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My Sally, dear, though far from thee,
I'll ne'er forget the simon tree,
Beneath whose sighing boughs sat we,
When first you said that I might be
Your darling beau,
Which pleased me so.

I laid aside my knife and chip,
Around your waist my arm did slip;
And then your rosy, pouting lip
I kissed, and did not care a thrip
More joy to know
While here below.

And not unlike some witch or wizard,
You made me feel from a to izzard,
That something like a squirming lizard,
Crawl'd all round my heart and gizzard,
And then crawl'd thro'
My stomach too.

Aye, even now, while e'er me steal
Sweet thoughts of thee, I always feel,
That something like a snake or eel,
Crawls from my head down to my heel!

Right in my shoe,
And sticking too.
And could I on your features gaze,
'T would set my soul all in a blaze,
As I shall love you all my days,
For there can be no other ways—
It must be so,
Sweet Sal, you know.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MELANCHOLY NOT RELIGION.

About an age ago, it was the fashion for every one that would be thought religious, to throw as much sanctity as possible into his face, and, in particular, to abstain from all appearances of mirth and pleasure, which were looked upon as the works of a carnal mind. The saint was of a sorrowful countenance, and generally eaten up with spleen and melancholy. A gentleman who was lately a great ornament to the learned world, has diverted me more than once with an account of the reception which he met with from a very famous Independent Minister, who was head of a College in those times. This gentleman was then a young adventurer in the republic of letters, and fitted out for the university with a cargo of Latin and Greek. His friends were resolved that he should try his fortune at an election which was drawing near in the college, of which the Independent Minister whom I have before mentioned, was president. The youth, according to custom, waited on him in order to be examined. He was received at the door by a servant, who was one of that gloomy generation that were then in fashion. He conducted him, with great silence and seriousness, to a long gallery which was darkened at noonday, and had only a single candle burning in it. After a short stay in this melancholy apartment, he was led into a chamber hung with black, where he entertained himself for time by the glimmering taper, till at length the head of the college came out to him from an inner room, with half a dozen night caps upon his head, and religious horror in his countenance. The young man trembled; but his fears increased, when instead of being asked what progress he had made in learning, he was examined how he abounded in grace: his Latin and Greek stood him in little stead: he was to give an account only of the state of his soul; whether he was one of the elect; what was the occasion of his conversion; upon what day it happened; how it was carried on, and when completed. The whole examination was summed with one short question, namely, whether he was prepared for death. The boy, who had been bred up by honest parents, was frightened out of his wits at the solemnity of the proceeding, and by the last dreadful interrogatory; so that upon making his escape out of the house of mourning, he could never be brought a second time to the examination. Notwithstanding this general form and outside of religion is pretty well worn out amongst us, there are many persons, who by a natural uncheerfulness of heart, mistaken notions of piety, or weakness of understanding, love to indulge this uncomfortable way of life, and give themselves up to grief and melancholy, as if mirth was made for reprobates, and cheerfulness of heart denied those who are the only persons that have a proper title.

I would by no means presume to tax

such characters with hypocrisy, as is done too frequently; on the contrary, as there are many excellent persons who are weighed down by this habitual sorrow of heart, they rather deserve our compassion than our reproaches. I think, however, they would do well to consider whether such behavior does not deter men from a religious life, by representing it as an unsocial state, that extinguishes all joy and gladness, darkens the face of nature, and destroys the relish of being itself.

Those who represent religion in so unamiable a light, are like the spies sent by Moses to make discovery of the land of promise, when by their reports they discouraged the people from entering upon it. Those who show us the joy, the cheerfulness, the good humor that naturally spring up in this happy state, are like the spies bringing along with them the clusters of grapes, and delicious fruits, that might invite their companions into the pleasant country which produced them. The contemplation of the Divine Being, and the exercise of virtue, are in their own nature so far from excluding all gladness of the heart, that they are perpetual sources of it. In a word, the true spirit of religion cheers as well as composes the soul, fills the mind with a perpetual serenity, uninterrupted cheerfulness, and an habitual inclination to please others, as well as to be pleased in itself.

