THE DIVINE REVEALMENT.

The king from his council chamber came
Vain were the sport of hounds;
And called for Iliff, the painter,
And spoke to him thus, apart;
"I am sickened of hess ignoble,
Hypocrites,cowards, and knaves!
I shall shrink to their shrunken measure,
Chief slave in a realm of slaves.

"Paint me a trueman's picture
Gracious and wise and good,
Dowered with the strength of heroes,
And the beauty of womanhood.
It shall hang in my inmost chamber,
That, thither when I retire,
I may fill my soul with splendor,
And warm it with sacred fire."

So the artist painted the picture,
And hung it in the palace hall;
Never a thing of beauty
Had garnished the stately wall.
The king with head uncovered,
Gazed on it with rapt delight,
"I'll n ought's wore strange meaning.
And baffled his questioning sight!

For the form was his suppiest courtier's,
Perfect in every limb,
And the bearing was that of the henchman
Who filled the flagons for him.
The brow was a prelate's who pondered
His parchments early and late.
The eye was a wandering minstrel's
Who sang to the palace gate.

The lips, half sad and half mirthful,
With a fitting, tremulous grace,
Were the lips of a woman
He had seen in the market place,
But the smiles that their curves transfigured
Were the smiles that the painter had caught
In the sunny shimmer of dew.
Was the smile of the wife he loved him—
Queen Ethelyn, good and true.

Then, "Learn, O king," said the artist,
"This truth that the picture tells
How in every form of the human
Some hint of the higher dwells;
How scanning each living lineament
For the godlike with the life in him,
We may gather by beautiful glimpses
The form of the God within."

MISS EULALIE'S ELM TREE.

It was a magnificent work of nature, Miss Eulalie's elm tree; so tall and graceful, overhanging the street with its green leaves, yielding a charming shade to her little parlor, which gave it the air of a dim, cool recess in the woods on a summer's day. Miss Eulalie loved it and vowed, for her gray young ward, it would seem that she had little else to love. Her grandfather had planted it; it was a sort of heirloom. She had passed her youth beneath its boughs; her name was carved on its stem. She never looked at the tree without thinking of the child who had carved it there; of the still, moonlight nights they had spent together in its shadow. It gave her back and plenitude of shade, now, because it reminded her that he had loved her once; pain, that he loved her no longer. She could not have loved it at all, and she experienced a pang of mortified pride when she reflected that she had actually been vain enough to make the mistake. Year by year she watched the tender green of the elm chicken into dark masses of leaves, only by year she watched them fading and falling, like her own hopes and illusions; it was a poem to her, and yet, after all, it was only Miss Eulalie's elm tree by permission. The home of her ancestors had fallen into other hands; she had only returned to it by force of chance, as its owner. Mrs. Vaughn, one purchaser, had a daughter to be educated, and Miss Eulalie had taken the situation. When Mrs. Vaughn died she devised that Miss Eulalie should make a home with Isabel, be mother, sister and teacher, all in one, to that wayward young person, till she should marry—in short, stand in the gap. Miss Eulalie had been used to standing in gaps all her life; this was another one. And it was a home—her old home where she had dreamed dreams. When she walked at twilight beneath the elm tree its leaves seemed to whisper, "Just here he kissed you first," and "Here you said goodby." No wonder she loved the old tree!

"Dangerous thing," said Captain Valentine, tapping its trunk with his cane as he walked by. "Hollow-hearted as a jilt, Miss Eulalie."

"You are mistaken," she rejoined; "it is as sound as a nut."

"But it must come down," he added, as if his word were law.

"Never, while I live, Captain Valentine."

"You forget that I am a man of property; that I pay more taxes than any one in Littleford; that I can buy every tree in the place, and cut it down, if I choose."

"Then it is only from true good nature that you beg my consent to cut down this exquisite tree? Do you know if I have loved it from a child? My grandfather planted it."

