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THE MANTLE OF BEAUTY.

"I pity Margaret, she is so plain." "Certainly, she is very plain; but, then, she is so good." "Goodness is very well in its way; but a handsome face and a fine person will do more for a girl than goodness," was the reply. "In a worldly point of view, you mean?" The first speaker did not answer this remark. It suggested thoughts not wholly in agreement with the sentiments just uttered. The subject of conversation was the youngest of three sisters. She was called homely by almost every one; yet it is but fair to say that she was too often seen as a foil to her handsome sisters, whose bright eyes, regular features, rich complexion, and free, graceful carriage, had won for them the appellation of "the two beauties." Parents are not always wise and just.—The fact of being a father or a mother does not, as a matter of course, lift a person above his or her natural weakness and defects of character, or change materially the old estimate of men and things. The mother of these girls was very far from being a wise woman, and quite as far from being just towards her youngest child. The beauty of the two elder sisters she sought to increase by all the available arts of dress, while the plainest and coarsest of attire which she deemed good enough for Margaret, made the latter seem homelier than she really was. Margaret, not being an ornamental appendage of the household, was made useful. While her sisters dressed and saw company, she was at work, and often at work for them. She felt the unjust discrimination, and often cried over it, when no one saw her; but neither rebelled nor complained. "I pity her, she is so plain." This was often said by those who saw Margaret in contrast with her sisters. But it almost happened, that those who had any true knowledge with regard to her character, would answer—"But she is so good." There is beauty in goodness. That was her compensation. If the outer garment of her being had a symmetry and grace beyond that the flesh puts on in its most envied perfection. And compensation went farther still. The soul is in a perpetual effort to impress a likeness of its quality in face, to mould the features into an image of itself. If this law was in favor of Margaret, it was against her sisters, for, while she was living in self-denial, both willing and right in every relation, no matter how unpleasant, they were cherishing pride, selfishness, vanity, worldliness, envy, and ill-nature. The time came, as years progressed, when it was no longer said, "I pity her, she is so plain." Not that any saw signs of beauty in her face, but it was no longer perceived as homely. She did not appear in company as frequently as her gay and brilliant sisters, who always had around them a circle of admirers, but when she appeared, she did not sit lone, as once, nor so often from the subject of depreciating comparison. Persons who had kept aloof from her began to feel an attraction that drew them to her side, and many wondered how it was that they had been so slow in discovering how greatly she was, in some things, superior to her more showy sisters. There was a sphere of tranquility about Margaret, which was felt by every one who approached her. The repose of her manner did not break up easily, but to right sentiments and feelings she responded with a warmth of expression that veiled nothing of insincerity. In conversation, where the subject was agreeable, thought would light up her countenance, and play over it in manifold changes. It was singularly mobile to the mind—answering to emotion, never concealing. Time came when the two elder sisters found themselves often less attractive in company than the homely Margaret. Young men whose favor they desired to win, were not unfrequently indifferent to all their arts and blandishments, and yet, stranger still, as it appeared to them, so interested in Margaret, as to be emulous of attention toward her. It is not always that truth comes to ears most concerned in hearing it. Friends and neighbors see and talk about our personal defects, peculiarities, and hindering faults, though we see them not, and go on blindly indulging them to our loss and injury. Margaret's two elder sisters still thought themselves beautiful, winning, graceful beyond all comparison with their Cinderella, as once they had been vain and heartless enough to call her. They did not recognize the fairy work that, with slower than old fairy touches, yet with more enduring magic, was transforming her daily. But there were eyes that could see while theirs were blind, and it happened that, through the sense of hearing, they gained a knowledge of what their sight had failed to give. The eldest—her name was Cordelia—overheard the following conversation. It was between two young men with whom she had been long acquainted. "I used to think her beautiful," said one of them. "Cordelia?" said the other. "Yes," was the reply. "So did I," continued the other. "Three or four years ago, when she and her sister first came out, with the girlish bloom upon their faces, I thought them two of the loveliest

The Maine Law.

