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What My Lover Said.

By the merest chance in the twilight gloom,
In the orchard path he met me—
In the tall, wet grass, with its faint perfume—
Applied to pass, but he made no room;
For I tried, but he would not let me;
So I stood and blushed till the grass grew red.

An Essay on Fish.

Fish may be divided into classes—codfish and fresh fish. The propriety of dividing them into classes will be at once apparent when we reflect that they are usually found in schools.

The mackerel is not exactly a codfish; but he comes so much nearer being a codfish than a fresh that he is for the present classed with the former.

Fish exist in sizes to suit the purchaser, from minnows to whales—which are not fish, strictly speaking. Neither is the alligator a fish; but if we attempt to tell what are not fish, this article will far exceed its intended limits.

The herring is not absolutely a fish; he is a suggestion of departed fish. But the strongest suggestions of departed fish are smelt. The herring sustains the same relation to the finny tribe as the Egyptian mummy to the human race.

Fish are caught by measure and sold by weight—that is, they are caught by the gill and sold by the pound. But they are sometimes caught by weight—wait till you get a bite.

Contentment is the chief respite to the successful fisherman. Surveyors are apt to be good fishermen, because their lines and angles are apt to be all right.

The mermaid and fishwoman may also be mentioned in this connection. The former is a good illustration of what is meant by the ideal, and the latter as fully represents the real.

Many land animals are reproduced in the sea. Thus we have a dog-fish, the cat-fish, sea-lions and sea-horses, but no sea-mules. None of the above have hind legs and any manner of mule without hind legs would be a conspicuous failure.

It may not be out of place to mention Jonah in this connection. He was not a fish, but was once included among the inhabitants of the deep. There has been considerable dispute as to the name of the fish that swallowed the gentleman above mentioned, some persons arguing that the throat of a whale is not large enough to swallow a man. This objection seems to be inconsequential.

Jonah might have been smaller mould than other men. Moreover, it is certain that he was cast over before being swallowed—cast over the rail of the vessel.

There has been much speculation, also, as to the cause of Jonah's expulsion from the whale's interior, but the theory most generally accepted is that he soured on the whale's stomach.

He was very fortunate in reaching land, since he had no pilot. If he had taken a pilot with him into the stomach of the whale, he would doubtless have selected Pantheuous Pilot as the proper man.

Jonah was the first man who retired from the Department of the Interior, and Delano was the last one.

But we digress. Let us return to our fish.

The codfish is the great source of all salt. In this respect Lot's wife was nowhere; however, it would be well to "remember Lot's wife."

The same qualities of the codfish permeate and percolate the vasty deep, and make the ocean as salt as himself. Weighed in his own scales, he is found wanting—wanting considerable freshening. He is by nature quite social, his principal recreation being balls—fish balls.

The codfish was worshipped by the Greeks; but he is only half as well treated by the inhabitants of Cape Cod—he is simply shipped. Hence the difference between the Greeks and the inhabitants of Cape Cod.

Small fish are usually harmless, but parents can't be too careful about permitting their children to play where large fishes abound, as it is an established fact that the big fish frequently eat up the little ones.

The jelly fish is, perhaps, the best understood of all the finny tribe, because, being translucent, it is easy to see through him.

The greatest number of fish is eaten on Friday, and the next greatest number on Saturday, because those that are left over are warmed up for Saturday's breakfast.

Argumentative persons are fond of stating that it is grammatical to say that the five loaves and three fishes were ate, since five and three were always eight. They should be treated

Public Opinion.

The independent voter has really an unnumbered hard time of it. He wants to do right, and he has tried to do right; but the elements at the present are dead against him. Here it is Grant, and there the Rag Baby; on this side the Confederate brigadiers, on that the Radical corruptionists; the devil behind him, the deep sea in front. It is too bad. Well may he murmur with the unhappy Christian in Watt's hymn:

"Between two seas on one small point of land,
Wearied, uncertain and amazed I stand."
—Courier Journal.

