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Columbia	8:00 a. m.	"	10:20 a. m.
"	3:20 p. m.	"	5:40 p. m.

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LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Reading	7:00 a. m.	Lancaster.....	9:15 a. m.
"	6:15 p. m.	"	8:25 p. m.
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"	6:15 p. m.	"	9:25 a. m.
		"	8:30 p. m.

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A row of little faces by the bed,
A row of little hands upon the spread,
A row of little roguish eyes all closed,
A row of little naked feet exposed.

A gentle mother leads them in their praise,
Teaching their feet to tread in heavenly ways,
And takes this lull in childhood's tiny tide.
The little errors of the day to chide.

No lovelier sight this side of heaven is seen,
And angels hover o'er the group serene;
Instead of odor in a censer swung,
There floats the fragrance of an infant's tongue.

Then tumbling headlong into waiting beds,
Beneath the sheets they hide their timid heads
Till slumber steals away their idle fears,
And like a peeping bud each face appears.

All dressed like angels in their gowns of white,
They're wafted to the skies in dreams of night,
And heaven will sparkle in their eyes at morn;
And stolen glances all their ways adorn.

Miscellaneous.

A MOTHER'S MANAGEMENT.

The dismal December night was closing, with starless gloom, over the spires and chimney tops of the city—the binding mist of snowflakes was wreathing its white pall over all, and the wind, murmuring sadly through the streets, seemed to have an almost human wail in his moan.

"It's an ugly kind of a night," muttered Mr. Terryn to himself, as he buckled his fur closer round his neck, "and a wind fit to cut one in two. Hallo! what's this?"

He had very nearly stumbled over something that looked like a bundle, crouching at the foot of a flight of steps, in the shadow of a ruinous old brick archway; but, as he checked himself abruptly, the bundle erected itself into something human in shape and looked at him through wild, human eyes.

"Who are you?" he demanded, on the impulse of a moment.

"Only me, sir—little Tess."

"Please give me a penny, sir!" cried the child, suddenly subsiding into the regular professional whine of her trade. "Only a penny."

"Where do you live?"

"I don't live nowhere, sir—I skulks round in the alleys."

"Oh, you do, eh? and who takes care of you?"

"Old Tim Daley used to, but he's took up."

"Took up?"

"Sent to the Island, sir?"

"Are you a boy or a girl?"

(For the creature's tingled locks and ragged garb gave no clue to its sex.)

"I'm a girl, sir."

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, begging in the streets," said Mr. Terryn, severely. "Why don't you work?"

As he approached his own door a bright child's face peeped out between the curtains, and as Mr. Terryn entered the cheery sitting room, he could not but think with a remorseful pang of the shivering bundle of rags under the brick archway beyond.

"It's none of my business," he thought. "I dare say the police will pick the poor little elf up, and take her where she'll be better off."

But Mr. Terryn's conscience was less adamantine than he had given it credit for being. It pricked him sorely as he sat toasting his slippered feet before the bright embers—it whispered to him as he listened to the lullaby wherewith his wife was lulling the babe to sleep upon her breast. Had little Tess ever known a mother's care, or heard a mother's cradle song? And she could scarcely have been six years old, either.

"Where are you going, my dear?" questioned his wife, as he rose up suddenly.

"Out into the street. There was a—a child there—a little girl, crouching on some steps——"

"A child? Homeless? And on such a night as this? Oh, Herbert, you should have brought her here!"

Five minutes afterwards Mr. Terryn was out in the driving whirlwinds of snow bending over the small stray who was huddled up, just where he had left her.

"Here—child—where are you?"

But there was no answer. Little Tess was benumbed and stupified by the cold.

He lifted her up, a poor little skeleton wrapped in a thin coating of rags, and feeling strangely light in his arms, and carried her home. Mrs. Terryn met him at the door.

"Oh, Herbert, what a poor little starved wretch! Her hands are like bird's claws!"

Charley looked on in breathless interest at the process of feeding, warming and restoring some vitality to the torpid object.

When little Tess opened her eyes, it was to the glow of a warm fire and the mellow sparkle of gaslights.

"Am I dead?" cried the child, "and is this Heaven?"

"Poor little creature!" said Mrs. Terryn, bursting into tears.

"Tesora" her name proved to be—a sweet Italian synonym for the word "treasure," and a treasure she was, in gentle Mrs. Terryn's eyes, especially after her little babe was dead and buried.

