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LITERATURE.

ABOUT HUSBANDS.
"A man is in general, better pleased when he
has good dinner upon his table, than when his
wife speaks Greek."
SAM JOHNSON.

Johnson was right. I don't agree to all
The solemn dogmas of the rough old stager;
But very much approve what one may call
The minor morals of the "Gleaner."

I know it is the greatest shame in life;
But who among them, (save, perhaps, myself),
Returning hungry home, but asks his wife
What beef—not books—she has upon the shelf.

Through Greek and Latin be the lady's boast,
They're little valued by her loving mate;
The kind of tongue that husband's richest most
Is modern, bellowed, and served upon a plate.

Or, if, as fond ambition may command,
Some home-made verse the happy nuptial show him,
What mortal spouse but from her dainty hand
Would sooner see a pudding than a poem?

Young lady—dear in love with Tom or Harry—
'Tis sad to tell such a tale as this;
But here's the moral of it—Don't be marry,
Or, marrying, take your lover as he is—

A very man, with something of the brute,
(Unless he prove a sentimental body),
With passions strong, and appetites robust—
A thirly soul within a hungry body.

A very man—not one of nature's clods—
With human feelings, whether saint or sinner;
Endowed, perhaps, with genius from the gods,
But apt to take his temper from his dinner.

BACHELOR'S LOVE-MAKING.
You would have known it for a bachelor's
den the moment you put your
head in the door! Blue, spirey wreaths
of cigar smoke curling up to the ceiling
—newspapers under the table—Castile
soap in the tiny bronze ear receiver—
dippers on the mantle-piece, and general
confusion everywhere. And yet Mr.
Thornbrooke—poor deluded mortal—
solely believed that his room was in
the most perfect order! For hadn't he
poked the empty black bottles under
the bed, and sent the wood box to
beur company, and hung up his
morning gown with the damp towels,
and dusted the ash-sprinkled hearth
with his best silk handkerchief? He'd
liked to see a room in better trim than
that—guessed he would! And now he
was mending himself up, preparatory
to going to call on the very prettiest
girl in New York. Not that he was
particularly fond of the needle but when
a fellow's whole foot goes through a
hole in the northern toe of his stocking,
and there isn't a button on his shirts,
it's time to repair damages.

Now, as Mr. Thornbrooke's whole
stock of industrial implements consist-
ed of a lump of wax, an enormous pair
of scissors, and one needle, the mend-
ing didn't progress rapidly. His way
of mending the button question, too,
necessarily involved some delay; he
had to cut all these useful little ap-
pendages from another shirt and sew them
on, and next week when the second
shirt was wanted, why it was easy
enough to make a transfer again! See
what it is to be a bachelor of genius!
It never once occurred to him to buy a
few buttons extra!

"Buttons are not much trouble,"
said Thornbrooke to himself, as he
wiped the perspiration from his brow,
but when it comes to coat-sleeves, what
the mischief is a fellow to do? I haven't
any black thread either; and he looked
dolorously at a small nail just in his
elbow, where some vicious tear had
caught in the broadcloth. "A black
pin may do for to-night, and to-morrow
I'll send it to the tailor. The fact is, I
ought to be married; and so I would,
if I only dared to ask Lillian O. dear!
I know she wouldn't have me—and yet
I'm not so certain either—if I only
could muster the courage 'boldly to put
the question! But just so sure as I ap-
proach the dangerous ground my heart
fails me! And then that puppy, Jones,
with his curled moustache, and half-
parted in the middle—always hanging
round Lillian, and quoting poetry to her
—if I could have the privilege of kic-
king him across the street, I'd die happy!
He isn't bashful, not he! If
somebody would only invent a new way
of popping the question—something
that wasn't quite so embarrassing!"

His hero gave his black glossy curls
an extra brush, surveyed himself criti-
cally in the glass, and then with a deep
sigh, set forth to call on the identical
Lillian Raymond, resolving, as he had
done a thou and times before, that if—
perhaps—maybe—

...the bashfulness of bachelors!
When Mark Thornbrooke arrived
within the charmed precincts of old
Mrs. Raymond's handsome parlors, vel-
vet carpeted, chandeliered with gold and
ornola, and crowded to the very doors
with those charming knock-knocks that only
a woman's taste provides, Miss Lily
was "at home" in a bewitching pink
merino dress, edged with white lace
around the peacolly shoulders, and a
little blue ribbon twisted in among the
crimping waves of her soft brown hair.
She never looked half so pretty, and
thank Providence, Jones wasn't on
hand, for once in his life. But what
what was almost as bad, Lily's cousin
was there—a tall, slender, black-eyed
girl, with arch lips and cheeks as red as
a Spitzbergen apple. Oh how Thorn-
brooke wished that Miss Esther Allen
was at the bottom of the Red Sea, or
anywhere else except in that particular
parlor. And then her eyes were so
sharp—she hadn't been "doing the
agreeable" more than four minutes and
a half, before she exclaimed—
"Dear me, Mr. Thornbrooke—pray

excuse me—but what on earth is the
matter with your elbow?"
Mark turned scarlet—the traitorous
black pin had deserted its post—
"Oh, Miss Allen," said he, feeling as though
his face might do the duty of all Mrs.
Raymond's chandeliers put together;
"you know we bachelors are not ex-
pected to be exempt from such things."
"Hold up your arm, sir, and I'll set
it all right in one moment," said Es-
ther, instantaneously producing from
some secret recess in the folds of her
dress, a thimble and needle, threaded
with black silk, and setting expertly to
work.

"There, now, consider yourself
whole."
"How skillful you are," said Mark,
admiringly, after he had thanked her
most sincerely. "But then you have
so many nice little concerns to work
with. I have only a needle and some
wax, besides my scissors!"

"You ought to have a house-wife,
Mr. Thornbrooke," said Miss Lily,
timidly lifting up her long lashes in his
direction. Lily never could speak to
Thornbrooke without a soft, little, rosy
shadow on her cheek.

"A what?" demanded Mark, turning
very red.

"A house-wife."
"Yes," said Mark, after a moment's
awkward hesitation, "my friends have
told me so very often—and—and I really
think so myself, you know. But
what sort of a one would you recom-
mend, Miss Raymond?"

"Oh, any pretty little concern. I'll
send you one to-morrow morning, if
you'll accept it," she added, with the
rosy light in her cheek again.

"If—I'll accept—of it!" gasped
Mark feeling as if he were in an atmos-
phere of pearl and gold, with two
wings sprouting out of his broadcloth,
on either side. And just as he was
opening his lips to assure Miss Lily
Thornbrooke—that he was ready to take the precious
gift to his arms then and there, with-
out any unnecessary delay, the door
opened, and in walked Jones.

Mark was not at all cannibalistic in
his propensities, but just then he could
have eaten Jones up with the most un-
common pleasure. And there the fel-
low sat, pulling his long moustaches
and talking the most insipid twaddle—
and sat until Mark rose in despair
to go. Even then he had no opportu-
nity to exchange a private word with
Lily.

"You—you'll not forget?"
"Oh, I'll be sure to remember," said
she smilingly, and half wondering at
the unusual pressure he gave her hand.
"Ladies often do provide their bachel-
or friends so!"

Mark went home, the happiest indi-
vidual that ever trod a New York pave-
ment. Indeed, so great was his felicity
that he indulged in various gymnastic
capers indicative of bliss, and only
paused in them at the great caution of
a policeman, who probably had forgot-
ten his courting days—"Come, young
man, what are you about?"

Was there ever a more delicate way
of assuring me of her favorable consid-
eration? Was there ever a more femin-
ine admission of her sentiments? Of
course she will come herself—an angel,
breathing air from Paradise—and I
shall tell her of my love! A house-
wife—oh! the delicious words! Won-
der what neighborhood she would like
me to engage a residence in—how soon
would it be best to name the day? Oh!
if I should awake, and find it all a bliss-
ful dream!"

