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Poet's Corner.

RORY'S KISSING.

"Bout a kiss do you ask! Its me that can tell; For old as I'm now, I'm minding it well. When a spallion of throes with how much delight My mother kissed Rory and bade him good night.

"Begone, ye cold varmint!" I yelled in affright, And out of turned round to be getting a sight; What did I dislike? I instead of an "if," Swate Bridget O'Flaherty there just herself.

"Truth! Bridget," says I, perhaps you can mind When ye to the kissing were greatly inclined; Ye kissed me and kissed me at Donnybrook fair, And now by the jabsers ye're pulling my hair.

Select Story.

THE SILVER KNITTING SHEATH.

Over the sun-bathed pastures, above the fragrant billowy swamps and the upland glens, floated the liquid clation of the steaghorn dying amid great piles of mossy rocks and mountain gorges, where the most adventurous footpaths had never trod, with a sweet, melancholy cadence, until you had distinguished its burden from the gurgle of the brooks and the wood birds.

"Well," said Charles at length, folding the letter once again, "it seems that his ardor is as glowing as ever. "Yes," said Agnes, abstractedly; adding a moment afterwards, "How I should like to send the dear fellow something! O Charles! if we were only rich!"

mammoth sweet briar bush, whose spicy odors rose up like a column of incense in the summer air. There Agnes established herself for her afternoon task; and there a matronly old lady, capped and spectacled, found her about five minutes later.

Miscellaneous.

Phreological Character of Mr. Mark Milberry, Esq.

Given at the office of Proff. John Billing, practical phrenologist, price \$4. Amative—Big. Sticks out like a hornet's nest. You ought to be able to law the whole human families with your bump at onst. You will never be a widerer long not enny.

Be Content.

Never complain of your birth, your employment, your hardships; never fancy that you could be something, if you only had a different lot and sphere assigned to you.—God understands his own plan, and he knows what you want better than you do.

Hobson's Choice

As the term, "Hobson's Choice," will last to the end of time, it is well to learn the circumstances on which it is founded. Mr. Tobias Hobson was a carrier, and the first man in England who let out hackney horses.

LOCAL EDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Local of the Memphis Bulletin publishes the following annual report, which may be taken as a fair average of the experience of local editors generally:

REPORT. Table with columns: Times asked to drink, Drank, Requested to retract, Didn't retract, Invited to parties, receptions, presentations, etc., by people fishing for puffs, Took the hint, Didn't take the hint, Threatened to be whipped, Been whipped, Whipped the other fellow, Didn't come to time, Been promised bottles of champagne, whisky, gin, bottles, rum, boxes of cigars, if we would go after them.

Look out for the Women.

Young men keep your eyes open when you're after the women. If you bite a naked hook, you are green. Is a pretty form or dress so attractive, or a pretty face even?—Flounces boys are no sort of consequence, A pretty face will grow old. Paint will wash off.

STOPPING PAPERS.

The latest instance of the insane policy of stopping a newspaper because one number contained an article that was displeasing, was that of Miss Sophronia Jones, at the West, who ordered her subscription to the Pioneer to cease, because the editor had not independence enough to refuse to publish the marriage of her old sweetheart to Amanda Brooks.

SINGULAR DISCREPANCY.

In General McClellan's report in a letter from him to E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, under date of June 28, 1862. In the report on the conduct of the war" (Part I, folio 339) is the same letter with a slight variation.

Mickey takes care of the horses at one of our hotels.

The other day a dashing establishment drove up, the owner of which said to Mickey, with his blindest smile: "Take good care of the horses, Mickey. Rub 'em down well, keep 'em clean and give 'em plenty of oats. I'll see you before I go away."