by the more engrossing details of the Indian difficulties in Oregon, the military preparations of Louis Napoleon, and the benefits to be derived from the introduction of tea!

By ten o'clock at least one hundred persons

were in the hall, a number of them ladies. They were of all ages, and though diligently scarched for, the "Middle aged Mnn" could not be found. Among the assemblage we recognized Judge Blackford, of the Court of Claims, whose gravity and dignity seemed to forbid all approach. One, however, more daring, as we thought, than others, entered into a conversation with him, and instantly a smile so general overspread his countenance that our former prejudice was for-gotten, and we believed him a warm hearted friend and a very pleasant companion. The interest manifested in the sale, the patience with which the spectators and the purchasers followed the auctioneer from desk to desk, and chair to chair, was worthy of imitation. The furniinstead of being uncommonly low, exceeded the expectations of many who thought to procure great bargains. A considerable portion of it was in a damaged condition, and so great was the competition, where competition was least expected, that a single arm-chair with a writing accompaniment was knocked down at ten dol lars and a quarter, instead of the five or six screws loose, brought an average of three dollars a piece, and the carpet was sold at about

spirits of bidders, but as that worthy gentleclined to poke their noses into other people's business, and the covetous, who hanker after that which does not belong to them would do well to consider for all such are liable to the same experiences as the donkey met with among the bec-hives.

Exciting Hunt—Capture of a Leopard.

The escape of a leopard in Oswego county. markable for his persistent opposition to the in "Perhaps the words were not wrong; but the tone was. You should speak to people older than yourself in a respectful manner, as well as with proper words," replied Mrs. Hale. I wish you to remember that the text I have so often repeated the particulars of his capture, have been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" have been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one whom I have been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them when I have been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been the particulars of his capture, have learned the particulars of his capture, and if one of them was a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been the particulars of his capture, and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been the upsetting of a cage in which he was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been the upsetting of a cage in which he was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been the upsetting of a cage in which he was carried, been the upsetting of a cage in which he was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and if one of them was carried, been disposed to regard as a "nice girl" and the parties of the upset the upset that the upset the upset that the upset the upset the pause, one of them went a "dollar and a-half. a second feebly cried out a "dollar and seventyfive." whilst a third articulated "two dollars." It was here that we thought that the bidding would close, so long did the auctioneer dwell upon that word "two dollars, going, go ing, going," but just as the word "gone, struggling for utterance, a fourth gentleman

bid "two and a quarter," and the desk was iold.
The desk and chair occupied by Hon. John Quincy Adams, brought fifty dollars. The bidding for this furniture was quite animated, and it was remarked by the bystanders, that i Massachusetts it would command \$500. The desks occupied by Col. Benton and Mr. McDuffie, of South Carolina brought \$6,25 apiece: the desk occupied by Col. Brooks ran up to \$9, and that used by Gov. Wise sold for \$7. Upon the remainder of the furniture the bidding was very brisk, and the competition became very great. We understand that the total sales amounted to between two and three thousand Collars .- Wash. Union.

The Sexual Character of the Strawberry. A short time ago we visited the garden of a centleman in this vicinity, and while there the roprietor called our attention to a large bed f strawberries, that was evidently kept in exellent order, and which, he informed us, was

three years planted, but had borne no fruit sking us if we could assign a reason for the failure. On looking at the plants that were in and at once recognized as the Hovey seedling. we were struck with the fact that there were no male or staminate plants in the whole bed or near it. All were pistilate flowers. The wonder was at once solved, and a cure recommended. It is somewhat remarkable that no wild plants grew near this bed, or within seven hundred yards of it, and no other variety, except such as had pistilate blossoms. The sextual character of the various kinds of strawberries, was for a long time a bone of con-

tention among growers, but among botanists it is easily recognized. Among the pistilate flowers, a certain proportion of staminate plants hould be set, say one in twelve, and this will be sufficient to foundate the antherless flow-The strawberry bears naturally perfect flow-

ers, yet we have seen many wild plants that bore female organs only, and occasionally a plant in which the female parts were wanting. and the male largely developed .- Ohio Farmer

A SCHOOLMASTER KILLED .- A fatal affray occurred at Centreville. King and Queen county, Va., on the 17th ult., between Mr. Gogerty, a chool teacher, and two Mesers. Bristow, father and son. One of the elder Bristow's sons was a pupil of Gogerty, and being guilty of some misconduct, Gogerty flogged him. The father the expression of his individuality. Take of young Bristow met him soon after, and an that away and we should all be alike—a uniform altercation, ensued, when they clinched and altercation ensued, when they clinched, and while in this position young Bristow rushed up, threw his arms around Gogerty, and plunged a kuile into his body, the blade entering just below the ribs, on the right side. The knife used was an ordinary pocket knife, but some portion of the intestines being severed; the wound resulted in the death of Gogerty. The young assassin escaped.

The A Quaker's admonstion to a man who was pouring forth a volley of ill language to him: "Have a care, my friend, thou may est run thy face against my fist."

