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## Select Poetry.



### 1 LOVE YOU FOREVER.

[The following waif expresses the lamentation of many a heart disappointed in its aspirations.]

I shall not forget you: the years may be tender.

But vain are their efforts to soften my ·smart. And the strong hands of Time are too fee-

ble and slender. To garland the grave that is made in my

Your image is ever about me-before me. Your voice floars on the wing of the wind-And the spell of your presence in absence is o'er me,

And the dead of the Last in the present I find.

I cannot forget you-: the one boon ungiv-The boon of your love is the cross that I

bear; In the midnight of sorrow I vainly have striven To crush in my heart the sweet image hid

there

To benish the beautiful dreams that are Pronging

The halls of my memory-dreams wors 'han vain;

For the one drop withheld I am thirsting and longing,

For the one joy denied me I'm pining in

I would not forget you : I live to remember The beautiful hopes that have bloomed to

decay. And brighter than June glows the bleakest

December, When peopled with ghosts of the dreams passed away.

Once loving you truly, I loved you forever; I mourn not in weak, idlegrief for the past: But the leve in my bosom can never, oh!

Pass out, or another pass in, first or last.

# Miscellaucous Reading.

## THE DOCTOR'S STORY.

"Speaking of dreams, presentiments, warnings, and the like," said the doctor, as he removed from his mouth the cigar he had been smoking, "reminds me of a little incident of which I was the hero, when I was down in Virginia, and which did more toward making me a believer nings of coming events,"

"Of course we shall be glad to hear it," I replied. "Who ever heard of a party of hunters who were not glad to listen to the rain ceased falling, and the clouds slowa story? Even a poor one is better than ly cleared away. The dream made such none, and anything calculated to throw an impression on my mind that I resolved some light upon the subject we have been to attempt to find the stream I had seen discussing, will be of special interest at so plainly in my dreams, and if it appearthis time."

in, enjoying the invigorating air of an soon after the rain was over, I got ready conversation took place. By "we" I mean | casion to visit the station in this direction,. self; and at the time of which I write, with this part of the country. But I found for a couple of months' recreation at fish- dream. ing and hunting in the Adirondack re- "Immediately after starting, I passed

but a few rods in front of my door, and a | and if it passed over in safety, there could | ever much the human body may become station and considerable of a village a- be, I thought, but little danger of accibout a mile to the west. The nearest sta- dent to the lighter passenger train. tion to the east was about ten miles disslowly recovered.

her brother, who lived about fifty miles to air. care; but after waiting a few days, and I immediately crossed the bridge, resolv- world, for all that.

advice, and accordingly, one fine pleas-ant morning of April, after doing every thing she could for my comfort, and bid-went on in the direction from which the

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Float to the sodden grasses.

Forever and ever the shrivering trees and two weeks.

my wife left me was dry and pleasant. I reading, occassionally varied by some kind neighbor who would come to inquire after my health. On very warm and pleasant days I would venture to take a short walk to gather wild flowers, which were then in bloom in the forests near by.

ed a very curious and startling dream .future a couple of days, and instead of Wednesday, the 24th, it seemed in my dream to be Friday, the 26th. It seemed to me that a heavy rain had been falling the most of the day, and all of the of woods about a half a mile wide; then for about a mile through a cleared field containing a ccuple of farm houses, one entered another wood, and, after walking about a mile and a half, I came to a stream greatly swollen by rain, which had weakened the railroad bridge so much that the passenger train, in attempting to dross, had broken it down, and the bridge on both sides of the stream, except portions that were floating down. Some of he had so narrowly escaped. the passengers lay dead or dying among the ruins, some were floating in the water, and a few-were clinging to the trees and

"Although it was night, I seemed to see all these things very distinctly, and can well remember my feelings as I surveyed the scene. While viewing the laof the manigled and lifeless form of my wife, and with a wild cry I awoke.

"This dream made so great an impression on my mind that I lay awake for the remainder of the night.
"The next day, early in the morning,

rain through the day and the following night. I felt very lonely and uneasy all day, which feeling was increased by receiving a letter from my wife, saying that ne intended to come nome night, on the express train. I retired late, feeling much worried on account of my fearful dream. And, to add to this fear, presentiment, or whatever you may call it, the dream was repeated, and even more distinct and vivid than the first.

