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By Masser & Eiseley. Sunbury, Northumberland Co. Pa. Saturday, June 7, 1845. Vol. 5—No. 37—Whole No. 245.



THE GREEN MOSSY BANK. BY ANELIA.

My thoughts are away where my infancy flew, Near the green mossy bank where the butter-cups grew.

Where the bright silver fountain eternally played, First laughing in sunshine then singing in shade.

The beautiful things how I watched them unfold, Till they lifted their delicate vases of gold.

The paths I have trod I would quickly retrace, Could I win back the gladness that looked from my face.

With the beauty that dwelt in my bosom unarm'd, And calm as a child, in the starlight and dew.

Robberies of Public Functionaries in Mexico. The Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser intimates that the frequent robbery of American Ministers is done by the agents.

Gen. Thompson was robbed on his way to Mexico. The Government immediately offered him ample amends, but his papers were not returned.

Commodore Porter, when they attempted to rob him on his return from Mexico, having had some difficulties with that Government, and being in no humor for the operation...

Natural Gas.

We are indebted to the Kanawha (Va.) Republican for the following interesting notice of the wonderful natural gas fountains which abound in that valley...

Three years ago, William Thompkins, Esq., first obtained a steady and permanent stream of gas, of sufficient power, not only to force the water up from the depth of a thousand feet into the gum, but to carry it into the reservoir elevated many feet above the bank of the river.

Subsequently, Messrs. Warth and English, whose works are on the opposite side of the river from the one above spoken of, obtained a similar stream of gas, which has been used successfully in the same way.

But the most remarkable phenomenon in the way of natural gas here, and we have no doubt, in the whole world, is that at the works of Messrs. Dickinson and Shrewsbury, which has been exhibited for nearly two months past.

Notwithstanding all this obstruction, a stream of water and gas issues up through a copper tube 3 inches in diameter inserted into the well to the depth of 500 feet, with the noise and force of steam generated by the boilers of the largest class of steamboats.

Singular Tradition.—Among the Seminole Indians there is a singular tradition, regarding the white man's origin and superiority.

They say that when the Great Spirit made, he also made three men, all of whom were fair complexioned; and that after making them, he led them to the margin of a small lake and bade them lay therein and wash.

It won't do for a chap to imagine a girl is indifferent to him, because she studiously avoids him in company.

"Truth and Justice."

DR. NOTT.—We have been looking over with great interest, "Counsels to Young men," by the venerable Dr. Nott, published by the Harpers...

Truth and justice are immutable and eternal principles—always sacred and always applicable. In no circumstances, however urgent, no crisis, however awful, can there be an aberration from the one, or a dereliction of the other, without sin.

Truth is one of the fairest attributes of the Deity. It is the boundary which separates vice from virtue; the line which divides heaven from hell.

Ingenuity of the Germans.—The following are some of the inventions which have originated in Germany:

- A. D. 850 Saw Mills, 350 Saw Dials, 996 Puffing Mills, 1070 Tillage of Hops, 1100 Wind Mills, Oil Painting, 1270 Spectacles, 1300 Paper of Linen rags, 1312 Organs, 1318 Gunpowder, Cannons, 1350 Wire making, 1330 Hats, 1370 Pins, 1389 Grist Mills, 1423 Wood Engraving, 1436 Printing, 1439 Printing Presses, 1440 Copperplate Engraving, 1450 Printing Ink, 1452 Cast Types, 1457 Chiming of bells, 1500 Watches, Letter posts or mails, Etching, Bolting apparatus, 1527 Gun locks, 1535 Spinning wheels, 1546 Almanacs, Stoves, Sealing wax, 1590 Telescopes, 1610 Wooden bellows, 1620 Microscopes, 1628 Thermometers, 1643 Mezzotint engraving, 1650 Air pumps, 1651 Electric machines, 1655 Pendulum clocks, 1690 Clarionet, 1706 White china ware, 1707 Prussian blue, 1709 Stereotyping, 1715 Mercuerial thermometer, 1717 Piano Fortes, 1736 Solar microscope, 1753 The gaunt, 1796 Lithography.

Small Pox.—To prevent marks.—Almond oil, applied daily after the bustles appear, is an infallible remedy against marks.

MRS. CAUDLE'S CURTAIN LECTURES.

MRS. CAUDLE HAS BEEN TO SEE HER DEAR MOTHER.—CAUDLE ON THE "JOYFUL OCCASION," HAS ISSUED THE ANNEXED CARD OF INVITATION.

"It is hard, I think, Mr. Caudle, that I can't leave home for a day or two, but the house must be turned into a tavern; a tavern!—a pot-house! Yes, I thought you were very anxious that I should go; I thought you wanted to get rid of me for something, or you would not have insisted on my staying at dear mother's all night."

"I'm sure the house will not be sweet for a month. All the curtains are poisoned with smoke; and what's more, the filthiest smoke I ever knew. Take 'em down then? Yes, it's all very well for you to say, take 'em down; but they were only cleaned and put up a month ago; but a careful wife's lost upon you, Mr. Caudle."

"And what a condition the carpet's in!—They've taken five pounds out of it, if a farthing, with their filthy boots, and I don't know what besides. And then the smoke in the hearth-rug, and a large cinder hole burnt in it! I never saw such a house in my life!—If you want to have a few friends, why couldn't you invite 'em when your wife's at home, like any other man? Not have 'em sneaking in, like a set of housebreakers, directly a woman turns her back? They must be pretty gentlemen, they must; mean fellows, that are afraid to face a woman! Ha! and you call yourselves lords of the creation! I should only like to see what would become of the creation, if you were left to yourselves! A pretty pickle creation would be in, very soon!"

