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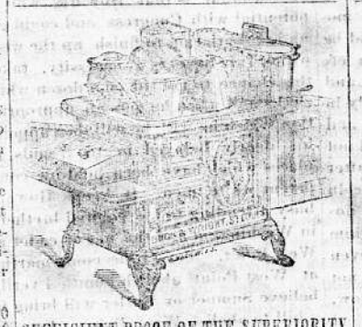

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I hail the message that you brought;
Breathe o'er my soul the mystic sign
Of love's unspoken thought.

How many grand processions swept
Above you, down the western slope?
How many dewy twilights kept
Watch o'er his budding hope?
And did the whispering breezes wait
To soft caress him, as they sped,
Spice laden, from the golden gate,
To haunt your fairy bed?

Dear Pansies, rich in royal dies,
(And sweet from lying near his lips,)
Fair mirrors of his azure eyes,
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A man assured a storekeeper, who hesitated to trust his companion for a purchase, "If he refused to pay for it, I will." His companion refused to pay for it, and so did the speaker, as in one sense he had said he would. It it thus very easy, by using uncertain language, to convey a false impression.

A sheriff asked the wife of a Quaker, against whom he had a writ, if her husband was at home. She replied, "Yes, he will see thee in a moment." The Sheriff waited, but the Quaker did not appear. He was contented with seeing the Sheriff, he did not care that the Sheriff should see him.

The position of words in a sentence, and the use of stops, often entirely alter the meaning. Thus on account of a funeral declares "The remains were committed to that bourne from which no traveler returns attended by his friends."

Ignorant people are apt to use phrases with double meanings, without intending to do so. Among the advertisements we may sometimes read that a respectable young woman wants washing. The proprietor of a bone mill advertises that parties sending their own bones to be ground, will be attended to with fidelity and dispatch. It was once related in a city paper how, during the celebration, a child was run over, wearing a short red dress, which never spoke afterward.

Many popular puzzles depend upon the ambiguity or double meaning of words and phrases. Thus we are told, there was a man who had six children, and had never seen one of them. We are led to suppose that none of the children had ever been beheld by their parent. But the words may mean equally as well that one had been born while the parent was on a journey, and he had, consequently never seen that one. Another puzzle is this: There was a poor blind beggar who had a brother; the brother died, but the man who died had no brother. What relation was the beggar to the man who died? We are apt to think the beggar was a man, but when we think that the beggar might be a girl, the answer becomes quite plain.

We are told of two men who met each other at an inn, and greeted each other affectionately. The hotel keeper inquired of one how he was related to the other, who replied:

"Brother and sister I have none,
Yet this man's father was my father's son"

This is a perfectly plain statement, and yet there are few whose minds are clear enough to see at once that this jingle of words is only a round about way of saying that this man was the speaker's son.—[Exchange.

GRAVES THREE HUNDRED YEARS OLD.—On the 11th day of the month, Mr. L. J. Peck was wandering in the pine regions of Michigan, in the midst of one of those monster forests that make that State so celebrated and valuable for its lumber. His nephew was with him. Far away from civilization, and six miles from the nearest dwelling, they found three graves ranged side by side, and out of two of them trees were growing—enormous trees, one hundred feet high. Digging was expeditiously commenced. The two men found a skeleton, with which the roots of the trees were intertwined in such a way as to show that the trees had grown since the burial of the body; moreover, a scientific gentleman on examining these trees found them to be more than three hundred years old.—The skeleton is now in the Academy of Natural Sciences, at Philadelphia.—Upon the theory of who this skeleton and those which probably rest under the remaining two mounds belong to it is rather premature to speculate, as, at the latest intelligence received from the discovery, the other mounds had not been opened, and the question as to whether the bones are of savage or civilized man, has not been decided.—In the meantime, however, while awaiting the sequel of our narrative, we will suggest that the graves mark the spot where the first three brothers that came to seek their fortunes laid their bones, and that our Western explorers have discovered the resting places of the men who preceded the Plymouth Rockers and the Jamestowners to the New World.—[Lockport (N. Y.) Union.

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Thus, a miller being ill, his mill was stopped, that he might not be disturbed by its noise; but this, so far from inducing sleep, prevented it altogether; it did not take place till the mill was set a-going again. For the same reason, the manager of some vast ironworks, who slept close to them, amid the incessant din of hammers, forges, and furnaces, would awake if there was any cessation during the night. To carry the illustration still further, it has been noticed that a person who falls asleep near a church, the bell of which was ringing, may hear the sound during the whole of his slumber, and be nevertheless aroused by its sudden cessation. Here the sleep must have been imperfect, otherwise he would have been insensible to the sound. The noise of the bell was no stimulus; it was its cessation which, by breaking the monotony, became so, and caused the sleeper to awake.

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