Early the next morning Mr. Thorn-
brooke set briskly to work, "righting
up things." How he dusted and
scoured—how the dust flew from pillar
to post—how the room was aired to get
rid of the tobacco smoke, and sprinkled
with Cologne, and beautified generally.
And at length when the dust was all
swept into one corner, and covered by
a carelessly () disposed newspaper,
he found the window-glass murky, and
polished it with vengeance that his list,
handkerchief and all, went through,
sorely damaging the hand and necessitat-
ing the ungraceful accessory of an
old hat to keep out the wintry blast for
the time being. However, even this
mishap didn't long damp his spirits—
for was not Lily coming?

Long and wearily he waited, yet no
tinkle of the bell gave warning of her
approach. "It's all her sweet feminine
modesty," thought he, and was con-
tent.

At length there was a peal below,
and Mark's heart jumped up into his
mouth, beating like a reveille-drum.
He rushed to the door, but—there was
no one but a little grinning black boy,
with a box.

"Miss Raymond's compliments, and
here's the house-wife, sir!"

"The house-wife, you little imp of
Erebus!"

"Yes, sir; in de box, all right!"

"Mark sunk back into his room and
opened the box, half expecting to see a
full dressed young lady, issuing from it,
in Arabian Nights, but no—it was only
a little blue velvet box, and tied up
with a gold cord, and full of compart-
ments in azure silk, containing tape,
needles, scissors, silk, thimbles, and all
the nice little work-table accessories!"

"And she calls this a house-wife!"
groaned Mark, in ineffable bitterness
of spirit, at the downfall of his bright vi-
sions. "But I won't be put off so!"

Desperation gave him courage, and
he hid to the Raymond mansion,
determined to settle the matter if there
were forty Joneses and Esthers there.

But Lillian was all alone, singing at
her embroidery in the sunshiny win-
dow casement.

"Dear me, Mr. Thornbrooke—pray

"Dear me, Mr. Thornbrooke! Is any-
thing the matter?"
Perhaps it was the shadow from the
splendid crimson cactus plumes in the
window that gave her cheek such a deli-
cate glow—perhaps—but we have no
right to speculate.

"Yes," And Mark sat down by her
side, and took the trembling, fluttering
hand.

"You sent me a house-wife this
morning?"

"Wasn't it right?" faltered Lillian.
"It wasn't the kind I wanted, at all."
"Not the kind you wanted?"

"No, I prefer a live one, and I came
to see if I couldn't change it. I want
one with brown hair and eyes—some-
thing in short, Miss Lillian, just your
pattern. Can't I have it?"

Lily turned white, and then red—
and smiled and then burst into tears—and
tried to draw away her hand, but Mark
held it fast.

"No, no, dear Lily; first tell me if I
can have the treasure I ask for?"

"Yes," she said, with the prettiest
confusion in the world; and then, in-
stead of releasing the captive hand, the
unreasonable fellow took possession of
the other one, too. But as Lily did not
object, we suppose it was all right.

And that was the odd path by which
Mark Thornbrooke diverged from the
walk of old bachelorhood, and stepped
into the respectable ranks of matrimony.

THE PHOTOGRAPH.
The New York Times finds fault
with the invention as follows:
The telephone can furnish us with
Talmage's sermons drawn directly from
the wood, so to speak; but with the
aid of the photograph the same ser-
mons can be stored away in the cellar,
to be brought out years hence with
their tones unimpaired by age, and
their loudest yells as loud and perva-
sive as ever. It may seem improbable
that a hundred years hence people will
hear the voice of Wendell Phillips in
the act of delivering an oration, but
the photograph will render it possible
to preserve for any length of time the
words and tones of any orator. It is
unnecessary to explain the mechanical
construction of the photograph, but it
may be said in general terms that if an
orator emits his voice into the hop-
per of a photograph it will remain in-
sulated until a similar machine is set in
motion, when the voice will make itself
audible, and repeat in exact order the
words of its former proprietor.

Another result will doubtless be a
large consumption of orators at public
dinners and in the home circle. Wheth-
er a man has or not a wine cellar, he will
certainly if he wishes to be regarded as
a man of taste, have a well-stocked one
of original cellar. In stocking his cellar he
will lay in several dozen of "Bob In-
galls," or of "Senator Conkling," es-
pecially the noted Rochester vintage
of the latter, for the use of those of his
political friends who require strong
stimulants. As a pleasant and palat-
able orator, he will select Dr. "Mark
Twain," or possibly "Becher," al-
though the latter has rather too much
body. "Sparkling Cox" and "Effer-
vescing Frothingham" would be ap-
propriate for evening parties, and "George
William Curtis" would unquestionably
be very popular as a sweet and not too
stimulating cordial. The connoisseur
of orators will become in time as great
a bore as the connoisseurs of wines.
He will be constantly saying to his
guests, "Try a little of that 'Anna
Dickinson.' I fancy you will admit
that it is very nice, though, perhaps a
little too dry for an educated taste. It
cost me \$48 a dozen, and is far superior
to any 'Gail Hamilton' now in the mar-
ket;" or "I want you to give me your
honest opinion of that 'Everts.' I got
a dozen of it at a bargain, the other
day, and I flatter myself it is a genuine
thing." The medical profession will
prescribe orations instead of alcoholic
stimulants, and persons suffering from
physical weakness will be told to take
half a bottle of this or that orator, at
dinner, and a wineglassful of "Ben
Butler" before going to bed. The use
of bottled orators will, of course, be
carried to excess by weak or vicious
persons, and it is sad to think to what
wrecks men and women will reduce
themselves by consuming, say three or
four bottles of "Holland" and "Tal-
mage" daily. Whether bottled ora-
tions can be adulterated by unprin-
ciple dealers remains to be seen, but
we may be sure that, if adulteration is
practicable, it will be as difficult to buy
a dozen of any pure native or foreign
orator as it is to buy any pure cham-
pagne or madeira.

FLOUGHING UNDER WATER.
During the past summer deep-sea
ploughing has been practiced in con-
nection with dredging operations in the
harbor of Belfast, Me. The bottom of
the bay is covered with a tenacious de-
posit of clay, into which the steam-
shovel penetrated with difficulty; and
to loosen it a huge Michigan plough
was set at work under the water, draw-
ing by steam power on the shore, using
a wire rope to form connections. The
water at high tide was about twenty
feet deep when the plough was work-
ing. The man who held it was encased
in diver's armor, and supplied with air
by a tube from a vessel.

A professor of astronomy said to
his class, "In one evening I counted
twenty-seven meteors sitting on my
plaza." The students were amazed at
the cordiality of the heavenly visitors.

SEEKING THE EARTH GO ROUND.

The ancients, as our readers know,
believed that the earth was stationary,
and that the sun and other heavenly
bodies made a journey round it every
twenty-four hours. They doubtless
had a proverb corresponding to our ve-
lacious one that "seeing is believing,"
and quoted the "wise saw" in support
of their opinion. Few hold to the an-
cient belief nowadays, except the some-
what notorious Mr. John Harris, of
England, who has not only maintained
it vigorously but has won a crown-
or fool's cap, we might say—of martyrdom
in its defence, having been subjected
to legal penalties for abusing certain
people who differ from him.

Until a quite recent period, however,
the evidence in support of the doctrine
of the earth's rotation was entirely of
an indirect or "circumstantial" char-
acter. Scientific men had no doubt on
the subject, but still they would find
have had some direct proof of the real
motion of the globe on its axis, to
which the apparent daily motion of the
sun is due. About thirty years ago,
such a direct proof was devised by the
French physicist, Foucault. This fa-
mous demonstration of the earth's ax-
ial motion, which literally enables us to
see the planet go round, is so simple
that, as in the case of many other de-
vices for illustrating scientific truths,
we cannot help wondering it was not
thought of sooner. It is based on the
fact that a pendulum when once set
swinging tends to continue swinging in
the same plane. If it is suspended in
such a way that the pivot can be turned
round and still leave the pendulum free
to swing in the same plane, it will keep
in that plane instead of turning with
the pivot. Of course the pendulum must
be a heavy one, and the point of sus-
pension must rotate with as little
friction as possible. If we had such a
pendulum at the north pole, the rotation
of the earth, if there be such rotation,
would carry round the point of support
once in twenty-four hours, and also the
surface of the earth under the pendu-
lum. If the pendulum did not partake
of this motion, but kept steadily swing-
ing in the plane in which it was started,
we could see the surface moving round
beneath it; though it would appear as
if the direction of the pendulum were
constantly changing. The pendulum
would seem to "swing round the circle"
once in twenty-four hours, while the
building in which it was hung, and the
earth on which the building stood,
would seem to be at rest; but we
could have no more doubt which was
the real and which the apparent motion
than we do when we are riding in a
railway train and things outside seem
to be flying past it.

