

THE LOVERS.

Sally Slater, she was a young teacher who taught, And her friend, Charles Church was a preacher who prayed!

STRANGELY BEAUTIFUL.

The Last Days of a Brilliant Actress—An Incident of the Life of Adah Isaacs Menken Which Led to Her Death.

In one of our up-to-date picture galleries is a beautiful portrait, which is attracting considerable attention. It is Menken, the Amazonian actress.

One of the strangest characters the world has ever seen was Adah Isaacs Menken a queer mixture of sensuality and mentality, impossible to fathom.

When she first went to England she set London ablaze with excitement. Thousands thronged Astley's every night to see her in "Mazeppa," and as many watched her day after day driving up the "Mall" with her team of ponies.

"No, excepting in the park, where I have seen her driving."

"Rather a queer character, I hear? But we will go and study the lady anatomically, as she gives plenty of opportunity for it."

In a few moments we were rolling through the borough in a hansom-cab to Astley's, which is situated at the southern end of Westminster bridge.

Tartary, appearing and reappearing in the distance until his back appeared small in the perspective. Suddenly a slight noise and a faint scream were heard.

"I shall never recover."

We laughed at what we thought her idle fancies, but they proved to be true. This girl, in the vigor of her womanhood, full of passionate life, with every sense strung to its highest tension—a magnificent animal, such as Du Marier loves to draw and Lawrence or Swinburne describe—began slowly but almost imperceptibly to fade away.

POPULATION OF OUR CITIES.

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HISTORICAL.

Grandfather of President Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather of the President of that name, was killed by Indians on Linkhorn's Run, as the stream in Kentucky was then called.

The Battle of Long Island.

The heaviest loss inflicted upon the American army in any battle of the Revolutionary war was at the battle of Long Island—2,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

History of Gloves.

Gloves have a strange, eventful history. In the third century a glutton named Pithyllus never dined without gloves. This enabled him to seize, before his fellow guests, the hot meats with rapidity; and to prevent his tongue from being burned he had it incased in a leather sheath.

The Catacombs of Paris.

The Paris catacombs by which a large portion of the city of Paris are undermined were only known by popular tradition until the year 1774, when some alarming accidents aroused the attention of the Government.

rattling and echoing which they made in their fall were as impressive as any sound ever heard by human ears. Thus the limestone quarries that had supplied the materials for building the superb monuments, palaces and houses of Paris became huge charnel-houses, which they now remain.

Washington—the Old and the New.

Eighty years ago, when Pres. Adams removed from Philadelphia to Washington and took possession of the great house in which Pres. Hayes now resides, it was only finished in part, and Mrs. Adams used the famous East room as a convenient place for drying clothes.

Practical Science.

Glass from Slag.

It is reported that works for the manufacture of glass from slag have been started at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., though with what success we are not informed.

Cheap Gas.

The town of Leeds, in England, it is reported, is supplied with gas at a cost of 1s. 10d. per 1,000 cubic feet. This is said to be the lowest price at which gas has ever been sold in Great Britain.

Silk Raising.

The Women's Silk Association of the United States, with headquarters in Philadelphia, shows signs of vigorous vitality. At the late State Agricultural Exhibition, held in the main building of the Centennial Exhibition, the Society had an admirable display of silk-worms, cocoons and reeled silk, which attracted universal interest.

Soup from Mineral Oils.

The French patent of MM. Barbeux & Rosier, under the title of Savon de Benzine, describes a method of saponifying all the natural mineral oils, as well as those obtained from schist, asphalt, and similar sources.

Breathing Carbonic Acid.

The dangerous properties of carbonic oxide have long been known—an atmosphere which contains only a little of this gas may produce poisoning and death. Some exact experiments on this subject have now been described to the French Academy by M. Grehan.

Marine Animal Life.

Sir Wylie Thompson, in whose charge the Challenger deep-sea exploring expedition was made, considers the most important and remarkable biological result of the work of the Challenger to be the final establishment of the fact that, contrary to the established belief, the distribution of living beings in the sea has no depth-limit, but that animals of all the marine invertebrate classes, and probably fishes also, exist over the whole floor of the ocean.

The February Evening Sky.

The brilliant star that is seen in the south west is Venus. She is nearing the earth and grows more resplendent Venus will pass Jupiter, the bright star in the south, in geocentric longitude Feb. 22nd.

session it is a house through which beats the pulsations of the capital. It is in strict with life, and across its door sills pass the beauty and fashion, the thought and learning of the Nation.

The house of Sen. Sherman is on K street, fronting a beautiful park and flanked by elegant buildings containing the flower of our population. Sen. Windom, of Minnesota, has a very elegant residence on Vermont avenue, in the same neighborhood.

Sen. Jones, the "placer" Senator of Nevada, rents the splendid house of Ben Butler near the Capitol, and lives away many times the value of his salary.

This list might be largely extended; but this is sufficient to show the tendency of the times and to give a faint idea of what is to be the future of this City, which, 80 years ago, straggled through the forests of Maryland with a stretch of three miles between the White House and the Capitol.

THE DEAD MOON.

The moon is in a state of decrepitude, a dead world.—Proctor's Lecture. The moon is dead—defunct—played out—So says a very learned doctor; She looketh well, beyond a doubt; Perhaps she's in a trance, dear Proctor.

WIT AND HUMOR.

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