ANGELICA.

Pale is my Love, as fair,
I shudder with the cold
Of what light the world would give
Could she go loose.

Sweet is my Love, so sweet,
The leaves that fold on fold,
Breathe up the edges of the rose,
Less sweetness hold.

True is my Love, so true,
Her heart is mine alone,
The music of its rhythmic beat
Throbs through my own.

Dear is my Love, so dear,
If I but lift her name
My eyes with tears of rapture swim,
My cheek is flame.

Space her, Immortals, space,
Till all our days are done,
Your heaven is full of angels' forms,
Mine holds but one.

A MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER.

For the Companion.

An English gentleman of wide culture and observation remarked that "snubbery" seemed to him more common among young girls of this country than in any other class, here or abroad. American boys, on the contrary, he thought were wonderfully free from this fault, being much more frank and unassuming in manner than their British cousins.

This statement was entirely unprejudiced, and was not the result of a desire to find fault or to pick flaws. As an example of this tendency, the gentleman gave the following interesting incident:

"I was spending a few weeks in Newport," he said, "and had made many friends among the boys and girls. The boys with their *superabundant* vitality their interest in all that was going on about them, their courage, their frankness in their games, their freedom from affectation, impressed me greatly.

"But the sisters of some of these boys seemed to have been reared under entirely different influences. Of course, this was not the case with all the girls. Here and there could be found those as direct and unaffected as their brothers. They were neither vain, haughty, self-conscious, nor proud of their clothes or of the wealth and social position of their parents. But I was much pained and pazzled with the boys, these instances were rare.

"One day I was invited by some of my favorites to a garden-party, chiefly composed of boys and girls of from twelve to sixteen years old. I was chosen as one of the committee of the entertainment, and therefore had a very good opportunity to indulge in my favorite study of character.

A few of the girls were dressed very simply. They were sweet and girlish and unobtrusive, and free from any of the artifices of precocious young ladyhood.

"But simplicity of dress was not general with the girls who were present. The toilets of some of these children would have been quite suitable for Her Majesty Queen Victoria's drawing-room or a full-dress reception, worn by young ladies in society. It certainly was very unsuitable for girls of this age at this or any other party.

"There was considerable excitement and speculation among the girls in regard to an expected guest, a girl of fifteen, the daughter of one of the wealthiest and most popular families in the country. She was known only to the hostess. Each new guest, if a girl, was scanned with the greatest interest, and I found myself unconsciously watching for the appearance with curiosity as much eagerness as was exhibited by my young companions.

"Hoisting upon her high social position, I thought how beautiful it would be if this child were so endowed and so trained as to be an example to her companions,—if she were sweet-natured and helpful and straightforward, considerate of her inferiors, unspoiled by dress or flattery. I thought of her ability of all these virtues, so hard to find united even in adult life, and called myself an old fool for even imagining that so young a girl could possess such qualities.

"You all seem so anxious to meet this young lady," I said to one of the girls who had repeatedly asked me if I had been informed of her arrival, 'that I am also quite curious to see her. Is she particularly intelligent, or pretty, or graceful, or agreeable? I infer that she must be extraordinary in some respects.

"'Why, Mr. Deane!' my companion replied, with an exceedingly disagreable giggle, 'how very funny you are! Why, Mabel Toreaux is the daughter of Mr Eugene Toreaux.'

"'Well, what of that?' I insisted. 'If she has not some personal qualities that make her acquaintance desirable, that fact is not worth much.'

"'It's worth a great deal in Newport,' my young friend replied, with a slight sneer.

"'Then you don't know anything concerning Miss Mabel Toreaux?' I asked.

"'I don't know a single thing,' was the response. 'But I suppose she is very aristocratic.'

"'What is that?' I inquired.

"'Why—why, proud—reserved—and exclusive, of course. I think it is too bad of you to be always teasing me! As if you didn't know what aristocratic means!' my companion responded.

