

I WOULD NOT

I would not kiss the sweetest lip,
Unless it kissed me, too;
As well from the young rosebud sip,
The morning's cold, clear dew.

Nor clasp a hand, though soft and warm
Unless it clasp mine own;
I'd rather love the perfect form,
Carved out of Parian stone.

I will not worship eyes though bright
And beautiful they be,
Unless they bend their loving light,
On me—and only me.

I would not love a form that heaven
Itself hath stamped divine,
If I but dreamed its love was given,
To other hearts than mine.

Age and Literary Pursuits.

We have heard it argued that the intellect becomes dull and lifeless with the increase of years, loses its pristine vigor, dwindles and decays. Now it is beyond the shadows of a doubt that the mind does not necessarily retrograde with old age. The following incidents show this: Socrates in his old age learned to play on musical instruments; Plutarch almost as late in life, Latin; Theophrastus began his admiral work on the character of men at ninety; Peter Ronsard one of the fathers of French Poetry, applied himself late to study; Boccaccio was thirty-five years of age when he commenced his study in polite literature; Arnold translated Josephus at eighty years of age; Henry Spelman cultivated the science at fifty years of age and produced good fruit; Colbert at sixty returned to his Latin and Law studies; Tellier learned Logic at an old age merely to dispute with his children; Dr. Johnson applied himself to the study of Dutch at an advanced age; Saint Aulaire at the age of seventy began to court the muses; Chaucer's Canterbury tales were the composition of his latest years; they were begun in his fifty-fourth year and finished in his sixty-first; Lodovico Monaldesco at the age of one hundred and fifteen wrote the memoirs of his times. The most delightful of autobiographers Bevenuto Cellini, wrote a work of great originality which was not begun till the clock of his age struck fifty-eight; Kootbert learnt the Latin and Greek languages at forty; Ogilby the translator of Homer and Virgil, knew little of Latin and Greek till he was past fifty; Franklin began his philosophical pursuits at about the age of fifty. Dryden's most pleasing productions were written in his old age; Sir Christopher Wren at eighty-six devoted himself to literary, astronomical and religious engagements; Isaac Walton in his nineteenth year enriched the poetical world with the first publication of a romantic tale by Chalkhill, "the friend of Spenser." Bodmer at eighty was occupied on Homer. The resolution of modern chemistry kindled the curiosity of Dr. Ried to his latest days; Hobbs at eighty-seven published his version of the Odyssey. One of the most beautiful sonnets in the English language was composed by Mason on the attainment of his seventy-second birth day. The feeble frame of the Earl of Chatham, at the age of seventy sank under the effort to express the convictions of his mighty mind after a speech so singularly eloquent, bold, ardent and animated as to rival if not outvie the most brilliant outpourings of his youth or early manhood. A great lawyer being asked why he began the study of law so late, answered that indeed he began it late but should therefore master it sooner. Julius Sealinger at seventy, dedicated to his son two hundred verses of poem which he composed the day before and retained in his memory. The celebrated Necker offers a beautiful instance of the influence of late studies in life, for he tells that "era of the three score and ten is an agreeable age for waiting;" your mind has lost its vigor, and envy leaves you in peace. Such proofs as those are calculated to encourage the duties of literature though in advanced life. Still to nurse the fire of genius, and toil on in vocation while those who have washed the ours of youth in idleness and neglected early improvement, will find in many of these a stimulus to seek after knowledge, when the frost of time have silvered o'er their locks.

GOOD AND BAD LUCK.—Good and bad luck are much more intimately connected with character than is generally acknowledged. H. W. Beecher, in a recent lecture says:

There are men who, supposing Providence to have an incapable spite against them, began in poverty of a wretched old age the misfortunes of their lives. Luck forever ran against them and for others. One, with a good profession, lost his luck in the river where he idled away his time fishing, when he should have been in the office. Another, with a good trade, perpetually burnt up his luck with his temper, which provoked all his employers to leave him. Another, with a lucrative business, lost his luck by amazing diligence at everything but his business. Another who was honest and constant at his work, erred by perpetual misjudgments; he lacked discretion. Hundreds lose their luck by endorsing, by sanguine expectations, by trusting fraudulent men, and by dishonest gains. A man has never good luck who has a bad wife. I never knew an early rising hard working, prudent man careful of his earnings, and strictly honest, who complained of bad luck. A good character, good habits and iron industry are impregnable to the assaults of all the ill-luck that fools ever dreamed of. But when I see a tatterdemalion creeping out of a grocery late in the forenoon, with his hands stuck in his pockets, the rim of his hat turned up, and the crown knocked in, I know he has had bad luck—for the worst of all luck is to be a sluggard, a knave or a tippler.