"When I arose in the morning, the rain in such things, than listening to a dozen was still falling. This was on Friday, lectures or arguments could have done, and therefore the day on which my wife I will relate it to you if you wish, and I was to start for home. There were two think you will then agree with me that I passenger trains from the east each day. have some reason for believing that dreams one at nine c'clock in the forencon, and are sometimes sent as forerunners or war- the other at nine in the evening. The last war the express, and the one in which my wife was coming.

"Toward the middle of the afternoon ed at all dangerous, to attempt to stop the We were sitting just outside of our cab- train before reaching it. Accordingly,

gion. On the evening in which the above through the piece of woods I had seen in conversation took place, we had been en- my dream, and then entered the cleared gaged in a discussion on the subject of field, and found the two farm houses, one dreams and omens; Charles and I hold- inhabited and the other deserted. In fact, ing to the belief that all omens, warnings everything seemed as natural as if I had and supernatural sights and sounds were been this way before. 1 walked slowly, they are in the loftiest one. "Life is like sufficiently recovered himself to proceed, purely imaginary, while the doctor took and late in the afternoon I came to the the opposite side of the argument, and stream, which flowed rapidly, and seemed maintained that there were well-authenti- much swollen. But the bridge, instead of the curtain falls, we mingle in the comcated instances of persons having been being broken down and mangled with the warned of some approaching danger to broken cars and mangled passengers, was themselves or friends, and that future c. still standing, and though its timber lookvents were sometimes plainly revealed in ed quite old and weather-beaten, there rily limited, yet their limit of usefulness dreams. "Several years ago," commenced the down beneath the weight of a passenger doctor, "I resided as you are aware, in a train. There was a heavy freight train wild, mountainous, and rather lonely re- due from the west about six o'clock, and gion of Virginia. There was a railroad I resolved to wait at least until it came;

"In due time it came thundering along, tant. I moved to the place with my young and passed safely over the bridge. But, wife late in autumn, and about the first | though it might have been owing to my of the following March I was attacked excited imagination, it seemed to me that with typhoid fever, and was sick for about the bridge bent and shook beneath the a month. But, thanks to a naturally weight of the train in a manner highly and free from sorrow and distress, and strong constitution, and the careful nurs- suggestive of danger. At all events, I reing of a loving and affectionate wife, I solved to wait awhile longer, and see if len snow, look not with scorn or a disdainthe stream, which was still rising, would ful smile upon the lowly and unfortunate, "As soon as I got strong enough to sit have any apparent effect upon the bridge. up, and walk a little, I told my wife she I took with me a lantern, and also a thick Lift up your faces heavenward to thank in which two or three on each side were

the east of us. She had been taking care "Shortly after sunset, as I was sitting a eyes behold the places into which they of the rowdies, and we were four newly found possessions.

Of me so faithfully during my illness, both few rods from the stream, I heard a splush, have fallen. No sout may fall so low as our newly found possessions. by day and night, that I feared her health and, hurrying to the bridge, I saw that a to be beyond hope, and there is no human and strength would fail, if she did not portion of the bank, on the opposite side, being of strength and intelligence whose rest a while. I knew she had been very had broken away; and also that the action life is incapable of being made useful. anxious to go, and I felt sure that her of the water, or some other cause, had brother and his family would be very weakened the foundations of the bridge glad to see her, and would try to make in such a manner that a portion of the her visit a pleasant one She hesitated a- track was bent and lowered enough to bout leaving me, fearing I might need her | make it impossible for a train to cross,

seeing that I continued to regain my health | ed to stop the train, if possible, before it and strength, she concluded to follow my reached the bridge and certain destruc-

ding me be careful about taking cold, she | train was to come, and soon found a place | Cower and shrink to the chilling breeze. started, intending to be gone between one | which commanded a good view of the track | That sweeps from far off sullen seas. nd two weeks.