"I know that Miss Isabel owns the whole estate, and I know that this bone of contention, this tree, obstructs the view from my windows, Miss Eulalie, which is next to the paint—that is, the boughs leap into the air so high and spread its branches so wide, that it blots out the view of the sea, "the open sea," and the ships that go up the long, green lawn to his new home, with its marble steps and broad balconies, which made its humble neighbor seem forlorn and shabby. Miss Eulalie looked at the imposing structure, at the parterres of brilliant flowers, at the fountain tossing its jets into the sunlight, the velvet terraces and lawn, and smiled. Why had Capt. Valentine chosen to build his palace so near her home? Why had he built at all at his time of life, with no family to inherit, and no wife to do its honors? How lonely he must be, she thought, in that ludicrous mansion, with nobody but the servants to speak with! Why had he never married? In the humility of her heart Miss Eulalie was dreaming that it was because she would not marry him. That had happened so many years ago, before he and Eulalie Andrews had sailed together "in the Water Witch. How angry he had been then! How jealous of Anson! How bitterly he had sworn that the world should never see him so weak! The heart's blood to recall the words—when she should regret her folly in dust and ashes! But, of course he had squandered all of that—the cravings of an untamed nature. He had been only second mate then, with little or nothing ahead in the world; now he was Capt. Valentine, with the world at his feet; the richest man in town perhaps.

"You might have been mistress up there, Miss Val," he had reminded her one day, pausing at her gateway after the house was done. "But you took your choice—you took your choice, and"—chuckling—"they tell us that beggars shouldn't be choosers."

From the very first Captain Valentine had raised a hue and cry about Miss Eulalie's elm tree; it almost seemed as if he had selected the site to tease her, as if he wished to strip her of everything she loved, since she declined to love himself.

"I have bought the most expensive spot in town," he said; "said squander of money, in order that I might open my eyes every morning on my beloved sea, and you refuse to sacrifice a tree for an old neighbor, a tree which will wither will drop of its own will presently."

"Captain Valentine," she said, "you have my word, once for all; the elm shall stand as long as I am mistress here. There need be no more words about it."

"No more words, but deeds!" he answered, and a wicked, angry light flamed in his eyes, such as she had seen there once before. The man had sold fire like iron.

But then the subject dropped, as she believed. He did not mention the tree again. "He has given it up," she thought; "he makes a great noise when he don't mean it, and then forgets all about it." But Miss Eulalie did not do the captain justice. One twilight, as she returned from a sick neighbor's it gave her a curious shock to see her pretty ward, Isabel Vaughn, talking merrily over the hedge which separated the grounds, to Capt. Valentine, who wore a rose in his button-hole.

"See, dear Miss Eulalie," she cried—"see what a basket of roses Capt. Valentine has brought us! And might I go up to the house to gather with Mrs. Van Buff to see Capt. Valentine's Corot?"

Miss Eulalie could hardly refuse—why should she?—and Isabel indulged in ecstacies with the mediæval furniture, the Persian draperies, the wonderful carved ivories, the carpets like woodland nooks, the tiger skins, and skins of ant-eaters and tawny lions.

"It is just heavenly," she said. "It makes home look sordid and mean. It makes me low-spirited to come back. Why did you let me go, Miss Eulalie?" And the elm tree does interfere with his view more or less, but what of that? He can gallop to the sea in half an hour. Such horses! I've always longed for a saddle horse. Capt. Valentine has promised to lend me a safe one."

And after a day he kept his word, and brought his horses round for Isabel to try, and fruits that are fairly inundated the small house; or perhaps he gathered the young people together and gave a fete in the trees, with lamps on the broad veranda hung with festoons of Chinese lanterns, and sometimes Miss Eulalie was obliged to chaperon Isabel, and sit a faded wallflower, in the house of her old suitor.

"I wonder why Capt. Valentine never married?" said Isabel, on one of these fetes.

"I wonder how it seems to be so everlasting rich; to have no worry about money; to—

"Isabel!" warned Miss Eulalie; "you care too much for money. There are better things."

"Mention one, please."

"Yes, I will think I am a sentimental old woman, but love is better a thousand fold."

"I don't know. Love is very nice, but you must go without everything else—without pretty gowns and jewels and splendor—give up the world."

"I am too young to choose. Pretty gowns, jewels and splendor lose their charm when you are used to them, but nothing ever palls on love."

