

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

A YOUNG LADY once asked a young man to write her a sermon. The young gentleman, well known in the most elegant circles of some our largest towns, Pittsburgh among the rest, on the next Sunday sent her the following poetical and rather unorthodox homily on a slightly perverted text: I must obey thee, charming creature, Although thy voice says "be a preacher."

VARIOUS TOPICS.

—Bev. Chauncey Goodrich is dead. —There is a large paper mill in Mobile. —Charleston, S. C., is having asphaltum pavements. —The two ugliest men in Congress hall from Ohio. —The Pullman eating car is spoken of as a decided success. —The Grand Lama of Thibet is only fourteen years old. —Some Ohio boys of Mark Twain—this Twain is one flesh. —Servant women are scarce at ten dollars a week in Colorado. —Kansas City has a dozen attempts at burglary in one night. —A good quality of coal has been found in Grundy county, Mo. —Mrs. says that the standing order with beggars is: Present alms. —Michigan City is to have a very large and costly Roman Church. —Cheese made in copper vessels makes people sick in Kankakee, Ill. —There are more than a million of bushels of wheat stored in Minnesota. —The Chip—3 way Indians are called a race of scoundrels by an exchange. —On the 31st of March 30,000 musk rats were shot from St. Paul. —St. Louis swallows half a million dollars worth of oysters every season. —Eric has a suburb called Jerusalem, and it doesn't do much credit to the name. —A union of the Episcopians and dissenters in Ireland is spoken of as possible. —The New Orleans Times has leaders from the pen of Judge Alexander Walker. —\$14,240 per day is the income of Louis Napoleon. Francis Joseph has \$10,950 per day. —Maggie Mitchell has a new play called "Lorie," which she is playing in Washington City. —Forty-two negroes were baptized in the Ohio, at Henderson, Kentucky, a week before last Sunday. —Quincy, Ill., is about one hundred miles further west than St. Louis, a fact not generally known. —The Princess of Wales is anticipating another attack of rheumatism during the summer some time. —A grand niece of Benedict Arnold is said to be employed at the Treasury Department in Washington. —Blossoming fruit trees and young grapes are spoken of as among the effects of the delicious weather in Kentucky. —New Orleans was excited recently over the naked body of a man found in the City Park, partly eaten by buzzards. —Putnam and Zaneville are trying on the consolidation question, and, as is usual in such cases, don't agree at all. —England is to have a grand rose show shortly, at which the white and red roses will once more come in collision. —Colorado wants 1,000 unmarried women. Massachusetts wants as many men in the same happy condition. —A Louisville hotel advertised on Friday "The first clam soup of the season." Made probably from Ohio River mussels. —Phineas H. son of Brigham Young is dead. He was twenty years old and a rather good painter. He left several wives to mourn his early loss. —Three children in Kansas City were poisoned by eating unknown greens, which they had gathered themselves, but which their mother had cooked for them. —It has been estimated that Mr. Peabody and Miss Burdett Counts have done more for the elevation of the degraded classes of society than Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Dix. —A hog in Peoria ran into a house and stole a child from its cradle, with which it ran off. When about to devour it, its mother came up and deprived it of its contemplated meal. —On Monday has taken to praising St. Louis. The "Ovation" calls St. Louisians "a large-hearted people." Perhaps the two cities are going to make common cause against Chicago. —In Kentucky the demand for hemp is very brisk. If Governor Brownlow would do his duty in the "Ku-Klux-Klan," the demand for the same article would be much greater in Tennessee. —New Albany has a horrible ghost of a woman which haunts her former husband and his second wife. The story is vouched for by the advertisement of the house, in which the ghost seems to abide, for sale very cheap. —The Christianization is adding converts by the wholesale in Tennessee and

Kentucky. The Methodists are driving them hard, however, and a bitter rivalry is said to exist between the preachers of the different sects. —An English sporting man is going to open an agency in New York for the transacting of betting on the English races, and other English sports. It is a great pity that we cannot raise sufficient excitement in this country without importing a part of the Derby and other cockney amusements. —A young lady in Connecticut recently had twenty-four wens cut out of her head in two sittings. She is recovering. We have known a curious young lady to get more wens than that out of her head, besides a good many hows and whys and other fs, and all in one sitting too. —Mr. Burlingame gave a portrait of Washington to Len-ki-yu because that historian puffed the ancient George. A fine American watch was the reward of merit bestowed on Pero Gillie, a French missionary, who has always shown great kindness to any Americans who found their way to the Celestial Empire. —Among other terrible stories of the frightful famine in ill fated Algeria, is one of a woman who killed her twelve year old daughter and cut her up; gave parts of her to her other children, and was in the act of salting down the remainder when the military authorities came in and interfered with her economical household preparations.

