

SOLILOQUY.

Oh, she wears a sealskin sacque,  
When it snows;  
And her stunning suit is black  
As a crow's,  
Short—and thinks it is a pity;  
Charming, jolly, wise and witty;  
Has a rousseau—so pretty—  
Little nose.  
She plays Chopin, Liszt and Spohr  
For her beaux;  
And she speaks of "Pinafore"—  
Heaven knows!  
With a naughty "D" and "Never!"  
But she's awful nice and clever;  
If she liked me, I'd endeavor  
To propose.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

The king of Greece is a relative of the Emperor William, which is a fair indication of the stability of oleagenous possibilities.

A fisherman from Kingston, Canada, is said to have found a twenty-dollar gold piece in a pike which he caught in the Bay of Quinte.

Carl Schurz is said to be smitten with the charms of Kate Chase Sprague, but he is a Platonic lover, not ardent and passionate like Conkling.

Secretary Sherman is mentioned as being kind to poor and struggling people, having once been poor himself; and though he is a childless man, he is very fond of, and very good to little children.

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith," was the text of the Rev. William Bedell, of Troy, last Sunday morning. On entering the church on Sunday night he was stricken with paralysis.

Mr. Burr Hays, of New York, who died the other day, was remarkable for two things. He was the oldest bank cashier in the world and the only man in America named after Aaron Burr. His name was a thorn in his side, and he never signed it other than 'A. B. Hays.'

Prince Bismarck has taken his son, Count Herbert Bismarck, to be his private secretary. The young man looks exceedingly like his father, and is said to be uncommonly gifted, giving just hopes of future greatness. Possibly he will continue the Prince's iron rule.

King Kalakaua, the Hawaiian, has the civilized good taste to dress simply, to wear no jewelry and no decorations. He is a remarkably handsome man, more than six feet in height. His carriage is erect, his beard, moustache and eyes are black, and his expression is amiable.

Count von Moltke is a man of nerve still, in spite of his venerable years. When the building of the General Staff, in Berlin, wherein he lives, was burning the other evening, he calmly quitted his rubber of whist, attended to the removal of official papers and then went placidly to look at the conflagration.

Since George Eliot died the demand for her works has increased a hundred fold at all the book stores in the land. Over 1,000 readers applied for "Adam Bade" in one week at a circulating library. Here is a hint for unappreciated writers who cannot get any editor to print their stories. Let them all write a book—and die.

The school boy is told by his loved teacher that common coal and diamonds are of exactly the same material. Generally the loving small boy doesn't believe this statement of his loved teacher, but when he grows up and has to pay for the coal during a hard winter, he realizes that coal is not only similar to diamonds in composition, but in price as well.

From some correspondence of the late J. W. Croker, just published, it appears that the Duke of Wellington did not say "Up Guards, and at them!" at the battle of Waterloo. In answer to an inquiry as to the matter the Duke himself wrote: "What I must have said, and possibly did say, was 'Stand up Guards,' and then gave the commanding officer the order to attack."

Olive Logan says that "our marble-top tables with rickety legs are a national curse, as slavery was." Let us hope it will not cost our government as much in treasure and blood to abolish the marble top table as it did to wipe out slavery. It is presumed that the political party that inserts in its next platform a plank declaring that the marble top table must go, will not only secure Olive's services on the stump, but her vote also.

The movement to establish a colony of Jews in Palestine is succeeding well. Sixty couples have already established themselves between Joppa and Jerusalem on 80,000 acres of land secured from the Turkish government. It is proposed to enable the persecuted Jews of Western Europe to settle there, and a subscription has been successfully started in this country to secure the necessary tools and machinery for them to become tillers of the soil and provide for their own wants.

The Chicago Times is becoming satirical over the approaching retirement of the man who will be known in history as "the fraudulent President of the United States." The Times says: "Mr. Hayes is about to leave the Presidency, and retires to the shades of Fremont. He was a great and gallant soldier during the war, and saved the Union. He has been Governor of Ohio, which is the greatest of human honors. He has impoverished himself in the conscientious discharge of the social duties imposed upon him by the Presidency. He will retire poverty stricken."

The simplest postoffice in the world is in Magellan straits, and has been established there for some years. It consists of a small cask, which is chained to the rock of the extreme cape in the straits, opposite Terra del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to open the cask, and to take letters out and place others into it. The postoffice is self-acting therefore; it is under the protection of the navies of all nations, and up to the present there is not one case to report in which any abuse of the privileges it affords has taken place.

The new regulations for primary education in France forbid corporeal punishment and provide that the wish of the father shall always be consulted as to participation in religious instruction; that children shall not be sent to church for catechism or service except out of class hours; that the teacher shall not be bound to take them or watch over them there; that Sundays and Thursdays shall be holidays; and that punishment shall consist of bad marks, reprimand, partial privation of recreation, detention after school hours, and temporary exclusion, not exceeding two days.