"'Now, Miss Julia,' I said, 'the true and literal meaning of aristocrat is the best man, the best person; best in good will, good judgment, good character. The word aristocrat originally was used to denote a person of superior parts and intellect, not a person of wealth, or having social position that was obtained by means of money. Now, can you tell you whether this very much expected young lady is aristocratic or not,' I added.

"'Well, will you tell me?' Miss Julia asked, her face expressing all the contempt she felt of what she considered my eccentric ignorance.

"'Yes,' I said, 'if I have an opportunity, I will certainly tell you.'

"'I don't suppose you remember me an aristocrat, Mr. Deane?' the girl remarked, in her most supercilious manner.

"I replied, laughingly, that we would consider that question some other time. I wanted, however, to tell her that a personal application of a remark of this kind was certainly antagonistic to the spirit of aristocracy; but I wisely refrained, and Miss Julia and I separated for a time.

"My duties as manager took me to all parts of the beautiful grounds, and everywhere I heard expressions of disappointment because the millionaire's daughter had not made one of the party. 'I think it is too bad,' one girl said, 'she'll come,' I wonder what she will wear.' She has just got back from Europe; I should laugh if she wouldn't dress style at all!' were some of the remarks I heard as I passed along.

"During the afternoon there was some excitement caused by an accident that had happened to the head waiter's little boy. The child's mother had come to assist her husband in the duties in connection with the party, and had been compelled to bring the child with her. The little fellow was a very precocious black baby about four years old. He had climbed upon a table, helped himself to a cut-glass pitcher, and in playing with it it had fallen. As the ground. The pitcher was broken, and the child had fallen on it in such a way that a deep gash was cut in his arm.

"Forcing myself through the crowd I came upon a strange scene. A young girl dressed in pure white, her fair hair simply braided in her back, sat on the ground with the black baby in her lap. She had bound a handkerchief tightly around the upper part of the arm, and was pressing together the hidoous wound till a doctor could be brought. She had happened, as I afterwards learned, to be the one nearest the child when the accident occurred.

"'Some one had brought towels to protect her dress, and there she sat, her lips tightly pressed together, and an expression of eager sympathy on her sweet young face. Whoever she was, she had evidently been taught coolness and helpfulness in emergencies, for she never faltered nor relaxed her hold.

"The baby, possibly faint from the loss of blood, was as still as death itself.

"'Who is this girl, I asked myself, who knows just what to do in a case of this kind, and has courage and humanity enough to do it unto the very least of one of these?'

"'Who is that girl?' 'Why don't the child's mother take care of it?' 'The idea of nursing a black baby in that fashion!' 'I think that's poor taste.' 'Perhaps she is one of the servants, were a few of the whispered remarks I heard made by some of the so-called aristocratic young ladies at my side.

"'Oh, that's too bad!' 'Poor little piccaninny!' 'By George, that girls a brick!' 'I'd like to know who she is!' and that job. The very sight of that blood would send her into spasms.' 'Say, fellows, isn't she pretty enough?' were some of the remarks I heard made by the boys who were in the crowd. There were a few gentlemen present who did not appreciate and rate at its proper value the courage, and unselfish, active sympathy of this unfinching young girl; and they made the essential difference between American boys and girls as a rule.

"The doctor came at last, and the little patient was transferred to his care.

"I saw a look of interest in the gentleman's face as he glanced at the brave girl, and then the hostess said, 'Doctor, this is Miss Mabel Toreaux,' mentioning the name of the young lady who had been so long and anxiously expected.

"'You have done just what was best to do for the child, Miss Mabel,' the doctor said, 'and I really think you should study surgery.'

"'Thank you, she replied, simply and politely. 'Then you think it is not very dangerous?' she asked.

"'Oh, I think not,' the doctor replied, 'we will soon have this all right.'

"'I am very glad,' was the quiet response, and then turning to the child's mother, who was weeping piteously, she said:

"'Now you mustn't cry any more. The doctor says the baby is not seriously hurt, and of course he knows. If you cry, you can't take care of the child, know, and be of help to the doctor.'

