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Choice Poetry.

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MRS. LOFTY AND I.

By Mrs. C. H. GILDERLEVE.

Mrs. Lofty keeps a carriage,
So do I:
She has dapple grays to draw it,
None have I:
She's no prouder with her coachmen
Than am I:
With my blue-eyed laughing baby,
Trundling by,
I hide his face lest she should see
The cherub boy, and envy me.
Her fine husband has white fingers,
Mine has not;
He could give his bride a palace—
Mine, a cot;
Her's comes home beneath the starlight;
N'er cares she;
Mine comes in the purple twilight,
Kisses me;
And prays that life will turn life's sands
Will hold his lov'd ones in His hands.
Mrs. Lofty has her jewels,
So have I:
She wears hers upon her bosom,
Inside I;
She will leave her's at Death's portal,
Dye and dye;
I shall bear my treasure with me
When I die.
For I have love and she has gold—
She counts her wealth—mine can't be told.
She has those who love her—station,
None have I;
But I've one true heart beside me—
Glad am I;
I'd not change it for a kingdom,
No not I;
God will weigh it in His balance,
Bye and bye,
And the difference define
Twixt Mrs. Lofty's wealth and mine.

KISS ME!

Kiss me darling! When I kiss you,
Kiss me back and back again!
Lips are only rosy petals,
Kisses drops of fragrant rain!
Where's the harm, then? I could give you
Reasons, dear! for every one—
Only that I may not tell them
In the broad and garish sun.
Take, at least, (I think) a sweet one!—
And I know you'll think with me—
'Tis the Scripture: "Do to others
What thou'd'st have them do to thee."

CIDER.

Old friend, accept this bottle—
Your mouth then open wider,
First to imbibe, then to exclaim,
By George! what glorious cider.
Perhaps some fair young damsel,
Whose looks have ne'er belied her,
Will not object to take a swig,
When you are down be-cider.
And if she thus indulges,
You may then have to guide her;
But she will say it's owing to
The stuff which is in-cider.

Miscellaneous Reading.

HOW TWO HOUSEHOLDS BECAME ONE.

Mrs. Benson was fat, fair and forty-four, when her husband, a soap-boiler, in very good circumstances, was called from his life-task of contributing to the general purification of mankind. Mrs. Benson took refuge from her grief in a pretty cottage, situated on the principal street in the town of G—.

At first, she was inconsolable, as she used to say, with a solemn emphasis, which carried conviction to the hearts of her neighbors, that nothing but the thought of her daughter Florence would have prevented her from terminating her existence by the intervention of poison.

Mrs. Benson was, in no small measure, indebted to her daughter—since in less than three months, she threw aside her mourning, and became as lively as ever.

Touching Florence, she had now reached the mature age of nineteen, and began to think herself a marriageable girl. She was quite pretty, and tolerably well accomplished, so that her wishes in that respect were very soon likely to be fulfilled.

Just over the way lived Squire Markham, the village lawyer, just verging upon fifty, with his son Charles, who was about half his age. Being a young man of agreeable exterior, the latter was quite a favorite among the young ladies in the neighborhood, and considered, in common parlance, quite a "catch." As yet, however, his affections had never been seriously entangled, and might have remained so, had it not been for the sudden apparition, one morning, of Florence Benson riding by on horseback.

It struck him at once that she was remarkably graceful, and really quite pretty. Thereupon he cultivated her acquaintance with increased assiduity, and after a while asked the fatal question.

ger, to cut him out and marry her in spite of him.

Squire Markham, who was one of those jovial widowers who takes life as it comes, mused more and more on this idea, struck out by chance as it were, till he really began to think it worth something.

"After all," shouted he, "I am not so old either—or at least the ladies say so—and they ought to be good judges in such matters. I have been a bachelor a good while, and ought to have found out before this, how much more comfortable it would be to have a pretty wife to welcome me home, and do the honors of my table, and to help me keep that rascal, Charles, in order. Egad! I've half a mind to do it."

Squire Markham took two more whiffs, and exclaimed: "I vow I'll do it!"

What this mysterious it was, we will leave the reader to infer from his very next movement. Kissing the bell, he inquired of the servant:

"Is Charles at home?"

