

### The Young Widow.

She is modest, but not bashful,  
Free and easy, but not bold;  
Like an apple, ripe and mellow,  
Not too young and not too old;  
Half inviting, half repulsive,  
Now advancing, and now shy,  
There is mischief in her dimple,  
There is danger in her eye.

She has studied human nature—  
She is schooled in all the arts—  
She has taken her diploma  
As the mistress of all hearts;  
She can tell the very moment  
When to sigh and when to smile;  
O, a maid is sometimes charming,  
But a widow all the while.

Are you sad? how very serious  
Will her handsome face become;  
Are you angry? she is wretched,  
Lonely, friendless, fearful, dumb;  
Are you cheerful? how her laughter,  
Silver-sounding, will ring out,  
She can lure and catch and play you  
As the angler does the trout.

Ye old bachelors of forty,  
Who have grown so bald and wise,  
Young Americans of twenty,  
With the Iowa looks in your eyes:  
You may practice all the lessons  
Taught by Cupid since the fall,  
But I know a little widow  
Who can win and fool you all!

### How Harry Got His Wife.

It was fifteen years ago this winter, that I attended a dancing school in Detroit, with a young lady then residing in this city. I had made up my mind some years before that I would not get married; but it was such pleasant business I couldn't find it in my heart to "let the girls alone" altogether, so I paid my tuition fee, and we attended the class in company every night.

About the middle of the term several of the young people, ourselves included, were talking in the ball-room on the subject of matrimony; and I, of course, became interested as well as the others. On going home that evening I told my companion that I had determined to get married in the Spring, and asked her advice in regard to the selection of a wife. She made no reply for a moment, and I told her if she didn't know of anybody better fitted for me, I would like to have her think the matter over, and tell me what she thought of marrying me, herself.

I was joking all this time you must understand, and had no more thoughts of marrying her than I had of marrying Queen Vic. She promised to think of it, however, and I returned to my boarding house, and gave the subject no further thought until some weeks after—and as I would have, on the last evening of the school the subject was brought up again in conversation, just as we were preparing to return to our homes for the night. After leaving the hall we talked and chatted on different subjects till we reached her residence.

It was late and I did not enter the house, though she strongly urged me to do so, I had bid her good night, and was turning away, when I recollected the promise she had made me, and said—

"Helen, you promised to let me know to-night, whether you would marry me this spring. Have you made up your mind?"

"Yes," she said, "I have been thinking about it, but I guess I am a little too young. If it wasn't for that, I would have no objection."

"Well, good night, then," said I. "I didn't expect you would do it—but I'm bound to marry some one, this spring, too."

Before leaving her, I engaged to call again the following evening.—That night I slept soundly, and the next morning had forgotten all about my night's adventures. During the day I received an invitation to attend a ball to be held that evening, a few miles out of the city, and made my arrangements accordingly.

Towards dusk I remembered my agreement to meet Helen, and I thought I would run over for a moment, and afterwards have time to attend the ball.

Arrived at the house, I met the lady in the doorway, and I thought for a moment that she was rigged up in an extra style, which I was at a loss to account for, though I believe I concluded that she had company, and was therefore in hopes that I should not be detained long. Helen welcomed me into the parlor with a sweet smile, and took her place beside me on the sofa. I was expecting every moment to see some stranger enter the room, and I had not yet become satisfied that we were alone, when she said—

"Henry, I've made up my mind to have you."

Had a thunder-clap struck me, I could not have been more surprised, and after an instant of hesitation I stammered out,

"What did you say?"

"I have concluded to marry you!"

"O-oh, you have! Well, I suppose it's all right—when shall the event take place?"

"I thought, if it would suit you that we might drive round next Sunday, and we will go to mother's, at Dearborn, and be married there."

"Well," said I, "I'll see if I can," and as soon as possible took my leave.

I didn't go to the ball that night—I forgot all about it, and I sat over the stove till morning, thinking of what a scrape I was in. I even for-

got to keep the fire going, and almost froze in my seat.

When daylight began to peep in at the windows, I had made up my mind what to do. I would go over and tell Helen that we must be married immediately, or not at all, and if she agreed to that, I saw no other way but to submit to my fate.

