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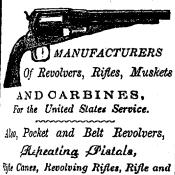
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I once heard an old Jour remark that a printing office was no place for love making, and I have since experienced the truth of the expression, being now perfectly convinced that the flower of love can never bloom in the midst of types, cases and printing ink.

Love's First Impression.

It was my fortune once to sojourn for a few days in the village of ----. Directly opposite the office was a pretty white cottage, with a rose bush clambering around the casement, and I was not long in making the discovery that the aforesaid cottage, with the rose shaded window, contained a fair inmate-a flower, whose beauty outshone the roses that clustered around the window. She was the belle of the village. Her name was Mary. I have a passion for the name of Mary.

It was a beautiful summer morning, and I had raised the window to admit the breeze from the flower-decked fields and it was not long ere I perceived the cottage window was also hoisted, and the sweet little Mary was sitting busily engaged with her needle. I worked but little that morning. My eyes constantly wandered toward the cottage where little Mary sat, and all sorts of strange fantastic notions wandered through my brain, and I began to think I felt a light touch of what the poets call love, sliding in at one corner of my heart.

A few days passed away, and chance made me acquainted with Mary. Oh! she was a sweet creature ; she had a form that would have shamed the famous de Medici-a cheek that outflushed the richest peach, and lips that would have tempted a bee from its hive on a frosty morning. I thought, as I gazed on her in mute admiration, that I had never looked on one so beautiful. She seemed the embodiment of everything lovely and bewitching. Well, time passed on, and one day Mary expressed a desire to visit the printing office, "Good," thought J. "what a chance ! I'll have a kiss there-yes, there, in the very midst of the implements of mine artwhy shouldn't I !" Love in a printing office ? Oh ! there was something original in that, and I resolved to try it at, all hazards.

Well. Mary came to the office, and I explained to her the use of the various lit upon me-taking me a broad slap in the middle of my countenance, most wonderfully bedaubing my eyes. With a light step and a merry peal of laughter she skipped through the door. She turned back when beyond my reach, and, her roguish face peering through the doorway, shouted :

"I say, Charlie, what kind of a roller does my hand make ?" "Oh," said I, "you take too much

ink." "Hal hal" she langhed, "well, good-bye, Charlie, that's my impression." I went to the glass and surveyed myself for a moment, and I verily believe that I could have passed for a Guinea nigger, without the slightest difficulty. "And so," said I to myself, "this is love in a printing office. The devil fly away with such love."

The next morning, when the editor came to the office, I rather calculated he found things a little topsy turvy. However, that made no difference to me for I mizzled before daylight. I bore the marks of that scene many a day, and now, whenever I see a lady entering a printing office, I think of little Mary, and keep my eye on the ink keg.

GRASS WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS .- The following has a very wide application, and will be read with a smile of appreciation by both sexes.

HUSBAND TRAVELLING .- Scene 1 : room. hotel, spittoons full of cigar-stumps. Bourbon whiskey. All hands equipped for a night's spree. Husbaud in a hurry to be off, writing :

"Dear Susie: My time is so occupied with business, that I can hardly spare a moment to mpite to you. Oh darling, how I miss you, and the only thing that sustains me during my absence is the thought that every moment thus spect is for the bunefit of my dear wife and children. Take good care of yourself, my dear. Feed the baby on one cow's milk. Excuse haste," etc.

WIFE AT HOME .- Scene 2: Parlor. All the gas lit. Thirteen grass widows Fred, from round the corner with his violin; Jim, from across the way with his banjo; Jack, from above with his guitar; Sam, from below with his flute; lots of others with their instruments. Dancing and singing ; side-board cover-

A novel scene occurred last week before the aldermanic committee which was sitting to listen to arguments pro and con in reference to widening Fifth

avenue. Among other speakers was one George Hearney, who did not appear to understand the question before the comof a judy of himself in his rambling remarks, which were about as pertinent as -a toad with two tails. After he had run himself under the tenement houses of the tenth ward into the wine-cellars. of Fifth avenue, through the city taxbooks, into city palaces and sand heaps -in fact, into the ground generally, without letting any one know what he was chairman, Alderman Ryers, that he re-

Mistook his Man.

arrettran.

whom he appeared. The "gentleman's " speech was ar-

lieve his name is." Mr. Stewart instantly arose, with a

thing. I never saw the man before in my life. Never !" somewhat surprised to find that Mr. S.

he, "I am mistaken. On reflection I believe it was a judge who employed me. be disappointed. Yes. I recollect now it was Judge Hilton."