"'No, no, I won't cry any more,' she said, with a sob; 'but I have been very good to my baby, and I think cut with all my heart,' said the mother, and Miss Mabel was borne away to wash her hands and dress her wound.

"'Well, I never did in all my life!' This was Miss Julia's exclamation.

"'Isn't she glad,' was the other circle.

"'Never did what?' I asked.

"'Why, that girl—all covered with that black baby's—ugh! It makes me faint to think of it—even if it was Mabel Toreaux!'

"'And an aristocrat,' I replied, of the purest type. I promise to tell you, you remember, Miss Julia.'

"'I don't see where the aristocrat comes in, in all this,' a fair here,' the girl answered, in her most scornful and defiant fashion.

"'In coolness, and courage, and intelligence,' I replied, 'and in the noblesse oblige, which is the watchword of all true aristocracy.'" ELEANOR KIRK.

The Cocoa Palm.

Jamaica exports annually 6,000,000 cocoanuts, of the value of $100,000. These nuts are chiefly exported in a green state and are used in the United States for making desiccated cocoanut and various conserves. At the factories the husk is stripped off, the position there are shown the nut in all stages, from those just forming to the mature nut. There are also shown the nuts just sprouting, and the young plant up to cocoanut palms several feet high. The fiber of the husk is exhibited in the raw state and in the form manufactured by hats, brushes, ropes, etc. The fiber of the nut as shown dried as "Copra," made into cocoanut oil, is used in pomade or cocoanut cake, and lastly the desiccated and preserved state, as used in the United States. The small cocoanut shells are shown made into ornamental cups. The timber is shown in the rough, as also worked into boxes and toys. The leaf, this exhibit of the economic productions of the cocoanut palm is most complete of it kind, and is valued by scores of persons, who now learn for the first time what the cocoanut palm is and what are its various uses in the arts and sciences.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

Boston Girls.

"I wish," says a writer in the Kansas City Times, "I could treat my pen to picture for you some one of scores of the Boston girls one sees on Commonwealth Avenue or Beacon Street of a pleasant afternoon. They are not to be equaled And remember that I am impartial enough, for Boston girls are not my preference as a rule. They are, high, with women of beautiful brawn; not Baltimore, with its women of rounded figure and dark eyes and hair; not New York, with its women of pleasing carriage and easy unconsciousness—not one of these can show you the type of a beautiful Boston girl. She has that look as though it were sand and sunbeams interwoven—that clear complexion formed with one's fancy when one think of a berry buried in a lily; well cut nose and mouth; the low, Greek forehead with the hair brushed off it; the flat back and well-turned shoulders of an English girl, and the nervous, quick movement in action of an athlete. She rides and plays tennis, she rows and shoots sometimes, and carries about with her a fresh-air kind of atmosphere which makes one feel that health and nerves tingle at the sight of health so charmingly housed.

Fifteen Years Hence.

The Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph anticipates what is to happen in this age of electricity. Fifteen years hence, it says, a numerous form, but although the language of the conversation may not be exactly set down, there is little doubt that practically the events of our contemporary will be realized:

In 1900 a little boy will run to the corner grocery, with a can in his hand and say,

"Mah wants a quart of your best electricity."

"How'd your ma like that lot?" the grocer will ask.

"All right."

"That's Johnson's. Johnson makes good 'tricity," the grocer will remark, as he turns the little boy on a quart.

"Wot's your mah using in for to-day?"

"She's going to wash, and wants it to run the washer and wringer."

"Where you are my little man! Look out and don't spill it." And the grocer will give the little boy a bunch of raisins.

Evils of Washington Clerkships.

