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Loetry. ABRAAM AND COLUMBIA.

Lank Abraam lolled in his library chair, Consulting "Joe Miller" and "Vanity Fair," When in swept Columbia, careworn and pale, But dauntless and haughty 'mid Fortune's as-"Come steward," she said, "now explain, if Why shan't I discharge you and try a new man?" Then Abraam, the wily, replied with a grin, "A Dutchman once said, in the county

"A Quinn, (The story is old, but in point, as I deem) 'Taint safe to swap hosses when crossing "Cease, sirrah, your jesting! remember," she "My fields with the blood of my yeomanry

"My nerus "Arth view of the orphan's sad eye red!

The wall of the widow, the orphan's sad eye Rebuke the rude trifling of lowly or high.

My children are warring along my green slopes— slopes— I come for your counsels, your plans and your hopes." Quoth Abraam; "Don't swap; for as sure as a This thing, it is certain, must never be done.
Your biler will bust it you bother the steam—
'Taint safe to swap hosses when crossing a
Stream."

"But, steward," she answered, "my debts are Account for my treasures of silver and gold! Hard taxes are wrested from labor's brow Yet pledged is my income, and mortgaged my land. Your squanderings waste what the plunderers miss

Three years of your follies have brought me to this?" And Abraam replied, as he straddled his chair, "You know, my dear madain, I'm honest and Square;
To shelve a tried President don't ever dream,—
"Taint safe to swap hosses when crossing a
stream."

"You crouch to John Bull, for French despots You cringe to the Spanisrd, and many Czar;
My shield cannot shelter a poor refugee;
My commerce is hunted all over the Sea.
How failen am 1—the young Queen of the
West,

Who walked among Nations, more promittian the best." "'Tis true," said the steward; "I notice your fix; But let the pot bile, and jest tote up the sticks. Don't muddle the milk, it you hope to get Taint safe to swap hosses when crossing a "Sir, since you përsist in your comesant your cranks,
Where is Rosecrans, Cameron, Scott and Nat Eanks?

sure?"
And quelling her tears, she demanded reply,
With clouds on her brow and a flame in her "That 'minds me," said Abraam, "of old Des. What's sass for the gander ain't sass for the Things and at all times,' see he, quite what Taint safe to swap noises when crossing a stream.

"Enough!" cried telumbia, "my name I see-Ruin, havor and death in the name of the Ruin, havoe and death in the meme, of the free; Fair Liberty shabbad by the bards of misrale, While, thoughtiess, she haughted the freaks of their fool; Thieves, clowns and usurjets in council preside. And fraud, force and folly my destinies guide." "I have it!" quoth Abraam, was wholens a

mice! Squash Hamlin! and Government's rid of its: I had got half way up the stairs, that I but don't you turn tail at a copperhead scream."

Taint safe to swap hosses when crossing a stream."

Columbia, disgusted, would listen no more, But cried in a rage, as she stormed through the "I have kept an old donkey for nearly four I vow I will drive a respectable team,
Though forced to swap horses when crossing a
stream!"

Literary.

The Mechanic's Home --- A Life Lesson.

BY T. L. NICHOLS, M. D. One evening, in the early part of winthe servant announced a man who wished to see me. A "man" is one thing with a servant, a "gentleman" another, and a person something different from either. The man stood in the hall, but I wondered why he had not been called a gentleman. I was puzzled where to place him myself. His dress was very that you are not a little curious." neat, but plain and rather coarse. His substantial; but nothing gave meachee of moderate size, and displayed the to his position in life. In all outward bench and tools of a shoemaker. seeming he was simply a man. When he spoke to me, his address was simple,

"Doctor," he said, "I want you to come and see my child. We fear he is threatened with croup."

I put on my hat, and prepared to accompany him; for if the case were as work to do, and our boy to look after, he supposed, there was no time to lose, she carns enough to make our wages In this disease a single hour may make average eight dollars a week. We be-

In a moment we were in the street, avenues. The child, he said, had been | week! I expressed my surprise. playing out of doors, had eaten heartily at supper, gone to sleep, and waked up a short time since very hoarse, with a choking cough. The case was a pretty clear one, and I hurried my walk still more, and in a few moments we were at the door. We went up-up, up-to the fourth story. The last flight of steps top lighted us up. An excellent and and elegance, and lay up money. very durable kind of mat lay at the door. You will see in time why I give these little particulars.

I entered the open door, and was wel-situation." comed by a rather pretty and remarkably tidy woman, who could have been nobody in the world but the wife of the man who summoned me.

"I am glad you have come so soon," she said, in a soft, pure accent. "Litcan hardly breathe;" and the next most young, and I was bound out apprentice ment, as we passed through a narrow mistakable croupy sound, that justly generally do at school; and as I was carries such terror to the parent's heart. "Is it the croup, doctor?" asked the father, with a voice of emotion, as I

years of age. "It is certainly the croup, and a pretty violent attack. How long is it since

you thought him sick?" "Not above an hour," was the calm . reply. It was made calm by a firm self- and the more I learn, the more I see control. I looked at the mother. She

was very pale, but did not trust herself to speak. "Then there is probably but little

