

The Quest of the Holy Poker.

(A Fragment overlooked by the Post Laureate.) So we sought the cloister. Yet before its ponderous gate clashed on our entering steps.

A passing minstrel, fresh from Leather Lane, Of girth Italian, tuned his organ-pipe To accents of contagious melody.

Sung nightly by the bards in Weston's Hall; And from the circling crowd, one little voice, Clear as the shrill pipe of an echo-boy,

Took up the sweet refrain—Act on the Square, O ye who seek to find, yet, seeking, miss The seeker's goal, and crown of all success;

If seeking, still ye search—Act on the Square, Fain would ye hear the words from friendly lips

Be like a benediction 'All serene?' Fall this your motto still—Act on the Square.

O sparrow, sparrow, sparrow, flying south, Or east, or west, or north-north-east-by-east! Be this your chart of flight—Act on the Square.

Deeming the words prophetic of our quest, We left the world behind the gate, and passed.

NEW YORK ISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent. NEW YORK, April 2, 1870. Rich Editors. All editors are not the poor devils which they are too often represented to be.

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People who go to Rio Janeiro sometimes return, but this does not seem likely to be the case with Miss Carlotta Patti.

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audience to a piece of practical satire in the shape of a medley, composed of "Captain Dinka," "Sinner By," "Hail Columbia," and "Yankee Doodle."

AT THE CHECKER the "Hoplactic" Troupe and the Lauri pantomimists will appear this afternoon in their beautiful and entertaining performances.

AT THE WALNUT Mr. Chanfrau will appear this afternoon and evening in Kit; or, The Arsenic Traveler.

On Monday Mr. Chanfrau will produce a new comedy by T. B. De Walden, entitled Joe.

AT THE ANCH LOTTA will appear for the last time this afternoon and evening.

AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE a variety of attractive burlesques will be performed this evening.

STONOR BLITZ, JR., will give an exhibition of magic this evening at the Assembly Buildings.

THE SENEZ-HASSLER ORCHESTRA will give a matinee to-day at Musical Fund Hall.

THE PANORAMA OF "THE PILGRIM" will be exhibited this evening at Concert Hall.

Through some strange freak a Pennsylvania woman, while away from home, sent a despatch, signed with a fictitious name, to her son, saying that she was dead, and he must come for the body.

He made arrangements for the funeral, went, found her alive, and brought her back. Mourning was changed to joy, all present screaming, dancing, crying, and laughing in concert.

The grave was filled up and the undertaker dismissed, and there was a flood of indignation poured out against the wicked perpetrator of the terrible joke, the woman herself referring to the heartless transaction with tears in her eyes.

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