"How Tesora grows?" said Mr. Terryn suddenly, on one day as the beautiful girl came in, rosy and smiling, from a walk. "Why she is as tall as a grown woman!"

"She *is* a grown woman," said Mrs. Terryn, with a smile.

"How old is she?"

"Sixteen, day before yesterday!"

"Is it possible," said Mr. Terryn, thoughtfully. "How time slips away! Tesora sixteen! Why, then, Charley must be twenty!"

"It is true, my dear," said his wife. "We are getting to be old people, now!"

"I wonder what will become of Tesora," said Mr. Terryn, musingly. "She would make a capital governess, her education has been so thorough, or——"

"Father," said Charles Terryn, resolutely, as he walked up in front of his father and stood with folded arms, "I can tell you what will become of Tesora! She is to be my wife!

"Nonsense!" ejaculated Mr. Terryn.

"Charley," she said, when the indignant father had jerked himself out of the room, "don't waste your breath in arguing with your father. Argument never conquered yet, in such a case as this."

"But what am I to do?"

"Have you spoken to Tess yet?"

"No."

"Wait then—let matters rest. I will manage it!"

So Mrs. Terryn gave little dinner parties and select soirees, and "brought out" Tesora, according to the regular programme. She made a sensation. Mrs. Terryn had known that she would. Tesora was a belle—a queen of fashion. Suitors congregated round her.

"Well, Tess," said Mr. Terryn, one night—he was getting wonderously proud of his adopted daughter's success in the world of society—"are you going out to-night?"

"Yes, papa."

"Whom with?"

"Colonel Randolph."

"I thought Charley had taken a box at the opera for you!"

"I promised Colonel Randolph first," said Tesora, languidly playing with her fan.

"And how about to-morrow night. I suppose Charley could get his tickets transferred."

"I am so sorry, sir, but I am engaged for to-morrow night."

Mr. Terryn rose and walked restlessly up and down the room. He was a man much guided by the opinion of his fellow-men. Tesora *must* be a treasure, else why this competition among the young millionaires for her society!

"Look here, Tess—Charley will be so disappointed!"

"I can't help it. Let me see"—and she glanced at the tablets—"Friday is the only evening I have disengaged."

"Fiddlestick!" muttered the old gentleman, uneasily. "It seems to me you're getting to be a great belle, Miss!"

"Am I, papa!" said Tess laughing. "But you see I am your own little girl still."

And she gave him a little coaxing kiss.

"My own little girl—yes—but what will you become when Colonel Randolph or Dayton L'Estrange, or some other of these scamps takes you away from me?"

Tesora blushed until the rose on her cheek was like carnation.

"They will not, papa."

"Won't they? I'm not altogether so sure of that."

But the next afternoon he came home from his office with a puzzled face.

"They have come, Tess?"

"What have come?"

"The offers of marriage—two of 'em, by Jupiter—Colonel Randolph and Mr. Dupinier! What do you say, Tess?"

"I—I must think of it, papa."

"Very gentlemanly, I must say—both well off, substantial fellows, and profess to be desperately in love with my girl. But Tess——"

"Well, sir?"

"You won't leave us, dear? Think how desolate the old house will be without you!"

Tesora was silent—her head dropped.

"Father," said Mrs. Terryn, gently, "let the girl decide for herself. We have no right to stand between her and a home and a husband of her own."

"But she might have a home and a husband of her own here!" burst in Mr. Terryn. "That is—I mean—Charley——"

"I have refused Charley to-day!" said Tesora, calmly.

"Refused Charley! And why?"

"Because I have reason to believe that his suit was pressed without the approval of his father. Oh, sir, could you think that after all your kindness, I could steal your son's duty away from you! I would rather die!"

"Spoken like yourself, Tess," said Mrs. Terryn going to her and kissing her.

"Tess, do you love him!" eagerly questioned the father.

"That has nothing to do with the question, sir," she answered, reservedly.

"But I want to know," he insisted.

"I *do* love him, sir, then."

"And you have refused him only because I didn't approve?"

"Yes, sir."

"But I *do* approve, Tess! It would make me the happiest old father in the world, if I could call you *both* children, in real truth."

Charles Terryn rose from his seat and came eagerly forward.

"Tesora—dearest—you hear him! Once more I ask you to be my wife!"

And Tesora hid her face on his shoulder, weeping—but Tesora was very happy nevertheless!

"But, my love," said Mrs. Terryn, softly, "what has wrought such a change in your sentiments?"

