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### The Withered Daisies.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "OVER THE RIVER."

"Because she loved them."  
You ask me why I love them so,  
Those little simple flowers,  
That over every pasture blow,  
In April's sunny showers;  
To hang about the holy shrine  
Where our lost child reposes.

'Twas in the spring-time that she came,  
And all the forest mazes  
Were bright with flower without a name—  
The fields were white with daisies.  
You know how beautiful she grew,  
How fair and sweet and holy,  
But the violet, wet with morning dew,  
Is not more pure and lowly.

She fitted like a sunbeam bright  
Around our cottage door;  
Her footsteps, as a fairy's light,  
Made music on the floor.  
On every flower of wood or glade,  
She lavished childish praises;  
She loved all things the Lord has made,  
But most she loved the daisies.

How many thoughts beyond her years,  
That then were all unheeded,  
We think of now, with blinding tears—  
Sweet teachings that we needed.  
Three happy years we led her feet  
Along life's weary mazes;  
The fourth, we laid her down to sleep  
Beneath the April daisies.

'Tis well, and we are reconciled,  
For he who gave the blossom,  
Who lent to us our angel child,  
Recalled her to His bosom.  
And waiting till he calls for me,  
To sing with her his praises,  
I'll keep her blessed memory  
Enshrouded in April daisies.

[From the New York Mercury.]

### Won at Last.

BY INEZ E. BUTTERS.

"May I be allowed to ask if you ever intend to marry?"

"Perhaps so!"

"May I inquire your reason for refusing George Mason?"

"Because I did not want him."

"But suppose I do?"

"Then you had better have him."

The brow of the old man grew stern as he noted the indifference with which she made this last remark; and annoyed at the mischievous look in her eyes, he said, earnestly:

"Listen to me, Emma! You are now twenty, and must remember that I may not live many more years. It is my wish to see you properly settled in life, that I may not leave you unprotected; and I had thought, ere this, you would have selected for yourself; but I find you fickle, coquettish, where you should be firm and decided, and you have put upon me the unpleasant task of deciding for you. I have borne this folly long enough, and now it must cease.

"The son of my dearest friend will be here on Thursday, to make a visit of some weeks. Unfortunately, for the first week I shall be from home; but I shall expect you to receive and entertain him in a manner becoming yourself and me. It is the wish of both his father and myself, that if suited to each other, you shall marry. If possible, I wish him to like you, and shall expect you to behave in such a manner as at least to command his respect."

Here, old Judge Winthrop stopped for want of breath, while the black-eyed namselle before him dropped a mock courtesy and withdrew.

"Wants this wife-hunter to like me, if possible," said black-eyes, when out of her father's hearing; "well, not if I can help it. There's a slight chance left for me; if papa's going away, and if I do not disgust his 'propriety-ship' before he has time to get back; it won't be my fault.

Judge Winthrop was the judge of the county in which he resided, and owned a large plantation in the southern part of Virginia. Emma was his only child, a gay madaep of twenty, who thought it no harm to flirt with those of her acquaintances who had nothing else to do. As for being married, she would as soon have thought of drowning herself, as of standing at the altar vowing to love and cherish anybody. Gentlemen were all very well in their place, some four or five dozen were made for the express purpose of waiting on and amusing her. She loved her father dearly, but loved to tease him the best of anything in the world; 'twas such fun to see him pretend to get in a rage.

The week, however, soon rolled away, and at length the stranger arrived, and was received by Judge Winthrop alone, Emma being nowhere to be found.—Some two hours after his appearance, the host was obliged to leave his guest, judicial duties calling him from home; and he left a note for Emma on her return, introducing her to Mr. Ramsay, and begging her once more to discharge her duties of hostess in a becoming manner.

Left alone, Mr. Ramsay amused himself by walking up and down the verandah, smoking a cigar, and awaiting the appearance of Miss Winthrop. He was a fine looking man of about twenty-eight

rather grave, dark and handsome, with an aristocratic bearing, betokening one accustomed to good society. Looking down the gravel walk, he espied a female slowly coming through the garden, clad in a calico dress and sun-bonnet, and bearing in her hand a huge cabbage, from which she was pulling the raw leaves and eating them. Perceiving him, she kept on her way, and in a few moments stood beside him.

"Do you want to see pa?" inquired the figure, after duly scanning him and his dress.

He returned her look, noting the broad Dutch-looking face, and great staring eyes of the speaker, and replied, somewhat haughtily:

"Judge Winthrop is from home, and I am awaiting the return of his daughter Miss Emma."

"That's me," answered the cabbage-eater; and I would have come in before, if I had known you were here. Where did pa go?"

"This note will inform you, I presume," answered the gentleman, extending to her the note her father had left, at the same time wondering if this could possibly be Miss Winthrop; so unlike all he had been taught to expect. She took the note from his hand, and running it over, said:

"It is too bad he had to go; but I'll be back in a minute, if you will excuse me."

He signified his perfect willingness to do so; and once more biting the cabbage-leaf she held in her hand, retreated.

"Good heavens above! a week with that animal; I shall die. It cannot be possible that is Judge Winthrop's only daughter," and accosting a little darkey about four years old, who was playing in the dirt near by, he asked—

"Was that Miss Emma Winthrop?"

"Yes, massa."

"Sold!" was the ejaculation involuntarily rising to his lips, so he resumed his cigar and walk.

Turning, he re-entered the parlor, and from thence went to the back of it, where he found a room evidently used for a music-room. A large splendid piano, a guitar, and music in abundance, were here.

"It cannot be possible that that cabbage eater plays," he said half aloud; running his fingers over the keys with an abstracted air, and musing of the heiress of the Winthrops.

Before long, that lady re-appeared, now dressed in a pink lawn of a bright shade whose uneven skirt was was much too short for the mode; and revealed feet clad in kid slippers, but of almost fabulous dimensions. She was of ordinary height, very broad, and not a redeeming feature but her eyes and mouth. Her hair was combed low on her forehead, and tightly covered with a net, and her skin seemed to have a brownish tint.—Her clothing was nice, as became her station, but slovenly made, and awkwardly worn.

"Do you play?" he asked at length, finding she could not carry on a sensible conversation.

"Yes!" she replied, and without further invitation seated herself at the piano. Her hand was small and well shaped, but her nails were dirty, and presented a strange contrast to the fine pearl keys on which they rested. She commenced to play, and though she had hummed the air not an hour since, while walking the verandah; he scarce recognized it, as she strummed without mercy, unmindful of his inattention, or the look of disgust he could not help overspreading his features. She sang, too, and nearly drove him mad.

Lunch being served, everything of luxury was found in profusion, arranged in the most excellent taste; and the fair hostess managed to do the honors very well. For her part she lunched of some onions and bread, saying she was very fond of them, but pa would not allow her to eat them when at home.

This over, she conducted him around the grounds, into the chicken yard, stables—in fact, everywhere a lady would not be likely to conduct a guest. She seemed to know the cost of everything about the plantation, and readily enlightened her visitor.

"Are you fond of reading?" he inquired, after they had returned to the house, thoroughly tired of traveling about in the hot sun; while the lady looked as if she had been doing penance in a hot oven.