danger," I said; "but we have something to do. Have you the water here." The husband went to what seemed a loving smile, as to fully justify "some closet, opened two doors, and disclosed a neat pine bathing-tub, supplied with Croton. This was beyond my hopes; but I had no time to wonder. The little fellow was in a high fever, and laboring for every breath. Taking him nice hair mattress, fit for a prince to sleep on, I took off his clean nightand made his father pour full upon his neck and chest three pails of cold water, while I rubbed him briskly with my

from his little crib, where he lay on a shop where I worked. We lived a few clothes, stood him in the bath-tub, and termined to set up housekeeping. It hand. He was then wiped dry, and rubbed until his whole body was in a was new and clean, high and airy, and flame. Then I wrung a large towel out I thought it would do. I got it for fifty of cold water, and put it around his dollars a year; and though the rents all throat, and then wrapped him up in around have advanced, our landlord is blankets. The brave little fellow had borne It all without complaint, as if he ence to risking a worse tenant. The understood that under his father's eye place was naked enough, and we had no. harm could come to him. In fifteen little to put in it, save ourselves; but we soldiers in his command) he alluded to minutes after he was wrapped in the went cheerfully to work, earned all we the dar key.

blankets he was in a profuse perspiration, in a sound slumber, and breathing the result." freely. The danger was over-so rapid s this disease, and so easily cured. Happiness had shed a serene light explain the economies of this modest

apon the countenance of the father, and thrown over the mother's face a glow high birth or superior breeding, not the shadow of decayed gentility about them. It was rather the reverse, as if they were working up from a low rank to a higher.

I looked around the room. It was and we have everything to get, and nothe bed-room. Everything in it was perfectly orderly. The bed, like the crib, was excellent, but not expensive. The white counterpane did not cost tains were shilling muslin, but their er's bill and all, more than ten dollars. houses of millionaires; yet they can be oought at Goupil's, or at Williams &

Stevens', for from three to five shillings, and a dollar apiece had framed small, neat figure, and light chamber cheaper. So that we have a clear-surperfect keeping in all its parts as if an artist had designed it.

on his waking, we went into the other room, which was differently, but just as neatly arranged. It might have an- for he continued: Eanks? Succession a parior, only that it had a respect to party, and we have party, why do you swap, it removal won't cooking-stove; or an artist's studio, or some pleasant ones, I assure you. swered for a parlor, only that it had a When Fremont was last and McClellan was a dining-room. It was hung with pic- Sometimes we have a dozen guests, ing of books, there was a hanging library on one side of the chimney, tained the very choicest treasures of the bank."

"What is your fee, doctor?" he asked, holding the bills so as to select one to You I had made up my mind, before

never get it; but all this had changed. could not, as I often did, inquire into the circumstances of the man, and well without her aid. graduate my price accordingly. There he stood, ready to pay me, with money who brings me but scorn, and disaster, and enough; yet it was evident that he was a hard working man, and far from being wealthy. I had nothing left but to and Willie's birthday. The last is our "One dollar does not seem enough,"

trouble than to merely write a prescrip-"Do you work for your living?"

, asked, hoping to solve the mystery. ter, the door-bell rang with energy, and which showed the unquestionable marks of honest toil.

"You are a mechanic?" I said, will- asked; curious to see how far this selfing to know more of him. "Take that," said he, placing dollar note in my hand, with a not-tobe-refused air, " and I will gratify your

curiosity; for there is so use pretending There was a hearty, respectful freelinen, that badge of refinement, was dom about this that was irresistible. I white, in perfect order, and almost ele- put the note in my pocket, and the man, gant. Everything about him seemed going to a door, opened it into a closet

'You must be an extraordinary workman," said I, looking around the room, clear, direct, and with a certain air of which seemed almost luxurious; but when I looked at each item I found that it cost very little.

"No, nothing extra. I barely manage to carn a little over a dollar a day. Mary helps some. With the housegan with nothing—we live as you see." All this comfort, this respectability, and walking briskly up one of our broad this almost luxury, for eight dollars a

"I should be very sorry if we spent much," said he. "We have not only managed to live on that, but we have something laid up in the savings bank. "Will you have the goodness," said I just to explain to me how you do it?" for I was really anxious to know how a shoemaker and his wife, earning eight was carpeted, and a small lamp at the dollars a week, could live in comfort

With pleasure," he replied; you may persuade others, no better off House." than I am, to make the best of their

I took a chair which he handed me We were seated, and his wife, after going to listen to the soft and measured breathing of little Willie, sat down to her sewing.

"My name," he said, "is William tle William seems so distressed that he Carter. My father died when I was to a shoemaker, with the usual provision passage to where he lay, I heard the un- of schooling. I did as well as boys very fond of reading, I made the most of my spare time, and the advantages of the Apprentices' Library. Probably bent over the child-a fine boy, three the books that helped me most were the sensible writings of William Cobbett. Fellowing his example, I determined to give myself a useful education, and have to some extent succeeded. But a man's education is a life-long process;

before me. "I was hardly out of my time when A French gentleman, so say French pa-I fell in love with my Mary there, whom some people think very pretty, but whom I know to be very good." Mary looked up with such a bright,

people" in their notion. When I had been one year a journeyman, and had laid up a few dollars, for I had a strong motive to be saving, we were married. I boarded at her father's, and she bound shoes for the weeks at her home; but it was not our home—the home we wanted; so we dewas rather a small set up, but we made it answer. I spent a week in house hunting. Some were too dear, some too shabby. At last I found this place. It satisfied with that, or takes it in prefercould, saved all we could-and you see "I see; but I confess I do not understand it," said I, willing to hear him

