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SELECT POETRY.

YOUNG GRIMES.

Old Grimes is dead, that good old man Whose name shall see him more;

He wears a coat of latest cut, He hat is new and gay;

His pants are zaiters, fitting snug O'er patent leather shoes;

A chain of massive gold is borne Above his flashy vest;

He wears a gold watch in his fob, From it hang golden seals;

His six feet tall, no post more strait, His teeth are pearly white;

His manners are of sweetest grace His voice of softest tone;

He jolly old Grimes' health, His whiskers hide his cheek;

A jockey tail adorns his face, He wears a coat of blue;

He has a head of iron, and a heart of steel, He has a head of iron, and a heart of steel;

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HINTS TO MUSICAL DAMSELS.

Sit in a simple, graceful, and unconstrained manner. Never turn up the eyes, or swing about the body, the expression you mean to give, if not heard and felt will never be understood by those foolish motions, which are rarely resorted to, but by those who do not really feel what they play.

As regards singing, practice two or three times a day, but at first no longer than ten minutes at a time, and let no one of those times be before breakfast.

When you intend to sing, read the words and see that you understand them, so as to give the proper expressions. Let all your words be heard. It is a great and common fault in English singers to be indistinct.

Study flexibility. Practice both higher, louder, and lower than you sing publicly, and when practising, open your mouth wider than would be graceful to do in company.

Accidental sharps ought to be sung with more emphasis than accidental flats. The Italian vowels a and i always have the same sound, but e has two different ones; the first like a in pain, the other like ee in fear.

Let the damsel be as simple as a child, and let her be as graceful as a swan. Let her be as sweet as a rose, and let her be as pure as a lily.

Let her be as kind as a dove, and let her be as true as a friend. Let her be as brave as a lion, and let her be as gentle as a lamb.

Let her be as wise as an owl, and let her be as brave as a lion. Let her be as kind as a dove, and let her be as true as a friend.

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A FOX'S REVENGE.

The Rev. J. Murray, in his work on Creation, tells the following story: "An old and respectable man of the county of Montgomery, used frequently to relate an anecdote of a circumstance which he saw. In his youth he resided on the banks of the Hudson river. One day he went to a bay on the river in order to shoot ducks or wild geese. When he came to the river he saw six geese beyond shot. He determined to wait for them to approach the shore. While sitting there, he saw a fox come down to the shore and stand for some time and observe the geese. At length he turned and went into the woods, and came out with a very large bunch of moss in his mouth. He then entered the water very silently, sank himself, and then keeping the moss above the water, himself concealed, he floated among the geese. Suddenly one of them was drawn under the water, and the fox soon appeared on the shore with the goose on his back.

He ascended the bank and found a hole, made by the tearing up of a tree. This hole he cleared, placed in the goose, and covered it with great care, strewing leaves over it. The fox then left, and when he was gone, the hunter unbroke the goose, closed the hole, and resolved to await its issue.

"In about half an hour the fox returned with another in company. They went directly to the place where the goose had been buried, and threw out the earth. The goose could not be found. They stood regarding each other for some time, when suddenly the second fox attacked the other most furiously, as if offended by the trick of his friend. During the battle he shot them both."

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FURNISHING GOODS. Consisting of Shirts, Stocks, Handkerchiefs, &c., all of which are offered at the lowest possible price.

LEARNING REEDS. THIS subscriber has constructed a LIGHTNING ROD on true Philosophical principles, by which buildings supplied with them are protected perfectly secure against destruction by lightning.

TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS. 20 per cent saved. Country Merchants Buying BOOTS & SHOES can save 20 per cent by calling on Wm. S. King.

NATIONAL HOTEL, SHAMOKIN, Northumberland County, Pa. (The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has opened a new Hotel in the town of Shamokin, Northumberland county, on the corner of Shamokin and Commerce streets, nearly opposite to the house he formerly kept.)

JAMES H. MAGEE. All removed from his old stand, No. 118 Vine street, to No. 52 Dillwyn St., (bet'n Cal'hill & Willow) where he has constantly on hand, BROWN STOUT, PORTER, Ale and Cider.

FOR HOME CONSUMPTION OR SHIPPING. N. B.—Coloring, Bottling, Wire and Bottles, Vinegar, &c. For sale as above. Philadelphia, April 12, 1851—ly.

LYCOMING Mutual Insurance Company. J. B. MASSER is the local agent for the above Insurance Company, in Northumberland county, and is at all times ready to effect insurances against fire on real or personal property, or renewing policies for the same. Sunbury, April 29, 1851—4f.

A Select Tale.

OUR GUNNER'S SHOT.

Our noble ship lay at anchor in the Bay of Tangier, a fortified city in the extreme north-west point of Africa.

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