"No, I hate it, and I don't like to sew either."

"How do you pass your time?" he asked again.

"Oh, I ride horseback all the morning and sleep in the afternoon, or nurse the little darkeys so their mothers can work."

"Then I have interrupted your usual siesta, for which I must apologize, and beg you will now retire for your afternoon sleep!"

"Oh, 'tis no matter. I would as soon talk to you as go to sleep."

For an instant, Charles Ramsay looked

at the speaker; then a haughty smile curled his lip, and his eye brightened with a wise look. As soon as possible, he retired, to dress for dinner.

When next he made his appearance, he would have provoked a saint to laughter. His brown curling hair was smoothed down tight to his face, which now shone as if he had polished it. His pants, much too short, were made from striped calico, and a sort of round-about coat, such as is used by negroes for a "dress up," completely transformed this man of fashion into the most awkward country lout imaginable. His manners now correspond with his costume; and carefully he noted the struggling laugh, ready to burst from the lips of his companion. A person entering there would have supposed them a pair of the most complete rustics.

A portion of the evening wore thus away, neither evincing any surprise at the singular costume of the other. In crossing the room, however, the shoe of Emma, coming in contact with a rug, came off—the short dress revealing a foot of tiny dimensions; while no effort of hers could regain the lost covering which had been cast somewhat aside. Mr. Ramsay picked it up, and observing its size in comparison to the foot it covered, remarked the whole tip of it to be stuffed with cotton. Neither could preserve their gravity longer, and both laughed heartily at the discovery.

"I am too well aware," said he, "of your reason for this; and do not wonder at your dislike to being bargained for, unless your fancy should dictate the purchase. This is the whim of two old men dear to each other as if brothers, and whose wish it is to see their children happy. If, however, you will consent to appear in your ordinary dress, I promise to defend you from all harm of match-making, unless of your own free will; or he added smilingly, I fall so deep in love as to commit a robbery on cabbage, sun-bonnet, and all."

"I fear I have been rude, and beg forgiveness," said Emma, blushing at her own appearance, as reflected by an opposite mirror, but—

"But you did not want me to like you, and determined I should never admire your personal appearance. Well, I will endeavor to comply with your wishes, though I fear a failure. You see, I was anxious to please you, so donned the robes I thought would suit you best."

"We will sign a truce, and begin anew in the morning," said Emma, when they separated for the night. In future I will excuse you from polishing your face."

"And I you from eating cabbage," was the laughing rejoinder.

The face which greeted Charles Ramsay next morning at breakfast was one in which he would never have recognized the country girl of yesterday. The figure was fine, of ordinary height, clad in a snowy morning robe, bound loosely at the waist by a blue cord. The skin was very fair, the eyes black as midnight, and dark curls floating over her shoulders, a speaking grace in all her movements, and a well-bred ease about her which charmed him. She noted his surprise; and bidding her good morning, he said, gayly:

"I already regret my word, to protect you; may I not recall it, and at least be allowed to take my chance on the same ground I held yesterday?"

"On penalty of the pink dress and cabbage," she said blushing in spite of her laughter.

The scene of yesterday seemed a dream; for the guest was now really charmed with Miss Winthrop, whose natural grace and sprightliness of manner, and well cultivated mind, was a never-failing resource of amusement and edification.—But while she endeavored to entertain him pleasantly, she did it without display, as one who was discharging gladly the duties of hospitality. She sang for him now, and her clear, rich voice rang out in the gipsy song of Trovatore, pronouncing her a fine and finished artiste.

Judge Winthrop returned home to find everything going on pleasantly, and was proud of the black-eyed lady he had scolded so unmercifully. Now that he had returned, however, Miss Emma threw off a portion of her dignity, allowing it to rest chiefly on her father's shoulders.

As Mr. Ramsay was strolling through the woods one morning, he came upon her ladyship, mounted on a splendid black horse, and followed by an attendant, gayly cantering through a path which led to an opening in the trees about a mile distant from her father's house.—She was habited in a dark green dress and a hat whose waving plumes swept her shoulders; looking the personation of health and happiness. Bidding Cato to ride on to the house and fetch him a horse, they spent the morning in a merry race, when he had hard work to maintain a place at her side. So they became fast and true friends, whilst never a word of tenderness passed between them.

A day or two previous to his return

home, he found her in the parlor alone, so he must needs remark:

"I shall be very lonely on my return home, after my pleasant visit here, and I fear—"

"Shall you?" interrupted Emma slyly. "Emma!" he said seriously; "I have come hither to ask you if you will not love me enough to go with me, to be my own little wife. I love you, have done so almost unconsciously, will you not forgive me for disobeying you, and leaving this fair home, come to lighten the one which I shall prepare for you."

"What would you do with me!" said the gay girl, looking half mockingly, at the proud but somewhat agitated man before her.

"Love you always, as I do now."

"And grow impudent, and refuse to do as I bid you, and put that horrid smile of disgust on your face, when I go to eat cabbage again."

"Oh, no; I promise to be good."

"Promise!" she echoed, half gayly, half in scorn. "Even so did Henry vow eternal fidelity to each of the wives he wedded, beheading them as soon after he gained the possession as materials could be got ready for the purpose. I value my head too much to place it within a noose, either of rope or matrimony; so, with all due thanks for the honor intended, I must beg leave to decline, and, like the dutchess say: 'Had I two heads one should be at your disposal; as it is, I would fain retain mine out of reach of promise;'" so saying, she bowed and withdrew, giving him a low courtesy, of the fashion of the times she had quoted.

Grief, dark and bitter, such as one would never have thought could dwell in the heart of that proud man, dwelt on his face when Emma Winthrop left him, mocking lightly the free feeling he had spoken; yet no word of this he uttered, when he bade her adieu next morning, and returned to the home he had left and whither he had hoped to bring her a loved and loving bride. He had not loved lightly; the strains of affection swept sweetly up from the depths of his inmost soul, making the chords tremble in one long lasting vibration; and the image of that gay, laughing face, lingered in memory, even when pride rose with all its boasted power, to efface and obliterate it.

The consternation of Judge Winthrop was great, when told by Emma herself of her rejection of his friend, and the old man scolded to his heart's content at her light and frivolous conduct. Then the matter was dropped and the wayward girl left to herself.

Three years after, Charles Ramsay once more visited the Winthrops on his way through the country; and this time to find the gay, mocking Emma, a stately, laughing girl of twenty-three—very beautiful, but reserved and dignified, welcoming her guest with the same well-bred ease which had ever characterized her. Her dress was now rich and elegant, where before it had been light and airy; the curls, too, were woven in broad bands, and formed a natural coronet for her fine head; her step firm, where it had been tripping—such was the woman he had vowed in his heart to win. Change, too, had come over him in thought as in feeling; perhaps many would have despaired of conquering now what heretofore had proved invincible, yet such was his determination, though during his stay they conversed together upon ordinary topics, as guest and hostess would be likely to do. Yet, on the eve of his departure, neither heart could stay the feeling which prompted them to acknowledge a love which had ever been mutual; and the wide-spreading locust gave to the breeze a tale which made Judge Winthrop's heart glad when a soft wind bore it to his ears, that Emma was to become Mrs. Ramsay, and accounted for the delay of three years which Emma had made, by saying, that woman had had their own way ever since the world began, and likely ever would.