"No, sir," was the reply, "he went out this morning, and will be gone all day."

"Humph! That'll do. So much the better for my purpose," thought he, when left alone. "Now I shall have the ground left to myself. Let me see; the rascal intends running away next Thursday evening, and to-day is Monday. Nothing like striking while the iron is hot. I'll write to her in his name, telling her that I have altered my mind and will go just at dark to-morrow night. She won't suspect anything until the knot is tied, and then what a laugh we shall have!"

Squire Markham did not consider that it might make a little difference with the bride expectant. He considered it a capital joke on his son, and looked no further. He accordingly drew his writing materials towards him and indited the following epistle:

DEAREST FLORENCE: I find the day fixed for our elopement on some accounts objectionable, and would like, with your permission, to substitute to-morrow evening. If I hear nothing from you, I shall infer that you assent to this arrangement. I shall have a carriage in readiness under the old oak tree, at half-past eight o'clock. You can walk there without attracting suspicion, and, as there will be no moon, we shall be able to carry out our plans without fear of discovery. I am happy to say that the governor doesn't suspect in the least that a daughter-in-law is in store for him. Won't he be blamed? Your devoted

CHARLES.

"Egad!" said Squire Markham, laughing heartily, "that isn't bad; especially about him, bugging me. Charles couldn't have done it better himself."

So saying, he sealed it up and sent it a little Irish boy in his first mark.

At our darkest hours of trouble and despondency, sunshine will sometimes burst upon us as suddenly as a bottle of ginger-pop. There are many golden threads that must be woven in the web of human existence, if man would only take the pains to pick them up. Alack! it is too true, that many of the beautiful flowers that grace the margin of life's stream are left to bloom unnoticed—to wither and die, after having wasted their sweetness upon the desert air.

But, by the great mogul of gulls! if my brother man has a mind to be so foolish as to refuse to be a sunbeam, and court the cold rain, I shall consign him to the pity of that Providence, whose tender mercies seem sometimes to be bestowed, with a reckless extravagance, upon objects as unworthy of a blessing as a cockroach in a plum-pudding.

My readers: I tell you there are many sunny spots in life—as sunny as the south side of a Methodist meeting-house. To receive a kind favor from any one in this frosty, uncharitable world is finding a sunny spot—a gladdening oasis in a dreary desert. When, in a foreign land, and surrounded by strangers, you come across a true friend, whose sympathies naturally melt and mingle with your own, like beeswax and tallow, you find a sunny spot—a cheering glade in a gloomy forest. Doing up courtesies—making up after a long vacation—recovering from sickness—recovering damages—suddenly receiving in full from a dubious debtor—a little unexpected good luck—or a lucky escape from a threatened attack of poverty—are all sunny spots. But some spots are more sunny than others: some are as bright as a tinny red beneath an unclouded noonday sun, while others are more like a patch of pale moonlight upon the side of a hill.

The sunniest spot of all is the one that ever shone in my dull existence was the sparkling of that lovely, angelic creature, Sarah Hawthorn; but, alas! she kicked the bucket one day about sunset, and left 't the world to darkness and to me!

My readers: there are striking lights and shades in the grand picture of life. They are thrown upon to relieve it from a monotonous tawdriness, which we, change-seeking mortals, could hardly endure. Variety we want, and variety we must have—although we sometimes get more ennui and mustard than is pleasing to the palate. We are satisfied with each different season as it rolls round, and why not welcome the vicissitudes of this varying sphere? Nature looks pleasant and smiling in spring, while taking its summer steps appears lovely, while elegantly attired from top to toe—and, for my part, I admire her even when the rule embraces of autumn have mused her hair and rumpled her drapery.

Now, my dear brethren, seek for sunny spots and you will find them; but if, like melancholy owls, you are determined to keep in the old woods of woe and misery during the day, and only come out at night to complain of the darkness—why, then, the sooner you are out of it for another world, the better it will be for you, and the community at large. We don't want grumblers here to create discord in the complete orchestra of the universe, or to mar the social harmony that exists among mankind. If you think there are no sunny spots for you between here and the latter end of a natural life, I advise you to take a short cut to eternity—and beneath your old boots to me. So mote it be!

