

# THE GUARDIAN.

## THE TWO LIGHTS.

"When I'm a man," is the poetry of youth.  
"When I was young," is the poetry of age.

"When I'm a man," the strapping cries,  
And strives the coming years to scan—  
"Ah, then I shall be strong and wise,  
When I'm a man!"

"When I'm a man," the old man sighs,  
"Bravely the lark and linnets sung  
Their carol under sunny skies,  
When I was young!"

"When I'm a man, I shall be free  
To guard the right, the truth uphold."  
"When I was young, I bent the knee  
To power and gold."

"Then shall I satisfy my soul  
With yonder prize, when I'm a man."  
"Too late I found how vain the goal  
To which I ran."

"When I'm a man, these idle toys  
Aside forever shall be flung."  
"There was no poison in my joys  
When I was young."

The boy's bright dream is all before,  
The man's romance lies far behind.  
Had we the present and no more,  
Fate were unkind.

But, brother, toiling in the night,  
Still count yourself not all unblest  
If in the East there gleams a light,  
Or in the West.

[Blackwood's Magazine.]

An Eastern paper gives the following version of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."  
Mary had a William goat,  
And he was black as jet;  
He followed Mary round all day,  
And liked her! you just bet!

He went with her to school one day;  
The teacher kicked him out.  
It made the children grin, you know,  
To have that goat about.

But the old Whack'em kicked him out,  
Yet still he lingered near;  
He waited just outside the door,  
Till Whack'em did appear.

Then William ran to meet that man—  
He ran his level best;  
And met him just behind, you know—  
Down just below his vest.

Old Whack'em turned a somersault;  
The goat stood on his head;  
And Mary laughed herself so sick  
She had to go to bed.

**Time and Women Wait for no Man.**  
"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may:  
Old Time is still a-flying;  
And this same flower that smiles to-day,  
To-morrow will be dying.

Then be not coy, but use your time,  
And while ye may, go marry;  
For if ye wait, the bells will chime  
Her wedding to Dick or Harry.

There was a young lady named Hanner,  
She had a nose like a banner;  
She teased in a school,  
An' she rid on a mule,  
But she could never play the pianer.

She married a feller named Tanner,  
That carried the spangled banner;  
But they fell out and fit—  
She's a grass widow yet,  
An' he drives now a dray in Savannah,  
An' that's what's the matter with Hanner.

**A Wooden Leg.**  
It is one of the peculiarities of the feminine mind to entertain a great aversion to wooden legs. No well regulated lady likes to have a wooden leg. They don't like to see the wooden leg of anybody else. If two young men, one with artificial underpinning, and the other with natural pedal extremities, make honorable court to a lady, it is just two to one that the gentleman with an unimpaired locomotive apparatus comes out winner of the suit. As a rule women prefer in a man a weak mind to a weak understanding. That may appear paradoxical, but every lady will appreciate the distinction. These statements conceded, and there is really no room to doubt them, it can be readily inferred that no lady, no matter how amiable her disposition, would tolerate for a moment the supposition that she was possessed of a wooden leg. This fact was clearly demonstrated by a gentleman in this city who has the agency for artificial limbs. He is a tender foot and is anxious to establish a flourishing business, and it may be that his anxiety in this respect has led him several times into indiscriminations. But at all events he is anxious to push his business and when a few days since he saw a lady promenading Sixteenth street with an unmistakable holt in her walk, he felt called upon to accost her. This he did without the preliminary approaches which were necessary to relieve such an inquiry of its indeelicacy. The dealer in artificial continuations, however, never thought of this, and he boldly adventured the inquiry:

"Madam, have you a wooden leg?"  
The astonished lady viewed him with amazement. The "Sir" that fell from her lips was as frosty as the hoary head of Pike's Peak on a winter's morning. But intent on prosecuting his business enterprise the joy interjection escaped attention, and the gentleman continued:

"Or perhaps you are using an ordinary pin. I am the agent, madam, of the most beautiful design in artificial legs that has ever been brought to your attention. Come in, madam, and let me show you my legs."

"What do you mean by addressing me such language?" exclaimed the exasperated lady as she balanced herself for an instant on her sprained ankle.

"Aren't you got a wooden leg?"  
"No!"

"But you haven't but one leg, have you?" and the voluble tongue again began to roll "You see I recognized from your walk that you were a one legged woman, and knowing how sensitive your sex were to any natural or accidental deformities, I made bold to speak to you at once. My legs I assure you madam, are straight, elegant and shapely, and there will be no difficulty in matching the one you have already."

