

**By the Stille.**  
"Ah, sweet!" said I. The sun dropped low,  
And filled the west with passing splendor.  
She lingered as if loth to go,  
Blessing the hills with kisses tender.  
Too sweet she was! Flowers hung their  
heads,  
As if to do the maiden honor;  
The little violets, from their beds,  
With timid blue eyes, gazed upon her.

So fair, with an ethereal grace,  
With eyes like stars of midnight burning  
The perfect beauty of her face  
Had filled my heart with secret yearning.  
Yet I dare not tell  
As by the stille we stood, belated;  
Her words would make my heaven or hell—  
What wonder that I longed and waited?

One little star peeped from the sky,  
And winked at us with visage wrinkled,  
As if to say: "Now! On the sly!"  
And at my hesitation twinkled.  
She leaned to me across the stille—  
How could the heart of man resist her?  
I passed a very little while,  
And then I ended all, and—kissed her!

**Humor of the Day.**

Why should a lady's home dress last forever?—Because she never wears it out.  
The period spent by a chicken in the shell might be designated as the inter-eggnum.  
Why is a nail, driven fast into a stick of timber, like a decrepit old man?—Because it's in firm.  
Talk about Chinese ways that are dark! Why, there are over 100 miles of tunnel in Great Britain.  
There is a man in Washington the most powerful in the country. He carries a horse scar on his cheek.  
Immediately after every hard wind, farmers come into town with choice lots of fresh hand-picked apples.  
"Mamma, can't we have anything we want?" "Yes, my dears; but be careful and don't want anything you can't have."  
Mrs. Janville has "put up" twelve cans of peaches, nine jars of plums, and a bushel of pears, while her husband has only "put up" two stoves and his gold watch.  
You persuade a professional musician, pianist or conductor to give popular music, and then the critics pitch into him because he "don't (can't) play classical music."  
"Oh, I know she loves him," cried the grief-stricken youth. "But how do you know she prefers your rival?" asked the friend. "Ah," was the sad reply, "I saw her look bias at him."  
Passing an automatic buoy which was blowing its lugubrious note, a reflective Bostonian observed: "I'm glad the buoys have got tooters at last. Their education has been neglected."  
Lady (giving an apple to a little boy): "Give this apple to the one of us three here whom you think the handsomest." The boy looked for a moment at all three admirers, took the apple, and—ate it.  
"When a young female," says the au-crat of the *Breakfast Table*, "walks with a male not arm in arm, but his arm against the back of hers, you are generally safe in asking her what wages she gets, and who the 'fel'er' was you saw her with."

An old coquette, and one very fond of her reminiscences, and a censor of all present fashions and arts, looking into her glass, beheld stumpy wrinkles, freckles, etc. "Now, here is my new glass," said her ladyship, "not worth a cent. They cannot make mirrors as well as they used to do."

Not long ago, as an elderly couple were out walking, a lady on the opposite side of the street tripped and fell down. The old gentleman rushed across the street, raised his hat, and offered to assist her in any possible way. His wife followed him across at a slow pace, and witnessing his devotion to the stranger, she got mad and shook her fist at him. "It's all right—it's all right," he whispered. "Yes, I know it is," she hotly exclaimed, "here an unknown woman stubs her toe, and you plow across the street to eat her up with kindness. The other day when I fell down stairs you stood and laughed and chuckled and tickled your ribs, and wanted to know if I was practicing for a circus!"

He was a "cruel tramp," and approached Captain Jase Phillips as the train hauled up at Pewee. "Is you de Capt'n ob de kears?" "Yes," replied Jase. "Don't want' no' ter hire any deck hands, duz ye?" "No! I'm not running a steamboat." "Zack'ly! Mout I ride straddle ob de cow-snatcher to de next landin'?" "I've busted an' a long ways from home." "Get on! All aboard!" And the negro straddled the cow-snatcher. Ed Gilligan pulled out the throttle wide open, and the train had not gone more than half a mile, before the engine has collided with a cow, throwing it over a fence into a corn-field, and the negro after the cow. Next day, coming down, the negro limped up to Jase at the same depot, and said: "Boss, I didn't ride fur wid you on that cow-snatcher. Kase you see the cow wanted to ride dar too, an' dar wasn't room fo' boie ob us, so we got off together up here in a corn-field fo' to rest. De next time I rides wid you I'll freeze to de tail-gate ob de wagon—hit's safer."

**A Snake in Bed.**

The most unpleasant of bedfellows must be a poisonous snake, and yet a lady of Natal, Africa, found herself one night in bed with a "ringhals," one of the most deadly of African serpents.  
The lady was disturbed by feeling something moving in the bed, and on putting her hand down, discovered, to her horror, the nature of her midnight visitor. Her husband was awakened, a light procured, and search made for the reptile, which remained between the mattress and the sheet, where it was speedily dispatched with a few blows from a stout stick. It is fortunate that the position in which the reptile was found prevented it from doing any mischief.  
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