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# SELECT POETRY.

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down." And starts the "Devil" 'round the town. For "outs" and "doub's" he "spaces thin,' To get some triffing sentence in, And when he thinks the "copy's done"

The Editor has just begun To scratch his head and skin his brains To 'nounce a death or want of rains; And when the last bad manuscript Is done, there's something else been skip'd And must go in or "Jacob Brown Will come and tear the office down." Oft o'er a "case of pi'd" "Brevier" Have I seen "Henry" drop a teat, And George and Tom and Bill and Dick Take half a night to "fill a stick," And then they'd raise a mighty squall And swear that they had "done it all." Of all the lots that man can mourn No harder one can e'er he borne-No worse a life in fortune's wheel Than Editors and Printers feel. "Type."

# A Select Cale.

### From Godey's Lady's Book THE WAGER: OR, THE TWO WEDDING RINGS.

# CHAPTER I.

"Love you, Charley !--- no, not a bit !--What should put such a ridiculous idea into your head! Why, you are a mere boy!" "I am not, Ellen, I assure you. I have like a boy in the least. Have I, Indeed, cultivated this moustache with so much with yours." pains for nothing ? Am I not nearly twenty=one ? and, above all, do I not love you. devotedly ??? The reguish little Ellen made no an-

swer, but began to sing-"A little boy went out to shoot one day And carried his arrows and bow; For guns they are dangerous things for play, In the hands of little children you know." "Nonsense, Elly." "A little bird sat on a cherry tree

And whistled and said, 'you can't shoot me. "And neither can you, Mr. Charley,

# THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE

# At Washington.

We present our readers this week with an | May 12, 1838, informs the Secretary of State stonally a year or two at a time in the cities engraving of the Smithsonian Institute, at that James Smithson was the natural son of on the Continent, as Paris, Berlin, Florence, Washington, built with a portion of the \$500,- the Dake of Northumberland : that his mo- and Genoa, at which last place he died ; and 000 fund left to the United States by James ther was a Mrs. Macie, of an ancient family that the ample provision made for him by the Smithson, of England, "for the increase and of Wiltshire, of the name of Hungerford ; Dake of Northumberland, with retired and diffusion of knowledge among men." It will that he was educated at Oxford, where he simple habits, enabled him to accumulate the not be amiss to give a brief account of the took an honorary degree in 1786; that he fortune which passed to the United States. generous testator to whose liberality we owe took the name of James Lewis Macie, until What motives actuated him in leaving his such a legacy, and whose memory therefore a few years after he had left the University, property to this and not to his ewn country, should be endeared to every citizen of this when he changed it for Smithson; and that he we do not remember to have heard. Perhaps does not appear to have had any fixed home, some of our readers can enlighten us upon Republic.

The Hon. Richard Rush, in his letter of living in lodges when in London, and occa- the subject.

"Indeed you are, my dear," said Charles, | thought she saw a smile on the count's face, 1 Charles's last letter. She grew more and "over head and ears in love-but you don't she added hurriedly, and blushing deeply, more undecided. She knew not what to do or what to think. After a violent menknow it; and I suppose I must wait pa- "only a slight acquaintance." The count seemed well pleased with her tal conflict, she saidtiently till you find it out and tell me so."

answer. He remained beside her some "You will think it vety strange, but I "That will never be," said Ellen. "I have not forgotten our bet, Elly; and, time longer, and afterwards asked her to cannot answer your question; I feel that I when you reject your 'ideal,' and tell me dance. She could not, of course, but be do not know my own mind, I cannot denot a beyish feeling about me; and, as for you love me, I shall expect you to present conscious of the eclat of being the partner cide what I ought to do." my appearance, I am sure I do not look me with our wedding-ring; but, should you of the handsomest man in the room—he She paused, and trent She paused, and trembled exceedingly

me with our wedding-ring ; but, should you of the handsomest man in the room-he marry your blue-beard, I will present you whose smiles all were seeking ; but, though from nervous excitement. "Do not be agitated," said the count pleased and flattered, no mean feeling of

