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SELECT POETRY.

PICTURES OF MEMORY.

BY ALICE CAREY.

Among the beautiful pictures That hang on Memory's wall, Is one of a dim old forest...

SWEETHEART ABBEY.

BY G. P. O.

At the foot of the lofty mountain of Criffell, which rears its cloud-capped summit in towering majesty...

Nithsdale had been educated under the care of Malcolm of Iona, a monk, who was renowned for learning, benevolence, and piety.

All entreaties and remonstrances were in vain. The Baron replied, "I respect thy office, venerable father, in all things save one—my family bond of revenge."

The blood forsok her cheeks, she stood gazing on her father, pale and beautiful, yet fixed and firm as a marble statue.

Carron and Minna were the first couple whose hands were united in the Abbey church. The following year, the heather blossomed over the Baron's grave...

A PERFECT WIFE. Edmund Burke, the distinguished orator, presented to his wife on the anniversary of their marriage, his idea of a "perfect wife," which is supposed to be a true portrait of Mrs. Burke.

POETRY.

A PAUPER'S DEATH-BED.

BY CAROLINE H. SOUTHEY.

Tread softly, low the head— In reverent silence bow; No passing bell doth toll, Yet an immortal soul is passing now.

HEAVEN.

Whittier, speaking of Heaven, says: "We naturally enough transfer to our idea of Heaven whatever we like and reverence on earth."

THE CHURCH-YARD BEEBLE.

Frazier's Magazine has lately contained a number of very interesting papers called "Episodes of Insect Life," from the last published one of which we make an extract, as follows:

A German named Gladfish, who had laid some dead moles upon the beds in his garden, whether as examples of retributive justice for their defacement of his borders and walks, or for other good reasons, or for none at all, does not appear, observed that the bodies of the little gentlemen in velvet disappeared mysteriously. He watched, and found that the agents were beetles, which, having first deposited their eggs in the carcasses that were to be the provision for their larvae, buried the bodies, so that they might be safe from predatory birds and quadrupeds.

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A change then came over the spirit of the male, for he drove the female away, and worked by himself for five hours at a stretch. He lifted the body, changed its position, turned and arranged it, coming out of the hole mounting on the dead bird, tramping on it, and then again going below to draw it down deeper still. Warded with his incessant efforts, he came out and laid his head upon the earth beside the object of his labor, remaining motionless for a full hour, as if for a good rest. Then he crept under the earth again. On the morning of the next day the bird was an inch and a half below the surface of the ground, but the trench remained open, the body looking as if laid upon a pier, surrounded by a rampart of mould. When evening came it had sunk a half inch lower. The next day the burial was completed, the bird having been completely covered. More corpses were now supplied, and in fifty days twelve bodies were interred by the four beetles in this cemetery under a glass case.

MOORE COAL-BURNERS.

Three more of the Moore coal-burning locomotives have been placed upon the Railroad within the last ten days. They are called the "Poncho," "Kenebe," and "Nobaska." Secretaries, instead of ten of these new locomotives have been ordered by the Company, and will all be running upon the road within the present year. They are intended exclusively for the coal transportation, and will increase the capacity of the road to a weekly tonnage of from 50,000 to 55,000 tons a week. The coal tonnage this year, already exceeds that of last year, to the present time, 187,000 tons. The total amount of coal transported last year, was 1,088,961 tons. This year, it will probably reach, if it does not exceed two millions. —Reading Gazette.