Foucault made his experiment in the
church of St. Genevieve, more com-
monly known as the Pantheon, in Paris.
Here he suspended under the dome a
pendulum about 64 metres, or some 210
feet, in length, performing its vibra-
tions in 8 seconds. A graduated circle
was drawn on the floor beneath it; and
hour after hour and day after day the
measured swing of the heavy ball was
found to be precisely in accordance
with the theory that the earth turns on
its axis once in twenty-four hours.
The apparent changes in the direction
of its motion were explicable on no
other hypothesis; and the hypothesis
was thus demonstrated beyond the pos-
sibility of doubt. This globe on which
we dwell was seen to go round, and
Foucault was the scientific hero of the
day.

REBELLION IN A SEMINARY.
The Mills Seminary, or, as it is bet-
ter known, the Greyclark Institute, nest-
les in the beautiful Hoosac valley,
among the Berkshire hills, and directly
under the shadow of Greyclark. Last
year, at this time, the boys had dram-
atic entertainments. Four weeks ago
they asked that those performances
might be repeated this year. Mr. Mills
the Principal, granted the request; but
when he learned that the entertain-
ment was to be of the negro minstrel
and variety show order, he withdrew
his permission and ordered that the
preparations be stopped. Then the
boys were angry. Secret meetings
were held, at which the mischievous
boys used every means in their power—
threats, taunts, and promises—to incite
a spirit of rebellion. Its first manifes-
tation was in the explosion of a bunch
of firecrackers, in the dead of night, in
the upper entry of the boys' dormitory,
to the great alarm of the whole estab-
lishment.

A few nights after this demonstra-
tion the glass globes of the gas lights,
in the upper entry, were collected and
hurled to the foot of the stairs. Then
a barrel, filled with dust and ashes, was
taken from one of the lower stories
Some live fireworks were smuggled into
the building, and, badly frightened,
were let loose at night in the corridors,
through which they flew with wild
screams. In the meanwhile the mas-
ters were on the alert, and were using
every means to catch the guilty boys.
Two boys admitted their guilt. They
said, in excuse, that they intended no
harm except to fill a tin can with pow-
der, sand, and gravel, attach a fuse,
and on some night explode their ex-
temporized torpedo in the upper entry.
Their excuse was not accepted as a palli-
ation of the contemplated offence,
and on Saturday last they were expelled
from the school and sent to their homes.

Timely advice: When you win your
turkey, gobble her.

BILL MASON'S FIGHT.

Capt. Bill Mason was once a private
in an Illinois regiment, and a corres-
pondent of the New York Sun gives an
incident of his army life as follows:
"The Cap was sentenced to be shot
once in the army for fighting. He
struck an officer—got on a drunken
frolic, and came near killing the Major
of the regiment. Mason was a splen-
did soldier—always ready for battle—
one of the best men in the regiment,
but he would have his spree. One
day, about three weeks before the bat-
tle of Mission Ridge, Mason brought a
canteen of whiskey into camp, and
went to giving it to the boys. This
was against orders: so I ordered my
Major to

FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 1877.

THE CRISIS IN THE SENATE.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

An exciting week in the Senate.—Admission of Butler and Kellogg.—Tens of interest from the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3d, 1877.

The political excitement in the Senate which has lasted something over a week, culminating on Saturday morning, at 3 o'clock, in a compromise, by which both Butler and Kellogg have been admitted and sworn in. The action has therefore resulted in a drawn battle, with the democrats holding the slight advantage which the addition of Butler to their numbers has given them, and the prospect of the admission of Estlin in the next part of the regular session.

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among the most remarkable in my own experience, and although of most absorbing interest, the impossibility of condensing them into the space allowed by this Gazette, must be my excuse for this curtailing them.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION BILL, which was passed under a suspension of the debate on Friday morning, provides for the appropriation of \$16,000,000, the increase of the amount to \$175,000,000, it being understood that an adoption of the amendment would result in killing the measure this session, as the House would not agree to it. The further amendment that a commissioner be appointed from each state and by the Governor of the state, was also lost, with the understanding that a new bill would be presented next session to this point. The vote against the bill was entirely democratic, with the exception of Jones and Booth. The same day the Senate Committee on Commerce decided to report adversely on the New York Custom house nominations, which may be counted as a victory for Mr. Conkling, as against the influence of Mr. Evans.

The loss of the HENRIS, by which one hundred and fourteen lives have been sacrificed to the demon of false economy, is severely commented upon here, and particularly in naval circles, it having been ascertained that had a life saving crew been at its post, hardly a life would have been lost. It appears upon investigation, that among the items that were stricken out of the appropriation bill by the late House, and on account of which a political party claimed immense credit, was a provision for this very station, which reducing the pay of the crew of the life boat to \$4 a week, rendered it impossible to obtain men who would risk their lives for so paltry a sum; and hence there were none to man the boat, which might have saved the lives of those on board the Huron. Comment is unnecessary.

The award of the FISHBERRY COMMISSION is causing no little stir, and is the subject of considerable discussion. This commission, it will be remembered, was provided for in the treaty of Washington, although not organized until early in the present year, and was called to consider what sum, if any, was due Great Britain for the privilege of American fishing in Canadian waters. These privileges have been long in dispute, in fact since the middle of the 17th century, when France and England contented for their possession, the fisheries of the Newfoundland bank being then pursued by the French with activity and profit. The United States encountered, early in its existence, this rather indefinite problem of compensation for the use of the fisheries, and the deferred settlement of the question has descended, like an unsavory heirloom, through successive administrations. Great Britain claimed as compensation, \$500,000, for the use of the Canadian inshore fisheries and the occupation of the adjacent shores for the landing and curing of the fish, the sum of \$14,280,000, and urged upon the point of reciprocity that the privilege of fishing in American waters was worthless. The United States replied that the remission of the duty on fish, by which the markets of this country were opened to British and Canadian fishermen, more than offset the value of the waters to American fishermen. The American and British arbitrators, falling of course to agree, Mr. Delfosse, the Belgian minister, as referee, has decided that the United States shall within one year pay to Great Britain the sum of \$5,500,000. Although the government will unquestionably pay the award without demur, the question naturally suggests itself, how many of our men should be sent from Canadian waters, the mere profit on which shall amount to five million and a half dollars.

CARL.

TOWN AND VICINITY.

The Handsome Hook and Ladder Co. have taken possession of their apartment at the new Engine house.

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Prof. Churchill's Readings. The sixth entertainment in the P. L. U. Course, was that given last Monday evening, by Prof. J. W. Churchill, the eminent reader and impersonator. Those who were so fortunate as to hear him last season, evidently made the most of this occasion and appeared in full force. The list of pieces which were presented, included Dickens' Christmas story, Dr. Merivale; Mark Twain's Life of McWilliams; The Painter of Seville; The Scotchman's first Visit to a Theater; Sister Helen; A chapter from Dickens' Pickwick Papers; The Trial Scene—Pickwick vs. Barlow; It is impossible for us to speak of any selection taken separately, as all were presented in the highest style of the reader's art. Prof. Churchill is sure to draw a full house in Weymouth. His pronunciation, facial expression, and every gesture is perfect and effective, while his selections include those from the first pens extant.

The Germania Band, whose concert was such a decided success last season, is to furnish an entertainment next Monday. This is looked forward to as one of the evenings in the course.

The Union Sunday School had its Thanksgiving concert last Sunday evening, a very large audience being present. The exercises consisted of scriptural and poetic readings and recitations, by members of the school. The Superintendent made an address, as also did Rev. Mr. Walker, of Bridgewater. Rev. J. M. Lord, of the Monmouth School, offered prayer, and Rev. Mr. Jones, of the Trinity Church, pronounced the benediction. The school is now in the working order, and has a most efficient corps of officers and teachers.

