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"WE ARE ALL EQUAL BEFORE GOD AND THE CONSTITUTION."—James Buchanan.

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Femal Curiosity.

A worthy Squire, of sober life,
Had a conceit of boasting wife,
Of whose daily maid complaint—
Henceforth she thought a very saint.
She lovd to find mankind with blame,
And on their errors build her fame,
Her favorite subject of dispute
Was Eve and the forbidden fruit.
"Had I been Eve," she often cried,
"Man had not fall'n, nor woman died;
I still had kept the orange given,
Nor for an apple lost my Heaven
To gratify my curious mind,
I ne'er had ruin'd all mankind;
Nor from a vain desire had known
Estard all my race such woe."
The Squire replied, "I fear 'tis true,
The same ill spirit lives in you;
Tempted alike, I dare believe
You would have eat the apple given."
The lady scorn'd, and still deny'd
Both curiosity and pride.
The Squire some future day at dinner,
Resolved to try his bosom's siner;
He giv'd such words to her as were,
And thus he set the orange free.
"Madam, the usual splendid feast
With which our wedding day is graced,
With you I must not share to-day,
For business summons me away.
Of all the duties I've prepar'd,
I beg not any to be par'd;
Incline in every costly dish,
Enjoy, 'tis what I really wish;
Only observe one prohibition,
Not think it a severe condition;
On one small dish which cover'd stands,
You must not dare to lay your hands.
Go—dissipate but your life,
Or, henceforth you're no more my wife."
The threat was new, the Squire was gone;
The murmuring lady did not move;
She saw a water or glass she fear'd,
Or charm the eye or please the taste;
But while she reach'd from this to that,
From sentence launch to talk she sat.
On one small dish which cover'd stands,
By a deep cover hid from sight,
"Oh! here it is—yet not so near,
I must not taste, may dare not see;
Why place it there? or why forbid
That I should touch so little food?
Prohibit of this to eat,
I care not for the sumptuous treat;
I wonder if his fowl or fish—
"To know what there I merely wish,
I'll look—O, I have found it,
If I'm betrayed, my husband's favor;
I own it's his, 'tis vastly hard,
Nay, 'tis rarer to be darr'd."
"John, you may go to the devil, darr'd,
I'll not eat when you're wanted."
"Now left alone, she waits no longer,
Temptation proves more and stronger.
"If I peep—the harm 'er can be much,
For though she yields to her own wish,
Why I'm forbid to lift this cover,
One glance will tell and then 'er over.
My husband's absent, so 'tis John,
My peeping never can be known.
"To glimpse the yield to her wish,
And raised the cover from the dish,
Learn and catch at another's fault;
You know, like Eve, from this sad dinner,
You're both a vain and curious sinner."

VICISSITUDES OF FORTUNE.

BY S. W. T.

"Who is that beautiful young lady you see to the piano and music?"

"This inquiry I made of my mer chum and class-mate, Frank Somers, a fine specimen of maturing manhood, to whose courtesy I was indebted, while a temporary sojourner in the bustling village of E., for an invitation to Madam Delwin's grand soiree given in honor of her only daughter's eighteenth birthday."

"Elicie O'Neil," was the laconic response of my friend.

"A maiden of foreign birth or extraction, judging from the name," I remarked carelessly.

"True," rejoined Frank, "Irishman blood flows in her veins; but a lady may be no less a lady for that, you know."

"Certainly," said I; "but what an interesting personage pervades her countenance. Her every glance and movement, though so serenely bewitching and graceful, bespeak her a being that has been tried in the furnace of affliction. If you have anything of her history, I may unfold it to me at once, for my curiosity is completely aroused."

"Drawing my arm within his own, he led me to a little alcove, and related, in substance the following narrative:

"The father of the young lady in question is a native of the Emerald Isle. His parents being in affluent circumstances, he was furnished with requisite facilities for acquiring a thorough classical education. The opportunities thus afforded him were not improved, and William O'Neil, before he was twenty years of age, graduated, with high honors, at a university in Dublin. He chose the profession of Law; and his brilliant talents gave promise of future eminence and usefulness. But scarcely had he commenced his legal course, when an unlooked for event dispelled this bright vision of glory, and shrouded the future in gloom.

