



Long Ago. Two roses bloomed upon a tree; Their white leaves touched with every twig...

THE RIVAL CLAIMANTS. Who Mr. Wilson was, whence he came, and what had been his antecedents...

After the lapse of some days the first claimant returned, accompanied by an ill-looking man of aged appearance.

Executed by Beheading. A correspondent gives the following account of an execution at Yeddo in Japan.

A Whole Day to Do Nothing. "If I only could have a whole day to do nothing—no work, and no lessons, only play all day—I should be happy," said little Bessie.

Real Backwoods Humor. Anecdotes of the "Hawbucks." Edward Eggleston in a sketch of backwoods humor gives us the following:

Equimaux Bay Depopulated by an Unknown Disease. Invalok Inlet, or Esquimaux Bay, on the Atlantic coast of Labrador, has been utterly depopulated by a scourge...

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A Strange Discovery. The arrest of a number of poor coal-pickers in Kansas City, recently, has resulted in the discovery of a once very popular actress, who long ago drove the play-going public of London wild over her beauty and power of delineation.

A Turkish Princess. M. Betham Edwards visited a Turkish princess, whom she describes as follows: "She was tall and slender and very handsome, with a pearly skin, delicately cut features, and black hair and eyes."

Suicide of Nine Chinese Girls. A recent China newspaper publishes the following account of an incident which is reported to have taken place at Whampoa: "Nine young girls, living with different families in the village, seem to have entertained an aversion to married life."

The Hoosac Tunnel. The work of the Hoosac Tunnel was commenced as far back as 1850. After that it was abandoned and recommenced some three or four times within a period of twenty years until in December, 1869, a contract for completing it within five years was undertaken by the present contractors.

The Old Woman of Shamokin. Some few miles from Shamokin, Pa. says the Episcopal Register, lives a character that those many people, the "woman's rights women," should certainly know, as she is decidedly the champion. The singular being is some seventy-two years of age, and is altogether the most manly woman I ever met with.

Paris Firemen. The fire brigade in Paris, including one Colonel and forty-nine officers, numbers 1,500 men, distributed in eleven barracks, and sixty postes de garde. The total annual expenses for the maintenance of this force and its accessories is one and a half million francs, defrayed by the municipality.

Wisdom for the Crisis, by Bill Arp. Manny to be helthy must be skattered around so that everybody can git sum. When it's most all piled up in a few pyramids the least jostle will tumble it to the ground.

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