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THE SHADOW IN THE VALLEY.

There's a mossy shady valley Where the waters wind and flow, And the daisies sleep in wicker, 'Neath a coverlet of snow;

POLITICAL.

THE NEGRO'S WORK—Let Giddings, Burlingame, Clawson, and Beecher rejoice, the real coal-black negroes are at work for Freedom and distinction throughout the West, as the following will show:

THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE.

The history and merits of the "Missouri Compromise" having, after an undisturbed and happy existence of thirty-three years, become a subject of renewed discussion—possessing indeed with the present generation the interest of a new question—we could not, we are sure, offer to the majority of our readers any document which would be perused with profounder respect and attention than the subjoined original letter from the illustrious author, as he may be justly styled, of that important Compromise. This valued relic of the departed statesman, containing so circumstantial an account of his patriotic labors, though written twenty-one years ago, now meets the public eye for the first time.

THE PULPIT'S OWN WORST ENEMY.

The people are fast finding out the important fact that the American pulpit is fast becoming a far more formidable enemy to Christianity, than all the infidel writers that have ever attempted its overthrow. One political rascal in the pulpit, can do more harm than a hundred faithful ministers can do good.

CHILDREN.

It is a mistake to think that children love their parents less who maintain a proper authority over them. On the contrary they respect them more. It is cruel and unnatural selfishness that indulges children in a foolish and hurtful way. Parents are guides and counsellors to their children. As a guide in a foreign land, they undertake to pilot them safely through the schools and quicksands of inexperience.

MORAL COURAGE.

Sydney Smith, in his work on moral philosophy speaks in this wise of what men lose for the want of a little moral courage, or independence of mind: "A great deal of talent is lost to the world for the want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves a number of obscure men who have only remained in obscurity because their timidity has prevented them from making an effort; and who, if they could only have been induced to begin, would in all probability have gone great lengths in the career of fame."

IMPERIAL COURTESHIP.

The following amusing account of the courteship of the late Emperor Nicholas is from a recent Berlin paper: About the year 1816, the Grand Duke Nicholas came to Berlin to see if one of the Prussian Princesses would suit him, and the Princess Charlotte was given to understand by her parent that if he should take a fancy to her they would have no objection to her returning the penchant. The time originally fixed for the expiration of the Grand Duke's stay had come, and he was seated at the supper on his last evening next to the Princess Charlotte, when he abruptly told her he must leave Berlin the next day.

HOOPS—THE CONSEQUENCE OF WEARING THEM.

A lady, whose garments formed an immense circumference, entered a store in Boston, and in doing so protruded some floor plates containing valuable plans, which were ruined. The storekeeper intends to sue the lady for damages, so that the law may settle how large a space a lady's circumstances may occupy.

SCIENCE OF SOUND.

It is a curious fact in the history of sound, that the loudest noises perish almost on the spot where they are produced, whereas musical tones will be heard at a distance. Thus if we approach within a mile or two of the town or village in which a fair is held, we may hear very faintly the clamor of the multitude, but most distinctly the organ and other musical instruments which are played for their amusement.

SWIFT'S HATED OF FOPPERS.

Dean Swift was a great enemy of extravagance in dress, and particularly to that distinction and ostentation in the middling classes, which led them to make an appearance above their condition in life. Of his mode of reproving this folly in those persons for whom he had an esteem, the following instance has been recorded:

MODesty.

It is not merely, however, from exposure out of doors, or from sleeping on the bare ground without shelter of any kind, that injury to health is to be anticipated after night—it may, likewise, and with nearly the same certainty, be incurred by sitting opposite an open window, or in a current of air admitted from without, or still more surely by sleeping in either of these situations. Hence, the practice pursued by the inhabitants of Rome, of closing carefully their houses before sunset, is one which, at this season of the year, should be adopted by those who reside in situations where there is any danger of the air being impure; even in those cities or locations which are comparatively healthy, we are persuaded, were it generally pursued, much good would result.

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FROM THE MEDICAL REFORMER.

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