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Poetical.

A HOME SCENE.

Come, let us pull the curtains down, And by the work we do, And gather up the playthings

CAN LOVE FORGET?

Forget thee if I dream by night, And muse on thee by day— All that thou hast done and said, A poet's heart can pay.

Miscellaneous.

Channey Lewis and the Boy Soldier.

A boy fifteen years of age was standing before the front of a Connecticut farm house, a little fowling piece upon his shoulder, while a matronly looking woman was standing in the doorway and gazing with moistened eyes upon him.

Mrs. Partington's Genealogy.

"Why do fools make such a do-do about their four fathers?" said Mrs. Partington to the school-master, who was asking her genealogy.

Peas.

How beautiful is peace—at the home hearth, in the nation, over all the earth. Oblivion of toils, washers of blood stains, and uniter of earth's races in loving brotherhood.

In Memory of Courting Days.

Courtsips are the sweet and dreamy thresholds of unsexed Edens, where half the world has been, and half the world is to be.

Gold Eaten by Turkeys in Arkansas.

We find the following in a letter from a correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, who writes from Wesley, Arkansas:

Mules vs. Horses.

The mule, in some parts of the country, is taking the place of the horse, to a great extent, and if our farmers would make experiments to find the relative value of the two, they would adopt the mule to a much greater extent than they have done heretofore.

The Volcanic Eruption in the Island of Hawaii.

A correspondent of the Alle Californian, writing from Honolulu, under date of February 12, gives a vivid account of the great eruption of the volcano, Muna Loa.

The Pedigree of Queen Victoria.

Who is Victoria? Victoria is the daughter of the Duke of Kent, who was the son of George the Third; who was grand-son of George the Second; who was the son of William and Mary; who were the daughter and son-in-law of James the Second; who was the grand daughter of Henry the Eighth; who was the son of Henry the Seventh; who was the son of the Earl of Richmond; who was the son of Catherine, widow of Henry the Fifth; who was the son of Henry the Fourth; who was the daughter of Edward the Sixth; who was the daughter of Edward the Second; who was the son of Henry the Third; who was the son of John; who was the son of Henry the Second; who was the son of William the First; who was the son of William the Conqueror; who was the grandson of the Duke of Normandy; who was the daughter of the Duke of Normandy; who was the daughter of the Duke of Normandy; who was the daughter of the Duke of Normandy.

Evergreens.

The evergreens constitute a class of shrubby plants more suitable for the ornamental purposes of dwelling houses, or for approaches and exterior walks, than any other class of plants.

MOTHERS.

If any thing in life deserves to be considered as at once the exquisite bliss and pre-eminence of a mother, it is this—to watch the dawning disposition and capacity of a favorite child to discover the earliest buds of thought, and to feed with useful truths the inquisitiveness of a young and curious mind; to direct the eyes, yet unsullied with the waters of contrition, to a bounteous Benefactor; to lift the little hands, and to sustain them in prayer to their Father, or which art in Heaven, but so far, the child, as soon as it is released from the bondage of the nurse, and needs no longer a careful eye to look after its steps, and guard it from external injury, is too often entrusted to instructors, some of whom are employed to polish the surface of the character, and regulate the motions of the limbs; others to furnish the mind with religious ideas, and to teach it to sometimes in aid of authority, and sometimes in a Saturday's task or a Sunday's peculiarity, but how rarely as a sentiment! With vanity, encourage to pant with emulation, and to contend with parsimony, allowed to glow with revenge, or reduced to absolute numbness, by worldliness and care, before they have ever felt a sentiment of devotion, or heat with a pulsation of sorrow for an offence, or gratitude for a benefit, in the presence of God. Believe me, mothers, you have no right to expect that the sense of religion will be infused by the labor of others. When parents have ceased to teach, religion has ceased to be taught.

Shocking Affair in Monongahela City.

A HUSBAND SHOT BY HIS WIFE.—Monongahela City, in Washington county, was the scene of a very distressing occurrence on the 81st ult. Says the Pittsburgh Chronicle, it appears that a young and beautiful woman, is subject to periodical attacks of insanity, during which, for her own safety and that of those around her, it was necessary to keep a close watch upon her actions.

Poor Richard's Maxims.

The following, from the pen of the great American philosopher, Dr. Franklin, should be printed in letters of gold, and hung up in every school-room, side with the usual a-b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z, and the alphabet, and which our children's minds are crammed, and which seem to be the rule in our modern system of tuition.

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Odds and Ends.

