

The Lingerin...  
Roger A. Pryor, of the...  
has taken a ride...  
Shiloh, and contributes...  
and some horrible facts...  
He says:  
"The whole face of the country...  
between Corinth and Pittsburg...  
scattered, scratched and wrenched...  
most indelible traces of...  
Lines of earthworks...  
across all the "thousand...  
lone chimneys, burnt and...  
and heaps of rubbish, where...  
smiling homesteads; while...  
or "barked" and...  
camping soldiery, to...  
comfortable with bark...  
stores, and out-houses...  
dilapidation and decay;...  
and extended, are rapidly...  
again—these are some of the...  
of the fierce struggle.

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Poetry.

A Singing Ditty.  
Some sing for love; some sing for gain;  
Some sing to lull each other's pain;  
Some sing because you asked me to,  
But never that I sing "something new."

Some sing for grief, and some for joy;  
Some sing to please, some to annoy;  
Some sing because you asked me to,  
But never that I sing "something new."

The young lady at the piano-forte  
Fing'd till her listening lover's faint;  
And some folks make an awful noise,  
Sing late at night beneath the stars.

Some sing to stop weary thinking;  
Some sing when they've been drinking;  
Some sing because you asked me to,  
But never that I sing "something new."

Some sing to please a haughty lady,  
And some to ease a cowardly lady;  
Some sing for spite; some sing, like boys,  
For mere delight of making noise.

Some like people sing because  
They've nothing else on earth to do;  
And some folks make an awful noise,  
And think that they are singing too!

Miscellany.

A TRUE STORY.

Many years ago I happened to be one  
of the referees in a case that excited un-  
usual interest in our courts, from the sin-  
gular nature of the claim, and the strange  
story which it disclosed. The plaintiff  
was captain of a ship which traded  
principally with the West Indies, had  
married quite early with every prospect  
of happiness. His wife was said to have  
been extremely beautiful, and no less  
lovely in her character.  
After living with her in the most unin-  
terrupted harmony for five years, during  
which time two daughters were added to  
the family, he suddenly resolved to re-  
sume his occupation, which he had relin-  
quished on his marriage, and when his  
youngest child was but three weeks old,  
sailed once more for the West Indies.—  
His wife, who was devotedly attached to  
him, sorrowed deeply at his absence, and  
found her only comfort in the society of  
the children and the hope of his return.  
But month after month passed away, and  
he came not, nor did any letters, those in-  
sufficient but welcome substitutes, arrive  
to cheer her solitude. Months lengthened  
into years, yet no tidings were received  
from the absent husband; and after  
hoping against hope, the unhappy wife  
was compelled to believe that he had  
found a grave beneath the weltering ocean.

leave the matter to be adjudged by five referees.

It was upon a bright and beautiful after-  
noon in spring, when we met to hear this  
singular case. The sunlight streamed  
through the dusty windows of the court-  
room, and shed a halo around the long,  
grey locks and broad forehead of the de-  
fendant—while the plaintiff's harsh fea-  
tures were thrown into still bolder relief  
by the same beam which softened the  
placid countenance of the adversary.  
The plaintiff's lawyer made a most elo-  
quent appeal for his client, and had we  
not been informed about the matter, our  
hearts would have been melted by his  
touching description of the return of the  
desolate husband, and the agony with  
which he beheld his household gods re-  
moved to consecrate a stranger's hearth.  
The celebrated Aaron Burr was counsel  
for the defendant, and we anticipated from  
him a splendid display of oratory.  
Contrary to our expectations, however,  
Burr made no attempt to confute his op-  
ponent's oratory. He merely opened a  
book of statutes, and pointing with his  
thin finger to one of the pages, desired  
the referees to read it, while he retired a  
moment, for the principal witness.

