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Man.

She loved him, but she saw him drink, Ah! fearful sight for her to see, And though it broke her heart, she said That married they could never be. And other lovers crowded near To breathe their fond hopes in her ear; It puzzled me to see her smile

On others while she loved him so, For none of them were half so brave Or handsome, straight and tall as Joe, I think that that was strange,

Don't you? But then they all wore badges blue.

Joe went and took the pledge and said He'd never stain his honor more, and soon he on his manly breast

The badge of his redemption wore And when his darling heard of that Her faithful heart went pit-a-pat, She sacked her lovers all and flew

To lay her head against the breast That wore the blessed badge of blue. I think that that was sweet,

Don't you? Oh, bonny, bonny badge of blue.

Were I a girl I wouldn't wed A man that guzzled rum, would you I'd give the chances all to him

Who wore the little badge of blue. And if he wouldn't wear it, I Would pin it on and tell him why, 'Twould save both from grief and woe

And every misery cold and black. It made another man of Joe,

And now he's got the inside 'rack, I think I'm talking sense,

Don't you?

Then wear the bonny badge of blue -Toronto Truth.

a million educating the esteemed we can't give a pension to the diswidows and orphans?-Press and adaptation of social conditions to Banner.

Wearing Mourning.

We take the following sensible remarks from the New Orleans Times Democrat:

There is one old and long-established custom that woman ought to possess moral courage and common sense enough to take into their own hands and settle for themselves on a simple and permanent basis. It is the custom of wearing mourning for departed friends Putting on and taking off of black within a stated time is in itself, instead of a compliment, an insult to the dead. One does not put on business letters to the Publisher of the and put off one's sorrow in this way; there is therefore no reality She Would Only Love a Temperance to the fashion of symbolizing it. A loss by death is irremediable; the grief of it may be hidden away, but it lasts forever. It is true that the desire when one has lost a near and dear friend is for silence and darkness, for neutral tints and for the presence and association with only that which harmonizes with our own sense of loss and bereave ment. But we cannot often indulge in this selfish absorption and exclusion-and it is doubtless good for us that we cannot. Our lives go out; our duties remain. They must be performed. We put our griefs away. We do not intrude them upon others. We lock them up and keep them as a sort of luxury for quiet hours, when indulgence will not interfere with our obligations to the living, with active participation in the duties of the hour. There is no reason, of course, why women should do violence te natural feeling and wear high colors and gay ornaments at a time when their hearts are saddened by a heavy loss. Let them lay aside what they no longer take pleasure in, and wear their simplest, plainest, darkest dresses; but why lay aside what is perfectly suitable and even in harmony with their own feelings and incur much unnecessary trouble and expense in order merely to put on garments -If we can spend a quarter of a little darker, a little sadder and which oblige an entire change in negro, we should like to know why the habits of life, the avoidance of much that would be healthful and abled Confederate soldiers, their salutary, rather than harmful, the lican President is elected.

an individual, and the actual creation of a code of ethics, the observance of which depends on the presence or depth of a crape band. The most ardent supporters of out. ward and visible signs of woe are sent the Republicans of Union at those who are least sensitive to the State convention in 1882. No grief, but who like the novelty of doubt he will try the same game an entire change of wardrobe and this year. the excitement of finding out exactly what ought and what ought not Guffin has turned up again, after to be done under such circumstances. As there is no authorized making himself conspicuous in orcode the rules extracted from self- ganizing the party there for some constituted authorities are often particular candidate. more amuing than practical or reliable. To many limited but well ties are willing to allow such brointentioned women the imagined ken down leaders to come in, whennecessity for "doing as other people do" in this regard is a source be had, and control them and their of extreme embarrassment and perplexity.

Perhaps they cannot afford the of our funeral.—Union Times. outlay; perhaps they have only recently, by dint of much contrivance replenished their wardrobes; perhaps it was not a near relative perhaps the relative lived at a distance. All the facts are agitated pro and con to make a case against assuming this new burden; and the only argument on the other side, the strongest feeling, is this, that if they do not conform to common common and impious remark. This is naturally much stronger in small neighborhoods and communities. such communities to set an example in the right direction, and afford the moral support of this influence to her poorer neighbors. In cities from their tradition.

OLD HACKS TO THE FRONT.-NOW that another Presidential campaign is at hand we find all the old broken down lead horses of the Republican party trotting about the State Orleans has reached a height nevand attempting to control the precinct meetings and State Conver great danger of being flooded. tion. They all want to go to the Chicago Convention and figure there in the interest of certain 'Black District," in place of E. W aspirants to the Presidential chair, but more particularly for their own interest in the future, if a Repub-

the circumstances and accidents of in Union simultaneously with the Convention this year.

call of the county chairman to hold precinct meetings. June has not been a resident of this State and county for several years, but had the impudence to pretend to repre-

In Abbeville, the netorious Lem an absence of some years, and is

If the Republicans of these counever there are good positions to party, they have not the grit we believed they had; but it is none

-The money which has been expended in public education since 1868 would have paid the public debt of South Carolina. If our interest account could be stopped, and the education of the nogro could be finished, our taxes would be less than half what they are now---Press and Banner.

KEROSENE.—On KILLED BY custom they will be the subject of Thursday night at Central a kerosene lamp exploded. The oil was thrown upon a Miss Paine and at once ignited. She was so terribly It is therefore the duty of any wo-burned that she died in a very man of position and influence in short time. She was about 18 years

-Says an experienced bachelor: The best thing to take when you women out of a certain exclusive kiss a pretty girl-take time. The circle are emancipating themselves more you take the better she likes it. What a fool he must be-to take time. If he knew what was good he'd take kisses and let the time go to thunder.

> -The Missisippi River off New er before known, and the city is in

> -Robert Smalls, colored, has been elected to Congress from the M. Mackey, deceased.

-The State papers are almost unanimous in the opinion that there Rev. June Mobley has turned up should be but one Democratic State