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| | | Cincin. Ex.... | 10:43 " |

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| LEAVE. | | ARRIVE. | |
|---|---|---|---|
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| " ..... | 3:25 p. m. | " ..... | 5:40 p. m. |
| Columbia ..... | 8:00 a. m. | " ..... | 10:20 a. m. |
| " ..... | 3:20 p. m. | " ..... | 5:40 p. m. |

RETURNING:

| LEAVE. | | ARRIVE. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reading ..... | 7:00 a. m. | Lancaster..... | 9:15 a. m. |
| " ..... | 6:15 p. m. | " ..... | 8:25 p. m. |
| " ..... | 7:30 a. m. | Columbia ..... | 9:25 a. m. |
| " ..... | 6:15 p. m. | " ..... | 9:25 a. m. |
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Leave Harrisburg for Reading, Pottsville, Tamaqua, Minersville, Ashland, Shamokin, Pine Grove, Allentown and Philadelphia, at 8.10 a. m., 2.05 and 4.10 p. m., stopping at Lebanon and principal Way Stations; the 4.10 p. m. train making connections for Philadelphia and Columbia only. For Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven and Auburn, via Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad, leave Harrisburg at 3.30 p. m.

Returning: Leave New York at 9.00 a. m., 12.00 noon, 5.10 and 8.00 p. m., Philadelphia at 8.15 p. m. and 3.30 p. m.; sleeping cars accompany the 9.00 a. m., 5.10 and 8.00 p. m. trains from New York, without change.

Way Passenger Train leaves Philadelphia at 7.30 a. m., connecting with similar train on East Penna. Railroad, returning from Reading at 6.35 p. m., stopping at all stations; leave Pottsville at 7.30, 8.45 a. m., and 2.45 p. m.; Shamokin at 5.25 a. m.; Ashland at 7.00 a. m., and 12.30 p. m.; Tamaqua at 8.30 a. m.; and 2.20 p. m., for Philadelphia.

Leave Pottsville, via Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad at 7.10 a. m. for Harrisburg, and 11.30 a. m. for Pine Grove and Tremont.

Reading Accommodation Train: Leaves Reading at 7:30 a. m., returning leaves Philadelphia at 4:45 p. m.

Pottstown Accommodation Train: Leaves Pottstown at 6.45 a. m.; returning, leaves Philadelphia at 4.00 p. m.

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General Superintendent.

READING, PA., Dec. 14, 1868. [dec18-1td&w

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## Poetry.

### THE OLD TOM CAT.

Don't you remember the old Tom cat, John Smith,
The old Tom cat whose notes were so high,
As he used to serenade us each night, John Smith,
When the stars were bright in the sky?
Down to the old Niagara's shore, John Smith,
Where the elm stands silent and lone,
Some naughty boys threw in the river one day
The old Tom cat, attached to a stone.

Don't you remember old Towzer, John Smith,
Old Towzer, who belonged to Bill Gale,
And how many times, in our childhood sports,
We have tied oyster cans to his tail?
Old Towzer would have lived with Gale, John Smith,
Until he had grown helpless and old,
But they caught him stealing sheep one night,
And old Towzer's tale was soon told.

Don't you remember the old pond, John Smith,
And the bridge across built of logs,
And how many times have we stood on the bridge
And pelted with stones the poor frogs?
The bridge and pond are gone, John Smith,
And all things are changed that I view,
But I find no change in my pocket, John Smith,
Could I borrow a dollar from you?

## Miscellaneous.

### THE DISGUISED HEIRESS.

Miss Vernon sat thoughtfully at her window plunged in deep thought. This need be scarcely wondered at, for the question upon which she was pondering affected her nearly.

She was an heiress, having come into possession, at her majority, of fifty thousand dollars. She was pre-possessing in her appearance, and this, as was natural, as usual, was considerably exaggerated, brought her suitors in plenty. Among them she made choice of William Winsor, and in a few weeks they were to be married.

