MISCELLANEOUS.

The Slaves of the Lamp.

BY AGNES N. BEACH.

A party were sitting over their wine and dessert. One peach, and only one, remains upon the table. It is very rich, very ripe, very luscious, very tempting. Everybody has offered it to his neighbor, and everybody's neighbor has politely declined it. There appears something greedy in seizing the last morsel on the table.—Everybody then envies the peach, yet leaves it unappropriated on the table.—Everybody appears careless of that about which everybody is interested. Everybody is greedy, but no one will own it. The peach is the cause of all white lies, the petty envy, the paltry covetousness, which even that respectable party—for they were all respectable, and not one of them cared a pin's head about the peach in the abstract—could not help giving up a little corner of their breasts to, as a passing place for shelter.

Suddenly the lamp went out, and as the room was left in darkness, six hands, simultaneously stretched out, encountered each other in the dish; the whole party, with one united effort, strove to appropriate the peach.

When the lamp was re-lighted, they were ashamed to look at each other in the face. They felt how paltry they were; with what petty cowardice—with what shabby cunning—with what sneaking selfishness they had acted. 'Twas only the burning of the lamp which had kept them decent. They were all slaves of the lamp.

And are we not all, more or less, slaves of the lamp?

Our neighbor's advantages are our peaches. Society and society's law bare the restraining light, and mankind in general are the various malcontents who disclaim the fruit while they long for it—whose tongues refuse the morsel, while their teeth water for its ripeness.

So many different men—so many different peaches. Crime is the ruffian's forbidden fruit—punishment the lamp which scares him from it. But, albeit, we hope we are no ruffians, we have all of us, our peaches. The sparkle of a diamond, or the texture of a dress, may it not be a peach, which, were the lamp of conventional usage out, a lady might not scruple to vow she coveted? For mark, we do not speak of those who actually snatch their fruit, were law extinct, or opportunity convenient, but those who are shamed by the conventional virtue—or, perhaps, the decent hypocrisy of society, from avowing their longings—of speaking plain truths in plain words—from saying they would like to have the peach.

CONFIDENCE IN FRIENDS.—I will disclose myself no whit to my enemy, somewhat to my friend, wholly to no man, lest I should be others' than my own. Friendship is brittle staff. How know I whether he that loves me may not hate me hereafter?—*Baxter.*

PARENTAL ADVICE.—The following advice was imparted to the late ex-President Adams by his mother, in 1778, in a letter to him while he was in Europe:—"Great learning and superior abilities, should you ever possess them, will be of little value and of small estimation, unless virtue, honor, integrity and truth are cherished by you. Adhere to the rules and principles early insulled into your mind, and remember that you are responsible to your God Dear as you are to me, I would much rather prefer that you would find a grave in the ocean which you have crossed, than to see you an immoral, graceless child."

JAPAN VARNISH—2 bbls. just received, for sale by [ap30] KIDD & CO.

ROSE PINK—50 lbs. just rec'd and for sale by [ap30] J. KIDD & CO.

LARD OIL—10 bbls. received for sale by [ap30] J. KIDD & CO. 50 Wood st.

PERRY DAVIS' PAINKILLER—3 gross received and for sale by J. KIDD & CO.

BONNET SILKS—20 pcs. Glacie and Bonnet Silks, assorted colors, for sale by A. A. MASON & CO., 62 & 64 Market st.

CARD—No. 1 in kegs, rec'd for sale by [ap27] JOHNSTON & COLLINS'.

150,000 LBS. Bacon Hams, Sides and Shoulders, for sale at No. 70 Liberty street. ROBISON, LITTLE & CO.

BUTTER—25 bbls. fresh Roll; 2 bbls. "reel this day, and for sale by [ap26] J. B. CANFIELD.

STUARTS New York Refined Candy for sale by [ap23] W. A. McCLURG & CO.

NEW BOOKS—"Queechy," by the author of the "Wide, Wide World."
Florence Vane, by the author of "Linda," Aunt Nell, by Grace Kennedy.
The Waiting Age, (to 4th.) for May 1st just received and for sale by R. E. CALLOW.

CHEESE—600 bxs. English Dairy; 100 " " Factory;
" Extra Cream Cheese received and for sale by [ap13] JOHNSTON & COLLINS.

A. A. MASON & CO. will open this morning 100 cases more of Fancy and Staple dry goods, consisting of Isonomic Ribbons; Plain and Figured Silks, Grenadines, Gauze, Grenadines, Poplins, Lawns, Berege de Laines, Mousde Laines, &c., &c.

MURPHY & BURCHFIELD have rec'd an additional supply of white Crape Shawls, plain and handembroidered. ap14

Figured Paper Window Blinds.
JUST rec'd from Philadelphia, a very extensive assortment of Window Blinds, comprising a great variety of new and beautiful patterns.
THOMAS PALMER.
ap10 24 Market street.

FLORENCE WHITE—500 lbs., superior to white Lead, for finishing, just rec'd and for sale by J. KIDD & CO., 60 Wood st.

VERMILION AMERICAN—120 lbs. in store, and for sale by J. KIDD & CO.

NEW VALENCIA RAISINS AND CURRANTS—For pudding purposes, these are the very best kinds of Raisins and Currants in the market. Just received, free from stones or dirt, at 10c per pound, at Morris' Tea Store, in the Diamond. ap29

MOLASSES—300 bbls. N. O., in store, for sale by J. S. DILWORTH & CO.

SUGAR—120 hhds. prime N. O. in store and for sale by J. S. DILWORTH & CO.

COFFEE—100 bags in store; 110 do to arrive, for sale by J. S. DILWORTH & CO.

S. H. SYRUP—65 bbls. superior, to arrive and in store, for sale by J. S. DILWORTH & CO.

TOBACCO—40 kegs Swoup No. 1 6 twist, on consignment, for sale by J. S. DILWORTH & CO.

SALERATUS—20 bbls. for sale by DURBRIDGE & INGHAM. ap22 No. 116 Waart street.

BROOMS—50 doz. Corn for sale by DURBRIDGE & INGHAM. ap22

BEESWAX—3 bxs. landing from steamer Genesee, for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO. ap22

DRESS TRIMMING—200 pcs. beautiful colors and new styles, for sale by C. ARBUTHNOT.

GLOVES! GLOVES!!—A. A. Mason & Co. have just rec'd 200 doz. of Men's and Ladies' kid, Silk, Lisle Thread and Cotton Gloves.

HOSIERY—A. A. Mason & Co. have just rec'd another large assortment of Spring and Summer Hosiery, comprising Brit., Rose Mixed, Brown and White Cotton Hose and half Hose.

EMBROIDERIES—Another large lot of Embroideries, consisting of Chemisettes, Under sleeves, Collars, Cuffs, &c., &c., just received by A. A. MASON & CO.

LOGWOOD—20 bbls. Campeachy chipped of superior quality, just rec'd and for sale by W. A. McCLURG & CO.

LOGWOOD—5 bbls Ground Campeachy of superior quality, just rec'd and for sale by S. V. WICKERSHAM.

TEA—50 half chests Gunpowder, Young Hyson and Imperial, for sale by ap22 DURBRIDGE & INGHAM.

GROCERIES—
100 hhds. New Orleans Sugar;
125 bbls. New Orleans Molasses;
50 " Sugarhouse
50 bgs. Rio, Laguayra & Java Coffee;
50 " Extra Rio, Laguayra & Java Coffee;
50 " Extra Rio, Laguayra & Java Coffee;
50 " Extra