The people of Maine have been trying the virtues said to lie in a strict enforcement of this well known statute. The constabulary having concluded their legitimate labors, have recently been employed as follows, if we may believe the Standard, published at Augusta. It says: We give the following as the result of last week's labor: A cow arrested for having "two horns." A colored individual, lately deceased, fined for being "on his bier." A pair of boots seized for being "tight." A little boy's kite sentenced to have its tail cut off for having been on "high time." A clothing dealer "hauled up" for advertising "Great Bar gains." A confectioner tried for selling "Ginger snaps." A horse ran away and smashed a wagon. The horse was promptly arrested, but it being proved the "smash" contained nothing intoxicating he was acquitted. Several "cocktails" found in the hencoop of a prominent citizen, were confiscated. The success of the police in this seizure caused much "crowing," and it will doubtless "spur" them on to increased activity. An unfortunate Hibernian was locked up for getting a "punch" in the head. A worthy shoemaker, seized on suspicion of being a "cobbler," but proving there was no "sherry" connected with him, was released, on condition this should be his "last" offence. He was informed that any future dereliction would involve confiscation of his "awl." The excitement "waxed" intense. Complaint that a barrel of beef was found "corned" at Adams.

THE OLD MAN'S DREAM.

Oh, for one hour of youthful joy! Give back my twentieth spring! I'd rather laugh a bright-haired boy Than reign a gray-haired king. Off with the wrinkled spoils of age; Away with learning's crown; Tear out life's wisdom-written page, And dash its trophies down. One moment let my life-blood stream From boyhood's fount of flame! Give me one giddy, roiling dream Of life, all love and fame! My listening angel heard the prayer, And calmly smiling said, If but touch thy silver hair, Thy hasty wish had sped. "But is there nothing in my track To bid the fondly stay, While the swift seasons hurry back, To find she wished for day?" Ah, truest soul of woman kind! Without thee what were life? One bliss I cannot leave behind I'll take—my precious wife! The angel took a sapphire pen, And wrote in rainbow dew; "The man would be a boy again, And be a husband, too!" "Is there another yet unsaid Before the change appears? Remember all their gifts have fled With those dissolving years!" "Why, yes, I would one favor more, My fond paternal joys—I could not bear to leave them all; I'll take my girls and boys. The smiling angel dropped his pen—"Why, this will never do; The man would be a boy again, And be a father, too!" And so I laughed—my laughter woke The household with its noise, I wrote my dream when morning broke, To please the gray-haired boys.

Unhappy Fate of Maximilian.

The execution of Maximilian by the authorities of Mexico after the request of our government for clemency, and the intercession in his behalf of several of the governments of Europe, will surprise the whole civilized world. But for the refusal of our government to countenance his usurpation his throne would this day have been firmly established in that country. The liberals owed their vitality and strength to the moral influence of the United States, ever exerted in their behalf, and their refusal to accord the small boon of mercy toward a mere instrument, used by France and Austria, whose free pardon would but have made him a monument of the high civilization and humanity which do not punish for revenge, shows not only ingratitude, but that liberal, just principles do not predominate in their councils. This murder of Maximilian must fill the cup of sorrow to overflowing, now forced to the lips of the Imperial House of Austria. Carlotta, the wife of this victim, hopelessly insane from the dangers she saw surrounding her unhappy husband—a daughter of the house, a fair young woman of twenty, accidentally burnt to death a few days ago; and now a brother of the Emperor barbarously shot in violation of the terms of a capitulation and surrender. A more afflicted family can scarce be found on earth. The Emperor now can truly realize that "uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." No subject of his can be more miserable, in all his populous dominions.

NEW STOVE AND TIN SHOP.

ON MAIN STREET, (NEARLY OPPOSITE MILLER'S STORE), BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THE undersigned has just fitted up, and opened, his new STOVE AND TIN SHOP, in the place where he is prepared to make up new TIN WARE of all kinds, and do repairs in wood, brass and iron, with the most reasonable terms. He has a large stock of various patterns and styles, which he will sell upon terms to suit purchasers. Give them a call, you will find good mechanics, and deserving of the public patronage. JACOB METZ, Bloomsburg, Sept. 9, 1866.—ly.

