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Poetry.

Whatsoe'er you find to do, Never be a little true, Or a little in the right, Trifles even Lead to heaven; Trifles make the life of man;

Let no speck their surface dim, I'd not give a fig for him Who says any lie is white! He who falters, Twists or alters

May deceive me, But believe me, To himself he is a sneak Own a fault, if you are wrong;

That's the moral of the whole; You can never love too much! 'Tis the glory Of the story In our babyhood begun Our hearts without it (Never doubt it)

If you think a word would please, Say it, if it be but true; Words may give delight with ease When no act is asked of you Words may often

Are as words without a sun.

Whatsoe'er you find to do, Do it, then, with all your might; Let your prayers be strong and true; Prayer, my lads, will keep you right. Pray in all things, Great and small things. Like a Christian gentleman; And forever,

Paul H. Hayne in Appleton's Journal.

A gusty wind doth sweep the garden close

and, where the jonquil, with the white-rod

gold.

What subtlest perfume floats serenely up! Ribercal wine that brims each delicate cup Rifled by viewless Ariels of the air. flowers

how fair!

Some with raised brows and eyes of con

Breathing of heart-break and sad death

Spirits and sense, as if in waves of sleep. Flowing through realms of twilight thought

Whereon the half-closed petals of the heart

and drouth By fairy dreams dreamed in the fervid South Beneath the golden shadows of the palm.

The flowers are fair to see: But the rose in my neighbor's garden

So white and slender and stately, So gemmed with sparkling dew. This rose, that blooms for another, Is the sweetest that ever grew.

My heart to its grace and beauty Goes forth as to a shrine; And I sigh to its mystical fragrance-

"If it were only mine!" And yet, if not my neighbor

But I, in fee and thrall Held all that marvellous glory On the other side of the wall.

And love with my love some daisy With a shy, uplifted face. For since the gates of Eden

Were shut on Adam and Eve, The flowers we have are never So sweet as the flowers we leave.

Though many a flower might be, The rose that bloomed for another Might seem the best to me.

A near lantern is better than a distant star. Wherever a fire has been, you

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Selected Story.

THE IMPROMPTU WEDDING

BY S. C. A.

The fair and fertile land over

which broods the mother bird, who nourishes her young with her life own blood-fit type of maternal love-in the town of M-, there occurred during the late war one of those remantic and out of the way incidents which so often give rise to the trite exclamation that "Truth is stranger than fiction." Many Confederate regiments were quartered, at different periods of the war, in M-, and during the Summer of 1864, particularly, a large proportion of the troops belonging to the trans-Mississippi department, were massed in and around that town, doing nothing, while the battles that decided our life or death as a nation were fought on the other side, and, alas! lost for want of men. "Love in Idleness" is a flower of common growth, and having nothing better to do, the colonel of a Missouri regiment became desperately enamored with a certain fair resident of M-. In

good sooth, as the old romance

writers say, Carrie H--- was a

girl whsse charms might well have

fired a colder heart than the galant Missourian's. Tall in stature, and perhaps somewhat luxuriant proportions to suit a super-refined taste, but the fault was more than compensated in the opinion of her admirers-and their name was Legion-by the richness of her rounded contours, and the redundant health that glowed on her smooth, full cheek, sparkled in her hazel eyes, and shone in the burnished luster of her chesnut hair. Carrie was none of those etherial creatures, "whom we read about, but don't see often," who never descend from the supernatural regions of of poesy and romance, where they dwell superior to all mortal frailties; but a veritable flesh and blood girl, with a warm heart, a warm temper, and a frank hand that, when once it was pledged in love and friendship, never drew

'A creature not too bright and good For human nature's daily food, For transient pleasure's simple wiles.

Praise, blame, love, hisses, tears and smiles," This sweet being it was Col. C-'s good fortune to inspire with a passion equal to his own; and in prayer, never doubting for certainly it seemed for awhile a moment that her sister was that the course of true love would close beside her. Not until she and sad. Her father had gone to for once run smooth as a Summer's rose from her knees-not until visit a dying parishioner; her sea, Shakspeare's assertion to the her father at the same moment mother, the most amiable and incentrary, notwithstanding. But. alas! the proverbial slip came, opened his Bible, did they both Carrie, wholly unoccupied and when the "crewel parient" was perceive that the delinquent Car- miserable, gazed intensely out of called on to confirm his daughter's rie was gone. But what to do?- the window. Her rumpled hair,

of my darling child to the keeping that day by the Rev. Dr. H. of an individual of whose antecedents and moral character I know absolutely nothing."