NECK TWISTING.—There are practices tolerated in religious congregations which Christians who are jealous for the honor of their Master's house should utterly condemn. Decorum is the handmaid of devotional feeling, and for this reason the house of God should never be disturbed by the slightest approach to irreverence. It is a part of my religion, said a pious old lady, when asked why she went early to church, "It is a part of my religion not to interrupt the religion of others." And we believe if many a country congregation made it a part of their religion not to twist their necks almost out of joint to witness the entrance of every person who passes up the aisle of the meeting house, it would be better for their necks and their religion. A gross abuse of religious decorum some times needs harsh medicine as a remedy.

We do not know whether it would be proper for some of our good ministering brethren, who are sorely tried neck-twisting propensities of their congregations to use the remedy adopted by Henry Clay Dean, who was at one time chaplain of Congress; but we give it for their consideration, of course, to adopt or reject as they please. The extract is from the Pacific Methodist:

Being worried one afternoon by this turning practice in his congregation Mr. Dean stopped in his sermon and said:

"Now you listen to me, and I'll tell you who the people are as each one of them comes in."

He then went on with his discourse until a gentleman entered, when he bowed out, like an usher, "Deacon A. who keeps a shop over the way," and then went on with his sermon.

Presently another man passed up the aisle, and he gave his name, resident and occupation. So he continued for some time.

At length some one entered the door who was unknown to Mr. Dean when he cried out, "A little old man with drab coat and an old white hat; don't know him, look for yourselves."

That congregation was cured.

The following may be observed over a door in the upper part of North Carolina.—*Et.*

N. P. CLAPPER
Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Equity
He Registers Deeds,
Makes Conveyances and plays
H—ll Generally

A SISTER'S LOVE.—There is no purer feelings kindled upon the altar of human affections than a sister's pure, unconstrained love for her brother. It is unlike all other affections—so connected with selfish sensuality—so feminine in its development—so dignified, and yet, withal so fond and devoted. Nothing can altar it—nothing can suppress it. The world may revolve, and its evolutions effect changes in the fortune, in the character, and in the disposition of the brother—yet if he wants, whose hand will so speedily reach out as that of his sister; and if his character is maligned, whose voice will so readily swell in his advocacy? Next to a mother's unquenchable love, a sister's is preeminent. It rests so exclusively on the ties of consanguinity for its sustenance, it is wholly divested of passion, and springs from such a deep recess in the human bosom that when a sister once fondly and deeply regards her brother, that affection is blended with her existence. In all the annals of crime, it is considered something anomalous to find the hand of a sister raised in anger against her brother, or her heart nurturing the seeds of envy, hatred, or revenge in regard to that brother. In all affections of woman there is a devotedness which cannot be properly appreciated by man. In those regards where the passions are not all necessary in increasing the strength of the affection, more sincere truth and pure feelings may be expected than in such as are independent upon each other for their duration as well as their felicitous. A sister's love in this respect is peculiarly remarkable. There is no selfish gratification in its outpourings; it lives from the natural impulse, and personal charms are not in the slightest degree necessary to its birth or duration.—*Philadelphia Press.*

PADDY DESCRIBES AMERICA.—"Where did Baccy cum from, Corney," inquired Mary.
"Why, from Meriky; where else; that sent up the first pity. Long life to it for both, says I," said Paddy.
"What sort of place is that, I wonder?" said Mary.
"Meriky, is it? they tell me it might sizeable. Baccy, darling, I'm tould that ye might rowl England through it, and it would hardly make a dint in the ground. There's fresh water oceans inside of it, that you might drown Ireland in, and save Father Mather a wonderful sight of trouble and as for Scotland, you might stick it in a corner of one of their forests, and never find it but for the whisky. If I only had a trifle of money, I'd go and seek my fortune there."