and beautiful home. "Well, it is simple enough. When of beauty. I looked upon them, and Mary and I moved ourselves here, and was more than ever puzzled where to took possession, with a table, two chairs, place them. There were no marks of a cooking-stove, a saucepan or two, and cot-bed, with straw mattress, the first thing we did was to hold a council of "Now, Mary, my love," said I, ' here we are; we have next to nothing,

body but ourselves to help ourselves.' "We found that we could earn, on an average, eight dollars a week. We determined to live as cheaply as possimore than ten shillings-yet how beau- ble, save all we could, and make ourtiful it looked! The white window curselves a home. Our rent was a dollar a week-our fuel, light, water-rent, and folds hung as richly as if they were dalsome little matters, a dollar more. We mask-and how very appropriate they have allowed the same amount for our seemed! The bath, with its snug fold-clothing; and by buying the best things, ing-doors, I knew had not cost, plumb- and keeping them carefully, we dress well enough for that. Even my wife is

The toilet-table, of an elegant form, and satisfied with her wardrobe, and finds completely covered, I had no doubt was I that raw silk at six shillings a yard is white pine, and cost half a dollar. The cheaper in the long run than calico at pictures on the wall were beautifully; one shilling. That makes three dollars tinted lithographs-better, far better, a week, and we had still our living to than oil paintings I have seen in the pay for. That costs us, with three in our family, just one dollar a week more." "One dollar apiece?"

"No-one dollar for all. You seem surprised, but we have reckoned it over them. The floor had a carpet, that aud over. It cost more at first, but now seemed to match everything with its | we have learned to live both better and color. It was a jewel of a room, in as plus of four dollars a week, after paying all expenses of rent, fire, light, water, elothing, and food. I do not count Leaving the boy to his untroubled luxuries, such as an evening at the sleep, and giving directions for his bath | theatre, a concert, or a treat to our friends when we give a party."

I know a smile came over my face,

tures -heads, historical pieces, and land- which is quite enough for comfort; and scapes; all such as a man of taste could | our treat of chocolate, cakes, blaneselect and buy cheap, but which, like mange, &c., costs as much as two dolgood books, are invaluable. And, speak- lars; but this is not very often. Out of our surplus-which comes, you see, two hundred dollars a year-we have bought which a single glance assured me con- all you see, and have money in the

"I see it all," said I; "all but the The man went to the bureau, opened living. Many a mechanic spends more drawer, and took out some money. than that for cigars, to say nothing of liquor. Pray tell me how you live."
"With pleasure. First of all, then, I smoke no cigars, and chew no tobacco, and Mary takes no snuff."

Here the pleasant smile came in, but would have to wait for my pay, perhaps there was no interruption, for Mary seemed to think her husband knew what he was about, and could talk very

"I have not drunk a glass of liquor since the day I was married, except a glass of wine about four times a year, on Christmas, New Year's, Fourth of July, special holiday. I had read enough of physiology to make up my mind that said he. "You have been at more tea and coffee contain no nutriment, and are poisonous besides; and I tried a vegetable diet long enough to like it better than a mixed one, and find that it agreed with me better; and as we He smiled, and held out his hand, have read and experimented together, of course Mary thinks as I do.

"But what do you eat and drink?" I taught philosopher had progressed in

"Come this way and I will show you," he said, taking a light and leading the way into a capacious storeroom. Here, first of all, is a mill, which cost me twelve shillings. It grinds all my grain, gives me the freshest and most beautiful meal, and saves toll and profits. This is a barrel of wheat. I buy the best and am sure that it is clean and good. It costs less than three cents a pound; and a pound of wheat a day, ou know, is food enough for any man. We make it into bread, mush, pies, and cakes. Here is a barrel of potatoes. This is hominy. Here are some beans, a box of rice, tapioca, macaroni. Here is a barrel of apples, the best that I can find in Fulton Market. Here is a box of sugar, and this is a butter jar. We take a quart of country milk a day; I ouy the rest of our living by the box or barrel, where I can get it best and cheapest. Making wheat-eaten as mush or bread, and all made without bolting-and potatoes, or hominy, or rice, the staple, you can easily see that a dollar a week for provisions is not only ample, but allows of a healthy and almost luxurious variety. For the rest, we eat greens, vegetables, fruit and berries in their season. In the summer we have strawberries and peaches, as soon as they are ripe and good. Mary will get up a dinner from these materials, at the cost of a shilling, better than the whole bill of fare at the Astor

I was satisfied. Here was comfort, intelligence, taste, and a modest luxury, all enjoyed by an humble mechanic who knew how to live at the cost I have mentioned. How much useless complaining might be saved-how much genuine happiness enjoyed—how much of evil and suffering might be prevented, if all the working men in New York

vere as wise as William Carter! I never shook a man or woman by the hand with more hearty respect than when I said good night to this happy couple, who, in this expensive city, are living in luxury and growing rich on eight dollars a week, and making the bench of a shoemaker a chair of practical philosophy.

Reader, if you are inclined to profit by this little narrative, I indeed not write out any other moral than the injunction of Scripture, "Go and do likewise."