"Am I not well known in Mcharacter as a gentleman well es- occasion." Unfortunately the tablished here? Can any one lay roads in that region are altogether ing there which bore her in to my charge a single ungentlehave been here?"

"Certainly not, certainly not," replied the divine, with a courtly smile and a wave of the hand. (By-

"But, my good sir, you have only been in M- for the last two or three months-who knows anything of you before that time? Excuse me, Mr .- ahem! colonel. I should say-but you may have a wife and six children in Missouri,

dryly. "And I can give you numerous references to gentlemen of to the next house, where a dilapi- congratulations and good wishes high standing in Missouri, as well dated ambulance was procured, as to my brother officers here, to and the wished-for Gretna Green prove my truth and honor."

may overcome your prejudice ward his reluctant father-in-law, against me or allow me to clear my character against your unjust | crowded around to protect their suspicions." "Impossible," replied this bland personification of the suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.-"Painful as it is to me to dissappoint yours and Carrie's wishes, it is quite impossible for me to allow my cherished child to pledge | parley.

her virgin faith to a stranger; and after wasting the finest years of her youth, fettered by an imprudent engagement, be forced to cancel it at last. It must be broken off, sir." This was the ultimatum, and entreaties, promises, cajoleries, threats were equally powerless to alter it. Vain were Carrie's tears and caresses. vain also her lover's prayers and with the unimpeached respectaprotestations. Chill and polished bility of the family. To this proas steel, and just as unbending, posal, Carrie, anxious for peace on the pater familias turned a deaf any terms, save giving up her lovear to both.

up her lover to whom no reasonon whose truth she would willing. eturn to Missouri without her, dissappointed affection and hopetrip "across the border," were the parations could be made. only alternatives. Mindful of the fifth commandent and the submis- pagne was built on a less substandone-I merely tell you what she did. She clenched her little hands. and set her pearly teeth, and vowed a vow. But how to execute it was the question. Though not exactly tied to her father's apron-string, for he was not yet a bishop, and therefore did not wear aprons, she seemed just as securely linked to his buttonhole as though his massive gold fob chain encircled her plump wrist. Wherevon the river, or fish-frys in the pine woods, she was the object of

On Sunday morning the family prepared as ustal for church .-Mrs. H- being indisposed remained at home; but the doctor rustled up the little village aisle in all the pomp of full canonicals. meekly followed by his daughters.

sleepless surveillance that never

left her a moment unwatched.

horses toward the Arkansas line. her lover by her side, and followas speed was the grand desideratum, the mischance was sufficiently heavy as it was. No time was lost in lamenting it, however.

The horses were quickly unharnessed, and two of the escorts surrendering theirs for the use of "Fortune has not been quite so the bride and bridegroom expect- put them asunder. The brief cerebountiful to me, sir," said he, very ant, mounted the carriage horses; mony over, the congregation crowdand the whole company pushed on | ed around the bride with kisses, reached at last.

But, alas! the delay proved fata to the gallant colonel's hopes of and kind good-by to the insipid speedy matrimony, for, even as but affectionate mother and sister; they stood on the floor to be made and before Dr. H- had returnone, the door was flung open, and or himself; and that he had no the irate father and a tremendousmore right or reason to take their ly fierce brother rushed, pistol in hand, upon the scene. Then followed a tableau such as we read of in romances, but don't often "At least you will suffer us to witness in real life. Col. C-

while the Confederate officers

stinately bent upon making her own bed, she was welcome to lie on it for him; he only deprecated the disgrace of a marriage from home under such disreputable circumstances-let Carrie return with him, and all should be as she wished-she should be married at home, and in a manner accordant er, and craving her parents' bless-In this dire extremity what was ing on her union-perhaps influa girl of spirit to do? Submit enced too by some feminine prediquietly to her father's will? Give lection in bchalf of a wedding and and trosseau-willingly consented able objection could be made, and and despite all the urgent solicitations and representations of the ly have staked her life? See him bridegroom and his friends, she persisted in accompanying her faand resign herself to the pangs of ther home, trusting to his word that her marriage should take less old maindenhood? This or a place as soon as the necessary pre-