Boz.

Reduction. The Boston Flax Mills have reduced the wages of their operatives about ten per cent. As we hear from time to time of the reduction of the wages of those who must depend upon their daily labor for support, the question often recurs to us, is this never to stop, but the laborer to be made more and more a servant, yet, more than that, a slave? It can be called by no other name.

How do those who employ these men and lavish their thousands every year upon themselves and their families, appear that a man can live comfortably and support a family on \$1.05 per day, or even at \$1.25? How are women to live, care for themselves and their little ones, on the small pittance which is allowed them? Do they mean that laboring men and women shall come down to bread and water diet, calico dresses and shabby pants, whilst they themselves live in luxury, having more than heart can wish?

It is not true that the "laborer is worthy of his hire" and who is entitled to a better remuneration than he who produces the necessities as well as the luxuries of life. Instead, we see him at work at starvation prices.

Selfishness we believe to be the cause of all the trouble in this respect. Men do not others as they would the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would that men should do unto you." If they did, they would offer up themselves in the place of their fellow-men. Suppose, for instance, we should look upon one of these employers endeavoring to figure out what he could buy to live on and not exceed the income of his brother man, who is trying to work out the problem of living on \$1.00 a day and not exceed his income. Imagine the blank, wailing, staring look on his face, as the paper discloses how little he is obliged to put up with. Where then, would be the rump steak, roast turkeys and chickens? where the puddings and pies, so highly seasoned, with those desserts constantly coming to his table. Think of this, all ye who are thus crowding the working man out of his just and God given right to live comfortably and well, but who is crowded and jostled out of this place and defrauded of his right by those who wield the almighty sceptre that rules the world, that made so by men, and called money.

Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Weymouth Savings Bank, held this fifth day of Dec. A. D. 1877, it was unanimously resolved, That the Trustees of the Weymouth Savings Bank have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Levi W. Hobart, their late associate in the direction of this Institution, feeling that they have personally lost a valued friend, this Institution a prudent and faithful director; the community a generous, patriotic, christian citizen, and he a family a most affectionate and beloved husband and parent; and that they do hereby publicly record in saying that he was affable and courteous in social relations, honorable and intelligent in business relations, and upright and sincere in character.

Resolved, That in token of respect for the memory of their late associate, the Trustees will attend his funeral services to-day in a body, and that these Resolutions be entered at large upon the records of the bank; and further, that in expression of their earnest sympathy with the family of their deceased friend, the Trustees desire the Secretary to furnish to them a copy of such records.

A. S. WHITE, Secretary.

New Firm.

Messrs. Francis Ambler and Arthur L. Hobart have formed a partnership for carrying on the grain business at the mill in East Bra

The Weymouth Gazette.
C. G. EASTERBROOK, EDITOR.
This local paper has an extensive circulation in surrounding towns, and an advertising medium has no superior in this vicinity.
No reading notices inserted at ten cents a line.
THE CHURCH DEBT RAISER.

Mr. Edward Kimball is the man who has been teaching congregations how to pay church debts. He is over six feet in height, with a full beard and moustache, which, as well as his hair, are tinged with gray. He speaks in a low voice, and very slowly, except when he talks on his favorite subject of church debts. Then his face lights up, and he becomes eloquent. In his own words, the history of his undertaking is as follows:

"I am not a minister, though I have frequently occupied pulpits as a lay preacher. I am the travelling agent of a Chicago firm, and a man of very moderate means. Three years ago I first visited the Pacific coast. At the second visit I became very much interested in a little mission church that was embarrassed with debt, without a pastor, and on the brink of ruin. I concentrated upon this subject all my business knowledge and my knowledge of men and things. Finally I hit upon the plan that I have since adopted. It was Saturday, and that very evening I called upon Mr. Baker, the pastor, and said to him: 'To-morrow, with God's help, I mean to clear away the cloud of debt that hangs over your church.' He didn't seem to understand me, and I had to repeat it. 'You can't do it,' he said, when I explained what I meant to do. 'We have all we can do to pay the interest of our debt, let alone the principal. What with the depressed business and the panic and a broken stock market, it can't be done.' I said to him: 'Well, Mr. Baker, if you think I am going to fall in what I have undertaken, you give up your pulpit to me, and go yourself and fill the vacant pulpit at the point-to-morrow morning.' He promised to do so.

"The next morning I went to that church, determined that before I left it should be free from debt. As the trustees and deacons came in I told them what I proposed to do. They were agast, and begged and implored me not to undertake it. 'We aren't prepared,' said one, 'let us talk it over,' said another, and 'it can't be done,' was echoed on all sides. I said to them: 'It is now 11 o'clock; you watch that clock, and when its hands point to half past 12 your church shall be free from debt.' Then I went into the pulpit and began the service. When it came time for the sermon I said to the people, instead of hearing a sermon from the pulpit you are to preach the sermon of this morning, and it is to be an effective protest against debt. You say that you have heard too much about the church finances from this pulpit, and that religion and money have become too much mixed. Well, I propose this morning to divorce them forever, so far as this church is concerned. Now, Mr. Johnson, will you come to the front, and with this pencil and paper, keep a record of the subscriptions as they are offered? Brother Johnson came, but he looked very much surprised. I then told them that I wanted nine persons to subscribe \$200 each, and that I would be the tenth. The offers came in rather slowly at first, but pretty soon the people began to become interested, a generous rivalry was excited among them, and before they knew it \$1,800 were subscribed. Then I began on \$100 subscriptions, and from that went down to smaller sums. The gentleman keeping the memorandum looked up to me and said: 'We've got—' I motioned to him to be still, for I knew what he was about to say, and it was not until we had got down to \$1 subscriptions that I asked him to announce the result. He said that the debt and 10 per cent. more had been given. When I asked the doubting brethren to look at the clock, and it wanted seven minutes of the half hour, I never saw people more happy, and before we separated they sang, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow,' with a spirit that made every rafter ring. It was with a full heart that I told Mr. Baker what had been accomplished during his absence.

STRANGE NOISES.
On a distant island in the Bay of Bengal, according to a German scientific journal, there is a phenomenon known as "the Raralal gun," which is often heard at the beginning of rain, and is like the sound of firing of cannon. It seems to have no connection with the season, and sometimes comes from the north, sometimes from the south and southwest. Mr. Beveridge, who has collected some data on the subject, comes to the conclusion that these sounds are atmospheric and connected in some way with electricity. Mr. Horne, in his report on the villages of the Himalayas, describes exceedingly powerful noises heard in the early morning among the highest mountain peaks, which can neither be ascribed to volcanoes, nor be otherwise explained by the natives.

A HARD CASE.
A Savannah paper says: "An old colored woman who returned a few days since to Savannah, after a lengthy absence, encountered, we are informed, an old friend, whom in a surprised tone she greeted: 'Why, laws, honey, is you here yet? ain't done gone for and died?' 'No, ma'am, I sold the saluted one: 'I see here for sure, but I see had an awful time.' 'Did yer de yellum fever?' 'No, wuss dan dat.' 'What dat? Wuss dan de yellum fever? What did you hab?' 'Why, I hab de carbolic,' said the other, with a lugubrious look and a sniff of the nose. She had been disinfected out of her house."

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A PILLAR OF THE CHURCH.
A clergyman in Leicester, England, was recently sued for breach of promise, and among other facts brought forward in order to prove that the defendant was a gentleman of peculiar habits was that of his having taken five pills a day, during a period of ill health, which extended over thirty years. According to this he must have swallowed some 55,000 pills, which, as an exchange remarks, certainly entitles him to rank as one of the chief pillars of the church.

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TOWN AND VICINITY.

