

RIVALS. BY WILLIAM WALSH. Of all the torments, all the cares, With which our lives are fraught...

EPHEMERIS. Auber is the father of thirty-eight operas. Ristori will return to this country on the 29th inst.

—Miss Kate Reigold, the actress, has gone to Europe. —Weston is going to honor Buffalo by residing there.

—California has \$220,000,000 worth of taxable property. —Magie Mitchell is going to Fanchonize Chicago next week.

—Dr. Isambert published "Vivian Grey" when he was only twenty years of age. —The New Orleans French Opera Troupe is playing La Belle Helene in Cincinnati.

—No opposition is anticipated in Rhode Island to the re-election of Senator Sprague. —A Montreal paper says it was Hercules who invented the first sleighing (slaying) club.

—A man in San Francisco got thirteen years in the penitentiary and was properly served. —Mrs. Caroline H. Dall is going to publish an abridgement of Chevalier Bunsen's Egypt.

—Rogers, the sculptor, is doing up the courtyard of Edw. Crane and Katrina Van Tassel. —Rousted rats formed the chief dish at the table of a poverty stricken family in Buffalo.

—The well-known Water-side Retreat at Atlantic City was blown away by the recent gale. —The Lowell Courier, a paper with a funny man attached, calls the Pope "the old man of the See."

—Linda Carracola has made her debut in the opera at Florence and is looked upon as the coming sensation. —A Chicago edition of the Bible is proposed, with a couple of pages added to the family records for divorces.

—Parepa-Rosa sang the parts of Gabriel and Eve in the oratorio of "The Creation," at Hartford, Thursday evening. —Andrew Johnson's spirits are low these days, it is said. He gets, we suppose, a fresh supply pretty often, however.

—A sub-marine diver in Illinois has estimated that he has spent three years of his life under water. He should marry the Fejee mermaid. —Prof. F. Verdugo, who died recently at Salamanca, Spain, was the oldest physician in the world. He was 105 years of age, and had practiced 80 years.

—People's readings, admission ten cents, are being given in New York. Hon. Horace Greely presided at the third of the series, which was given last night. —It is said that Pierre Bernard, the husband of Caroline Richings, caned Dietrich, the ex-director of the English Opera troupe, out of the theatre in Cleveland.

—Some personalist says that Fanny Fern crimps her hair. Fanny says she does not do such thing. A question as to so much moment should be speedily decided. —A valiant Mississippian caused a minister the other day, because he had married his beloved to his rival. Ministers and magistrates beware of Mississippians!

—The war in South America is probably drawing to a close. Humata is expected soon to surrender, and by its fall to end the long protracted and unequal contest. —Robertson's new drama "Play" has been brought out at Mrs. J. Drew's theatre for the first time since it was first produced in London.

—Joe Jefferson has been getting photographic views of the Mammoth Cave taken, and it is rumored that he is going to have them reproduced in a gorgeous spectacular play. —An exchange says "a Troy man stabbed his wife in the breast the other day. Her life was saved by the same means used by General Jackson to win the battle of New Orleans."

—Two cents a pound is the price of mutton at Melbourne, Australia. Beef is three cents a pound in some parts of Texas. Life is so easy in those places, that no hesitancy is felt in taking it. —Theatricals in New York run low; Chaufray is the only popular star now playing there, but Wallace's stock company includes J. W. Wallack, E. L. Davenport and Rose Bytlinge.

—In France, Germany, Sweden and Saxony the average number of persons struck each year by lightning is 160 out of a population of 91,000,000. The majority of those struck are women. —Judy denounces Mr. Chasuble, the Ritualist, but says that if he can succeed in getting a church built there can be no objection to his having as Moore sang "a bright little aisle of his own."

—The salary of the Governor, General of Canada is \$50,000 a year; about as much is paid to the Lieutenant Governors, so that the Dominion has a very pretty little yearly outlay in salaries to start on. —The new steamer Japan sailed from New York yesterday to take its place on the San Francisco and China line. Two steamers, the Great Republic and China, are already running regularly on this line.

—There are two literary peers in the English House of Lords. Bulwer is now Lord Lytton, of Knebworth, Monckton Milnes is Lord Houghton, and it is said that Stirling Maxwell is soon to be raised to the peerage by Mr. D'Israeli, who will himself probably before long take a seat in the upper House.

—A grand ball to inaugurate Pike's new hall in Cincinnati is announced for the 15th inst. The names of Hons. Geo. H. Pendleton and Chas. F. Wiltach are included in the list of the committee of arrangements. —Julia Ward Howe is reading in Portland, Maine, and it is said she reads well. She is the lady who can converse fluently in eight different languages, which makes just eight more than a good many people can converse in.

—Swimburne is writing a poem on "Triumph and Iside." He differs so much in his estimate of the characters of the legends of the middle ages from the Laureate, that he is going to write an essay on the "Women of Arthurian Romance." —The little South American States are still playing their little game of revolutions merrily, and probably will keep on at it until annihilation ensues or somebody of strong-brained Saxon drops down on them and usurps the upper hand.