for a considerable distance. I lit my lanTo wither them as it passes. me, and sat down to my wearisome vigil Forever and ever the low gray sky, spent most of my time in sleeping and of two hours. The night was clear, but Stoops over the sorrowful earth. not very dark, though no moon was shining. I suffered none from cold, as it was Falls on bare bleak hill, and barren plain, remarkably warm, even for the climate of Virginia, and I succeeded in keeping a-

wake, though the task was a difficult one. "Slowly the moments passed by, but at Forever and ever the weary thoughts "One day I exercised a little beyond last I saw by my watch that the time had my strength, and felt quite tired at night | nearly expired, and a few minutes would and lay awake for a long time. At last decide the fate of the train and its human I fell into an uneasy slumber, and dream- freight. Soon I saw a light far away. and very small at first, but rapidly grow-I seemed to have gone forward into the inglarger and brighter. I arose, trembling with excitement, and commenced swinging the lantern above my head; and, as the train drew near, I redoubled my exertions, and shouted loud as I could.

"Onward came the train at a rapid day before, but the evening was clear and speed. It was a terrible suspense to me. pleasant, and not very dark, though the Should the engineer fail to see my signal, speed. It was a terrible suspense to me. moon was not shining. I seemed to be or not see it in time to stop the train bewalking along the railroad track towards fore going a few rods past me, I knew that the east. I first passed through a piece no human power could save it. On it came, and O. joy unspeakable! just as I gave up my exertions, and stepped fromthe track, my frantic signals were observinhabited and the other deserted. I then ed and the whistle was sounded, arousing impossible to exist without the aid of medthe sleepy brakesmen like an electric

shock, who flew quickly to their stations. "The train was quickly stopped, and I then informed the engineer and conductor of the danger shead, while the frightened passengers left the cars and gatherand cars, completely wrecked, were lying ed around me. Many a brave man grew pale when he learned what a fearful death of spirituous liquors, and although it has

wife, not mangled and lifeless but alive more, to impair the constitution if taken and well, though somewhat frightened, when there is no necessity.
and a good deal surprised at seeing me. It is not my intention to say a word abusies on the shore. It was a fearful and and a good deal surprised at seeing me. heartrending sight, too fearful for descript The conductor took me on heard, and had gainst medicine when properly administion, and such as I trust I may never see the train backed to the station it had just tered, but let a quack set up his stand (no reh widow, who, like the porter we read in reality.

the train backed to the station it had just tered, but let a quack set up his stand (no reh widow, who, like the porter we read matter whether it is in the United States of m Ainsworth's "old St. Paul's," rejoicwarn all other trains of the danger.

the stage for home. I have but little more gave me a free pass over the road. I do a little colored water, bread pills, or pos-not pretend to be able to explain this sibly something really injurious. dream, which was certainly a remarkable others could relate. But I am satisfied was drawn towards a crowd of persons that this dream was the means of saving listening eagerly to a young man, who. it commenced raining, and continued to many human lives from a sudden and mounted upon a stool, was exhibiting a most terrible death.'

# The Poor.

"Let not ambition mock their useful toil. Their humble joys, or destiny obscure: Nor grandeur hear with a disdainful smile The short, but simple annals of the poor."

regard with levity, and affect to despise the lesser doings of his fellow creatures.-Yet does he never realize in his sober moments that to these people he is indebted for whatever grandeur or fame heacquires? All cannot be great in this world. Few can be geniuses. A limited number only can acquire distinction in the arts. in literature, in politics, in commerce and in tions had effected and (having a great deto fill up the chinks and crevices in a nation; to give body and strength to it; to the fly sheet of a letter I had in my pockcarry out the most stupendous plans of et, a few words requesting him to call greater minds, as the artisan rears with upon me at the St. Cloud Hotel in the toiling hands the structure that the archi- evening; and giving a youngster a few tect designs. Though in a humble sphere, and with little ostentation the laborer goes August evening, at the time the above and started. I had never before had oc- about his daily duties, if he performs them H. G. and myself had spent together. well and faithfully, is he not as deserving Dr. Warner, Charles Vincent, and my- and therefore was entirely unacquainted of credit and praise as the master mind that directs him? Capital cannot live see me. we had left our homes in New York city everything just as it had appeared in my without labor; labor cannot live without existence of the poor; the poor are necessary to the existence of the rich. In ev- graduated. ery human heart God has implanted a a theatre; during the play we take higher | he said: and lower seats, but when it is over, and mon stream and go home. The annals of the poor are short and simple. Their sphere of action is necessa-

than wanders amid the garbage of the alley and street may have a history as interesting as the annals of a king. However low the human soul may sink, however low the human soul may sink ever low the human soul may sink, howdegraded, in the bent and stooping form, in the hopeless features and the aching heart is written the fulfillment of a human destiny, and the fate of one short hu- and upon the next day another yielded to man life is no trifling and simple matter. the same fate. This reduced our number