A BIT OF ROMANCE.

Five or six years ago, a rich Louisiana planter died, leaving an only heir, a daughter, who was not quite seventeen years old. She, together with her fortune, was placed in the charge of a guardian, who was distinctly related to the family. Her fortune, and her remarkable beauty, attracted the attention of many suitors, among which was an accomplished young man from St. Louis, whose only wealth was his profession. His handsome person and fascinating manners won the lady's affections, and without the knowledge of her guardian, they were privately married.

Shortly after they removed to St. Louis where they lived together happily for a time, and a bright future seemed to be before them. At the expiration of the year, the lady having attained her majority, they returned to New Orleans to claim her fortune, and live in the splendid old family mansion. They were coldly received by the occupant, who deliberately informed them that the estate had passed into other hands. They at once applied to the law for redress, and going through the protracted formalities of two or three fruitless suits, they were left penniless, and obliged to abandon the case. Friendless and despirited they returned to St. Louis, where the husband, like many other husbands, tried to drown the remembrance of his disappointment in the fatal cup. His wife treated and admonished in vain. A separation was the consequence, and the husband became more reckless and dissipated than ever. Driven at last to desperation, the wife applied for a divorce, obtained it and retired to a convent. This restored the wretched man to his senses; he abandoned his former associates, returned to the path of virtue, and became a respectable and industrious citizen.

A few months ago, the lady received a letter from the son of her former guardian, informing her of his determination to make full restoration, closing with an appeal to her to forgive his misguided parent, and to come to New Orleans and receive her fortune. She at once complied with his generous request; and all her inheritance together with the accumulated interest, was restored to her.

Now comes the strangest part of this extraordinary affair. The young man offered her his hand in marriage, and plead with all the earnestness of impassioned love. He reminded her of all her childish attachment, of his deep anguish when she became the wife of another, and of the long years of his silent sorrow. All these remembrances came up before her mind, and gratitude plead eloquently in his favor; but at last the wife triumphed over the woman. She thanked him and gave him her simple blessing—told him she had loved but one and could never love another. She entreated him to take back all her fortune, and permit her to return to the convent. Finding her resolutions unalterable, he consented, on condition that she should postpone her return

one month. He immediately wrote to the former husband, who was ignorant of what had transpired, offering him a first rate situation, on condition he would come immediately. The letter was signed by the principal of a well known firm, who was apprised of every circumstance in the case. As soon as the letter came to hand, the overjoyed recipient took passage for New Orleans. He presented himself at the place designated in the letter, and at once made himself known by showing his credentials. He was conducted to the residence of the generous heir, where he was informed, the writer of the letter waited to receive him. His name was announced, and he was conducted into an elegant parlor, and there, alone, he met the woman he had neglected and dishonored—the woman who had been forced to leave him, but who could not quite give him up.

A few days afterwards the city papers announced the marriage of Mr. — and Mrs. —. The estate was restored to the lawful owners, and the reconciled couple, made wiser and better by adversity, are now living happily together.

It is good to turn sometimes from the cares and turmoils of politics, and contemplate human nature rising up from the depths of misery and despair, casting aside selfishness, and reaching that standard of purity and happiness which so few attain.

A FATHER SWINDLED BY HIS SON.

Early one morning last week, in Philadelphia, a rough specimen of a Huntington county farmer made his appearance at the Central Depot of Criminal Justice with a complaint against his son.

It seems, that about a month ago, the son aforesaid determined to leave "his native hearth," and came on a visit to the City of Brotherly love. Like Caesar, "he came—he saw—he conquered,"—but before he achieved the victory, he engaged board at a city hotel. While there, he found very agreeable company in the body of a youth, whose morals were not first class, and who was of the "artful dodger" order.

