

The following spirited poem is by a lady of this city who, when she was considered "older than the swan," was a frequent contributor to our local press.

Chains! Chains! Chains! Basic badges of defeat! What hand has dared to place them there?

Chains on a Southern woman—chains! Vile types of the blackest shame! Worn in the sight of the men who won their foes' respect, when hope was gone,

Chains on a Southern woman—chains! Infamy's bitter brand! Hung over hearts that once throbb'd high, In those better days, long since gone by,

Chains on a Southern woman—chains! Black emblems of disgrace! Ye may cease to mourn for your glories dead, But ye should not wear, without blushes, The badge of a fallen race.

Chains on a Southern woman—chains! Submission flaunted high! Flung them away from your scornful sight! Loosen their fetters from your necks tight!

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The Paris Exhibition. The Imperial Commission has just issued the Palace of the Exhibition for the sum of 7,500,000 francs.

It is remarked of the Paris Exhibition building that it is constructed with a view to circulation, and all the arrangements of galleries and pathways tend to produce circulation.

I have said that a visit to the Exhibition has become a pleasure. The chief drawback to this pleasure is that the Imperial Commission has not yet deemed it right to provide visitors with seats.

The great attraction in the British department is Mr. Harry Emanuel's mechanical swan. People rush and crush to see this swan, as in 1862 they crushed to hear the piping bullfinch.

At the upper end of the court was a grotto, or alcove, floored with various colored marbles, opening on the spacious area, but elevated three steps above it.

At the taking of the likeness, for the first time for the presentation of her portrait to a private individual, the queen sat in the only robes of state she has worn since the death of the prince consort.

The portrait is done in enamel, on a panel of pure gold. Enamel paintings, to bring out all the brilliancy of their colors, have to be burnt in a furnace at least five, and generally six times.

The picture is mounted in the most elaborate and massive chased frame of pure gold, surmounted with the royal crown enameled on the same metal in colors.

It is Mr. Peabody's intention to exhibit it publicly here and in the Provinces, one-half of the proceeds being destined to go to the Southern Relief Fund, and the remainder to some local charity.

Lizards as a beverage.—The question of gregrinas has been appropriately succeeded by one of lizards. We say appropriately, because if the human race proposes to worry itself about that part of animal creation which is revealed by the microscope, it may bid an eternal farewell to tranquility.

The reptile is entirely visible to the naked eye, and are of a lovely bronze color. They disport in the hydrant pipes, and the community is disturbed over the noisy and unsanitary narratives which detail how some have found their way into human stomachs, giving rise to a series of phenomena of which consumption seems to be the least baleful and distressing.

One John McDonald, the story runs, was at times troubled with severe fits of coughing, and in one of these fits the other day he expectorated a lizard four inches in length.

"Mr. McDonald," we are told, "has been in the army, and he remembers when with Sherman's bummers taking a drink of water, and swallowing something that caused a tickling sensation in his throat."

As to the exact nature of the salutary exercise we have no information. If the lizard ever does kick, it certainly ought to kick its most rapacious on being released from that chamber of acid horrors—the modern human stomach.

Singular Fatality.—The Canton (Miss.) Mail has an account of a singular and fatal accident which befel a young man in that neighborhood, last week.

He was engaged in a game of town ball, and whilst running very rapidly, and looking towards another player who was about to throw the ball at him, his head came in contact with the trunk of a tree, by which he was injured so badly that he died in a few hours.

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Life in Damascus—Delights of a Saracenic Mansion. A traveler who has been visiting the dwelling of Assal, one of the leading citizens of Damascus, gives the following description of the building.

When we arrived at the front of the mansion we were surprised at the meanness of its appearance—at the walls of sunburnt bricks, and the few miserable windows stuck here and there without order or arrangement, possessing no glass, but covered with a thick lattice formed with crossbars of wood.

At the upper end of the court was a grotto, or alcove, floored with various colored marbles, opening on the spacious area, but elevated three steps above it.

The floor was covered with a thick matting, and the ceilings were painted in a beautiful manner and with great taste.

The walls were adorned with rich carving and gilding, and all around them, raised about a foot and a half from the floor, extended a divan covered with rich figured mixed silk and cotton stuff of Damascus manufacture.

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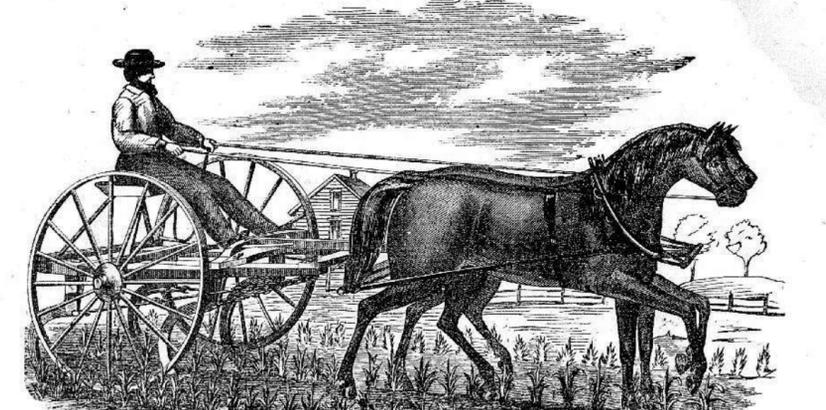
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Shreveport, December 12, 1886.

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