When I entered the gate leading up to her house, I heard her singing a lively song, and my conscience almost smote me for deceiving the poor girl as I had, but I summoned up courage to ring the bell, and pulling up my collar and throwing my head back, I anxiously awaited an answer to my summons. She soon came to the door, and I was again shown into the parlor, and she took her place beside me on the sofa, as before.

"Helen," I commenced.

"Well, what?"

"I—I—must be married to-day or I—I don't think I shall be married at all." It stuck in my throat as I said it, for I knew I was telling a whopper; but imagine my surprise when she replied:

"Well, just as you please, Henry. You may drive your carriage around about 12 o'clock, and I will be ready." I gave up. Precisely at twelve o'clock I drew up before her door with my carriage, and before night we were married.

Reader, that wife has been worth more than \$100,000 to me.

**MARRIED A SQUAW.**—A Lecompton paper has the following:

"A young man of this city, having become tired of living in a 'state of single blessedness,' went across the Kaw river a few days since, proffered his hand and heart to a young and handsome Delaware squaw, (said to be worth \$25,000)—was accepted, then went right off and got married. This is a streak of luck for our young man which will enable him to live at his ease hereafter. We learn that a few more squaws who are rich, accomplished and handsome, say they would prefer marrying a white man to their own red brethren. Now is the time for our young and good looking men to marry a fortune."

A fellow whose countenance was homely enough to scare the "old boy," was giving some extra flourishes in a public house, when he was observed by a Yankee, who asked him if he didn't fall into a brook when he was young.

"What do you mean, you impertinent scoundrel?"

"Why, I don't mean nothing, only you have got such an all-fired crooked mouth, I thought as how you might have fallen into a brook when you was a baby, and your mother hung you up by your mouth to dry."

Kossuth, on his visit to Charleston, pointing to the Bunker Hill Monument, exclaimed: "Silent like the grave, and yet melodious like the song of immortality upon the lips of cherubim—a senseless, cold granite, and yet warm with inspirations like a patriot's heart, immovable like the past, and yet stirring like the future, which never stops—it looks like the prophet, and speaks like an oracle."

"You say, Mrs. Smith, that you have lived with the defendant eight years. Does the Court understand that you are married to him?"

"In course it does."

"Have you, at the present a marriage certificate?"

"Yes, your honor, three of them—two gals and a boy!"

An Irishman who was troubled with the toothache determined to have an old offender extracted; but there being no dentist near, he resolved to do the job himself. Whereupon he filled the excavation with powder, but being afraid to touch it off, he put a slow match to it and lighted it, and then ran to get out of the way.

If there is a heaven on earth, it is on a soft couch by your own fire-side, with your wife on one side, a smiling babe on the other, a clear conscience, a dozen cigars, and a knowledge that you are out of debt, and don't fear the tailor, sheriff or devil.

"I say, Paddy, where did you raise that loafer-like hat?—it must have belonged to some scamp."

"Och, an' it's there ye are! Troth an' you're right, yer honor! It's an' old one ov yours that Missus gave me yesterday, when yer honor were to town."

An exchange says: "The Roman forum is now a cow market, the Tarpean rock a cabbage garden, and the palace of the Cæsars a rope walk."

To which the Louisville Journal adds: "And Ashlund is the residence of James B. Clay."

Deacon H. used to say his wife had a certain recipe for testing indigo. It was, to sit it a little indigo on the surface of some cold water; if the indigo was good, it would either sink or swim—she couldn't tell which.

A farmer, when flagellating two of his unruly boys, was asked what he was doing. Thrashing wild oats, was the reply.

The Land Office at Lecompton was opened last Tuesday for the presentation of the following described territory:

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Henry B. Payne, of Cleveland, has been nominated by the Democracy of Ohio for Governor, and Capt. Lytle, of Cincinnati, for Lieut. Governor.

There are some lessons which adversity will teach us, and among others this, that goodness in a woman is more admirable than beauty.

"I say, my little son, where does the right hand road go?"—"Don't know, sir; 'tain't been nowhere since we lived here."

People go according to their brains. If they lay in their head, they study; if in the belly, they eat; if in the heels, they dance.

All have heard, without doubt, of that worthy Hibernian who took a mirror with him to bed, to see how he looked when asleep.

A lazy fellow lying down on the grass, said, "O, how I do wish that this was called work, and well paid for."

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The immigration into the Territory this spring with the large amount of capital, and the consequent rise of property, the founding and building up of new towns is as natural as the former period was unnatural.