"Very well, sir," said Ellen, "I may triumph over her many rivals entered El- kindly, almost tenderly ; "much as I suffer meet with my 'ideal' sooner than you len's gentle heart. think, though I am but a 'lassie' yet;" and On the following On the following day the count called, be hurried in making your decision ; take

she tossed her toguish little head scorn- and afterwards they met constantly, and what time you wish to know your own always, as by mutual impulse, they seem- mind; permit me only to ask when I can "Well, well, Elly, don't be angry; re-member only this, that you have one plain, grew more and more devoted. Ellen was Ellen bastily named the next day, and,

honest-hearted lover, who will never for- most frequently his partner in the fascina- escaping from him, ran to her own room get you-and Elly, dear, let me advise you ting waltz, and he waltzed superbly. He to endeavor to compose herself before again to bewards the pole, he discovered that, by observation, he had only advanced three or ously labored in the fields, while at night, by bandits, and Spaniards are to be particu- fides were dangerous things. The count returned to the parlor, the count was not four miles. This continued during the whole the pale glimmer of a candle in one corner larly guarded against, being, as all young rode even better than he waltzed, and there. Oh, how inexpressibly dull and journey. Yet, with this continual impediation of his small inconvenient garret, he complete

WHERE IS SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ? We have no doubt that Sir John Franklin, is to be at the Straits in July, will be more rity and precision truly remarkable. the probable existence of a large body of wa- which they enter and close the doors. ter about the earth's pole. But the steady Three times a day, namely, at six o'clock

words, a clear sea at the north.

him to repass the icy barrier at once. Sir Edward Parry, in his attempt to reach ascends, and as often repeats the same morewhile my fate is undecided, you shall not

ing from 12 to fitteen miles daity, in a direct close so necessary fa a work of this

## SINGULAR CLOCK.

We take the following from the Scientific in his late Arctic expedition, took one of the American : Joseph Cussan, a farmer at Aropenings leading from Barrow's Strait, and guillon, France, and only 25 years of age, probably Wellington Channel; but he has and with a very limited education, has but a reached a point so far to the West that we short time ago completed a most wonderful doubt whether any of the ships which enter piece of mechanism in the form of a clock. the Arctic Sea from Baffin's Bay, will do more It is provided with several dials, which mark than discover traces of him. We think Sir the hours, minutes, seconds, the days of the John Franklin is alive, and that he will first week, those of the month, the months of the be heard from at Behring's Straits. On this years and conturies; the rising and setting account, we think boat parties sent towards of the sur, the rising and setting of the moon the Parry Islands from the expedition which &c., the tout ensemble moving with a regula-

likely to fall in with his ships, or such of The wheel works being admirably arranged their crews as survive, than the parties which behind a glass front, which is interposed for seek for him where he is supposed to have the purpose of protecting the delicate machientered the Arctic Sea. The party which nerv from dust, the visitor is enabled to exhas been directed by Sir George Simpson to amine the whole at a glance, and to satisfy proceed in boats or on the ice northwardly himself of the wonderful perfection, of each from the mouth of Mackenzie's River, will part of the apparatus, as well as of the regaalso stand a chance of crossing the path of larity of its movements. Below the wheels the missing ships, or of meeting with them. and dials, upon a surface about a yard in We are inclined to believe that Franklin length, ranges a beautiful gallery, with cells has taken a much more northerly course than in the middle and a tower at each end. When has been supposed ; particularly if he found the hour is about to strike, the door of one of Wellington Channel to extend to the sea. the cells is seen to open, and Time, armed The experience of Captains Scoresby, Buchan with his scythe, comes forth, followed by our and Parry, in their attempts to reach a high Saviour, who, with whip in hand, pursues and northern latitude, have shown that the great drives the grim messenger before him, forces field of see surrounding the northern pole of him into a cell, and secures the door. At the earth is carried southward by a current for first stroke of the clock, a small cock, perchbout three months during the summer, ed upon a cross surmounting one of the little These currents are constant as far as have towers, flaps its wings and stretches out its been observed. In Behring's Strait, in Baf- neck, as if about to crow. The striking of fin's Bay, and in the ocean east of Greenland the clock having ceased, Time and the they prevail constantly. All these go to show Saviour return to their respective cells, into

