

The Broken Heart.

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It is a common practice with those who have outlived the susceptibility of early feeling, or have been brought up in a heartlessness of dissipated life, to laugh at all love stories, and to treat the tales of romantic passion as mere fictions of novelists and poets.

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But woman's is comparatively a fixed, a secluded, and a meditative life. She is more the companion of her own thoughts and feelings, and if they are turned to ministers of sorrow, where shall she look for consolation?

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melt sorrow into those blessed tears, sent, like the dew to heaven, to revive the heart in the parting hour of anguish.

But the heart is not the seat of the soul, it is the seat of the affections. The heart is the seat of the affections, and the possibility of dying of disappointed love, I do not, however, consider it a malady often fatal to my own sex; but I firmly believe that it withers down many a lovely woman into an early grave.

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A Romantic Life.

Obituary notices have nearly monopolized our pen of late. There are few news in our history which have been marked by so many deaths of prominent individuals, as the last three months.

In our ordinary columns, to-day, will be found another addition to the list of remarkable deceased, in the death of Malcom Zulime Gardette, the mother of Dr. Gardette, of this City, and Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines.

This lady was the heroine of that intensely interesting romance in real life, which was developed in the celebrated lawsuit of Mrs. Gaines.

Her maiden name was Zulime Carriere. She was born in the old French Colony of Biloxi. Her parents were emigrants from the land of poetry and romance—the favorite home of the Troubadours—Provence.

The blood of the Gipsy race, which, in the early days of Louisiana, settled along our sea coast, and whose lovely daughters were the special objects of the admiration and love of the gallant French cavaliers who established the first colonies, mingled with that of the poetic Provençal.

Since then, as Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Gaines, she has presented her claim to the property of Daniel Clark, as his lawful heir, with a zeal, earnestness and energy, which have rarely been equalled in the annals of litigation.

NATURAL CURIOSITY.—The Smithsonian Institution is in daily expectation of receiving two specimens of the Gymnotus Electricus, or Electrical Eel, from the River Amazon, which were shipped to New York to D. D. Williamson, jr. Esq., of that city.

We are enabled to quote from a private letter of Mr. Williamson to Prof. Henry, which will show what is known about them: "After the great expense and trouble that I have been to in importing these eels, I earnestly hope they will reach you safely, and that the experiments you may make will prove interesting and valuable to yourself and the scientific world."

Several attempts have been previously made by Mr. W. to import the Gymnotus, but till now unsuccessfully. Two live eels from Nebraska Territory have also been recently received at the institution. They are kept in a board enclosure a little south of the building.

NASHVILLE—ITS CAPITOL.—The editor of the Charleston Advocate, in a letter from Nashville, thus speaks of the new building now being erected by the State, in that city: "The Capitol, one of the most magnificent buildings in the world, is now nearly completed."

The Gold Mines of Virginia.—A writer in the New York Tribune says that the paying gold mines in Virginia may be mentioned the Marshall mine, in Spotsylvania county, on the Rappahannock river, twelve miles from Fredericksburg.

EFFECTS OF ADVERTISING.—The Charleston Courier, of a recent date, makes the following sensible remarks in regard to the indications of a paper well filled with mercantile advertisements: "And we may be said to yield about \$20 to the ton."

AN INCIDENT IN MARRIED LIFE.—Some thirteen years since a couple of loving ones were married near this city, and soon after the husband went to sea. A few months passed, and the young wife received news that the ship in which her husband had sailed was lost at sea, and all hands had perished.

Proceedings of the Police Jury. PARISH OF TERREBONNE.

Conformably to the adjournment the Police Jury of the parish of Terrebonne met this day the 3d of October, 1853. Members present—J. J. Hanna, Alex. Lirette, Joseph Aycock, W. A. Bisland, Casimir Tremoulet, Francois Picou, P. Welsh, J. D. Umberfield, J. L. Carothers.

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QUEST VICTORIA AND THE POOR.—The sum of five thousand pounds was recently placed in the hands of the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, by Queen Victoria, for distribution among the Queen's charities.