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MARRIAGE,

reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisition to promote connubial happiness indeed, without these, the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage; the prospect hourly darkens to the view; the mind becomes shadowed with despair and filled with the melancholy reflection that the happiness of another becomes blighted with our own.

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POETRY.

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"You were at Cold Harbor, Soldier?"
"Ay, lady, that I was,
Fighting for home and freedom,
The Union and the laws,
I got a ball in my thigh, there,
But I limp'd on through the days
When death seem'd clutching the army
In the swamp's bewildering maze,"

"You were at South Mountain, Soldier?"
"Ay, lady, I mind that day,
For the fight was long and bloody
Ere the stubborn foe gave way.
When our Colonel fell I caught him,
He died in my arms that night,
And I buried him on the mountain,
By the moon's sad, misty light."

"You fought under Sherman, soldier?"
"Ay, lady, that I did;
Through blood, and fire, and slaughter,
I followed where he led.
I went through Atlanta with him,
As proud as man could be,
And I followed him with out flinching
From the mountains to the sea."

"You have lost an arm brave soldier?"
"Lady, my loss is gain,
For I gave my right arm gladly,
And I smiled at the bitter pain.
I gave it for home and country,
For the Flag of the boys in blue;
And had they needed the other
I'd have given it gladly too."

RICH AND POOR.

Not rich is he, though wider far,
His acres stretch than eyes can roll,
Who has no shnshine in his mind,
No wealth of beauty in his soul.

Not poor is he though never known
His name in hall or city mart,
Who smiles content beneath his load,
With God and nature in his heart.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE MIDNIGHT MARRIAGE.

BY H. ELLIOT M'BRIDE.

It was a beautiful evening in the month of May. The sun had just hid his broad face behind old Jeremiah Hopplecopper's barn, and the sounds of the day were hushed. All was still,—Susannah Hopplecopper, who had been out milking under the wide-spread maples, had just put down the bars and was in the act of coming through, when William Blastus Blifkins dashed down the lane on a cantering gray.

William Blastus Blifkins was a young man who had resided but a short time with Uncle Josiah Blifkins, in the village of Dabney, and was engaged in working at the shoe making business.

Blifkins had met Susannah Hopplecopper a few evenings previous at a little party at one of the neighbor's houses, and the consequence was, Blifkins fell in love instanter.

Bilfkins called that evening to give Susannah an invitation to attend a picnic to be held the following week in a neighboring grove.

Susannah, of course, felt somewhat flustered when the noble form of the young shoemaker dashed down the lane on his uncle's cantering gray. Susannah, who like all other tidy girls, had tucked up her dress whilst performing the milking operation, hastily pulled out the pins and allowed the dress to fall, in order, we suppose, not only to appear to better advantage before the noble shoemaker, but also to hide her feet; for Susannah, although a very pretty girl, had awful big feet.

After the usual greetings had passed, the gallant shoemaker said, in his tenderest tone,—

'There's to be a picnic over at old Ben Smithers' grove next Tuesday evening, and I came over this delightful evening, to ax you if I might have the inexpressible pleasure of *a-scorching* you.'

Susannah didn't altogether know what *a-scorching* meant, and she told him if he wanted for to take her to the picnic, he ort to say so, in so many words, and not get to saying, unreasonably big things that common folks couldn't understand.

The gallant shoemaker replied that that was what he desired. He wished to have the delectable pleasure of taking her to the picnic.

Susannah said, of coursely, she would go, and then she invited Blifkins to come into the house and squat down a spell, but Blifkins "guessed he would'nt," and after saying "good evening" to each other, the happy couple parted, and the noble form of the shoemaker was carried rapidly away by the cantering gray.

When Susannah came in with her milk-pails, her maternal ancester, whose name was Angelina Hopplecopper, said to her daughter,—

'Suze, who was that noble looking man who rode down to you a few minutes ago on Si Blifkins gray?'

'That,' says Susannah, 'is a nephew of old Mr Blifkins. He came to the village a few days ago, and expects to remain some time. He came over to see if I wouldn't go to a picnic, and I told him as how I guessed I would.'

'Well, Suze,' says the old woman, 'that is all right. I like the looks of the young feller at a distance. He appears to have a noble bearing, but I intend to enquire into his character before I allow you to go gallivatin' round much with him.'

'Oh, mar,' says Susannah, 'he's a tip top teller—I know he is, and I love him,' and so saying, Susannah took up her milk pails and continued her way to the spring house.