SELLING UNDER FALSE COLORS .pers, bought lately at auction, several Chinese ducks, of splendid plumage. Carrying them down to his country the ornamental fish-pond, he was astonished by his gardener presently coming to tell him that something extraordinary had happened. The brillant colors had all disappeared from the ducks' plumage; but on the other hand, the water had assumed a remarkable variety

of hues! "Mr. Smith," said the counsel, you say you once officiated in a pulpit do you mean that you preached?" 'No, sir; I held the candle for a man

who did.' "Ah, the court understood you differently. They supposed that the discourse came from you." 'No, sir; I only throwed a light on

General Butler recently reported that he held the key to Richmond; posTHE PRINCE AND THE PAGE.

BY MARY GRACE HALPINE. A boat rippled the quiet water of the Seine, propelled by a bold, vigorous hand. Mooring it by a little clump of bushes, its only occupant sprang out and looked searchingly around. It was a youth, evidently in the first

dawn of manhood, yet tall and athletic, with broad shoulders and well-developed chest. There was a grace and dignity in his bearing which ill-accorded with his garb, which, though rich and costly, betrayed a servile condition. The badge upon the sleeve of his richly embroidered jerkin showed that he belonged to the household of Edward of England, then entertained by Philip of France with more than royal magnifi-

He had evidently expected to meet some one, for he paced up and down the banks of the river with quick and hasty strides, biting his lips and knitting his brows with an air of impatience. Suddenly, he caught the gleam of a vhite dress, and then a pale but beauti-

trees near by, and looked around with a timid air of impatience. The youth immediately sprang forward and pressed her eagerly to his

"At last!" he exclaimed, showering upon lip and hand such passionate kisses that the cheeks, so pale a moment before, glowed with the brightest For a few moments the maiden yield-

ed herself to his embrace, and then, escaping from his arms, she said in a low musical voice: "Dear Edouward, it was with the utmost difficulty that I could elude observation. This must be our last meeting !

I tremble when I think of what the consequences would be should it come to the knowledge of my royal father!" The page pressed her hand passionately to his lips Flee with me, Isabel!" he exclaim-

"I have friends in Germany who will gladly give us a welcome and a home. There we can live and love, free from the cruel persecution that awaits us The Princess shook her head.

"Nay, Edouward, I cannot thus openly defy my father's authority. No blessing would follow an unhallowed A dash of crimson crossed the forehead and the eagle eyes flashed with

'You do not love me!" he exclaimed. or you could not so coolly decide upon our eternal separation!" The princess turned a reproachful look upon her lover, and remained si-

sudden impatience.

"I see how it is," he added, still more bitterly; "when a king woos, it is meet that all other suitors stand aside! I marvel not that you should turn from Edouward the page to Edward the prince! Nor is it the first time, I ween, that in woman's eyes, a crown has outweighed a true and faithful heart!"

"Cruel and ungenerous!" murinured the princess through her tears. "Are words necessary to prove the strength and sincerity of my love? I, that have forgotten, not only my royal lineage, but the dictates of maidenly reserve, to meet thee here night after night, lavishing upon thee a devotion that a king-

The sight of those tears touched that tind, though impulsive heart. "Forgive me, dearest; the thought of losing you nearly maddened me, and made me, for a moment, ungrateful and nujnst. Lay that sweet hand in mine, and say that the page shall gain what

prince Edward shall fail to win!" "I will give it to none other!" said the princess solemnly. "Sooner than become his wife, I will be the bride of Heaven!" Just then came the murmur of voices and the sound of approaching footsteps.

"Hist!" exclaimed the princess, burriedly. They have missed me, and are even now in search of me. Go! go quickly, or all is lost!" The page pressed a hasty kiss upon that pale cheek, and then jumping into

the boat, glided swiftly down the stream. He had scarcely disappeared round a bend in the river, when two men emerged from the forest, whose livery showed that they belonged to king Philip's household. As soon as they observed the princess, the elder of the two stepped forward, and uncovering his lead, respectfully, said:

"I crave your highness' pardon, but the king has sent us in search of you .-He sent to your appartments twice, having important news to communicate, and is sorely vexed to learn that you have wandered from the palace unattended."

" I will take all the blame, good Jeannot," said the princess, smiling faintly, as she turned to retrace her steps. Yet, in spite of all her efforts, her heart beat fast as she obeyed the royal mandate, and stood in the presence of the king. How now?" he said, sharply. What unmaidenly freak is this? It ill befits a daughter of France to stroll around unattended, like any country wench! But more of this anon. Get thee at once to thy chamber, and bid thy tirewoman deck thee in thy richest apparel, for Prince Edward is within a few hours' ride, and will be impatient to see his bride. When thou art attired

come into the Grand Reception Hall; King Edward is there, and desires to speak with thee." For a moment those beautiful eyes were lifted imploringly to that stern face, and then she turned hopelessly

in a garb more befitting thy station,

"Why was I born a king's daughter?" was her inward ejaculation, as she passionately submitted herself to the hands of her tirewoman. "The lowliest maiden in the realm can give her hand with house, and having them transferred to her heart, while mine is shamelessly sold to the highest bidder!"

When the Princess Isabel entered the spacious hall, she found in it a crowd of | bride. persons of both sexes, haughty lords, brave knights and stately dames. There were the retainers of both kings, who were easily distinguished from each other by the colors and arms they wore, and who seemed to vie with each other in the magnificence of their attire.