Enter one of the offices and you will see pale-faced clerks, men and women, bending over desks writing and figuring away their lives in order to obtain that which sustains their lives. A Washington clerk seldom goes further than this, and under the civil service reform scheme the Government clerk is becoming more and more a machine, and less and less an active, thinking, growing man. As I stand here on this marble pavement and think of the lives which will be eaten up, of the enterprise shriveled into dolesomes, and of the manliness sealed in this building in time to come, it makes me shudder. Young men will come in here full of hope and energy, full of brains and energy. When they enter there their sand dollars or more a year will seem good pay to them, and they will work with a will, pushing their way through the various branches until their eyes shall equal those of a Cabinet Minister. It will be long before they do this, for before they find out they are beating the wind mills, and in the same old grind of copying and posting books, where they have to do the same thing over and over, they dislike to do their work, and to depend on pulling them out of the ground by hand. In a majority of cases, the farmer who has never yet to plow, very little time to devote to garden work. The season for preparing land for crops, for sowing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting is very short, and the time of the farmer must be devoted to the fields. If hired men are employed on the farm they are necessary they know next to nothing about gardening operations. They are very awkward in the use of garden tools, and if they are foreigners it is quite likely they are unacquainted with our methods of raising flowers and vegetables. In European countries field laborers do not raise flowers, garden vegetables, and small fruits.

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This history will soon be repeated in the west if our farmers are not wiser in their generation than the eastern farmers were in theirs. Always taking from the soil and never putting anything back will soon exhaust its native fertility. This exhaustion is already noticed in many parts of Illinois and Wisconsin where successive crops of corn, wheat, and flax have been raised, where but comparatively little stock has been kept, and where most of the manure made has been sold or allowed to do not begin to feed the soil till it shows that it is suffering from hunger. Much of the manure made on farms in the east passed into the hands of persons of small means, who devoted every acre of available land to the production of corn and wheat, which they sent to market. They had their land to pay for, fences and buildings to erect, and all these must be paid for with money derived from the sale of corn and small grains. This system of farming must necessarily exhaust the natural fertility of soil in a very few years. Then farming must be abandoned for stock-raising and dairying or the soil must be fertilized by expensive methods.

It is much easier and cheaper to retain the natural fertility of the soil than to restore the elements of fertility after they have been once removed. To the average American farmer the business of a farm means raising exhaustive crops and employing the money obtained from the sale of the crops in erecting buildings, and dig wells and cellars. A farm improved in that way will need to be improved in quite another way. The yield of grain will be small and the expense of producing it large. The attention of the owner of the farm must sooner or later be given to resting crops and the production and application of manure. Fortunately, a considerable portion of the land in the western states was devoted to dairying and stock-raising before it showed signs of diminishing in fertility. This land will probably remain productive for many years if it continues to be devoted to those purposes. Some farmers who have left the worn-out lands in the east to settle in the west have learned by experience to attach a high value to manure, and they are setting good examples to their neighbors in the employment of it.—*Chicago Times.*

THE TYPICAL KENTUCKIAN.

Intense Americanism and Other Traits.

The typical Kentuckian regards himself an American of the Americans, and thinks as little of being like the English as he would of imitating the Jutes. Nothing is more like his transatlantic ancestry than his strong sectarian. He sits on his farm as though it were the pole of the heavens—a manly man with a heart in him. Usually of the blonde type, robust, well-formed, with clear but complexion, and a bonny ruddier with age and stomachic development, full neck, and an open, kind, unobtrusive countenance. He is frank, but not familiar; talkative, but not garrulous; full of the genial humor of local life and illusions, but without a subtle nimbleness of wit; indulgent toward all masculine vices, but intolerant of petty meanness; no reader of books nor master in religious or political debate, faith coming to him as naturally as his appetite, and growing with what it is fed upon; loving Christ pity, and but not caring particularly for Lamb's eulogy; loving his grass like a Greek, not because it is beautiful, but because it is fresh and green; a peaceful man with strong passions, and so far be heartily loved and respected or hurtfully hated and suspected, but never despised or trifled with. At occasional barbecue in the woods, where the saddles of Southdown mutton are roasted on spits over coals of the finest hickory French, and the steaming kettles of burgoo lend their savor to the nose of the hungry political orator, so that he becomes all the more impetuous in his invectives; the great agricultural fairs, at the recognized yearly meeting county court day, when he meets his neighbors on the public square of the nearest town; the quiet Sunday mornings, when he meets them again for talks and more clandestine talks at the front door of the neighborhood church—these and his own fireside are his characteristics and ample pleasures. You will be under his roof without being deeply impressed with the mellowest of all the virtues of his race—simply, unsparing human kindness and hospitality.