With a happy feeling in her heart Susannah strained her milk, fed the pigs, and performed the various other little things a farmer's daughter is expected to do when there are no boys about the house and then she came into the house changed her dress and sat down.

Then old Hopplecopper appeared. Jeremiah Hopplecopper was a tyrannical old man. He allowed his daughter to have but little company, and he had often said in her hearing 'that this courtin' was all darned nonsense.'

Then says old Hopplecopper, 'Suze, your mar says as how you are goin' to a picnic with a young feller next Tuesday. Is that so?'

'It is,' answered the maiden.

'Daughter,' says the old man, 'you have done wrong. You ought to have consulted me before you are agreed to go trainin' round with a young feller you know nothin' at all about. Howsomever I'll let you go this time, but I shall take measures to ascertain what kind of a feller he is before you go gallivatin' with him again.'

Then says Susannah, 'O pa! he's a buster, and I love him so much.'

'Silence!' thundered the old man.—'Tis ridiculous to talk of loving a man you have only seen upwards of a few times. Silence!' again shouted the tyrannical pa, as Susannah opened her mouth to speak. 'Talk not to me of love but go on with your knittin.'

Thus adjured, the pretty Susannah held her tongue whilst the old man pulled off his boots and travelled off to bed.

The long looked-for Tuesday came, and the lads and lassies of the neighborhood assembled in old Smithers' grove. Josiah Blifkins' gray was driven by William Blastus Blifkins, and by the side of Wm. Blastus Blifkins sat the pretty Susannah, her face wreathed in smiles of the very sweetest kind. Blifkins felt good that day. Susannah ditto.

Blifkins led the blushing Susannah on to the platform, and the dance commenced. The way the happy two tramped the boards on that occasion was astonishing to the lads and lassies who stood off under the oaks and maples and looked on.

When the dance was ended Blifkins led the almost exhausted Susannah out into the grove, and seated themselves on a log. Then said the gallant shoemaker,

'Angelic Susannah, I love you a heap. I have loved you ever since I met you. Will you be my wife all the days of life?'

'Yes, I will?' sighed the maiden, and she rested her tired head on the young shoemaker's shirt-bosom.

Blifkins kissed the darling Susannah half a dozen times, then after muttering something about being the happiest cobbler in creation, he got up, strode towards the platform, and again rushed into the mazy windings of the merry dance.

The picnic came to an end, as all picnics eventually do, and the lads and lasses returned to their homes, feeling well satisfied with the day's enjoyment.

When Susannah and Blifkins returned, Mrs. Hopplecopper—good old woman that she was—had the supper smoking on the table, and Blifkins was invited to partake. Blifkins came in and partook with gusto. The slapjacks vanished before Blifkins like the early dew before the morning sun.

Susannah could see that the old folks were not favorably impressed with Blifkins but they bridled their tongues until he had taken his departure. Then the storm commenced.

'Daughter,' said old Hopplecopper, 'I like not the man. Remember he comes not here again.'

'Daughter,' says the old woman, 'I like not the man. He's awful on slapjacks and molasses. Indeed he's worse than a famine.'

'And then,' says the tyrannical pa, 'he's got an awful nose. I never could abide a nose of that shape. He comes no more.

'Yes, and he's a shoemaker,' says the old woman. 'I can't endure a shoemaker. Daughter, see to it that he receives no encouragement from you.'

'A shoemaker,' thundered the old man. 'A base-born cobbler! I knew it not. Daughter, if he comes here again I'll smash his skull with a hickory stick—to the last!'

Susannah, who had patiently listened to all these threats, now calmly said.—'Bill Blifkins has axed me to be hizzen, and I told him as how I would.'

Then the storm waxed greater.—In fact it became a perfect hurricane.

Jeremiah Hopplecopper ripped and tore, and swore, and the old woman coughed and hawed, and said cranky things, whilst the plucky Susannah declared she'd have Bill or die. Then the old man commenced again, and swore till he was black in the face; then the old woman waxed wrothy, and 'went on' till she sprained her voice. But amidst all this confusion, the angelic Susannah sat with determination pictured upon her lovely countenance, reminding one of a tough oak stump in the midst of a hurricane.

In the course of an hour and a half, the storm subsided, and they all went to bed. The old man and the old woman slept a sweet, soft, calm, refreshing sleep, but Susannah slept not.