It would be impossible to describe the expressions the lady's face underwent as these profuse explanations tripped from the tongue of the dealer. It paled and flushed—grew rigid, and again broke into those convulsive twitchings which precede the advent of hysteria.

"I'll have you murdered for this, you villain. How dare you talk to me in this way?"  
"I assure you, madam, I meant no offence, but seeing that you had but one leg—"

"You saw nothing of the sort, sir?"  
"Well, madam, I suspected it— notwithstanding your graceful walk, madam, you have a limp—"

"I have a sprained ankle, sir."  
"Then, you have not lost a leg, madam?"  
"No, sir, I have not."

"I beg your pardon, madam. You look just like a lady I once knew with but one leg. I thought you were the same person. But I see my mistake. If, however, you should be so unfortunate as to lose a leg, and want one of elegant manufacture to replace it—one that no human being could tell from the other—just call on me," and before the outraged lady could recover her breath or gather up her bewildered senses, the dealer in artificial legs had lifted his hat and was far away.

**Anecdote of Helne.**  
Of the many touching tributes paid to flowers, there is one associated with the closing hours of Henry Helne, the poet, which appears to us as very beautiful. He was dying in Paris. The doctor was paying his usual visit, when Helne, pressing his hand, said: "Doctor—you are my friend—I ask a last favor. Tell me the truth—the end is approaching, is it not?" The doctor was silent. "Thank you," said Helne, calmly. "Have you any request to make?" asked the doctor, moved to tears.

"Yes," replied the poet; "my wife sleeps—do not disturb her. Take from the table the fragrant flowers she brought me this morning. I love flowers so dearly. Thanks—place them upon my breast. He paused as he inhaled their perfume. His eyes closed, and he murmured: "Flowers, flowers, how beautiful is nature." These were his last words as his spirit took its flight into eternity.

**America's Fifteen Inventions.**  
An English paper frankly credits the American genius for at least fifteen inventions and discoveries, which, it says, have been adopted all over the world. These triumphs of American genius are thus enumerated: 1st, the cotton gin; 2d, the plowing machine; 3d, the grass mower and grain reaper; 4th, the rotary printing press; 5th, navigation by steam; 6th, hot air or calorific engine; 7th, the sewing machine; 8th, the India rubber industry; 9th, the machine manufacture of horse shoes; 10th, the sand blast for carrying; 11th, the gauge lathe; 12th, the grain elevator; 13th, artificial ice manufacture on a large scale; 14th, the electro magnet, and its practical application; 15th, the composing machine for printers. It is not often that achievements in this direction receive due credit from such a source.

**That Mule.**  
Sedalia, Missouri, is delighted over a mule colt with five legs. By St. George, this thing has got to stop right here. A five-legged mule when he grows up will be worse than an eight-barreled revolver; a sort of a Gatling gun among mules. Just think of the havoc that may be wrought by a mule that has four legs to amble along with, and one untrammelled leg to circulate around and attend stictly to business on both sides of the road! Let the colt be shot while it is possible to get near enough to it to shoot it in safety.—Hawkeye.

**The Editor.**  
Josh Billings says: If anybody has hard work to please most people, it is an editor. If he omits anything he is lazy. If he speaks of things as they are, people get angry. If he glosses over or smooths down the rough points, he is bribed. If he calls things by their proper names, he is declared unfit for his position. If he does not furnish his readers with jokes, he is a mule. If he does, he is a rattle-head, lacking ability. If he indulges in personalities, he is a blackguard. If he does not, his paper is dull and insipid.

## Snuff Taking Girls.

We are acquainted with daughters whose snuff-bottles are concealed in their rooms, where they use the contents constantly, without the knowledge of their parents. We have seen, at boarding-schools, girls go into hysterics when deprived for a day or two of their snuff, and borrow tobacco of the servants as a substitute, until they could obtain their stimulant—Scotch or Macaboy; and we are well acquainted with three sisters, beautiful girls, were it not for the sallow hue tarnishing their complexion—who are at present under medical treatment for derangement of the nervous system and digestive organs, arising from the constant use of snuff.—Atlanta (Ga.) Sunny South.

