The Pittsburgh Gazette

TO A BEAUTIFUL STRANGER.

BY JOHN GODFREY SAXE.

A glance, a smile—I see it yet!
A moment, ere the train was starting;
How strange to tell!—we scarcely met,
And yet I felt a pang at parting!

And you—alas! that all the while
'Tis I alone who am confessing—
What thought was lurking in your smile
Is quite beyond my simple guessing.

I only know those beaming rays
Awoke in me a strange emotion,
Which, basking in their warmer blaze,
Perhaps might kindle to devotion.

Ah! many a heart as stanch as this,
By smiling lips allured from duty,
Has sunk in Passion's dark abyss—
"Wrecked on the coral reefs of Beauty!"

And so, 'tis well the train's swift flight,
That bore away my charming stranger,
Took her—God bless her!—out of sight,
And me, as quickly, out of danger!

EPHEMERIS.

—Lotti's opera troupe is in Memphis.

—Bierstadt has sold his "Rocky Mountains" and "Storm" for $40,000 in England.

—Honduras is rapidly being depopulated by the terrible ravages of the cholera.

—Last week there were 219 deaths in Philadelphia, and of these 66 were from lung disease.

—A. T. Stewart has sent $1,000 as a donation to the Bethany Mission School of Philadelphia.

—Ten thousand persons were at the different places of amusement in Cincinnati on Saturday.

—A Chapter of the Society known as the Knights of Pythias is to be established in New York.

—Isaac Leeser, Rabbi of the Portuguese Synagogue in Philadelphia, died on Saturday morning, aged sixty-two years.

—The petroleum refiners have spoiled, with their emptying and refuse, the drinking water of our neighbors of the Forest City.

—Margaret Anspach was convicted on Saturday, in Philadelphia, of murder in the second degree, in causing the death of her babe.

—A young man aged twenty-four has recently married a woman aged forty-two, who was his foster-mother and wet nurse in Dantzig.

—The victims of the famine in Algeria are so numerous that they are thrown promiscuously into trenches as the dead on a battle-field are buried.

—Mr. Edwin Stevens has assumed an interest in the firm of David Gibson & Co., Cincinnati. With so distinguished a partner the firm should meet with success.

—The most rapid promotion on record in the British army is that of Major General Carey, C. B., who twenty-three years ago received his commission as cornet.

—In the way of small sensations for Sunday, Chicago had a raving, ferocious lunatic at large and a case of poisoning. A little shooting affray wound up the quiet Sabbath evening.

—On Tuesday morning last Matthew Flynn was arrested in Kansas City, Mo. He is charged with the slight offense of killing two negroes and wounding a third at Fort Hays some time last December.

—A stranger stopping at a second rate hotel in Chicago had his clothes stolen from his room while he was in bed on Friday night. He was obliged to borrow articles in order to go to the shops to get more.

One of the ancient Saxon laws concerned leap year, and was a little more arbitrary than might always be pleasant. The lady had the privilege of proposing marriage, but the unfortunate man was not allowed to refuse.

—The Portland *Oregonian* says that thirty-five men from Bozeman captured eleven horse thieves in the Yellowstone valley, returned the horses to the owners and accounted for the thieves by saying that they had "gone to States."

—Miss Arabella Bernard was making a bed in her home in Kansas City last week, when she shook to the floor a pistol which was lying under the bolster. In falling, its load was discharged and entered into her person. She died next morning.

—They are evidently up to the times in Oregon, and we should say it is a good place for marriagable persons to go to. In Marion county, in that State, ninety-one marriage licenses were issued during the first three days of January.

—Mme. Miramon, the Princess Miramon, as she is now entitled to be called, is attracting much attention and sympathy in Vienna, where she is now residing at the request of the Emperor, who has granted her a very liberal pension.

—Charles Reade, the great reformer, and the wielder of as strong, true and pure Saxon a pen as was ever used in the battles which England has witnessed on the various questions of reform, is fifty-six years old, and as gay and pure and true as ever.

—The list of arrivals at the port of Philadelphia during the month of January, 1868, shows a large increase since the same month last year. In 1867 sixty-four vessels arrived during January, and in 1868 three hundred and twenty-eight vessels arrived. An increase such as this is truly gratifying.

—Some persons express surprise at the size of the pile which Mr. Bonner has seen fit to offer Mr. Bryant for his three poems. Three thousand dollars does seem pretty extensive, but then Mr. Bonner paid $30,000 for Norwood, which did not have as much in it, that amounted to anything at all, as a single stanza of Mr. Bryant's is sure to have.

—Milwaukee has no Water Works and wants them, but some stupid old fogies, such as obstruct the progress of every town object and have absolutely succeeded in thus far preventing the much needed improvement, and the consequence is that when a fire breaks out it burns until it burns out, for the means of extinguishing the flames are not to be had.

—The people of Atlanta, Georgia, have started a rumor that General Meade desires to be relieved. The wish is, as we have heard before, father to the thought, and sometimes to the hope, and General Meade's conduct has been too much that of a polished gentleman intent on keeping the laws of his country to suit the chivalrous people in whose midst he has been forced by the War Department.

—A wealthy gentleman has purchased a very elegant house in New York, which is superbly finished and furnished. The cost has been nearly $100,000, and he purposes presenting it to his daughter as a surprise on her return from a wedding trip which she is now making. The surprise may not be so pleasant to the young husband, who will have to meet the enormous expenses of living in such a house in New York City.

—The St. Louis Historical Society doubts whether Irving ever wrote a line which was or will be useful to mankind. The St. Louis Historical Society is evidently what the lamented A. Ward would call "a ass," and does not see how the beautiful can be useful, denies that the *dulce* is always the *utile* too. This Society deserves our pity, as all poor unfortunates do, but it will probably get a little scorn thrown in to heap up the measure.

—A man in Wheeling drove his wife and child out of doors into the cold night of Friday last. The two unfortunates were awakened by his threats of shooting them, and it was but with difficulty that they escaped into the street, and even then with no other protection against the bleak winter winds than flimsy night gowns could afford. A friendly neighbor offered them shelter and clothing, and they thus escaped being frozen to death, although they had traveled several squares before they reached the welcome refuge. We have heard, as yet, of nothing having been done to punish, or as some would say, to reform the brute who was the author of all this suffering.

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