

SNOWBALLING. BY JOSEPH S. HUNT. The soft, loose gold of her tresses...

She tosses the soft flakes round her, In her pretty, hoydenish play...

She laughs and scoffs when snowballs fly Harmless over her head, And she sniffs in a saucy way...

Gay, beautiful Madge! Oh what would she If my mouth was half as bold...

"I wished much to see how this delicate fabric was wrought, and by what kind of fingers...

"The business was now very much depressed. She could hardly earn a penny an hour...

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"The process of lace working is exceedingly interesting, requiring the most judgment of the eye and a finger-skill of the greatest felicity. Although it is wrought in clay-floored cottages, and in the one room that serves as parlor, kitchen, cellar, and sometimes sleeping apartment...

inequality between the wearer and the maker is the widest and worst in articles of luxury. Diamond-diggers and pearl-divers and ermine-hunters have always had a harder time of it than even the honest laborer...

In the good old days of stump-speaking the man who could tell the most anecdote was very likely to throw into the shade the most elaborate logician and the most classical orator...

He is described by the reporter as having a happy faculty of introducing the word devil into his remarks by way of emphasis, which were invariably received with great laughter and cheering by the audience...

After relating an adventure of an Irishman with a polecat, he said that he, the speaker, had got converted since the war, as old Sam Adams was. Old Sam Adams went down stairs to get a pitcher of water. The old woman (his mother) meant, probably, said, 'Samuel, don't break the pitcher.' But Sam slipped, and instead of trying to save himself, he clutched the pitcher with both hands, fell, and broke his nose...

He, the speaker, saw an invention the other day which milked seven cows in five minutes, and the cows don't know that they are milked, and so go on taking it down as you like. He said he didn't know as man was made by nature for a voting animal. He said he thought if nature had so intended, he would have been made like a possum, with a placid to carry the ballot in.

He next told a story about an Irishman who was passing a jackass, who brayed at him. Taking that as a personal address, he went up to the jackass and said: 'You are a fine looking fellow, you have got a magnificent ear and an illigant voice, but, devil take yer soul, you can't vote.' That was the only difference he could discover between the jackass and himself. [Great laughter.]

General Fisk, in a speech in Cincinnati, last week, relates the following: Over \$20,000,000 worth of property in Tennessee has been returned to the Government by the Government, upon their compliance with the conditions laid down for those once in rebellion. There are 90,000 people in that State who can read and write, and who are able to take the oath of allegiance to the Government. They are now being offered the opportunity to recover their property seized by the Government. She abused it heartily, and read a lecture on Yankees and Abolitionists, and then she told me she wanted to know if she had any more to say for the South to fight for its rights. I gave her the circular to read which contains the conditions of the Government for the return of property to the rebels. She asked me to read it for her. I told her that I had no time; that she had better do it herself, and then she told me she would do it herself. She then admitted that she could neither read nor write.

"I own that while I pitied her, I felt a little mischievous; so I pointed to that young Ohio clerk, and told her she would write out the document for her. She was horrified, and asked me with sharpness and indignity, 'Can that nigger write?' Yes, madam, said, and he will attend to the business for you. With some reluctance, she went to his desk. He arose, bowed and gave her a seat, and made out in a fine round hand the necessary statement, and then read it for her. It was then offered for her signature, but when she drew off her glove and saw a splendid diamond sparkling on her finger as she made her mark, I pitied her for my heart, for the superiority, the real superiority, of the negro was seen in the simple transaction.

The poor woman, perhaps, felt it then herself, for she wept, came to her senses, regretted her harsh remarks about the 'nigger,' and went away with a good conscience. She was a reconstructed woman when she came. Opposition to the Bureau, General Fisk talked that 'nigger won't work, I find on every hand, and the people want to be let alone, just as they did when they were trying their best to destroy the Government. But we won't let them alone, for when I went among them to carry out the business of this Bureau, it was with the conviction that white and black must live together. The labor of the blacks is wanted there, and it can be had if the whites will work

only do right in getting it. It is my endeavor to earnestly engage the country, torn and desolated by war, and make it once more blossom as the rose.

SPECIAL NOTICES. OFFICE OF THE BRANDON ISLAND OIL COMPANY, ROOM 18, 30 WALNUT STREET. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, February 23, at 10 o'clock P. M.

OFFICE OF THE WOLF CREEK DIAMOND OIL COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 27, 1886. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, February 23, at 10 o'clock P. M.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE WESTMORLAND AND NEW YORK COAL COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, February 23, at 10 o'clock P. M.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE HUNTINGTON AND BROAD TOP COAL COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, February 23, at 10 o'clock P. M.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE LOCUST MOUNTAIN COAL AND IRON COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 27, 1886. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, February 23, at 10 o'clock P. M.

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INSURANCE. DELAWARE MUTUAL SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 27, 1886. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, February 23, at 10 o'clock P. M.

INSURANCE. THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 27, 1886. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, February 23, at 10 o'clock P. M.

INSURANCE. GIRARD FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 27, 1886. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, February 23, at 10 o'clock P. M.

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INSURANCE. FIRE INSURANCE. Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company. Authorized Capital, \$10 Millions. Invested Funds, over 16 Millions. Yearly Revenue, over 5 Millions. Invested in the United States, over \$1,500,000. All losses promptly adjusted with reference to England.

INSURANCE. THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY. No. 150 South Fourth st., above Walnut street. The company insures against fire and marine risks. Capital, \$1,000,000. Assets, \$2,000,000.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS. DOZEN NEW BOOKS. (JUST PUBLISHED BY CARLETON.) The Prince Kashna. Novel edited by Himself. 20 Country Love vs. City Filtration. Illustrated. 200 Poems by Gay H. Naramore. 150 Love Life of Dr. Kane and Mrs. Margaret Fox. 175 The Humbugs of the World. By P. T. Barnum. 175 Poems by Mrs. Susan T. Bolton. 150 What Came After Darwin, Arthur's new Novel. 150 A Spinster's Story. A new Novel by M. A. F. 175 Artemus Ward's Travels. Comic Illustrations. 150 Gemery of Montgomery. A new Novel. 200 Looking Around. A. S. Roe's new Novel. 150 Our Artist in China. Illustrations by Carleton. 150

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