

It passed her on the street to-day... I would have been a saint...

What though no knight of blazoned cross... Could hold his love's hand...

And something will these hairs of fate... Are changed to the blackest gold...

Perhaps—the still, my heart—she wears... That smile for his reward...

I thought my heart was broken... And we will not weeping should part...

O foolish feet that sought to find... Some path which left his love behind...

I cannot let these moments drift... To hopeless mounds no word may lift...

Why then, O blessed Valentine!... And carry but a single line...

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CRUSHED TO DEATH.

The Fatal Panic in the Cincinnati Opera-house—Some Heart-rending Scenes.

On the stage, behind the scenes, on the terrace seats and in the green-room...

The first scene—the Indian scene—was ready for the curtain to rise, the Indians all posted, ready to take their places...

Then rising he wearily took up his march towards the hills on the east, his footfalls making no sound on the springy path of velvet moss...

Then the old man stopped. "I shall be dead here, I know. What if he should be there?"

The dog came back and taking him by the neck of his collar, he began to bark along the old man's feet...

It was during a fine evening in April that a number of men could have been seen making their way down the San Joaquin in one of those primitive vehicles of navigation commonly called "flat-boats."

The tortuous windings of the river kept three of the boats from being together in the current, while the remainder of the company were gathered about an individual who was entertaining them with rustic airs upon a violin.

The steersman, a tall, athletic specimen of manhood, was devoting all his energies to shooting a sharp turn in the river, when his eye fell upon a dark object which appeared in the meadow at a distance on the right.

"It can't be a blue heron watching for gobblers," he muttered; "it's too large. An 'em' blessed, he said, after taking a keener look at it. 'I think it's a man. If it is, what fetched him out in this lonesome country?'"

Calling the others to him they looked in turn, and the steersman's surmise was pronounced correct by the wonderfully clear atmosphere permitted them to see that it was a man standing motionless, and with his face turned towards them.

The boat glided under a bank of tall reeds, and when they emerged from the shadow of the waving screen and came in full view of the object they put the boat in towards the bank and halted him.

At first the motionless figure did not seem to hear, but stood as though absorbed in thought. When again the vigorous hail was borne down upon him, he raised his hand in answer, strode rapidly towards them.

The men on the boat watched the approaching figure, the heavy blowing of his long, grizzly hair and playing with the brim of the large soft hat. When he came nearer, the men perceived to a distance of a few rods, that it was the steersman, and he leaped to follow his master, but in leaping struck the gunwale and fell into the water.

As a cry the stranger was about to spring in to rescue the cur, when a muscular arm was interposed. The steersman headed the boat for the bank, and the crew followed him.

There were various speculations as to the character of the stranger. "Sluce robber, an 'em drew out of camp," said one.

"No, 'em 'eck," said another. "Let's his conscience at Cape Horn, and he livin' on his wits," said a third.

By this time the strange pair had reached the river bank. The man at the head of the boat, who was slight in build and of medium size. His habiliments consisted of a heavy blue shirt such as the others wore, and a well-worn coat and pantaloons.

Going to a locker where the men procured some simple food and sat down before the man, who muttered his thanks, and giving the dog a share, began to eat.

The meal finished, one of the men approached and began to question. "Where are ye from, stranger?" he asked in a kindly tone.

"It matters not where I am from," was the answer.

"But," persisted the man, "what is yer name?"

"My name? You may call me Ismael, if you like," said the stranger, with a bitter laugh.

"An' how came ye here in this wild place?" questioned the man.

"I came from there," said the stranger, pointing towards the east. "He came and drove me away. He drove me from Valparaiso; he drove me from the coast, but I was innocent of what they charged against me. It was a wicked and cruel deed."

His questions arose and tapped his forehead significantly.

"An' he ye no friends?" the boatman asked again.

"Friends? 'I have no friends—but one."

As he spoke his hand rested gently upon the head of the dog, who looked up affectionately.

Some More Detroit Justice.

A LITTLE PARTY.

He was a fair-minded citizen. He had helped to build up the town. He had enterprise, patriotism and ambition.

But he got tight. It was a little party, where a choice few gathered together to drink milk, eat pumpkin pie and talk over old times.

When this citizen started for home a million stars twinkled before his eyes. He lifted his feet as though he meant to step over a fence, and so perfectly satisfactory, that Professor Doremus deserves the thanks of the public for bringing it to their notice.

Still it may occur to some persons that when milk has been submitted to the acid and alkali test it will not be in precisely the best condition for use.

"No, sir," he demanded his Honor, "was milk, pop, wine or whiskey that doored you?"

"Don't tell me a lie," warned the Court.

"Well, it was wine—old wine," admitted the prisoner.

"Then you looked upon the wine when it was red, did you?"

"It was red, yes, but it was old."

"But you gave you the spring-halt, didn't it?"

"Kinder."

"And you wish you hadn't done it?"

"Do."

"A little party on Grove Street will have no enticement for you hereafter?"

"No, sir."

"When night sheds her sable mantle over the earth a married man should be at home to shut up his hen coop, take down carpets, clean out the cellar, and be ready to yell his head off in case any chimney in the neighborhood turns out."

HE DID IT WITH HIS LEG.

John Calkins was introduced to the court and the audience in just as loud a voice as Bijah would have used to introduce the Prince of Wales.

"What was that?"

"It was a leg."

"What kind of leg?"

"The lame kind."

"How long has that leg been lame?"

"It is in the joint."

"It's all over the leg."

"Traveling down the alley at midnight your leg gave out and you went to sleep."