We had scarcely finished the section,  
which fully decided the matter in our  
minds, when Burr re-entered with a tall  
and elegant female leaning on his arm.—  
She was attired in a simple white dress,  
with a wreath of ivy leaves encircling her  
large straw bonnet, and a lace veil com-  
pletely concealed her countenance. Burr  
whispered a few words, apparently en-  
couraging her to advance, and then grace-  
fully raising her veil, discovered to us a  
face of proud, surpassing beauty. I re-  
collected as well as it happened yesterday,  
how simultaneous the murmur of admiration  
burst from the lips of all present.—  
Turning to the plaintiff, Mr. Burr asked,  
in a cold, quiet tone—  
"Do you know this lady?"  
"I do."  
"Will you swear to that?"  
"I will; to the best of my knowledge  
and my belief, she is my daughter."  
"Can you swear to the identity?"  
"I can."  
"What is her age?"  
"She was thirty years old on the 20th  
day of April."  
"At her own house, about a fortnight  
since?"  
"When did you see her previous to that  
meeting?"  
The plaintiff hesitated—a long pause  
ensued—the question was repeated, and  
the answer at length—  
"On the 14th day of May, 17—"  
"When she was just three weeks old,"  
added Burr. "Gentlemen," continued he  
turning to us, "I have brought this lady  
here as an important witness, and such, I  
think she is. The plaintiff's counsel has  
pleaded eloquently in behalf of the be-  
raved husband, who escaped the perils of  
the sea and returned only to find home  
desolate. But who will picture to you  
the lonely wife, bending over her daily  
toil, devoting her best years to the drudg-  
ery of sordid poverty, supported only by  
the hope of her husband's return? Who  
will picture the slow process of heart-sick-  
ening, the wasting anguish of hope deferred,  
and finally the overwhelming agony  
which came upon her when her last hope  
was extinguished, and she was compelled  
to believe herself a widow. Who can  
depict all this without awakening in your  
hearts the warmest sympathy for the de-  
serted wife, and the uttermost scorn for  
the mean, pitiful wretch, who could thus  
trample on the heart of her whom he swore  
to love and cherish? We need not enquire  
into his motive for acting so base a part.  
Whether it was love of gain or licentious-  
ness, or selfish indifference, it matters not;  
he is too vile a thing to be judged by such  
laws as govern men. Let us ask the wit-  
ness—she who now stands before us with  
the frank, fearless brow of a true-hearted  
woman—let us ask which of these two has  
been to her a father?"  
Turning to the lady, in a tone whose  
sweetness was a strange contrast with the  
scornful accent which just characterized  
his words, he besought her to relate brief-  
ly the recollections of her early life. A  
slight flush passed over her proud and  
beautiful face as she replied:  
"My first recollections are of a small  
ill-furnished apartment, which my sister  
and myself shared with my mother. She  
used to carry out every Saturday evening  
the work which had occupied her during  
the week, and bring back employment for  
a madman when informed of his wife's  
second marriage, and subsequent death,  
terrifying vengeance upon his successor,  
and terrifying his daughters with the most  
awful threats, in case they refused to ac-  
knowledge his claims. He had returned  
wealthy, and one of the mean reptiles of  
the law, who are always to be found  
crawling about the halls of justice, advised  
him to bring a suit against the second  
husband, assuring him that he could  
recover heavy damages. The absurdity  
of instituting a claim for a wife whom  
death had released from the jurisdiction  
of earthly laws was so manifest, that it  
was at length agreed by all parties to

contracted a second marriage, and the change to us was like a sudden entrance to Paradise. We found a home and father." She paused.

"Would you excite my own child against me?" cried the plaintiff as he impatiently waved his hand for her to be silent.

The eyes of the witness flashed fire as he spoke.

"You are not my father," exclaimed she vehemently. "What, call you my father—you who so basely left your wife to toil and your children to beggary! Never! never! Behold there my father," pointing to the agitated defendant, "there is the man who watched over my infancy—who was the sharer of my childish sports and the guardian of my inexperienced youth. There is the man who claims my affection and shares my home; there is my father. For yonder selfish wretch, I know him not. The best years of my life have been spent in lawless freedom from social ties; let him seek elsewhere for the companions of his deceptiveness, nor dare insult the ashes of my mother by claiming the duties of kindred from her deserted children."

She drew her veil hastily around her as she spoke, and moved as if to withdraw.

"Gentleman," said Burr, "I have no more to say. The words of the law are expressed in the book before you; the words of truth you have heard from woman's pure lips; it is for you to decide according to the requisition of nature and the decrees of justice."

I need not say that our decision was in favor of the defendant, and the plaintiff went forth followed by the contempt of every honorable person who was present at the trial.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM A LIVING GRAVE.

The Cleveland Herald relates the following narrow escape from a living grave. A young German, recently married to a handsome lady of very respectable parentage, was taken suddenly ill at his place of business last Friday. He was placed in a carriage and taken to his residence on Erie street, where he laid in great agony until Sunday, when the disease so prostrated his physical powers that he lay motionless upon the bed, while weeping friends surrounded the couch.—To all appearance he was dead, and it was so decided. Arrangements were about to be made for the interment, when the young wife, feeling she could not give him up so soon, insisted that the funeral be postponed until Tuesday morning. To gratify the woman thus brought so speedily to mourn the loss of her husband, the funeral was postponed. She spent most of the day (Monday) in the room with the corpse, and toward evening she noticed the body moving. When she told this to her friends they thought her demented, and for two hours they conversed with her to divert her mind. At the end of the two hours another slight movement was perceived by all the party. The scene which followed can never be described. The wife clung to the motionless form of her husband, alternately weeping and begging of him to speak just one word, while the friends wept for joy, hastened for a physician, alarmed the servants by their strange conduct and presented a scene of confusion generally. When the physician arrived, the friends were assembled about the living man, suggesting and applying all the restoratives ever heard of or dreamed of by any of the party, while the wife, overwhelmed with joy, and completely worn out with excessive excitement, had swooned away, and was lying at the side of her husband, in the same death-like stillness that had embraced his form but a few moments before. The physician took the necessary steps to restore the woman and resuscitate the man, which was speedily accomplished in both cases, and, as we write to-day, the woman is joyous and happy, while the man thinks his escape from a living grave one of the marked features of his life.