At the annual meeting of Post 58, G. A. R., of Weymouth, held at the Town Hall last Tuesday evening, the financial affairs of the Post were shown to be in a satisfactory condition, the charity fund now amounting to between \$400 and \$500.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Commander, Benj. S. Lovell; Senior Vice-Commander, George I. Newton; Junior Vice-Commander, George F. Maynard; Adjutant, Chas. W. Hastings; Quartermaster, Elbridge Nash; Surgeon, Moses R. Greeley; Chaplain, John Binney; Officer of the Guard, Thomas B. Lund; Sergeant Major, Harry Raymond; Quartermaster Sergeant, John S. McKeever.

Delicacies to Department Convention, Elbridge Nash, Chas. W. Hastings.

Societies. The Societies of the Universalist Society, which are given twice a month in Lincoln Hall, are very pleasant affairs. The ladies of the Society meet at 4 P. M., and sew for charitable purposes. At six o'clock a nice supper is served, all the families in the parish contributing to it, and the ladies taking turns, alphabetically, in preparing it. After tea instrumental and vocal music is furnished and pleasant games are provided for the children. Those who desire may join in dancing which the elderly people of seventy and the little children of five years seem equally to enjoy.

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GERMANY'S REFORMS.

The Germanic Reforms, instituted by Miss Zilla Louise McQuesten, soprano, gave a fine concert in the P. L. U. Course last Monday evening. The audience would not have been so large had it not been for the weather being so very unpleasant, but still a good number attended the entertainment.

The programme opened with an overture, "Crown," which was followed by the "Reverie," "Angels' Whispering." One of the non-appearance of Miss McQuesten, as soon as expected, the cornet solo, "Fantasia Brillante," by Mr. Bagley, preceded the song "Valse d'Amor." Both of these fine selections drew forth continued calls for a response. The Traumbilder, "Visions in a Dream," was very pleasant. By special request Miss McQuesten substituted the song "Aurora Lullaby," for the three solos announced on the programme. The clarinet solo, "Aria et Variations," was charmingly rendered by Mr. Whittemore, and drew forth a call for an encore, as also did the "Polka di Concerto," with Piccolo Obligato. Miss McQuesten's last solo was encored. The concert closed with the overture, "Crown Diamonds," which well served as a climax. The band numbers of the performers, and this concert is spoken of as being one of the best entertainments thus far in the course.

Prof. E. C. Bolles, of Salem, is to deliver a lecture next Monday evening upon his popular subject "A May Trip through England," illustrated with the Stereoscopic. The committee are very fortunate in securing the services of so valuable a lecturer as Prof. Bolles. It was the endeavor of the committee to secure him in season, but he failed on account of his having so many engagements. As this lecture is to be as equally interesting to the children as to older persons, a special rate of admission has been fixed for them at 20 cts. It may be well to purchase single tickets at an early hour, if a good seat is desired.

In response to an urgent request of many citizens of this town, the management of this popular course has arranged with Col. Lord Simmons, of Boston, to lecture on Friday evening, Jan. 4. Admission to this lecture is not covered by season tickets.

Lecture. Rev. Mr. Winchester lectured in the Old North Chapel last Tuesday evening, his theme being temperance as the keystone of the arch of what should be the three subjects of religious teaching—righteousness, temperance and judgment. A praise meeting occupied a half hour before the commencement of the lecture.

Three Sows loaded with pig iron, belonging to the Weymouth Iron Co., were sunk during the severe storm of Wednesday last week, near the Company's wharf at the "Neck."

The services of two divers belonging to Hull have been procured, and the iron has been recovered and the sows will be raised.

The Bay State Hammock Co. of this place, manufacturers of the patent regulating hammock, expect to start up next week on full time, giving work to a goodly number out of employment.

The Active engine company give one of their dancing parties this evening.

Mr. E. W. Arnold has removed his stable from the old site, to his new dwelling on Middle St.

Weymouth First Church—Rev. F. P. Chapin, pastor; Dea. Elnathan Bates, delegate. Union Church, South Weymouth—Rev. Geo. N. Marden, acting pastor; Charles S. Emerson, pastor; Thomas W. Sampson, delegate. South Braintree Church—Noah Torrey, delegate. Union Church, Boston—Rev. F. A. Warfield, pastor. Second Church, South Weymouth—Rev. Geo. F. Stanton, pastor; Edward Lewis, delegate. Pilgrim Church, North Weymouth—Rev. George Dodson, pastor; Dea. David Pratt, delegate. Church, Hingham—Rev. E. C. Hood, pastor; Arthur Noyes, delegate.

At the conclusion of the session the body repaired to the vestry, where the pastor, Mr. Chapin, read a collection of an appetizing character.

At 7 o'clock the services of installation were commenced by the following order: Organ Voluntary, Mr. W. E. Burrill. Reading Minutes of Council, Rev. Geo. F. Stanton. Anthem, "How beautiful upon the mountains." Invocation and Scripture Reading, Rev. F. P. Chapin. Anthem, "And it shall come to pass." Sermon, Rev. F. A. Warfield, subject, "Our work for faith." Hymn, "Benediction watchmen all awake." Installing Prayer, Rev. G. F. Stanton. Anthem, "I was glad." Charge, Pastor, Rev. T. A. Emerson. Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. George Dodson. Charge to the People, Rev. Lucien H. Frary.

Concluding Prayer, Rev. Geo. N. Marden. Hymn, "We bid thee welcome." Benediction.

The service was attended by a large audience, and the exercises were well sustained in interest, the singing and organ performance especially, being of marked excellence, a large and efficient choir aiding in this portion of the service, led by Mr. Robt. B. Raymond. At the close the choir was hospitably entertained in the vestry, where a collection was served.

Appointment. Martin E. Hawes Esq., of East Weymouth, has received an appointment as Notary Public, and Justice of the Peace.

Illness. Mr. Silas Canterbury was stricken with paralysis last Monday morning, just as he was putting on his coat to leave the house, and remains in a feeble condition of health at the present time, but we trust he will soon recover. Dr. Hathaway of the Landing, was called to attend him.

Narrow Escape. Mr. Stephen Cain has recently made an addition to his dwelling, and a stove had been placed in the addition to dry the plaster, but the funnel projecting through a window, Monday night last, during the storm the gas from the stove was interjected into the main dwelling by the wind, and the family were almost suffocated. Mr. Cain, when aroused, being hardly able to get out of bed and make exertion for relief. The family were all suffering from the effects of the gas next day, and it may be truly said they had a narrow escape from death.

Business. The boot and shoe manufacturers of this place have received large orders the past week. Messrs. Dyer & Co. have received the largest order ever obtained by them at one time.

Mr. John T. Dyer has withdrawn from the firm of M. C. Dyer & Co., and entered into the produce business on South Market St., Boston.

On the evening of the 20th, the Chapel Quartette of this place will furnish music for the Grand Army Fair at South Scituate.

The Eureka Hook & Ladder Co. have purchased a very handsome flag, with the name Eureka through the centre.

EAST WEYMOUTH.

The weight of the clock in the tower of the Cong'l Church fell in its position a few days since, and passed through the gallery ceiling, lodging on the floor in the rear of the organ. It weighed about 450 lbs., and fell a distance of twenty feet, but was stopped in its downward course by a heavy piece of cable, which had been placed under it as a precautionary measure by the careful sexton. But for this stoppage the weight would have probably landed in the cellar of the church causing great damage.

Floral. Floral offerings for the "Flower Committee" of the M. E. Church, whose duty it is to furnish appropriate flowers each Sabbath, have executed their task in a most commendable manner, every Sabbath flowers being provided appropriate to the season.

Sunday Service. The singing at the Zion's Hill Free Mission Chapel will be occupied by Elder H. Munger, next Sabbath. Services at 2 and 7 o'clock, P. M.

New Plans. Mr. Augustus Pratt has recently put up a neat barn on his premises, on High St.

Fire. A pile of rubbish in a shed connected with the barn in the rear of Messrs. Z. L. Bicknell & Co's store was discovered in flames at about 10 o'clock Saturday night, but was extinguished before doing any damage beyond the burning of a small quantity of hay and broken barrels. It is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous ignition.

Incendiarism. An attempt was made last Sunday night to fire the boot and shoe factory on Broad St., occupied by Henry Bicknell, (who owns the building), and Messrs. N. F. Tirrell & Co. Paper was first set on the shingles on the back side of the building, but fortunately the paper was wedged in so tight that it did not burn sufficiently to ignite the shingles.