movement of the ice southwardly, must, of in the morning, at neon, at six o'clock in the course, leave an open space, or, in other evening, by means of an ingenious piece of

mechanism, the sound of the Angelus is Captain (now the Rev. Dr.) Scoresby, while heard. The Holy Virgin, leaving her cell, engaged in the Greenland whale fishery, appears for a moment on the gallery, and poshed his way through the barrier of float- then enters a chapel; at the same instant an ing ice in the vicinity and north of Spitzber- angel is seen to descend, flapping its wings, gen, when he came to an open sea. Neither from one of the miniature towers, and enterice or land was visible to the north, and he ing the chapel, places itself near the Virgin, was then about 500 miles from the pole ; but toward whom it inclines, as if about to adhe was engaged in a commercial enterprise, dress her with the sublime salutation of was unprepared to pass a winter in these re- which we read in the scripture. Mary begions, and must fill his ships with oil and re- comes agitated ; she trembles, and the beturn in the few weeks that remained. Pro- holder may perceive her holy fear. This dence, therefore, as well as duty, required touching scene takes place during the three first strokes of the Angelus. The angel twice

the North pole, in his fourth voyage, with ments and the same salutations just described boats, over the ice, travelled a much greater The whole of the wheel-works are comlistance from his ships than was necessary posed either of wood or brass. What an to reach the pole; but the whole body of ice amount of patience, to fashion and impart to was in motion southward; and after travel. them that degree of finish and nicety of acted his wonderful clock. The obstacles which he must continually have had to contend against, would have effectually dist heartened a less determined or enthusiastic mind At every stop a difficulty presented itself; but difficulties neither disturbed his patience nor shook his courage ; he planned, effected, and success crowned his efforts. What greatly enhances the merits of young Cusson, is having done all himself ; with his own hands he made the turning-lathe, the greater part of the tools with which he rought, as well as the wood and brain wheels and their appendages, &c. And his work is so exquisitely fashioned and so beautifully finished, that it would be an ornament to the most elegant saloon or drawing room. EXERCISE IN EARLY LIFE .- To fetter the active motions of children. as soon as they have acquired the use of their limbs is barbarious opposition to nature ; and to do so under the pretence of improving their manners, is an insult to common sense .- It may, ideed, be the way to train up elevated puppets for short-lived prodigies of learning ; but never to form healthy, well-informed, and accomplished men and women. Every feeling individual must behold with hearifelt conern, poor, little, puny creatures of eight, ten or twelve years of age, exhibited by the silly parents as proficients in learning, or as disagaished for their early mastery of languages, elocution, music, or even some frivoas acquirement. The strength of the mind as well as of the body, is exhausted, and the natural growth of body is checked by such untimely exertions.

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said Ellen, laughing. "I don't know about that," said Charles. saucily. "I think, little maiden, that you are more than half in love with me alrea-

"Just heat how the song goes on," said

1. (Only wait,' said the boy, 'till I get close enough, And see if I don't shoot you through ;' 'Do you think,' said the bird, 'I'm not up to snull', To sit and be shot at by you ??

Charles laughed in spite of himself, but eturned to the charge.

"But tell me seriously, Elly; why you don't love me, and I will move heaven and earth to be more agreeable to you: Tell me what you desire and wish for in a lover."

