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THE SNAKE IN THE GRASS.

A HUMILI. BY JOHN G. SAXE. Come, listen awhile to me, my lad; Come, listen to me for a spell;

DON'T FRET.

Has a neighbor injured you? Don't fret— You will yet come off the best;

When we find ourselves more inclined to persecute than persuade, we may be certain that our zeal has more of pride in it than charity.

To vex another is to teach him to vex us again—injuries awaken revenge, and even an ant can sting, and a fly trouble our patience.

A wag rose from his bed on the 31st of last August, and exclaimed, "This is the last rose of summer."

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American Young Ladyism. Mr. J. G. Kohl, a German traveler, who has described more than half the civilized world, has recently written what purports to be an account of the young ladies of America.

Our traveler begins by remarking that our domestic institutions produce a singular sameness: That beauty, however, should become democratic is a remarkable fact for the observer.

Clumsy, coarse features, striking deformities, original and characteristic ugliness, are found neither among American men or women. The great majority of women are moderately pretty, very passable, or pleasingly pretty.

Even the farmer's daughter looks exactly like a denizen of the towns, reads romances, insists on dressing in silk, and dresses her hair with artificial French flowers in contempt of the natural chidren of Flora.

The necessity for female society runs through the whole history of American colonization side by side with the Indian wars. At a later date the "Pioneers of the West" who crossed the Alleghenies and settled on the Ohio and the Mississippi, wanted wives, who at all times have been, and still are, a rare and valuable article in the United States.

es, the later emigrants returned to the eastern cities, chivalrously paid court there to young girls, and worked hard to fulfill their promises.

The intercourse of American gentlemen with these pretty, pale, elegant ladies is—so long as they are unmarried—of a nature that would not be tolerated in England.

If there be any especial beauty among the daughters of a family, she assumes mastery so utterly that, so to speak, everything is done in her name.

The American ladies have also received into their everyday English language many other French expressions which the English employ rarely, or give a different meaning to.

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amid the Alps, they praise the "elegant scenery" of the mountains. This unlucky word, and the more unlucky predilection for the elegant, which is met with at every step among American ladies, is so deeply rooted in them, that they have extended the territory of the word to extraordinary lengths, both upwards and downwards.

The Americans, comparing themselves with other nations, are very proud of the fact that "ladies" hold so high a position among them.

In the public popular lectures, which are so admired in all the cities of America, the ladies almost entirely set the fashion.

The town libraries, museums, observatories, and other public scientific institutions are visited by crowds of ladies, who flutter through them.

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and if they—the petted and the blases did not regard all the services and indulgence of the men with such indifference, and as a tribute necessarily theirs.

In America this terrible degenerated reverence for women, which might be called more truly pampering and spoiling, is naturally felt most by the husbands, who have entered upon a life-long slavery.

The author says in conclusion: "I have mainly kept in sight the upper strata of society, which, sink very deep, as will have been seen, in America. I need hardly add that in this great land, though it is extremely uniform, there are many shades of character among rich and poor, in towns and in the country, into which I cannot enter so fully as I could wish.

Need we say to our lady readers, who have carefully perused Mr. Kohl's criticism, that we don't believe a word of it? Learn in childhood, if you can, that happiness is not outside, but inside.

Congress has authorized the appointment of two Assistant Secretaries of War, at a salary of \$3,000, for the term of one year. He who puts a bad construction upon a good act, reveals his own wickedness at heart. It is less pain to learn in youth than to be ignorant in age.

Origin of Plants. Celery originated in Germany. The chestnut came from Italy. The onion originated in Egypt.

The radish is a native of China and Japan. The quince came from the Island of Crete.

The potato is a well-known native of Peru and Mexico. The currant and gooseberry came from Southern Europe.

Barley was found in the mountains of Himalaya. DEATH OF JOHN TYLER.—Ex-President John Tyler died in Richmond, Virginia, on Friday night 17th ult.

He was very early noted for his opposition to the principal measures of Gen. Jackson's Administration, and when the Force bill was before the Senate, he opposed it in an animated speech.

His disagreements with that party on the bank question, are familiar to all our readers. At the close of his term, he retired to his mansion, near Portress Monroe, where he resided when the present rebellion broke out.

"Billy Wilson's Men."—When "Billy Wilson's men," were encamped at Staten Island we one day visited the camp, and heard the following narrative by an officer: "I saw a fellow try the other day to break guard."