sion due the awful rule and right tial foundation than such aerial edifices usually are for a hypocrite's say what Carrie ought to have promise is indeed a trifle lighter than air. After a hurried journey back to M- during which she was forced to listen to the bitterest reproaches from father and brother both, upon reaching home her ears were boxed, and she was summarily locked up. And there she remained in durance vile for three or four weeks, during which time she received not a word or line. not a single token of remembrance. from her lover. Perhaps, disgusted er she went-to picnic, party or with her feebleness of purpose, he ball; on shopping excursions, rows | had given her up, and she would see him no more. The surrender had taken place, and she knew Col. C.'s regiment would short ly be disbanded and return to their homes, he would go with them, and she would be left alone At last the order came; the regiment left M-, and marched to the nearest point where transportation could be had. Col. C. went with them, and the same day the Good spinster Mary, on pious rigor of Carrie's imprisonment was

There she sat, lonely and silent stood up in the pulpit, and ane of women, sewed busily, and Impossible to close the Bible in pushed carelessly behind her ears, "You are a stranger to me, Col. the face of an expectant congrega- and twisted in a heavy knot be-C-," said the pompous doctor tion, rush down the pulpit-steps hind, her pale cheeks, swollen of divinity, brushing an imaginary and raise the hue and cry after eyes, and neglected dress, all told speck from his immaculate black his missing daughter. Perforce, plainly the change that had come broadcloth. "An entire stranger the service proceeded; but I fear over the neat and lively girl of a to me; and it is impossible I can me much there was little unction few weeks past. At this moment Harvester (man.) consent to intrust the happiness in the sermon and prayers made a strange servant entered the room and placed a note in her Meanwhile Carrie was speeding hand. Carrie read it and rose up at the swiftest pace of four fast without an instant's pause for thought or preparation. She pass ed rapidly from the room, down and its vicinity?" demanded the ing after a gallant cortege of gray the front steps into the garden, would-be bridegroom. "Is not my jackets, "volunteer aids for the down the garden walk, through the gate and into a carriage wait innocent of acquaintance with moment to the door of the Methomanly or immoral action since I MacAdam, and roots and stumps dist church. There her lover met abound in primitive plenty. So it her, the license in his hand. The was that the carriage in which minister was ready, the company the romantic pair were speeding |- a pretty miscellaneous one, for to love and bliss "across the bor- somehow or other the news had the-by, which of the above inter- der" suddenly came to grief. The leaked out and spread like wildrogatories did he intend to nega- fore wheel struck a stump and fire-were assembled, and in her rolled off, the carriage turned over calico dress and crumpled collar, and crushed the hind wheel like without a handkerchief to wipe an egg shell. Fortunately neither away the tears of grief and joy necks nor limbs were broken; but | that rolled down her cheeks, Caroline H-, the belle of Mstood before the altar and was married.

The nuptial benediction was pronounced; God, by the voice of His minister, had joined them together, and no man on earth durst innumerable; for her hard case had won universal sympathy, and some kind friend supplied her much needed. A hasty visit home, for Missouri, where they arrived Grange may adopt. safely, and have lived happily ever since. Carrie has not yet discovered the suppositions "wife and six children;" nor has she ever regretted that her impromptu wedding deprived her of the inesti-

Miscellaneous.

[From the News & Courier, 12th inst.] HE PATRONS OF HUSBAND.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, AS AMENDED.

THE OBJECTS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ORDER.

of Patrons of Husbandry, as amendby the National Grange now in session in this city, is as fol-

PREAMBLE.

of earthly ambition. Individual or Subordinate, consist of and rank happiness depends upon general as follows: Master, Overseer, Lecprosperity. The prosperity of a nation is in

proportion to the value of its productions.

The soil is the source from whence we derive all that constitutes wealth; without it we would have no agriculture, no manufactures, no commerce. Of all the be chosen annually at the regular material gifts of the Creator, the various productions of the vegetable world are of the first import- ary, or as soon thereafter as pracance. The art of agriculture is | ticable; in the State Granges once the parent and precursor of all in two years; and the National arts, and its products the foundation of all wealth.

are subject to the influence of nat- tion to be filled at a special elecural laws, invariable and indisputa- tion at the next regular meeting ble; the amount produced will thereof-officers so chosen to serve consequently be in proportion to until the annual meeting. the intelligence of the producer. and success will depend upon his knowledge of the action of these of their principles.