All the lands of Eastern Kansas, for 100 miles back, is soon to be occupied, not excepting many of the Indian Reservations.

The mania for town property, like a prairie fire, is now sweeping over the land. Many of these towns are only to have an existence on paper, with perhaps a location. None, however, are to be covered by swamps, or lakes, as in many of the new States of the West; for swamps and lakes do not exist in Kansas.

Many of these towns are to possess real life, and investments made in them are destined to yield a most bountiful return. These towns are located in different parts of the territory, and the eye of the sagacious speculator will soon discover them. With the map of Kansas in his hand, he will readily decide in his mind the lines that are to be the great commercial arteries of the country, through which are to ebb and flow the business of the country, and carry to the still farther west, the civilization and settlement that is now flowing in here.

#### PRAIRIE CITY.

Is situated on the new Santa Fe road, forty-five miles west of Kansas City, and fifteen miles south of Lawrence. The commerce of New Mexico will soon be carried through this town, in wagons, each drawn by five or six pair of oxen or mules, carrying from four to six thousand pounds, and in trains of from ten to fifty wagons; making the distance of nine hundred miles in drives of from ten to twenty miles each day. Passing through the town are roads running from Lawrence to Osawatomie, Peoria, Paola, Ohio City, Stanton, and all points in the Neosho and Pottawatomie country, which have immense travel.

The location of PRAIRIE CITY is not equalled—certainly not surpassed—by any point on this road, at all suitable for a town. It lies on a beautiful piece of land gently sloping to the South, with a prominent bluff on the northern extremity, from which can be seen for a distance of thirty miles, the most enchanting scenery of the "Italy of America;" in speaking of which, the Rev. John Pierpont said, "God must make a lovelier country, but it is very certain that he never has." The Lawrence "Herald of Freedom," of Aug. 29th, 1857, says:

"PRAIRIE CITY.—We passed through this thriving town last week, and pronounce it one of the most beautiful town sites in Kansas. In a country like this, where every man thinks his claim handsome enough for a town, and every town sees beauties in its own location, which no extravagance can over state, it is no little credit to the originators to say and to feel, that the natural beauties of scenery which surround them are equal to the first in Kansas. The people, too, have the true pioneer grit; stone buildings, frame buildings, log buildings, shanties and cloth houses, all indicate thrift and courage. On the summit of the hill, which overlooks the country far and wide, is now being erected a substantial stone building for a seminary of learning."

Bordering on the northern and southern extremities of the town are branches of the Ottawa creek, thus supplying it with an abundance of wholesome water.

Both of these streams are lined with timber, from a quarter to a mile in breadth. The black walnut and the burr oak are the prevailing varieties, interspersed with hickory, hickory, etc; there is no pine or hemlock in Eastern Kansas. This timber is all taken by actual settlers, who reside on the ground. Claims with timber can be bought at this time, from five to fifteen hundred dollars.

#### PRAIRIE.

As fine prairie as there is in this country, lies round about in this region. And many claims can yet be had within three, or four miles of the town.

#### TIMBER.

There is a sufficient quantity of timber to supply the reasonable wants of the farmers, and for town purposes. And timber grows very fast in this country; the Locust can be grown from the seed in three or four years, sufficiently large for fence posts.

#### FENCING.

A claim can hardly be found without sufficient stone on the same to fence it, and build all that is desired—Wire fence can be made at a cost of about forty cents a rod. This kind of fence would be, we think, the most available to start with; the Osage Orange will give protection to crops in about four years from the seed.

#### STONE.

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#### WATER.

In this respect, we think, Prairie City has the advantage over many other towns in the country. While water, as a rule, is abundant, and of a good quality in the Territory, still it is of a better quality and more easily obtained in some localities than others. We think every citizen can have good water in his yard at an expense of from twenty to fifty dollars. This, it will be acknowledged, is a desideratum of greater value than almost any thing else. It must be a great drawback to a town, where all the water is brought from a spring, or hauled from the river, or obtained by digging from fifty to eighty feet to obtain it.

#### EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES.

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ing a University within one-half mile of here, which, when completed, will be second to none west of the Mississippi river. With these facts in consideration, people in the States can have no grounds for hesitating to remove here for fear of debarbing their children from educational privileges.

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