But Miss Eulalie's words were wasted. "I love money," Isabel confessed, before clothes. I don't know about love."

In spite of all that had happened Miss Eulalie was quite unprepared when Isabel said to her: "I've something to tell you. I dare say you know it already, though; I am going to marry Captain Valentine, and we shall suppose to sapphires, and go abroad, and never have to count my change again. Congratulate me."

"You are joking," cried Miss Eulalie.

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"To know better."

"Do you love him, Isabel?"

"I like him well enough. I owe his money."

"Isabel, don't do it. You will sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. I implore you, for your own sake, not marrying him! It is too preposterous, too mercenary." Why, he was only a lover of my own," pursued Miss Eulalie, forgetting herself.

"Why didn't you marry him, and save me the trouble?" asked Isabel. "He's perhaps he was poor then?"

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"I don't mind telling you now, Isabel. I had another lover—Anson Andrews. I've never gotten over it. There has never been words and months when I've tried with all my soul to forget him—to unlove him. He and Captain Valentine sailed together in the "Water Witch," when Captain Valentine returned he brought me all the trinkets and letters I had sent Anson Andrews; but never a word."

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Captain Valentine and Isabel were married in the little parlor of the old house, shaded by the old elm tree, which made pretty shadows on the wall and wall. It was a most informal affair, and when it was all over and the clergyman had pocketed his fee, and the bride was ready for her traveling hat, Miss Eulalie stepped into the garden to draw a long breath. What were the workingmen doing there at that hour?

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"Miss Eulalie," said Isabel, when Eulalie had folded the letter with trembling fingers, "there's been a great wrong done. Mr. Billings and I mean to right it. We mean to send word to Anson Andrews; we are going to tell him what an angel you are. We have talked it all over. And about this money—I couldn't make up my mind to touch a cent of it if I were starving. I shall found a hospital with it. Mr. Billings is to help me. We have talked it all over; I don't care for splendor any longer. I have found out, Miss Eulalie, that love is best."

Love and Idolatry.

"Is the hymeneal-happenings editor in?"

A very pretty young lady stood in the doorway and glanced in with appealing way at the occupants of the room.

"Hymeneal means something about getting married, doesn't it?" said the fairer portion of the editorial force.

"Yes, sir," replied the young lady, "that I don't want to marry."

"Oh, I know you don't," said the friend of the editor. "Girls never do. They spend most of their time trying to escape from the dreadful abyss of matrimony while the married young men are endeavoring to plunge them."

"The object of my visit," said the young lady, "is to see somebody who can spell the word queen, and it occurred to me that perhaps the gentleman for whom I asked might be the person having such matters in charge. I have met with a sad disappointment, and have written this poem in commemoration of the event."

"I'm sorry he got away," said the horse reporter, "but perhaps you were lucky to lose him. There isn't anything in this poem about the brown leaves of October resting lightly on the hills, is there, or the deep green of the pines being reflected against the turquoise blue of an autumn sky? Because if there is we can't take it. There is more frontmantle-of-October poetry stowed away in the room of this office than we have use in a year. If you've got anything about the white messengers of Heaven drifting silently down through the crisp air, or the golden outline of the leafless oaks standing haggard against an unpitying sky, we might do business with you. But the end of November poetry is rather light this season. If you could ring in something about a boatblack dying on the steps of a young lady's residence in June, while inside the house the wassail bowl was going round, it would be a daisy."

"I'm afraid it won't do. I hardly meet the requirements you suggest," said the young lady, "because the theme is a sad one, and the treatment is naturally unsophisticated, and go abroad, and never have to count my change again. Congratulate me."

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BY A LITTLE CHILD.

$80,000 Church Built With $4.21.
Philadelphia Press.

