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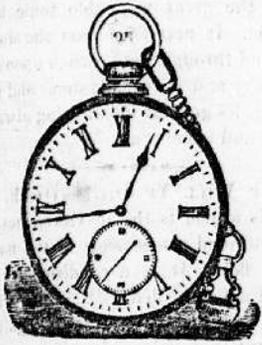
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BY VIRTUE of the authority vested in me by section 23, Act of Congress, dated July 13th, 1866, I have seized and will sell in front of my office in the Town of Alexandria on THURSDAY, 13th of FEBRUARY, 1873, at 12 o'clock M.—the following described property, to-wit:

8 Mules,  
2 Horses,  
8 Cows and Calves,  
1 Wagon,  
1 Buggy,  
8 Bales Cotton, more or less,  
1000 Bushels Corn, more or less,  
One tract of land containing 320 acres, more or less, bounded as follows: On the North by lands of Henderson Estate, on the East by lands of Joseph Ray, on the South by Bayou Jean de Dieu and on the West by lands of E. J. and Rosana Henderson.

Seized and sold for the Succession Tax of the Estate of Mrs. C. Dark. Terms—CASH in U. S. Treasury. A. J. WHITTIER, Deputy Collector. Jan 22, 46. Printer's Fee \$10.

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PROCTOR & GAMBLE'S EXTRA OLIVE SOAP is made from the best materials and nicely perfumed. Sold at price of ordinary Soap. Buy it, you will use no other. Grocers have it. New Orleans Jobbers Wholesale Agents.

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## Poetry.

### WHY?

BY ANNA BOYNTON AVERILL.

Earth, thou art perfect and fair;  
Life, thou art perfect and sweet;  
Soul, thou art rightfully heir;  
Is not thy rapture complete?  
Why, from the manifold joys  
That hie to the morning of day,  
From sorrows that strengthen and save,  
Turn'st thou, expectant away?

I stand in the fresh morning lands;  
Dew-stars in the grass at my feet;  
Buds and white bloom in my hands;  
Above me sweet song-pulses beat.  
From the far depths of the sky  
A glory is rising for me,  
A royal and rosy dawn  
Tinting the hills and the sea.

Youth with its gladness is here,  
Time with its treasures untold,  
Toil with its promise and cheer.  
Love that will never grow cold;  
Yet out of this sweetness and warmth,  
I fade, and I follow afar  
A voice that is vague as a dream,  
A light that is faint as a star.

Mystery waveth her wand  
Over the knowledge I crave,  
And the shadow that stayeth her hand  
Hovereth over a grave.

RENNING SPEED ON FOOT.—Our English ancestors had a hard time in traveling, compared with the railroad facilities of the present day. To near the close of the seventeenth century, gentlemen of distinction went along journeying on foot. Those of the highest social position and wealth rode on horseback, accompanied by running footmen, who kept up their master, however fast they passed over the ground. By training, those runners acquired incredible speed, almost equaling the horse.

On laying the table-cloth in the Duke of Lauderdale's house for a dinner party, it was discovered that there were not spoons enough. A runner was sent off seventeen miles to my lord's other residence, for a supply, and he returned with them before the guests took their seats.

The Earl of Home one night sent his runner to Edinburgh, thirty-five miles from Home Castle, Berwickshire, to deliver a political message. Early next morning the Earl noticed the man asleep on a bench in the hall. He came very near committing a violence on the poor fellow, whom he imagined had not started. He had just returned, and from weariness fell into a doze. On learning the fact that the commission had been executed, going and coming thirty-five miles on foot in an incredibly short time, his lordship rewarded the fleet runner with a present of a piece of land, which, to this day is called *Postoria*.

The Earl of March, who resided at Neidpath Castle, near Peebles, had a runner—John Mann—who invariably ran in front of his master's carriage, after one came into us, carrying a long staff, in the top of which was a cavity for a hard boiled egg—his only food on a traveling jaunt.

