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Select Poetry

OLD LETTERS.

Old letters! wipe away the tear, And gaze upon these pale mementoes, A pilgrim finds his journal here...

Select Tale.

CHRISTMAS-DAY ON AN ICE-BERG.

I passed my Christmas day, some years ago, on board of the fine East Indian ship "Southern Cross," one thousand tons register...

the timber we was waiting for from coming down the St. Lawrence; so 'twixen that, and the laziness of the steward, and the captain, saving you precious being, you see—just so, sir, (to the doctor, who was raising his glass to his lips) 'twixen that...

"No, sir, what the doctor said. He was always up to some kind of a trick, but he wouldn't say to me, 'Ben, I must have a shot at that chap!'"

"Well, sir, we pulled toward the iceberg over hand, for it was dreadful cold, the air coming off it regular fresh, and we took a good many pulls at the bottle too, to keep us warm. We could see the bear a sucking his paws, and hear him snuffing and growling as if he meant summer-warm."

"When we got to the iceberg we found that it wasn't above a foot out of the water—the flat, I mean, where the bear was—so we made quick work and ran the painter round a big nub of ice to hold the boat, and all three of us climbed upon the ice. It was rough work getting over it, though."

"Hottish weather for Christmas-day, Ben," said I, as he set down the empty glass with immense care that it should rest perfectly upright on the table.

"On an iceberg," we echoed, and halping Ben to another glass to wind him up, we got to talking about the doctor, and how he endeavored to render his narrative as nearly as possible in his own words. His pronunciation, however, of some of them is quite unspelling."

drifting hard in our faces, for all the world as if it was somebody a spitting. "After a long and a halting ourselves horse to try and make 'em aboard, we determined to wrap ourselves up in the bear-skin, and wait for daylight. It was pretty well big enough to hold all three, and the doctor had got a blanket besides."

The Douglas Festival in Washington—How the People Danced. A Washington correspondent of the Cleveland (O.) Plaindealer thus writes in relation to the festival at the house of Senator Douglas, at Washington. He says:

Coffee and Milk. D. D. A. Caron, of Paris, has recently been engaged in investigating the effect of breakfast on this favorite beverage; and from the results, he thinks he is justified in asserting that most of the nervous and allied disorders which affect the dwellers in large cities, are traceable to this source.

RACHEL'S LAST HOURS.—Parting with Her Jewels.—In the early stages of Rachel's final illness her fondness for gold and jewelry did not desert her. She frequently had her jewels and rich garments brought to her bed, and she would sit up in bed, looking over them; and on one occasion, after taking one long and lingering look at them, she exclaimed with a sigh of heartfelt distress, "I find those gaudier tools!"

A GOOD MATCH.—A writer in the Home Journal describes a couple who were "not un- equally yoked together."

SHALL I OYSTERS.—The consumption of oysters in Paris has increased to such an extent, as to seriously injure the oyster trade. A wholesale dealer in a new fish market is devoted to these delicacies.

Poetry

(From Punch.)

MY FLYING. A FANTASTICAL PASTORAL. Tell me, Gentle, have you seen, My Flying has this way? You may know the Niles I mean, Her wily little getting...

Of her hair she shows the roots, Shams Bowers the root general! And she's crippled by her boots, With the military heel.

MORMONISM.

We make the following extracts from the speech of Mr. John Thompson of this State, delivered in the House of Representatives Jan. 27.

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"Under the new-light preacher of that day, Smith became imbued with all the wild and extravagant notions of seeing signs, bearing voices, receiving revelations, meeting and fighting the devil in bodily form, which indicated a diseased imagination and a morbid mind. He received a fixed principle on religious subjects. Enthusiasm ran mad through the whole region where he dwelt, and Smith was one of its most brilliant exemplifications, ultimately having a revelation that all existing systems of religion were wrong, and that he should be made the prophet of a new faith. For more than five years he vibrated between his caution and his enthusiasm, giving out occasionally dark hints about certain mysterious plates to be dug up by him, containing a new revelation. But at length he was swept in a fine and delirious manner into a state of utter fanaticism, and he remained in this state until he was killed by a mob of men, who were determined to produce a perfect clarification, which is highly important."

Recipes.

To Bake Breads.—Cov. MEAL PEANUTS.—Boil a quart of water, until it begins to boil. Put in a teaspoonful of alum while they are boiling. Then strain off all the water in which they have been boiled, and put them in a pan or basin large enough to hold them, and a piece of fine cloth or muslin, which will catch the alum, and strain them through it. Wash them twice more with water, and let them dry in the sun. They will keep for a long time. As a fitting accompaniment, I will add a recipe for FRUIT CAKE.

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Business attended to in the Counties of Northumberland, Union, Lycoming, Montour and Columbia.

NEW STORE.

ELIAS EMERICH,

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Lower Augusta township and the public generally, that he has purchased the Store generally kept by Isaac M. Marx, in Lower Augusta township near Emmett's Tavern, and has just secured a splendid stock of...

Fall and Winter GOODS.

is stock consists of Cloths, Cassimeres, Castles of all kinds, linen, cotton and Worsted. Also, Calicoes, Ginghams, Lawns, Mouseline Laines and all kinds of Ladies Dress Goods, GROCERIES, Hardware, Queensware of various styles and patterns.

PATENT WHEEL GREASE.

WHEEL Grease is recommended to the notice of Wagoners, Livery Stable keepers, &c., as giving Superiority to anything of the kind ever invented. As it does not gum upon the axle, is much more durable, and is not affected by a weather remaining the same in summer of winter, and put up in tin cans at 37 1/2 cents for sale by A. W. FISHER.

MUSIC!

T. O. KIMBALL, late of Elmira, having become a resident of Sunbury, respectfully informs the citizens and others, that he intends forming a Singing Class, both secular and sacred, and will accept instructions to all who may desire place themselves under his charge.

Philadelphian Dry Goods!!

SHARPLESS BROTHERS, LATE TOWNSEND SHARPLESS & SON, HAVE removed to their new store, N. W. corner of Chestnut and 8th Streets, and are opening a full assortment of Sunbury and Winter DRY GOODS, which they will sell at very low prices.

SUNBURY STEAM FLOURING MILL

subscribers respectfully announce to the public, that their new Steam Flouring Mill has been completed, and will go into operation on Monday the 31st day of August, next.

GILBERT BULSON,

Successor to O. CAMPBELL & CO. AND L. C. IVES, (Formerly No. 15 North Wharves.) DEALER IN PRODUCE, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, No. 4 North Wharves, 4th door west street, Philadelphia.

810 and 815 Single and Double Threaded Empire Family Sewing Machines.

AGENCY for the sale of these Sewing Machines can be secured on liberal terms for the County of Northumberland. No one need toil without capital sufficient to conduct the business properly and who cannot bring references as to reliability and capacity. A personal visit will be necessary.

JOHNSON & GOODALL,

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