At the upper end of the hall stood Philip of France and his royal guest, Edward I. Rivals in power, they had been bitter enemies, but had now con- thought their gardens were weedy cluded a treaty of peace and amity, which was to be cemented by the intermarriage of their families; King Edward's with Margaret, Philip's sister, and the Prince of Wales with his daugh-

ter Isabel. Near by stood a number of the Royal family, among whom was the dauphin, afterwards Charles the Fair, then a slight and rather effeminate-looking

youth; and the Princess Margaret, though past the flush of youth, remarkable for the grace and stateliness of her bearing,

There was a marked difference in the appearance of the two kings; Edward was a head the tallest, with a frank, dignified and gracious aspect that was heightened by contrast with the hasty movements and restless glance of the despotic and fiery-tempered Philip. The eyes of the former rested with a

look of undisguised admiration upon the princess, as she bent her graceful head before them. Stepping forward, he pressed his lips o her forehead, saying;

"God be with thee, fair daughter! In the name of my son, I salute thee. Hast thou no questions to ask concerning the impatient bridegroom, who will soon be here to claim his promised bride?

As Isabel looked up into that frank and kindly face, a wild hope, born of desperation, sprang up in her heart. "God save your majesty!" she replied. "I had, indeed, something to ful maiden emerged from a cluster of say to thee, but this is hardly the fitting place to speak it."

"Sayest thou so?" rejoined Edward. Thou shalt lack neither place nor opportunity." Taking hold of Isabel's hand, he led

" Now open thy whole heart to me, my child," he said, kindly, "as if I were the father that I shall shortly be."

Agitated by conflicting hopes and ears, the princess burst into tears. "It cannot, must not be, your majesty!" she exclaimed. " I do not love

Prince Edward; and to wed him would be a deadly sin!" Contrary to her expectations, the king manifested neither surprise nor displeasure.

"Thou hast never seen my son—how, then, dost thou know? He is brave and noble of heart, comely and of goodly presence; thou wilt soon learn to love him." "Never, your majesty. I doubt not

he never win my heart; for I-I love another." In spite of all her efforts, the maiden's voice faltered as she made this bold avowal. But the king's countenance

still retained its serene and kindly look. "And that other," he inquiredhe thine equal in birth and station 25 'He is of gentle, though not royal blood, sire. I know full well that I can never hope to be his, yet have I sol-

entity vowed that I will be another's! There was an involuntary look of admiration upon Edward's countenance, as he looked upon those flushed checks. You have to watch these ere printers and radiant eyes, but he quickly re-"And this presumptuous youth is the

page Edouward? It is one of my own household that has dared to rival his the Atlantic States after a absence of Isabel's face blanched with terror

ing herself at Edward's feet. "As you that I do not find it in the State of New hope for heaven's mercy, betray him Jersey. not to my father's anger! It was my eagain. All that I ask is the privilege of hiding myself and my sorrows in a furrin goods.

e to him or thee. Nay these thy two suitors - Edward, the clothes and jumpt into fabrics of done Prince, and Edouward, the page. But the manufactur. why do I speak thus? Thou wilt not, surely, be so foolish as to fling a crown from thee, to wed with an obscure and nameless youth?" on, sire," said the maiden, eagerly,

whose praise is in the mouths of all thy people; yet were the choice indeed mine how gladly would I prove to thee how much dearer to me the simple page is than the proudest monarch in Christendom." King Edward smiled.

so be it. Yet must my son receive thy decision from thine own lips. He is already here, and I'll send him to thee for that purpose." The door had hardly closed after King Edward, when it was re-opened, and

the page Edouward entered. Had Isabel's mind been in its ordinary state, she could not have avoided noticing the marked change there was in his garb and bearing, and that upon the jeweled cap, that he doffed on his entrance, glittered the royal crest of Eng-

Advancing eagerly to her side, he drew her with a quick, passionate embrace to his heart "Not now, Edouward," said the

princess, struggling vainly to release herself, "I have some important news to communicate, but this is no fitting time. Prince Edward will soon be here; if you love me go instantly." 'Prince Edward is already here,

weet Isabel!" said the intruder, with with a smile of mingled tenderness and triumph. "The prince and the page are one. My love, my own! look up, and tell me if you shall love me less because it may some time be mine to place upon this fair brow the crown of England." "Forgive me this ruse, dearest," he

added, as, unable to bear this sudden transition from grief to joy; for a moment Isabel's cheek turned pale. "I would win the heart as well as the hand of my bride. I would see with mine own eyes if she be of a verity as fair and gentle as report spoke her."

A few days later there was celebrated, with all the pomp and splendor of royalty, the marriage of the King of England with the Princess Margaret, and Prince Edward, his son, with Isabel of cave in the Emergency's head? The marriage of the latter especially was hailed with great joy by both na-

tions, yet there were few among those who witnessed who knew how, and under what guise, Prince Edward won his People say they shell peas when they unshell them; that they husk corn when they unhusk it; that they dust the furniture, when they undust. or take the dust from it; that they skin a ealf, when they unskin it; that they scale fishes, when they unscale them.-

An individual advertised in one of the papers for "a wife" the other day, and requested each applicant for the sit-uation to enclose her carte de visite. his correspondents closed reply in these terms: "I do not enclose my carte for, though there is some au-thority for putting a cart before a horse, I know of none for putting one before

going to weed their gardens, when

enough already.

