THE SELF-EXILED.

"Now, open the gate and let her in,
And fling it wide,
For she hath been cleansed from stain of sin,'
St. Peter cried.
And the angels all were silent.

"Though I am cleansed from stain of sin,"
She answered low,
"I came not here to enter in,
Nor may I go."
And the angels all were silent.

"But I may not enter there," she said,
"For I must go
Across the gulf where the guilty dead
Lie in their woe."
And the angels all were silent.

"If I enter heaven I may not speak
My soul's desire
For them that are lying distraught and weak
In flaming fire."
And the angels all were silent.

St. Peter turned the keys about
And answered grim:
"Can you love the Lord and abide without
Afar from him?"
And the angels all were silent.

"Should I be nearer Christ," she said,
"By pitying less
The sinful living or woful dead
In their helplessness?"
And the angels all were silent.

"Should I be liker Christ, were I
To love no more
The loved, who in their anguish lie
Outside the door?"
And the angels all were silent.

"Did he not hang on the cursed tree,
And bear its shame,
And clasp to His heart, for love of me,
My guilt and blame?"
And the angels all were silent.

"Should I be liker, nearer Him,
Forgetting this—
Singing all day with the seraphim,
In selfish bliss?"
And the angels all were silent.

The Lord Himself stood by the gate,
And heard her speak
Those tender words compassionate,
Gentle and meek.
And the angels all were silent.

Now, pity is the touch of God
In human hearts.
And from that way He ever trod
He ne'er departs.
And the angels all were silent.

And He said:—"Now will I go with you,
Dear child of Love;
I am weary of all this glory too,
In heaven above."
And the angels all were silent.

"We will go seek and save the lost,
If they will hear.
They who are worst but need Me most:
And all are dear."
And the angels all were silent.

—*Walter C. Smith, the new Scotch Poet, in the Argonaut.*

VANITY'S FAIR.

Queen Victoria has twenty-five grandchildren living.

A Newport lady dines off a $10,000 set of Dresden china.

France has 1,8000,00 marrigeable girls.

History says that Eve first tempted Adam, but we have never heard her story.

It is always the smoke from the other man's cigar that is offensive to the young lady.

Call a 200- pound girl "Little Rose-bud" if you want to please her.

Fanny Davenport has been trying to prevail upon Anna Dickinson to write a new play for her.

It is better sometimes not to follow great reformers of abuses beyond the thresholds of their own homes.

If we are ever caught in a shower of prosperity remember we can find shelter with some poor neighbor, on whose threshold we might allow some of the superfluous drops to fall.

"The "Mary" who "had the little lamb," was Mary Sawyer, of Sterling, Mass. The poem was written sixty or more years ago, by John Roulstone, a Boston boy.

Miss Annie Louis Cary, the singer, has an elegant summer residence at Portland, Me. It is of orick and brown stone, contains works of art and has a pretty lawn.

Gen. Sherman's third daughter, Miss Ella, is engaged to be married to a young naval officer named Thackeray, who is a relative of the great novelist.

The late Lady Waldegrave is said to have kept a diary in which every event of her life was carefully recorded. There is a twitter about it in English society, and, if published, it will have an enormous sale.

A ton of gold makes a fraction over half a million of dollars, and when a man says his wife is worth her weight in gold, and she weighs 120 pounds, she is worth $30,000.

Japanese women, it is said, never see and don't know the use of pins. So we suppose a young man in Japan can go up Sunday night to see his sweetheart without being surprised into a yell as big as the side of a house, before he gets his unprotected arm half way around her belt.

Never lend ear to that disturber of peace and happiness the "tattler or slanderer," for by listening to their prating you encourage them in the nefarious practice and aid them in retaining a place in the ranks of society that would better be filled by those actuated by useful nd honorable motives.

I had rather teach my child to be happy with the things of nature than to leave to him the wealth of an Astor. He who can enjoy nature has an inexhaustible gallery of pictures and a theatre for the most agreeable amusement and ennobling instruction.—*Beecher.*

Queen Victoria once signified to Viscount Macduff, now Earl of Fife, that she would not be unwilling to have him for a son-in-law. The nobleman respectfully declined the honor. He is not yet 30, was schooled at Eton, has eight residences in the Highlands, and is warmly spoken of by all classes. His four sisters are ladies of extreme beauty, but have not all been enviable in their wedded life.

George Eliot is one of the most learned authors of her time. The amount of her acquirement is wonderful. She is mistress of French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, has a tolerable acquaintance with Romaic and Russian, is up in all the sciences, is a critical Latin and Greek scholar, and admirable historian and archæologist, understands music, painting and statuary, and is a brilliant conversationalist.

"How did you like the hymns?" asked Charley of his city cousin, as they left church Sunday. "One of them was just splendid!" replied she, with enthusiasm. "Ah, which one?" "The one in the next pew, with black, curly hair, and such killing black eyes. Oh, I think he was the most fascinating 'him' of all" Charley became too much confused to pursue the conversation any further.

Nature, our mother, is a queen. She has her kingdom to care for, and if now and then she gives a kiss or a smile to our little miseries, it is all we can expect of her. She has seen so many breaking hearts healed; she knows nothing of death and parting. She only knows death as a phrase of life. The dead leaves and flowers are dear to her as the cradle of next year's leaves and flowers.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

Kid gloves are much cheaper.