"Yes, sir; that's how it was."

"That's how it was, and this is how it is: 'Ninety days.'"

THE UNFORTUNATE EXHIBITOR.

An Elephant had been endeavoring to give the wife of a knotted Oak with his trunk, but the tree closed upon that member, detaining it and causing the hapless Elephant intense pain.

He shook his trunk with his trumpeting, and all the beasts gathered around him.

"Ah, my friend," said a pert Chimpanzee, "you have got your trunk checked, I perceive."

"My children," said the Elephant, "I would do them a favor, but I do not give their address, etc. Having made the promise, the man gave me some interesting information."

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THE DEY AND THE KNIGHT.

A Christian Knight was playing at draw-poker with the Dey of Algiers for a monarch's ransom.

The fearless Christian observed that the Grand Vizier was sitting at the table with his trumpeting, and all the beasts gathered around him.

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THE CENTIPEDE AND THE BARBARIC YAK.

While a Centipede was painfully toiling over the Libyan desert, he was encountered by a barbaric Yak, who scornfully asked him how were his poor feet?

The humble Centipede creature made no reply, but some days later found the barbaric Yak taken in the nets of the Hunter and almost devoured by insects, which fled at the approach of the Centipede.

"Help, help," exclaimed the unfortunate beast. "I cannot move a muscle in these cruel toils, and the ravenous insects have well-nigh devoured my compound flesh."

"Can you not defend yourself?" "Alas! how can I?" replied the Yak. "See you not how straitly I am bound?"

"And is your flesh then, so delicate?" "Yes, it is very delicate, but I should not say it is so delicate."

"I'll take it myself."

Moral—The other man's Extremity is often our Opportunity.

THE PRODIGIOUS BROKER.

A prodigious broker met a rich but simple Capitalist who was going down to Wall Street with a bag of Gold.

"To-morrow," he said to himself, "I will unload some Pacific Mail on that Snooter."

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THE ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA.

There will be lively times in the Philadelphia market for the railroad company, when it is announced the new route to this city via the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Delaware and Bound Brook, and North Pennsylvania Roads, which was opened with through cars, and all the conditions of a strictly first-class route.

The distance is two miles less than by the old route, and the fare will be reduced below the present rate. There is a train of cars for one of the most interesting points of the prospective fight between the new and old routes is the fact that the Baltimore and Ohio Road will thus have an independent of Tom Scott. This will make the Baltimore and Ohio much stronger in any future fight, and some of our shrewdest freight-bringers will be glad to bring on another war in freight and tickets.

BRONZED BLACK.—A valuable recipe for making a black for reborning moldings, frames, etc., is given thus: Take 1 gallon of strong vinegar, 2 pounds of extract of logwood, 4 pound of green copperas, 4 pound of China blue, and 3 ounces of nutgall. Put these in an iron pot and boil them over a slow fire, till they are well dissolved. When cool, the mixture is ready for use. Add to the above 4 pint of iron rust, obtained by heating filings in a strong vinegar. The above makes a perfect jet black, equal to the best black ebony.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

It is wonderful how often it is necessary for a young man with a new silk handkerchief, to blow his nose in church.—Chicago Journal.

The great statistical problem in Chicago just now is to ascertain the exact per cent to population of the bad smells of that city.—St. Louis Times.

It is said that Henry Bergh in his early years was so tender-hearted for animal life that when a mosquito lit on his nose he'd pick up a slipper and smash himself up against the wall.—N. Y. Herald.

As a Scotch schoolmaster was teaching a sharp pupil to cipher on the slate, the precocious pupil put the following question to his instructor: "Whar die 'a' figures gang till when they're rabbit out?"

MORE than five months must elapse before Mr. Evans can spread his oratorical pinions at the Philadelphia Continental, and yet he already has a magnificent diet of eagles' eggs.—Brooklyn Argus.

The subject of impression at first sight was being talked over the tea-table, when the lady whose duty it was to preside said: "She always formed an idea of a person at first sight, generally founded on correct 'Fashion' said the youngest son, in a shrill voice, that attracted the attention of all present. 'Well, my dear, what is it?' asked the mother. 'What was your opinion when you first saw me?'" The question gave a sudden turn to the conversation.

THE other day a Detroit who has a good record of army service took down his revolver to shoot a cat which had been hanging about the house. After looking at him while he fired six shots the cat walked away. While he was loading up for more destruction the shooter's small boy inquired: "Father, you ever had a revolver? I suppose you were in the army?" "I suppose so, my son." After a long pause the boy continued: "Then you must have got near enough to let 'em walk on your heels, you?" "I have," discovered to be about school time.—Free Press.

THE following description of the average Cincinnati drummer is made by the Shelby (Ky.) Sentinel: "A gentleman came up to us the other day whose appearance made us glad to know that he was a native of this city. He was dressed about the size of a crab, with his hair divided immediately upon the meridian, by a civil engineer, no doubt, his luxuriant mustache hung over the sides of his face, and he had a shadow of a great sorrow, and his large and spreading ears waved like swinging tavern signs as he related to us the virtues of the house he represented. He was from the city of Cincinnati, and represents the interests of a starch factory."

A GENERAL RECIPE FOR A MODERN SQUEAL. Sir, in a lot to make us laugh! Two heavy volumes in 1 part, and wife—in 10 parts, to know And half a dozen books to spare; Some bluey-faded prints on a floor; A shrewdly chosen selection of 'em; Some bluey-faded prints on a floor; A shrewdly chosen