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THE THREE COFFINS.

Three coffins await their final repose

In the ancient chambers keeping.

And a brief hour hence the lids will close

On the forms beneath their sleeping.

The first is a king who hath ruled the land,

As his fathers did before him;

A jeweled scepter is placed in his hand

To show how well he bore him.

The next is a Chief from the battle field,

Wounded and bronzed and hoary;

By his side are resting his sword and shield,

The emblems of martial glory.

The third is a lovely Son of Song,

With an eye as bright as the morning sun;

The lay of his lyre hath sounded long

Through the aisles—but now is ended.

Hark! what is that at the postern gate

Like the roar of distant water?

'Tis the foe with bounding tapers clad,

Returned to the work of slaughter!

"Ho! King, awake! I renege thy throne,

And 'round the sunnons thy eyes!"

From the pale moon lips there is answer

None.

While the storm without still rages,

"Ho! Chief, awake! to the tents repair—

In the van lead on thy legions!"

They listen, but all is silent there,

Still and hushed as the Polar regions.

From the poet's coffin a sigh is heard,

And the eye at his breast hath lagged

Straight into the face of the foe of a band

Whose melody knows no staying.

'Tis an old, old theme, but it fires the blood

Of the troops with none to lead 'em.

And they fight, as the valiant always should,

For the love of their faith and freedom!

When the sun goes down in a radiant glow,

With no other emblems attendant,

The three mailed coffins are now laid low—

The Cross is in the ascendant!

Letter From Kate Southern.

The Savannah (Ga.) Morning News

says: We have received the following

letter from the unfortunate woman

whose crime and the commutation of

whose punishment has been the sub-
ject of such elaborate discussion at
home and abroad by the press. As
will be seen, her object is to correct
a false report which she conceives not
only derogatory to herself but unjust
to those to whom she is grateful for
sympathy and kind treatment. We
publish the letter without alteration
or correction, with the simple remark
that neither the composition, the or-
thography, nor the chirography, which
latter is femininely neat, are charac-
teristic of the ignorant, coarse woman
which some have represented her to
be:

COONER CAMP, WASHINGTON CO.,
GEORGIA PENITENTIARY, July 11.—
Editor Morning News: I learn with
great pain that the Savannah Sunday
Times, in its last issue, stated I was
put to work in a convict camp as
cook, and that I wished I had been
hung, and that the convicts also
wished I had. Now, I am kindly
permitted by my keepers, Col. Smith
and wife, to correct through your
largely circulated and valuable paper
an erroneous impression. I am
so gratified at receiving the sym-
pathies of a generous people in my
great trials and great misfortunes, and
in this distress my greatest fortune
has been my falling into the hands of
a gentleman and lady, Col. Smith and
his wife, from whom I receive many
kindnesses in holding up my hands,
my heart, and my self-esteem, and to
hear that any paper was publishing
anything that might in the least re-
flect in any way against my keepers
is very painful indeed to me, inas-
much as I am, for protecting my world-
ly affections, so dear to me, against
threatened inroads from the hands of
one whose threats kept my heart aching
and my head frenzied, and losing
all reason, desperation naturally fol-
lowed, the result of which has placed
me here a convict in the Georgia peni-
tentiary. Being such, I might expect
the cold embrace of rattling
chains, striped clothes, hard labor,
coarse diet, and even the lash; but
not so in my case. I am put to light
work—cutting and making convict
clothes; not ironed as others, not
draped in convict stripes; have good
and wholesome diet, such as my keepers
have upon the family table; no
threats of the lash; no cooking for
convicts, and no such thing as regret-
ting I had not been hung. Please, for
the sake of a humiliated and un-
fortunate woman, correct the reports
in circulation, so unjust to my dear
keepers, and you will receive the
thanks of one so injured and dis-
graced. Your very humble servant,
KATE SOUTHERN.

A Remarkable Case.

Mrs. McChesney, an elderly lady,

wife of the Seventh Ward Assessor,

presents a case of great interest to

medical men. For a year past she

has been afflicted with paralysis, sup-
posed to be caused by obstruction of
the liver. A few mornings ago she
was assisted from bed as usual to be
placed in a chair, in which she moves
herself about. She was about to sit
down, having one hand on the chair
and the other on the bed, when one of
her thigh bones snapped in two. Dr.
Casper was called, set the fractured
limb, and was adjusting a long splint
when he found it necessary to move
her to another and longer bed. As-
sisted by some ladies he attempted to
move her, he holding her by the lower
limbs, a lady supporting her at the
hips and the patient's daughter lifting
her by the shoulders, the old lady
having her arms about her daughter's
neck. They had just raised Mrs. Mc-
Chesney from the bed when the upper
bone of one arm snapped in two, just
as the thigh bone was broken. Such
cases (*Fractura ossium*) have been re-
ported in medical works, but are ex-
tremely rare.—*Cleveland Leader.*

What to Teach the Boys.