But funds, like woman's love, are evanescent, and so our second "Norval" found his financial liabilities exceeded his revenue, and one of the "Charley Bates" of his friendship formed a plan to replenish the Treasury.

The "son of his father" wrote to his paternal ancestor, and stated that he had drawn a prize of \$35,000 in a lottery, and that the money was deposited in Adams' Express in this city.

Before the dollars could be obtained, however, the son stated that there were sundry expenses to be met in the feeing of lawyers, &c., in this city, and which expenses amounted to upwards of \$400.—This sum he requested his father to send him, and at the same time he made this request, sent letters purporting to be from certain legal gentlemen of Philadelphia, in relation to the matter. Of course these were all forged.

The father, on receipt of this precious document, hurried from his hearth, and sent word for his son to meet him at Harrisburg. "They met!" The elderly gentleman forked over the required money, and the son took the train for some other spots unknown. The parent, on reaching home, and remaining there about a week, began to look for the \$35,000 that was coming. He looked again and again, and at last came to the decided and emphatic conclusion that he had been "sold" by his offspring.

There is not much filial love up in Huntington, and the enraged and duped father threatened vengeance dire on the head of the offender. He came post haste by railroad to this city, and having ascertained the whereabouts of the Mayor's office, entered his complaint. High Constable Blackburn gave him some considerable advice—cooled him off to a great extent, and told him that the best thing he could do was to go home and trust to the Detectives, and the conscience of his son to set matters right. He did so, and whether the future will see the unfortunate scion of Huntington county landed in the States' Prison, or shipped to Nicaragua, remains to be seen.—Pennysonian.

A DESPERATE ACT.—Cut her Hand off.
—On Wednesday night last, the 22d of April, says the Boonsboro (Md.) Odd Fellow, a colored woman, aged about 20 years, the property of Susan Gray, residing some four miles from this place, under the impression that she was to be sold South, deliberately took an axe and laid her left hand on the root of a tree and chopped it so near off that it hung but by a little skin. She made six cuts, at different places, all of which, save one, went nearly through. After committing the act she crawled under the bake oven, where she was found the next morning, completely prostrated from the loss of blood. But for the coldness of the night, causing the blood to coagulate, she must have bled to death. The hand was taken off above the wrist, by Dr. O. J. Smith, and brought to town, and was the cause of attracting crowds to the Doctor's office. Such a determined act at maiming we have seldom, if ever, heard of.

A man living in Byron, Ogle county, Illinois, was lately punished summarily and severely by his fellow citizens for inhuman treatment of a step-child. He had married a widow with two children, and took mortal offence at some remark that one of them made to him. Setting his wife away, he went with her to call at a neighbor's, he returned home, aroused the child from sleep, and proceeded to beat it until it was insensible, when he deliberately washed the blood from the clothes of the child and the bed clothes, and returned to the place where he had left his wife.—A neighbor happened to witness his cruelty, and when the child was considered to be in danger, she informed the authorities, and he was arrested. The citizens took him into the street and gave him such a castigation as he will probably remember to the day of his death.

A Female Religious Duel.—The Correspondence Havre has the following account of a female religious duel:

"The Swiss Protestants are absorbed by a serio-comic topic. It is a feminine duel which has just taken place, apropos to the unsolved questions between the disciples of Luther and Calvin. Two young women, teachers of Berne, made fanatical by their reading, and the individual interpretations which it suggested, could not agree upon a point of doctrine, and finally agreed to resort to force to settle the question. The place of meeting was the most obscure part of a neighboring wood, the hour fixed was two o'clock—seconds had procured the steel weapons, for the duel was to be fought with swords. After several lively thrusts, one of the fair combatants received a severe wound in the knee, and fell upon the grass fainting.

"The combat ceased, but our two caustics in petticoats have already rallied a good number of adherents. It is a new element of discord with the Bernese. It has almost eclipsed the Neuchatel question.

BOOKS! BOOKS!

AT GIFT SALE.

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