"I—I dont't know," said the old gentleman, evasively. "I say, Tess, what shall I tell the Colonel and Mr. Dupinier?"

"Tell them, sir," spoke up Charley, "that she has a previous engagement!"

And so the mother's management prevailed, and little Tess's first home was her last.

Father Abraham's Chips.

THE present Secretary of War, General Rawlins, began his career as a charcoal burner.

A DISAPPOINTED office seeker informs us that "there are only 1451 days more of Grant's administration."

GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN has been admitted into the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Carbondale, Ill., on probation.

THE minister who boasted of preaching without notes don't wish to be understood as referring to greenbacks. Of course not.

THE handsome sum of one million of dollars was lately offered for the New York *Times* newspaper establishment, including its valuable real estate.

ROBERT MARTIN DOUGLAS, Esq., son of the late Stephen A. Douglas, has been appointed by President Grant one of his private Secretaries.

MAJ. A. R. CALHOUN, a brave soldier and eloquent Republican speaker, has been appointed by President Grant Pension Agent at Philadelphia.

ARKANSAS has passed the suffrage amendment, making the eleventh State. Georgia and Delaware have each rejected it.

There were 2,477,264 hogs slaughtered in the West this season, a decrease as to numbers, when compared with last year, but an increase in the weight of the hogs.

HON. JOHN ALLISON, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Register of the Treasury, and Hon. R. W. Clark has been appointed Third Auditor.

JOHN COVODE has made good his claim to a seat in Congress by producing the proof which establishes his election. He will be admitted, as he should be, in the House.

SOME one of a statistical turn of mind has estimated that the corn made into whisky in a single revenue district in Kentucky would fatten 200,000 hogs.

IRELAND has 171 persons to the square mile. Such a density of population would give Pennsylvania forty millions of inhabitants.

CONNECTICUT will vote on the 5th prox. It is to be hoped sincerely that she will have wisdom enough to select a Legislature which will act for Freedom, by ratifying the constitutional amendment.

MISS VAN LEW, who rendered the State some service as a Union spy to Gen. Grant, in the Potomic army, is to receive the appointment of Postmistress at Richmond, Virginia.

THERE are in New York and Brooklyn, 496 houses of prostitution, 107 assignation houses, 33 pretty-waiter-girl saloons, 2,107 public prostitutes, and 255 waiter girls.

THE following sentiment is attributed to Napoleon Bonaparte: "A handsome woman pleases the eye, but a good woman pleases the heart. The one is a jewel—the other a treasure."

THE first strawberries were shown on Saturday in the windows of some of the fruiterers in Philadelphia. They are displayed in diminutive splint baskets. The fruit is as acid as it is dear, selling at the rate of sixty cents for about eighteen berries.

A TENNESSEE paper reports the capture of an enormous frog, which is three feet four inches in height when in a sitting position, weighs 93 pounds, leaps ten feet in the clear, and has eyes two and a half inches in diameter.

IT is stated in the *Review*, the organ of the Society of Friends in Philadelphia, that President Grant has applied to that body for lists of names of persons suitable for Indian Agents, of men who will truly represent a paternal and beneficent Government.

LETTERS from Washington state that there is a quiet but earnest discussion among the colored people concerning the appointment of some representative of their race as Minister of the United States to Hayti. Mr. John M. Langston is mentioned as one whose claims and qualifications have been canvassed.

NOTWITHSTANDING Gen. Longstreet was one of the earliest to endorse the reconstruction measures, that his political disabilities have been removed, and that the President reposes the utmost confidence in him, considerable opposition to his confirmation has developed itself since he was sent to the Senate as surveyor of the port of New Orleans.

THE Democratic papers have suddenly fallen violently in love with the Chicago platform, and are greatly exercised lest the Republican party shall make something of an advance by the ratification of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution. Thus this old fogy party is always taking possession of and defending the camp grounds which we have left behind.

PHILADELPHIA and Pittsburg are the two largest cities in the State. The following is a list of the remaining cities, with their estimated population, based on the vote of last October, and allowing six and a half persons to each voter: Reading, 39,817; Scranton, 29,601; Harrisburg, 25,135; Lancaster, 24,651; Williamsport, 19,792; Allentown, 16,685; Erie, 14,274.

A MAGNIFICENT diamond bracelet was recently found on the floor of the Princesses' Gallery in the British House of Lords, which on examination proved to be of paste, and worth about two guineas. Of course the fair owner never put in a claim for her lost property; but there is considerable curiosity to know who is the Princess that wears such jewelry.

