

Poetry.

A SWISS DAY IN SUMMER.

The following lines seemed to be somewhat... will you please direct them to your columns...

The morning, bright morning! The vapors are... And the rifles are ringing from valley to hill...

Miscellany.

The Origin of Omnibuses.

According to an article in Land and Water, omnibuses trace back as far as 1602...

Adulteration in Teas.

Some interesting testimony has been taken by the committee of the English House of Commons to inquire into and suggest means to prevent the adulteration of food...

Flowers.

There is a refinement in flowers, in love of art and nature that follows the footsteps of their parents...

HOW THE "GULL" WENT AWAY.

Ben had pulled his net up on shore, and snatched it out so that his wife's new blue calico might not smell of fish...

Presently, Ben and Mrs. Van Dort came down, ready to set off. The children did not heed their father's going...

Uninflammable Wood.

The Pall Mall Gazette reports the results of a trial at Devonport dock yard, of a method of rendering wood uninflammable by saturating it with tungstate of soda...

A Nervous Lot.

American men and women are nervous, and naturally have nervous children, of slender physique, and easily excited to precocious intelligence...

Liberty.

Among the sentiments expressed by Mr. Fronde in his works, "The English in Ireland," we find the following: "Liberty, is not only a right, but for many it is a duty..."

A Chinese Dinner.

In San Francisco recently the proprietors of the Su Yen Tong Theatre, the new Chinese place of amusement, opened on Jackson street, celebrated...

Settee, lounge or sofa, it matters not which, it is the same the world over. All the children know it, every man and woman grown remembers its inviting, persuasive look in childhood...

Effect of Chemical Manufactures Upon Health.

The Lancet points out that the alkali manufacture, which has its chief center in Newcastle, Widnes, St. Helens and other places, has attained an enormous magnitude of late years. One factory, the Newcastle Chemical Works, now covers 137 acres of land...

A Young Lady With a Heart "as Unfeeling as a Pin-ushers."

The following letter, received from a young lady who had previously been a dressmaker to the same young man, beginning, "You concentrated lump of sweetness..."

Youths' Column.

The Little People. A group of place would be the earth were there no birds in it...

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