Few of us are sufficiently aware of the true value of our insectivorous birds. From early spring until late autumn these restless visitors haunt the fields and gardens in quest of food, prying into every nook and crevice where the destroyers of our crops lie concealed, a countless host of which falls a prey to their busy search during the seasons of planting and harvest. Every bird that frequents a farm—if we except the hen hawk and crow—comes to offer us an unpaid service whose importance we can hardly overestimate. Let anyone who doubts this watch a phoebe bird or sparrow for half an hour, and see how, with scarcely a moment's intermission, our little insect hunter pursues his eager task; and then let him reflect upon the necessity, the duty, of affording the birds every possible protection.

The spirit of self sacrifice is one of the great beauties of holiness. Husband yielding to wife, wife to husband, brother to brother, sister to sister, friend to friend, in great things, but in small especially. First and foremost, see that the spirit is with you at home; then carry it abroad into the world. It is a spirit that will sweeten happiness and brighten troubles, and when the soul is ready to wing its flight to its eternal home, it will have the unspeakable consolation of knowing that it has not lived to itself; that it has left the world happier and better in some degree than it found it; that it has been faithful to its earthly mission. So will it listen with unutterable bliss to the sentence, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord!"—Argosy.

There is one social dishonor about which no one thinks it worth while to say much in reprobation, but which does more harm than any other known to us; we mean the dishonor of repeating conversations, etc., not made under promise of secrecy, but which would be treated as confidential if a high sense of honor were the rule. It is odd that one of the best things a boy learns in school is to eavesdrop tale bearing and keep faith with his companions, while one of the most common practices of society is to betray the trust contained in talk, and repeat to all what has been told in implied confidence to one. This habit of repeating what we hear is as fatal to the best intercourse of minds as to the finer feelings of society.

A young man whose conduct had always been above suspicion went to a neighbor's house the other night and stole a kiss from a young lady's lips. The next day he became so conscience stricken on account of the theft that he went over to the neighbor's house and put the article right back where he found it. It being his first offense—but who shall be able to judge as to that?

Thirteen handkerchiefs, four wallets and two watches were found on a pickpocket who had been at work only an hour in a St. Louis funeral assembly.

The best kind of revenge is that which is taken by him who is so generous that he refuses to take any revenge at all.

The great extension to San Francisco to meet Grant is no longer popular, since his admirers have learned that it will cost one hundred and twenty-five dollars to make the trip.

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Never before have goods been offered at such sacrifices in New York as was done in the latter part of March. Our Mr. NEAL was the only merchant from N. Louisiana on the spot with the cash in hand to take advantage of the extraordinary bargains. We are now receiving the goods purchased by him, and placing them before the Public for inspection and comparison, and are enabled to exhibit the MOST ATTRACTIVE STOCK brought to Minden in many years, at prices that will astonish those not posted in the prices of cheap goods.

**PRINTS.**  
We offer 200 pieces, entirely new styles, not to be found in any other house in town, for the simple reason that they were not on the market when others bought. Price, 6 cents per yard. Quality the very best.

**BLEACH GOODS.**  
We offer 50 pieces at 10 cents, warranted equal to Franks or Lonsdale; 25 pieces, not quite so good, at 9 cents; 25 pieces cheaper grades.

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We have over ten thousand yards Indian-Head, Lowels and other Brown goods, which we do not pretend to offer at any lower prices than others, but will ALWAYS meet the market.

**BED TICKINGS, HICKORY STRIPES, PLAIDS, &c.**  
A full and complete stock, at very low figures.

**COTTONADES, SUMMER CASSIMERES AND DIAGONAL COATING.**  
In all colors, very cheap.

**10 pieces Kentucky Jeans, bought out of season, which we will sell at the extremely low price of 15 cents per yard.**  
These goods doubtless cost the manufacturers double the money to make them. We will not sell any one person more than 10 yards of these goods.

**50 pieces white and pink MUSLIN, full size, at 60 cents each.** We sold the same quality last season at one dollar. Also, a full supply of Mosquito Netting by the yard, 90 to 108 inches wide.

**WHITE GOODS.**  
This is our specialty for the season. Our stock is immense. The bargains we are offering are astounding. We recognize no competition in these goods. Our 10 cent Plaque is superior to anything we have seen at 15 cents. Our 20 and 30 cent Swiss Muslins are wonderfully cheap.