TWO OF TWENTY-FIVE.—"My darling," said an anxious father, "I intend you shall be married, but I do not intend that you shall throw yourself away on any of the wild, worthless boys of the present day. No you must marry a sober and mature age; one that can charm you with wisdom and good advice, rather than personal attraction. What do you think of a fine, intelligent mature husband of fifty?"

The timid, meek, blue-eyed little daughter looked in the old man's face and with the slightest possible touch of interest in her voice, answered—"I think two of twenty-five would be better, pa."

"Fellow citizens!" said a stump orator, "we have the best country in the world and the best government. What people enjoy more privileges than we do? Here we have liberty to speak and liberty of the press, without onerous despotism. What, fellow-citizens, is more desirable than this? Do you want anything more, my countrymen?" "Yes-sir-ee," sang out a red-faced loafer, "this is dry work. I want a suck out of the flask sticking out of your coat pocket."

"What is the matter with you Jack?"
"Why, there's a new girl come out with twenty thousand a year, and I engaged myself to Fanny, who has only fifteen thousand."

WANTED.—Girls want good husbands; young men want prudent and sweet tempered wives. Dandies and fashionable ladies, who screw their waists to resemble a wasp, want common sense.

A FIXED FACT.—The less you leave your children in your will, the more they will have in twenty years afterwards. Wealth inherited should be an incentive to action; instead of that it is an incentive to sloth. The only money that does a man good is what he earns himself. A ready made fortune like ready made breeches, seldom fits the man who comes in possession. A gentleman died in the city of New York about a month ago, who left his money, personal property, and a collection of rare paintings to his son. The week after he came into possession, the pictures were traded off at a fourth their value to a gentleman who deals in claret and hock. The father was a connoisseur in fine arts, while the son was a connoisseur only in brandy and three minute horses. In all probability, a year hence will find the property of the latter personage reduced to two shirts and a neck tie, with his soul lost in spending what his father lost his soul in saving. As we said before, the only money that we earn. Ambition and a hope that is stimulated by a half filled pocket book, have a power that will triumph over all difficulties, beginning with the contumely of the purse proud, and leaving off with the malice of the envious. Look around you, and figure up if these things are not so

The lady who knit her brows has commenced a pair of socks.

CANDIDATES.

For District Attorney.
We are authorized to announce A. B. GEORGE, Esq., as a candidate for the office of District Attorney, for the 17th Judicial District, composed of the Parishes of Claiborne, Bossier and Bienville.

For Sheriff.
We are authorized to announce JOHN G. ALLEN as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the approaching election in November next.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES C. NOWELL as an independent candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the approaching election in November next.

We are authorized to announce PHILO ALDEN as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the next approaching election.

We are authorized to announce RUSSELL JONES as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the approaching November election.

We are authorized to announce D. B. DOYLE as a candidate for Sheriff, at the next ensuing election.

For Clerk.
We are authorized to announce JOHN N. WEST as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District court in Bossier, at the approaching election.

We are authorized to announce A. A. ABNEY as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court, at the next approaching election.

For Assessor.
We are authorized to announce J. A. INABNETT as a candidate for the office of Assessor, at the approaching election.

MR. EDITOR.—Please announce the name of N. R. BLACKWELL as a candidate for the office of Assessor at the ensuing election. **MANY VOTERS.**

We are authorized to announce J. MARION DOYLE as a candidate for the office of Assessor at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce B. S. EDWARDS as a candidate for the office of Assessor at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce W. S. STROUD, as a candidate for the office of Assessor, at the ensuing election.

TO BUILDERS.
The contract to build the BELLEVUE ACADEMY will be let to the lowest bidder between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and four in the afternoon of MONDAY, the 22nd day of August next, before the court house door in the town of Bellevue.

Persons desiring, can see full specifications of the size and quality of the building, together with all the requirements to be made of the contractor, and also the subscription lists out of which the contractor is to be paid, by calling on B. F. Fort, in Bellevue.

JAMES M. JONES,
BENJAMIN F. FORT,
A. H. HOLLINSWORTH,
Building Committee.