Oh, ye, on whom a fairer fortune has to nine. deigned to smile; whose hearts are pure whose souls are as pure as the newly falwho fill the empty corners of this world. inclined to yield, a desperate fight ensued, had better take the care, and go and visit blanket to protect me from the damp night God you are not like them, but rather badly wounded. pause to lift them to their feet when your being of strength and intelligence whose

> There are no pockets in shrouds, nor money drawers in coffins. But we accumulate good or bad capital for the other

#### FORBVBR.

Forever and ever the reddening leaves.

Forever and ever the steady rain And flashes on roof and window pane, And hisses upon the hearth.

Are tracing the self same track. Forever and ever, to and fro, On the old unchanging road they go, Through dreaming and walking, through joy and woe,

Calling the dead hours back.

Forever and ever the tired heart Ponders o'er evil done. Forever and ever through cloud and gleam, Tracing the course of the strong life stream And dreary and dullas the broken dream. Forever the rain rains on. -All thr Year Round.

#### The Quack Doctor.

It is a well-known fact that there are many persons in the world who think it icine. I am not speaking of the poor, sickly ones, whose systems are not sufficiently strong to perform their functions without its aid, but of the strong and hearty who are possessed with this idea, which soon forms itself into a passion as strong as that caused by the frequent use not the same demoralizing effect upon its "Among the passengers I found my victims, it often does as much, or even

"In the morning my wife and I took commence extolling the virtues of his newly-discovered "Elixir of Life," and hunto add, except the company insisted upon | dreds of those whom I have referred to dies in the water. I suddenly caught sight making me a handsome present, and also will flock towards him, to be supplied with

About two years ago whilst traveling one, though doubtless no more so than through Bristol, Tennessee, my attention bottle containing a mixture which he explained by diffarent modes of application, would cure anything, from a corn to a consumption.

notice anything of the kind, but the voice of this professed disciple of Æsculapius The man who, by the exercise of his seemed familiar to my ear and I stepped natural abilities, rises to a position of cmi- into the road to get a clearer view of his nence and honor, unless gifted with an un- face, when I must say I was very greatly usual amount of kindness of heart, and astonished to find an old schoolfellow of unselfishness of soul, is exceedingly apt to mine whom I had not seen for four years, at which time he left New York to join several others on a mining expedition.

He evidently did not recognize me, so I loitered around a few moments and saw him dispose of at least twenty bottles at

the price of fifty cents each. It amused me considerably to hear him descant upon the wonderful cures his powar. There must be the lesser millions sire to know how he had fallen in with the medical (?) profession) I wrote upon cents to deliver it, walked off, thinking of my school days and the many happy times In the evening my friend made his ap-

pearance and was extremely pleased to

After the usual salutations and enquiries were over, I asked him to inform me capital. They are absolutely essential to ies were over, I asked him to inform me each other. The rich are necessary to the how long he had been in the profession he was then following, and where he had

He looked me full in the face for a few soul, and the promises of the future are seconds and then burst into an immoderas bright and fair in the lowliest mind as ate fit of laughter. When, however, he

"You remember me starting from New York for the mines, with the idea my fortune would be made in about three weeks?"

"Perfectly well," said I.
"Well," continued he, "I did not suc ceed quite so well as I anticipated; our party consisted of twelve young fellows, possessed with the same idea as myself, and none of whom were in the slightest

encamped, and commenced work in right earnest. "After five days' toil, under a burning sun, two of our party fell sick and died

"Upon the fourteenth day out we hit upon a vein of silver and should doubtless have made considerable money, but a number of rough fellows got scent of it, asserted a prior claim, and, we not feeling

"A reinforcement then came to the aid eyes behold the places into which they of the rowdies, and we were forced to quit

We, however, all determined not to give up, and commenced once more; but meeting with no success, and being quite disheartened, we sold our tools divided the proceeds, and disbanded.

