

Poetry.

When hails the howling northern wind,
And resists its course of flow'ry breath;
It comes not to reach us here,
By kisses of the south-wind's death;

GENERAL WASHINGTON'S COACH-AND-SIX.

No, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, President Washington did not keep a coach-and-six and charge the expense to a contingent fund.

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Miscellany.

The Hermit Bird.

Francis Leguat, flying from France with a Protestant party, came in 1691 to the island of Rodriguez, till then unexplored, and gave the name of "Travels and Adventures" has been published; we find in it the description of the fine bird called by him the hermit (*Pezopachus solitarius*).

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What not to do.

Look well to the time of doing anything; it is not the right time for doing things, if your wife looks wearied and worn out, be sure it is not the right time to tell her that the dinner is not hot, or that the bread is not comfortable.

What is Respectable Society?

We heard a man, otherwise intelligent enough, lately utter the following "because," said he, "one never meets him in respectable society."

Good Society.

A man of high position in the world made it a rule to associate with men of exalted minds. "Better to hog among kings," says the homely old adage.

Relations of Temperature to Life.

Life in general is possible only between certain limits of temperature; and life of the higher kinds is possible only within a comparatively narrow range of temperature, maintained artificially if not naturally.

A Cool Fisherman.

"I met, the other day," writes a foreign correspondent, "with an Englishman who travels some hundreds of miles every year to indulge in his favorite sport of trout-fishing. I believe that, provided the fisherman is not a little concerned if the whole world was submerged in a second deluge, as may be judged by the following anecdote."

Rest of Old Age.

I covet rest neither for myself nor my friends, so long as we are able to work; but when age or weakness comes, and hard labor becomes an unendurable burden, the necessity of work is deeply painful, and it seems to imply an evil state of society wherever such a necessity generally exists.

Why People Don't go to Church.

Why do not people go to church more? One thinks it is this, and another thinks it is that, and another thinks it is the other. You can open a church in a novel, and let a voice go forth that it has the power of touching men, and you will find a crowd.

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Directions for finding the new comet.

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