William was engaged in the wholesale clothing business, and had the reputation of an active, sharp man of business. He was of good appearance, and so far as could be judged, was a good match for the heiress. Nothing to his prejudice had come to the ears of Miss Vernon, until the day before. A poor woman had come to the door in evident poverty, and asked for relief. On being questioned, she said that she had been employed in making shirts at twelve cents a piece for wholesale dealers; that after making a dozen and carrying them to the store, she had been roughly told that they were spoiled, and that nothing would be paid her for the work; but that she might have some more, if she would agree to make them better. She added that this was one of the small ways in which the firm made money out of poor women by pretending that their work was unsatisfactorily done, when really no fault could reasonably be found.

The sum, small as it was, of which she had been defrauded, was all important to her, as it represented nearly a week's work.

"Only a dollar and forty-four cents for a week's work!" exclaimed Miss Vernon in dismay.

"That's all," said the poor woman.

"How, then, do you live?"

"It can hardly be called living. It's, just barely keeping body and soul together,' said the poor woman.

"And who is this extortioner that first offers you starvation wages, then defrauds you of them?" asked Miss Vernon, very indignantly.

"William Winsor:"

"Who?" demanded Miss Vernon, firmly, quickly.

"William Winsor."

"I can hardly believe this. I know the gentleman."

"It is true, and if you will investigate the matter you will find it to be so."

"I will investigate the matter. Here is five dollars for your present needs. Come here to-morrow at this time, and I may have some work for you to do."

The poor woman departed, invoking blessings upon the heiress.

"I will look into this," said Margaret Vernon, resolutely, "and, if it proves true, the engagement between William Winsor and myself shall be broken. I will not give myself to such a man."

"Nancy," said Miss Vernon, the next morning to the chambermaid, "have you an old dress and shabby cloak and bonnet, that you can lend me?"

"I have got some that are so poor that I am not going to wear them again," said Nancy, surprised at such an inquiry.

"Will you lend them to me?"

"Of course, Miss; but what would the likes of you want with such old clothes?"

"A little fun, that is all," said Miss Vernon. "I am going to disguise myself, and see if I can't deceive somebody.

With this explanation Nancy was content, and produced the clothes. Miss Vernon put them on and in addition, borrowed of another of the servants a thick green veil, somewhat the worse for wear, and then set out on her mission. No one, in her disguise, would have recognized the usually elegant and richly dressed heiress, Miss Margaret Vernon.

Miss Vernon slipped out of the basement door, and took her way to a large store, on which was inscribed the name of William Winsor, in large gilt letters.

She entered, and after a while a clerk spoke to her in a rough voice:

"Well, what do you want?"

"I wan't to get some work," she said, in a low voice.

"We can give you some shirts."

"Anything."

"Can you sew well?"

"I think so."

"At any rate, we will try you."

A half dozen shirts were given to Miss Vernon, and she was informed that if satisfactorily done, she would be paid twelve cents a piece. These she carried home, slipping in at the back door.

About two hours later the poor woman called.

"Here are some shirts for you to make," said Miss Vernon.

"Why, they are the same as I have been making," said the poor woman in great surprise.

"That is true, and they came from the same place."

"Am I to take them back there?"

"No, you will bring them here. I will pay for the work, when done, double the price you have been receiving."

"Thank you, Miss, you are very kind."

"Sew them as neatly as possible. I wish to see whether they will be rejected as poor work."

"Yes, Miss Vernon. I will take pains with them."

Three days later the poor woman returned with the work completed. Miss Vernon paid her for them, and requested her to call the next day.

"Nancy," said the heiress, after her protege had departed, "I shall wish to borrow your old clothes again."

"Certainly, Miss," said Nancy, "if it is not ashamed you are to appear in such miserable rags."

"No one will know me, Nancy."

"Shure, Miss, you can take them whenever you like."

