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Poetry.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

"Little children, can you tell, Do you know the story well, Every girl and every boy, Why the angels sing for joy On the Christmas morning?"

MY LOVE AND I.

And we sat in the quiet evening, All alone, my love and I, And she played on her organ softly, And I listened intently.

SEE INTEW THINGS: OR, JEDEDIAH JUMPER'S INTERVIEW WITH NEW YORK.

"G'at you?" "Carriage, sir? take you right up?" "G'at you, I say! Plague on it, how you do go on, and follow a feller around!"

Now the fighting becomes general, some fifty of the carriage and cab drivers, with a large sprinkling of thieves, dock loafers, and idlers of the various callings found in the vicinity of a New York steamboat landing.

"Call me a liar?" "Take that, I'll pepper you!" They grinned and leered and actually seemed to have a jolly time of it.

"Here's a feller raisin' a fight!" yells the carriage driver. "Murder-r-r! A feller's got my watch!" "Look out for peck-pockets!" shout the loafers and thieves.

A Bachelor on Sleighting.

Things matrimonial are sour grapes to old bachelors; sleighting is a matrimonial kind of thing; at least a good deal of matrimony has always followed closely on the heels of a good deal of sleighting.

Several years ago a young lady in Tazewell county was wooed by a young man. He obtained her consent and the consent of the old folks, but three days before the wedding she took a freak into her head and went off and married another man.

ADVICE WISE KNOWING.—Zehoke, in one of his tales, gives the following advice to a bride: In the first solitary hour after the ceremony, take the bridegroom and demand a solemn vow of him and give him a vow in return.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

"Where have you been, Charley?" "In the garden, ma." "No—you have been swimming; you know I cautioned you about going to the creek. I will have to correct you. Look at your hair, how wet it is!"

Wise and Otherwise.

The Manchester (N.H.) Mirror thinks it a "remarkable fact" that a citizen of that place should have lived in the same house eighty years.

The following is one of the two or three lines in the English language, that read precisely the same, either backward or forward: "Sung & new was I ere I saw war & guns."

On a certain occasion of an eclipse in Virginia, a colored individual became greatly elated. "Bross de lord," said he, "de nigger's time hab come at last, and now we's gwine to hab a black sun."

RATTLER ANXIOUS.—An Irish dragoon, on hearing that his widowed mother had married since he quitted Ireland, exclaimed: "I hope she won't have a son colder than me, for, if she does, I shall lose the ostiate."

A DEDICATED SNAKE.—"Do you sell pies?" asked a green fellow, as he lounged into a confectioner's on Wellington street. "Pies, sir?" replied the gentlemanly proprietor. "Yes, sir, all sorts, sir; what kind of pie will you have, sir?" "Well, I think I'll take a magpie."

A lover who was shghted by the ladies, very modestly asked one if she would let him spend the evening with her. "No," she angrily replied, "that's what I won't."

"You needn't be so fussy about it," replied he, "I didn't mean this evening, but some stormy one, when I can't get anywhere else."

CHURCHY FELL.—An ex-Governor relates a good story of a man whose life had not been entirely unspotted, who applied to a worthy deacon for admission into the church. Unwilling to offend him, and yet not inclined to receive him, the deacon replied, "The church is full just now; when there is a vacancy I will notify you."

"This ere animal, my little dears," observed the keeper of a menagerie to a school, "is a leopard." His complexion is yellow, and agreeably diversified with black spots! It was a vulgar terror of the hantons that the enterer was hincosable of changing his spots, vch was disproved in modern times by observin' that he very frequently slept in one spot, and the next night changed to another."

ONE OF THE BOYS.—"Where have you been, Charley?" "In the garden, ma." "No—you have been swimming; you know I cautioned you about going to the creek. I will have to correct you. Look at your hair, how wet it is!"

"O, no, ma, this is not water it is sweat!" "Ah, Charley, I have caught you fibbing, your shirt is wrong side out!" "Boy! triumphantly!—O, I did that just now, ma, climbing the fence!"

During the war, a Georgian soldier while in camp near the house of his sweet-heart, sent her a bouquet with a card attached, upon which was the following poetic effusion: "Accept this bokay from a feller Who off has hurd the kanions beller, Has listened to the fife's tooten, And helped to doo a heap of shooten; Has seen the war clouds darkly rise, Like fifty buzzards when they fliz, Who now is bigger than his dad, And wants to marry myty bad."

Mlle Lussel, the pretty French actress, was recently married to Prince Tobstol, one of the wealthiest young noblemen of St. Petersburg.

The Prince "popped the question" in a somewhat unusual manner. There was a fair at the St. Petersburg French Theatre, for the benefit of the French hospital.—Mlle Lussel presided at one of the stands of the fair, and Prince Tobstol banteringly asked her how much she would take for a kiss.

She glanced at him rather sternly, and replied that she would not kiss any man but her betrothed.

The prince passed on, but returned to Mlle Lussel's stand a quarter of an hour afterwards, and said rather thoughtfully to the young actress: "Will you permit me to ask you another question, Mademoiselle?" "With pleasure, sir." "Have you a betrothed?" "No, sir."

"Would you like to have one?" "That depends on circumstances," she said, laughing.

"Well, then, would you take me?" So saying, he handed her his card.

She was greatly astonished, and finally stammered out that she would give him an answer the next day.

On the following morning he called at her house, and the reply was in the affirmative and to-day Mlle Lussel is a princess and a happy wife.

AN INTERESTING PUZZLE.—When a girl of 15 years of age marries a man of 45 yrs he, of course, is three times as old as she. After having lived together for 15 years, she will be 30 and he will be 60 years, the husband being but twice as old as his wife. How long, according to this rule, would they have to live together that she would be of the same age?