A gentleman on board a steamboat with his family, was asked by his children what made the boat go, when he gave them a minute description of the machinery and its principles, in the following words:

"You see, my dears, this thingumbob here goes down through that hole, and fastens on the jigsaw, and that connects with the—crinkumerankum, and that man, he's the engineer, you know, kind o' stirs up the—what-you-call-it, and they all shove along, and the boat goes ahead."

"You look like death on a pale horse," said Jim to a toper who was growing pale and emaciated. "Don't know anything about that," replied the toper, "but I'm death on pale brandy."

Sidney Smith passing through a by-street behind St. Paul's, heard two women abusing each other from opposite houses. "They will never agree," said the wit; "they argue from different premises."

**Tule Lands.**

We have often referred to the subject of reclamation and drainage of the tule lands in our county, with the hope that some permanent action would be taken thereupon either by the State or individual enterprise. In their present state they are entirely worthless to any one, and it is a well known fact that the tule lands of such rich alluvial soil are really the finest we have in the State. On the skirts of the Sacramento where cultivated with entire success the most extraordinary crops are produced unequalled in any portion of the Union. Instances are known where twenty-four tons of sweet potatoes have been raised to the acre, and a general crop of eighteen to twenty tons. This alone sufficiently demonstrates the real value of the soil, as is well known only very rich land will produce sweet potatoes in any quantity.

Of other vegetable crops, and the cereals, it is only necessary for one to take a trip over those lands now barely sufficiently reclaimed to cultivate successfully, and see what enormous crops are produced. Without some definite action being taken soon, those lands will remain of no possible benefit to any one.—We urge our next legislature to memorialize to Congress to have an immediate segregation of the swamp and overflowed lands to the State, and also to either make some provision for an examination of the lands to ascertain the practicability of successful drainage and reclamation, or to give some responsible company a certain portion of the lands to experiment on; no title however passing from the State, till the said company entirely reclaim the land so donated. The latter proposition we deem much the best to the State; as then she is sufficiently protected from such operations as have heretofore been practiced upon her by designing companies under cover of "increased benefit to the State." It would be much better for the State to give a portion of the lands to such a company first named, when entirely reclaimed compelling the said company to report first, the manner, cost, and success of the undertaking, and annually thereafter a complete record of the system adopted in the cultivation of the said land. No loss can in any event inure to the State as really no title passes from her till the lands are ascertained to be properly reclaimed, by Commissioners appointed for the purpose on behalf of her people. In our county it is estimated there are about 200,000 acres of such land, in its present state comparatively valueless; and could any method be found by which those lands can be successfully cultivated without the encroachment of such an immense body of water as annually overflow the entire area, the State should certainly assist in the enterprise by donating a portion of such lands, thereby encouraging others who, after seeing the practical working of the same, would immediately enter, and prosecute with energy, to completion and success, what is now an "open waste," rich, beautiful and productive farms. Our county will be advanced in interest not only agriculturally but pecuniarily, and not only our own county but the State at large, by the revenue derived by the sale of her lands, and occupation by industrious farmers.

**Perseverance and Decision of Character.**

No great cause is won without an effort. As virtue is measured by the power to resist temptation, so victory gets its magnitude from the perils dared and overcome. Perseverance lifts talent to the attitude of genius. By persevering in the struggle to measure his naturally stammering tongue, Demosthenes made himself the best orator of Greece—if not of the world. Man does not fully know what his powers are until he makes the trial again and again. Perseverance is alone the touch-stone of human capacity. Every step forward on a path of endeavor dwindles the mountains of difficulty; making the ascent easier and the burthen lighter. Perseverance goes hand in hand with conquest—whether it be in science, art, discovery, or the acquirement of fame or fortune.

Very rarely indeed is distinction conferred without an effort, notwithstanding the proverb—"Some have greatness thrust upon them." Whoever will study the life of Caesar, will there find a story of ceaseless—perseverance, through every available means, toward a great desired end. His towering ambition was

not baffled by any obstacle—it budded with his birth—flowered with his manhood till it filled the world, and was then only quenched in blood. Such was one of the most brilliant destinies ever awarded, not alone to talent and genius but in as large a measure to perseverance.—What is true of more notable men and operations, is true in degree of every man and every operation. Perseverance carries its value wherever it may be found. By it the farmer, mechanic, student, explorer and soldier are rewarded. It brings truth out of the darkest recesses of nature—it finds and brings the precious metal from the bottom of the mine. It will delve harder, dive deeper, or climb higher to reach the sum and essence of things than any other quality of man.—Now, add to it, firmness, or decision of character; and the possessor is truly great—he is his own master. His mind and purposes are his own and he is the most independent of social beings. He looks to no one for guidance; he steers his own bark with safety and ease through the sea of life, he selects and receives his counsels and opinions from the sources and fountain best adapted to his exigencies. He never vacillates, nor is he ever left in a "sea of trouble," from which he does not manfully and promptly extricate himself. Self-dependence and self-reliance are interwoven in "his very nature." What is the limit of man's capacities? They are not bounded by earth when properly endued with indomitable perseverance fully seasoned with unflinching decision of character.

**Agricultural.**

The tillage of the soil is becoming more and more important in this portion of the State, every year; owing to the rapidly settling up of the country by families. The facilities and privileges of the grazier are decreasing gradually in proportion to the increase of population. Now this is as it should be. The prosperity of this portion of country is dependent on the density of the population. This portion of the State is as much (if not more) adapted to agriculture as any other. Such being the case it is highly important, that every available means should be fostered and encouraged that would tend to develop our agricultural interests and resources. The unsettled condition of "the land titles" has been heretofore, is now, and will be (we fear) for some time to come "the great enemy" to improvement and agriculture.

The generality of men dislike the uncertainty of the present condition of things. They have not the courage to labor and improve the lands as they would if they were certain, that they would be permitted to reap and enjoy the fruits of their toil, in full, without molestation.—This is human nature. But, when circumstances—and things—are not as we wish—we must take them as they are. And under the present condition of affairs would it be wise or politic to do as little as possible to improve and develop the natural resources of the country—to neglect and let die our first and greatest interest? Nay! never? We have a country as highly favored by nature as any other under the whole canopy of the star-decked heavens—a country whose fertile and prolific soil and salubrious and delightful climate is the admiration of the world. Now this is not the only portion of the State that is crippled and "sorely vexed" by the monster, "unsettled land titles" nearly every other portion of the State is in a condition equally unsettled, precarious and unsatisfactory. Surely the agriculturist's interests and condition will be ameliorated in time, when we are not authorized to say. And in the mean time while things are adjusting and righting themselves by the inevitable laws of necessity; the agriculturist should not become discouraged—but put forth his enterprises with redoubled energy and diligence. Through the future may appear clouded and dark, yet, all things may work ultimately for the best interest of the agriculturist in the end. Such a thing is possible. Can not the present legislature elect do something for the farmer?

**MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.**—On the 11th instant, at Diggers Retreat, by the Right Rev. Mr. Premarco, Miss Ceretina, familiarly known as "Humpy" to Canuto. The festive board was graced by the delicacies of the season, as baked grass hoppers and tarantula juice whiskey, after a dance continued till the early hours of the succeeding day, the company retired. We wish the happy couple much joy, the bride has now some one to protect and support her, "God bless em." May the hump on her back never grow less.

**Public Schools of Yolo County.**

We were furnished by Mr. Gaddis, our Superintendent of Public Schools with a copy of his School report, to the Department of Public Instruction, from which we make a few extracts:

**STATISTICS, FINANCES, &c.**  
The entire number of children in the County between the ages of four and eighteen years is 936; Boys, 495, Girls, 441; children under four years, 564; Orphans, 75; children born in California, 710; Deaf and Dumb, 4.  
The State appropriation for the year has amounted to.....\$1,437 80  
County fund from all sources.....\$2,587 78  
Total.....\$4,025 58

Districts No. 2, 4, 5, 9, and 10, have used all the funds placed to their credit, in addition to the amount raised by subscription.—The public funds have been insufficient to defray the entire expenses in any district of the county. It will be seen by reference to the Table that the aggregate expenses of the county for school purposes have been more than double the amount of public funds during the past year. There has been \$2,787 62 expended for building purposes alone.

Two new Districts have been formed during the past school year, viz: Grand Island, from parts of Districts No. 2 and 5; and Merritt, from the Township of that name, in which the schools have been entirely maintained by private patronage.  
Little revenue is likely to accrue to the County School Fund from the operation of the present Estay law. The act of April 26, 1858, is a dead letter, so far as this county is concerned, no advantage has been, or is likely to be derived from it; I would therefore, recommend its repeal, and a twenty or twenty-five cent tax substituted. Several of the Trustees have suggested an amendment to the act of March 3d, 1853, so as to allow settlers on school sections to obtain their lands at the minimum price, and thus facilitate the sale of these lands, without compelling the occupants to compete with persons of capital.

I think the law should require a uniformity of books, in many cases the multiplicity of school books renders it impossible for the Teacher to classify the children properly. I think, likewise, that a rate bill should be as legal as any other debt.

**ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL, CAPACITY OF TEACHERS, &c.**

A thin population, a want of money, added to a want of proper interest on the part of parents, prevent the attendance at some of our schools, yet I think the reports will show an improvement over last year. Energetic Teachers as well as Trustees can do much in this respect. The schools are not graded, because there would not be a sufficient number of pupils in each grade to justify it, but there is a constant and increasing demand for Teachers of higher attainments, and in some of our best schools, the Primary, Intermediate, and Grammar studies are combined. Many of our pupils are qualified to advance into the higher grades, and the Trustees in several of the Districts contemplate a graduation of the schools as soon as circumstances will permit. I am gratified to be able to say that the race of vagrant and itinerant Teachers has become nearly extinct in this county, a majority of those at present engaged in teaching, are permanently employed, and will compare favorably with ladies and gentlemen of the same profession in other parts of the State. The publication of your "Commentaries on the School Law," has done much good in this, as well as many other respects.

**EXAMINATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, &c.**

During the past year there has been a greatly increased interest manifested in the schools of this county. A May-day picnic was held at Cacheville, which was attended by several hundred persons, who were highly gratified with the zeal and energy of the Teachers, and who saw much to admire in the exercises of the pupils, many of whom acquitted themselves in a manner highly creditable to themselves and their instructors.

Examinations have been held in several of the schools, and visits by Parents and Trustees are more frequent than formerly. Teachers as well as students are thus encouraged, when they know that their labors are appreciated.

**HOW TRUSTEES PERFORM THEIR DUTIES.**

The Trustees in most of the Districts have been prompt and faithful in the discharge of their duties, considering that they receive no compensation, and have often exhibited their zeal by a correspondence with this office in relation to school affairs. All of them cannot spare much time, but some have made great personal sacrifices for this object. There is plenty of room for them yet to display their energy in the promotion of this great work. The Trustees of Yolo City, Buchanan, Cottonwood, and Prairie Districts deserve a special notice for their fidelity. There has been but one instance of gross negligence.

**GENERAL REMARKS.**

There is, perhaps, no subject more deeply impressed upon the minds of the American people than that of the instruction of their youth. From the settlement of Jamestown and Plymouth to the present time it has formed a prominent feature in our history. We are in a great measure indebted to it for the enviable position that we at present occupy among the powers of the earth. As a people, and as individuals, we are, and have been willing to sacrifice much for this purpose. None of the political questions of the day demands greater consideration, but unfortunately for our young and glorious State, other matters of comparatively minor importance have engrossed the attention of those upon whom this duty should have devolved.

Great and immediate pecuniary results are not supposed to be derived from it. "There is not much gold in the bowels of Parnassus." Sordid considerations are thus allowed to interpose.

It is true that a commencement has been made, and perhaps, under all the circumstances attending the settlement of this State, we should not complain of what has not been done, when so many evidences are given on every side of a desire to promote this great blessing.

Our population is becoming more assimilated and blended, more fixed and permanent, and homes are being established. Let us then demand from our Legislators every proper facility for promoting the cause of Education. If we examine the history of our country, filled as it is with great achievements, we will discover the wisdom of our Father's, in making common schools the basis for the support of our democratic institutions. When the institutions of a nation depend upon the virtue and intelligence of its citizens, and where all offices of honor and trust are open to merit, it becomes the imperative duty of the government to provide for the intellectual improvement of the rising generation.

To the State then, we look for legislative and pecuniary assistance, to the parent for the moral training of the child, and to the Teacher for the development of his intellect-

ual powers; all should act in concert, but sometimes this is not the case, people frequently look upon Teachers as *endurable evils*, whose talents and labors of anxiety must subserve their caprices, and pupils are allowed to judge of the capacity of their teachers. This feeling is wrong, and interferes greatly with the prosperity of a school. Pupils should be taught that they go to school to learn and not to judge of the capabilities of the children, for unless this is done, little material advantage can be expected from his labors.

I do not know that I can communicate anything more that would be of much interest to you in connection with this subject, and therefore, conclude these disjointed remarks with assurances of the highest consideration and esteem of  
HENRY GADDIS,  
Sup. of Pub. Schools for Yolo county.  
To the Hon. A. J. Moulder, San Francisco.