"Well, Charles, in the first place, my lover must be a handsome man, six feet high at least (you want full an inch of the standard.) then he must have a great bushy beard (excuse me, dear Charles, but your tittle moustache is rather a miserable substilute.) then he must waltz divinely, sing enchantingly; and love me as well of better than you do:"

"Pshaw !" said Charles; impatiently, "if you had such a lover, you would not like the grizzly bear one-half so well us you do me. I would bet you your wedding ring, that if such an one as you describe were to appear, which is not very likely, you would, after all, tell me that you would take me in preference."

"Tell you so, indeed !" said Ellen; in dignantly; "that will I never do, and I willingly accept your wager."

"Very well, Elly ; I see that you have some vague, romantic dream of some corsair of a lover, and, for the present, I stand but a poor chance ; but you know I am to set out on my travels to-morrow; and-

> "My love she's but a lastle yet, My love she's but a lassie yet; I'll leave her for a year or two, And she'll mae he so sauey yet.

Pardon me, Elly, you are fond of old songs -good-bye !" So saying, the gay and handsome young man left the apartment. The next day Charles came to take leave of Ellen, previous to going to South America, where he expected to sojourn for two or three years. They were both sadder than the day before, and Ellen's eyes looked very much as though she had been having a "good cry" before he came. "Well, Elly," said Charles after a while,

with an effort to be gay, "do you still per-sist in what you said yesterday ? don't you love me one bit ?" "Not much," said Ellen faintly.

"And do you still want that whiskerando f yours to come and woo and win you ?" "Not much," said Ellen again ; "that is great pet with the ladies." sav-

"Pshaw, Ellen' I see very plainly how the matter stands with you," said Charles. "You are in love with me, I tell you." "Indeed I am not, sir," said Ellen, indignantly

ladies know, exceedingly dangerous.

CHAPTER II.

Three years passed quickly away: Ellen sweetness and vivacity, several sincere admirers; but still the hero, the 'ideal' had

the joy with which his letters were received by Ellen, and known that the last

he became at times rather despondent .- act. But, unfortunately, about this time a per-

sonage who bid fair to feallize Ellen's romantic dreams appeared in society: He was a Spaniard and a count ; he was also handsome and accomplished-and all the girls were in love with him. Ellen heard of nothing but the count for some time before she met with him: She saw him at last at a party-one of her young friends pointed him out to her: As she looked

towards him, she saw a tall, noble-looking before she could decide between her white man, very dark, very handsome; and, bet crape dress and her pink silk. The white ter still; there was the magnificent beard: Soon afterwards; the count was introduced to lief ; and after a little conversation, dutainly looked very lovely. ting which the count sectried much agitated, he told her that she so strongly resembled a very dear triend he once had, that he could not look at her without emotion. The suppression of deep feeling on his part was so evident, that Ellen's warm sympa-

thies were excited at once. She became interested in him; more especially as she found that his conversational and intellectual powers quite equalled his sensibility Her own talents were called forth by his and she could not but feel that she was appearing to great advantage to the pensive

stranger: But soon, sooner than she expiected or quite wished, he left her and returned no more. Surely, thought Ellen, he will ask me to dance; but no-he returned no more that evening. Ellen went home a little disconted and vezed. The next evening she met with him again- tears. but he merely bowed and passed. A few side, and he contrived, after a time, to lead nights afterwards, they met once more at a friend's house: Towards the end of the evening, after Ellen had seen him admired

and flattered by half the ladies in the room, she was rather surprised when he came and took a quiet seat beside her. They soon fell into a very pleasant conversation .----The count had been a great traveller, and Ellen wished to speak; but she could no utter a single word. The count went on-South America. She ventured, timidly, to ask if he knew Charles Somers ?

"Yes, I have met with him in Valparaiso several times-a fine fellow, and a

Ellen blushed. "Is he a particular triend of yours ?" her, as if to support her; then as quickly withdrew it, and, rather embarrassed, offerasked the count.