I then sought for employment in any capacity, and after a time was offered eight dollars per menth, and board, to work on a farm.

#### This I accepted, and had been in the position about three months, when a welldressed man called, desiring shelter for

the night. He was told he could share my bed if he felt disposed, which offer he readily accepted, and being very much fatigued, after a rough meal, we retired to my apartment, (a loft that had formerly been used to stow hay in.)

This was the first man I had seen, since my arrival, who showed any signs of education, and we naturally soon got into a conversation, in the course of which he told me he had been brought up to the study of medicine, but getting into dis-grace at home, ran away before taking his diploma, and was at that time going from place to place selling pills, etc., by which, he assured me, he gained sufficient to keep

him comfortably.

He said he wanted an assistant, and offered one-half the profits if I would accept the herth. I was pleased enough at the prospect, being quite tired of farming, and soon bid adieu to farmer Stillwell and

Doctor Cureall (for so he styled himself) now explained to me the manufacture of his far-famed holuses, etc., which were prepared as follows:

The pills were made of flour mixed with little jalap, and into a paste by the aid of water, and then rolled in the usual manner. The liquid was a weak decoction of licorice juice, to which was added a small quantity of Epsom salts, by way of a flavoring (for people who patronize quacks would not believe their remedies genuine if palatable.) All that now remained to be done was bottling, boxing, and label-

ing, and they were ready for sale.

I now assumed the title of Dr. Walker, and every morning we would start with a full supply of the articles mentioned, proceed in different directions, and set up our stalls in different villages, meeting in the evening to talk over our gains, and divide the profits.

This went on for a considerable time. until-one-day Dr. Cureal fell in with a or any other portion of the globe) and ed at the idea of having the medicine chest near, accepted his proposal of marriage, and after a courtship of three weeks she was led to the altar a bride. Having now no longer occasion to trav-

el, he settled comfortably down to look after the property his spouse had brought him.

I was then left sole proprietor of the practice, which I have kept ever since, and will tell you at this moment I am not worth less than twenty thousand dollars, the whole of which I have realized in the way I have described to you.

I could not help laughing at these means quack vending his mixtures, I think of my old friend, his twenty thousand dollars, and the many poor deluded mortals who helped him to obtain them.

# A Phantom Train.

A correspondent in the Albany (N. Y. Evening Times relates a conversation with superstitious night watchman on the New York Central Railroad: "I believe in spirits and ghosts. I know such things exist. If you will come up in April I will convince you." He then told of the plantom train that every year comes up the road with the body of Abraham Lincoln. Regularly in the month of April. about midnight, the air on the track becomes very keen and cutting. On either side it is warm and still. Every watchman when he feels this air steps off the track and sits down to watch. Soon after the pilot engine, with long black streamers, and a band with black instruments, playing dirges, grinning skeletons citting all about will pass up noiselessly, and the very air

If it is moonlight clouds always come over the moon, and the music seems to linger, as if frozen with horror. A few moments after and the phantom train glides by. Flags and streamers hang about .-The track ahead seems covered with black car et, and the wheels are draped with the same. The coffin of the murdered Lincoln is seen lying on the centre of a car, and all about it in the air and the train behind are vast numbers of bluecoated men, some with coffins on their backs, others leaning against them. It seems then that all the vast armies that died during the war are escorting the phantom train of the President. The wind f blowing, dies away at once, and over all the earth a solemn hush, almost stiffling, prevails. If a train were passing, its noise would be drowned in the silence and the phantom train would ride over it. Clocks and watches always stop, and when looked at are found to be from five to mand. eight minutes behind. Everywhere on the road, about the 27th of April, the time of watches and trains is found sudwatchman, was from the passage of the phantom train.

A plague of butterflies is a rare occurrence. A short time ago, however, the town of Florence was invaded by a prodigious quantity of these insects. All the distance of the Lung' Arno between the Piazza Manin and the Barriera, and in the greatest babblers. all adjacent streets, the passage was almost obstructed by an extraordinary quantity of butterflies that had swarmed in such thick clouds under the gas lights that the streets were comparatively dark. Fires were immediately lighted by order of the municipality and by private citizens, in which the butterflies burnt their wings, so that half an hour afterwards one walked upon a layer formed by the bodies of the butterflies and inch thick!!! honesty. They were of a whitish color, and some of the streets appeared as if covered with snow; at least, so say the Italian papers. leads often to a sad and disgraceful end. where!"

