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SELECT POETRY.

THE ROEMER BELLE.

The daughter sits in the parlor, And to us in her easy chair; She's clad in rich silks and satins, And jewels are to her hair...

She looks so lovely in the morning, Till nearly the hour of noon; Then comes down a sipping and snoring, Because she was called so soon; Her hair is still in the papers, Her cheeks still dabbled with paint...

She falls in love with a fellow, Who works with a foreign air, He marries her for her money, She marries him for his hair; One of the best of matches, - Both are well matched in life, She goes a fool for her husband, He's got a fool for his wife.

A Select Tale.

A STORY FOR THE CREDIBLES.

THE THREE BRIDES.

Do you see, said the sexton, those three altars yonder, side by side? There sleep three ladies whose history I am about to relate. Look there, sir, on yonder side you see a little desolate house, with a struggling fence in front, and a few wind-dapple trees on the ascent behind it...

The father was a self-taught man, deeply versed in the mysteries of science, and he could tell the name of every flower that blossomed in the wood or grew in the garden, and used to sit up late at night at his books, or reading the mystic story of the starry heavens...

Perhaps you will think it strange, young man, that after all, the wretched survivor stood again at the altar. Madeline! I will remember her. She was a lady in the true sense of the word, but she might have sat upon the throne, and the most loyal subject, the proudest peer, would have sworn the blood in her veins descended from a hundred kings...

Years rolled away, and the old man died. He died when a sudden storm convulsed the face of nature; when the wind howled around the sheltered dwelling, and the lightning played above the roof, and though he went to heaven in faith and purity, the vulgar thought and said that the Evil one had claimed his own in the elements; I can't point to you the grief of the son at his bereavement. He was for a moment as one distracted. The minister came and muttered a few hollow phrases in his ear, and a few neighbors, impelled by curiosity to see the interior of his dwelling, came to the funeral...

The real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that will amuse, not destroy; occupation that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, and adversity life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible.

ONE OF THE WEDDINGS.

A few days ago, there arrived in Boston a couple from Rhode Island, who came to get joined quietly in the bonds of matrimony...

"Say husband!" interposed the stranger pointing to his modest delineation in the corner of the parlor, "this is my young woman - Now we've come all the way from Rhode Island, and want to get spliced. Send for a minister, will yet - want it done up right straight - if?"

"You promise, Mr. -" said the parson, "to take this woman?" "Yas," said the Yankee, at once. "To be your lawful and wedded wife." "Yas - yas."

"You will love and honor her in all things?" "Yas." "That you will cling to her and her only as long as you live?" "Yas, indeed - nothin' else!" continued the Yankee, in the most delighted and earnest manner...

"You have been published, sir, I think?" "Hain't again! to be sure! it's us we come here for; on the sly; go on, go on old teller." "I really, sir," said the parson, "don't fail you see, I'm I saw you; you're married men, and ain't touched her. Go on - don't stop here, but ain't get the thing, now by gracious!"

"You will love, honor, and obey?" "That'll um!" said Jonathan, as the lady bowed again. "And that you will cling to him, as long as you both live?" "That's the talk," and the lady said yes again.

"The hour of consummation has arrived. It is God that impels me to speak. To win you, I lost my own soul. Ye see - I am a murderer!" She smiled on him in the joyous affection of her young heart, but I gave her the fatal drop. Adelaide twined her white arms around my neck, but I administered the poison! Take you to your arms; I have lost my soul for you, and mine you must assume!"

"He stands before you!" was the thrilling answer. "And then?" continued he in a hollow voice, "but that moment came the thunder, and the guilty woman fell dead on the floor!" The countenance of the narrator expressed all he felt.

While seated before a cheerful fire in your comfortable, cosy sitting room, with the form of a poor, half-starved, shivering creature nestled into itself between you and the hearth? If it doth, let the next miserable human being you meet, find a kind smile on your face; and your hand in your pocket. That's our way.

A TRUCK HERO.

"There is an endearing tenderness," says Washington Irving, "in the love of a mother for her son that transcends all other affections of the heart!"

Some two years ago a young man, belonging to Philadelphia, was returning by rail-road from the town of Reading, Pennsylvania. By an accident which happened to the train as it was approaching town, and while he was standing on the platform, he was thrown off and fell partly under the wheel of the succeeding car, and his right arm (narrow-bones and all) was crushed to a jelly, and dropped uselessly at his side.

"Drive at once to Dr. M. -" in Walnut Street. "Hain't you better go immediately home?" asked his friend. "No," said he, "I don't want them to know anything about it till it is all over."

"Well, my dear fellow," said the surgeon for he was well acquainted with his patient, "you know, I suppose, what must be done. My surgical table," said the doctor, "is below."