When the town clock was on the stroke of twelve, she arose, put on her best clothes and went forth. All was still, not a sound broke the stillness of the midnight air, save the ponderous tramp of the determined Susannah, as she marched up to the residence of old Blifkins and shouted for Bill to appear.

Bill came to an upstairs window, and wished to know what was wanted at this 'witching time of night.' Susannah then informed Bill how things were going on down at the house of the Hopplecoppers, and Bill—

'Well, I'll be ded darned—pump—and Susannah informed Bill that if he wan'ed her to be hizzen, he must take her right off and before the sun shone again on the house of the Hopplecoppers.

Bill put on his trousers and came down.

Bill and Susannah, after holding each other to each others' heart for five minutes proceeded down to Parson Buttergobblers'.

Buttergobbler was hauled from the arms of Morpheus to tie the knot, which he did.

William Blastus Blifkins and Susannah Hopplecopper are now a happy couple and the old folks have become reconciled to the match. Blifkins owns a large shoe store in Dabney, but old Mrs. Hopplecopper says, he is still 'awful on slapjacks and molasses.'

SINGULARLY SOLD.—Two gentlemen from New York, one of whom has been in California nearly a year and the other just arrived, were accidentally overheard in the following conversation at the Sutter House, Sacramento. The new comer was lamenting his condition, and especially of his beautiful daughters who were just budding into womanhood—when he asked the other if he had a family.

'Yes, sir, I have a wife and six children in New York—and I never saw one of them.'

After this the couple set a few minutes in silence, and then the interrogator again commenced.—

'Were you ever blind, sir?'

'No sir.'

Another lapse of time.

'Did I understand you to say, sir, that you had a wife and six children living in New York, and never saw one of them?'

'Yes, sir—I so stated it.'

Another and a longer pause of silence when the interrogator again inquired—

'How can it be, sir, that you never saw one of them?'

'Why' was the response, 'one of them was born after I left.'

'Oh! ah!' and a general laugh followed.

After that the first New Yorker was especially distinguished as the man who had six children, and never saw one of them.

QUEER EMPLOYMENT.

We heard a pretty good story the other day, where an honest faced Hoosier went into a fancy store in Cincinnati in hunt of a situation. The proprietor or head clerk was sitting in the counting room, with his feet elevated, contemplating human life through the softening influence of cigar smoke.

Our Hoosier friend addressed him as follows:

'Do you want to hire any men about your establishment.

The clerk looked indifferently, but seeing his customer, concluded to have a little fun out of him, so he answered very briskly, at the same time pulling out a large and costly handkerchief, and wiping his nose on it.

'Yes, sir; what sort of a situation do you want?'

'Well, I'm not particular. I'm out of work, and almost anything will do for me a while.'

'Yes, I can give you a situation, if it will suit you.'

'What is it, what's to be done and what do you give?'

'Well, I want a hand to chew rags into paper, and if you are willing to set in, you may begin at once.'

'Good as wheat! hand over your rags.'

'Here, take this handkerchief and commence with it.'

The Hoosier saw the 'sell,' and quietly putting the handkerchief into his pocket, walked out remarking:

'When I get it chawed, stranger, I'll fetch it back.'

BLESSED ARE PAYING SUBSCRIBERS.

Blessed is the man who doth subscribe for his country paper and pays therefor. His feet shall not stand in slippery places; he shall not be forsaken by his friend, nor his children be seen begging.

Blessed is he that walketh to the office of the printer, even ascendeth to the sanctum and payeth a years' subscription in advance.

He shall learn wisdom day by day and be exalted above his fellows.

He shall talk knowingly upon all subjects and his neighbors shall be astonished at the muchness of his learning.

He shall not contract bad debts or lose good bargains.

He shall not pay an additional per cent on his taxes, for his eyes shall behold the notice of the collector, and he will take warning thereby.

Verily, he shall bring his produce to the market when the prices are exceedingly good, and with it when the price descendeth.

His children shall not vex him nor his wife wear his breeches.

He shall live to a good old age, and when his hour is at hand his soul shall not be troubled as to its future state.

But it were better for him that doth refuse to subscribe for his village paper that he had to be bound hand and foot and cast upon a feather bed.

If perchance he has a moment's peace it is only that he may have a little rest, ere the memory of an evil hour lacerates his mind as the goad picks the hide of a strong ox, so that his punishment may be long drawn out.

His children shall grow up in wickedness, they shall put their hands to their noses, and vex him to wrath, and his wife shall kick him out of bed.

☞A person who is considered landless has sometimes two or three acres in his mouth.

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