- Excess is the pickpocket of time. Gratitude is a feature much admired, but rarely seen. There is healing in a smile, and laughter is medicine to the mind. No man has a right to do as he pleases, unless he pleases to do right. Most men employ the first part of their life to make the other miserable. Pride sleeps in a gilded crown, but contentment reposes in a cotton night cap. The crow thinks her own bird the fairest. Fast men, like fast rivers, are generally shallow. To cure Dyspepsia—Spade your own garden. The man who plants a good tree is a public benefactor. Changeable—The weather. Doing well—Those who advertise in the Volunteer. True worth, like the rose, will blush at its own sweetness. Laugh at no man for his pug nose, you can't tell what may turn up. In demand—hard seeds. The weather is rather unfavorable to sailing. If honest men are the salt of the earth, pretty girls may be said to be the sugar. If you call a man ungrateful, you say everything against him. If you beat me, I'll call out the soldiers. It is the fault of youth, that it cannot govern its own impulses. The tongue is a woman's sword, and she never sheathes it. Men obliterate speculative opinions, but confirm the judgment of nature. They do not easily rise in the world, whose talents are suppressed by poverty. Labor lost—an organ grinder playing at the door of a dead and dumb ass. Out west, where party scores so loud the other can't sleep. The prospects for an abundant wheat crop, in the Western States, were never more promising. Final adjournment—Both branches of the Legislature have resolved to adjourn on the 14th inst. The farmer whose pigs got so lean that they could crawl through the cracks in their pen, stopped their fun by tying knots in their tails. Chambersburg, if we may credit the papers of that place, is cursed with as worth a set of negroes as can be scared up this side of Africa. The Odd Fellows all over the country are making extensive preparations to celebrate the national jubilee of the order on the 26th day of April. There is an old maid out West so tough and wrinkled, that they use her forehead to grate out meigs on. The Governor of Massachusetts has appointed the 7th of April as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. The boy who was kicked by a shaggy rooster is recovering. The rooster is not so great as to justify amputation. The oxen out in Iowa live so long that they have to put sticks on their horns for the wrinkles to run out on. Fack! It is said that no man who has paid regularly for his newspaper, has ever been known to be bitten by a mad dog. Ridicule is a weak weapon, when leveled on a strong mind. But common wit out towards, and dread an empty laugh. Definition of Darkness—A blind darky in a dark cellar, at midnight, with a dark lantern, looking down a dark hole for a black cat. The Americans residing in Paris, France, celebrated the 22d of February in a magnificent style. Health is a toy that we play with much as a child does—for the pleasure, seemingly, of breaking it. Why is the last act in Hamlet peculiarly Irish? Because it begins with a funeral and ends with a fight! By taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but, in passing by, he is his superior. Mark that. The slowest advances to greatness are the most secure. Sudden rises are often attended with precipitate falls. There is a purple halo to a grape, a melon and crimson hair to a peach, a sunny halo to the globe, and a better halo to man. The best cure for trouble is labor—the harder you work the less you think. Who ever heard of a wordsaver committing suicide? Intense strains of grasshoppers were visible in many parts of Bucks county last week. Mrs. Stickle is said to be in great distress of mind; but whether for the "dead or the living man" the papers don't state. A fool in high station is like a lion on the top of a monument—everything appears small to him, and he appears small to everybody. The Hindoos believe that after death the soul must pass through seven transigrations, to the bodies of different animals, before it is finally judged by Brahma. It is the little troubles that wear the heat out. It is easier to throw a bomb-shell a mile than a feather—even with artillery. Forty little debts, of a dollar each, will cause you more trouble and dunning than one big one of a thousand. Be careful how you conceive too good an opinion of a woman, at first sight, for you see not the woman truly, but her ornaments. Paint, patches and fine dresses are to hide defects, for beauty, like truth, is always best plainest. A young wife remonstrated with her husband, a dissipated spendthrift, on his conduct. "My dear," said he, "I am only like the prodigal son—I shall return by-and-by. And I will arise and go to my father's house," and off she went. A Revival has been going on at Baltimore for some time, and increases in force as it progresses. It has not reached the rich and fashionable classes, as well as the lowest strata of society. Several prominent desperadoes have apparently become converts, and have exchanged their revolvers and bottle knives for Bibles. A Bridgeman pardoned—Judge Evans, of Colville county, Va., was recently sentenced to one year imprisonment in the county jail, for swearing that the young lady he married was over 21 years of age, when she wasn't. The opposition of the lady's mother to this match caused this exposure and imprisonment to the groom. A petition to Gov. Wise, and the extreme youth of the prisoner, procured a pardon. Use or Know-nothing—Some men think that the gratification of curiosity is the end of knowledge; and they are in the wrong. Some of the progress of knowledge is to be made by the use of a microscope to see the necessity of supporting themselves by knowledge; but the real use of all knowledge is this, that we should dedicate our reason which was given us by God, to the use and advantage of man.