"Can it not be done without that?" asked the sufferer. "I cannot be tied - I cannot be held. Amputate my arm here, doctor, he continued, holding out his dangling limb over the back of the sofa. "O! here, doctor; I shall not flinch; I shall not interfere with your operations!"

"The limb was bared; and two attendants medical students in the house, were summoned. The arm was taken off above the elbow, while the patient sat as he had requested, uttering no groan nor a single word, while the operation was being performed. The dressings were applied; and, attended by his friend, the patient had reached the door, on his way to his own house, which was very near by, when he turned round to the surgeon, and said, "Doctor, I should like to look at my arm once more; pray let me see it!"

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THE MYSTERY OF THE AMERICAN LAKE.

Lake Erie, says the Dublin Magazine, is only sixty or seventy feet deep; but the bottom of Lake Ontario, which is 452 feet deep, is 230 feet below the level of the ocean...

"Now, as the discharge through the river Detroit, after allowing for the full probable portion carried off by evaporation, does not appear by any means equal to the quantity of water the three upper great lakes receive it has been conjectured that a subterranean river may run from Lake Superior to Huron, and from Lake Huron to Lake Ontario."

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HINTS-GATHERING.

If your flat-irons are rough, or smoky, by a little fine salt on a flat surface, and rub them well; it will prevent them from sticking to anything starched, and make them smooth.

"Oats straw is best for the filling of beds, and it is well to change it as often as once a year. Cedar chests are best to keep flannels, for cloth moths are never found in them. Red cedar chips are good to keep in drawers, ward-robes, closets, trunks, &c., to keep out moths.

"When clothes have acquired an unpleasant odor by being from the air, charcoal, laid in the folds, will soon remove it. If black dresses have been stained, boil a handful of fig leaves in a quart of water, and reduce it to a pint. A sponge dipped in this liquid and rubbed upon them, will entirely remove stains from crapes, bombazines, &c.

"In laying up furs for summer, lay a tallow candle in or near them, and danger from worms will be obviated. PRICE CURRENT FOR DECEMBER. TO SUIT ANY MARKET. Carefully compiled and corrected by S. Quick, Jr. HONESTY - Little in Market. PATRIOTISM - Fine quality - no demand. Second quality - principally bought up by speculators. PUNCTUALITY - At par; (all held by old stockholders). MODESTY - None but damaged parcels in market. VICE - Large quantities held; no sales. PRIDE - Market glutted. POLITENESS - Very cheap; but the owners appear indifferent about the disposal of it.

"ECONOMY IN FUEL." - Let the coal ashes which are usually thrown into the dust bin, be preserved in a corner of the coal hole, and add to them from your coal heap, an equal part of the small coal or slack, which is too small to be retained in the grate, and pour a small quantity of water upon the mixture. When you make up your fire, place a few round coals in front and throw some of this mixture behind; it saves the trouble of sifting your ashes, gives a warm and pleasant fire, and a very small part only will remain unburnt.

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POWER OF IMAGINATION.

The influence of the imagination on the nervous system has, on some occasions, produced effects bordering on a state of insanity. The following which we copy from an exchange paper, is a case in point:

"A few years since, Elijah Barns, of Pennsylvania, killed a rattlesnake in his field without any injury to himself, and immediately after, put on his son's waistcoat, both being of one color. He returned to his house, and on his attempting to button his waistcoat, he found to his astonishment that it was much too small. His imagination was now wrought to a high pitch, and he instantly conceived the idea that he had been bitten imperceptibly by the snake, and was thus swollen from the poison. He grew suddenly very ill, and took to his bed. The family, in great alarm and confusion, summoned three physicians, and the usual remedies were prescribed and administered. The patient, however, grew worse every minute, until at length his son came home with his father's waistcoat dangling about him. The mystery was instantly unfolded, and the patient, being relieved from his imaginary apprehensions, dismissed his physicians, and was restored to health."

"WHY SHOULD ANY ONE SWEAR?" I can conceive no reason why he should, but ten reasons why he should not. 1. It is mean. A man of high moral standing would almost as soon steal a sheep as swear. 2. It is vulgar; altogether too low for a decent man. 3. It is cowardly; implying a fear either of not being believed or obeyed. 4. It is ungentlemanly. A gentleman according to Webster, is a gentle man, well bred, refined. Such a one will no more swear than go into the street to throw mud with a loafer. 5. It is indecent; offensive to delicacy, and extremely unfit for human ears. 6. It is foolish. "Want of decency is want of sense." 7. It is abusive - to the mind which conceives the oath, to the tongue which utters it and to the person to whom it is aimed. 8. It is venomous showing a man's heart to be a nest of vipers, and every time he swears, one of them sticks out his head. 9. It is contemptible - forfeiting the respect of all the wise and good. 10. It is wicked; violating the law and provoking the displeasure of Him who will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

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