"From boyhood he had been a patriot. He had read with sorrow and indignation of the grievous wrongs his country had endured at the hands of her remorseless oppressors. With every recorded event in the history of Ireland he was familiar. He regarded with profound veneration the names of the many martyrs who voluntarily immolated themselves upon the altar of freedom, in futile yet heroic endeavors to sunder the manacle of tyranny and achieve their country's independence. The celebrated address of Robert Emmet pronounced at the close of his neck argument and trial for treason before Lord Northing, after the memorable Irish Revolution of 1798, had been learned in early youth, had declaimed it again and again, until its eloquent and patriotic sentiment, like coils of living fire, burned deep into his soul, and formed as it were, a part of his intellectual being, influencing every thought and act of his life, and arousing in his susceptible mind that supreme abhorrence of arbitrary domination and kingly rule which was destined ultimately to prove the overthrow of his father's hopes and discomfiture of his plans.

"When quite young he frequently declared his determination to exert his influence, when he should become a man, for the restoration of his fatherland to her ancient nationality. This revolutionary sentiment, although apparently disregarded when uttered, was, nevertheless, treasured up and remembered by the zealous officials of the British crown, who observed narrowly his conduct as advanced in wisdom and age.

"At last, on the thirteenth instance, he was accused of plotting a conspiracy against the government, and cited to appear before the

proper tribunal, and answer the charge of high treason. Emboldened by the consciousness of innocence, he unhesitatingly obeyed the summons; and during his trial, defended himself with such ability and skill as secured the applause and admiration of the large assembly that crowded the inquisitorial hall. He succeeded in persuading the jury that the charge preferred against him was totally ungrounded, and was honorably acquitted. But the extraordinary capacity, eloquence, and acumen he manifested throughout the whole iniquitous prosecution, demonstrated to the cowardly minions of royalty that he was, indeed, too dangerous a character to allow in the midst of such an inflammatory populace as were the liberty-loving citizens of Dublin, and he accordingly received a peremptory mandate to leave the island on pain of death, or transportation. This command, so unexpected, so unjustifiable, so arbitrary, was accepted by the young student, with emotions of contempt, consternation, and anguish. Youth, friends, the cherished associations of youth, his aspirations for renown, must all be surrendered to appear an insatiable despotism, that unshuffled with grinding in the dust seven millions of unfortunate people, whose only crime was as specifically as possible, unsatisfied with quelling the best blood in Erin, for now victims gaped wide its seeking jaws! O how this cruel proclamation of the oppressor incensed the bosom of O'Neil! Grief more exquisite than he ever before experienced tormented his soul. The stars that glittered above the Emerald Isle, to his eye, never, till then, appeared so gloriously resplendent. The music of the sea caught his ear with a melody he had previously failed to admire. His native hills, valleys, lakes, rivers, and woodlands, composed a landscape of seemingly uncounted grandeur and loveliness. The cords of affection that bound him to his kindred and friends tightened every moment. His soul was agonized; but the fat had gone forth, and there was no alternative. Nothing remained for him but immediate acquiescence to the dictum of an imperious oligarchy. Accordingly, with indecipherable anguish, he arranged his affairs as specifically as possible, repaired once more to the grave of Emmet, and kneeling above the ashes of the illustrious hero, prayed to the Lord of salvation to remember the woes of Ireland, and visit upon her oppressors a just measure of retributive vengeance; to take himself from the arms of his weeping friends, and bidding a sad farewell to the "pearl of the ocean," and the home of his youth, embarked on board a vessel bound for the New World, and soon was afar out upon Atlantic's heaving bosom. The voyage was protracted; and he arrived safely at New York, in the autumn of 18—

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