The dedication Sunday morning of the Memorial Presbyterian church, on the southwest corner of Montgomery avenue and Bouvier street, was an event of more than usual interest, for it recalled to mind the touching origin of the structure. Some years ago, when its pastor, the Rev. S. A. Mutchmore, D. D., was laboring at the Cohocksink Presbyterian church, a little girl presented herself, accompanied by her mother, and asked to be received as a member. She was but 7 years of age, and the session, deeming it too young to receive as member, replied: "Don't you think you had better wait awhile?" To this the child answered: "The pastor said last Sunday the Lord's supper was for those who love and obey him, and I am sure I love Him, and I am trying to obey." Being asked if she had been attending church regularly, she replied: "Mamma and I come at night. We are poor and our clothes are not good enough to come in daytime. The session received the little applicant. She was a delicate child, and in September of the same year the Rev. Dr. Mutchmore was summoned to her bedside. She was dying. He talked and prayed with her, and at the parting drops at which she received the sacrament she handed the pastor all the change in her brief life—$4.21. The money in various denominations she placed in a box that had contained one of the prescriptions she had been taking. "I want you," said the dying child, in a feeble tone, "to build a church for poor people like us." Under pious circumstances such a request admitted of no denial. The little sufferer died shortly afterward. That was ten years ago. The child's legacy was divided into five pieces, comprising every piece of money from a penny up to a dollar note. With the $4.21 the Rev. Dr. Mutchmore began his work, and on the first Sunday in October resting lightly on the hills, is there, or the deep green of the pines being reflected against the turquoise blue of an autumn sky? Because if there is we can't take it. There is more frontmantle-of-October poetry stowed away in the room of this office than we have use in a year. If you've got anything about the white messengers of Heaven drifting silently down through the crisp air, or the golden outline of the leafless oaks standing haggard against an unpitying sky, we might do business with you. But the end of November poetry is rather light this season. If you could ring in something about a boatblack dying on the steps of a young lady's residence in June, while inside the house the wassail bowl was going round, it would be a daisy."

Marvels of the Human Body.

While the gastric juice has a mild, bland, sweetish taste, it possesses the power of dissolving the flesh of that can be swallowed. It has no influence whatever on the soft and delicate fibers of the living stomach, for upon the living hand, for at the moment of death it begins to eat them away with the power of the strongest acids.

There is dust on sea, on land, in the valley and on the mountain-top; there is dust always and everywhere. The atmosphere is full of it, for the ponderous dungeon and visits the deepest, darkest caves of the earth; no palace or cave can shut it out. Nature is correct as to escape its presence; every breath of wind dashes it upon the open eye; yet that eye is not blinded, because under the eyelid there is a constantly emptying itself a fountain of the blandest fluid in nature, which spreads itself over the surface of the eye in the act of winking and washes every atom of dust carefully away. This liquid, so mild and well adapted to the eye itself has something else to do, and that is to destroy, certain circumstances become so decided as to be scalding to the skin and would rot away the delicate coat of the eye, but for the immediate death from suffocation, while it it hovered about us more or less destructive influence over the human life would be occasioned. But it is made of a nature so much lighter than the common air that the instant it escapes the lips and nostrils it ascends to the higher regions above the breathing-point, there to be rectified, renovated, and sent back again, replete with purity and life.

How rapidly it ascends is being fully exhibited every frosty morning.

But, foul and deadly as the expired air is, nature, such wonderful is all works and ways, turns it to good account its outward passage through the organs of the voice, making it the ministers of love, the soft words of affection, the tender tones of human sympathy, the sweetest strains of ravishing melody, the persuasive eloquence of the orator, the parson.

If a well-made man be extended on the ground, his arms extended at right angles with the body, a circle making the navel its center will just touch in the head, the finger-ends and the feet. The distance from top to toe is just the same as that between the tips of the finger when the arm is extended. The length of the body is just six times that of the foot, while the distance from the edge of the hair on the forehead to the edge of the chin is one tenth the length of the whole statue.

Of the about two primary elements known in nature, only eighteen are known in the human body, and of these seven are metallic. Iron is found in the blood, phosphorus in the brain, lime-stone in the bile, lime in the bones, and dust and ashes in all. Not only these eighteen human elements, but the whole sixty-two of which the universe is made, have their essential basis in the four substances of oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and carbon, permeating the more familiar names of fire, water, saltpetre and charcoal.