Blown Down. A large sign placed near the crossing of the S. S. Railroad on Commercial street, near the Hingham line, was blown down during the heavy gale of Wednesday week.

Installation. The services of installation of Rev. HENRY W. ELDRIDGE, as Pastor of the Cong'l Church of East Weymouth, took place last Wednesday, the session of the Council, (Rev. G. F. Stanton moderator,) occurring at 4 P. M. The first business was the reading of the letter of invitation from the parish and the acceptance by Mr. Eldridge, which were both satisfactory.

The candidate then related his religious experience and how he was led into the ministry, and his credentials of ordination and letters of appreciation of his services as pastor at North Becket, Mass., were presented and approved.

The churches were represented by the following pastors and delegates: Union Church of Weymouth and Braintree—Rev. Lucien H. Frary, pastor; Geo. W. Shaw, delegate. Weymouth First Church—Rev. F. P. Chapin, pastor; Dea. Elnathan Bates, delegate. Union Church, South Weymouth—Rev. Geo. N. Marden, acting pastor; Charles S. Emerson, pastor; Thomas W. Sampson, delegate. South Braintree Church—Noah Torrey, delegate. Union Church, Boston—Rev. F. A. Warfield, pastor. Second Church, South Weymouth—Rev. Geo. F. Stanton, pastor; Edward Lewis, delegate. Pilgrim Church, North Weymouth—Rev. George Dodson, pastor; Dea. David Pratt, delegate. Church, Hingham—Rev. E. C. Hood, pastor; Arthur Noyes, delegate.

At the conclusion of the session the body repaired to the vestry, where the pastor, Mr. Chapin, read a collection of an appetizing character.

At 7 o'clock the services of installation were commenced by the following order: Organ Voluntary, Mr. W. E. Burrill. Reading Minutes of Council, Rev. Geo. F. Stanton. Anthem, "How beautiful upon the mountains." Invocation and Scripture Reading, Rev. F. P. Chapin. Anthem, "And it shall come to pass." Sermon, Rev. F. A. Warfield, subject, "Our work for faith." Hymn, "Benediction watchmen all awake." Installing Prayer, Rev. G. F. Stanton. Anthem, "I was glad." Charge, Pastor, Rev. T. A. Emerson. Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. George Dodson. Charge to the People, Rev. Lucien H. Frary.

Concluding Prayer, Rev. Geo. N. Marden. Hymn, "We bid thee welcome." Benediction.

The service was attended by a large audience, and the exercises were well sustained in interest, the singing and organ performance especially, being of marked excellence, a large and efficient choir aiding in this portion of the service, led by Mr. Robt. B. Raymond. At the close the choir was hospitably entertained in the vestry, where a collection was served.

Appointment. Martin E. Hawes Esq., of East Weymouth, has received an appointment as Notary Public, and Justice of the Peace.

Illness. Mr. Silas Canterbury was stricken with paralysis last Monday morning, just as he was putting on his coat to leave the house, and remains in a feeble condition of health at the present time, but we trust he will soon recover. Dr. Hathaway of the Landing, was called to attend him.

Narrow Escape. Mr. Stephen Cain has recently made an addition to his dwelling, and a stove had been placed in the addition to dry the plaster, but the funnel projecting through a window, Monday night last, during the storm the gas from the stove was interjected into the main dwelling by the wind, and the family were almost suffocated. Mr. Cain, when aroused, being hardly able to get out of bed and make exertion for relief. The family were all suffering from the effects of the gas next day, and it may be truly said they had a narrow escape from death.

Business. The boot and shoe manufacturers of this place have received large orders the past week. Messrs. Dyer & Co. have received the largest order ever obtained by them at one time.

Mr. John T. Dyer has withdrawn from the firm of M. C. Dyer & Co., and entered into the produce business on South Market St., Boston.

On the evening of the 20th, the Chapel Quartette of this place will furnish music for the Grand Army Fair at South Scituate.

The Eureka Hook & Ladder Co. have purchased a very handsome flag, with the name Eureka through the centre.

SOUTH WEYMOUTH.

The Selectmen will give the petitioners for a new street a hearing next Tuesday.

Encouraging. The popularity of the news department of the GAZETTE may be inferred by such remarks as this. Said a lady the other day, as she walked down a loose board, "There, that will be in the Weymouth paper next week." B. E. N.

Mutual Library Association. Hundreds of volumes have been added to the Library of the organization, comprising some of the freshest literature of the day. The Library now has about 1200 volumes on its shelves, and for the small assessment that is asked to pay the running expenses, offers as good a selection of choice and standard reading as any public library of its size in the country. The accommodating Librarian, Mr. A. H. Wright, will be happy to extend the privileges of this Library to all.

Temperance Demonstration. The Good Templars, Woman's C. T. Union and the Reform Club propose holding a union

expected to be one of unusual interest,

the Superintendent of the subject

"Our School" and requesting any who

had suggestions to make for the improvement

of the school to make them at that time.

The subject was also divided into four

parts and assigned as follows. First "What

can the officers do to make the school more

interesting and profitable, Mr. H. S. Thayer

said, "What can the teachers do? Mr.

Wm. P. Locke, 3rd, "What can the parents

do? Mr. A. B. Keith, and the fourth,

"What can the children do? Mr. Alden

Belcher. The meeting was opened by

reading the Scriptures and prayer by the

pastor. Then there was singing by a class

of boys under Dr. Deering's training and

the singing very nicely. The Superintendent

then announced the subject and called

upon the Vice President for opening re-

marks. He said we had a school number-

ing 275 and notwithstanding such criti-

cisms might be made he on the whole

called it an exemplary school. It was es-

pecially our school because we chose our

own officers and teachers and we had

been very efficient in our board of offi-

cers and teachers, but thought perhaps

the school might improve in general, or

it seemed quite happy in the belief that

it was quite a model school after all.

I should have mentioned that after the

opening exercises and before the announce-

ment of the subject, the infant school

had a thanksgiving exercise, which they

did very nicely indeed, as they always

do their exercises. There were recitations

of Scripture on the first division of the

subject.

Mr. H. S. Thayer, was then called upon

by his suggestions in regard to the improve-

ment of our officers might make in their

administration. Mr. Thayer said he did

not feel like making suggestions to our

officers, but he thought it would be

felt like making suggestions to our officers,

It is a well known fact, however,

that you can not have good health

without a good stomach, and a good

stomach is not a luxury, but a necessity

of life. It is the foundation of all

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THE ENTRY OF THE SNOW. But soon all soft airs died, and from between The east and north a strong wind blew full keen For many a day, and stronger than the last. The sun deceptive left his arrows fly On the bank and brake, and without heat to fall E'en 'gainst the garden's gleaming southern wall.

Next to wine, cider is the liquor most consumed in France, but within the last 20 years the consumption has fallen from 42 to 35 gallons per head annually. Its use is now confined to the northwestern departments. The consumption of beer steadily increases but is almost entirely confined to departments contiguous to Belgium. Experience has demonstrated that white wines are much more likely than red to act on the nervous system.

Without recalling the excellence of the past, the publisher of the MONTHLY for 1877-78. THE PICTURE-SERIES OF AMERICAN FAIR LIFE. This subject will be treated in a series of separate papers, each one a picture of the life of some American, both in quietness of life and in the excitement of the fair.

Nowwithstanding the fact that Minnesota raised 40,000,000 bushels of wheat it appears that the margin on domestic potatoes is short, a fact which presented itself to the keen perceptions of one of our ambitious grocery men, and to anticipate which, and at the same time increase his stock of ducats, he ordered and received from Dubuque a carload or less of the favorite vegetable, which he proceeded to retail with success to himself and satisfaction to his patrons.