On this up jumps the judge, and says : "Are you certain it was Judge Hilton who employed you ?"

"Oh yes, I am quite certain." . " Do you know Mr. Hilton ?" says the iudge.

"Ob, certainly ! I know him well. In fact, I am on intimate terms with 'him." "Do you see him in the room ?" says

the judge looking about very inquiringly.

young lady likes to be a bridesmaid. Wedlock is thought by a large proportion of the blooming sex to be contagious, and much to the credit of their courage, fair spinsters are not at all afraid of catching it. So far as official mittee very clearly, and made something | conduct is concerned, when you have seen one bridesmaid, you have seen the whole fascinating tribe. Their leading duty seems to be to treat the bride as a victim led with garlands to the sacrifice." They consider it necessary to exhort her to "cheer up." Her fair assistants provide themselves with pungent essences lest she should faint at the "trying moment," which, between after-Judge Hilton suggested to the you and I, she has no more idea of doing than she has of dying. It is true she quest the speaker, Hearney, to state for sometimes tells them she "feel as if the should sink into the earth," and that they respond, " poor dear !" and apply rested like a sudden suspension of a the smelling-bottle; but she neverthestate of animation, and, scratching his less goes through her nuptial martyrdom head with his fore finger, he replied at with great fortitude. In nine cases out last in a subdued and solemn tone, that | of ten the bridegroom is more "flusterit was none of his business! Being ed" than the fragile and lovely woman pressed, however, he finally answered : at his side ; but nobody thinks of pity "I came here at the earnest request of ing him, poor fellow! If one of the Mr. Stewart. Mr. A. T. Stewart, I be- groomsmen does recommend him to take a glass of wine before the ceremony to "steady his nerves," the advice is given Union forces arrived, but had something slight twinkle of anger in his eye, and superciliously, as who should say, "what else to do than kill women, and Eloisa said : "No, sir! no sir! I beg the a spoony you are, old fellow !" Brides. survived in spite of herself. She heard gentleman's pardon. I did no such maids may be considered as brides in the regiment was in town that had what lawyers call the "inchoate" or in- charged upon the battalion led by her

Bridesmaids.

Next to being a bride herself, every

cipient state. They are looking to that | best loved, and she determined to see The brilliant orator was evidently day of triumphant weakness when it the colonel and denounce him as the shall be their turn to be "poor, dear slayer of her prince and peace. Eloisa was present, he clearly never having set | creatured," and otherwise sustained and saw him, and had a tremenduous scene. eyes on him before. "Perhaps," said supported as the law of nuptial preten- The colonel was gallant and bandsome; ces directs. Let us hope they may not | and when the fair girl thundered, as all

> TO CLEANSE THE INSIDE OF JARS .-There is frequently some trouble in cleansing the inside of jars that have had sweetmeats, or other articles put in them for keeping, and that when empty, were wanted for future use. This can be done in a few minutes without scraping or soaking, by filling up the jar with hot water, (it need not be scalding hot,) and then stirring in a teaspoonfull or more of pearlash. Whatever of the former contents has remained sticking upon the sides and bottom of the jar will immediately be seen to disengage itself, and float loose through the water.--Then empty the jar at once, and if any of the WIVES .- The culinary art forms a part former odor remains about it, fill it again with warm water and let it stand undisturbed a few hours, or till next day; the mechanic, takes pride in seeing his then empty it again, and rinse it out daughters good housekeepers. To effect with cold water. Wash phials in the this object, the girl, on leaving school, same manner. Also the inside of ket- which she does when shout fourteen tles, or anything which you wish to puri- years of age, goes through the ceremony fy or clear from grease expeditiously and completely. If you cannot conveniently her parents with a country clergyman, obtain pearlash, the same purpose may or in a large family, where she remains be answered nearly as well by filling the vessel with strong ley, poured off clear from the wood ashes. For kegs, buck- the work of one. This is looked upon ets, crocks, or other vessels, ley may be as an apprenticeship to domestic econoalways used

