

Poetry.

THE RUBY AND THE ROSE.

He was the lord of Merlin tower, And I was but of low degree; She had her beauty for her dowry, Nor other treasure needed she.

THE MINISTRY OF POLITENESS.

"Kitty going to join the ministry Well, if that isn't a good joke. She must think she is a woman's righter," said Harry Franklin.

Wakeness from Overwork.

A symptom of mental exhaustion, indicative of a very good degree of mental activity, is wakeness from overwork. The physiological cause of this condition is well understood.

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Khivan Proverbs.

He who steadies himself between two ships will certainly be drowned. Shame is worse than death. He who weeps from his heart will provoke tears even from the blind.

Youths' Column.

A GREENY COUNTRYMAN.—Years ago, in a wholesale grocery store in Boston, walked a tall, muscular-looking, raw-boned man.

Varieties.

Gilt frames—Our jail windows. Man, respires, aspires, conspires and expires. Good company and good conversation are the best sinews of virtue.

WE LAY US DOWN TO SLEEP.

We lay us down to sleep, And leave to God the rest; Whether to wake or weep, Or wake no more at last.

THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT BEING POLITE.

"The Bible does not say anything about being polite," broke in Harry in his usual abrupt style. "And if it isn't in the Bible we needn't do it."

Fatal Omens.

Not a few old families pride themselves upon inheriting certain omens, which they regard as warnings of death's approach. Some are warned by a meteor's light, some by melancholy strains of music floating from the mansion to the place of burial.

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Entangling Alliances.

Entangling alliances, which have been the ruin of so many nations, are now being formed in the most unexpected quarters.

The Siberian Elephant.

This animal has before now been found entire, with his coat of hair intact, imbedded in the ice masses and snow hills of his native fastnesses.

Jim and Carlo.

Jim and Carlo, my horse and my dog are nearly of the same age and they have been brought up together.

Miscellaneous.

What do you read, my lord?—Words, words, words. The familiar author of "Linguistic Notes and a New Grammar," in the "Galaxy," informs the public, in the latest issue of that magazine, that an intelligent correspondent has requested him to point out a hundred Greek words, which are not in the dictionary.

Suppose you were to ask me, "Can't I drive Bob now, mamma?"

"Suppose you were to ask me, 'Can't I drive Bob now, mamma?' and I would answer you, 'No, you shan't! wouldn't that make you feel badly?'

The Grave of Timour.

There is a grim irony in history, says David Kerr in his "On the Ruins of Khiva," which loves to reduce the world's conquerors to their humblest level; and the "seven feet of land" allotted to Ferret and Hasdrada was the lot of the conqueror.

About Bonnets.

"What bonnets are there for old ladies?" asked a customer of a millinery magazine in New York. "We have none," was the reply; "you must go to Boston for those; in New York all ladies are under forty."

About Thumbs.

Man would not be what he is without the thumb. This fact has been a long time a subject for the contemplation of the anatomist, and it is not likely to be forgotten.

A Relic of the Olden Time.

Mr. Frederick Johnson, of Salem, has discovered an interesting and curious relic of old Botetourt, of which, in a private letter, he gives the following account.

Word Square.

A musical instrument. A name. The name of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, but thinking the Clerk's office of Botetourt court fully as suitable a depository, I am going to try and prevail on him to let me have it for the last named purpose.

Good Word for Coffee.

Some persons disapprove of coffee, and doubtless there are constitutions for which it is inappropriate. But there is high medical authority in favor of its general use, especially among persons predisposed to sluggishness of the kidneys, or to gout or rheumatism, or devoted to sedentary pursuits.

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Embroidery Workers.

A writer in Chambers's Journal says: "The great embroidery workers of the world are to be found in Saxony, and they begin to sing one of their melodies in parts, while the master goes round the table, examines the work, and pays for it."

American Homes.

The strength of the American republic is not in the number of its people, but in the quality of its people, native and foreign born, into one homogeneous mass.

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