The women of Kentucky have long had a reputation for beauty. An average type is a refinement on the English blonde—greater delicacy of form, feature, and color. A beautiful Kentucky woman is apt to be exceedingly beautiful. Her voice is almost uniformly soft and sweet, her hands and feet delicately formed; her skin quite pure and beautiful in tint and shading; her eyes blue or brown, and her hair not brown or golden brown; to all which is added a certain unapproachable refinement. It must not for a moment be supposed, however, that there are not many genuinely ugly women here, as elsewhere.—*Harper's Magazine.*

Greeley's Repartees.

Mr. Greeley made on many occasions tart and telling replies to his assailants and correspondents. When Colonel Webb, soon after he was pardoned out of Sing Sing, to which he had been sentenced for fighting a duel with Marshall of Kentucky, taunted Mr. Greeley about his being a convict, and had to beg the clemency of Governor Seward, Webb's dress (the prison garb) would have attracted more attention than his in Broadway!

Some one took Mr. Greeley to task for praising President Tyler. He replied that he had long since stopped praising at the spot where Tyler went down!

Somebody wrote to him asking him for his autograph of Edgar A. Poe and Mr. Greeley responded:

"DEAR SIR—Among my literary treasures I happen to be exactly one autograph of our country's late lamented poet, Edgar A. Poe. It is his note of ladies' for $50, with my indorsement across the back. It cost me exactly $50 75 (including protest) and you may have it for half that amount!"

Upon one occasion, when the editor was absent, the *Evening Mirror*, then edited by George P. Morris and Hiram Fuller, with a limited circulation, had a bitter attack upon him. The newsboys were crying it at our door. I said, "Greeley, shall I get a copy?" He replied: "No, Bob, you might exhaust the edition!"—*Bickelieu, in Brooklyn Eagle.*

The Enterprise of the Press.

"What's the newspaper article about the late John Smith?" inquired old Mr. Jones in his *Sun John?*

"Guess he is."

"Well, well! He allers was slower'n molasses in January. He never was on time in all his life, and they used to say he wasn't to his own weddin' till the day after the ceremony, and now the day after he's dead they call him 'the late John Smith.' It beats all how these newspapers do 'learn so much about a person.'"—*Boston Traveller.*

FARM MANAGEMENT.

Circumstances that Place Gardens on Western Homesteads in the Hands of Women.

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Women as Gardeners.

If there are to be beautiful flowers and fine vegetables raised in gardens attached to farms in the newly-settled states and territories of the west it is likely that they will be produced by women. As a rule western farmers do not take kindly to the raising of flowers or fine vegetables. They have become so accustomed to the use of machines and implements operated by horses that they dislike to do hard, small tools, like the garden hoe, rake, and dibble. Having been used to killing weeds in the fields by the employment of the plow and cultivator, they dislike to do work of that kind, or depend on pulling them out of the ground by hand. In a majority of cases, farmers who have never yet to plow, very little time to devote to garden work. The season for preparing land for crops, for sowing, planting, cultivating, and harvesting is very short, and the time of the farmer must be devoted to the fields. If hired men are employed on the farm they are necessary they know next to nothing about gardening operations. They are very awkward in the use of garden tools, and if they are foreigners it is quite likely they are unacquainted with our methods of raising flowers and vegetables. In European countries field laborers do not raise flowers, garden vegetables, and small fruits.