In the Orient, particularly in Syria and in Egypt, donkey drivers always accompany the animals they hire out—running by their side days in succession without apparent fatigue. Mules can be educated as well as the intellect.

About a year ago a fellow in West Virginia was arrested for horse stealing, and after he was sent to jail, his devoted girl, Sarah, implored the jailer to let her share his confinement; this being refused, she determined to be with him, and, crazed with fear that he might be sent to the penitentiary, she set fire to a school house. For this she was sentenced for two years' imprisonment and was happy, but just here her lover was taken out for a new trial and, not being reconvicted, was set free. Poor Sarah! Her devotion had defeated its own end, but a kind-hearted Governor took in the situation, and just pardoned her out.

Jacob Abbott's rules for the government of children will apply to teachers as well as parents:

When consent, consent cordially.  
When you refuse, refuse finally.  
When you punish, punish good-naturedly.  
Commend often; never scold.  
Print the above in letters of gold, and hang up in sight.

### A Negro Wedding.

The bride and groom, answering to the names of Andrew and Susy, were field hands of unmistakably pure Guinea blood, and both of them had passed the first half-century of life. Their dress, however, showed that they had not yet entirely eschewed the follies of their youth, for though rude and cheap, as became their condition, it was nevertheless not unembellished with those bits of gewgaw and glaring finery of bright-colored ribbon and tie in which the negro delights.

With the most decorous gravity the preacher began:

"Andrew, duz you lub dis yere woman?"

"I duz so!" was the emphatic reply.

"Will you promise to stick close to her froo time an' 'tarnity, renounce' all oddsers an' cleabin' on'y to her for eber and eber an' amen?"

"I will dat!"

"Will you lub, honor and 'bey?"

"Hold on dar, Ole Jack!"—interrupted the groom, with no little show of indignation—"taint no use talkin' to dis nigger 'bout 'beyin' de wimmen. Cap'n promise to 'bey no wimmen folks 'cept ole Misses!"

"Silence dar! you ovdumptions nigger!" roared the wrathful preacher; "what fur you go fur spile de cemmony? You done spilt all de grabbity ob de 'casion! Dis yere's on'y matter ob form an' in'spensible to de 'casion. Now, don't you go fur to open your black mouf till de time fur you to speak!"

"Will you promise to lub, honor, an' 'bey"—(Andrew still shaking his head ominously at the obnoxious word)—"dis yere nigger! Susy, furnishin' her wid all de tings needful fur her comfort an' happiness; cherishin' an' protectin' her from all shufflin' an' sorer an' makin' smooove de path ob all her precedin' days to come?"

"I sponse I must say yes to dat," said Andrew, meekly.

"Den I pronounce dese yere two couples to be man an' wife! an' whom de Lord hab joined togedder let no man go for to put dem asunder!"

Here an uproar arose among the blacks, betokening a dilemma entirely unforeseen by Old Jack. For inasmuch as he had forgotten to require the usual vows of Susy, they insisted that however firmly Andrew might be bound by the bonds of matrimony, Susy was still single, and the pair were but half married. The matter was at last adjusted by the preacher commencing the ceremony *de novo*, by which means the couple were finally united to the satisfaction of all.

VALUE OF WOMEN IN A COMMERCIAL POINT OF VIEW.—In looking over the last report of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad Company we find some interesting facts in relation to the value of our women in a commercial point of view that explodes these obsolete ideas and fully vindicates our noble East Tennessee mothers and daughters from the charge that they are consumers of wealth and add nothing to the resources of the country. From this report we learn that there were shipped from the line of the road for the last fiscal year:

321,366 pounds butter, at 20c... \$ 64,273 20  
2,284,956 pounds dried fruit at 5c 114,247 80  
264,234 pounds of feathers, at 60c... 158,540 40  
120,000 doz. eggs at 15c..... 18,000 00

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Whitesburg, one of the smallest villages on the line of road, so small that for a long time the company refused them a depot, shipped 27,266 pounds of butter, at 20c—\$5,453 20.—[Knoxville Herald and Press.