"Yes-no," Ellen said, "not a very ed his arm. Ellen struggled for calmness, great, not a very particular friend " and but she was greatly agitated. She pressed "he never crics." "That's because he's he growing very much embarranced as she her hand to her bolom, and felt there ver washed," resement the youngster

almost tenderly.

looked so noble on his proud steed. As tiresome the time seemed till the company

they passed slowly through those beautiful, departed ! fresh, heart-warming country scenes, and Ellen passed a sleepless night ; but when

thro' those long, quiet, shady lanes, I will the count was announced on the following confess the time was perilous. Once in day, she went down to see him with a calm had "come out," and had gained, by her particular, when Ellen's horse was restive, and decided air; but when he came forand the count was obliged to soothe and ward to meet her, with his fine eves full of encourage the frightened girl, I will admit love and anxiety; she felt her heart sink, not yet appeared. Charles was still detain- that her heart was in great dangar. But if and she said quickly, in order not to give ed abroad, and was not expected back for the count's heart was in equal peril, he did herself time to relent-

another year at least. Could be have seen not show it-he was always calm and im- "It gives me more pain than I can experturable. Ellen could not decide what press to feel that I am disappointing so nohis feelings were, but she was almost sure ble a heart as yours; but, I contess to you was alwayskept in her bosom and read again he did not love her. Sometimes, indeed; -and I hope you will pardon me for not and again; he might have felt pretty well the thought it quite possible he might; if sooner knowing my own mind-I feel now assured of the state of her heart ; as it was, she only knew, she would know how to that another, unknown even to myself, had

CHAPTER III.

my heart before I ever knew you." The count grew pale. Ellen went on, in a faltering voice-

"Believe me, dear friend, when I tell One evening, after about two months' acquaintance with the count, Ellen gave a you that I have never known any one party. While at her toilet, it must be con- whom I regard so highly as yoursell, save fessed she consulted her mirror with more one-and I am sure that, had I never known Charles Somers, I should love you." than usual care. She could scarcely make "Charles Somers !" cried the count, in a

her dark hair smooth enough; and she, who generally the thit but little of dress, now wavered and debated for half an hour, joyful tone ; "ah, Elly, deat Elly, you are in his arms:

"Dear Charles;" said Ellen, after she had was at least chosen; and with a white wreath found her graceful head, she cerrecovered from her surprise, "how blind I was not to have known you sooner, though The evening advanced, but the count did you have to greatly changed: But tell me ot appear. Ellen's color rose and faded ---why all this disguise and mystery " not appear. Ellen's color rose and faded "It was the great change which had every time the door opened and closed; but he did not come until she had almost given taken place in my appearance," said Charles, him up. Ellen spoke to him almost coldly "which induced me to play this masqueras he greeted her; but very zoon she felt ade. I remembered your old wish for a her displeasure fading away under the hero lover, and I determined to see if charm of his conversational powers. His could win you in that guise. You see I manner was so kind, so deferential, so gen- have now most of the desired requisites-a

tle to her, that her heart softened to him tall figure, a tolerably handsome face; and, best of all, the large beard."

"I see, my friend, yed have lost none of He was called upon to sing, and as Ellen heard his rich volce, so full of feeling, and your concelt in your travels," said Ellen. "And could you, Elly, after all, find it in listened to the impassioned words of his your heart to give up this fine fellow and song; she telt a strange, wild joy in her heart . As he ceased singing, his eye your counters ship for your old lover Charles 1 Ab, dearest, sweetest little Elly, sought hers, as though he sung for her alone; you have lost your bet, for have you not She replied by a glance from eyes full of told me to my face that you love me !" The count was soon again by her

"Not before you told me so; count though you were," said Ellen: "But I claim my wedding-ring-the for-

the garden. The night was soft and warm. feit," said Charles.