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The agricultural papers in all the states east of Indiana have been devoted to the discussion of the methods for storing fertility to what are called worn out lands. In estimating the value of any cultivated farm the value and worth of the manure is always taken into consideration. Sometimes it appears as the result of calculation, Western farmers do not ask what can we raise that will produce the most money in the least cost of labor, but how can we best make and save manure to apply to our land. It is admitted that paying crops can be raised, except grass cannot be raised without applying fertilizers to the soil. Their barns, stables and feeding sheds are manure factories, and on the skill exercised in the management depend the production of all cultivated crops. These eastern farmers rarely rely on the manure they can make on their places. They purchase large quantities of ground bones, soluble phosphates, and other commercial fertilizers. They also buy salt, ashes, lime, marl, and ground gypsum to apply to their land. In many cases they raise crops—like rye and red clover—for the purpose of turning them under so that they will help enrich the poor soil.

It is a mistake on the part of many western farmers to suppose that these eastern farmers are not more intelligent, diligent, even without the application of stable-manure—and commercial fertilizers. Many of the farms in the vicinity of the cities—on the Atlantic seaboard, as well as the West India islands, are kept in high condition, and have exported large quantities of corn and small grain in the early days of the republic. Within the memory of men not yet old the Genesee valley, in central New York, produced larger crops of wheat than were ever raised in the most fruitful portions of the west. The owners of these once famous wheat fields supposed that they would always remain productive. They little thought that other they or their descendants would be obliged to purchase to eat on their farms wheat produced a thousand miles off, in a region not then inhabited by white men. But the fields produced less grain every year they were sown, till finally they did not pay the cost of cultivation, and were then devoted to the production of grass. The potato fields of Maine and the cornfields of Maryland had a very similar history.

This history will soon be repeated in the west if our farmers are not wiser in their generation than the eastern farmers were in theirs. Always taking from the soil and never putting anything back will soon exhaust its native fertility. This exhaustion is already noticed in many parts of Illinois and Wisconsin where successive crops of corn, wheat, and flax have been raised, where but comparatively little stock has been kept, and where most of the manure made has been sold or allowed to do not begin to feed the soil till it shows that it is suffering from hunger. Much of the manure made on farms in the east passed into the hands of persons of small means, who devoted every acre of available land to the production of corn and wheat, which they sent to market. They had their land to pay for, fences and buildings to erect, and tools to buy, and all these must be paid for with money derived from the sale of corn and small grains. This system of farming must necessarily exhaust the natural fertility of soil in a very few years. Then farming must be abandoned for stock-raising and dairying or the soil must be fertilized by expensive methods.

It is much easier and cheaper to retain the natural fertility of the soil than to restore the elements of fertility after they have been once removed. To the average American farmer the business of a farm means raising exhaustive crops and employing the money obtained from the sale of the crops in erecting buildings, and dig wells and cellars. A farm improved in that way will need to be improved in quite another way. The yield of grain will be small and the expense of producing it large. The attention of the owner of the farm must sooner or later be given to resting crops and the production and application of manure. Fortunately, a considerable portion of the land in the western states was devoted to dairying and stock-raising before it showed signs of diminishing in fertility. This land will probably remain productive for many years if it continues to be devoted to those purposes. Some farmers who have left the worn-out lands in the east to settle in the west have learned by experience to attach a high value to manure, and they are setting good examples to their neighbors in the employment of it.—*Chicago Times.*

A Curse to the Country.

The evil effect of Chinese immigration is being felt more keenly than ever before among the white artisans and laborers of British Columbia. Meetings are being daily held to protest against the employment of Chinese labor in that Province to the exclusion of the white population. At one of these meetings held a few days since at Victoria the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"That this meeting, considering the great mistake of the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments, in consenting and allowing contractors of the Canadian Pacific Railway and all other public works, to employ Chinese coolies on their various works, causing an influx of 10,000 coolies into this Province to the exclusion of a like number of our own race, thus prostituting public works from their legitimate use and end, and, further, thereby setting a bad example, making it almost a matter of necessity on the part of citizens to employ Chinese, comparatively the only labor now available—therefore, expresses its unqualified disapprobation of such misappropriation of public funds, both in the past and for the future, and we hereby demand legislation making the employment of Chinese on any and all public works, in any province of the Dominion, a direct infringement of the rights of the people, and treasonable."