A SEORSH GIRL RECONSTRUCTED .---- A young woman, possessed of a fine person and property, a member of one of the oldest and most fashionable families in South Carolina, became engaged to a young man in her own grade in life, who was a major in the rebel service, and was to marry him at the termination of the war if he survived. If he did not, she was to remain ever true to her vows, and, being a Catholic, had promised to enter a convent and become only the bride of heaven. They were a model pair of lovers, and all who knew them believed that they were the embodiment of poetry, tenderness and devotion to each other; that they lived what bards had sung and romances had described. They were like two blossoms on one stem-a planet and its ray. As usually happens, fate frowned on their felicity, and, jealous of their love, cut the material cloud of the Major's being at Fort Wagner. Eloisa was mad with grief. and inconsolable forevermore, Her parents believed that she could not and would not live; and that if she did, she would be reft of reason. Months passed. Charleston fell. Columbia was threat. ened. Eloise remained. She was anxious to be slain by the barbarians who had murdered her lover. The her sex do at first, and then rained, he was touched and interested in the unknown woman. He comforted and con soled her, realizing the truth of the idea that the heart is never so susceptible to a new attachment as when it is recovering from an old one. In four weeks she had learned to love the Yankee savage, and expressed her willingness to be his ; while he was resigned, as most men are, to be worshiped by her, if she were bent on any such folly. They were married in spite of the anathemas of all her relations and friends, and are now in

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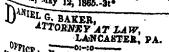
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implements of the black art-the press. the roller, the ink, and the stands, and the boxes of the A. B. C's. I took an opportunity to snatch her little white hand; she drew it back and knocked a stickful of matter into " pi."

"I must have a kiss for that my pretty one," said I, and at it I went. I managed to get my arm around her waist, and in struggling to free herself. she upset a galley of editorial, a long article on Negro Suffrage.

Nothing daunted, I made at her again. This time I was more successful, for I obtained a kiss. By Saint Paul, it was a sweet one, and that little witch bore it like a martyr; she never screamed once. But as I raised my lips from hers, she lifted her delicate hand and gave me abox on the ears that made me see more stars than were ever viewed by Herschel through his big telescope. Somewhat nettled, and my cheek smart. ing with pain, I again seized her about the waist and said :

"Well, if you don't like it, just take back the kiss."

She made a desperate struggle, and as she jerked herself from my arms her foot | then a plate foil is spread upon a setting struck the lye pot, and over it went. Another galley of editorial was sprinkled over the floor, and in her efforts to reach the door, her foot slipped and she fell, and in her efforts to sustain herself, her hand-her lily white hand-the same white hand that had came in contact with my ears-oh ! horrible ! was up to the elbow in ink ! Shade of Franklin ! She slowly drew it from the keg, dripping with ink. and asked what use I made of that tar. I began to be seriously slarmed, and apologized in the best manner I could, and to my surprise she seemed more pleased than angry ; "but there was a lurking devil in her eye that told me there was mischief afloat. As I stood surveying the black covering of her hand, scarcely able to suppress a laugh at the strange mets morphosis, she quickly raised it on high and brought it down kerslap upon my cheek. Before I could recover from my surprise the same little hand had again descended, and

cheek. "Why, Mary," I exclaimed, "what are you about ?"

"I think you told me you rolled ink on the face of the form," she replied, with a loud laugh, and again her band

ed with nuts, fruits, cakes, cream, whiskey, etc. Wife in a hurry to dance, writing to her husband :

"Dear Hubby: How lonesome I feel in your absence. The hours pass tediously. Nobody calls on me, and I am constantly thinking on the time when you will be home and your cheerful countenance light up the now dreary routine of everyday life. My household duties keep me constantly employed. I am living economically as possible, knowing that your small income will not admit of frivolous expenditures. But. now, dear, I will say good-bye, or I will be too late for the monthly concert prayer-meeting. In haste, yours," etc.

HOW MIRRORS ARE MADE .- Probably few of our readers have a clear idea how the huge mirrors that are so fashionable and expensive are made. The plateglass which comes from France or Ger. many, is first polished by rouge brushes; next a bag containing the common potatoe, reduced by a pulverizing process to an almost impalpable powder, is applied to the glass, the potato dust escaping through the meshes of the bag,

bed of marble, and on it is placed the prepared quicksilver ; the glass is then placed on top of this and pressed down with heavy weights. Here it remains about twenty-four hours, and if found free from flaws is ready for use.

A day or two since a young lady from the country rode into a town " to do a little shopping," and after hitching her horse on the square, entered one of the most fashionable dry goods establishments and seated herself on a stool by the counter " to wait her turn." A moment or two after, she was approached by one of the polite young clerks of the establishment and addressed as follows : "I am no longer engaged, Miss-is any one waiting on you ?" Blushing immoderately. the damsel, after some hesitation replied : "No, sir, I came in alone on the old mare."

At a medical examination, a young aspirant for a doctor's diploma was askleft its inky imprint upon my other ed, "When does mortification ensue?" When you propose to a lovely girl and ted on several occasions. This remedy "Well, get out, and go home afoot then," she refuses.