Hence, knowledge is the founda-

tion of happiness. The ultimate object of this organization is for mutual instruction and protection, to lighten labor by diffusing a knowledge of its aims and purposes, expand the spective Granges shall be addressmind by tracing the beautiful laws | ed as "WORTHY." the Great Creator has established into the Universe, and to enlarge our views of Creative wisdom and shall meet at least once each

To those who read aright, his tory proves that in all ages society sults of general welfare can be secured only by general effort .-Unity of action cannot be acquired without discipline, and discipline cannot be enforced with out significant organization; hence to her accustomed seat, and bent go down stairs to her mother's we have a ceremony of initiation which binds us in mutual fraternity as with a band of iron : but al though its influence is so powerful its application is as gentle as that of the silken thread that binds a wreath of flowers.

The Patrons of Husbandry con sist of the following:

SUBORDINATE GRANGES. First Degree: Maid (woman, Laborer (man.)

woman.) Cultivator (man.) Third Degree: Gleaner (woman,

man,) Husbandman (man.)

STATE GRANGE. reduce its representatives by pro

Sec. 2. There may be established District or County Granges in the fifth degree, not to exceed one in each county, composed of Masters and Past-Masters of Subordinate Granges, and their wives. who are Matrons, and such fourth degree members (not to exceed three) as may be elected thereto such regulations as may be established by State Granges. Such their respective districts; and shall with a handkerchief, which was encourage, strengthen, and aid the Subordinate Granges represented therein. Dispensations for such District or County Granges shall ed from his pastorial call his daugh- issue from the State Grange and ter and her husband were en route | under such regulations as the State

NATIONAL GRANGE. Sixth Degree: Flora (Charity.) Composed of Masters of State Granges and their wives who have | Secretary of the State Grange one

RY.

The constitution of the Order

The productions of the earth

is fragmentary, and successful re- annually at such time and place as

ORGANIZATION.

Second Degree: Shepherdes

ourth Degree: Matron (wo-

Section 1. Fifth Degree. Pomons -(Hope.) Composed of the Masters of Subordinate Granges and their wives who are Matrons, provided that when the number of Subordinate Granges in any State becomes so great as to render it necessary, the State Grange may.in such manner as it may determine viding for the election of a certain proportion of those entitled to membership in the State Grange from each county; and the members so chosen shall constitute the and the benefit of the degrees same.

Article VI-Fees for Membership. by the Subordinate Granges, under | ship in a Subordinate Grange shall District or County Granges shall degrees, except charter members, have charge of the education and who shall pay-men, three dollars, business interests of the Order in and women fifty cents. Article VII-Dues. Section 1. The minimum of regu-

cutive Committee of the National during the quarter; also a quar-

Seventh Degree: Ceres (Faith.) Members of the National Grange proved and forwarded at the first who have served one year, therein may become members of this ter. degree upon application and elec-

tion. It has charge of the secret

work of the Order, and shall be a

court of impeachment of all officers

of the National Grange. Members of this degree are honorary members of the Nation al Grange, and are eligible to offices therein, but not entitled to vote.

CONSTITUTION.

bership in the State.

Article VIII-Charters and Dis

pensations.

Sec. 2. Nine men and four wo-

Sec. 3. Application for dispen-

sations or Charters shall be made

Sec. 4. Charter members as

are upon the application and

Sec. 7. No Grange shall confer

Article IX-Duties of Officers.

National, State, and Subordinate

Article X-Treasurers.

Section 1. The Treasurers of

countersigned by the Secretary,

Article XI-Restrictions.

Religious or political questions

will not be tolerated as subjects of

discussion in the work of the Order,

and no political or religious tests

Article XII.

Executive Committee shall be em-

Article XIII-Amendments.

for membership shall be applied.

The duties of the officers of the

person at the same meeting.

dollars.

Article I-Officers.

Section 1. The officers of Human happiness is the acme Grange, either National or State turer, Steward, Assistant Steward Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Lady Assistant Steward. I is their duty to see that the laws Grange. of the Order are carried out.

Sec. 2.-How Chosen.-In the Subordinate Granges they shal meeting in December, and install ed at the regular meeting in Janu-Grange once in three years. All elections to be by ballot.

Vacancies by death or resigna

National Grange. Sec. 3. The Master of the Na tional Grange may appoint members of the Order as deputies to laws, and the proper application organize Granges where no State bordinate Degrees, may receive a Grange exists. dinate Grange.

