

A Familiar Style of Servant. She is rather delicate and genteel looking, and you may know from the arrangement of her hair what the last mode is of disposing of rats and waterfalls. She has a lace bonnet, with roses, a silk mantilla, a silk dress trimmed with velvet, a white skirt with sixteen tucks and an embroidered edge, a pair of cloth garters, underneath which are a pair of stockings without feet, the only pair in her possession. She has no underlinen, and sleeps straight in the working clothes she wears in the day. She never seems to have in her outfit either comb, brush or tooth-brush of her own—neither needles, thread, scissors, nor pins: her money, when she has any, is spent on more important articles, such as the lace bonnet or silk mantilla, or the rats and waterfalls that glorify her head. When she wishes to sew, she borrows what is needed of a convenient next neighbor; and if she gets a place in a family as second girl, she expects to subsist in these respects by borrowing of the better appointed servants, or helping herself from the family stores.

She expects of course, the very highest of wages if she condescends to live out, and by having a tiny outside appearance and the many vacancies that are continually occurring in households, she gets places, where her object is to do as little of the duty assigned as possible, to hurry through with her performances put on her fine clothes and go-a-gadding to the city on from with all the men she meets, and ready at jests and repartee, sometimes far from seemly. Her time of service in any one place lasts indifferently from a fortnight to two or three months, when she takes her wages and buys her next subsistence in the latest style and goes back to the intelligence office. In the different families where she has lived she has been told a hundred times the proprieties of household life, how to make beds, arrange rooms, wash china, glass and silver, and set tables; but her habitual rule is to try in each place how small and how poor services will be accepted. When she finds that less will not do she gives more. When the mistress follows her constantly, and shows an anxiety for her termination to be well served, she shows that she can serve well; but the moment such attention relaxes, she slides back again. She is as destructive to a house as a fire; the very spirits of wastefulness in her ways, she chins, dents the silver, and sets the water pipe with rubbish; and when she is gone, there is generally a sum equal to half her wages to be expended in repairing the effects of her carelessness. And yet there is one thing to be said for her; she is quite as careful of her employer's things as of her own. The full amount of her mischief often does not appear at once, as she is glib of tongue, adroit in apologies, and lies with as much adroitness and as little thought of conscience as a blackbird chatter. It is difficult for people to have been trained from childhood in the school of verities—who have been lectured for even the shadow of a procreation, and shut up in disgrace, for a lie, till truth becomes a habit of the soul; it is very difficult for people so educated to understand how to get on with those who never speak the truth except by mere accident, who assert any and everything that comes into their heads with all the assurance and all the energy of perfect verity.

What becomes of this girl? She finds means, by begging, borrowing, living out, to keep herself extremely trim and airy for a certain length of time, till rats and waterfalls, the lace hat and parasol, and the glib tongue, have done their work, in making a fool of some honest young mechanic who earns three dollars a day. She marries him with no higher object than to have somebody to earn money for her to spend. That is one ending of her career; the other is on the street, in the haunts of vice, in prison, in drunkenness, and death.

Whence come these girls? They are as numerous as yellow-billed cranes in autumn; they flutter up to the city from the country; they grow up from mothers who ran the same sort of career before them; and the reason why in the end they fall out of all reputable employment and starve on poor wages is, that they become physically, mentally, and morally incapable of rendering any service which society will think worth paying for.—Mrs. H. B. Stowe.

Writing for the Papers. Says the Pittsburgh Chronicle: Newspapers are often appealed to, in behalf of necessary people who desire to eke out a meagre subsistence by their pen, and who too often send communications totally wanting in merit. It is difficult to resist the plea. It is the unpleasant thing to refuse the communication. But the obligation which a journal has, by implication at least, entered into with its subscribers to furnish the best matter attainable for the subscription price, will not permit the editor to be guided by the expense of its readers. Oliver Wendell Holmes, in his "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," compares the generosity of an editor who publishes inferior matter upon the score of benevolence, to the charity of the gentlemen who waylay men like Claude Duval, who robbed the rich to help the poor. Articles that are of sterling value in style and matter, will find ready access to newspapers, and where the parties sending them are in need, they will be adequately compensated, but of all wares to rely upon for a living, the poorest for any market, are inferior literary wares. Even the great "Wizard of the North," in the plenitude of his fame, mournfully confessed that "Literature was a good staff but a poor crotch." This is an age of books and periodicals. The stream of publication is swollen to overflowing, and we can do no less than to caution those who propose to embark their talents in this way to the slender contingency of success.

We approach a topic now with considerable trepidation. We refer to those who have been seized with a mania for rhyming, and who prudently flatter themselves that this departure from the common mode of expression. For innocent pastime, such as writing verses for confectioners and albums, and obituary notices for infants deceased at the age of five or six weeks, rhyming is legitimate enough, and criticism has nothing to do

with it. But when it takes a larger range, and challenges observation in the columns of a public print, it should be of a high order, or its perpetrator should be a good poet, or say what, but his friends should in no wise take charge of him. Genuine poetry, next to mathematics, is the compactest form of human thought. Its power consists in the fact that a line, or even a word, will photograph if the expression may be allowed, scenes and sentiments that cannot be elaborated in prose could not be compressed. But what is this diluted drivel, this jingling inanity that is usually sent to newspapers? We have no sort of patience with the subject.

BOARD OF TRADE: MONTHLY COMMITTEE

REPORTED FOR THE PHILADELPHIA EVENING BULLETIN BY THE BOARD OF TRADE: MONTHLY COMMITTEE. The Board of Trade, Philadelphia, has reported for the month of January, 1886, the following statistics:

Table with columns for various commodities and their prices. Includes items like Flour, Sugar, Coffee, and other goods with their respective market values.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF STEAMERS

Table listing steamship arrivals and departures, including ship names, destinations, and dates.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Steamer Gen. Canby, Boston, 10 hours from New York, with 100 passengers and 100 tons of cargo.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 10 South Fourth Street, on Tuesday, February 23, 1886, at 11 o'clock A. M.

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INSURANCE

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INSURANCE ON LIVES AND GRANTING ANNUITIES. CAPITAL - \$1,000,000. Publish, in conformity with an act of the Legislature the following statement of their assets on the 1st December, 1885.

Table showing assets of Delaware Mutual Safety Insurance Company as of Dec 1st, 1885. Includes Real Estate, Bonds and Mortgages, Loans on Call, etc.

Real Estate, Office Building, No. 24 Walnut Street, and sundry well secured Ground Rents, \$238,102 45

Bonds and Mortgages, On unnumbered property, \$57,180 03

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Wm. B. Hill, Actuary.

OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GRANTING ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 1886.

STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS OF PHILADELPHIA. CAPITAL PAID IN FULL, \$100,000.

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