

The New Orleans Crescent.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27, 1868.

A LEGEND OF THE FLOWERS.

The Dahlia bears its flammery crest, Deduced in nature's gorgeous dyes, Though in its garish, crimson robes...

The Dahlia looked with longing eyes, No scent or perfume essence lies, 'Twas thus it came that outward bright...

The Dahlia told, how people said, The color was the dye of crime; And how the blood the stars had shed...

Base Dahlia yielded; Her darling love, Or fear—or call it what you will, Prevalled in his weak, unsteady will...

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And since that time the Dahlia's bloom, Though gaudy, is without perfume, While Rose is still the queen of flowers...

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

A consciousness of the occasion and its attendant festivities was everywhere visible. All night long, it may be said, gunpowder had been exploding...

When the hour for morning service arrived, the churches showed a numerous attendance of thankful worshippers. All the public offices closed at 10 A. M., and their occupants hurried themselves...

And as it was on Canal street so it was everywhere throughout the city. Every one appeared good humored and happy. The egg-nogg consumed during that festive day, who shall compute...

But soon the Dahlia's parent came, Her doting, fond, maternal care, And so their pie of love was passed; Her joyous— with half-told tone...

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And since that time the Dahlia's bloom, Though gaudy, is without perfume, While Rose is still the queen of flowers...

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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS, ETC.

Train has arrived. Morton will reply to Greeley. Connecticut Foster wants the Russian mission. Victoria has pensioned a parliamentary reporter...

St. Louis claims a population of 251,000. Our Indian war have cost us over \$55,000,000. The Erie railroad cost \$90,000,000. New York punches bullets at 1639 stations...

Phillips opposes the repeal of the tenure of office law. Thumb and Nutt and Minnie Warren are in Charleston. Rosini was the son of a strolling horn-player...

A Missippi ox, six years old, and weighing 2600 pounds, is to be cut up in Mobile. The white bait of the Thames is only a young herring. The president is expected to veto the militia bill...

Cyrus W. Field has given \$50,000 for a home-stead in Westchester county, N. Y. The Blaine twins have concluded not to dissolve their union. \$25,000 for his first volume of "The War Among the States" has been offered to A. H. Stephens...

The word bouffe is derived from the name of Marie Bouffe, a French comedienne. Seven Jews, all Liberals, will sit in the new parliament. The city physician in one of the Washington wards is a negro...

Bryant, at seventy-five, still writes leaders for the Evening Post. Chicago receives ten-pound brook trout from the Rocky Mountains. Pennsylvania has nearly five liquor shops to each school teacher...

Theodore Parker's congregation have secured the ministrations of Rev. J. Vila Blake. Langston, the colored orator, expects Grant to give him the mission to Haiti. Malden, Mass., had a policeman who was "a highly respected citizen," but he was killed...

In Philadelphia \$150,000,000 are invested in manufactures. The Bible is now printed in over 200 different languages. The railways, it is said, don't charge Gen. Grant any fare...

Z. L. White, of the Tribune, has been offered an editorship on the Chicago Democrat. The lotus flowers and pink camellias are very fashionable for wreaths for the hair. Chicago has discovered that Cincinnati capitalists own \$2,000,000 of Chicago real estate...

Snails cooked in their shells are said to taste very like clams, but are not so tough. All the cigar makers are sending cigars to Grant. O'Connor has engaged to defend Grant, Poland's slayer...

Thanks to the officers of the steamer Era No. 9. Alexandre L. Deblieux, of Rapides parish, died recently at the age of 74. Thanks to the officers of the steamer Matagorda. Dickens's sister-in-law committed suicide in Chicago yesterday...

Summer wants the word "white" knocked out of the naturalization laws. The largest audience ever assembled at a dramatic performance in Buffalo went to see Edwin Booth play "Hamlet." The Cincinnati Enquirer has resolved to have no holiday, but hereafter publish 365 newspapers a year...

For several years, Hon. Caleb Cushing has employed a Spaniard as secretary, who accompanies the general on his present European mission. Velocipedes are so common in Paris in the evening that the police compel the riders to affix lamps to them to prevent from New York to a friend in this city that he is on his way to "the land of the orange, the magnolia and the nigger."

Snyder drew Thad. Stevens's seat, but subsequently surrendered it to the successor of the "Old man aristocrat." Mrs. E. Keckley, the negro dressmaker and author of the pert and injudicious book about Mrs. Lincoln, is now the advertised fitter of a Jewish firm of dressmakers in Washington. Col. Daniel McClure, assistant paymaster general, stationed in this city, has been brevetted brigadier general for faithful and meritorious services...

In Paris, high tortoise shell combs are not only invading the chignon region, but cresting so high that nothing but touquet rims and aigrettes will soon honor ladies' eyebrows. Northern emigrants and Union men may come among us with the full assurance that they can speak their opinion anywhere and everywhere and not so much as a hair of their head will be harmed.—[Waco (Texas) Examiner.]

We are indebted to Dr. J. J. Hays for a copy of his very interesting address on "The Progress of Arctic Discovery," read before the American Geographical Society, New York, November 12, 1868. The city of Lynn, Mass., the great shoe manufacturing place, was nearly all destroyed by fire yesterday morning, causing a loss of many millions and great suffering among the inhabitants. Lynn is situated about ten miles below Boston, on the sea shore, in Essex county...

One of the best jokes of Christmas day was a row on Lafayette street, caused by an inebriated individual hitting a negro on the head with an orange. The colored individual would have it appear that he had received severe physical damage. One of the empress' most elaborate toilets during the stay of this series at Compiegne is an apricot tulle, puffed all round the bottom with apricot tulle; Bonnets worked with silver, fuchsia pattern, and trimmed with Venetian fringe of white silk. Over this an immense train of white satin, softened by apricot tulle, worked with silver fuchsias and fringe round the borders.