QUEEN VICTORIA A GRANDHOTHER .- Queen Victoria, it is hinted, will appear in the venera-ble character of a grandmother in the course of a few months, when a pledge of the loves of Prince Frederick William and his wife will be presented to the loyal people of Prussia. This In this last ab'e speech the young lady had unwittingly hit upon the true motive. Harry told me you would like to see me,"

In this last ab'e speech the young lady had unwittingly hit upon the true motive. The common and personal title has not been a common one in the rouse of the nance of

### Odds nad Ends

A fine coat may cover a fool, but never

Flowers are the sweetest things God over nade, and forgot to put a soul into.

When does a cow become reaf estate? The three great conquerors of the world are Fashion, Love and Death.

force of 432 pounds, and those of mastiffs,

wolves, etc., far more. Ber Vegetation is so scarce at Cape Cod, Iassachusetts, that two mullin-stalks and a mekleberry bush are called a graye.

OF The following contains the alphabet:—ohn P. Brady, give me a black walnut box of mite a small size.

Ity For seven years ending 1857, the produc-tion of gold in California and Anstralia amount-ed to six nundred and eighty millions of dollars.

A courtly negro once sent a reply to an. invitation, in which he regretted "that circum-stances repugnant to the acquisece, would pre-vent the acceptance to the invita."

"Here's Webster on a bridge," said Mrs. Partington, as she handed Ike the Dictiona "study it contentively, and you will gain a great deal of inflamation."

UF A Maine editor says that a pumpkin in that State grow so large that eight men could stand around it. This is like the fellow who a flock of pigeons so low that he could shake a stick at them.

LFA little boy, whose father was miserly in its habits, took it upon himself to "say grace". s follows :

"Four slices of bread for four of us;"
We bless the Lord there aint no more of us." Anjold lady, reading an account of a distinguished old lawyer, who was said to be the father of the New York bar, exclaimed: "Poor man! he had a dreadful set of children."

Take a company of boys chasing butter-flies, put longialled coats on the boys, and turn the butterflies fato gifueas, and you have a beautiful panorama of the world.

OF A pair of sweet lips, and a pink waist'ribbon, will do as much to unhinge a man as three levers, the measles, a large sized whooping cough, a pair of lock jaws, several hydrophobias, and the doctor's bill.

"Speaking of corporal punishment in school," said a fair lady, "what pupil is the most to be pitied ?" "The pupil of the eye, because it is always under the lash."

A western editor thinks Hiram Powers is a swindler, because he chiseled an unfortunate Greek girl out of a block of marble.

"Do make yourselves at home ladies," said a hostess to her visitors one day. "I am, at home myself, and wish you all were." OF A henpecked husband says that instead I himself and wife being one, they are ten; for

he is I and he is 0. 13 In raising the heart above despair, an old iddle is worth four doctors and two drug shops; There is a great deal of theology in the idea of a little girl in this State, who wished that she could be good without obeying her grandmother. She said it was easy enough to read books and pray, but it was pretty hard to

mind her grandmothe said a young gentleman to his lady love.

Well, Willie, I suppose I must this once, but you know that after we are married, I shalf always have a Will of my own."

Mirth is the medicine of life; It course its ills, and calms its strife; It softly smothes the brow of care, And writes a thousand graces there.

There is no occasion to trample upon the neanest reptile; nor to sneak to the greatest prince. Insolence and baseness are equally un-

There is nearly as much ability requisite o know how to make use of good advice, as to know how to act for one's self. Perseverance is failing nineteen times,

and succeeding the twentieth, but when you do succeed, good gracious how the applause does come down.

If is a double shame to man to have in-herited distinction from his ancestors if he bequeathes distinction to posterify He who stoops to pick up the devil's

gold, inevitably drops his own soul DF In the worst of times there is still more cause to complain of an evil heart than of an evil and corrupt world.

A French writer has said that "to dream gloriously, you must act gloriously while you are awake; and to bring angels down to converse with you in your sleep; you must labor in the cause of virtue during the day."

The Boston Post wants to know why credit should not be given physicians in notices of death, as well as to clergymen in notices of marriage. A newspaper obituary announcement should read: "Died at the hands of Dr. Saddle-bags, John Doc, aged so and sor"

Snooks says the ladies no longer of set their caps" to catch the beau—they spread their skirts.

We often hear of a man wheing in advance of his age," but who ever heard of a wo-UF If you would rise in the world, you must not stop to kick at every cur that barks at you

as you pass along. The poor man who travels with a pack on his back, is decenter than the black leg who

ravels with a pack in his pocket. The Lynn News thinks that if we had a war with England, the ladies will fight because of late years they have been accustomed to bare

13 A man advertises for a competent person to undertake the sale of a new medicine, and adds that sit will be profitable to the underta-

03 When a daughter remarks, "Mother, I would not hire help, for I can assist you to do all the work in the kitchen," set it down that she will make a good wife.

Dr. Nettleton adopted the following as a maxim for the government of his life: "Do all the good you can in the world, and make as lit-tle noise about it as possible."

"Steel your heart," said a considerate father to his son, "for you are now going among some fascinating girls." "I had rather steal theirs," said the unpromising young man. A story is told of a person asking another whether he would advise him to lend a certain friend of their's money: "What lend him mo-ney? You might give him an emetic, and he

A regular diet up to the point of tempq-rance cures more people than physic.

I A mathematician has discovered that an infallible method for producing division in fami-lies is to multiply jealousies.

The state matters for a cortificate of his marriage, bared his head, and exhibiting a huge sear, which looked as though it was made with a fire shovel. The evidence was satisfact.