THE Democratic papers usually base their hopes in carrying an election on the "sober second thought" of the people. Nasby thinks "that 'sober second thought' won't do to depend onto. The ginooine Dimocrat has no sober thought, nor no second one. The sober man who thinks twice allurs a most unaccountable habit of voting with the Abolishnists."

The Memphis *Appeal's* Little Rock Ark., despatches state that the Governor sent a message to the Legislature on Monday, notifying it that has had removed martial law from Crittenden county, the last one in the State where it was enforced.

ON Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock, two coaches and sleeping cars were thrown from the track on the Toledo, Peoria, and Warsaw Railroad, two miles west of Washington, Illinois. There were aboard a large number of passengers, including ex-Governor Seymour of New York, thirty-five or forty of whom were more or less injured, though but few seriously.

THE Dover *Delaware* expresses the opinion that the peach trees have not been injured to any extent, in the vicinity of Dover, by the recent cold weather. The Clayton *Herald* expresses a similar opinion in regard to Clayton and vicinity. The Cecil *Democrat* is also assured by prominent fruit-growers that the buds have not been injured in Cecil county, Md., and as yet there is a rich promise of fruit for the season.

A movement is on foot to call an Irish National Convention of delegations from the Irish religious and benevolent societies in the United States, the object being to form a central bureau in New York, with auxiliary societies in all the States, for the purpose of furnishing aid and information to Irishmen in regard to the price of land, labor, &c., and to render any other assistance necessary to secure benefits to Irish emigrants.

AN honest confession is good for the soul. A New York journal, alluding to the history of the corruption practiced in the New York Legislature, says: "We may perhaps have said a word too much when recently we charged Pennsylvania with being the most corrupt State in the Union. Although, perhaps, we may have been too fast in what we said about our neighbors, still, there is no doubt that when Albany is destroyed by fire from heaven, Harrisburg may as well begin to look about her."

THE authorities of the Navy Yard at Philadelphia have received orders to at once fit out and dispatch three of the Monitors now lying at League Island for Key West, which is only about a five hours' run from Cuba. There are some thirty of this kind of boats now at League Island, and the three ordered will be ready to leave early next week. Matters are growing interesting in that direction.

JOHN C. Breckinridge has returned to Lexington, Kentucky, and the telegraph announces that "he will immediately renew the practice of law, but will carefully eschew politics." When the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be. It is the old story, and we expect to see the distinguished Rebel running for the next good office he has any chance of getting.

GEORGE T. Downing, Frederick Douglass, William J. Wilson, Collin Cruse, F. G. Barbadoes, A. T. Augusta, L. H. Douglass, G. H. Hill, and J. F. Cook, colored, have issued proposals for the publication of a first-class weekly journal in the city of Washington, in the interest of the colored people of America, not as a separate class, but as a part of the whole people, having a common interest in the public welfare, entitled to equal rights, owing equal allegiance, subject to equal burdens, and claiming equal opportunities."

REMARKABLE RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE.

Five or six years ago, the Emperor Theodorus of Abyssinia, as he called himself, addressed an autograph letter to Queen Victoria. As a matter of course, it was opened and read by the then Foreign Secretary, Earl Russell. Not thinking it worthy of being placed in Victoria's hands, nor even worthy of having its receipt acknowledged, it was placed out of sight in one of the pigeon-holes of the Foreign Office. Not receiving any reply, Theodorus considered himself insulted, and laid hold of certain German and British missionaries and travellers, whose zeal or curiosity had carried them into Abyssinia. Treating these prisoners in a very cruel manner, and not paying any attention to reiterated requests to liberate them, Theodorus received intimation that his country would be invaded by a large British force. Trusting largely in the inaccessibility of his domains, Theodorus ridiculed the idea of invasion—the object being as he thought, only to recover a few insignificant Europeans. The honor of England, however, was at stake, and war with Abyssinia was assented to by the British government and Parliament while Lord Derby was Prime Minister. The result was the recovery of the prisoners and the defeat and death of Theodorus. Great exultation prevailed throughout England. But, the time having arrived when the cost had to be ascertained and paid, it now appears that this little war has already cost £8,600,000 (say $43,000,000) and will almost certainly run up to £9,000,000. It carries with it the dearly purchased moral: when official personages receive letters, it is always best to answer them before they are put away out of sight in the pigeon-holes of any public department. Lord Russell's negligence caused England an expenditure of $43,000,000.—*Phil. Press.*