Mr. Vanderbilt's payment for the transportation of the obelisk from Egypt to New York was due to his forgetfulness of an appointment. A committee of gentlemen called him for aid, when he promised to decide on the following Tuesday. Much to the indignation of the gentlemen, they discovered on calling the following Tuesday that he had gone to Buffalo the day before. They decided to send him a telegram informing him that they had, and he had not, kept his engagement. In a few hours the Park Commissioners received the following: "Arrange to bring the obelisk at once. I will bear the entire expense. W. H. Vanderbilt."

General Garfield's remarks to Chairman Cessna let a flood of light in upon his proposed policy as President. He will do nothing to encourage dissension in the Republican party, but will do everything in his power to bring harmony. Where he cannot make appointments without increasing faction bitterness, he will decline to make any whatever. That will leave the question of harmonizing to the factions themselves, and will not make harmony impossible by encouraging one faction in its efforts to suppress the other. The plan is a simple one, but, like simplicity in most other things, it is the result of the highest wisdom. By adopting it General Garfield foreshadows the advantages which the country and the Republican party will reap by having for President a trained statesman.

The majesty of the King and Queen of Italy and the popular excitement so deeply affected a Sicilian Syndic the other day that when he began to address the King he went into a convulsive fit of tears and fainted. The Queen has won all hearts in Sicily, and her flower, the "Marguerite," or daisy, is seen everywhere—in the hair and the hands of ladies, in the buttonholes of men, and ornamenting in festoons, theatres, ball-rooms and shops. A remarkable evidence of the warm affection inspired by Queen Margaret was offered by the crowd during a serious accident caused by the giving way of a balustrade. Many persons were hurt, but—"Don't scream don't scream," cried the people, "for fear of frightening la Regina"—and the poor hurt ones did their best to stifle their pain.

The German official press is stirred up to sudden wrath against Gambetta—why, is not very clear. Since his speech to the tavern keepers, Gambetta has kept discreetly silent. He is on the winning side, and has little to fear. France is very prosperous, and the prosperity of a country has a way of identifying itself with the ruling power, as has only adversity where it prevails. The Republic and the Government feel themselves secure that, notwithstanding the noise and tumult of the annexed Communists, the laws regarding the press and right of public meeting have been materially altered in the direction of liberty. Henceforward President Grevy must endure as best he can public allusions to the size of his nose and his official stinginess, just as, say President Hayes has to endure them. And Jules Ferry must allow even the clericals to laugh at the length, breadth and thickness of the ears which Mother Nature has lavished on him, without escorting the scoffer beyond the frontier. Rochefort, too, may summon his public meetings to protest against or in favor of anything he pleases and it is to be presumed the clericals may do likewise.

Spain wants to be admitted as a seventh great power into the councils of Europe. Whether her ambition will be gratified is doubtful, unless some of the recognized Powers know that she will act as a tender to them. Military strength has hitherto been the recognized qualification for admittance to the conferences of the Powers, and Spain cannot be said to possess this at present. Her population is only about one-third that of the average of each of the Present Powers, and only a little more than one-half that of Italy, the smallest of the six. Her army is even more disproportionate in numbers, the active force ready for service numbering less than 100,000 men, whereas even Italy has 500,000 ready to take the field. In point of ships, Spain is equally weak, the ten ironclads appearing on her roster having all been built more than twelve years ago, and only two of them—the Vittoria and the Numancia—being even of the first-class of those days. All things considered, Spain is asking for more than she will probably get.

Wanted to See Conkling.

I waited two hours for a behind-hand train at Dennison, and on the platform fell into conversation with an editor of a Democratic paper published at Nowdon't, in this State. "Going to Cincinnati?" I asked. "No," he replied. "Going to Columbus to see about this editorial excursion to Washington."

"What excursion is that?" "A round trip to Washington which a number of us are going to take, to remain at Washington about ten days."

"Do you mean at the time of the inauguration?" "No. I mean right away."

"What do you want to go to Washington for?" I asked in surprise. "Why, to see the solons in council, of course," he replied, with a sly smile. "On the principle that a cat may look at a king. We want to see Conkling especially. Read so much about him feel kind o' curious. I'm a Democrat myself. The Enquirer's my model of what a newspaper should be. But Republican or Democrat, a man that makes as much stir in the world as Roscoe Conkling does must be pretty considerable of a man. I want to see him."

"I'll take your arm, Miss Ida, please, Good faith I've need to cling to." "Good faith, indeed!" said she, "but then, My arm is not the thing to impart you that." Responded he, With lips that never denied her, "Good faith is bona fide, dear, And this is bone of Ida."

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