What such is man—the lord of earth—a spark of fire, a drop of water, a grain of powder, an atom of charcoal.

Unexport Exports.

From the Boston Herald.

A Boston bank sent a quantity of gold to the sub-treasury a few days ago, and, on the following morning, a curiously-addressed letter was found had been discovered in the lot was returned to the bank with the information that it was unexportable. The clerk who had received the coin was apprised of his error, with an accompanying warning to be more careful in the future. Receiving this reflection upon his ability, and believing that the piece was genuine, he took it to a number of expert counters, who, after looking it over, all unhesitatingly pronounced it valueless. Still the clerk's faith in the purity of the coin remained unshaken. He took it to a jewelry manufacturer were next called in, and the piece cut in two. These were subjected to the severest tests, all of which showed the metal to be of standard quality. The clerk, highly elated with this proof of the soundness of his judgment, called at the sub-treasury, and, much to the surprise of the experts there, detailed his experience with the jeweler. The peculiar color of the coin was said to have been caused by heat, to which it had been at some time subjected.

Temper

Temper imprints its mark upon the countenance and speedily reveals the character of the disposition that lurks behind it. Being a growing and vigorous power, it gradually overcomes every obstacle which stands in the way of its observation. It wrinkles the brow, lowers the eyebrows, bends the curve of the mouth, and pouts the lips whenever it is of a disagreeable and selfish nature. Cultivate beauty of the soul, for the course of feeling engendered by a kind and generous character will always give the full development animation to all the features.

KAHOKA, Mo., Feb. 9, 1880.

I purchased five bottles of your Hop Bitters of Bishop & Co. last fall, for my daughter and am well pleased with the Hop Bitters. They did her more good than all the medicine she had taken for six years.

WM. T. McCLURE.

The above is from a very reliable farmer, whose daughter was in poor health for seven or eight years, and could obtain no relief until she used Hop Bitters. She is now in as good health as any person in the county. We have large sale, and they are making remarkable cures.

W. H. BISHOP & CO.

"Does our talk disturb you?" said one of a company of talkative ladies to an old gentleman sitting in a railway station the other afternoon. "No ma'am," was the naive reply, "I've been married nigh on to forty years."

London is now suffering from a severe visitation of scarlet fever.

A MINISTER'S ESCAPE.

From the Asylum to the Bosom of His Home—How it was Done.

A prominent minister residing at the east has just made the following statement, which is herewith reprinted entire:

To the Editor of the Herald.

I have always shrunk from appearing prominently before the public, but a sense of the duty I owe humanity and the world prompts me to ask this opportunity for making a brief statement in your paper.

Whether it be true with others I cannot say, but during my early life I have frequently been conscious that something was slowly and silently working to undermine my health and life. What it was I could not tell, but that some enemy of my being was devouring me within I was certain. At times I would seem comparatively well and then I would be attacked with the most distressing symptoms. I would feel peculiar pains in various parts of my body, my head would seem heavy; my respiration labored; my appetite would be ravenous one day and I would loathe food the next day following. Then again I would lose all interest in life; would feel weary without exertion; would become despondent, gloomy and restless by turns. Occasionally my breathing would be labored and my heart almost motionless, while at other times it would palpitate violently. I thought these troubles were the result of malaria, and I treated them accordingly, but I got no better. Scarcely anything that my stomach came deranged, my food failed to digest, and the fluids I passed were of a peculiar odor and color. And yet I did not realize that these things were anything serious. Finally I consulted a number of eminent physicians, each one of whom gave a different view of the cause of my troubles. One said I was suffering from brain disease; another spinal difficulty; others heart affection, kidney disease, etc. My symptoms were terrible, and in the hope of relief I was cauterised, blistered, leeched and subjected to almost every known form of treatment. During one of these attacks while at Red Bank, N. J., a physician was called, and with a pronounced opinion. After he had left I requested a friend to go and ask him what he thought of my trouble. The reply was: "Oh, he will be dead in a few days; it is only an attack of delirium tremens." He was at once informed that this was impossible, as I had never tasted a drop of intoxicating drink, whereupon he returned, made inquiries, and changed his prescription. But all to no purpose, and subsequently I availed nothing. I grew worse constantly, and what is most terrible to think of, I did not know what ailed me, nor could I find any one who did.

