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LOVER'S REGRETS.

...ugh the halls of memory
...sound of tripping feet,
...of laughing maidens
...lor retreat;
...ght, eyes of azure,
...and ebon curls;
...bound tightly
...of merry girls.

...se a,
No; I fain would b...
For I know they come ...unt me
With the long gone days of yore.
They are only fancy's creatures,
Blooms of early summer, toss'd
On the sward of waning autumn;
Yet I dread these chances lost!

There is Sibyl, like a fairy
Up she steals behind my chair;
On my eyelids rest her fingers;
I must guess what child is there.
I am sure you liked me, Sibyl;
Had I dared my love avow.
You, I guess—confound my slowness!
What's the use of guessing now?

Dorothy, you little Quaker,
How I loved your looks demure!
Your best weapons were your blushes,
For their wounds time cannot cure.
Well I knew your heart was sunshine,
That restraint you could discard;
I was thinking of proposing
When I got your wedding card!

Netta, charming, stately Netta—
Netta with the cheek of snow,
You and I were nearly lovers
In the golden long ago.
You've a ma who always made me
Very welcome at the house;
You've a friend who, had he courage,
Would today have been your spouse.

Laura, I shall ere remember
That sweet evening at the beach;
Scores of times before my mirror
I'd rehearsed a certain speech.
What a splendid chance I had, dear,
Buttoning that tiny glove!
But I prattled—that's the word, dear—
Prattled everything but love!

Pretty shadows, ere you leave me,
My confession pray you hear,
I extol this blank existence
To the world's astonished ear:
But when lonely, in my chamber,
Oft I reckon up the cost,
And I think in deepest sorrow
Of the chances I have lost!
—Thomas Frost in New York Herald.

DIAMOND MINES IN BRAZIL.

The Work of Digging Was Formerly Done by Slaves, Who Were Watched.

In Brazil the gem bearing sands are in a similar manner washed either in a wooden bowl and in a current of water, and it is only a short time ago since this work was performed by slaves under the eye of watchful overseers. The pick and shovel are used for disaggregating the gravel bank. The water next washes away the soil, sand and clay. The small gravel remaining is spread out in the sun, and the rays of light quickly distinguish the precious stones contained therein.

The seekers acquire after a time a marvelous readiness, and there exists between them an ardent emulation, because the finding of a stone above the average is not only soon proclaimed, but the finder is specially recompensed, and only a few years ago the slave who found a diamond beyond a certain weight received his liberty at once.

In many diamond diggings, according as the miner finds a stone, he places it into a kind of wooden or bamboo case, the outside of which is more or less decorated, and to which a superstition is often attached. A case which has already held many handsome gems is accounted a good talisman to insure the finding of others, and the negro workmen place great importance to these precious little tubes.

It will be easily understood that during work, and especially before leaving the place of work at the close of the day, the miners are subjected to the minutest search; but in spite of this, thefts are frequent, facilitated as they are by the extreme small size of the precious stones, and also by the circumstance that the miners may very easily have small pieces with them that are their property, because these little gems are taken as current money in the diamantiferous countries, in the same manner as gold dust passes current in auriferous regions.

When the agents of the government or large corporations who work these mines have received from the miners a certain quantity of "rough," it is inclosed in strong leather bags, securely closed and loaded upon jack mules, which, under military escort, are conducted to the nearest town or port.

During the past centuries all the rough diamonds sent to Europe came by way of Amsterdam and Antwerp, where the Dutchman Berguen had in 1675 perfected, if not discovered, the cutting of this incomparable gem. But since the beginning of this century large traders and immense cutting establishments were established at London, Paris and other capitals, and Geneva also possesses at present fairly large establishments, in which are cut indiscriminately either the diamond, garnet or other precious stones.—Jewelers' Circular.

How the Difficulty Was Met.

A good story is told of Judge Kent, the well known American jurist. A man was indicted for burglary, and the evidence on the trial showed that his burglary consisted in cutting a hole through a tent in which several persons were sleeping, and then projecting his hand and arm through the hole and abstracting various articles of value.

It was claimed by his counsel that, inasmuch as he never actually entered into the tent with his whole body, he had not committed the offense charged, and must therefore be discharged.

Judge Kent, in reply to this plea, told the jury that if they were not satisfied that the whole man was involved in the crime they might bring in a verdict of guilty against so much of him as was thus involved.

The jury, after a brief consultation, found the right arm, the right shoulder and the head of the prisoner guilty of the offense of burglary.

The judge sentenced the right arm, the right shoulder and head to imprisonment with hard labor in the state prison for two years, remarking that, as to the rest of the man's body, he might do with it what he pleased.—London Tit-Bits.

Make Bank Presidents Give Bonds.

A member of the New York Stock exchange recently gave vent to the following: "I cannot understand why presidents of banks, who have such large amounts of money under their charge, should not give bonds. This is something which stockholders and depositors should think of. The law ought to demand these bonds. And, in my judgment, the bond should be at least ten times as large as the salary. A bank president who receives $10,000 a year should give a bond for at least $100,000, one who receives $25,000 a year salary should give a bond for at least $250,000. If the president turns out to be a thief the defrauded depositors and stockholders are then at least that much in."—New York Epoch.

HUMOR

THE PROFESSOR ARRIVES.

The Great Man Condescends to Chat with Brass Buttons.

It was 11 o'clock at night. He had a small bundle under his arm and was headed up Jefferson avenue when he encountered a policeman and said:

"My dear sir, I have just arrived in your beautiful city and am looking for the office of your leading daily paper. I rather expected to be approached and interviewed at the depot, but the reporters were doubtless called away on some special assignment. My name is De Lisle, sir—Professor De Lisle."

