

UNDER HER BONNET.

Under her bonnet are bright blue eyes
And silken hair of the goldenest gold,
Red lips as fair as strawberries
And dimpled cheeks of faultless mold.

Under her bonnet a soft voice croons
The song of love that thrills the heart;

I hear you, Alice, till the tender tunes
Sweet music of my life become a part.

Under her bonnet a forehead fair
Speaks of a mind that is all of peace,
And crowns a youth as free from care
As a bird that sports in the trees.

Under her bonnet a rosy cheek
Welcomes the touch of two fragrant curls,
Oh, pretty maiden, so dear and meek,
Oh, one of a thousand country girls.

Under her bonnet I look and lean
Bewildered, now hoping, now half afraid;

For who can tell what a girl may mean?

Or read the thoughts of the simplest maid?

Under her bonnet I cast my hope,
Thither I strain by eager eyes;
And now I triumph and now I grope
In the dark as I think of the prize.

Under her bonnet I pray and plead
And place my lips for what do you guess?

I clasp her hands, she is mine, indeed,
For under her bonnet she whispers, "Yes."

New York Mail and Express.

VERY EXPLICIT.

Lawyers and doctors must acquire the virtue of patience as a part of their education. The man who states his case clearly and concisely is rare; the woman who does so is rarer still. A woman recently called on a Western lawyer for the purpose of having him enter suit against one of her neighbors for damages done by a cow. "Tell me the exact facts in the case," said the woman positively. "Well, I won't tell anything else," said the woman positively. "I wouldn't tell a lie for anybody. No lying don't run in our family."

"Who did you say owned this cow?"

"Mrs. Hunter; and her and me has been neighbors for nine years, and a better neighbor I wouldn't wish to have, until this old cow of hers kicked up this fuss. I isn't any hard feelings agin Mrs."

"What did the cow do?"

"Well, I'll tell you. She's a mean old cow, and it's been a wonder to everybody that Mrs. Hunter has kept her so long. I've often said as much to Mrs. Hunter's very face, for I ain't a person to talk behind backs. It don't run in"—

"Yes, yes, but what did the cow do?"

"Well, she's one of them hooky kind of cows, and there ain't any fence she won't try to jump. Why, I've seen that old cow knock down a ten-rail fence, and onetime, two years ago"—

"Tell me as concisely as you can exactly how she damaged your property."

"Well, you see, I've got some damson plum trees in my back yard, and its many and many a mess of the best of them plums I've carried over to Mrs. Hunter."

"I don't want you to say anything about her. Stick to the cow."

"Oh, that cow! If I had a cow like that, d—"

"Did the cow get into your back yard?"

"Did she? If it was only once she'd been there I'd never open my mouth about it and I've told Mrs. Hunter time and again"—

"Does Mrs. Hunter refuse to pay damages?"

"La me! She got mad at the mere mention of the cow. I went over yesterday to take back her bequeathal. You see"—

"Did the cow jump over your fence?"

"Jump over it? She just put her horse right through it. If I'd had a full of hot water"—

"And did she run any of the trees?"

"She broke one clear down. But if I'd had the broom or anything else handy—. But there, I don't know. After all, a plain tree ain't much, is it?"

"No, it is not."

"And Mrs. Hunter's been a good neighbor so long! When my little Henry had lung fever—"

"Do you want to bring suit?"

"I don't hardly know."

After taking a full hour of the busy lawyer's time, she concluded that she would let the matter drop. —*Youth's Companion.*

"Ah me," she said, after arriving home from church, "I'm afraid most of the women at church heard but little of the sermon." "Why not?" inquired her husband. "I suppose most of them spent the entire time looking at the clothes worn by other women." "How do you know they did that?" "Why, I kept my eyes on them all through the services." She wondered why her husband laughed.

The Punishment of Pressing to Death.

A correspondent of the London Standard writes: "Probably the last instance of the terrible punishment of 'pressing to death' in England in case of 'refusal to plead' took place at Horsham, Sussex, Aug. 11, 1735. The horrible circumstances are thus described in a pamphlet, date, A. D. 1813: 'They laid on him first 100 pounds, then added 100 pounds more, and then made it 350 pounds; yet he would not speak. Then, adding 50 pounds more, he was just about dead, having all the agonies of death about him, when the executioner, who weighed about 16 or 17 stone, laid himself upon the board that was over him, and (adding to the weight) killed him.'

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