It is shown on unmistakable authority that the employment of the cheap and diligent Chinese immigration to enable them to carry on the work on the Canadian Pacific Railway at a minimum figure. In this way thousands poured into the Province who otherwise would never have crossed the Pacific. The Chinese question will be the main point of issue in British Columbia at the next general election.

Anecdote of Judge Noah Davis.

Lockport, N. Y., Journal: A correspondent furnishes us with another anecdote of Judge Noah Davis. The case pending in court turned upon the point whether one of the parties had made a legal tender of payment under a certain contract. M. M. Southworth, Esq., counsel for the plaintiff and called as a witness a woman of an uncertain age, whose testimony on the point was the reverse of the advocate's expectation. In vain did the dexterous attorney ply the witness with questions, to which evasive answers were returned. In the midst of his perplexity the advocate received in the hand-writing of the judge upon the bench the following couplet:

"Southworth, forbear; this tough old jade
Will never prove a tender maid."

The examination of the witness ceased about that time.

NOT DEAD.—The other day as Barlow of the Bed Front was taking a short journey on the cars his foot got asleep. Thinking to relieve it he took off his shoe, and putting his foot on the seat began to rub it. Suddenly, old Patty Dutchman, with his hands crossed on his large bow barrel in front, loomed over his chair and said: "My friend, vat ish de matter? Bere dead? Oh nothing, my foot is asleep and I was rubbing it to wake the sensation." The Dutchman: "Ah, ha, dat all! I think by de way mu smell it is dead!"—Coldwater Courier.

Oh! yes, who teach the tuneless youth of our great and growing nation, to sing the noble act of self-defense, as Salvation Oil is the same to cure?

One of the passengers on the Katahdin on her recent memorable trip was a Massachusetts doctor who had made a study of a remedy for sea-sickness, which he has recently tried very frequently to his friends, and in the efficacy of which he had the most unlimited confidence. The Massachusetts doctor uses this remedy no more as the steamer went into Portsmouth harbor he came on deck, and in a sorrowful hue of voice called his dose to one of the officers. If ever take any more of that Gilbertian stuff I may be hung and quartered. It made me sick! I am a hero!—Rockland Courier.

A day or two ago, the daughter of a South Side gourceman was married. Invited with the elite of the town, and half-a-dozen glasses of nuptial wine, the happy father of the bride, in a moment of tender widow with this novel and ingenious device: "Dis mixture closed on account of a leap of fun in the family."

Cough is Nature's effort to indicate the certain tendency of a neglected cold to the Lung; prevent such a termination by using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price 25 cents.

Who is the Heal of the Family?

A laughable scene occurred in the room of the House committee on territories a few days ago. Some little time since, a gallant lady relative of the woman suffrage association, presented to the committee a petition from women in favor of the admission of the territories. The people of Wyoming was asked to inform the committee of the effect of the rule adopted in Wyoming. In the course of the remarks he said that on several occasions he had gone to the polls with his mother-in-law, his wife and his sister. "I suppose, of course, they all voted just as you wanted them to?" said a Massachusetts Hill of Cobb. "Indeed they did not!" replied Carey, with a shrug of the shoulders. "My mother-in-law has always opposed me every time I put for office, and my wife never voted for me but once." There was a good deal of laughter at this rally, and then Congressman Springer interrupted the speaker with the question: "What effect does it have upon the children when they discover that the two heads in the family, each clothed with the same equal rights and privileges?" "Why, sir, I married man, and I know what I know," Carey, good humoredly, "and you don't know anything about it. I tell you, sir, that is usually the woman, not matter whether she can vote or not, and what I know." The laughter and shrieks of laughter, "when men are as bald-headed as I am and I tell you