During the summer and fall of last year my pulse ranged from 120 to 130 per minute. I had no relish for food, and was indeed a most pitiable object. I continued in this state until last December, when I became unconscious and lost my reason. I had two physicians present in whom myself and friends placed implicit confidence. In this condition I was taken to Battle Creek, Mich., for the purpose of being placed in an insane asylum. I remained there until last March, being attended all the while by my faithful wife, for I never left me, and I believe that some disease and not insanity was the cause of all my trouble. I regained consciousness in March last and insisted upon being taken home. The physician advised that I remain, but I insisted upon leaving, and we began the journey, traveling slowly. I was met at the depot by a friend whom I recognized, and then I became again unconscious and remained so for over a week. When I once more recognized my friend and knew my surroundings I determined to try, as a last resort, a treatment of which I had heard much, but of the merits of which I knew myself nor friends had much faith that it or anything could help me, but we resolved to try. Accordingly I dismissed the physicians, gave up all other remedies, and I rejoice to say that with the blessing of Him who rules the universe, by the use of this remedy which I used.

You can well imagine how grateful I must feel under the circumstances, and, I trust, I exercise a proper spirit of gratitude when I say that I am now as well as ever I was, and enjoy better health now lie within the walls of an asylum or in my grave. The great trouble with my case was that my physicians did not know what I was afflicted with, and I am positive that thousands of people in America to-day are in the same or a similar condition, and do not know the cause. Kidney troubles are the most deceptive of all diseases. They have no symptoms of their own, but often assume the symptoms of nearly every known complaint. I know that people are dying every day from supposed consumption, spinal disease, heart disease, spinal complaint, and many other diseases, when, could the real cause be known, it would be found to originate in the kidneys. In their advanced stages these troubles are the most terrible of all known maladies, as my own experience can carefully verify. That fatal Bright's disease of the kidneys there can be no doubt. That the symptoms were those of many other diseases is equally certain, and that I was doomed to a terrible death had I not been saved as I was, I am positive. The following letters just received, confirm this:

VERMONT ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE,
BRATTLEBORO, Vermont,
Oct. 30, 1882.

Rev. E. D. Hopkins:

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 21st inst. received. We congratulate you not only upon the continuance of your health, but also upon its apparent continual improvement. Few persons, I think, have passed through so exhausting a state of sickness as you and rallied from it. Certainly I cannot recall one who came to us in so critical, and for days so doubtful a condition, and who survived and recovered from it; for, I think, you may say that you were within a hair's breadth of a longer on the convalescent list. Hoping for the continuance of your present health, with the best wishes from all here, I am, yours truly,

J. DRAPER.

OCEANIC, N. J., Jan. 4, 1882.

MY DEAR FRIEND: Replying to your letter I would say, I have been acquainted with my highly valued friend, the Rev. S. D. Hopkins about seven months, and very intimately acquainted for about six months past. For a little more than five months he was an inmate of my house, and we enjoyed constant intercourse with each other. When he came in April last he was almost a perfect wreck in point of health. I thought he had come to us but to die. Soon afterwards he began the use of some of H. H. Warner & Co.'s remedies, namely: the Safe Kidney and Liver cure, Safe Nervine and Safe Pills. From almost the time he began their use his improvement was very marked and wonderful, and when he left us, after having taken some two dozen bottles, he was like a new man. The change was the most remarkable I ever witnessed.

SAUEL MILLER,
(Pastor of the Presbyterian Church.)

In view, therefore, of these facts and with a hope that all who read this may take timely warning, I make this open statement freely and for the good of my fellow men.

Sincerely,
(Rev.) E. D. HOPKINS,
East Richford, Vt., Nov. 7, 1882.

LEISURE MOMENTS.

The worst of collisions—Running into debt.

Large fat women often go about with the least bustle.

Three people can keep a secret when two of them are dead.

Lightning never strikes twice in one place. It isn't necessary.

A man is not necessarily a Southerner because he has a Mobile face.