**Assault by Mexicans at Yreka and the Marshal Stabbed.**

YREKA, Dec. 15th.  
This morning, at 3 o'clock, City Marshal Alexander Coryell was attacked by a number of Mexicans, who inflicted on his person several dangerous wounds. They had commenced a drunken spree in honor of Cortinas' exploits in Brownville, Texas, and were abusing the Americans, and were calling the police of the city cowards. The Marshal requested them to desist, when they attacked him. He was cut in four or five places, one serious wound being in the left breast, one in the arm and two in the head. Coryell held on to the Mexican who had cut him until he was lodged in jail. The Marshal is doing well under the circumstances. Five of the Mexicans have been arrested. The city Trustees have offered a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest of the balance of the party. There were fifteen together at the beginning of the affray. Eight of those ran away, leaving the other seven to do the fighting. Deputy Marshal Billy Coryell was in imminent danger of being thrown down by a Mexican who had a knife drawn over him. He was rescued by George Walton, who knocked the fellow down with a pistol. The Marshal shot a Spaniard, wounding him dangerously.—*Union.*

It will be noticed in our columns that the Hon. Harrison Gwinn is a candidate for the Speakership, at the next Session of the Legislature. Judge Gwinn has many qualifications entitling him to the responsible position. At the last Session, as chairman of several important committees, the able reports made by him produced a very favorable impression upon the members. We look on the election of Speaker as an indication of the relative strength of the respective candidates for senatorial honors. Independent of the particular views of Judge Gwinn in the senatorial affair, of which by the way we know nothing of; his knowledge of parliamentary tactics, having filled heretofore responsible positions in the legislature of one of our Atlantic States, and his impartial course and general bearing entitle him to the serious consideration of legislators.

**A SMART WOMAN.**—Miss Helen M. Dresser, who is described as a young and beautiful woman, who escaped from Utah two years ago, has within ten months traveled over 11,000 miles, written a book of 400 pages, and six lectures, which she had read to over 200 audiences throughout the country. She lectured at Quincy Illinois, lately.

One Madam Sherwood arrived on the Golden Age, who weighs 643 pounds. She will soon exhibit herself to the public.

Much suffering is said to be experienced at Carson valley, owing to the frail structure of the tenements put up last Fall. They underrated the severity of the storms. Several persons had their feet frozen.

Advice to young men: Live temperately—go to church—attend to your affairs—love all the pretty girls—marry one of them—live like a man, and die like a Christian.

**MARRIED.**

In Sacramento, December 12th, by the Rev. H. Baker, Harrison W. Cooper to Salina M. Griswold.  
In Sacramento, December 6th, by the Rev. W. Beckwith, J. W. Miller to Mrs. Sarah J. Keating.

**BIRTHS.**

In Sacramento, December 12th, the wife of E. B. Ryan, of a son.  
In Sacramento, December 13th, the wife of Dr. Justin Gates, of a son.  
In Sacramento, December 8th, to wife of N. R. Turner, of a daughter.  
In Napa City, December 4th, the wife of J. Rasette, of a son.

**DEATHS.**

In Sacramento, December 13th, Charles A. Little.  
In Sacramento, December 7th, William B. son of George W. any Mary Hildreth, aged 4 weeks and 4 days.  
In Shasta, on the 30th November, of consumption, Mrs. E. A. Mears, aged 47 years, formerly of Green County, Wisconsin.

**PERSONAL.**—Judge T. Dame of the Marysville and San Francisco Railroad Company, favored us with a call, he informs us, that the work on the above road is progressing finely. He returns to Marysville to-day.

**New Advertisements.**

**SPORTING.**

To the Sportsman of Yolo & Sutter Counties.  
There will be a  
**SHOOTING MATCH**  
At Knight's Landing,  
On SATURDAY, 24th of December, 1859.  
For a BEEF,  
HOGS, TURKEY'S, CHICKENS, &c.  
All Marksmen are solicited to attend with their Rifles, cocked and primed. dec17-1t

**O. V. CHAPMAN'S**

Wholesale and Retail  
**BOOT, SHOE, CLOTHING & GENT'S FURNISHING Store,**  
39 Front street, between J & K streets, Sacramento.  
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**J. B. PAINTER,**

(Late O'Meara & Painter.)  
Dealer in  
**Type, Presses, Printing Material, Paper, Cards,**  
And **PRINTER'S STOCK** generally.  
132 Clay street, near Sansome,  
dec17-1y San Francisco.

**IRON RAILING,**

FOR  
**Dwellings, Verandas, Cemeteries, &c.**

**THE SUBSCRIBER—IMPORTERS**—beg leave to call the attention of Builders, and all others anticipating a want of Iron Railing, Verandas, Balconies, &c., to their extensive assortment of Patterns, which art kept on file at our office, at the corner of Sansome and Merchant streets, San Francisco. Those who are expecting to build, or wish to enclose their cemetery lots with iron railing, we would say that advantageous contracts may be made with us, who are constantly furnished with all the modern patterns from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston.

N.B.—Those who require Railing of any particular style other than the samples which we have on exhibition, can be accommodated by forwarding to us a drawing for patterns. Further particulars, including prices for Railing, may be learned by calling on or addressing  
WM. FAULKNER & SON,  
dec17-3m San Francisco, Cal.

**SUMMONS.**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Yolo,**  
S ss. The People of the State of California, to JOSEPH BONE, Greeting: You are hereby summoned to appear before the undersigned, at his Office, at Knight's Landing, on Saturday the 14th day of January, 1860, at 10 o'clock, a.m., to answer unto the complaint of S. N. Mering, assignee of J. D. Longhner, who sue to recover the sum of One Hundred dollars due on promissory note, when judgment will be taken against you for the above amount, with costs and damages, if you fail to appear and answer.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of said County: make due service and return hereof.  
Given under my hand this 15th day of December, 1859.  
P. GIBSON,  
Justice of the Peace,

It appearing to the Court from an affidavit filed in this cause by the plaintiff, that he said plaintiff has a good cause of action against said defendant, and it also appearing from said affidavit, that said defendant cannot be found after due diligence, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication of Summons be made for the term of four weeks in the KNIGHT'S LANDING NEWS, a newspaper published in Yolo County, and that a copy of the summons be placed in the Post Office, at Knight's Landing, directed to said defendant.  
d17-4w P. GIBSON, Justice of the Peace.

**HEUSTON, HASTINGS, & CO.,**  
**THE CHEAPEST AND THE BEST CLOTHING STORE**  
On the Pacific Coast.  
**The First Premium for the Best Made Work was Awarded to us at the State Fair of 1859.** Don't forget to call where you can find \$50,000 worth of men's Fashionable Clothing, **J and Second st., Sacramento.**  
**Indian Tan Buck Gloves**  
For sale by the pair or dozen, warranted not to rip, harden or shrink.  
ONE PRICE AND TERMS CASH.  
HEUSTON, HASTINGS & CO.  
1m24p Sacramento.

**LAMOTT & COLLINS, HATTERS.**  
Corner of Second and J Street, Sacramento.

**THE LEADERS AND INTRODUCERS**  
Of Fashions for the Pacific Coast, Importers and Manufacturers of Hats and Caps of every description, and are constantly receiving goods by every steamer. Always on hand, the largest and most complete stock of Hats and Caps to be found in the State; all of which they challenge the State to undersell them. They are both practical men themselves, and know how to make a Hat that cannot be excelled, if equalled, by any house in the country. Call on them and examine their stock and satisfy yourself of the fact.  
Only place in the State to find the genuine stock of Men's Hats, they have taken the First Premium on the manufacture of Hats.  
LAMOTT & COLLINS,  
1 of 24p Corner J and Second streets

**For Speaker of the Assembly.**  
Hon. HARRISON GWINN,  
Of Yolo County.

**Atlantic Papers for sale at this OFFICE.** We have perfected such arrangements below, as will enable us to furnish Atlantic Papers within twenty-four hours after the arrival of each Steamer.