KISS AND NEVER TELL. A SONG FOR JUNE-OR JANUARY.

Though you may sip from beauty's lip. The sweets that there do dwell. Tis very mean in you I ween If you shall kiss and tell! What makes a kiss exquisite bliss. A sweet Elysian spell? Be always sure the kiss is pure:— But never kiss and tell!

This bond of love springs from above.
Where saints and augels dwell:
It was but lent, and never meant.
That you should kiss and tell.

It is a seal—a balm to hear— A pearl within its shell— The Hyblian dew, forever new But never kiss and tell! It is the plan since time began, Approved and honored well:-From Kubla Khan to Ispahan, They kiss and never tell!

In nights in June, beneath the moon. The fairies know it well; such rosy breath our Venus hath;— We kiss and never tell! Since Eros rose, or Helen's woes,— The monk within his cell,— The mitted one—the praying nun— All kiss and never tell! Hartford Time

THE GREAT AMERICAN SHOWMAN RE-TURNS FROM CALIFORNIA. HIS OPINIONS ON MATTERS AND THINGS

The stoodent and connyseer must have noticed and admired in varis parts of the United States of America, large yeller handbills, which not only air gems of art in theirselves, but they troothfully sit forth the attractions of her through a side-door into an inner | my show-a show, let me here obsarve, that contains many livin' wild animiles, every one of which has got a Beautiful Moral.

> Them hanbills is sculpt in New York. & I annually repair here to git some nore on 'um: &, bein' here, I tho't I'd issoo a Address to the public on matters and things.

Since last I meyandered these streets, I have bin all over the Pacific Slopes and Utah. I cum back now, with my virtoo unimpared, but Pve got to git some new clothes.

Many changes has taken place, even durin' my short absence, and sum on um is Sollum to contempulate. The house in Varveck street, where I used to board, is bein' torn down. That house, which but what he is all that you say—yet can was rendered memorable by livin' into it, is "parsin' away, parsin' away!" But some of the timbers will be made into canes, which will be sold to my admirers at the low price of one dollar each. Thus is changes goin' on continerally. In the New World it is war in the Old World Empires is totterin' & Dysentaries is crumblin. anes is cheap at a dollar.

Sammy Booth, Duamest ny handbills, & he's a artist. He studld in Rome -State of New York I'm here to read the proof-sheets my handbills as fast as they're senipt.

wurd rong as anyhow. But I have time to look round sim] and how do I find things? I return to ten months, and what State do I find Licentity. The editor of the Burle, who the country in? Why, i don't know! "Spare him I" she exclaimed, throw- what State I find it in. Suffice it to say

I find some things that is electin' fault-mine! I shall never see him partie'ly the resolve on the part of the wimmin of America to stop wearin'

I never meddle with my wife's things. "Fear not, Isabel," said the king, She may wear muslin from Greenland's kindly, raising her as he spoke; "no icy mountains, and bombaze more-I pledge thee my royal word that but I'm glad to state that that superior Injy's coral strands, if she wants to; thou shalt have thy free choice between | woman has peeled off all her furring But, says sum folks, it you stop in-

portin' things you stop the Revenoo .-That's all right. We can stand it if the Revenoo can. On the same principle "I mean no discourtesy to thy royal | young men should continer to get drunk on French brandy, and to make their livers as dry as a corn cob with Cuby cigars because 4-sooth if they don't it will hurt the Revenoo. This talk bout the Revenoo is of the bosh, boshy. One thing is tol'bly certain -if we don't send gold out of the country we shall have the consolation of knowing that it is in "Is this thy free choice, then? Well, the country. So I say great credit is doo the wimin for this patriotic moveand to tell the truth, the winnin generally know what they're 'bout, the blessens they are the soothinist. If there'd never bin any wimin, where

would my children be to-day? But I hope this move will lead to other moves that air just as much needed, one of which is a general and therrer curtainment of expenses all round. The abuse people on the highway. fact is, we air gettin' ter'bly extravagant, and onless we paws in our mad career, in less than two years the goddess of liberty will be seen dodgin' into a Pawn Broker's shop with the other upon the squire fined him ten dollars gown done up in a bundle, even if she and costs, which he paid without hesitadon't have to Spout the gold stars in her tion, evidently flattering himself that head-band. Let us all take hold jintly, he had bought fame at a bargain. As and live and dress centsibly, like our Bill left the 'squire's office Josh acforefathers, who know'd moren we do, costed him with: if they want quite so honest! Suttle