ABOUT A WEEK AFTERWARD A MAN dropped into the grocery store and enquired for potatoes. He was dressed like a farmer, and had a bag slung across his shoulder in which to put the potatoes which he evidently intended to purchase. Good ones, the best in the market, and worth 65 cents a bushel, which by the way was some 50 per cent more than he paid for them, though that point was not evidently advanced. The would-be purchaser hesitated, said he didn't want to pay so much for potatoes, didn't they have some small potatoes or some that were a little frost-bitten that the cold sell a little cheaper? No, they had no small ones, no frost-bitten ones, nothing but large first class potatoes just received from Dubuque, and worth 65 cents a bushel anywhere; and the honest grocery man whistled and rattled the potatoes about in the barrel, evidently well pleased with their appearance. The farmer whistled and looked at the potatoes to, and then fixing his eyes on the merchant remarked: "If those potatoes are neither small or frost-bitten, hadn't you better go down to the bank and pay up that draft?"

Clearly "vaunted ambition o'erleapt itself," and the grocery man proceeded sorrowfully to the bank and cashed the draft. (Red Wing (Minn.) Argus.

MISS BLAINE is distinguished for life. Mrs. Hayes talks intelligently on politics. Tithens will have a monument in England. A Hamilton woman has her sixty second husband. Wyoming women must tell their ages before they can vote.

Mrs. Stirling, the novelist, died in Edinburgh, last week, aged 78. Miss Sarah Jewett, an actress, writes poetry. Julia Ward Howe is writing letters from Germany to a Chicago paper. In the recent Indian famine more women than men died, and wives are scarce.

The Galena (Illinois) female teacher applied at the polls recently for the privilege of voting for a School Commissioner. Lady Burdett-Coutts is an old maid because her riches made the attention of suitors suspicious. She was much annoyed by persistent "lovers" in her early life. Mrs. Ralph Waldo Emerson is a sister of Dr. Jackson, discoverer of anesthetics, and a rival claimant with Morse of the electro-magnetic telegraph. Above all earthly gifts, a good mouth understands pre-eminence. She is worth her weight in gold—more than an arm of acquaintances. Those who have played around the same doorknob basked in the same mother's smile, it who wears the same blood flows, are bound by a sacred tie that can never be broken.

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LITERATURE.

THE ANSWER.

BY M. R.

Do you know you have asked for the costliest thing

Five made by the hand above?

A woman's heart and a woman's life,

And a woman's wonderful love?

Do you know you've asked for this priceless thing

As a child might ask for a toy,

A loving woman finds heaven or hell

With the selfish dash of a boy?

I am fair and young, but the rose will fade

From my soft young cheek one day;

Will you love me then, 'mid the falling leaves,

As you did 'mid the blossoms of May?

Is your heart an ocean, so strong and deep,

I may launch my all on its tide?

As a loving woman finds heaven or hell

The day she smiles on a bride.

I require all things that are grand and true,

All things that a man should be;

If you give this all I would stake my life

To be all you demand of me.

If you cannot be this a laudable and cool

You can live—and this is my prayer—

But a woman's heart and a woman's life

Are not to be won that way.

"You cannot conceive how happy

You have made me."

"The touch of her small hands upon

his arm, the glance of her dark eyes as

they met his, thrilled him with a new

sensation, which for a moment pre-

vented his replying; but when she

removed her hands and turned as if to

depart, he said:

"I think I can. You are the one

who has conferred a favor, and I thank

you. I have not been generous; I

have been hard in exacting all that was

due me. I had intended to have my

rent or have my houses empty. You

have saved me from doing a cruel

thing, and you cannot conceive how

happy you have made me."

"I think I can. But now I must be

going."

"You must not go home alone; you

must allow me to go with you."

"Oh! I am not afraid. I will not

trouble you."

"It will give me a great deal of

pleasure. Will you not do me the

favor to permit me to see you home?"

"Most certainly, if you ask it as a

favor; I could not refuse you anything

now."

The words had greater significance

than she intended. She dreamed of the

one to whom they were spoken. He

did not reply to them, however, but

prepared to go out.

The distance from his house to her

father's was not great, and very little

was said by either of them; but before

they parted, May Heathcote said:

"I trust, Mr. Rathburne, you will

return my visit soon."

"I shall do so with pleasure," he

replied; and bidding him good night,

she entered the house.

Although the air was cold and pierc-

ing, Reuben Rathburne did not hasten

through the streets on his return, for

he was thinking deeply, and he said,

finally, to himself: "I'll do it. She

will be so pleased."

He was standing before the store of

Strout, the provision dealer, as he spoke

of the words, and he entered the store

Strout checked inwardly, for he sup-

posed that the selfish miser had come

to order a turkey, and was glad that

he would be disappointed.

"Good evening, Mr. Strout," said

Reuben, glancing around the store.

"Where's all your poultry? You

haven't forgotten that tomorrow will

be Christmas, have you?"

"No, I reckon not," replied Strout

curtly; "but I haven't any customers

who can afford poultry. Every one in

town is too poor, excepting you; and I

didn't think it worth while to stock up

for just one customer. I suppose you

are wanting a turkey for yourself?"

There was purposely a little offensive

emphasis on the last word, but Reuben

took no notice of it.

"No," he said pleasantly, "I don't

expect to dine at home tomorrow. I

would have taken about twenty-five

good turkeys if you had them; but I

should have spoken earlier."

Strout, who had never known his

customer to indulge in a joke, thought

that he must be crazy; but before he

could speak, Reuben continued:

"I see you have plenty of beef and

mutton, they will not make a bad

Christmas dinner for hungry people,

and I am determined that no one in

Millbridge shall want for a dinner to-

morrow if I can prevent it. But I

must do a good deal of work myself

and shall need considerable assistance.

Can I count on you to help me?"

Strout was for once in his life ren-

dered speechless, and he stared at his

customer, wholly unable to comprehend

his meaning or to make any reply.

"I know, Mr. Strout, you are sur-

prised. I am myself; but I mean what I

say. If I can carry out my plans there

will be a real Merry Christmas in Mil-

bridge tomorrow."

Do you mean it—do you really mean

it?" asked Strout, springing towards

Reuben and grasping his hand. "Sir,

I think I have judged you wrongly,

and—"

"No, I guess not. I know what you

thought of me and you were

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TOWN AND VICINITY.
Christmas Observances.
The observance of the great Christian festival of Christmas by the different religious societies was marked with unusual interest which made them unusually attractive to both young and old. We devote the concern of the High Universalist Church to the observance of the day, which were in charge of Miss Jane Clapp and Messrs. Baker and Armstrong, with other workers in the effort to provide a pleasing entertainment for the children. The principal feature of the evening was a Christmas concert given with recitations by Miss Nellie Smith, Annie Pratt, Katie Baker, Lena Hodgson, Emma Clapp, Fannie Foye, Maud Knight, Nellie Worcester and Carrie Loring, the singing which intervened between the recitations being under the direction of Mrs. Geo. F. Field, who gave the solo.

Christmas.
Christmas was agreeably noticed at the Union Church, by a festival, at which four hundred persons were present. The program for the evening's entertainment an account of which is furnished us by our correspondent, "Boz" consisted of musical performances by the following talent:—Prof. Wallace, harmonica; Miss Ella F. Johnson, vocalist and accompanist; Master Julian Eckler, violin; and his sister, Selma Eckler, piano. These two young artists were respectively 10 and 12 years of age, and their performance was most excellent, some very fine pieces. Master Eckler handles his instrument with much ease and bids fair to equal his father, Mr. Carl Eckler, the leader of the Germania Band.

Weymouth.
The ladies connected with the "Woman's Temperance Union" of Weymouth held their monthly meeting last Wednesday afternoon, in their hall, and continued their session in the evening, with a social gathering of the friends of temperance from different parts of the town. The hall was comfortably filled with ladies and gentlemen, prominent workers in the cause being called upon by the President, Mrs. Eleanor T. Holmes, for addresses, the calls being responded to by Rev. Messrs. Frary, Bentley and Crossley, Mr. B. T. Thomas, Wright and Crossley, Mr. B. T. Thomas, Briggs, President of the Weymouth Club, Mr. Frary, and the estimable wife of our Supr. of Schools. The addresses were brief, the speakers being limited to five minutes; but their remarks manifested a zeal for the work which will bring forth fruit in due season. Rev. Mr. Crossley, in his fraternal address, recited "Sheridan's Ride" in good style. An interval was spent in singing, causing a collation provided by the ladies. The evening was extended to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bentley, and Capt. Andrews Lane, for their generous service in renovating the hall and providing the fine Christmas decorations which adorned the walls. At the suggestion of Mrs. Nowell, it was voted that a temperance prayer meeting be held in the rooms next Wednesday evening, and an invitation is extended to the choirs of the different societies to be present on that occasion, and assist in the singing of stirring temperance melodies.