The only newspaper in the United States to censure Gov. Chamberlain, of South Carolina, for trying to keep Moses and Whipple from the bench is the favorite White House organ at Washington. It thus comments: "Gov. Chamberlain has been inveigled into a path of political turpitude, which must eventually end in his personal political destruction. By a shrewd and carefully prepared scheme the Democracy have succeeded in making him a pseudo-apostate from his party constituency, and securing his gubernatorial influence to further their efforts in overthrowing the Republican power in the State." So Moses and Whipple are admitted to be the representatives of the "Republican power in the State." That is justification enough of the Governor's pseudo-apostasy. —N. Y. Tribune.

The last attack on Gen. Schenck comes from Harper's Weekly which says it has hitherto eamed from commencing on the Emma Mine scandal, because the facts were so imperfectly known. It now regards the publication of the original contract between Gen. Schenck and Mr. Tenor W. Park, together with the facts embodied in Mr. Beverdy Johnson's letter, as constituting a sufficient reason for holding that Gen. Schenck is at least guilty of an indiscretion will sufficiently grave to authorize and require his recall. —N. Y. Tribune.

To the domination of the negro the white citizens of South Carolina will not submit. This is no threat! It is the simple declaration of the conviction that things have come to such a pass that, if we do not mend them, we must emigrate or starve. We do not intend to emigrate. This State is too precious to be abandoned. We will hold it and keep it. We are here, and we mean to stay. —Charleston News and Courier (Dem.).

Prof. Seelye, of Massachusetts, over whose election to Congress last year the "Independent" newspaper were so jubilant, is losing favor with that class of journals because he shows a disposition to regard the school question as one of great importance. He will find, after a little more experience in public life, that representative "independency" is expected to be simply a servile tool of the meanest set of plotters and bunners and deal-beats that ever appeared in the political arena. —Troy Times [Rep.].

The next campaign is beginning to be understood among the people as a new trial of a very old issue, which the returning soldiers understood to have been settled by the war. —N. O. Republican.

Whatever may have been thought of the wisdom or policy of the resumption act a year ago, it is perfectly clear now that it is paralyzing business, checking enterprise, and interfering with the healthy growth of the country. If it were a mere dead letter, doing no good nor harm. Moreover, it is apparent to everybody as a matter of fact that the Government cannot possibly resume specie payments on the 1st of January 1876. —Indianapolis Journal (Rep.).

The other day a Vicksburg fatherly said: "Don't stuff your mouth with that way, my son; George Washington didn't eat in that fashion." The boy, after pondering for a while, remarked to himself: "And I don't believe that George Washington liked his boy for finding a bottle of whisky in the shed when he was hunting after a horse shoe, either."

Teacher: "What is the definition of flirtation?"
Intelligent young pupil: "It is attention without intention."

It is impolite to say a man has "checked," say "fiscal area."

The Case Against Babcock.

ST. LOUIS, JAN. 17.—Public sentiment here is very strong against Babcock, and, if the jury shall be at all susceptible to such prejudices, his conviction is assured. His failure to put in a personal appearance and plead to the indictment, after he had shown such a precipitate inclination to vindicate himself, made a bad impression to start on, and a number of things have happened since to strengthen public opinion against him. The report—whether true or not does not matter—that the President had endeavored to secure a nolle prosequi in behalf of his private secretary, had a bad influence for "Bab," and the prejudicial feeling thus engendered has been aggravated by the further rumors that the President had used his efforts to arrange a plan of prosecution that would insure acquittal. There is, doubtless, nothing to found the rumors on, but their circulation has, nevertheless, marred Babcock's prospects for a perfectly fair trial. The Government attorneys say they will have no difficulty in sending Babcock to the Penitentiary. The authenticity of his handwriting in his despatches formerly produced, and also of letters and despatches to be produced, will be established beyond a doubt, thus fixing his connection with the King. The transmission of money from Joyce to Babcock will also be proven.

A letter was received here yesterday from Joyce, in which he expressed the opinion that Babcock was—to use his expression—"a gone man." The Government attorneys promise to furnish the public some new and interesting developments as soon as the trials begin.

An Englishman was boasting to a Yankee that they had a book in the British Museum, which was once owned by Cicero.

"O, that ain't nothing retorted the Yankee; in the museum in Boston they've got the lead-pencil that Noah used to check off the animals that went into the ark."

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