"And I mine," said Ellen, duickly-she was going to add, "for I shall marry my 'ideal ;'" but she stopped and blushed. Matters were soon arranged between the lovers and, friends consenting; they in due time were married; as all such worthy and faithful love's deserve to be. One peculiarity only marked the ceremony. After the ring had been placed on the finger of the bride, she herself placed one in return on that of the groom.

Thus happily terminated "the Wager."

"THAT's a pretty bud, grandma," said a little boy. "Yes," replied, the old dame,

ment to his progress northward, he succeed ed in reaching a point a few miles beyond that attained by Dr. Scoresby. Now it is evident, that if he could have passed this barrier of floating ice, he would have reached an open sea, by which, in a few days, he could have gained the pole of the earth's centre. It is not known whether a sea exists west of Baffin's Bay and north of Barrow's Strait, or not. If Sir John Franklin found such a sea, and was successful in crossing the barrier of ice, he could make his way rapidly both northwardly and westerly. Such an event would carry him beyond the reach of vessels sent to his aid from Baffin's Bay, and it would not be surprising to hear from him at Behring's Straits, or even off the northorn coast of Siberia. Now, supposing all this

to be the case, the hardy navigators will find nd difficulty in procuring the means for subsistence, as whales are found in great nombers in the gea borth of Behring's Straits, on the flesh of which they might subsist. We do not, by any means despair of the return then my own for ever," and he clesped her of Sir John Franklin and his party ; and shall have strong expectations that these hopes will be realized in October or November tinxt.

> It is proper to state another argument in favor of the existence of an open sea near the North pole. In the late Antarctic expelition of Sir James Ross and Captain Wilkes, hey came to a mass of floating ice similar to that in the Greenland and other north polar seas. This barrier which was from 50 to 70 miles in width, was crossed, when an open sea was found beyond, which their ship also crossed, and made their discovery of a southern continent, or land.

The northern ice barrier is usually some hundred miles across, though in some seasons it is doubtless less than a hundred. This fact indicates a large space which the ice occupied, or a sea, differing from the southern pole, which seems to be surrounded by land .- Providence Journal

MARRIAGE WITHOUT LOVE .- The worst of all motkerles is a marriage without love; yo king together, but not a union , bondage with out a bond a multiplication of all the burdens of life for both parties, without a mutual life interest; and like the offering of a whole family to false gods whose demands are never satisfied, because, whatever the sacrifice, there is still no atonement. Too many matches are made in confusion, they have no faith in their composition, and, therefore, an abundance of sin. There may be since-

rity enough in them, but too often it is sinpero selfishness. The whole colinary apparatus of the Assyrian kings has been discovered by Mr. Lay-

ard, at Ninevah. aught in the Scinta River

MATRIMONIAL AGENCY .- A company has been formed in Boston, with a capital of \$15,-000, called "The N. E. Matrimouial Agency Co." Gentlemen in want of wives, and lalies in want of husbands pay \$3 and have their names registered. This done, they are entitled for one year to receive introductions and other assistance from the company.

New Caren.-Blessed are they that are blind ; for they shall see no ghosts .- Blessed are they that are deaf; for they never need nd any money, nor listen to tedlous storles. Blessed is she that would get married, but annot ; , for the consolations of the gospel are pers. Flessed are they that expect nothing ; for they shall not be disappointed. Blessed are they that do not advertise ; for they shall rarely be troubled with customers.

A LAWYER on his death bed, willed all his property to the Lunatic Asylum, saying as a reason for so doing that he wished his property to return to the liberal class of people who patronized him.

The total number of letters delivered in A FIRE weighing 931 pounds has been England the last year, was upwards of 237 millione

They both walked along in rather awkward silence. At length the count, in a supprested voice, said-"Dear Miss Ellen, permit me to say you one word, and ask you one question." Ellen wished to speak; but she could not

"I would-I must tell you briefly, but truly, that I love you, and ask if you can

-if you do-love me in return." Ellen was so agitated that she could scarcely support herself. The count, perceiving this, hastily threw his arm around

her through the parlor-conservatory into