Sec. 4. There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Grange, consisting of five memto the Secretary of the Nationa bers, whose term of office shall be three years.

Sec. 5. The officers of the re-

Article II-Meetings. Section 1. Subordinate Granges

month, and may hold intermediate meetings. Sec. 2. State Granges shall meet the Grange shall from year to year

determine. Sec. 3. The National Grange apply for authority to organize a shall meet annually on the third State Grange. Wednesday in November, at such place as the Grange may from year to year determine. Should the National Grange adjourn without se lecting the place of meeting, the Executive Committee shall aptional Grange without further fee; point the place and notify the Secretary of the National Grange and the Masters of State Granges, shall pass through the office of the at least thirty days before the day Master of the State Grange, and

appointed.

Article III-Laws. Grange. When so issued, the The National Grange, at its an-Charter shall pass through the nual session, may frame, amend office of the Secretary of the State or repeal such laws as the Good of the Order may require. All laws | Grange and receive the signature and official seal of that office. of State and Subordinate Granges must conform to this Constitution more than one degree on the same and the laws adopted by the National Grange.

Article IV-Ritual. The Ritual adopted by the National Grange shall be used in Subordinate Granges, and any desired alteration in the same must be laws of the same. submitted to, and receive the sanction of the National Grange.

Article V-Membership. the National, State, and Subordi-Any person engaged in agriculnate Granges shall give bonds, to ural pursuits and having no inte- be approved by the officers restin conflict with our purposes, of their respective Granges. the age of sixteen years, duly proposed, elected, and complying with be approved by the Master, and the rules and regulations of the Order, is entitled to membership taken. Every application must be accompanied by the fee of membership. If rejected, the money will be refunded. Applications must be certified by members, and balloted for at a subsequent meeting. It shall require three negative votes to reject an applicant.

The miminum fee for Member be, for men five dollars, and for women two dollars, for the four

lar monthly dues shall be ten cents from each member, and each Grange may otherwise regulate its own dues. Sec. 2. The Secretary of each ations or amendments shall have Subordinate Grange shall report

names of all persons initiated

National Grange, it shall be of full during the quarter, and pay to the taken the degree of Pomona, and the dollar for each man, and fifty Atoms make worlds. officers and members of the Exe- cents for each woman, initiated

Grange.

A DISCOURAGED BOY.

terly due of six cents for each Crabapple's boy had read the member; said report to be aptouching Thanksgiving story about the chap who ran away session of the Grange in each quarfrom home when a boy and went to sea and was not heard of for Sec. 3. The Secretary of the years and years; and how on ev State Grange shall pay to the Treasurer of the State Grange all ery Thanksgiving day the mother sat a plate for the wanderer, and moneys coming into his hands, at least once every ten days, taking kept a seat for him at the table and how the gray-haired sire his receipt therefor; and shall rewhen he offered a blessing, pray port quarterly, to the Secretary of the National Grange, the mem. | ed for his wayward son-prayed that he might return in safety to the paternal roof. Sec. 4. The Treasurer of each

And then one Thanksgiving day State Grange shall deposit to the when they had about given him credit of the National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, with some up for dead, although the plate Banking or Trust company, (to be and vacant chair told the story of a mother's undying hopes, just as selected by the Executive Comthe family had sat down to the mittee,) in quarterly installments, Thanksgiving dinner, there came the annual due of five cents for a rap at the door. "Come in each member in his State, and forcried the sire, and in bounced the ward the receipts for the same to the Treasurer of the National boy in a sailor jacket, and a tar paulin hat, just home from a whal Sec. 5. All moneys deposited ing voyage. Such rejoicing as there was in that house. How with said company shall be paid his father shook both his hands out only upon the drafts of the and how his mother wept over Treasurer, approved by the Master, and countersigned by the him and embraced him, and how all the brothers and sisters, aunt Sec. 6. No State Grange shall and cousins hung around his neck

be entitled to representation in and tugged at his sailor jacket. It was worth braving the dan the National Grange whose dues gers of the sea to meet with such are unpaid for more than one quarwelcome on his return. He sat at the feast in the chair that mother's deathless love, and hope and recollection had always placed Section 1. All sharters and disfor him, and never was there a board a train as the conductor pensations issue directly from the happier Thanksgiving since that cherished anniversary was invent-

men having received the four Su-Crabapple's boy wept over that story every time he read it, and dispensation to organize a Suborshould he run away from home Thanksgiving day.