## The Tables Turned.

Years ago, into a wholesale grocery store in Boston walked a tall, muscular looking, raw-boned man, evidently a fresh comer from some back town in Maine or New Hampshire. Accosting the first person he met, who happened to be the merchant himself, he asked:

"You don't want to hire a man in your

"Well," said the merchant, "I do not know, what can you do?" "Do!" said the man, "I rather guess I

can turn my hand to almost anything .-What do you want done?"
"Well, if I was to hire a man, it would be one that could lift well, a strong wiry fellow—one, for instance, that could shoul-

der a sack of coffee, like that yonder, and carry it accross the room and never-lay-"There, now, Captain," said our countryman, "that's just me. What will you

give a man that can suit you?" "I will tell you," spid-the merchant, "if you will shoulder that suck of coffee,

and carry it across the store twice and never lay it down, I will hire you for a year, at one hundred dollars per month."

"Done!" said the stranger, and by this time every clerk in the store had gathered around and were waiting to join in the laugh against the man, who walking to the sack, threw it access his shoulder with perfect ease, as it was not extremely heavy, and walking with it twice across the ject oh de wedder, he said de wind had store, went quietly to a large hook which | shifted." was fastened to the wall, and, hanging the sack upon it, turned to the merchant and

"There, now, it may hang there till doomsday; I shan't never lay it down.-What shall I go about mister? Just give me plenty to do and one hundred lollars a month, and it's all right."

The clerks broke into a laugh, but i was out of the other side of their mouths: and the merchant, discomfitted, yet satisfied, kept to his agreement; and to-day the green countryman is the senior partner in the firm, and worth half-a-million

A CORNER IN WIVES: "Corners" are not confined to Wall Street, New York, or to State Street, Boston. Neither are they made wholly by dealers in stocks and bonds. The Zulus of South Africa do not need a missionary to teach them to be shrewd. Though a strong and robust people, they have a decided weakness for womankind. They have as many wives as they have means to purchase and, unlike many civilized countries, they buy not with gold, or houses, or estates, but with cows. Twenty, thirty, fifty or a "You are mistaken, sir," said the gypsy, hundred cows are given for a wife, according to the weather that is too had be not be a said the gypsy. ding as the girl is young and beautiful or boots." of acquiring a fortune, although not ap-otherwise. One bold Zulu operator with large capital once bought up all the young | and desirable girls in the market of the spectfully addressed by strangers, was askwhole region, and compelled all who want- ed why he didn't resent it. "It was my ed to buy to pay him most exorbitant rusty old hat and coat that were slighted, prices for wives. Of course there was and not myself," he replied. "If they much distress, and this disastrous state of choose to take it up and make a fuss athings attracted the attention of their government, and the recurrence of it was preing to do with it." vented by a law which fixes the legal price of a wife to be only ten cows. No man can collect more than this by law. He may receive fifty if he will, but he can force no one to pay more than ten.

> People always fancy that we cannot be come wise, without becoming old also; but in truth as years accumulate it is hard to keep as wise as we were. Man becomes, in the different stages of his life, indeed a different being; but he cannot say that he will surely be better as he grows onward, and in certain matters, he is as likely to be right in his twentieth as in his sixtieth year.

A lady made her husband a present of silver drinking cup with an angel at the than Arkansas, I'll take another route." bottom, and when she filled it for him he used to drain it to the bottom, and she asked him why he drank every drop.—
"Because, ducky," he said, "I long to see
the dear little angel." Upon which she
had the angel taken out, and had a devil off just the same, and she again asked the nie! That kind of costume would have reason. "Why," he replied, "because I been well enough in Eden before the fall, won't leave the old devil a drop."

Men may not be on your side, but they may be going toward the same city where you are going by a parallel route, or even by a circuitous route. Whenever a man Jerusalem, you have no right to question for some time. What do you think of it?" the method by which he shall go.