There air other cheerin' signs. We don't, for instuns, lack great Gen'rals, and we certainly don't lack brave soljers -but there's one thing I wish we did lack, and that is our present Congress. I ventur to say that if you sarch (ioddlemity's footstool all over with a ten hoss power mikriscope, you won't be the pavement. able to find such another pack of poppycock galbliers as the present Congress of afterward, and although he went by the the United States of America. Gentlemen of the Senit & of the House

you've sot there and draw'd your pay and made summer-complaint speeches long enuff. The country at large, in- that the only fight he ever had was the cloodin' the undersined, is disgusted with you. Why don't you show us a first and only blow. statesman-sumbody who can make a speech that will hit the pop lar hart right under the Great Public weskit? Why don't you show us a statesman who can rise up to the Emergency, and Congress, you won't do. Go hom

you mizzerable devils-go home! At a special Congressional Tection in my district the other day, I delib'ritly voted for Henry Clay. I admit that Henry is dead, but inasmuch as we don't seem to have a live statesman in our National Congress, let us by all means have a first-class corpse. Them who think that a cane made from the timbers of the house I once

boarded in is essenshal to their happi-

ness, should not delay about sendin' the money right on for one. And now, with a genuine hurrar for I have heard men say that they were the wimin who air goin' to abandon furrin goods, and another for the patriotic everywheres. I'll leave public matters and indulge in a little pleasant

family gossip. My reported capture by the North | had the witness' head in a bark mill, no American savijis of Utah, led my wide circle of friends and creditors to think that I had bid adoo to earthly things, and was a angel playin' on a golden harp. Hents my 'rival home was onex-

pected.

It was 11 P. M. when I reached my

A nightcap thrusted itself out of the front chamber winder. (It was my Betsy's nightcap). And a voice said: "Who is it?"

"It is a man!" I answered, in gruff vois. "I don't beleeve it!" she sed. "Then come down and search me,

replied. Then resumin' my nat'rai voice, aid "It is your own A. W., Betsy! Sweet lady wake! Ever of thou.' "Oh," she said, "it's you, is it!

thought I smelt something. But the old girl was glad to see me. In the morin' I found that my family ere entertainin' a artist from Philadelphy, who was there paintin' some startlin' water falls and mountains, and I morin suspected he had a hankerin' for my oldest datter.

"Mr. Skimmerhorn, father," sed my dauter. "Glad to see you, sir," I replied in a nospittle vois; "glad to see you."

"He is an artist, father," sed my

child. "A whichist?"

'An artist—a painter.' And glazier?" I askt. ainter and glazier, eh?" My danter and wife was mad, but I could'nt help it. I felt in a consikil

hoon " It is a wonder to, me, Sir," said the artist, "considerin' what a wide-spread reputation you have that some of our Eastern managers don't secure you." "H's a wonder to me," said my write that somebody don't secure him with

a chain. After breakfast I went over to town to see my old friends. The editor of The Bugle greeted me cordyully, and shower me the follerin' article he'd just written about the paper on the other side of the

" We have recently put up in our office an entirely new sink, of unique construction-with two holes, through which the soiled water may pass to the new bucket underneath. the hell-hounds of The Advertiser say to this? We shall continue to make haprovements as fast as our capidlycreasing business may warrant. Wonder whether a certain editor's wife thinks she can pality off a brass watchchain on this community for a gold

"That" says the Editor, "his ann what he lives. That will close him up sound as it die when I wrote an article radicopling his sister, who's got a coel-

shown a young map who says ne'll be dam it he goes to war. He was settin' on a Barrel, & was indeed a Loathsum

preach, and the good old man preaches west, too, the his prayer was tuther was with me, said that prayer would make fifteen squares, solid nonparil. I don't think of nothing more to veine about. So, S B'leave me it all

timese endearing young characs," we.,

A. Ward. BRAGGART PLAISHED.

"You all know Josh Gibson,

four at once,

"Yes," was answered by three

Josh Gibson is a nowerful man, and, live the cas in haste. though he is civil, he is proud of his reas the Bill Stiles is a notorious braggart, and is always telling of his having drubbed this or that individual, canding some one who is proverbially largestond or active. One day Bill was at the hotel when the conversation turned on his favorite topic.

Well, I met Josh last Saturday, and he refused to give me half the road. I rot out and took him off his wagon and vailed him till he begged for merey. One of the listeners was a particular

Josh what Bill had said. Josh, on hearing the news, pondered a minute, then "Did be own to it, though? and will con go béfore Squire Broadheat and swear that he said so? " Yes." " Well," says Josh, "you go over the 'squire's and make the affidavit and

get a warrant for Bill Stiles for assault and battery, and I'll show him how to The friend did as Josh told him, began to think sure enough Bill had thrashed Josh. Bill was brought before the 'squire and plead guilty, where-

" Well, Bill, you have just paid ten dollars for thrashing me in my absence. and now I am going to see what they will charge for flailing a lying puppy when he is present." Bill took the hint and begun to make

excuses, but Josh out him short by

smart rap below the eye, followed by

two or three more that brought him to Bill Stiles staid thereabout two years name of "Fighting Bill," he was never afterward known to brag of his exploitin that line of business; in fact, Bill was never quarrelsome, and it is believed one in which Joshwillson struck the

FOUND HIS MATCH.

We heard and saw a good thing yesterday. In Court of Sessions a polly case was being tried. A well known criminal lawyer, who prides himself on his skill in cross examining a witness. had an odd looking genius upon whom to operate. The witness was a boss shoemaker:

Yes, sir—cause why—she confessed And you also swear that she bound shoes for you subsequent to her confes-

thief?"

sion of theft?"

" You say, sir, that the prisoner is a

" I do, sir.' Then (giving a sagacious look to the court) we are to understand that you employ dishonest people to work for you. even after their rascalities are known? Of course; how else could I get asistance from a lawyer?"