Tramps.
Mr. Austin, Supr. of the Weymouth Almshouse, informs us that during the year ending Jan. 1st, he has put up 701 trunks for the night, who have each been furnished with two meals—supper and breakfast—about 400 meals in all. One of the guests informed Mr. Austin that he had pursued his "calling" for six years, and it is Mr. A.'s opinion that seven tenths of the others were nothing but vagabonds. One of our residents proposes that the town endorse a piece of ground on the farm for a stone-yard, and set the men at work for payment of food and lodging.

The Railroad to the Beach.
The management of the O. C. R. R. Co. have made another examination of the route of a branch railroad from Nahant station to the Beach, but no definite action has been taken, although the board were favorably impressed with the feasibility of the route. The Hingham Journal says that "there would be an immense amount of travel over a road to the beach during the summer, as parties all along the line of the Old Colony road and its branches would adopt that method of reaching the shore. That the road will eventually be built is also beyond doubt, but it should be built now, when labor and materials are cheap. A large and very thickly populated territory would pour forth its thousands of people who desire to visit the beach, with which at present they have no direct communication; and while the new road would itself undoubtedly prove a good investment, the increase of travel over the Old Colony road would be immense, and would swell its receipts probably enough in one year to pay the cost of building the new road."

The Popular Route.
Of travel between Boston and New York, via O. C. R. R. and Fall River steamers has been enjoying an unprecedented winter patronage. Saturday night there were 346 passengers from Boston, and on Friday night 300 from New York, requiring six passenger coaches, and sometimes more. Last year at this time the passengers scarcely filled one coach on most of the trips. State rooms are quite as much in demand as in summer season.

K. of P.
At the annual meeting of Delphi Lodge, K. of P., held last evening, the following officers were elected:
Chancellor, J. K. Davidson; Chancellor Commander, Geo. P. Niles; Vice Chancellor, S. J. Darcy; Prelate, L. D. North; Master Exchequer, N. O. Smith; Master Finance, A. H. Smith; Keeper of Records and Seal, Darius Smith; Master at Arms, E. F. Cooper; Rep. to Grand Lodge, J. F. Pease.

Teachers Meeting.
The next meeting of the teachers of the Public Schools of Weymouth will be held at the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, 1878.

Recovering.
Rev. W. G. Nowell, Supt. of Weymouth schools, has been quite ill for the past two weeks, having been poisoned by his physician thinks by or some other plant, while passing through the woodlands. He is now recovering, having been out yesterday.

Wonders of the Season.
The extraordinary fine weather of the present season is a matter of general remark, but the most wonderful of all concerning circumstances is the growth of corn obtained on a farm in Milton, which was a good crop. A lot of the corn was planted in the city the other day, and exhibited to the "Athletons" as a curiosity. Like bushes are almost ready to expand their buds in many places, and all nature will be "on a burst," if a change does not take place soon.

Christmas Festival.
The vestry of the M. E. Church presented a busy scene Tuesday evening, it being the occasion of a Christmas Festival held by the Sabbath School, the exercises comprising reading, singing, and prayer. The principal and most pleasing feature of the entertainment was the presentation, in a neat speech by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Hall, to the Superintendent, C. L. Bicknell, Esq., of a gold watch case as a testimonial of the scholars' appreciation of his long continued and arduous service the past six years. Mr. Bicknell accepted the present and replied in his usual happy manner. The case bears the inscription:—"Presented to C. L. Bicknell, Esq., by the M. E. Sunday School, East Weymouth, Dec. 25, 1877." The exercises closed with a free distribution of pastry and refreshments.

Real Estate Sale.
Mr. Ebenezer Campbell has sold the estate owned by him at North Weymouth, and formerly owned by Benj. White, on Commercial St., to Mrs. Eviline Day, for \$4500. Mr. Campbell will remove to Needham.

Joseph Hicks has sold his estate on Commercial St., to Cyrus Washburn, for \$1000. John W. Thomas has sold to Henry Thomas a lot of land with buildings on Union St., for \$1200.

Christmas Concert.
The annual Christmas concert of the Union Church, will come off next Friday evening. It is a fine lecturer and is expected to draw a crowd.

New Year Party.
Is to be given to the children of the Baptist Sabbath School, in the vestry, next Monday evening, with entertainment by the scholars and a collation. The party is to be under direction of Mr. S. W. Gutz, who will have a happy faculty for furnishing a most enjoyable entertainment.

Commission Business.
Mr. John T. Dizer, whose card appears in our columns to-day, is already having a large trade in the produce business, for winter goods and commission, and for wholesale trade. Our retailers will find this man to be one of the best in Boston for purchase of their supplies, and they are invited to give him a call.

Loss.
Thomas Humphrey, Esq., of East Weymouth, discovered his pocket book to be missing last Wednesday afternoon. He had taken it out of his pocket on the street, near the Central Market, to pay a bill, and in returning it the wallet probably dropped to the ground. A reward is offered for its recovery.

Head the train.
Monday morning, J. W. Bartlett, Esq. started from home, in season, as he supposed to take the train at the North Weymouth station for Boston; but either the conductor was ahead of time or somebody's watch was wrong. Mr. Bartlett was within a few rods of the depot, when the train steamed away, leaving Mr. B. behind. He made up his mind that he would go to Boston in that train. He quickly turned about, and knowing well the extraordinary speed which his horse possessed, started for Quincy, a four miles drive, and arrived there two minutes ahead of the train, making the distance in about sixteen minutes. The horse is not for sale.

Christmas Eve.
Mr. and Mrs. William Holbrook were agreeably entertained at their residence by a group of their relatives and friends. A Christmas tree was placed in their parlor and early in the evening Santa Claus came in an appearance, and in a very short time the branches of the tree were bending to the floor with the weight of presents which were hung there for the respective couple. The evening was passed in a pleasant manner, and was very much enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook, who very kindly thanked the party and Santa Claus for the many presents of which they were the happy recipients. N. M.

Christmas Present.
The family of the worthy pastor of the Old North Church were made glad in the reception of a nice article of general utility, the gift of Thomas Humphrey, Esq., of East Weymouth, one of the oldest members of the Parish, which act of kindness appeared to afford as much satisfaction to the venerable donor as it certainly did to the recipients.

Presentations.
Among the happy recipients of valuable Christmas gifts was Dr. A. N. Blodgett, 206 Tremont St., Boston, who received as a testimonial from Mrs. Wm. French an elegant Waltham watch, suitably inscribed. It will be remembered, perhaps, by many of our readers, that he took charge of and raised to health, after gangrene had taken place and the case was utterly hopeless, the little daughter of George Burdell, of North Weymouth, from whom Dr. David W. Cheever, of Boston, removed a tumor last winter; and we can truly say that the gift, elegant as it is, but feebly expresses the high appreciation in which Dr. Blodgett is held by her friends for his professional skill and unwearying efforts for the children, with a supper.

Drowned.
Yesterday forenoon, about 10 o'clock a young lad by the name of Thomas McGrath, 11 years old, while skating on Whitman's Pond, broke through the ice and was drowned. He was found about 1 o'clock P. M., having been under the ice about three hours. He is the son of the late Thomas McGrath, who was killed on the railroad some time ago.

Remarkable.
Mr. Dexter Holbrook, of Rockland, collected quite a number of glasshoop in the field near his residence on Monday the 24th inst. They were to all appearance as lively as in the summer time.

Funerals.
The Catholic church at the Landing was opened Christmas afternoon for the funeral services of Mr. Edmund Kiley, who had been confined to his bed for ten months, lingering with consumption. The street for quite a distance was filled with carriages containing the relatives and sympathizing friends.

Departure.
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