Grange, and be signed by the persons applying for the same, and be accompanied by a fee of fifteen those persons only whose names whose fees were paid at the time of organization. Their number sea was too far off, and he couldn't shall not be less than nine men and four women, nor more than twenty men and twenty women yard, grinding bark, which an eral effect was very beautiful. Sec. 5. Fifteen Subordinate swered all the purposes, for he Granges working in a State can the sea," as he rode the old horse

Sec. 6. Where State Granges are mill the world, and imagined himorganized, dispensations for the self sailing around the world at organization of the Subordinate every revolution. Granges, heretofore issued, shall be With a beating heart he apreplaced by Charter from the Naproached the paternal mansion.-He looked in at the window and and thereafter all applications for saw the folks just sitting down to charters for Subordinate Granges the Thanksgiving supper. A chill of disappointment crept | heaven too?"

over him as he saw there was no must be approved by him before vacant chair and there wasn't an they are issued by the National idle plate on the table. He listenphets were honored with a flattering notice, his name wasn't mentioned. This was a little hard on vour grave than grow up a prothe boy who had run away from home and was liable to turn up

giving day. Recollections of him didn't seem | vou." to cluster around the hearthstone Granges shall be prescribed by the to any very great extent.

Repressing a chilling foreboding that arose in his breast, he flung been reading the published letters open the door, rushed into their of your mother."midst and exclaimed-"Father! -home again! home! home!" and then threw himself on his father's Sec. 2. In all Granges bills must breast, sobbing convulsively.

him by the collar, led him into the his mother." oodshed and worked over him more than an hour with a barrel- I owe to my mother." stave, his brothers and sisters dancing around on the back stoop in an ecstacy of delight, while his make a fire is like getting up in mother screamed, "That's right, life. If you crawl timidly out of Ambus; give it to him! Learn bed, go on tip-toe to the stove, and him batter'n to run away from allow the shivers to get control The Master of the National Grange and the members of the

home again!" out any Thanksgiving supper at and you will half freeze to death powered to suspend from office all, and threatened with being de- in the operation. But if you jump any officer of the National Grange prived of both Christmas and New out bravely, bustle around, pull on who may prove inefficient or derelict in the discharge of his Year's dinners.

duty, subject to appeal to the next session thereafter of the National the witnesses, an old lady of some eighty years, was closely questioned by the cross-examining counsel The Constitution can be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote eyesight. "Can you see me?" he of the National Grange at any ansaid. "Yes," was answered. "How nual meeting, and when such alterwell can you see me?" persisted the barrister. "Well enough," rebeen ratified by three-fourths of sponded the lady, "to see that you quarterly to the State Grange the the State Granges, and the same are neither a negro, an Indian, nor reported to the Secretary of the gentleman."

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WAKING UP THE WRONG PAS-SENGER .- One day last week the three-card monte thieves met with a little surprise over at Battle Mountain, and from among the passengers on the West bound train who alighted they selected the wrong one for a victim. The story is thus told by the Virginia Enterprise:

"The other day, at Battle Mountain, they (the Monte sharps) allured a German from the east, who exhibited a large roll of greenbacks on the platform, into the spider's net. The 'drunken man' was on a big spree when the expected victim entered, and was losing money on every bet. The German declined to bet, and to get him in the notion one of the cappers gave him a twenty dollar piece on which to try his luck. He placed it on a card and won. Pocketing the \$40 he refused to bet again, and walked out of the house, followed by the cappers, who insisted on getting the money back .-The German drow a large-sized revolver from his pocket, and assuming a defiant attitude, said:

know what you am. I am an old Californian, and know all about your tam tricks. You take for me an emigrant you make fools mit yourselves.' "The three-carders discovered that they had caught a Tartar, as

"'You speak to me I put you

so tam full of holes you don't

shouted 'all aboard' and leave them lamenting." THE FIRST CARPET .- Seventy years ago, carpets were rarely he got to wondering whether such seen in American families of the a fuss would be made over him middle classes, as they are now really found in Germany. Dr.

and then turn up again some Lyman Beecher gives an amusing account in his autobiography of He thought about it so much that his first carpet at East Hampton, he finally determined to test the L. I. His wife spun a bale of cotbusiness, anyhow. He would see ton, and had it woven. Then she how the people would act when fitted it to the floor, sized it and he played the prodigal's return .- painted in oils, with a bright hor-So about a week before Thanks- der around it, and bunches of roses giving he ran away from home. and other flowers over the center. He didn't go to sea, because the She took also some common wooden chairs, and painted and cut out make much of a voyage in a week, flowers of gilt paper, glueing them anyhow. He got a job in a tan on and varnishing them. The gen-

The East Hampton people were could imagine his "bark was on quite startled by the novelty. One of the old deacons called at the around the circle. He called the house, but stopped at the door as if afraid to enter.