The counsellor said "stand aside.

and in a tone which showed that if he mercy might have been expected. The judge nearly choked himself in a futile endeavor to make the spectators believe that a laugh was nothing but a hiccough; while the witness stepped off the stand with all the gravity of a fashionable undertaker.— $[E_X]$

Administrators' notices, Assignees' notices, Audifors' notices, Audifors' notices, Other "Notices," ten lines, or less, three times, homestid and knoct a healthy knock on Laughable Incident in a Railroad Car-It seems that in a four passenger. car on the London Railroad there swere. two travelers on the occasion in queatiq tion. One was a quiet, civil, modest. and well behaved gentleman; the other, who sat opposite him, was a lady, "fat, fair and forty," who also was of modest. mein and conduct. The train, had. hardly commenced moving, when the lady jumped up, and with a crimson flush on her countenance, exclaimed:

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"How dare you?" "Dare what?" said the gentleman in astonishment. "Insult me in that manner," con-

tinued the lady, still swelling with indignation. "I am not aware that I have in any way, form or manner," retorted the gentleman, innocence and inquiry being depicted in every lineament of his

cuntenance "Well don't touch me again," coninued the lady; "if you do I will call the guard."

The gentleman sat marvelling, but silent, wondering what strange concell had got into his fellow traveler's head, when suddenly she sprung up a second time, and in a fresh burst of indignation broke out with:

"Til not stand such impertinence and insults; I'm a decent woman, and vour conduct is insufferable." But, my dear madam, what upon

earth has got into your head? Whatdo ou mean?" "I mean I will not be insulted. You nistake my character, sir, if you think will put up with such impudence .-You are an impertinent, good for noth-

ng puppy, that's what you are," with flashing eyes she resumed her The gentleman still wondering at the strange conduct of the lady, totally unonscious that he had given offense, when she started up a third time with the ejaculation:

" Keep you hands to yourself! If my

husband was here he would pitch you out of the window. Pll have you arested the moment the cars stop. Keep your hands off, I say!" * What mands? What do you mean? You talk like a crazy woman, and I beleve you are insure," was the response the bewildered gentleman. " Let go my legs!" broke out the lady, imping up again, and this time in a

Their release of passion. "I don't know nothing about your gs sheves touched them in my lifeiever want to touch them. You're as razy as Bedlam -- you're a candidate for the next lumatic asylum on the road and I'll have you arrested the moment the cars stop," put in the gentleman

"And I'll have you arrested for taking impadent liberties with me," responded the lady, an equal amount of virtuous excitement manifest in her county batters in five minutes more the train stopped. There was a violent letting down windows in the car occupied by the

with honest indignation.

'moord!"--anybody! everybody! this way. followed from the twain. "What's the matter!" queried the and the conductor, as he poked his head i ar soman is as e

wo enraged passengers, and a duet

cries or shouts of "conductor!"

mad as a March hare stake her out!" aid the gentieman. And this man has been pinching my gs all the way from London, the impudent scamp," replied the lady furiously in his face.

A quiet smile came over the face of the conductor, as he remarked that he thought he could explain the matter at issue. And reaching his hand under Ahe lady's seat, he drew out a live goose which he had placed there a few minutes previous to the starting, not supposing that the car would be occupied. The legs of the aquatic fowl had been tied all the while, but he had free use of his head and bill, and had been amusfriend of Josh, who, on his return, told | ing himself by pecking at the lower limbs of the lady. We think that this may be called a new phase if not a "set-

der" of the vexed "goose question."

1-7" Obi Judge -----, who resides not far from Cincinnati, is known as one who never pays a debt, if it can be avoided. He has plenty of money, is a jolly, rollicking old chap, and gets drunk occasionally, when, of course, some friends take care of him. Not long ago he fell into the hands of a manwho had his note for a sum of money, and as it was a last chance, the man dived into the Judge's wallet, took out the amount, and put the note where the money had been.

wallet to count how much money he was out. How did I spend all my money?" You paid off that note I held," replied the friend "Well," muttered the Judge, quietly disposing of his wallet, "I must have

When the Judge awoke to conscious-

ess, as was his wont, he took out his

15-5" A dun once called on a young can and presented him a bill, when he was somewhat taken aback by the delitor taking him aside and blandly saying; My dear sir, call next Thursday, and I'll tell you when to BENEFITS OF ABUSED.-A great man always willing to be little. Whilst

he sits on the cushion of advantages, he

goes to sleep. When he is pushed, tor-

mented, defeated, he has a chance to

been *reey* drunk.''

learn something: he has been put on his wits, on his manhood; he has gained facts, learns his ignorance; is cured f the insanity of conceit; has got. moderation and real skill. The wise man always throws himself on the side of his assailants. It is more to his interest than it is theirs to find his weak point. The wound cicatrizes and falls. off from him like a dead skin, and when they would triumph, lo, he has passed on invulnerable. As long as all hat is said is against me, I feel a certain assurance of success. But as soon as honeyed words of praise are spoken for me, I feel as one that lies unprotected me, 1 leer a., before his enemies.

E-5" Supposing you were to see the sun rising in the middle of the night, what would you call that?" said a teacher to a ploughboy pupil whom he was examining on miracles. "The mine please sur." "But suppose you knew it was not the moon, but the sun, and that you actually saw it rise in the middle of the night, what should you think? Please, sur, I should think it was time to get un!"

Out West they call the Lincoln draft "Lincoln's raffle for three year's war of abolitionism."

The heart, like a watchman, should confine itself to its regular beat.

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