Be thankful that your tot has fallen on times when, though there may be many evil tougues and exasperated spirits, there | ry to the church." are none who have fire and faggot at com-

The expectations of life depend upon dilligence; and the mechanic who would dealy behind. This, said the leading perfect his work, must first sharpen his sir.

> We see how much a man has, and therefore we envy him; did we see how little he enjoys, we should rather pity him.

As empty vessels make the loudest sound, so they that have the least wit are Princes are never without flatterers to

educe them, ambition to deprave them, and desires to corrupt them. The Grecian ladies count their age

from their marriage, not their birth. A Honest and courageous people have very little to say about either courage or

# Wit and Anmor.

What should a clergymau preach about? -About fifteen minutes.

Whiskey is said to be a horn of plenty. pecause it will corn-you-copiously.

An editor asks his subscribers to pay nim that he may play the same joke on

his creditors. Why is the coupling chain of a locomotive like love? Because its a tender attachment.

Punch asks: "Why is the man who does not bet as bad as a man who does?-Because he is no better."

An elderly gentleman was shocked to learn that every fashionable young lady carries a paper to back her.

Why are compositors very fortunate fellows? Because they "set up" in business without a cent of capital.

About this time look out for a change in the complexion of the human nose; especially if it should get the epizootic.

"I know a gal so modest, Sam, dat she ordered her beau out ob de house." "What for?" Bekase, in conversation on de sub-

"I would advise you to put your head into a dye-tub, it's rather red," said a joker to a sandy haired girl. "I would advise you to put yours into an oven, its rather soft," said Nancy.

"Husband, I don't know where that boy got his bad temper. I am sure not

from me."
"No, my dear, for I don't find that you have lost any."

there under heaven more humanizing, or, if we may use the term, more angelizing than a fine black eye in a lovely woman? Two black eyes, is the ready answer. An observer says that "children are not

A raptured writer inquires: "What is

vell-behaved since the mothers have taken to wearing high buttoned boots."-This is supposed to be a jest on the disuse of slippers for spanking purposes. A gypsy going through a village on a

rainy day in a pair of torn boots was ac-

costed by a passer-by, who suggested that

nis boots were too bad for such weather.

A shabbily dressed genius being disre

A minister once told Wendell Phillips that if his business in life were to save the negroes, he ought to go South where they were, and do it. "That is worth thinking of," replied Phillips; "and what is your business in life?" "To save men from hell." "Then go there and attend to your business." rejoined Mr. Phillips.

"Where are you going?" said a young b centleman to an elderly one in a white cravat, whom he overtook a few miles from Little Rock. "I am going to heaven, my son. I have been on the way eighteen years."-"Well, good-bye, old fellow, if you have been traveling toward heaven eighteen years, and got no nearer to it

The Cincinnati Enquirer tells the following for a naked fact .: , "A correspondent saw Miss Vinnie Ream at work in her studio "with her arms bare to the shoulders, and ankles likewise." Ankles bare to the shoulders! For shame, Vinbut now-we can't continue, our modest pen shrinks from the subject."

Two lawyers in Lowell, returning from court the other day, one of them said to the other, "I've a notion to join Rev. Mr. -'s church; been dehating the matter "Wouldn't do it." "Well, why?"

"Because it would do you no possible good; while it would be a very great inju-

Teacher.-"First class in Astronomy come up and say your lesson. Thomas, where does the sun rise?" Thomas.-"Away over in the meader,

Teacher.-"Hold your tongue, you duce." Joe .- "I know, Mr. Block in the east." Teacher .- "Why does it rise in the east?" Joe. - Cos cast makes everything rise. Teacher.-"You'll make a well-bred bey if you keep on, so take your seat."

The following is told as having recently occurred in this city: A lady from the country entered one of the grocery stores and asked the clerk if he wanted to purchase any chickens-a couple of themat the same time throwing a couple of live ones on the counter. The clerk replied that he did, and as the tied pair showed considerable anxiety to be released from their unpleasent fix, he asked her if they would lay there-meaning would they lie a few moments on the counter until he could attend to them. "Lay there?" indignantly asked the old lady; "of course Sin never comes alone. One evil thought not—them's roosters—they won't lay no-