**ALFALFA OR CHILE CLOVER,**  
FOR SALE BY  
BAKER & HAMILTON.  
1-1f J street, bet. Front & 2d, Sacramento.

AGENTS.

T. A. TALBERT, No. 16, Read's Block, corner Third and J streets, Sacramento, is the authorized Agent to attend to business connected with this office.

THOMAS BOYCE, N. E. corner Washington and Montgomery streets, is our authorized Agent for San Francisco.

A. GRIFFITH, Cacheville. DR. FRED. MORSE, Fremont. A. P. McCARTY, Cottonwood, Buckeye. RANDAL & CO., Marysville, JOHN BOGGS, Colusa.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—We would call special attention to the following new Advertisements in to-day's NEWS. O. V. Chapman's Clothing Store, Sacramento; Wm. Faulkner & Son, Iron Railing Manufacturers, San Francisco; J. B. Painter, Type, Presses, &c., San Francisco; and the Shooting Match at this place.

THE RACES TO-DAY.—The Race between Dan Edson's b. m. Flying Jib and St. Louis' b. m. Pocahontas for \$500, will come off to-day over Barney's Race Course about two miles from this place, between 12 and 1 o'clock, we understand several other races will be run.

SPORTING.—Next Saturday there will be a Shooting Match for a Beef, Hogs, Turkeys, Chickens, &c. at this place, a good time is expected; see advertisement in another column.

BALL AT CACHEVILLE.—Don't forget the Ball to be given by Deatherage & Healy at Cacheville, next Thursday week, the 29th.

NEWSPAPERS.—We are indebted to J. W. Sullivan of San Francisco, for full files of Atlantic papers.

INVESTMENT IN U. S. FUNDS.—The coupons and interest on about seven-eighths of the debt of the United States are paid out of the sub-treasury at New York. Only about a third of the public debt is held in this country, the greater part of the remainder being held in Europe.

We learn from the Union, that the celebrated Southdown buck called the "World's Prize," which took the premium at the World's Fair, in London, came out on the Golden Age, and arrived here on Tuesday on the steamer Antelope. It is imported by John D. Stephens, of Yolo County, and weighs when in good order about four hundred pounds, but has lost considerable during the trip by confinement. He is four years old, and apparently the finest specimen of the Southdown breed ever imported into California.

"Where shall I put this paper, so as to be sure of seeing it to-morrow?" inquired Mary Jane of her brother Charles. "On the looking-glass," was the prompt reply.

KNIGHT'S LANDING PRICES CURRENT.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Corn Meal, Barley, Rice, Beans, Black and Green Tea, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Hams, Bacon, Clear Pork, Mear Pork, Lard, N. O. Sugar, Crushed Sugar, Pulverized Sugar, Dried Apples, Dried Peaches, Soap, Hill's, per bx, Candles, Tobacco, Nails.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that I shall make application to the Judge of the Probate Court on the 2nd Monday in January, that being the 1st day of the next regular term of said Court for an order to sell the real Estate of which E. C. Copp, died seized—

Notice is hereby given that there is funds in the County Treasury to redeem all county warrants drawn on the general fund of Yolo county and registered between the 1st day of February, and the 1st day of December 1859, which will cease to bear interest from and after this date.

WM. N. BROOKS, County Treasurer. County Treasurer's Office, Cacheville, Yolo county, December 5th, 1859.

Co-Partnership Notice. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the name and style of Gibson & Phillips at Knight's Landing, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and Jonathan Phillips is authorized to collect all debts due said firm.

NOTICE. ALL PERSONS indebted to the Old Firm of GIBSON & PHILLIPS, are respectfully requested to call and settle immediately, on account of the dissolution of Partnership.

AMUSEMENTS. RACES! On Saturday, December 17th, Between 12 and 1 o'clock, At BARNEY'S Race Course.

SOCIAL BALL! The pleasure of your company is respectfully solicited at a social ball to be given at the CACHEVILLE HOTEL, Deatherage & Healy, On Thursday Evening, Dec. 29, 1859.

BANKING HOUSES. D. O. MILLS & CO., BANKERS, Sacramento. DRAW EXCHANGE ON Geo. Peabody & Co., London. American Exchange Bank, New York. Bank of Commerce, Boston. State Savings Institution, St. Louis.

Exchange and Banking House. B. F. HASTINGS & CO., Bankers, Corner of Second and J streets, SACRAMENTO. Draw at sight or on time, in sums to suit, on Geo. Peabody & Co., London. Wm. Hoge & Co., New York. Farmers' & Mechanics' Bk., Philadelphia. Brown & Johnston, New Orleans. J. E. Thayer & Bro., Boston. John J. Anderson, St. Louis. And checks on San Francisco.

WHEELER & WILSON'S FIRST PREMIUM Family Sewing Machines! THESE MACHINES are the most simple of any made—the stitch is alike on both sides of the fabric sewed, and will not rip or ravel. The coarsest and finest fabrics are sewed with ease.

C. S. COFFIN, Importer, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Boots, Shoes, Leather & Shoe Findings. No. 85 J street, Sign of the Big Boot, Sacramento.

DRY GOODS, ETC.

PARIS IMPORTATIONS. GODCHAUX BROTHERS & CO. Are now receiving by every steamer, direct from Paris, selected by their Partner, JOSEPH GODCHAUX, Paris, a great variety of French Dress Goods, Embroideries, Genuine Valenciennes and Applique Sets, Lace and Silk Mantillas, Barege, Tissue and Organdie Flounced and Double-skirt Dress Patterns, French Flowers, Head Dresses. A great variety of

Straw Bonnets and Flats, Constantly on hand. Carpets and Home Furnishing Goods, Of every kind.

Small checked, flounced and plain Silks, are sold cheaper than they can be bought in any other House in California!

Sheeting, Shirting and Domestic Goods Of every kind, sold at New York Prices.

For Wholesale Trade, Where Interior Merchants can Purchase at San Francisco Prices.

Corner of Fifth and J streets, Sacramento, GODCHAUX BROS. & CO.

LOUIS ELKUS, (LATE H. W. STEIN & CO.) IMPORTER & DEALER IN GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHING And Furnishing Goods, No. 50 J street, bet. Second and Third, sts., Sacramento.

UPHOLSTERY, ETC. NOONEN & CO., 81 J St., between 3d and 4th, North side, Offer their Large and Extensive stock of Carpets, Paper Hangings, Oil CLOTHS AND UPHOLSTERY GOODS AT COST

Federicks & Krebs, IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS IN Paints, Oils, Glass, Varnishes, Brushes, Artist's Materials, Wall Paper, Gilt Mouldings, Window Shades, &c.

LOCKE & LAVENSON, Machine Sewing, Ceilings, Hose, Gun Sacks, Paper Hangings, Wall Paper, Tents, Awnings, And manufacturers of all kinds of MATTRESSES, No. 170 J st., bet. 6th and 7th, Sacramento.