Seeding potato is only half done.—Then eat the done half, love.

When a baseball nine gets a goose-egg, it is laid to a fellow by them!

Why would coal dealers make good lawyers? Because they know all about coke and little tax.

Sleep may "knit up the ravelled sleeve of care," but it won't darn the torn stocking of poverty.

Tombstone, Arizona, is growing so rapidly that they soon expect to be big enough to change its name to Mauso, leum.

A suit has been brought against a Michigan man for enticing his mother-in-law away from her home to live with him.

In a slander suit in Oregon the court held that "an honest man is a man who won't steal firewood on a cold night."

The pensive mule is not usually regarded as susceptible to pathetic emotions. And yet he occasionally drops a tear-jacket.

When a Hindoo swears, he takes hold of the tail of a cow. In this country when a man takes hold of the tail of a cow, he swears.

The poet who asserts that life is but a dream was never called in to help move the cook-stove, or get a barrel of cider down cellar.

A college freshman says that next to "Fools without Straw," there is no book in the world for a Saturday evening like "Work without Pay."

"Meissonier is said to paint very slowly." It might be inferred that Meissonier is a house painter, and works by the day, like the rest of the crew.

In a German village, the following official notice was posted: "Those who catch fire by sparks must first kill them. Those who burn them must pay for the ham as well."

At a recent concert in London the fog was so thick that the musicians were invisible to the audience, and the cornets and trombones had to be replaced by the wind.

An enterprising Bengalee gentleman, in the prospectus of a new Anglo-Native journal, announces that his paper will be "devoted to the Queen, to the Crown, and to the Constitution."

It is the little things that fret and worry us. A three-year-old boy may keep a man perfectly happy, while no such trials would accompany the presence of his eighteen-year-old sister.

An eccentric farmer writes to an agricultural paper that he believes the sweetened pumpkin will give fine color to horses. And it must follow that bald pumpkin pies will make a pie-bald horse.

The Little Rock papers mitigate the crime of a man's committing suicide there by saying it was his first offence. Very likely he had not been long in the country, or he would have made the attempt sooner.

Gus De Brown, who has prolonged his call considerably after 10.45 P. M.: "So you don't admire men of conservative views like myself, Miss Angel?" Miss A., with vivacity: "No indeed, I prefer people who have some go in them." DeB reaches for his hat.

In a Canadian village, a jury of twelve solid men failed to agree in a case who were called to judge the facts of a case wherein a murder had probably been done, and the force was with the conclusion "Died by the visitation of God under suspicious circumstances."

How we always loathed that instructor of youth who told us, in the face of our better judgment, that if feathers and lead weighed as heavy as a pound of lead! How we always longed to get his bald head under a fourth story window and experiment with it with both!

An old Connecticut statute reads: "A wife shall be good evidence against her husband." In what way or for what she was good evidence does not appear, but an old bachelor judge ruled that it meant that a married man was to be condemned on general principles.

The last new thing in perfumes is the "cologne-water" bath. Pinaphor is positive that its principal ingredient is coal oil, because her husband always smells of gas when he comes home from a torch light procession—a sort of "night blooming serious" business for a married man, she thinks.

A New England paper relates that a young infant having been presented with a handsome basket bearing the words "Welcome Little Stranger," in green and yellow grass, the parents objected against the form of the salutation, contending that "for sure that was wrong, for the baby is not a stranger, it's part and parcel of us."

Capacity of the Chicago stockings—"Papa," said a gushing young damsel of Chicago, "I want you to give me a pair of stockings for Christmas." "Papa" mused and muff, a pair of diamond ear-rings, that beautiful writing desk we were looking at the other day, and a check for some three or four hundred dollars, I suppose?" "Oh, no, papa!" and the dear thing's eyes danced in glowing anticipation, while her feet beat a tatto on the velvet carpet that set his nerves a-jingling like a Broadway horse car. "I want you to give me a pair of stockings, stuffed under the eaves." Ah, my dear child," replied the proud father, as he gazed at his daughter with a tender, fond look, "stockings stuffed with good-looking greenbacks and pork look," indeed I will. Just hang your stocking up in the back yard, and I will fill it for you, darling, if I have to check in a house and lot."