The Alabama muddle was settled upon this basis: The Democratic members in districts contested, by Radicals are not to vote in the reorganization of the Legislature, but Radical members from districts contested by Democrats are to vote. In Louisiana it is this way: The Radicals alone are the State, and no seat is to be contested by a Democrat, for the fact that he is a Democrat disqualifies him. In the one case the question is settled indirectly, and in the other it is settled directly. The same conclusion is reached both cases. Did Harry VIII. ever decide points of dispute between crown and people more arbitrarily or with less honor and justice?—[Courier Journal.

### Clouds.

One of the saddest thoughts that come to us in life is the thought that in this bright, beautiful, joy-giving world of ours, there are so many shadowed lives.

If suffering came only with crime, even then we might drop a tear over him whose errors wrought their own recompense. But it is not so, alas!—Then we should not have it to record that the noblest and most gifted are often among those who may count their fate among shadowed lives. With one it is the shadow of a grave, long, deep, and narrow, which falls over a life, shutting out the gladness of the sunshine, blighting the tender blossoms of hope.

With another it is the wreck of a great ambition. He has unbridled his ship, and launched it on the sea of life, freighted with the richest jewels of his strength, his energies, his manhood.—Behold, it comes back to him beaten, battered, torn in some horrible tempest, "the wreck of a first rate."

With some others, disease throws its terrible shadows over the portals, and shuts out the brightness and joy of the outside world from the sufferer within. But this is the lightest shadow of all; for it teaches the heart lessons of endurance and faith, and through its darkness the sufferer sees ever the star of promise shining with rays that tell of the glories beyond. Of all shadowed lives, we find it in our hearts to feel most for those which are darkened by an unhappy marriage.

Unhappy marriages are the quintessence of human bondage. It wounds daily our fondest and sweetest impulses, it trifles with and buries our holiest and dearest affections, and writes over the tomb thereof: "No hope." It embitters the victim with the thought that lost forever to his or her life is a glory of a great love; closed forever to him or her, the portals of a happy home—that fountain of freshness and delight, at which the soul must needs drink to gather strength for the heat and burden of the outside battle.—[Exchange.

It is now some twenty years since the great suspension bridge was built over the Niagara river. The question of its safety has recently been agitated, and critical investigation has accordingly been made by the Chief Engineer and directors of the Great Western Railway. The caps on the towers covering the cables were found to be as perfect in all respects as they ever were. But most important of all, the anchorage of the cables was thoroughly inspected. The masonry over one of them was removed for about twelve feet or below where the wires are attached to the anchor chains. A portion of the cable is imbedded in water-lime cement. For twenty years this has been there, yet, on removing it and rubbing the paint off the wires, the latter were found as bright and perfect as when placed there, the cement having preserved the wire and anchor chains intact. The examination was made in the presence of competent engineers, who have expressed themselves as above to the Directors of the Bridge Company.—[Lockport Journal.

The steamer Italy from Liverpool has arrived at New York, bringing 862 immigrant passengers, of which nearly 500 were Italians in an extreme state of destitution. The authorities at Castle Gardens are in a quandary as to their disposition, and aver that they are as a general thing unable to earn anything after arriving, and that at present they are without means of any kind. Several of the immigrants were taken to Ward's Island where they are supported by the city. Other vessels are now on the way with large numbers of Italians. As nearly as can be ascertained they are lead to immigrate to America by the promises of agents of a so-called colonization society.—The Italian government is also reported to be not unfavorable to a general exodus.

This happened in a Boston auction room, where a mammoth picture is on exhibition of Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel. An Irishman asked a by-stander—"Who is it there?" "Adam and Eve and their children," was the reply. A lady standing by said, sotto voce, to her companion, "Why, I didn't know they had any children."