LOST NOTE.
One promissory note drawn to the order of A. R. Rucker, and signed by John R. Alexander for one hundred and thirty-one dollars and seventy cents. Dated 20th day of March 1856, with interest at 7 per cent from the 20th of November 1857. All persons are hereby warned not to trade for said note.

H. P. NORMAN,
Agent.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

R. J. LOONEY,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
Bellevue, La. v1n1

T. M. FORT,
Notary Public, Bellevue, Bossier Parish, La.

R. W. ARNETT,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
Bellevue, La. Will practice in the seventeenth Judicial District Court. v1n1

T. M. FORT, B. F. FORT,
FORT & BRO.,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
Bellevue, La. v1n1

W. H. HILL,
Auctioneer of Bossier Parish, La., will give prompt attention to all business entrusted to him in said capacity. v1n4

L. M. NUTT,
Attorney at Law, Shreveport, La. Will practice in the courts of Caddo, Bossier, Claiborne and Bienville. v1n1

J. H. KILLPATRICK, J. W. PENNALL,
KILLPATRICK & PENNALL,
Attorneys at Law, Shreveport, La. Will practice in the courts of Caddo, DeSoto and Bossier. v1n1

DR. L. H. FISHER,
Having permanently located in Bellevue, would respectfully offer his professional services to the people of Bellevue and vicinity, in the various branches of his profession. Office adjoining the Planter's Hotel. v1n1

DR. J. J. CARSTARPHEN,
Bellevue, La., being permanent located in Bellevue, would respectfully tender his professional services to the citizens of this place and vicinity. Office next door south of Spurlin & West's store.

RICH'D W. TURNER,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law. Will practice his profession, in the District courts of Bossier, Bienville, Claiborne, and in the Supreme court at Monroe. Mr. Turner pledges himself to give his undivided attention to the prompt discharge of all business entrusted to his care. Office, Bellevue, La. v1n1

GEO. A. PIKE,
General agent, Baton Rouge, La. Immediate attention given to collection of salaries, claims against the State; bills of exchange, drafts and accounts; also the entry of Land. Information without charge.

R. G. LISTER,
House, sign and ornamental painter. Paper hanging, gilding, glazing and imitation of all kinds of wood and marble, upholstery, &c.

V. SHIDET,
Watch-Maker and Jeweler. Dealer in fine watches, jewelry and diamonds. Texas street, between S. Haber's and A. Marx's stores, Shreveport, La. Watches and Jewelry repaired and warranted. v1-n3

G. W. LOGAN, JR. EUGENE SONIAT,
W. C. C. CLAIBORNE, JR.
LOGAN, SONIAT & CLAIBORNE
Successors to Duncan & Logan. Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants, No. 57 Carondelet street, Union Row, New Orleans. v1n1

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.
Northern Mail—Leaves Thursday 6 A. M. Arrives Friday 9 P. M.
Southern Mail—Leaves Friday 6 A. M. Arrives Saturday 6 P. M.
Eastern Mail—Arrives Daily 11 A. M. Leaves 12 M.
Western Mail—Arrives Daily 11 A. M. Leaves 2 P. M.
Walnut Hill—Leaves Monday 7 A. M. Arrives Tuesday 6 P. M.
J. M. JONES, P. M.

PLANTER'S HOTEL,
WM. A. KELLY, PROPRIETOR.
BELLEVUE, LA.
Having lately made additions to his already commodious house, would respectfully inform the travelling public, his old friends and customers, that he is now better prepared than ever, to accommodate all favoring him with their patronage. His table will always be supplied with the very best the country affords. He has also attached to his house a large and well ventilated stable well supplied at all times with good provender. v1n1

STRAY SALE.
Estrayed before V. Walker, J. P., by Bethell Smith on the 24th day of June 1849, and will be sold on the 31st day of December 1859, before the court house door in the town of Bellevue, for cash, the following described animal, to-wit: A dark bay MARE MULE about three years old, about 14 hands high—branded on the left shoulder with the letter R and with the letter D on right shoulder; has the mark of gear on the shoulder and back. Valued at one hundred and forty dollars. The owner of said mule is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, &c.

