

Miscellaneous.

Setting a Kingdom Man-of-War Fashion.

One of her Majesty's ships, while cruising on the African coast, was ordered to proceed to the Cameroon river, and deliver the presents to Kings Bell and Aqua, in fulfillment of a treaty entered into with those sovereigns by the British Government for the suppression of the slave trade...

Rain on the Roof.

When the humid showers gather Over all the starry spheres, And the melancholy darkness Gently weeps in rainy tears...

Every tinkle on the shingles Has an echo in the heart, And a thousand dreary fancies Into busy being start...

There in fancy come my mother, As she used to years ago, To survey the infant sleeper, Ere she left them till the dawn...

Then my little scraph sister, With her wings and waving hair, And her bright-eyed cherub brother, A serene angelic pair...

And another comes to thrill me With her eyes' delicious blue! Forget, as going on her, That her heart was all untrue!

There is naught in art's bravuras That can work with such a spell, In the spirit's pure deep fountain, Whence the holy passions swell...

The Paine Light.

We have been frequently asked of late, "What about the Paine Light?" This question has come to us across the great Atlantic, from many persons in Europe interested in this wonderful discovery...

We had the honor of visiting Mr. Paine's laboratory a few days since; and with his characteristic urbanity and unequivocal candor, that gentleman showed and explained to us every attribute and operation of his discovery, which has stirred the ice, wonder and distrust of the whole world...

Thus, in an hour, was one King deposed, another established, and the dynasty of an empire settled without bloodshed, by the captain of a British man-of-war.—European Times.

SAN FRANCISCO is a Sodom, where vice and debauchery stalk brazenly at noonday—where there is properly no female society, no literature, no decided moral and religious influences operative on the great mass of the people...

LOVE.—The following exquisite passage we find in Tupper's Crook of Gold: "Love is the weapon which Omnipotence reserved to conquer rebel man; for all else had failed. Reason he parries; fear he answers blow to blow; but love, that sun against whose melting beams winter cannot stand, that soft subduing slumber which wreathes down the giant, there is not one human creature in a million, not a thousand men in all earth's large quiltation, whose clay heart is hardened against love."

Wonders of the Unseen.

Last evening we called at Dr. Buchmann's to see some psychometrical experiments. Having an engagement for the early part of the evening, we did not call soon enough to see all that was done. Before we arrived, the character of Clay, Perpoint and Longfellow had been described by the psychometer; by holding upon his forehead the miniature, writing of those distinguished men. The psychometer was not insured whose autographs or manuscripts were handed him, and from the impressions alone which he derived from the hand-writing, he gave the distinguished characteristics of those men...

When we arrived, he was trying the effects which different mineral substances had in his hand would have upon him. The crystals he held were carefully enveloped, and the psychometer was left to tell what they were. By merely holding them in his hands, he could tell the effect they would respectively have if taken into the system, for such were the effects they had upon him. Some finest cut tobacco was folded carefully and placed in his hand; a few moments and he was to be seen in disgust. Some opium was then tried, and the psychometer described the various uses of the article, and the effect it would have if taken in large or small doses—and finally said it was opium. Some Jalap was then tried with similar results. This psychometer is a physician, and hence his familiarity with different medicines enabled him to tell their names—his wonder is that he could describe their nature and effects without seeing or tasting them, and by holding them, told closely, in his hand!

Mr. Bushnell being present, and having no objection to give the company an idea of her power, she passed into a clairvoyant state. She was asked to describe some of the characters in the room. The "decided bits" she made were thought to be admirable and wonderful. We "give in" as far as our own character is concerned. She was then asked to speak of a distant relative of one present. This was a brother, who died in California. She described his personal appearance, the section of the country in which he died, the cause of his death, his destination—California—his object in getting money—to pursue some profession, and gratify his ambition. She described his clothes, his knive, his pistol, his wallet, his purse, &c.,—all of which the brother present declared to be correct. As Dr. Buchmann was about to wake her, and after he had made one or two manipulations for this purpose, she said "hold," and asked concerning that spiritual form that stood before her, much like Dr. Buchmann, though aged. She then described the Doctor's deceased father accurately, and said he was attending the Doctor and assisting him in his inquiries. She said he looked very much like the Doctor, and possessed a similar mind. The portrait of his father, which hung in another room, showed the striking resemblance.

She then delivered a beautiful lecture on the relation we sustain to spiritual intelligences—the point of which was, that we are constantly attended by the spirits of our deceased friends and relations, who are round about us especially when we think of them—guiding us by their voices, and defending us from evil spirits, as they can influence us.—Cincinnati Nonpareil.