"You must have all been in a nice condition! What do you say? You took nothing! Took nothing, didn't you? I'm sure there's such a regiment of empty bottles, I haven't had the heart to count 'em. And punch, too! you must have punch! There's a hundred half-lemons in the kitchen, if there's one; for Susan, like a good girl, kept 'em to show 'em to me. No, sir; Susan shan't leave the house! What do you say? She has no right to tell tales, and you will be master in your own house? Will you? If you don't alter, Mr. Caudle, you'll soon have no house to be master of. A whole loaf of sugar did I leave in the cupboard, and now there isn't as much as would fill a tea-spoon. Do you suppose I'm to find the sugar for punch for fifty men? What do you say? There wasn't fifty? That's no matter: the more shame for 'em, sir. I'm sure they drank enough for fifty. Do you suppose I'm to find sugar for punch for all the world out of my house-keeping money? You don't ask me? You ask me? You do, you know you do; for if I only want a shilling extra, the house is in a blaze. And yet a whole loaf of sugar can you throw away upon—No, I won't be still; and I won't let you go to sleep. If you'd got to bed at a proper hour last night, you wouldn't have been so sleepy now. You can sit up half the night with a pack of people who don't care for you, and your poor wife can't get in a word!"

"And there's that China image that I had when I was married—I wouldn't have taken any sum of money for it, and you know it—and how do I find it! With its precious head knocked off! And what was more mean, more contemptible than all besides, it was put on again, as if nothing had happened. You knew nothing about it! Now, how can you lie there, in your Christian bed, Caudle, and say that? You know that that fellow, Pottysan, knocked off the head with the poker! You know that he did. And you hadn't the feeling to protect what you know was precious to me. Oh no, if the truth was known, you were very glad to see it broken for that very reason."

"Every way I've been insulted. I should like to know who it was who coked whiskers on my dear aunt's picture? You're not laughing! Don't tell me that. I should like to know what shakes the bed, then, if you're not laughing! Yes, coked whiskers on her dear face, and she was a good soul to you, Caudle, and you ought to be ashamed of yourself to see her ill-used. Oh, you may laugh! It's very easy to laugh! I only wish you'd a little feeling like other people, that's all."

"Then there's my china mug—the mug I had before I was married—when I was a happy creature. I should like to know who knocked the spout off that mug? Don't tell me it was cracked before—it's no such thing, Caudle; there wasn't a flaw in it—and now I could have

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cried when I saw it. Don't tell me it wasn't worth two-pence. How do you know? You never buy mugs. But that's like men; they think nothing in a house costs anything.

"There's four glass broke, and nine cracked. At least, that's all I've found out at present; but I dare say I shall discover a dozen to-morrow."

"And I should like to know where the cotton umbrella's gone to—and I should like to know who broke the bell-pull—and perhaps you don't know there's a leg off a chair,—and perhaps—"

"Here," says Caudle, "Morpheus came to my aid, and I slept; nay, I think I snored."

VACCINATION.—A late number of the London Lancet has the following on the subject of vaccination: "The general conclusions drawn by Dr. Riizins, of Stockholm, from his observations in Sweden are these: The protection afforded by vaccination, from the close of the second year of life, against the contagion of the variolous poison, usually lasts unimpaired to the end of the thirtieth year or so; after this period it begins to lose its effect, and gradually becomes more and more uncertain to the twentieth or twenty-first year of life. For the next four or five years the disposition to the small pox seems almost to have recovered its original integrity; and this state of liability continues unimpaired up to the age of forty years or so. At about this epoch of life it begins to approach nearer and nearer to the limits of existence—which it reaches, in the majority of cases, about the fiftieth year—the period when the general revolution of the human body commences to take place."

MENDING A TREE.—It is well known that a tree, when injured, can be completely restored by agricultural surgery. The editor of the Brooklyn Advertiser saw at Mr. Frost's, Newton, L. I., a large apple tree, that had the bark eaten all round by the mice some years ago, and of course would have died, without some extra pains to save it. Mr. Frost set a dozen of screws in the tree, one end in the green bark and wood below, and the other above the wound. They all took at both ends and grew well, excepting one, which took only at the bottom, and thus forming a little tree by itself. The scions are now about two inches in diameter, and are touching each other. The tree is in a fine flourishing condition.

HINTS TO LADIES.—Stair carpets should always have a slip of paper put under them, at and over the edge of every stair, which is the part where they first wear out, in order to lessen the friction of the carpets against the boards beneath. The strip should be within an inch or two as long as the carpet is wide, and about four or five inches in breadth, so as to lie a distance from each stair. This simple plan, so easy of execution, will, we know, preserve a stair carpet half as long again as it would last without the strips of paper.

POISON FOR INSECTS.—It is perhaps not generally known that black pepper (not red) is a poison for many insects. The following simple mixture is the best destroyer for the common house fly: "Take equal portions of fine black pepper, fresh ground, and sugar, say enough of each to cover a ten cent piece; moisten and mix well with a spoonful of milk, (a little cream is better,) keep that in your room and you will keep down your flies. One advantage over every other poison is that it injures nothing else; and another that flies seek the air and never die in the house—the windows being open.

THE WORLD IN A BAD WAY.—The last New-York Neighbor "gives up the world with the following diagnosis of its present condition: "Disease incurable! chills and fever in America; palsy and debauchery in Europe; consumption and gout in Asia; and plague and leprosy in Africa! As with Israel, so with the world—the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint, and die it must! and Mormonism eternal Mormonism, will witness the dying struggle, the last gasp when the earth quakes and triumphs over death, hell, and the grave. So let the old world die."