LOYALTY AT THE SOUTH.

The Mobile Nationalist says that on the occasion of the recent firemen's celebration in that city the red suit out for the procession was chosen to avoid passing by any United States flags, and to effect this, one of the narrowest and least agreeable streets in the city was picked out, as a part of the course. Then the only colors allowed in the decorations were red and white, the colors symbolizing the Confederacy; not the smallest scrap of blue, even in the form of a flower, was tolerated. The ropes were covered with red and white stripes. The battle flag, draped in black, carried in the procession, was a large silk Confederate banner.

A divorce case at Chicago has the queer feature that the defendant looks so much like his twin brother, his partner in business, that the lady herself is unable to identify her husband, having been separated from him for some time.

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Cholera—Dwelling House Cellars.

Dr. Hall, who publishes and edits the Journal of Health, one of the most sensible, practical and useful monthlies in this country, devotes the whole of the March number to an interesting article on "Farmer's Houses," showing where they should be built, and how they should be built; indicating certain conveniences to be secured, and certain inconveniences to be avoided, and pointing out all the essentials to health, comfort and contentment. One of the most interesting and useful portions of this article is that devoted to "Cellars in Dwelling Houses," which he declares are oftentimes the sources from which those gases constantly ascend that impregnate every room in the houses to which they are attached with a vitiated and unwholesome atmosphere.

He speaks of the habit prevalent among housekeepers of making the cellars the summer and winter receptacle of every variety of vegetables and fruits, as well as of rubbish and kitchen offal, and of all that is old and unseemly. He advises a thorough examination and cleansing of the cellars attached to every house in which a slow and obscure disease prevails among the members of the family. He says such cellars should be emptied of every movable thing, the walls thoroughly swept and washed, aired for a week, and the form-r whitewashed.

He cites the following remarkable instance of the efficacy of cleanliness preventing cholera—with which we are now threatened—and of its attraction by uncleanliness. During a cholera summer unusual efforts were made in Boston to provide against it. The most stringent and thorough hygienic measures were taken. Reliable men were appointed to examine every house from cellar to garret and compel the removal of everything which could have even a remote tendency to invite the fearful scourge. The results were admirable; there was not a single case of cholera except in a very restricted district—in fact, one family only was attacked.

A more special examination of the house in which this family resided was made, when, in a remote corner of the cellar, a large pile of the accumulation of bad house-keeping for years was found, and this was in a state of putridity. On its removal, and the most plentiful use of the most powerful disinfectants, the disease at once disappeared and did not return.

As the warm weather approaches we may expect the approach of cholera, and should omit no reasonable precaution against its prevalence. It costs but little of time, trouble or money for each household to clean and purify his premises.

Pharaoh's Serpents.

Inasmuch as these are being extensively offered for sale, and as extensively bought, it is our duty to caution every one against their poisonous nature, being composed of the sulpho-cyanide of mercury which is a deadly poison. We are at present making experiments of the contents of them on some animals, which we shall give the result of at a subsequent period. The following is the substance of a communication read by Mr. Stephenson Macadam, on their poisonous nature, before the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, at their recent meeting in Edinburgh.—Exchange.

"The chemical toy which is now sold largely in many shops in this city, at prices ranging from 3d to 1s each, is composed of a highly dangerous and poisonous substance, called the sulpho-cyanide of mercury. The material is a double-headed poisoned arrow, for it contains two poisonous ingredients, viz.: mercury and sulpho-cyanide acid, either of which will kill. Experiments have been made by me upon the lower animals, and I have found that one-half of a sixpenny Pharaoh's Serpent is sufficient to poison a large-sized rabbit in an hour and three-quarters. A less dose also destroys life, but takes longer to do so. The toy, therefore, is much too deadly to be regarded as merely amusing; and seeing that it can be purchased by every schoolboy, and be brought home to the nursery, it is rather alarming to think that there is enough of poison in one of the serpents to destroy the life of several children. And the more so, that the so-called Pharaoh's Serpent is covered with a bright tinfoil, and much resembles in outward appearance a piece of chocolate or comfit. I hope that the rage for the Pharaoh's Serpents will die out in Edinburgh without any disastrous consequences, though such have occurred in other places; but it certainly is an anomaly in the law of the kingdom that a grain of arsenic cannot be purchased except under proper restrictions, and that such articles as Pharaoh's Serpents, containing as deadly a poison, may be sold in any quantity, and be purchased by any schoolboy or child."

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