"I don't think I shall need them again, Nancy, but thank you all the same."

Not long afterwards Miss Vernon, in her shabby disguise, entered the establishment of William Winsor, with the bundle of shirts under her arm.

She walked up to the counter and laid them down.

"What have you got there?" demanded a pert young clerk.

"Some work, sir," said Miss Vernon, very humbly.

"Well, why don't you open the bundle?" said the young man, picking his teeth with his knife.

Miss Vernon did so.

The young man deigned to fumble over the shirts, and sneeringly glancing at them carelessly.

"Shocking! shocking!" he said.

"What's the matter, sir!"

"They're wretchedly sewed. That's what's the matter. How do you expect we are going to sell such shirts as these?"

"I am sure I thought they were well done," said Miss Vernon.

"You thought, did you?" repeated the clerk mocking her. "Well, I think differently, and that's all about it. We shan't pay you for these shirts. They will have to be sold at a loss."

"But what shall I do?" asked Miss Vernon, in seeming distress.

"That's your business, not mine. We will try you once more, and give you another half dozen shirts. If they are done better, you will be paid for them."

"These are done well," said Miss Vernon, savagely, snatching the bundle from the counter, "and I will show them to your employer."

To the indignation of the clerk, who was not used to such independence in the poor women who worked for the establishment, Miss Vernon took the shirts to another part of the counter where she saw William Winsor himself.

"Mr. Winsor," she said, "your clerk will not pay me for these shirts. He says they are not well done."

Mr. Winsor took one up, and pretended to examine it.

"No, it is poorly done. We can't pay you for these, but you may have another bundle, and, if they are satisfactory, you will then be paid."

"Didn't I tell you so, said the clerk triumphantly. "Now, young woman, how much did you make by that operation?"

"More than you think, perhaps," said Miss Vernon, quietly.

"Do you want any more work?"

"No, I don't wish any more," she answered, coldly.

"Oh! you are on your high horse, are you? Well, you may be glad to get work, some day, when you can't have it."

That evening was the one which William Winsor usually spent with his betrothed. When he was introduced, he went forward warmly, as usual, to greet Miss Vernon.

She drew back coldly, and did not offer her hand to grasp his.

"What is the matter, Margaret?" he asked, surprised and startled. "What, have I done to entitle me to such a reception?"

"My hand has taken yours for the last time, Mr. Winsor," said Margaret.

"Good heavens! what is the meaning of all this? Margaret, explain yourself; I cannot understand it."

"I cannot take the hand of one who grows rich by defrauding poor women out of their scanty earnings."

"Who says this of me? Some one has been slandering me. Confront me with my accuser. There is some mistake here."

"I will do as you desire. Wait just five minutes."

Miss Vernon left the room, and soon re-entered in her disguise.

The young man strode up to the woman angrily.

"Are you the one who has slandered me to Miss Vernon?" he demanded.

"I told her the truth."

The young man reflected. Violent contradiction he saw would not avail him; he would try another course.

"Hark ye, young woman," he said in a low voice. "There was a mistake. I will make it up to you richly. I will give you ten dollars on the spot, and all the work you want at double rates, if you will tell Miss Vernon it was all a mistake."

"Too late, Mr. Winsor," said the veiled figure, throwing up her veil, and showing the contemptuous face of Margaret Vernon. Your bribe is offered in vain. Good evening, sir."

Confounded and astonished, William Winsor found his way to the door, and has never ventured to enter the house of the heiress since. He was paid for his meanness in his own coin.

## Father Abraham's Chips.

HE who stumbles twice over the same stone deserves a broken shin.

LAFAYETTE College, Easton, holds daily revival meetings.

MASKED highwaymen make it lively about Cincinnati.

ENGLAND has 3,799,000 cattle and 20,930,000 sheep.

DO THE best you can, whatever you undertake. If you are only a street-sweeper, sweep your very best.

