

A WOMAN'S CONCLUSION.

BY PHOENIX CARY.

"I said, if I might go back again To the very hour and place of my birth; Might have in my life whatever I chose, And live it in my part of the earth; ... perfect sunshine into my sky. ... I would not let my path be a road ... I would not let my path be a road ... I would not let my path be a road ..."

of this unknown lady, Adam's mornor, but that fear was the only shadow on Mattie's face. It was an idyl, a poem as true, that had written itself here in this out-of-the-way spot on the lonely Sussex Downs. ... On the third day they might look for Adam to return, but that day passed, and many another, until the days were weeks, and the weeks months, and he neither came nor wrote. ..."

OLD HICKORY'S WIFE.

How She Kept Him from Whipping an Editor.

When Gen. Jackson was a candidate for the Presidency in 1829, not only did the party opposed to him abuse him for his public acts, which, if unostentatious or violent, were a legitimate subject for reprobation, but they decried the character of his wife. ... One occasion a newspaper, published in Nashville, was placed upon the General's table. He glanced over it, and his eyes fell upon an article in which the character of Mrs. Jackson was violently assailed. ..."

Dealing in Fiddles.

Charles Reade tells one tale of the romance of fiddle-dealing which is charming. There was a certain precious violoncello at Madrid. It was a genuine Stradivarius. The local maker, one Ortega, had put in a new belly and sold it, keeping the old belly in his shop. ... Mr. Chanot, "the best judge of violins left, now Tarisio is gone," lighted upon the old belly and bought it. ..."

Literature in the Middle Ages.

The monasteries of the Middle Ages were the conservators of literature. Just as the frozen soil preserves in its bosom, through long, cheerless days of winter, seeds which shall afterward clothe the earth in beauty and fill the air with fragrance, so did the monastic institutions of the Dark Ages cherish the germs, already budded into form, which were ere long to burst the crust of superstitious ignorance, and come forth fresh and sweet in the springtime of intellectual awakening. ..."

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

How Times Have Changed Since the Jacksonian Era. The United States of to-day is quite another nation from the one which the United States of America was. ... Then California was discovered. ... The "Far West" people traveled by stage coach. ..."

TRUST REWARDED.

Mattie's story was simple enough. The orphan girl of a former servant in a wealthy family, Mattie had shared the lessons and the play of the younger daughter of the house, until a time came when it was convenient to turn the humble companion adrift to work for herself. ..."

As autumn passed, and the evenings grew chill with the breath of the coming winter, Mattie's health seemed to fail. The deep melancholy that oppressed her threatened to break the springs of life. ... In order to escape Mrs. Bankes the girl took to lonely wanderings over the Downs that ended always at Stonedene, until, with the instinct of a wounded animal that seeks to bear its pain alone, ..."

Being Neighbory.

There are people who seem to base friendship on borrowing as long as you will lend to them. Neighbors of that stamp illustrate the impudence that demands without consideration, and the familiarity that breeds contempt. ..."

A Beggar's Ruse.

A man of genius, but somewhat seedy and negligent of apparel, called on an old friend, an insurance agent down town, whom he had not seen for several months, and after the usual greetings of the conversation, by mutual consent, passed into matters literature and philosophy. ..."

A Great Hunter.

A mighty hunter is Rudolph, Crown Prince of Austria, and a universal one, too. At it game that comes within range of his gun. ... During four years, in which time he visited Spain, Egypt and Syria, he bagged 18,050 birds. ..."

A Little Slow.

"Conductor!" exclaimed an elderly gentleman, looking up from the Bible he had been anxiously poring over for some minutes. "Conductor, I can't find anything about this train in the Scriptures. Where is it? Show it to me!" ..."

Overtaxing the Brain.

In a letter on "Brain Health," at Edinburgh, Dr. J. Batty Tuke said that, as a matter of fact, it was not an easy thing to overtax the energies of the brain by work. ..."

Rules for Good Conduct.

Here are ten rules that every pupil should remember. It would be well for the teacher to write them upon the blackboard that all may be able to keep them in mind and practice them. ..."

John C. Calhoun.

Mr. Calhoun spoke like a college professor demonstrating to his class. His position was stationary, and he used no gesticulation. ..."

What Paul Said.

A Virginia preacher, who bought his butter from his brother Paul, sent for a fresh supply for his Sunday dinner, and was in the midst of his sermon when his negro servant returned and took his seat in the church. ..."

Summer's Practice.

Near the close of Sumner's career "Apphia Howard" said to him in his Washington home: "What are your days here without Congress?" ..."

How Gov. Andrew Did It.

Late one afternoon, after a busy day, when the executive office people were getting ready to go home, a poor old Irish woman was announced, the messenger remarking: "It's only an old woman, Governor, who wants to get her husband pardoned out of the House of Correction. ..."

Value of Babies.

The value of babies has been fixed. A child less than 1 year old is worth \$14; between 1 and 2 years, \$19; 2 to 3 years, \$28; 4 years, \$31; 5 years, \$35; 6 years, \$40; 7 years, \$50; 8 years, \$60; 9 years, \$70; 10 years, \$80; 11 years, \$123. ..."

The Ohio Reserve.

The "Reserve," so called because it was reserved as the rightful share of the State of Connecticut, in the final adjustment of colonial land claims made by Congress, between the States, soon after the close of the Revolutionary war, embraces a territory of nearly three and a half millions of acres, situated in the northeastern part of Ohio. ..."

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