BUTCHERING. Butcher Shop, KNIGHT'S LANDING. HAVING established ourselves in the above business at this place, we solicit the patronage of the citizens of this vicinity, and all others who may deem it proper to patronize us.

Cacheville BUTCHER SHOP. THE subscribers would inform their friends that they continue to serve their customers with Fresh Meat of the best quality, at their old stand in Cacheville.

NEW ESTABLISHMENT. HEILBRON & BRO., HAVING taken the late stand occupied by George Cooper in the Washington Market, J Street between 5th and 6th, Sacramento.

KOZMINSKY & BROTHER, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Havana Cigars, Tobacco, Etc., [Post Office Building.] Corner Fourth and K streets, Sacramento, AND NO. 1 CUSTOM-HOUSE BLOCK, SANSONE ST., Adjoining the American Theater, San Francisco.

HARDWARE, ETC.

KNIGHT'S LANDING General Blacksmithing and JOBBING Establishment. House, Mill and Mill-work Bolt making. Heavy work of every description: Reapers and Threshers Repaired, and all kinds of work of the above description done at moderate prices, with neatness and dispatch. Horses shod on the shortest notice.—Wagons Repaired.

FARMERS AND TEAMSTERS! Look to your Interest. Blacksmith and Wagon Shop.

Wagon & Coach Making. AT CACHEVILLE. B. O. FRANKLIN. HAVING recently fitted up and opened his shop, he is now prepared to do work promptly and neatly and at prices to suit the times.

TIN SHOP, Hardware Establishment. The undersigned begs leave to thank the public for past patronage, and desires to inform his patrons that he keeps at the old stand, in CACHEVILLE, a constant supply of Tin, Copper, Sheet Iron Ware, Stoves, Nails, Pumps, Lead Pipe, Axes, Seythes, Snaths, Hay Rakes, etc.

Plows! Plows! And other Agricultural Goods. Peoria Premium Steel Plows. Adams & Evans, Galena, Boston Clipper Steel Plows, extra Steel points.

UNION IRON & BRASS FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOP, Front street bet. N and O, Sacramento. Steam Engines and Boilers built to order; Castings and Machinery, of every description, Steamboat and Quartz Machinery constructed, fitted up or repaired.

W. M. STODDARD, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Hardware, Agricultural, and Mining Implements, Guns, Pistols, Powder, Shot, &c., 154 & 156 J st., South side, near Sixth, Sacramento.

LIVERY STABLES. LIVERY AND SALE STABLE, CACHEVILLE. THE undersigned takes this method of informing their friends and the public generally, that they have opened a SALE AND LIVERY STABLE, Sacramento street, between First and 2d, Where they are ready at all times both day and night, to accommodate those who may favor them with a call.

PACIFIC STABLE. SECOND STREET, BETWEEN K AND L, SAC. THE appointments of this establishment are the most complete of any in this city, having received a fine lot of new BUGGIES and CARRIAGES, and have added to our former stock some of the Most Superior Horses, Adapted to saddle or harness. Horses boarded and groomed by the day, week or month.

Club Sale and Livery Stable, FIRE-PROOF BUILDING, FOURTH STREET, BETWEEN I & J, SACRAMENTO. SADDLE and Carriage Horses, Carriages Buggies and Sulkies, among which will be found equipages, which for elegance and style cannot be surpassed in this or any other State.

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JEWELRY, ETC.

WACHHORST & DENVER, Manufacturers and Dealers in WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c., &c. Read's Block, No. 59 J street. SACRAMENTO. BY arrangements made while in Europe, with the most celebrated Manufacturers and Dealers, we are in receipt by each steamer, of

THE FINEST WATCHES, Made by the most celebrated manufacturers of England France and Geneva, Also, of the richest pattern, newest style, and most fashionable. JEWELRY, From the celebrated Emporiums of Paris.

Watches carefully Repaired and Warranted. Particular attention paid to this branch of Business. SILVER WARE!!! Having completed our arrangements with the most extensive Silver Ware Manufacturers in the East and Europe, we are receiving with each steamer invoices of the above goods, in the most minute variety, which we offer at Wholesale and Retail.

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISING. H. S. BEALS, Awarded Especial Premium for the Best Pictures of Children, At the late State Fair held at Sacramento.

Removal of Dietz' Patent Coal Oil Lamp Store. First Premium Awarded at the New York State Fair, in 1858. W. M. HADWICK, No. 121 J Street, between Fourth and Fifth, Sacramento, sole Agent for the above Unrivalled Lamps.

TO FARMERS. THE STEAM FLOUR MILL, At Knight's Landing, Will Positively Close for the Season, on the 20th of December. Those having GRAIN to GRIND, will please bring it in as soon as possible.

P. J. DEVINE & BRO., PREMIUM MARBLE WORKS, Sacramento. SCULPTURE, Busts, Statues, Monuments, Tombs and Grave Stones, Mantle-pieces, Table and Counter Tops, &c., &c., constantly on hand, or made to order at the shortest notice.

California Marble. Having Been Awarded the First Prizes at the Two Last State Fairs for Monumental work, we would respectfully call Particular Attention to our Specimens of California Marble, and Workmanship now on hand. It is the Best Marble ever found in the United States, and is not excelled in Europe, for general purposes.

Premium Pioneer Marble Works, No. 207 J street, Sacramento. A. AITKEN & CO. Sculpture and Ornamental Work done to order. HONEY! HONEY!! BEE-HIVES!! THE UNDERSIGNED HAS FOR SALE, AT HIS RESIDENCE, in Washington, Yolo county, Honey and Bee-hives.

FRESH GARDEN SEED! JUST received per express, a large assortment of FRESH GARDEN SEED, growth of 1859, of every variety, warranted true to name and pure. BAKER & HAMILTON, 1-tf J street, bet. Front & 2d, Sacramento.

E. P. FIGG, COMMISSION MERCHANT, Hazell Mills Flour Constantly on Hand, [FIRE PROOF BRICK BUILDING,] 56 J street, between Second and Third, Sacramento. Cash advances made on Consignments.

THE  
KNIGHT'S LANDING NEWS.

A Beautiful Poem.

At the recent celebration of the town of Hadley, Mass., the following note and poem from Dr. Holland were read:

SPRINGFIELD, June 7, 1859.

