

THE POET AND THE CHILDREN.

With a glory of winter sunshine
Over his locks of gray,
In the old historic mansion
He sat on his last birthday.

AN ABDUCTION.

In the absence of Jules, Mme. Champonnet's one female domestic, Melanie, serving in this bourgeois household in the double capacity of cook and chambermaid, opened the door to Raoul de Malplaquet and ushered him into the salon.

A Lesson in Business.

Blumper failed once and lost his last dollar. He studied the thing over from every view and concluded that his fatal mistake was in not advertising. He was a general favorite in the country town where he met with disaster, he held nothing out against his creditors, and his reward came in the shape of the postmaster'ship.

Why Chickens Die.

The "unknown cause" of the frequent losses among chickens before they are more than 4 weeks old which we see frequently spoken of or inquired about in some of the papers professedly devoted to the poultry interests, and which they often ascribe to "constitutional weakness," is most frequently caused by indigestion.

Eloquence at Bay.

It was a preacher who had that "fatal fluency" for whom an acquaintance laid a trap. He had a way of promising to preach, and on beginning would say something like "I have been too busy to prepare a sermon, but if some one will kindly give me a text I'll preach from it."

GOOD ROAD WISDOM.

How to Improve the Highways at Small Increase of Expense.

It is constantly being remarked in conversation and printed in interviews and editorials in the papers that better roads are very necessary, but that they are too expensive. The community is too poor to do anything, and there the matter ends.

"Well, so be it, monsieur. I have only the interest of my child at heart. Six days from today, then, return for your answer."

It was only this crazy abduction scheme of his that worried good Mme. Champonnet, with her old fashioned way of regarding things. Still, after all, it was merely a pretense, the foolish notion of a romantic lover, a mock abduction, in truth, since she, forewarned of it, was an accomplice in it.

Not Their Exact Words.

The general tendency to look at the actions of others through one's own particular spectacles is frequently observed. Perhaps not so often noticed, however, is the habit of unconsciously rendering another's speech into one's own language.

Story of a Boston "Tip."

In a fashionable restaurant the other evening a lady and gentleman were dining before going to an up town theater. They had been belated in arriving, and their order was consequently small and hastily consumed.

Effective San Jose Spray.

The salt, sulohur and lime spray for San Jose scale, as it has been used with good results in California for many years past, is made as follows: Unslaked lime, 40 pounds; sulphur, 20 pounds; salt, 15 pounds. Ten pounds of the lime is first slaked and boiled with the sulphur in 20 gallons of water for three hours over a brisk fire.

Wanted a Good One.

Speaking of antiquity brings up the inexplicable American fad of using coats of arms. It reached a climax not long ago, when a youthful daughter of a wealthy German brewer visited an engraver's office, and, looking over the books on heraldry, finally ordered one coat of arms for her own use which combined the prettiest features of those belonging to three great English houses.

The Better Word.

Sign of a Trip Abroad.

"Mrs. Gaswell, your daughter's visit to Europe seems to have made her quite a polished young woman."

Live With the Dead.

Thousands of Egyptians live in old tombs, eating, sleeping, wooing, loving, laughing, dancing, singing, doing all their deeds of daily life and household work among the mummies and sarcophagi.

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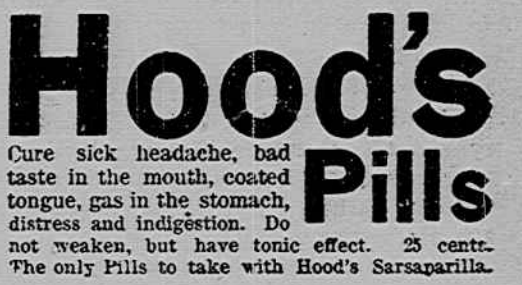
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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with 2 columns: Station, Time. Includes Sumter, W. & S. Junc., Tinsal, Packsville, Silver, Millard, Summert, Davis, Jordan, Ar. Wilson Mill.

Trains between Millard and St. Paul leave Millard 10 15 a m and 3 45 p m, arriving St. Paul 10 25 a m and 3 55 p m. Returning leave St. Paul 10 35 a m and 4 10 p m, and arrive Millard 10 45 a m and 4 20 p m. Daily except Sunday. *Daily except Sunday. THOMAS WILSON President