NON-EXPLOSIVE SEXTONITE OIL.—The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement in another column of this morning's Crescent concerning the value of this celebrated oil. It is non explosive, gives a clear and brilliant light, emits no smoke, and is the most economical oil now before the public. Capt. J. P. Cross is the clever patentee and manufacturer, and Mr. E. M. Hooper is the accommodating general agent, with his general depot at No. 15 Dauphin street. The popularity of this oil has compelled Mr. Hooper to establish sub-depots all over the city. The assortment of lamps and trimmings to be found at No. 15 Dauphin street embraces an endless variety, while the prices asked are very moderate. See advertisement.

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.—Mr. B. T. Walsh, 110 Canal street, advertises in today's Crescent, a large and varied assortment of youths', boys' and children's clothing, furnishing goods, etc., which he is selling at the lowest figures for cash. His stock of boys' clothing is very fine, well assorted and cheap. We can only arrive at these facts from the immense run on his establishment the past several weeks, and the cry is still they come. Mr. Walsh makes it a point never to let a customer go unless he is perfectly pleased and suited. Give him a call.

THE OLD MARY CAROUSEL. Ed. Crescent.—May there not, at this season of festivity, be among your readers some "Gray-haired man who's sadly dreaming 'O'er pleasures gone as all life's pleasures go," to whose past experience and present musings these lines may be apposite enough to win from him a sympathetic sigh? So many years have passed since I read them, that I cannot remember whence they came, only that they were entitled—"THE OLD MARY CAROUSEL."

Drink! drink! to whom shall I drink? A friend or a mistress? Come let me think; To those who are absent, or those who are here? To the dead that we loved, or the living still dear? Alas! when I look I find none of the last; The present is barren—let's drink to the past. Come! here's to the girl with the voice sweet and low, The light of fire and the bosom of snow, Who, ere while in the days of my youth that are fled, Once slept in my bosom and pillow'd my head; Would you know where to find such a delicate prize? Go seek in your churchyard—for there she lies. And here's to the friend—the one friend of my youth, Who with a head full of genius—a heart full of truth; Who traveled with me in the sunshine of life, And stuck by my side in its sorrow and strife; Would you know where to find a blessing so rare, Go drag the lone sea—you may find him there.

And here's to a brace of twin cherubs of mine, With a heart like their mother's—as pure as the wine, Who came to but to see the first act of the play, Grew tired of the scene, and both went away! Would you know where this brace of twin cherubs have hid, Go seek them in heaven—for there they abide. A bumper, my boys, to a gray-headed pair, Who watched o'er my childhood with tenderest care! God bless them and keep them, and may they look down On the head of their child without tear, sigh or frown; Would you know whom I drink to—go seek midst the dead, You will find both their names on the stone at their head. And here's —, but alas! the good wine is no more; The bottle is emptied of all its bright store; Like those we have toasted—its spirit has fled, And none is left but the light of its lid. Then a bumper of tears, boys, the banquet here ends, With a health to our dead—since we've no living friends!

For the Triangles. SHAKES, BUT POOR PAY. In one of your papers of last week, you have a good anecdote about a minister and his marriage fees. He having been taunted by a man with the amount he made in marriage fees, proposed to give one half of his text fee to the man for a bushel of potatoes. His proposal was accepted, and the very next day, when marrying a couple he was offered a nice good deal of truth in the idea meant to be conveyed by the anecdote, any one who has been brought into close acquaintance with the ministers of the Gospel, and the Methodist church in particular, can testify to; its truth struck me, and brought up some things I would of and here I give them to you. Why people should think they have any more right to tax the time, health, and labor of a minister without paying for it than of a doctor or lawyer, I cannot tell, but that does seem to be the idea, and should be rectified. They and their families have to live, to eat and be clothed as well as any one else, but many folks seem blind on that point. When I was a young girl the country town in which I lived could not boast a regular paragon of any kind, and nearly every house in it was owned by the occupant. Through the Master we were a wealthy and influential denomination there; there never was any certainty that the new preacher would have a settled home, when the conference changed the circuit rider, which it did sometimes every year, and certainly every two years. My mother—who was a strict member of that church, and almost Quaker like in dress and appearance, living up to the closest rules of the founder of the sect—a large old-fashioned, rambling house, with far more room than needed for her family. So one year when the church had been informed that a married man with a family had been sent them that year, and many what to do about it, my house large enough for him, she proffered part of her for their use, and it was accepted. We youngsters when talking it over among ourselves did not relish the idea of the preacher living in the same house with us, as we feared the strictness would be a little more than we could bear with comfort, but our house was one where the parents ruled, not the children, and there was existing a protest even among those most rebellious. So, for a few days we occupied ourselves with making such changes as were necessary in the furniture and rooms, and then awaited the arrival of our new minister. Well to make my story short, they came, Mr. A. and wife and four children, the eldest a son of fourteen, the brightest, happiest boy I ever knew; and so far from there being any undue severity, there was gentleness and kindness, especially toward our children was the means after a time of modifying somewhat the ultra strictness in our own, and we soon learned to say uncle and aunt A., and became as fond of them and the children as though really relatives. It was a very severe winter; the snow and ice were heavy on the ground; the roads, freezing after a steady rain—were frozen in great part, and traveling anything but pleasant, especially old horseback, the usual mode of the itinerant preacher. One day uncle A. came in and said to his wife, "My dear, get my leggins, overcoat, gloves and mufflers ready, for I have to go up to brother B's house to see a friend, and I shall be gone some time." 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