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From the Dublin University Magazine. THE SEAMAN'S HOME. Wide let the venturesome sea bird roam, A speck on ocean's bosom cast; Touch with white breast the whiter foam, And shriek before the rising blast.

But give her, when her wing is weary, A home beyond the cliff's bare verge, Thy resting in her rocky crevice, Her eye may scan the rolling surge.

Beyond where bravest sea birds surge, The seaman's eager prow has driven; And far beyond the line that bears The mingled blue of sea and heaven.

His ship has drifted to the gale, Where many a night the round moon shined; Saw but herself, and that white sail, O'er all the central ocean strewn.

Where many a night each pale star Looked kindly on his lonely way, Telling of cottage homes afar, And lattice lights beneath the thatch.

He brought the gold of other lands, He braved the battle's stormy rage; Give him a home where kindly hands Shall rock the cradle of his age.

No grey haired wife may soothe his grief, No child may guide his tottering limb; The honey on the withered leaf, The charms of life are not for him.

Who could have thought such wonders lay concealed, Within thy beams of Sun or who could find While fly and leaf and insect stood revealed, That to such countless orbs, thou mad'st us blind.

The Diamond Breast-Pin. "It will cost two hundred dollars, Anna!" said George Blakely to his young, proud, and extravagant wife.

"Just one thousand more than her husband could afford to pay for them," said Mr. Blakely. "He's the best judge of that, I presume, retorted his wife."

"What do you do with your money, pray?" The young wife turned sharply upon her husband and her words and tone stung him into a rather harsh reply.

Her husband was receiving teller in a bank, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, when he married, which was about a year before, and he still occupied the same post with the same income.

An extravagant love for dress and ornament characterized her from the beginning, and she would hearken to none of her husband's gently offered remonstrances.

The demand for a two hundred dollar breast-pin, coming upon young Blakely, as it did, at a time when he had just made the unpleasant discovery of a deficit in his income.

In an evil hour, under distress of mind and strong temptation, the young man made a false entry which enabled him, to abstract two hundred dollars from the funds of the bank.

But the morning! What a different picture. Breakfast over, and that calm, cool state which forebodes unremittant business, arrived at the up-town citizen starts for the centre of the city.

than to be hanging like wet blankets, about the doorway of a dressing-room. Another of their peculiarities is, that one never hears them laugh. It can't be for the want of having cause for laughter; for you know at every evening party there's always lots to laugh at.

A modern young lady; fashionably educated, and with modern notions of style, fashion and modern equipments, is altogether too costly an article for a young man of small means or a moderate salary.

Reader, "constant" or inconstant, of course you know the Toothpickers. One meets them at every evening party that one goes to. In fact, no evening party would be thought complete without them.

To the Honorable the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: GENTLEMEN:—Although the year just closed has been one of great depression in the business and monetary affairs of the country,

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While the amount of revenue, from the same source, for the same period, was only 95,070 00. Making an excess of expenditures over receipts, which happily we will be relieved from in the future, of \$245,966 52

Although they condescend occasionally to stalk through a quadrille, it may be laid down as a rule that the Toothpickers don't dance. I recollect once asking one the reason why he didn't; and he graciously informed me he thought "dancing a great bore."

George, George! This is false, said Mrs. Blakely, recovering herself. "You certainly could not stoop low enough to commit crime!" "It is true," he answered, in a low and despairing voice.

gregate of \$1,051,832 36, leaves the true balance of the ordinary receipts over the ordinary expenditures for the fiscal year at \$903,832 36

Total funded debt, \$39,354,692 32. Relief Notes outstanding, \$146,421 00. Interest certificates do., 23,473 82. do. do. unclaimed, 4,448 38.

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The present would seem to be the appropriate time, when our nation is at peace, and when health and reasonable prosperity prevail throughout our borders,

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its operation has changed in a degree no less remarkable. The almost entire disposal of the lands which belonged to the State, has already dispensed with one of the Departments created for their care, and will, ultimately, render the other unnecessary, except for preserving the evidences of their transfer.

The sale of the public works has relieved the Executive branch of the Government of many of its most responsible and perplexing duties, and in effect, dispensed with one of its most formidable and difficult departments.

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