Teach them to respect their elders

and themselves. Teach them as they

expect to be men some day, they can

not too soon learn to protect the weak

and helpless.

Teach them to saw wood, split it,

bring it in, carry water, empty slops,

make the fires, tend the baby, and

make themselves otherwise generally
useful around the house.

Teach them how to run a sewing
machine and properly use a needle
and thread.

Teach them by your own example
that smoking in moderation, though
the least of the vices to which men
are heirs, is disgusting to others, and
hurtful to themselves.

Teach them that to wear patched
clothes is no disgrace, but to wear a
"black eye" is.

Teach them that dime novels and
similar reading are an invention of
Satan.

Teach them that playing cards
may lead to gambling.

Teach them that swearing is an un-
necessary evil.

Teach them that strong drink, in-
dulged in, means disgrace and ruin.

Teach them that a true lady may
be found in calico quite as frequently
as in velvet.

Teach them that a common school
education, with common sense, is
better than a college education with-
out it.

Teach them that one good, honest
trade, well mastered, is worth a dozen
beggarly "professions."

Teach them that "honesty is the
best policy"—that 'tis better to be
poor than to be rich on the profits of
"crooked whiskey," etc., and point
your precept by examples of those
now suffering the torments of the
doomed.

Teach them that the more they
save before, the more comfortable
they can live after marriage.

Teach them that every two-legged
animal that walks the streets is not a
man, even though he wears the em-
blems.

Teach them that to be a man, "with
all that name implies," is now-a-days
a phenomenon.

Teach them that God is no respecter
of sex, and that when He gave the
seventh commandment he meant it for
them as well as for their sisters.

Teach them that by indulging their
depraved appetites in the worst forms
of dissipation, they are not fitting
themselves to become the husbands of
pure girls.

Teach them that 'tis better to be an
honest man seven days in the week,
than to be a Christian (?) one day
and a villain six days.

Teach them that "God helps those
who help themselves."

Do all this, and you will have
brought them up "in the way they
should go."

A Hacked Party.

There is a feeling here, shared by

all Republicans, whether in office or
out, that if the Democrats get the
House this Fall, or rather retain
what they already have, it will be up-
hill work for the Republicans to car-
ry the next Presidential election.

With the House and Senate in the
hands of the enemy, working together
for a common purpose, the Republi-
cans will suffer from the disad-
vantages of the situation. The Sen-
ate is already gone—that is conceded,
the Democrats to have possession
March 4. Hence the struggle for the
House, a struggle upon the result of
which is supposed to hang the Presi-
dential election of 1880. Should the

Republicans fail to gain the House

they will be "hacked" to begin with,

and will go into the race of 1880 un-
der discouraging circumstances.

The fundamental idea of the fan is

said to have been hit upon a great

many centuries ago at a certain Feast
of Lanterns in China, where the beau-
tiful Kansai, daughter of an eminent
mandarin, found herself so warm that,
contrary to all etiquette, she was
obliged to take off her mask, with
which—partly to hide her blushes,
partly to cool her heated face—she
commenced upon herself the process
which we now call "fanning." The
action was seen and admired by Kan-
sai's young companions, and at once
sprang the legend, "ten thousand hands
agitated ten thousand masks."

Artemus Ward related that one of
his earliest ventures in the show busi-
ness, at Skowhegan, was putting canv-
ases around a lot of ground and
charging admission fees to the peo-
ple who wanted to see an eclipse of the
sun. He had an excellent hand or-
gan, and the people were all satisfied,
though they could have obtained a
better view on the outside.

Josh Billings' Aphorism.

The grate fire is fast for bread, and

then butter on the bread, and then

sugar on the butter.

Be merciful to all the dumb animals;

no man can get to Heaven on a sore-
backed horse.

The grate mistake that people make

is that they think more of their cunning
than they do of their honesty.

The grate secret of popularity is to
make every one satisfied with himself
first, and afterwards satisfied with
you.

The unhappiness of this life seems
principally to consist in getting every
thing we can and wanting what we
ain't got.

I have phinally cum to the conclu-
sion that the best epitaff any man
can have, for all practical purposes, is
a good bank account.

Pappers suffer less than misers do

—the man who don't know where he iz
going to git his next dinner suffers
less than the one who iz anxious to
know how much it iz going to kost
him.

Communicated.

READ'S MILL, Aug. 12th, 1878.

DEAR BEACON—As I promised in my first

to write again, I drop a few lines.

I remained in Galveston two days (Wed-
nesday and Thursday). Wednesday I visited
the Sulphur springs, two miles from town; they
are very strong, about four times as strong as
the Shenk's springs. Thursday, in company
with some ladies from Montgomery, I visited
the Black Creek fall, a place I have often
wanted to