ERASTUS HOPKINS, Esq.—Dear Sir: You must know that the pulsation of the sheet of water at Hadley Falls shakes our doors and windows in the night. The effect of this pulsation is very peculiar upon some minds, and you will find below a record of its effects upon mine:

Heart of Hadley, slowly beating  
Under midnight's azure breast,  
Silence, thy strong pulse repeating,  
Wakes me, shakes me from my rest.  
Hark! a beggar at the basement!  
Listen! friends are at the door!  
There's a lover at the casement!  
There are feet upon the floor!  
But they knock with muffled hammers,  
They step softly like the rain,  
And repeat their gentle clammers  
Till I sleep, and dream again.  
Still the knocking at the basement!  
Still the rapping at the door!  
Tireless lover at the casement—  
Ceaseless feet upon the floor.  
Bolts are loosed by spectral fingers,  
Windows open through the gloom;  
And the lilacs and zeringas  
Breathe their perfume thro' the room.  
Mid the odorous pulsations  
Of the air around my bed,  
Through the ghostly generations  
Of the long forgotten dead!  
"Rise and write!" with voice united  
They command and I obey;  
And the message they indited  
I transmit to you to-day.  
"Children of the old plantation,  
Heirs of all we won and held,  
Give us grateful celebration—  
Us, the nameless ones of old.  
We were never squires and teachers,  
We were never wise and great;  
But we listened to our preachers,  
Worshipped God, and loved the State.  
Blood of ours is on the meadow,  
Dust of ours is in the soil;  
But no tablet casts a shadow  
Where we slumber from our toil.  
Unremembered, unrecorded,  
We are sleeping side by side;  
And to names is now awarded,  
That for which the nameless died.  
We were men of humble station;  
We were women pure and true;  
And we served our generation,  
Wrought and fought and lived for you.  
We were maidens! we were lovers!  
We were husbands! we were wives!  
But oblivion's mantle covers  
All the sweetness of our lives.  
Praise the men who ruled and led us;  
Carry garlands to their graves;  
But remember that your meadows  
Were not planted by their slaves.  
We were freemen; we were neighbors;  
Each the minister of all;  
And ye enter on our labors  
As on theirs whose names ye call.  
Children of the old plantation!  
Heirs of all we won and held:  
Greet us in your celebration;  
Us, the nameless ones of old!"  
This the message; and I send it,  
Faithful to their sweet behest!  
And my toast shall e'en attend it,  
To be read among the rest.  
"Fill to all the brave and blameless  
Who, forgotten, passed away!  
Drink the memory of the nameless,  
Only named in Heaven to-day!"  
J. K. HOLLAND.

The number of letters sent by the Overland Mail from San Francisco, last week, was 12,632, twice as many as sent by any previous mail. All were through letters save 185. The letters filled six bags, which filled the boot. The number of letters sent by the last steamer mail was only 19,000 and odd; a smaller letter mail than had been sent by steamer at any time within the last year.

"Jenny, what is the mean temperature of the summer weather in Ireland?" said a Yankee to an Irish girl, recently, "Manc, sir! There's nothing mane about ould Ireland, bad luck to ye, ye spalpeen, ye!"

An editor in North Carolina says he is so poor, that when two dimes meet in his pocket he introduces them, they are such strangers.

"My dear, what shall we have for dinner to-day?" "One of your smiles," replied the husband; "I can dine on that any day." "But I can't, said his wife." "Then take this," said he, giving her a kiss, and he departed for his office. He returned to dinner. "This steak is excellent," said he, "what did you pay for it?" "What you gave me this morning," said she. "You did," said he, then you shall have market money in the future."

An English writer of the 17th century has given a sketch of the character of a perfect lawyer. The concluding sentence of the eulogy is as follows:

"In a word, while he lives, he is the delight of the courts, the ornament of the Bar, the glory of his profession, the patron of innocence, the upholder of right, the scourge of oppression, the terror of deceit, and the oracle of his country; and when death calls him to the bar of Heaven by a *habeas corpus cum causis*, he finds the judge his advocate, non-suits the devil, obtains a *liberate* from all his infirmities, and continues still one of the long robe in glory."

"Oh, Jacob," said a master to his apprentice boy, "it is wonderful to see what a quantity you can eat." "Yes, master," replied the boy; "I have been practicing since I was a child."

A PICTURE.—This morning, as I rode through the country, I saw a young mother (her child her only companion) sitting, sewing at her cottage door. I was going to say it was quite an English scene, as if such a scene was not as universal as human life itself. A curly-headed urchin, just master of his plump, round legs, had, in its play, run to hide itself from its mother round the corner of the house. There it stood, both arms extended, flattening itself against the wall, in the bright sunshine, and laughing aloud at the idea of being out of sight. The pleased mother pretended not to have seen the fugitive, pretended not to hear the laugh which told her he was safe and close at hand. The child had hid itself only to be discovered. It was playing at being lost—say rather at being found. Soon the mother would give chase, and snatch the little captive in her arms. What a shower of kisses was in store—for both!

Oh, happy time for mother and for child. On other occasions, as I have passed by this cottage, the mother has been sitting at the open window, and the child amusing itself, as if alone, in the garden—absorbed with no mortal can say what—busy at some structure of strange device—dirt, sticks, straws mingled together for some architectural purpose, hidden from all eyes but its own. That cottage garden has often led back my thoughts to my own childhood, and my own early home.

I, who have so short a time to live, feel as old men feel. I find myself, for hours together, traveling through a retrospect of the past. I can now understand and forgive the garrulity of old age, which dwells forever on scenes of boyhood and of youth. Memory, and not hope, has become the star of life. Have patience with the old man: he must pause, and turn, and look behind: there lies for him the "happy valley" if anywhere on earth. When we have bid farewell to all our joys, there is yet another parting almost as sad—our farewell to the memory of them. What hosts of long-forgotten things rush from their hiding-places to look at me once more, and for the last time.

A CHILD WITH TWO HEADS.—SUCCESSFUL AMPUTATION OF ONE.—A correspondent of the North Andover (Me.) Advocate tells the following:

On the 18th of September last a child was born in Palmyra, having two heads. The names of the parents are John and Mary Ward. The first, a natural head, seemed as nearly perfect as that of an infant usually—the second, or unnatural head, was connected by a neck of the usual length and size, to the back or posterior part of the first one, a little above the point where the head and neck naturally join. Both heads were of about the same size, and facing opposite ways.—Hair grew perfectly natural on both scalps, but the second head was entirely wanting in features—there were a few small irregularities where the face or features should have been, appearing as if nature had attempted to form features, but without success. The health of the child seemed good, and it grew well until the 19th of the present month, (Oct.) when the unnatural head was successfully amputated at the neck by Dr. J. C. Manson, of Pittsfield. A dissection of this showed the skull to be composed of bone and cartilage; also what should have been bone in the neck proved to be cartilage. The head contained a substance almost perfectly resembling brain, but of less density. It has now been some five days since the operation, and the child is fast recovering.

A schoolmaster, who had an intolerable habit of talking to himself when alone, was asked by a neighbor what motive he could have in talking to himself? Jonathan replied that he had two good and substantial reasons: In the first place, he liked to talk to a sensible man; in the next place, he liked to hear a sensible man talk.

It is related of the French family of the Duke de Levis, that they have a picture in their chateau in which Noah is represented as going into the ark, and carrying under his arm a small trunk, on which is written, "Papers belonging to the Levis family."

First lady—"Queen Elizabeth had fourteen hundred dresses." Second lady—"Oh! the awful extravagant creature! One-half of them is full enough for any woman."

SONS OF MALTA.—On the last day of the Ohio State Fair, at Zanesville, the stock was led round the grounds for the benefit of the spectators. In the procession were eight large donkeys. While the donkeys were passing a place where the crowd was the thickest, a long, lank, old man, in green spectacles, arose on a stump and screamed: "This part of the procession, ladies and gentlemen, are Sons of Malta!" There was a violent laughter, though many regarded it as a bad joke.

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