—Dr. Boynton, who, before the late war was distinguished as a lecturer on Geology, and who had his diagrams and scientific apparatus confiscated in Virginia by the Rebel powers, has returned to the lecturing field, and is drawing full houses in Philadelphia. —A sensational man is the thing most wanted just now. Sheridan, Johnson and Dickens have succeeded each other in rapid succession as the meteors to which all eyes were turned. —Who the next one is to be we can't say, but at present we have none.

—At Alton, Illinois, on Monday, a large laden with 800 tons of ice was burned. The loss sustained by the contagion was \$10,000. We cannot remember any more persevering fire. Eight hundred tons of ice would discourage any common spark from growing any larger. —All those people who all along have persisted in doubting the existence, in this world, of Dr. Livingstone, the great hero of Africa, will probably discredit the telegram to the effect that Sir Roderick Murchison has received a letter from the missing traveler, stating that he is well and progressing. —The late Maryland Legislature abolished the 4th of July holiday in the public schools of the State. The next thing will probably be the despoisoning of George Washington from the high position as Father of his Country, and the installment in his place of that sweet bird, Gov. Swann, whose sweetest song most of us would like to hear.

Female Gamblers in New York. The prevailing vice among New Yorkers is gambling. Men gamble in stocks and gold, and when the stock market is closed they indulge in the healthy pastime of "fighting the tiger," otherwise called faro. In many of the downtown business streets gambling "hells" are located in order to accommodate merchants with a "little game" during hours of toll. Up town, on Broadway, from Spring street even as far as Fort street, two or three gambling saloons are on each block, and the side streets are infested with them. Hovering about these doors are men arrayed in spotless broad-cloth and fine linen, shiny silk hats and dried moustaches, waiting, ready and anxious, to pounce upon the unwary and lead them to destruction. To what extent gambling is carried on, our police records will show. Bank clerks, cashiers and treasurers become defaulters, and the origin of the crime is traced to one cause, gambling. The police know this, and are cognizant of the whereabouts of each "hell," yet no effort is made toward their suppression. It is true a raid is occasionally made on some poor unfortunate, but the "big guns," like John Morrissey, John C. Heenan, George Beck, Joe Hall and others, go scot free. What is "sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," is an old saying, and the matter of gambling is no exception to the rule. The wives and daughters of our most wealthy citizens are afflicted with the mania, and play as deeply and heavily as their husbands and fathers. In Twenty-third street, near Madison avenue, is a gambling house, patronized exclusively by females. With the kind permission of your readers we will visit it.

It is a modest, unpretentious-looking house, the entrance scrupulously clean, and presenting no different appearance, externally, than those adjoining, save the blinds are all tightly closed. Ringing the bell, we are admitted by a gorgeously apparelled woman, who acts as janitress. On one side of the hall is a superb painting of "Leda and the Swan" on the opposite side is another painting, equally good, of Venus rising from the sea. Ascending the stairs, we are ushered into the parlors on the first floor. They are elegantly, even luxuriously furnished. The person who fitted up these rooms must have had exquisite taste. The paintings hanging on the walls are rare and valuable, but the most conspicuous, and the one that first strikes the eye and attracts attention, is the painting by Ary Scheffer of the gambling scene from Bulwer's play of "Money," and for which, it is stated, August Belmont has offered \$20,000 and been refused.

Seated around the room and at the gambling table are a number of ladies, all of whom are dressed in the height of fashion. The players are flushed with excitement, but the dealer, in her Pompadour waist, half revealing, half concealing an ample bust, sits calm and collected, and takes in the "chips" with the utmost sang froid. Ever and anon some player, when a heavy bet is lost, calls for wine, which is speedily supplied by an attentive and demure looking Hebe. Demure! Yes, but is the demureness of a cat. Offend her, and she will quickly show that she has claws.

That lady at the centre of the table, sitting between Anonyma and Aspasia, is the wife of one of our most wealthy merchants. I could tell you her name, but tales must never be told out of school. Observe that young lady, with a bonnet no larger than a cockle shell, and a Bismarck brown ribbon; the one who is now taking off her diamond ring to stake, and which she will lose as sure as eggs is eggs; is the daughter of an ex-Judge. Ah! our wealthy merchant's wife is a loser; see, she rises from the table biting her lips till the blood comes to conceal her emotions. Come, let us draw back, scenes do not make our opinion of poor, weak human nature the more exalted.

Is it any wonder that we so frequently see rewards offered for lost diamonds, rings, necklaces and bracelets? If we have the power of Amodeus, we would see these "lost" articles in the safe of some gentleman who has for his sign the old Lombardy emblem of three balls. The hints for gambling will be another money-making oblation. Yes, J. W. Hamlet was right; "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in our philosophy." —New York Cor. Syracuse Standard.

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