LITERARY ITEMS.

—"Camco's from English History" is Miss Yonge's new work. —The Cincinnati Commercial sent out a thirty page extra last week. —"Madame de Maudslui" is the name of Henry Kingsley's last novel. —"English Seamen" is a very interesting book just out, from the pen of H. Fox Browne. —"Laurence of Guy Livingstone" re-nova has published in book form his Broadway novel "Breakspare." —S. Barling Gould, the author of Ourselves Myths of the Middle Ages has announced a new book of the same character. —The two new volumes of Kinglake's "History of the Invasion of the Crimea" are said to be forthcoming very shortly. —A shilling edition of Mr. Disraeli's ten novels has been issued since he has become prime minister. The demand is very great for them. —The last Republicans of Rome is the name of an article by Professor Goldwin Smith in the April number of Macmillan's Magazine. —A new edition of Sir Walter Scott's "Demonology and Witchcraft" with illustrations by George Cruikshank, has lately been published in England. —A new novel called "A Noble Woman" is announced from the pen of J. C. Jefferison the general author of "A Book about Doctors" and "A Book about Lawyers." —"M. l'Abbe de la Roque is the only direct descendant of the immortal Racine now living. M. de la Roque being a priest, may be safely looked upon as the last of his race. —Somebody says that Senator Wade will begin a suit for libel soon against the Cleveland Leader, on account of the manifest libel contained in a letter of George Alfred Townsend, to that paper, a few weeks ago. —Competition for the best essay "On the best way of developing improved political and commercial relations between Great Britain and the United States" has been invited by the Golden Club of London, and a gold medal has been offered as a prize. —Mr. Ruskin, who, not very long ago, spilt a little of his spleen across the Atlantic; a man whose language is no more beautiful than his brain is added; a painter who does not know how to use the brush, thus assails his superior in every way, Gustave Dore, on account of his recent illustrations of Balaac. —"Nothing more inventively horrible has yet been produced by the evil art of man; not can I conceive it possible to go beyond them in their specialities of corruption; there is not one which does not violate every instinct of decency and law of virtue or life written in the human soul." —The Beauties of Pittsburgh. A Western editor who has been to Pittsburgh thus describes some of the peculiarities of that place: "Pittsburgh people never have fresh air except when out of town. They live on a coal smoke and heating stoves. We inhale seven tons of coal the first hour we were there. The people breathe smoke, eat smoke, chew smoke and carry it in their pockets. It is now seventy-two years since Pittsburgh has been warmed or reached by the sun's rays." "Under the black cloud for several years condensing, underneath to penetrate the cloud of smoke over the city, got lost, became smoked, and fell like a certain edition of the Black Crook." "The ladies use smoke and coal dust to protect their complexion. Little boys and girls stand on the corners with wet brooms and sponges to wash people's faces for five cents. Everybody is of a color in Pittsburgh. At the postoffice window the clerk distinguishes people by certain signs, being impossible to see their faces for the layers of coal dust and smoke. We saw a little boy crying on the street because he had lost his father who was six feet ahead of him in the blackness. —Every one wears mourning in Pittsburgh. A teacher once went there to color hair and whippers. —A man's bustled in a week. Men kiss each other's wives in Pittsburgh. The casual conversation of children on streets first writing on their faces with a thumb nail or wet stick. —People feel their way by door knobs, and road by raised type. A man once stood in his room with raised windows, changed his shirt nine times in four minutes, and only got a clean one on him when the window fell by a mere accident and kept the smoke out. Met a man with a cold who had been blowing his nose, and that cold looks like a burnt stump, and each side of which a woodchuck had been burrowing. —Red clothes are unknown in Pittsburgh. —I have the window open, and sheets of smoke settle upon you like a newspaper from a machine press. Some few years ago some one fell into the city through the cloud of smoke. The smoke was not hurt, but the snow looked sick! Men carry lanterns to see to shake hands. —When looking at a woman who has been in the fashion to light a match. The black broadcloth by hanging a spider's web cut off filled with smoke, and was hot coal dust. They thought they were smoking, and swapped into smoke and fell for it." —The Christianization is adding converts by the wholesale in Tennessee and

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