PLASTER FOR SALE.

The undersigned is about fitting up a

PLASTER MILL

at the FENN FURNACE MILLS, and will offer to the public ONE HUNDRED TONS BEST Nova Scotia White Plaster, prepared ready for use in quantities to suit purchasers, at any time from the first of March next. Catawissa, Jan. 23, 1867. J. S. MCINCHIE.

BOOT AND SHOE SHOP.

OSCAR P. GIRTON, Respectfully informs the public that he is now prepared to manufacture all kinds of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

at the LOWEST Possible Prices; at short notice and in any quantity. Mr. Gorton, (as is well known to all) has had many years of successful experience with a reputation for good work, integrity and honorable dealing unsurpassed. Office of Business on South East Corner of Main and Iron Streets, in the City of Bloomsburg, Pa. Bloomsburg, Oct. 10, 1866.—ly.

PORKS HOTEL.

Geo. W. MAUGER, Proprietor. The above well-known hotel has recently undergone radical changes in its internal arrangements, and its proprietors, anxious to give comfort and convenience to the traveling public that its accommodations for the comfort of its guests are second to none in the country. It is well known to all, and with the delicacy of the table, and the skill of the chef, (except that popular beverage known as "Mellin's Food" prepared direct from the importing houses, are entirely pure, and free from all poisonous ingredients. He is thankful for a liberal patronage in the past, and will continue to deserve it in the future. June 12, 1866.—ly. GEORGE W. MAUGER.

MACHINE AND REPAIR SHOP.

THE undersigned would most respectfully announce to the public generally, that he is prepared to execute all kinds of MACHINERY, at JOSEPH H. SHARPLESS' FOUNDRY, in Bloomsburg, where he can always be found ready to do all kinds of repairing, including Threshing Machine, and in short, all kinds of Farming Machinery. ALSO, TURNING AND FITTING UP OF CASTING AND MACHINERY, done on short notice, in a good workmanlike manner, upon the most reasonable terms. His long experience in the business, as foreman in the shop of Lewis H. Baus of this place, for over nine years, warrants him in saying that he can give entire satisfaction to all who may favor him with their work. GEORGE HANSETT, Bloomsburg, Nov. 21, 1866.

FAON HOUSE.

The undersigned has purchased the "Fallon House," in

LOCK HAVEN, Pa.

property of E. W. Rigby, Esq., would say to the friends of the House, its accommodations, and the public generally, that he intends to "keep a House," with the accommodations of a first-class Hotel, and handily solicits their patronage. Late of the Madison House, Philadelphia. Lock Haven, Dec. 26, 1866. J. D. FENNER.

MISS LIZZIE PETERMAN,

Would announce to the ladies of Bloomsburg and the public generally, that she has just received from the eastern cities her Spring and Summer Stock of MILLINERY GOODS, consisting of all articles usually found in first class Millinery Stores. Her goods are of the best quality and among the most handsome and elegant to be seen. Call and examine them, for yourselves. Nobody should purchase elsewhere before examining Miss Peterman's stock of goods. Bonnets made to order, on the shortest notice, and repaired. Store on Main street, 2d door below the store of Mendell & Beyer. Bloomsburg, May 2, 1866.—ly.

NEW TOBACCO STORE.

H. H. HUNSBERGER, Main Street, below the "American House," BLOOMSBURG, PA., Where he keeps on hand, and furnishes to the home and country trade, at Philadelphia (lowest) prices, FINE CUT AND PUG TOBACCO, DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED CIGAR all kinds of SMOKING TOBACCO, Pipes, Meerschaum and Briar Wood Pipes, and all articles pertaining to his trade. Those small retail dealers in cigars and chewing tobacco, would do well to give him a call, instead of sending to the cities for very article they desire purchasing of these country peddlars. November 21, 1866.—ly.

DRUGS, DRUGS, DRUGS.