CLACKING WOMEN.

TEXT.—O! sleep my feet in boiling oil,
Or put me on the rack;
But save me, while I tarry here,
From woman's mortal clack!

My HEARERS: perhaps we male mortals ought not, generally speaking, to brag much about our faculties for restraining that "unruly member" called the tongue; but I do think that women have no good reason to say ANYTHING, or, if

we are incompetent, in a certain degree, women most certainly are, in a very uncertain degree. Their tongues are reeds shaken by the wind—splinters upon a chesnut rail, that keep up a buzzing and a jarring so long as there is a breath of breeze in the air. The least breeze of passion that springs up in their bosoms, sets their mill-clacks in operation; and, as for stopping them, you might as well fire a pop-gun against thunder, or blow a hand-bellows against a hurricane. They will talk, like a poll-parrot, merely for the sake of the noise, and (giving them credit for no evil intention) they persevere in jabbering without once reflecting that, what is music to them may be murder to others. Oh! woman, woman! wherefore art thou gifted with such gigantic powers of gab? (Thou wouldst have been an angel, hadst thou an angel's whisper.)

My readers: I have been speaking of women as a whole. As regards their noisy loquaciousness, there are many beautiful exceptions. I know some whose words are fine as flowers, instead of dog-bair, upon them—whose tones are as soft and musical as the mild breathings of the Zephyrus.

My HEARERS: to whom it is so soothing to listen, and whose society is as sunshine to a storm-beaten flower. But, oh! make my bed under a timbered roof during a night of incessant hail; place forty tomatoes at my window, all in full leather (for I should have said) for a row; bid me deliver an impressive discourse in a grist-mill; seek my corns in a boiling solution of potash; bore my ears with a two-inch auger, or a congressional speech upon the tariff; compel me to endure the infliction of a fashionable opera; grate loaf sugar by my side while I am preparing a sermon on Sunday; put me on the rack, if you choose—do anything you like, if you will only save me from the everlasting clack of that woman, whose whisper is more enough to harrow up a man's soul, [Sings here] freeze his warm blood, and make each particular hair-whiskers, moustaches, and imperial included—stand on 'em! like bristles upon the back of a porcupine's back!

My HEARERS: I am afraid that if I say much more about the GENTLESEX, my soul, next week, will be full of regrets as an old cat is of her kittens in August. Nevertheless, I am bound to preach the truth to-day, although the devil may tell me to-morrow that I ought to be ashamed of myself for so doing. But, when you say my nose projecting from this old pulpit, know ye that I care not for the fear of man, the favor of women, nor the scoffs of Satan. I let out the truth, link by link, and, if I am thought to libel my brother man or my sister woman, let heaven be my judge—the twelve apostles, now above, constitute a jury—and I'll accept of anything for counsel other than a New

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"HISTORY OF THE PALMETTOS."—B. Lane Posey, of the Marion (Ala.) American, in his issue of the 18th, says:

This is probably the last chapter of the "Palmettos" in the series that will be published in the newspapers. I am too busy to write them now, and I discontinue them for another reason. I am satisfied, from assurances that I have received, from South Carolina, that I can make both reputation and money (the latter a particular desideratum) by writing the history of the Palmettos, and I have determined to do it. The chapters that I have written were crude and careless, dashed off at a heat for an ephemeral existence, and their style is not a fair specimen of my merit as a writer. Still, they were received with high commendations from the press.

It is my intention to visit South Carolina during the present year, in the prosecution of this work. I can be delayed in it, but it is a fixed fact that the history of the Palmettos shall be written, not only for the present, but for future generations.

OHIO CHIVALRY.—The Cleveland (Ohio) Plaindealer tells the following story:—Two fiery students at Oberlin College had a falling out the other day. A lovely woman was of course the cause. Having conscientious scruples against dueling, they resolved to adjust the difficulty by an appeal to the code fistic, or as we think we have heard it called "the many art of self-defense." They accordingly met with their seconds in a lonely cow-pasture, about two miles from the College. They fought nine rounds. One of the parties was badly whipped and the other party consequently perched upon the banners of the other party. What makes the affair particularly racy is the fact that the lovely woman above alluded to is a dashing mulatto.

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