"MACK" says that Andrew Johnson is certain to be elected Governor of Tennessee next year.

STRANGE as it may appear to Northern people, such a thing as a clover field is almost unknown in North Carolina.

THE wife and daughter of a lately-become New York millionaire receive daily instructions in reading, writing and spelling.

IN Dallas county, Ala., recently, 4,152 acres of valuable land (as good as any in the country) were sold by the Sheriff at $1.50, $2.25, $3, $5 and $10.50 per acre.

A MAN in St. Louis recently got married on Tuesday, got the chills on Wednesday, wrote his will on Thursday, got mad on Friday, and died on Saturday.

THE Newport, (R. I.) *News* says there is a family in that city in which the father is seventeen years of age, the mother sixteen and the baby three weeks old.

DURING the last thirteen years 105 murders have been committed in New York City, the perpetrators of which were never discovered.

FROM the year 1778 to June 30th, 1869, it is estimated that our Government will have spent $107,137,686 in the care and protection of the Indians.

"VACCINATE your children and kill your dogs," is the advice of a country paper in Ohio, which State has small-pox and hydrophobia in unpleasant quantities.

THE most interesting eclipse of the sun that has occurred, or will occur in the United States for many years, will be visible on the 7th day of August next.

AN exchange says: "The wickedest John Allen of New York has signed the pledge twelve times since Christmas, and is now, when sober enough, lecturing on temperance."

SMALL-POX is committing dreadful ravages in California. In San Francisco the pest houses are full, and funerals are of constant occurrence, the burials in many cases taking place at night.

AT a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee it was determined to hold the State Convention to nominate candidates for Governor and Supreme Judge, in Philadelphia, on the 23d of June.

A WHOLE family was poisoned in Lebanon, Wisconsin, last week, by eating pie made out of canned pie-plant. Most of the family were sick for several days, but finally recovered.

THE small-pox is raging fiercely in a number of western cities. Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukie are being scourged by it, though the fact is carefully kept out of the newspapers.

THE Legislature of Delaware granted a divorce to Josiah and Sarah Anderson, of that state. It was afterwards discovered that the parties were colored! Rather a good joke on the gallant Delawarians.

WISCONSIN has a population of nearly half a million, of whom 300,000 are Roman Catholics, and not over 50,000 are connected with Evangelical Churches. Fully one-half the population are foreigners.

GENERAL GRANT lately expressed himself as unequivocally in favor of the Suffrage Amendment just passed by the House of Representatives. He is opposed to the manner of the settlement of the Alabama claims as proposed by Reverdy Johnson.

The *Presbyterian* says: "We know a church that pays two thousand dollars a year for fashionable singing, and one thousand dollars to spread the gospel in benighted lands." If the devil don't get nine-tenths of that congregation he ought to be hung! There's our sentiments.

LUCY STONE is trying to influence the Democratic Legislature of Ohio, by soft words, to extend the right of suffrage to women. She is reported as whispering in their ears that all pure and honest men vote the Democratic ticket, and such like nonsense. It is a nice game—but we think not a winning one.

THERE has been an unprecedented freeze in Florida this winter. Oranges were frozen solid on the trees. The cause of this surprising change in the climate is thought to be the recent immigration of New Englanders into that State, bringing their Northern ideas of weather with them.

HON. G. A. GROW was severely burned by a car on on the Lackawanna Railroad being thrown from the track on Friday last. He was a passenger, and was sitting near the stove, and came into contact with it, as the car went down an embankment ten feet in height. He proceeded to his home.

"POUND PARTIES" are the latest Boston notion. Those invited are expected to contribute one pound at least of something to eat.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, ex-Confederate, arrived in Baltimore on Saturday, and is the guest of his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Bullock.

THE body of Mrs. Surratt, one of the assassination conspirators, has been surrendered by President Johnson to her friends, for burial.

THE recent Democratic State Convention of Connecticut, "Resolved, That we view the progress of Radicalism with increasing alarm." No doubt of it.