W. H. HILL, Stray master.
July 1, 1859. v1n16m

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUCCESSION SALE.
State of Louisiana, Parish of Bossier. By virtue of a writ of sale to me directed from the Honorable the District Court, in and for said Parish and State, I will offer for sale to the last and highest bidder at Bellevue on MONDAY the 12th day of September next, 1859: A likely NEGRO MAN, JOHN, aged about 24 years; belonging to the succession of John J. Davis, deceased.

Terms of Sale.—A credit until the first of January next, purchaser to give note with approved security and special mortgage, importing confession of judgment.

LOUISA DAVIS,
Aug. 8th, 1859—m-26 Executrix.

SUCCESSION NOTICE.
State of Louisiana, Parish of Bossier. Clerk's office 17th District court. Notice is hereby given that John Houston, administrator of the succession of James Houston, deceased, has this day filed in the Clerk's office, his provisional account and table of debts as administrator aforesaid. Now, therefore, this is to admonish all persons concerned, that if opposition is not made thereto within the time proscribed by law, the said account will be homologated and made the judgment of the Court.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Bellevue, this 13th day of August, A. D. 1859.

A. A. ABNEY, Clerk.
no 7-5ts-86

SUCCESSION SALE.
Estate of Joseph D. Long, deceased. By virtue of a commission to me directed from the clerk of the District Court of the Parish of Claiborne, in the State of Louisiana, I will proceed to sell at the Court house door in Bellevue, Parish of Bossier, within the legal hours of sale, on THURSDAY the 1st day of September next 1859, the following described property to-wit: The north west quarter of the north east quarter of section No. five (5) in township nineteen (19) range No. ten (10); containing forty acres of land more or less, lying and being situated in the Parish of Bossier. To be sold as property belonging to the estate of Joseph D. Long, deceased, late of the Parish of Claiborne.

Terms of Sale.—CASH. Sheriff's office, Bossier Parish, La. July 25th, A. D. 1859.

L. F. STEELE,
Sheriff and Auctioneer.
By C. C. NOWELL, Deputy.
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SHERIFF'S SALE.
State of Louisiana, Parish of Bossier. In the District Court, No. 1148, Wilson Pomroy & Co. vs. Margaret Gregg. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Honorable the District Court of the Parish of Bossier, in the above entitled suit and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell, at public auction, at the Court house door in the town of Bellevue, Parish of Bossier, on the first SATURDAY, the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1859, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 4 P. M., the following described property to-wit:

One negro woman, slave named AGNESS, aged about 29 years, of yellow complexion

Seized as the property of defendant; and to be sold to pay and satisfy the writ issued in the above entitled suit.

Terms of Sale.—CASH, with benefit of appraisement.
L. F. STEELE, Sheriff.
By C. C. NOWELL, Deputy.
Bellevue, July 26, 1859. pf \$11 00

SHERIFF'S SALE.
State of Louisiana, Parish of Bossier. In the District Court, No. 1149, William M. Burns vs. Margaret Gregg. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Honorable the District Court of the Parish of Bossier, in the above entitled suit and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Court house door in the town of Bellevue, Parish or Bossier, on the first SATURDAY, the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1859, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 4 P. M., the following described property, to-wit:

The south east quarter of north east quarter of section twenty-nine (29); the south east quarter of north west quarter and north west quarter of south west quarter; the west half of north east quarter and the north east quarter of the south west quarter of section thirty (30); all in township seventeen (17) of range No. ten (10) and containing three hundred and twenty acres, more or less, with all improvements thereon.

Seized as the property of defendant; and to be sold to pay and satisfy the writ issued in the above entitled suit.

Terms of Sale.—CASH, with benefit of appraisement.
L. F. STEELE, Sheriff.
By C. C. NOWELL, Deputy.
Bellevue, July 26, 1859. pf \$14 00.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.
OFFICE V. S. & T. RAILROAD Co.,
Monroe, La., Aug. 4, 1859.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Texas Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company on Monday the 29th day of September next, for examination of the Company's accounts, and on Monday, 30th of October, 1859, for the election of a Board of Directors, in conformity to the 7th and 15th sections of the Charter.

By order of the Board of Directors.
O. D. STILLMAN, Secretary.