

BUTTERCUP, POPPY, FORGET-MENOT.

Buttercup, poppy, forgetmenot—
These three bloomed in a garden spot,
And once, all merry with song and play,

"JUST IN TIME."

The sun was slowly lifting a rosy crown from the head of the tall "King mountain" in eastern Kentucky.
Twilight was slowly creeping up the valley,

all the critters. When they find out a fellow's too sweet on 'em it turns 'em sour."

And the great, strong man—a weakling at this moment—lifted up his voice and sang the following stanza of despair:
Fare ye well, my lovin Nellie,

"Oh, don't you be a bit frightened, young man, about that girl. Don't I know human nature? Haven't I read the book of humanity from the 'preface' to 'the end,' until every leaf is greasy and yellow with my thumbs? It's my business, young man. Front what you tell me about the girl, and the account of your quarrel with her, she is now in the orchard under a tree, lying flat in the grass 'snubbing' about you."

"Waal, you better reckon," returned Tim, rubbing his hard hands together in an excess of glee, "ef ye can jiss' make that ar trick work, ye're not only welcome to the ten dollars, but sixteen head of fine fat shoats besides!"
"Git your rope an clear out then, and so will I," impatiently spoke the reservoir of destiny, and off he went toward the cabin residence of old Bill Copfield.

FRENCH FUN.

How the Illustrated Papers of Paris Caricature Our Fair.
English critics declare that the Americans of today are the most humorous people on earth. Americans have until recently been inclined to yield the palm to the French. There are, however, two

Advertising as Vanderbilt's Guest.

The following unique advertisement has appeared in The Times, and also, with a trifling variation, in The Morning Post:
Mr. R. W. Davey, of London, has arrived at New York on his return trip from Central America, and is at present the guest of Mr. Vanderbilt, the millionaire.

A Floating Hotel.

"I wonder," said George Hays at the Victoria yesterday, "that there is no scheme for a big floating hotel on the lake during the World's fair, modeled after the one just completed in Maine, and which will soon be sent to Florida waters to cruise or float, whichever term may be right. I saw it before I left Maine. It is an immense and rather unworldly looking affair, and an outside view is not particularly prepossessing, but its interior decoration and the arrangements for the convenience and comfort of guests equal almost any of the land hotels, except that it lacks the metropolitan character of our large city hotels and has too much of a sporting flavor to suit the average man who is not a Nimrod or a Walton. It will be patronized chiefly by sporting men who will hunt and fish in southern waters. To take the place of cabs, which always stand on the outside of hotels, there are rows of skiffs, and the umbrellas, receivers, instead of being full of umbrellas and canes, have fishing rods in them."

Behind the Mask.

Put on thy mask, that none may know
Thy heart is breaking;
Put on a smile and hide from view
Thy heavy aching.

GEMS IN VERSE.

I built a ship—a great large ship,
And pride stood at the helm
And steered for Fame, that wondrous land,
And Wealth—bright, golden realm!

Uncle Jed's Journey.

I never grouted, never fussed, but lived here calm as still;
For forty year I lived here on the hill in Pokumville.

CASTORIA
for Infants and Children.
"Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any prescription known to me." H. A. ANCHER, M. D., 111 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

READING RAILROAD SYSTEM.
LEHIGH VALLEY DIVISION.
ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.
DEC. 4, 1902.
LEAVE FREELAND.
6:30, 8:35, 9:40, 10:41 A. M., 12:35, 1:50, 2:45, 3:50, 4:55, 6:41, 7:15, 8:47 P. M. for Drifton, Jedddo, Lumber Yard, Stockton and Hazleton.

DO YOU COUGH?
DON'T DELAY TAKE KEMPS BALSAM THE BEST COUGH CURE
It Cures Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Croup, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. A certain cure for Consumption in its first stages, and the relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the excellent effect after taking the first dose, sold by dealers everywhere. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

AT BEDTIME I TAKE PLEASANT LANE'S MEDICINE
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All druggists sell it at 50c and \$1.00 a package. If you cannot get it send your address for free sample. LANE'S Family Medicine moves the bowels each day, and is a pleasant laxative. This drink is made from herbs, and is prepared for use as easily as tea. It is called "The Pleasant Laxative."

HORSEMEN
ALL KNOW THAT
Wise's Harness Store
Is still here and doing business on the same old principle of good goods and low prices.
Blankets, Buffalo Robes, Harness, and in fact everything needed by Horsemen.

TALES FROM TOWN TOPICS.
2d year of the most successful Quarterly ever published.
More than 3,000 LEADING NEWS-PAPERS in North America have complimented this publication during its first year, and universally concede that its numbers afford the brightest and most entertaining reading that can be had.
Published 1st day of September, December, March and June.
Ask Newsdealer for it, or send the price, 50 CENTS, in stamps or postal note to TOWN TOPICS, 21 West 23d St., New York.

IRONCLAD VESUVIUS.

kinds of fun which are to Americans much funnier than they are meant to be—viz., the serious comments of some very serious English writers on our society and politics, and the attempts of Frenchmen to be funny at our expense.

THE SHOWER OF ROSES.

have routed the amazons of Dahomey if only the French government had employed them. Bill is apparently better known in France than any other of our public men.

BUFFALO BILL IN DAHOMEY.

there will be realistic railroad accidents, the passengers volunteering to risk life and limb in order to show foreigners how the thing is done. Also incendiary fires to show the promptness and efficiency of the fire department. In short, if half this Frenchman says were true, the exposition would be a marvel indeed.

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Countless Ages Old.

A Frog Taken Alive From a Mass of Coal 300 Feet Below the Surface.
There was brought into the Wilkes-Barre Newsdealer office the other night a curiosity such as is seldom or never seen, and which is valuable not only as a curiosity, but also as a matter of history. It is a frog, which was taken from a mass of anthracite coal 300 feet below the surface by a miner in the Mt. Look-out colliery at Wyoming.

A Singular Railroad Accident.

A case was reported recently of an engineer being killed by his head striking against a sagged telegraph pole as he leaned from his cab window, and several instances are lately noted of brakemen being swept from the roof of cars by bridges. But perhaps the most singular accident of this kind occurred in Missouri last week. An engineer of an Iron Mountain train was leaning out of his cab window passing Williamsville when he was caught by the mail catcher—the iron pole and hook arrangement for catching the mails from moving trains—and pulled clean from his engine, through the window, falling beside the track as his train passed on. He was seriously injured.—Exchange.

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