THE Lancaster *Express* very truthfully remarks that "the Democratic party was the firmest, and at last the only friend and ally of Slavery in its life, and is now the sole mourner over its remains."

AN application for a writ of *habeas corpus* has been made to the Supreme Court of the United States, for the release of the assassination conspirators at the Dry Tortugas. The ground taken is that the President's amnesty proclamation releases them.

THE Rev. W. H. Rice, of York, Pa., is one of the seven delegates appointed to represent the Synod of the Moravian Church of North America in the General Synod of the Moravian Church, which will commence in the month of May at Herrnhut, Saxony.

THE Legislature, we are sorry to see, is getting into the habit of years ago, of exempting from taxation a large portion of the property of the Commonwealth. We cannot but condemn this policy, and regard it as violating both the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

AS was predicted, when the bogus confessions of the conspirators to assassinate President Lincoln were palmed off upon the public, the pardon of those who escaped hanging is soon to be granted. At this writing that of Dr. Mudd may have received Executive endorsement.

IT will be a matter of surprise to most people to know that the Mormons at the present day are said to number 120,000 souls. Utah is divided into about twenty counties, and although Salt Lake City is the great central city, the people are scattered over a territory of eighty miles square.

SPAIN has declared that *henceforth* no slave shall be held on Spanish soil. Thus surely passes away the barbarism of our century; and we may justly take credit for our great share in the glorious work. The first blow on the shackles of the Spanish slaves came from the pikes of old John Brown.

THE friends of Hon. Caleb N. Taylor, Republican Representative in Congress from the Vth district, are confident that he will be able to unseat Dr. Reading (Democrat,) who holds the certificate for the new Congress. The exposure of the false voting in the Twenty-second Ward of Philadelphia, will show that Mr. Taylor was duly re-elected in October.

WHEN the colored citizens are invested with the ballot they will be no longer the objects of execration and ridicule from democratic politicians. The "woolly heads" and the "crooked shinbones" will become lovely in the eyes of the Democracy, when Manhood Suffrage shall prevail throughout the land.

AT last a use is found for portions of Alaska. It is a good place to establish "district courts, with the usual judicial and ministerial officers." This only applies to the southern portion of Alaska, where the oranges, figs and bananas grow, but to the northern part no one seems desirous of going. They think there is just-ice enough there already.

A BOY in Michigan recently had his leg amputated, and a few days afterward said that the great toe of the amputated limb was cramped, and that it pained him, and insisted that his father should disinter the amputated limb and straighten the toe. To quiet him, his wishes were complied with, and he said he was relieved from the pain.

JOHN M. LANGSTON, of Ohio, the distinguished colored lawyer, will be an applicant for the Ministership to Hayti, under Grant, with every prospect of success. This is the same position tendered him by President Johnson, but declined for the reason that he would not dim his political prospects by accepting an office under the present administration.

GOVERNOR WISE, in one of his recent long-winded letters on the late rebellion, reconstruction, &c., utters the following, which is not bad, considering its source: "For myself, I praise God for the war every day, notwithstanding its disaster and deaths, as a special providence, indispensable to free me and my heirs forever from the weakness of African slavery."

TWENTY-NINE fashionable balls are said to have come off in New York last week, at which over fifteen thousand people were in attendance. The expenditure of money on these little amusements is estimated at $245,000, thus: Carriage hire, $25,000; suppers and wines, $40,000; toilettes and dresses, $180,000. The jewels worn on the several occasions are put down in the aggregate as worth $850,000.

THE old Moravian mill in Bethlehem was burned down on the 27th ult. It was built in 1744, by Luckenbach & Son, and has continued in possession of the family ever since. It was built of massive stone. The first miller was Christopher Christianson, who was placed in charge of it under Count Zinzerdorf. He was a man of skill, and projected the present water works in Bethlehem—the first works of the kind in the State.