Cradle Song.

Sweet and low, sweet and low, Wind of the western sea, Low, low, breathe and blow, Wind of the western sea!

Sleep and rest, sleep and rest, Father will come to thee soon! Rest, rest, on Mother's breast, Father will come to thee soon!

Rights of Husband and Wife.

A curious case of the rights of husband and wife has been lately brought before the English courts. Mr. Collett, son of the celebrated William Collett, has been for many years an inmate of the Queen's Bench Prison, whether he was committed for contempt of court, his wife, who is thoroughly devoted to his cause, has been in the habit, from time to time, of appearing in the Courts of Westminster, vainly endeavoring to ameliorate his condition or procure his release...

THE HEART.—The little I have seen of the world and known of the history of mankind, teaches me to look upon the errors of others in sorrow, not in anger. When I take the history of one poor heart that has sinned and suffered, and repented to myself which makes him odious. The heathens called Jupiter the greatest and the best; but his history was black with cruelty and lust. We cannot judge of men's real ideas of God by their general language, for in all ages they have hoped to soothe the Deity by idolatry. We must inquire into their particular views of his purposes, of the principles of his administration, and of his disposition towards his creatures.—Channing.

Aunt Dinah.

Embered in shade, by the side of a wood, The cot of Aunt Dinah delightfully stood. A rural retreat in simplicity dress'd, Squandered it out like a bird in its nest; Postured with the larder, and scented with rose, Its windows looked out on a scene of repose.

Through the skin of Aunt Dinah, was blown as a breeze, The beam of affection and light from her soul; Like a bird in a valley, that's fertile and happy, The dew-drops out-shine in the strength of their power.

What though she were poor, Aunt Dinah's estate The world was unable to give or create, Her wealth was her virtues, and brightly they shone.

With a lustre unborrowed, and beauty their own, Her nature was goodness, her heart was a mine Of jewels, more precious than pearls can define, And she gave them with such a profusion and grace.

Aunt Dinah has gone to the land of the good, And her ashes repose by her favorite wood, But her lonely old cottage looks out o'er the plain.

The New York Atlas gives the following account of the Colonel and his children: Among the slaves of his father's family, there was a young negro about his own age, who, under the circumstances in which the whole family lived, within the narrow confines of a fortress, knew not the difference between freedom and slavery.

She did not regard him as her "young master" or superior—he was on an equal footing with her as an inmate of the fortress, and when the train had arrived at puberty, they found themselves like Paul and Virginia and Julie and Varriero—devoted and unnumbered lovers! An attachment thus begun, was not soon faded away; nor did it culminate with the increasing of joyous youth. The familiarity between Richard and the youthful slave was noticed by his father and mother—was warmly denounced and condemned, and at last, they threatened to sell the unwilling negro to the Indians, if it was not immediately released!

By his blackmaster wife, he became the father of several children, all of whom he educated in a most liberal manner, and endowed them with the means of ultimate independence. With two of his daughters we were acquainted in our boyhood, and often danced with them at a ballroom. They were quite white—very handsome—and educated in the best schools accessible. They married respectively and advantageously, now reside in Ohio, in a state of affluence and independence.

Thanksgiving Sermons.

To the Editor of The Tribune:—Some people may fancy that the sudden loyalty of the clergy of our City and their denunciation of "imaginary rebels" agree with "Powers" that he is a new thing in this region. Quite the contrary, I assure them. In 1776, when the legitimate powers under Lord Howe took possession of our houses, and Gen. Washington and other "traitors" retreated to the fastnesses of the highlands, nearly every clergyman of the dominant persuasion hastened to preach "obedience to them that had rule" over the City. Dr. A. B. C. of Trinity Church, New York; Dr. Wadsworth of Christ Church, Boston; Dr. Cooper of King's College, New York; and Revs. Scudder and Peters of Connecticut, are cited as follows in John Trumbull's "McFingall."

"I say, captain," said a little keen-eyed man, as he leaped from the steamer Potomac at Natchez, "I say, captain this here ain't all." "Them's all the plunder you brought on board, anyhow?" "Well see now, I grant it's O.K. according to list—four boxes, three chests, two bar-boxes, a portmanteau, two hams, one part cut, three ropes of Indians on a tonketle; but you see, captain, I'm dubious, I feel there's something short. Though I've counted 'em over nine times an' never took my eyes off 'em while on board—there's something not right, some how." "Well, stranger, time's up; them's all I know on; so just fetch your wife an' five children out of the cabin, as I'm off!" "I'd forg' the em! darn it, them's 'em! I know'd I'd forg' the em!"

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