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Poetry.

[Written on seeing a field, yellow with the blossoms of the buttercup, (in local parlance, the yellow daisy), and addressed to an Englishman, who had been glorying in the superiority of old England's flora.]

See, etc., what a field of daisies, 'Tis like a firmament of stars; Brighter than the gold that blazes On the crown Victoria wears.

The Family Circle.

Some years ago, there lived in the neighborhood of Paris a retired military officer of high rank and large fortune. Possessed of many valuable qualities—brave, just and honorable, there were two sad drawbacks upon his character—

The Sin of the Day.

Excess is the great evil of the present day; excess in business, in pleasure, in every pursuit. It is a serious evil attendant upon our extensive commerce and increasing wealth; the whole soul is engrossed by it. Men live, in the metropolis especially, in a continual hurry of business, which leaves them neither moment for leisure, nor a disposition to employ it profitably.

Scrap from Longfellow.

The setting of a great hope is like the setting of the sun. Time has a Doomsday Book, upon whose pages he is continually recording illustrious names.

Miscellaneous.

The Sheriff's Vision. Sheriff N. was a fine gentlemanly fellow, and quite a favorite with all frequenters of the temple of justice in W. Sacred hill how do its walls rise before me, its floor well covered with tan bark, its green-baize table, and its pulpit-desk where Law was predominant six days and Gospel on the Seventh.

A Mysterious City.

In a Dominican convent near the city of Santa Cruz del Quiche, happened one of the "Incidents of Travel in Central America," which Stephens has so pleasantly recorded. He there met with an eccentric friar, from whom he obtained some curious information respecting the surrounding country.

A New Prophet.

At the late annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, in Boston, of which Edward Everett is President, the following interesting letter from Rev. A. H. Wright, missionary among the Nestorians, in relation to an alleged divine personage, who has just fallen a martyr to his faith, was read.

A Story of the Olden Time.

A writer of the thirteenth century has preserved a story of a man who by his compact with the Evil One, had collected together great riches. One day, while he was absent in the fields, a stranger of suspicious appearance came to his house and asked for him.

The Earthquake at Valparaiso.

A correspondent of the Tribune, describing the earthquake at Valparaiso of April 23, writes: "The violent heaving of the earth continued a moment, and after that for an hour the earth trembled silently, and every now and then heaved a groan and sigh that made all things totter."

no one heard it but himself. Sometimes when the preacher uttered a sentiment, this hoarse, harsh voice would suddenly answer, "That's a fact!" Anon, when the preacher said something else, the same voice would hoarsely and snarlingly yell out, "That's a lie—G—d—n—y—o—u!" Or else, "that's a—d—d—lie!"

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