> "Walk in, deacon, walk in," said the minister. "Why I can't 'thout stepping on

it." was the answer. Then surveying it with evident admiration, he gasped out, "D'ye think ye can have all that, and

HIS MOTHER.—The mother of John ed at the door as the blessing was | Quincy Adams said, in a letter to asked, but although several pro- him, written when he was only twelve years old : "I would rather see you laid in

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS' LOVE FOR

fane and graceless boy." Not long before the death of on that orany succeeding Thanks- Mr. Adams, a gentleman said to him: "I have found out who made

> "What do you mean?" asked Mr. Adams. The gentleman replied: "I have

"If." this gentleman relates, "I mother! 'tis I, Sammy Crabapple! had spoken that dear name to some little boy who had been for weeks away from his mother, his eyes could not have flashed more What did that father do? Did brightly, nor his face glowed more he hug him and sob tears over quickly, than did the eyes and before the Treasurer can pay the him, and call him his long "lost face of that venerable old man bo-bo-boy?" Not much. He took when I pronounced the name of

"Yes, sir, all that is

Getting up in a cold room to of you before the kindling starts. Then he was sent to bed with- your fire will probably be a failure. your clothes, knock over a chair or two, and pitch in the stovewood At a trial not long since, one of | you will probably be too warm by the time the fire gets to burning and have to open a window. So in life. Attack it timidly and you relative to the clearness of her will fail. Grapple with it, hurry up things, stir around, conquer fortune, and you will be a success

Union to get away from.

Texas is the best State in the

A bad habit to get into-A coat that is not paid for. Good seldom or never comes un-

mixed with evil.

will find ashes.

White hands are nice, but willing ones are nicer.

So in all things, Great and small things, Be as thorough as you can. Spotless truth and honor bright!

Little atoms when we speak. Help the weak, if you are strong; ·Love the old, if you are young;

If you're angry, hold your tongue; In each duty Lies a beauty, If your eyes you do not shut, Just as surely And securely As a kernel in a nut.

Soothe and soften Gild a joy or heal a pain; They are treasures. Yielding pleasures

VIOLETS. "Rare wine of flowers."-Fletcher.

But here, where sunshine and coy shadows Out gleam the tender eyes of violets sweet Touched by the vapory noontide's fiseting

Rise the strange shades of half-forgotten Pale, tearful, mute, and yet, O Heaven,

Fixed with fond meanings on a goal above And some faint shades of weary, drooping Each with a nameless pathos on its face,

Slowly they wane! the while these odors Mysterious and Lethean; languid stream

Pulse flower-like o'er a whispering tide o Now wakes the soul to outward sound or

IN MY NEIGHBOR'S GARDEN.

I might, perhaps, grow weary Of its royal pomp and grace,

And rich within my garden,

A BIT OF A SERMON.

Do it, boys, with all your might,

Love with all your heart and soul; Down with eye and ear and touch;

It is wicked to retain.

Now and ever, Be as thorough as you can.

Riots like some rude hoiden uncontrolled

And lo! methinks from out these mystic

Yea, fair and wondrous, gliding gently nigh,

A wood-breese fans the dreamer's forehead Who feels as one long wrapped from pain

for all I know." Col. C-'s fine face flushed with shame and anger.

> To this the obdurate parent replied, with considerable show of reason, that the suitor's references and brother officers were just as much strangers to him as the suitgood word on the colonel's behalf than he had to take the colonel's

remain engaged," pleaded the lov- passing one arm round Carrie, er, driven to desperation. "Time turned an undismayed front to- bridesmaids.

comrade and his bride from per sonal violence. Dr. ---, seeing the resolute attitude of the enemy, and perhaps mindful that his profession was that of a peacemaker, instead of peacebreaker, called a Since Carrie, he said, was so ob-

But poor Carrie's Chateau is Es-

thoughts intent, glided quietly relaxed, and she was permitted to

mable privileges of a trousseau and