Pure Medicines, at John R. Meyer's Drug Store, corner of Main and Market Streets. A good assortment of PURE DRUGS, Medicines, Paints, Oils and Varishes, always on hand, and will be sold cheaper than at any other Drug Store in town. QUALITY GUARANTEED. Prescriptions carefully compounded at Meyer's Drug Store. Agents and Wholesale Dealers sold at Meyer's Drug Store, Wharft's Red Cordial, Baker's Cod Liver Oil, Winslow's Sassafras Syrup, sold at Meyer's Drug Store. For any reliable patent medicines, call at Meyer's Drug Store. Dealer of all kinds, wholesale and retail, at J. R. Meyer's Drug Store, Bloomsburg, Pa. May 2, 1866.—ly.

AN ANGEL IN THE CLOUDS.

We thought the clouds in heaven so fair, Were isles with cities filled; With spires and turrets gleaming there; Just like the castles in the air, We often build.

These islands in the realms of space, Sailed on through seas of blue, And there I could distinctly trace, The azure wing and angel face, Of one I knew.

She sat upon a radiant throne, And wore a crown of light, More glorious than the sun at noon, A heavenly halo round her shone, Her robes were white.

She was a pleasant angel here, Before wings had been given, To bear her to that blissful sphere Beyond that silver cloud so near, Her native Heaven.

I've seen her at the sick child's bed, Watch with unsleeping eye, Until his gentle spirit fled, On rosy pinions from the dead, To God on high.

When sunlit clouds are floating by, I often love to hear, The sweep of wings from yonder sky, Where ministering spirits fly, From sphere to sphere.

A Man-Wolf.

Rev. Dr. Butler, the well-known Methodist missionary who established the mission of that church in India in 1856, recently returned to this country. He makes the following statement of a remarkable case:

In 1859, a British soldier, while bearing a dispatch from one magistrate to another in the Kingdom of Oude, passed an unfrequented ravine, where he saw a pack of wolves, and with them a human being, evidently one of their company. Immediately turning back he reported the circumstance to the magistrate for whom he was traveling. The letter forthwith mustered a number of coolies and went to the place. The pack of wolves fled a short distance, and sought refuge in a sort of cave or den. Beginning to dig, the party soon discovered the fact of the wild man, and drawing him forth, succeeded in binding and carrying him to town. Dr. Butler has seen him often since, and says he is evidently a man, and at the time of his capture apparently about twenty-four years of age. The captured creature at first violently resisted the attempt to put clothing upon him, but after a while ceased to tear the garment. He is now kept by a gentleman in the City of Thabje Vampire, some eight hundred miles west of Calcutta. When first taken he was unwilling to eat anything but raw meat, and has never been able to speak or make any approximation to a knowledge of the alphabet. If any one looks earnestly or sharply at him, he expresses his annoyance by a half-uttered grunt, immediately turning away and settling upon his haunches in a corner of the room, or lies down. He eats his food off the ground, and although evidently human being, is in habits a wolf, with the instincts of that beast. This is certainly an anomalous fact in natural history, although it is said that four similar cases are known to have occurred in India, presenting the same general facts.

RED CLOUD, THE INDIAN LEADER.

Speaking of the fourth coming war on the plains, the Reese River Reveille says: The great leader of the Indians is Red Cloud, or Mahpilitan, who is represented as one of the ablest Indian warriors of the time. He is about thirty-five years of age, tall, handsome, athletic, and perfect in his horsemanship as in his physical appearance. He has commanded in several battles previous to the massacre of Colonel Fetterman's noble command and has never been whipped. He was at Laramie last spring, to the treaty making, enjoying the face an I treating it as such without disguise, yet accepting all the presents offered, but left with the declaration that his country should never be occupied by the whites, nor garrisoned by them, nor should their roads cross it. Then he was at the head of but 500 warriors of the Oglashish Sioux, but his marauding 3000 at Fort Philip Kearney shows the influence he has over others, and his determination to make his threat good. He is an active, energetic and able warrior, and he who conquers Red Cloud will do more than he who conquers Tecumseh, or Black Hawk, or Osceola.