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A DECEMBER VISION.

Close the shutters—draw the curtains—'tis a chill December night; All day long the misty fringes on the hill have pained my sight.

Ben Johnson's Description of a Waltz.

When we got to the place, we found a great large room, as big as a meeting-house—lighted up with smashing big lamps, covered all over with glass hangings.

A Grain Speculator tells his Experience.

Generally speaking, wheat is a very good grain. It shows well in the field and in statistical reports; it looks well in stacks and in the granaries; and when well ground, methodically kneaded, judiciously baked, and properly browned and buttered into toast, there is no one who will speak more respectfully, not to say enthusiastically, of the vegetable than I will.

ONE FRIEND.—How pleasant a thing it is to have a friend to whom we can unbosom our feelings when the world is harsh to us and darkness has settled on the face of nature.

After I had got out of the way and everything commenced going on again, the music got faster and faster—oh, it was as fast and furious as a nor'wester! The gals rared again, the fellows hugged tighter, and the music makers puffed out a blowin'.

Colorado Exploring Expedition.

Lieutenant Ives, the commandant of the expedition for the exploration of the Colorado of the West, has made a preliminary report. He left San Francisco in November, 1857, with materials for building a small iron steamer, which was ready on the 30th of December following, when his ascension of the river commenced.

THE CONFESSIONS OF A NURSE.

I'm dying, doctor—I find it. You're sure I am dying, ain't you? interrupted she, changing her solemn tones for very shrill ones; "you're quite sure?" "We are sure of nothing," said I, gravely; "you are very seriously ill."

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Young: I am very much obliged to Mr. Edwards for the opportunity his letter of the 27th ult., published in the last Agitator, affords me for explaining what might appear to be a philological error.

In the language of Japan, fi signifies both sun and fire; in that of the Law Chew Islands, a language related to that of Japan, sun is fee and fire fee. Among the Carib Indians fire is wato, and sun wayu, evidently from the same root.

REMINISCENCES OF MY SCHOOL DAYS.

Maggie Summers was the prettiest girl in all the school. Shall I attempt a description? I will try, well knowing that I shall convey but a very faint idea. Imagine to yourself a form of medium height, a trifle too robust to be called "slyph-like," a well-shaped head covered with luxuriant brown tresses.

THE SEA AT GREAT DEPTHS.—Popular ideas with the regard to sinking of bodies in the sea, have heretofore been vague; for the reason, perhaps, that the laws which govern this descent, and which are derived from the well-known laws of fluids, have never been fully defined in their application to the depths of the ocean.

THE IRISH DRUIDS had among their numerous objects of worship one principal God whom they called Beal, derived doubtless from the same word as haul or bal, and this fact strengthens the theory that the word haul was applied to the sun as an object of worship.

THE WOMAN THAT NEVER MADDLED WITH HER HUSBAND'S AFFAIRS.

The woman that never maddled with her husband's affairs, has arrived in town. She is an old maid. Parson Brownlow, of the Knoxville Whig, has learned that there is a dressed sea's skin in the Baltimore Museum, containing the souls of seven delinquent subscribers to a newspaper; the consciences of seven other men who refused to pay their advertising bills; and "principles" of seven leading democratic politicians; seven bachelors' hearts; and all the remaining sweetness of seventy old maids.

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