Solid men admire the beautiful, and this accounts in some measure for the thousands upon thousands of bottles of Carboline, the delightful petroleum hair restorer and dressing, which have been sold yearly since its invention by R. Hovenden & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa.

Grief knits two hearts in closer bonds than happiness ever can, as common sufferings are far stronger links than common joys.

Rescued from Death.

William J. Coughlin, of Leominster, Mass., says: "In the fall of 1876 I was taken with BLEEDING OF THE LUNGS, followed by a severe cough. I lost in weight and flesh, and was confined to my bed. In 1877 I was admitted to the hospital, but remained only a few days, my lung as big as a half dollar. At one time a council of doctors said that I was past hope, but a friend told me of DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I got a bottle, and before I had taken it commenced to feel better, and to-day I feel better than for years.

I write this hoping that everyone afflicted with consumption will make use of DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM, and be convinced that CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED. I can positively say it has done more good than all the other medicines I have taken since my sickness.

Misfortunes are moral bitters which often restore the healthy tone of the mind after it has been cloyed and sickened by the sweets of prosperity.

Patrons looking for Holiday Goods will do well to send for David C. Cook's Catalogue of Goods. He is in his 43d year with a large store stock than ever, and from his prices we should judge, the cheapest house ever known before he purchased. See adv. in other column.

Tiresting for the golden fountain of the ja-bir from how many streams have we tarried away weary and thirsty.

An Entire Success.

It has been proved by the most reliable testimony that THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL is an entire success in curing the most inveterate cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back, and wounds of every description.

St. Augustin described the nature of God as a circle whose center was everywhere, and its circumference nowhere.

Time Tries All.

So it does, and in cases of dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, biliousness, and liver complaints, biliousness, etc., BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS have been proved by many a trial to be a reliable cure. Price $1.00.

God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please—you can never have both.

Fell Down.

Mr. Albert Anderson, York street, Buffalo, fell down stairs and severely bruised his knee. A few applications of DR. THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL entirely cured him.

To believe your own thought, to believe that what is true for you in your private heart is true for all men—that is genius.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

always becomes the favorite remedy of those who try it. It is a specific for all female "weaknesses" and derangements, bringing strength to the limbs and back, and color to the face. Of all druggists.

Tell your children that they are the worst ever saw, and they will, no doubt, grow up in the way they should not go.

Being entirely vegetable, no particular care is required while using Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets." They operate without disturbance to the constitution, diet, or occupation. For sick headache, constipation, impure blood, dizziness, sour eructations from the stomach, bad breath, bilious attacks, pain in region of kidney, internal fever, bloated feeling, and kindred symptoms of blood in head, take Dr. Pierce's "pellets." By druggists.

It is your purpose in life to make your face your fortune you must look well to it or it will turn out to be your misfortune.

A CREDIT TO THE CITY.

There is no institution that should interest our business men more than the Business College. For this is where they must look for their future bookkeeper, chief clerks, bank cashiers, and the like. The Grand Rapids young man may start with good natural ability, much depends on the institution where he graduates. The Grand Rapids Business College is a credit to the city, for there is not a better managed school in the country, and any young man intending to take a business course need look no further than the Grand Rapids Business College. Any information desired will be cheerfully furnished by addressing C. A. GAYNOR, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Self love is at once the most delicate and the most tenacious of our sentiments; a mere nothing will wound it, but nothing on earth will kill it.

MARRY RICH.

If this is very good advice, girls, if you get a rich husband, you will be happy. But to procure a perish, nervous, dyspeptic fellow you are certainly in hard luck, for what good is he except to wear your life out with his grumblings and his complaints? Avoid all such. Any fool can be sound stomach, plenty of blood in his veins, a smile on his face, and a pleasant word for all. We would take him if he hadn't a dollar were we looking for a husband just now. Health is better than riches, you may depend. However, if you have the ill-luck to own an invalid husband make the most of it. We can suggest to a loss of appetite, take Dr. Bull's Sarsaparilla Blood B