The north side of a tree is said to furnish the strongest timber.

Before cold weather comes whitewash the poultry houses and provide a supply of gravel for your fowls.

Man may be the head of the family; but, better than that, woman is the heart of it.

It is a too common thing to make promises thoughtlessly to children, without intentions of keeping them. But if children may be put off, they do not easily forget; and so the habit of unfaithfulness is founded to them, by the unfaithfulness to them of others.

Troublesome leaks around chimneys and over bay-windows can, it is said, be permanently stopped by applying hot, with a brush, a composition made of four pounds rosin, one pint linseed oil, and one pound red lead.

A woman may wear her hat knocked into any conceivable shape, and both herself and hat are pronounded perfectly lovely; but just let a man jam in one side of the hat he wears, and he is at once proclaimed a first-class rowdy.

Instead of bridesmaids, fashion prescribes two tiny pages, who are chosen from the prettiest of the boy relatives. These are dressed in velvet of the bride's favorite color, made in the style of a court dress. They perform the usual role of the bridesmaid, carry the bride's bouquet and gloves, and in addition, meet and assist her from and to the carriage steps.

When potatoes are first put into the cellar they exhale an unpleasant odor. To absorb this, and also to exclude the light air, they may be covered with a little dry sand; and, if there is any tendency to rot, this can frequently be counteracted by a sprinkling of air slacked lime.

The early morning hours have a potent effect on the complexion, and it is better to see the sun rise, and sleep in the middle of the day if one must secure the necessary sleep. The pure morning air has a tonic effect on the nerves and the circulation of the blood. Of course, the out-door air is what is needed. If too cold, plant yourself at the sunniest window. American women need more work in the open air, if it is only that afforded by balconies.

As houses are generally made, it is better to draw down the upper sash of a window, for the reason that the warmest air, particularly during the night, collects near the ceiling and injurious matters are carried up into it from the floor. Drawing down the sash will afford a double means of ventilation; permitting the warm and noxious air at the top to escape, and the outer air to enter at the bottom of the sash through the lower one. When the weather is cold, it is not necessary the upper sash be lowered much; an inch or two would be sufficient for a room of the average size—that is fourteen or fifteen feet square. A room which is used for the general assembling of the family, what is called a living-room, should not be less than that in dimensions.

THOUGHTS.

The path of duty in this world is the road to salvation in the next.

We are led on, like the children, by a way that we know not.

One must learn to deal with odd and even in life as well as in figures.

We can hardly learn humility and tenderness except by suffering.

Never be afraid in the dark; there's light somewhere, always—if we can't always see it.—*Cres.*

No man can afford the luxury of hating people. It brings its revenge to the hater's own heart and life.

Never desert an old and tried friend for a new one, for true friends are scarce at best, and our welfare and happiness depend upon retaining their confidence by our true appreciation of their friendship and the sincerity of our actions towards them.—*Multen.*

During the past year the American Bible society has printed an average of one thousand copies a day of the ten-cent Testament, and still did not keep up with its orders. About five hundred and fifty copies of its twenty-five-cent Bible have been printed daily.

Friends are discovered rather than made; they are people who are in their own nature friends, only they don't know each other; but certain things, like poetry, music and painting are like the Freemason's sign—they reveal the initated to each other.

No Sabe.

The Rev. Mr. Cook, during his vacation, is said to have been hard at work studying the Chinese, Mormon, and Indian questions. Throughout his Western trip he took personal note of them.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Yes, he took personal note of all these questions on his Western trip. When he saw his first Indian, being assured by the brakeman of the train that the aborigine was not dangerous, he approached him and said:

"Lo, the poor Indian! whose untutored mind
Sees God in clouds, or hears Him in the wind"—

"Gimme cherbacker!" said the red man.

"Noble son of the forest, who has come from his wigwam to the haunts of the paleface, you behold before you a man from Boston."

The affrighted savage clapped his hands to his ears and fled to the fastnesses of the mountains.

When Cook arrived at Salt Lake he studied the Mormon question. He took lunch with John Taylor, the Prophet, Seer and Revelator of the Church, rode out to Camp Douglas and took a birdseye view of the Mormon question, and jotted in his note-book this note: "The Mormons have made the desert to bloom as the rose."

He studied the Chinese question up at Yosemite, and asked the Chinese cook if he was one of the noble band who stood knee-deep in mud and saved San Francisco from inundation.

The Chinaman only answered: "Me no *Sabe.*'

On the Indian, Mormon and Chinese questions, Rev. Jo. Cook is what the New York *Sun* calls President Hayes, with a capital F, a capital R, a capital A, a capital U and a capital D. Like the Yosemite Chinaman, he no *Sabe.*—*Weekly Stock Report.*

No Cause of Action.

We learn from Joe Lindley, who returned from Virginia City, Tuesday, that the suits for trespass instituted against stockmen on the Yellowstone for allowing their cattle to graze on the Crow reserve were all dismissed on Monday last. The U. S. vs Joe Lindley was, by consent of the U. S. District Att'y, made a test case which was tried on Monday last and resulted in Lindley's acquittal. We should think that meddlesome parties would in time get tired or ashamed of those little foolish and spiteful prosecutions and learn to attend to their own business. The stock men on the Yellowstone have never entertained a thought of infringing upon the rights, or of quarreling with, the Crow Indians.—*Courier, 23d.*

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