**Victoria Lawn, similar to ours at 15 cents, has been sold in Minden at 25 cents this month. We have 15 pieces very fine imported Victoria Lawn. Your choice at 25 cents. Some of these goods are worth 50 cents per yard. Striped and Dotted Swiss at one-half their value.**

**RIBBONS, LACES, NECKWEAR, TRIMMINGS AND BUTTONS.**  
We have the largest stock in Minden. Will be pleased to show these goods. Our prices are reasonable.

**HANDKERCHIEFS.**  
30 dozen Lawn Handkerchiefs, good value, 5 cents; 20 dozen, real linen, each one hemstitched, 10 cents; 20 dozen, real linen, hemstitched, 25 cents; 10 dozen, real linen, hemstitched, best we keep, 40 cents; 20 dozen, Gents' white handkerchiefs, very cheap.

**CORSETS AND HOSIERY.**  
20 dozen Corsets, running from No. 16 to the largest made. These goods have never been offered so low. Price, from 40 cents to \$2.50 for a 500 home one.

**LADIES TRIMMED HATS.**  
Our stock, as usual, is very large. Having received them after the town trade had been mostly supplied, we are enabled to show our friends from the country these goods at prices that don't admit of grumbling.

**SHOES.**  
We are offering bargains in Fine Shoes. We do not propose to quote prices here. We think we can save you 25 per cent. on most of these goods, outside of Brogans. Our stock is very full. We call particular attention to our Serge and Kid shoes and slippers, New Port Ties, Baskins, Gaiters, English Walking Shoes and Children's Fancy Button.

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**MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS.**  
We have more than 100 dozen of these goods—all staple styles. Minden never saw such prices as these goods are offered at.

**MEN'S CLOTHING.**  
We have an excellent stock of the latest styles. Also, Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.

**WHAT WILL 5 CENTS BUY?**  
This is a Yankee notion which we cannot explain, but ask you to come and see for yourself. We promise to show you how you can save from 50 to 750 per cent. in many small but useful articles. We will add a 5 cent counter to our business next Monday.

**ACTION GOODS.**  
Last year when we advertised that many of our goods had been bought from Auction Houses, some of our friends were disposed to laugh at our simplicity, and in order that they may laugh some more, while we are busy, we again say that a very large portion of our goods have been purchased in the same way, and we regret that we were not able to find all the goods we wanted in these houses.

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**Haynesville Circuit.**  
Rev. J. A. MILLER, PASTOR.  
Colquitt—First Sabbath, at 11 o'clock a. m. Gray's Chapel—First Sabbath, at 3 p. m. White Hall—Second " " at 11 a. m. Crystal Spring—Second " " at 11 p. m. Haynesville—Third " " at 11 p. m. New Salem—Third " " at 3 p. m. Mt. Zion—Fourth Sabbath and Saturday preceding.

**Clabourne Circuit—Methodist Protestant Church.**  
JAMES W. HARPER, D. D., PASTOR.  
Flat Lick—First Sabbath, at 11 a. m. Curry's Sch. Ho.—First " " at 3 p. m. Summerfield—Second " " at 11 a. m. Hickory Grove—Third " " at 3 p. m. Gordon—Third Sabbath, at 11 a. m. Shady Grove—Fourth Sabbath, at 11 a. m.

**Presbyterian.**  
Rev. J. T. DAVIDSON preaches at Homer, 1st and 3d Sabbath of each month—At Minden, 2d Sabbath of each month—At Athens, 4th Sabbath of each month.

**Cumberland Presbyterian.**  
Rev. F. E. LEACH preaches at Shiloh, Second Sabbath in each month and Saturday before—At Salem Church, Third Sabbath in each month and Saturday before.

**Missionary Baptist.**  
Rev. J. W. MELTON preaches at Coal Springs, 2d Sabbath in each month and Saturday before—At Sharon, near Libon, 4th Sabbath of each month and Saturday before.

Rev. ——— McGEE, preaches at Homer, on the 3d Sabbath and Saturday before of each month.  
Rev. A. HARRIS preaches at Antioch, 1st Sabbath of each month and Saturday before—At Colquitt, 2d Sabbath—At Rocky Spring, 3d Sabbath of each month and Saturday before—At New Friendship, 4th Sabbath and Saturday before.

Rev. H. Z. ARDIS preaches at Athens, 1st Sabbath in each month and Saturday before.

**Primitive Baptist.**  
Rev. M. C. PARKER preaches at Lebanon, 1st Sabbath of each month—At New Ramah, 2d Sabbath of each month and Saturday before—At Mt. Paron, 4th Sabbath of each month and Saturday before.  
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