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Wild Bill's Story. It was in '61 when I guided a detachment of cavalry who were coming in from Camp Floyd. We had nearly reached the Kansas line, and were in South Nebraska, when one afternoon I went out of camp to go to the cabin of an old friend of mine, a Mrs. Waltman. I took only one of my revolvers with me, for although the war had broken out I didn't think it necessary to carry both my pistols and in full or nary scrimmages, one is better than a dozen, if you shoot straight.

Wendell Phillips and Grant. We notice that a letter is being promulgated through the loyal press, conveying the present impressions of the arch-agitator, Wendell Phillips, upon the political situation—together with his recommendations as to the proper measures to be taken by his adherents. As our readers are not much in the habit of looking in that quarter for counsel and advice, we shall not trouble them with this letter in extenso—and we only allude to it because we wish to make some remarks upon a theme which we consider worthy of serious consideration at all times but especially now, when in the stirring language of Hon. R. J. Walker "the very foundations of the government are rocking on their base," and it may be that it is to become a "mere mass of broken columns and mouldering ruins."

Our First Love. There is a delicacy about the memory of our first loves, which we scarcely dare commit to paper. All the feelings of the finer sensibilities are so wrought upon, that to bring them up and mention them among the more common subjects of life, seems almost a violation of the sacredness with which the heart still holds them. We regard them as the heart's purest and best affections, for they were formed when the heart was young and drank so sweetly from love's perennial spring.

Stewart's New Mansion. The magnificent and splendid new building now being erected in the Fifth avenue, and corner of Thirty-fourth street, which will be the future residence of Alexander T. Stewart, is progressing most satisfactorily to all those leading men interested in its construction. The noble structure is a pattern of chasteness and elegance, and the builder is doing their part in a very creditable and praiseworthy manner. It is viewed and looked at by thousands of the elite of our city, who traverse Fifth avenue, night, noon and morning.

WISE AND OTHERWISE. Friendship's but a summer swallow, Gold is brighter than the sun, All the world is just as hollow As the barrel of a gun. Eyes are dazzled by the blending Of the basest kind of dress, And the knee is always bending To the Dollar, not the Cross. Modesty no more available— Brass is current everywhere— Humble light of virtue paleth In the more pretending glare.

NEW STOVE AND TIN SHOP. ON MAIN STREET, NEARLY OPPOSITE MILLER'S STORE, BLOOMSBURG, PA. THE undersigned has just fitted up, and opened his new STOVE AND TIN SHOP, in this place, where he is prepared to make up new TIN WARE of all kinds in the best and most reliable manner, with neatness and dispatch, upon the most reasonable terms. He keeps on hand STOVES of various patterns and styles, which he will sell upon terms to suit customers.

At a dinner, after the dedication of a new Masonic Hall in Aurora (Ill.) recently, a gentleman read the following poem, which was boisterously received. That gentleman, we opine, is a politician and is evidently counting upon that good time coming, of which Beecher recently spoke, when women can vote. [From the Cincinnati Masonic Review.]

How are you Mrs. Waltman? I said, feeling as jolly as you please. The moment she saw me she turned as white as a sheet and screamed: "Is that you, Bill? Oh, my God! they will kill you! Run, run! They will kill you!" "Who's a goin' to kill me? Said I— "There's two that can play at that game."

There were eleven buckshot in me. I carry some of them now. I was cut in thirteen places. All of them had enough to have let out the life of a man. But that blessed old Dr. Mills pulled me safe thro' it, after a bad siege of many a long week."

The Great Secret of Masonry. One of our exchanges relates an anecdote of a brother who is noted for his acts of charity, and who is withal a man of good presence and a great favorite among the ladies—so much so as to cause some jealousy on the part of his worthy spouse.

At the main entrance there are two massive stones of marble, which are placed on either side as cheeks for the grand stoop. In the entrance iron pillars are erected purposely for supporting the floors, such is also the case in the basement, as well as in the first, second, third and attic stories.

There will also be a traveler's hall leading from the main hall, which will give ingress to the various rooms, which will be fourteen feet wide and fifty-eight long. The Italian marble stairs will be twenty feet by twenty-nine. In the main hall there will also be a number of massive pillars, with full Corinthian caps. The picture gallery will be of magnificent finish and beauty, the same as the other grand apartments of the buildings, and will be lighted up with splendid chandeliers, which will be of superb style, as will also the drawing room, parlor and reception rooms.

PLASTER FOR SALE. The undersigned is about fitting up a PLASTER MILL at the PENN FURNACE MILLS, and will offer to the public ONE HUNDRED TONS BEST Nova Scotia White Plaster prepared ready for use in quantities to suit purchasers, at any time from the first of March next.

A Mason's life is one that's free— Not the life that's of mortar and bricks— Bet out of nights enjoying a spree, And playing astonishing tricks. While the shes at home are waiting, Ne'er dreaming it all a dodge, But thinking the sad belating Is caused by "work at the lodge."

While she was talking, I remembered I had but one revolver, and a load gone out of that. On the table there was a horn of powder and some little bars of lead. I poured some powder in the empty chamber and rammed the lead after it by hammering the barrel on the table, and had just capped the pistol, when I heard M'Kandlas shout:

Points of Honor.—Colonel Montgomery was shot in a duel about a dog; Colonel Ramsay in one about a servant; Mr. Featherston in one about a recruit; Sterne's father in one about a goose; and another gentleman in one about a "bare of arch-voies;" one officer was challenged for merely asking his opponent to enjoy the second goblet; and another was compelled to fight about a pinch of snuff; General Harry was challenged by a Captain Smith for declining wine at a dinner on a steamboat, although the General had pleaded as an excuse that wine invariably made him sick; and Lieutenant Cowther lost his life in a duel because he was refused admittance to a club of pigeon shooters.

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