> What is the difference between accepted and rejected lovers? The accepted bleses the misses, and the rejected missse the kisses.

"No, I do not see him. No, sir," ad. justing his bone spectacles. "He is not in the room."

"Yes, he is, sir," says the judge. " am the man ; but I never sent you here on this or any other business ; never saw you before in my life, and never want to again."

Roars of laughter, of course, followed this expose, in which the eminent connsel for somebody did not "jine."

When order was restored, he arose with unwonted alacrity, and said: Well, gentlemen, some of you have made a mistake. I sha'nt pretend to say where the fault lies ; but this I do know, that somebody-yes, sir, somebody-gave me fifty dollars to come here and favor this project, or do something.

I don't exactly know what, but who the devil it was, or what I was to do or say I'll b----" (closing his fist with a thump upon the table) "if I know."

This finished the proceedings of the day, and the "house" adjourned, the eminent counsel for somebody ratiring in disgust.

Nor COMPLIMENTARY. - Last fall nearv all the ministers of the M. E. church, stationed on Lake Superior, went down to conference on the famous propeller " Lac la Belle," the first mate of which is a gruff but, dry old joker. Having heard that there were several ministers on board, the mate remarked, in a careless sort of a way, that the trip would be a stormy one.

"Why do you think so ?" inquired one of the ministers, who happened to overhear the prediction. " Because there's so many preachers

on board," said the mate. "Why." replied the minister, "I've traveled on the lake for the last five

vears, and never was in much of a storm yet. How do you account for that ?" "Why," replied the mate dryly, "per-

haps you are not much of a preacher."

WORTH REMEMBERING .--- It is said that leaving the charcoal on one hour, the burn is healed, as has been demonstraserves a trial.

A saw filer in the country puts out a sign in the form of a hand saw, with the man who bets be worse than the one worde "Saw Deptist " painted on it.

GIVE THE BOYS & CHANCE .- "One of the boys " argues his case very pertinently, as follows, in the Ploughman :

"Yes, Mr. Editor, give us boys a chance. It is better for us to till a patch of ground, or take care of fowls. than to gamble on a small scale for mar. bles, or lounge round the grocery store. Besides, we like it better; we think more, and have more ambition ; and we also learn to love work, and love animals.

"A pair of rabbits or pigeons, or hens or a lamb, will keep the hands and brain busy. Then a little ground to raise strawberries, corn or potatoes, will help. We try little experiments upon it ; determine the best variety of the potatoe. and decide between the kinds of strawberries; then, with live stock, we see whether to give the fowls corn or dough, or learn how much hay will fatten a sheep. Thus, by and by we shall know about the science of farming and also its practice.

"Yes, by all means give us a chance, for one generation quickly succeeds another, and if we do not learn to be useful, pray who will be useful by and by ?"

TA young man in Newport, Vt., wanted a wife badly and took a young if a piece of charcoal is laid upon a burn | lady out to ride. After proceeding a the pain subsides immediately. By few miles, he asked he, " Will you marry me?" The answer as short as it was sweet, "No, sir ?" Young gent says : is cheap and simple, and certainly de- | The young lady accepted his advice and reached home in safety.

> Betting is immoral; but how can the who is no better?

Europe. WHY GERMAN WOMEN MAKE GOOD

of the education of the women in Germany. The well to do tradesman, like of confirmation, and is then placed by one or two years, filling what may almost be termed the post of servant, and doing mv. She differs from a servant, howev. er, in this, she receives no wages ; on the contrary, her parents often pay for the care taken of her, as well as for her

clothing. This is the first step in her education of housekeeper. She next passes, on the same conditions, into the kitchen of a private family, or into that of some hotel of good repute. Here she has control of the expenditure, and of the servants employed in it, and assists personally in the cooking, but is always addressed as Fraulein, or Miss, and is treated by the family with deference and consideration. Many daughters of rich families receive a similar training, with this différence, however, that they receive it in a princely mansion or a royal residence. There is a reigning Queen in Germany at the present moment who was trained in this way. Consequently the women in Germany are perfect models of order and economy.

G A justice, in an eastern town, better versed in law than gospel, not long since married a couple in this manner : "Hold up your hands. You solemnly swear that you will faithfully perform the duties of your office, jointly and severally, according to your best skill and judgement, so help you God. That's all -fee one dollar." This is almost as laconic as the Custom House ; " Take off your hat, hold up your hands, sohelpyougodaquarter." We remember once answering to the following formula : "You swear that's true, by God," administered by a notary public.

' A young lady whose father is improving the family maneion, insists upon having a bone window put in for her benefit.