"Yes," replied the officer.

"Formerly of the editorial staff of several bright and crispy western daily papers, but of late years devoted to music. I give lessons on several instruments, but more notably the guitar and banjo."

"Yes."

"Reporters make it a great point to interview me wherever I go. At South Bend they devoted nearly a page to me. I am now on my farewell tour of the United States. Don't want to take up your valuable time, but if you could direct me to a newspaper office I should esteem it a great favor."

The officer gave him directions, and he uttered his thanks and added:

"Nothing more is needed. I take the elevator to the fourth floor and find the city editor. Always glad to see me. Always call me old man and other familiar and endearing terms. Tickled to death to think I came. Big scoop on our contemporaries, you know. Scarcely get through shaking hands before he writes:

"'Another big scoop! Our contemporaries not in it! Arrival in Detroit of the famous Professor De Lisle, the world renowned musician! Do you see?'

The officer thought he did.

"The article goes on to say that I am occupying parlors at the Cadillac—pleased to meet local musical critics—will shortly organize classes in upper ten society—going to fill a long felt want and all that. The boys always spread themselves on me, you know. Got a scrap book with 1,730 elegant notices from the leading dailies in the United States. Papers in this town run on liberal ideas, I suppose?"

"They've been liberal enough to wollop me several times," replied the officer, with a tinge of bitterness.

"Nothing to worry over, my boy. You simply went into the wrong purfesh. Just read the papers in the morning and see how they sugar me. Do they have society notes in the Sunday papers here?"

"I believe so."

"Capital! Look out for the Sunday issues. 'We are pleased to announce the arrival from Chicago of Professor De Lisle, who proposes to make Detroit his home for the next year. Belongs to the highest society. Received with open arms by New York's Four Hundred. Was offered $10,000 to write a book on American society and mannerisms, but respectfully declined.' Sorry for you, old boy, but you struck the wrong gait. You know the town probably?"

"I think I do."

"Good! After my call at the newspaper offices I shall want to put up for the night at a quiet and modest hostelry. Always do that until I get the lay of the town. Object: Rest and recuperation; also opportunity for quiet meditation. Direct me to something at about a dollar a day. As I said, I don't care for gorgeousness, but I do want the comforts of home."

The officer told him where he would find such a place, and he scraped and bowed his thanks and disappeared in the darkness, saying:

"By-by, old chappie. Sorry for you, but our lines differ and we must part. Watch for the papers. Keep your eyes peeled for Professor De Lisle. Brass buttons are so so, but a purfesh is the thing."—Detroit Free Press.

A Particular Husband.

Mrs. Youngwife—Have you any beets?

Grocer—Yes'm.

Mrs. Y.—Please send me up two pounds of live ones!

Grocer—Live ones!

Mrs. Y.—Yes, my husband says he has no use for dead ones.—Minneapolis Tribune.

The Poor Flies.

"There are no flies on me."

"No. You keep your jaw wagging so much it scares them away."—New York Epoch.

Suspicious.

"Who is that fellow talking to Miss Wilton?"

"Colonel Mortimer, of the Nine Hundred and Sixty-seventh United States infantry. He's a very brave man; been in some of the hottest Indian fights we've had, and once he was captured by the Apaches."

"What! and retained all that head of hair? Never!"—Harper's Bazar.

Both Were Slightly Rattled.

"I'm in a hurry," said a Bloomer farmer, rushing into one of our hardware stores the other day; "just got time to catch the train. Give me a corn popper, quick!"

"All right, sir!" replied the clerk. "Do you want a large pop corner?"

"No, just a medium sized—an ordinary porn popper."

"How will this cop porner do?"

"Is that a pon corper?"

"Yes. But you are getting a little rattled. You mean a corn porper—no, a porn copper; no, a"——

"I mean a con porper."

"Oh, yes, a pon copper!"

"Yes, be quick! Give me a pup cooner, and be quick."

"All right! Here's your pun cooper."—Chippewa Falls Independent.

Authorities on Ages.

Professor Greatmind—Yes, sir, this earth is 100,000,000 years old, not a day less.

Visitor—Wonderful! Wonderful!

Little Girl (entering)—Oh, papa, see my new doll.

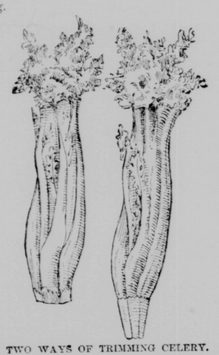
Visitor—Your child, I presume, professor. How old is she?

Professor Greatmind—Um—er—my dear, go ask your mother how old you are.—New York Weekly.

CELERY FOR MARKET.

How It Is Prepared by Gardeners in the East and in the West.

Appearance goes a great ways in the markets, and the shipper of vegetables or fruits cannot take too much pains with his products. If he can make these attractive he will be pretty sure of quick sales and good prices. The Kalamazoo celery, as placed on our markets, always looks odd to us. We think that something is wrong with it, but it is all in the trimming, says Popular Gardening.



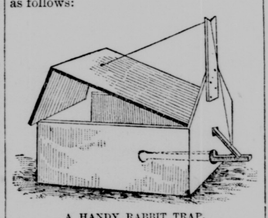
TWO WAYS OF TRIMMING CELERY.

People in the east were in the habit of seeing celery trimmed as shown at the right of our illustration, and we have learned to like the way, especially as the center of the root part is as good to eat as any other part of the plant. The Kalamazoo people cut the root off square and usually pretty close to the heart, as shown at the left of illustration. This to us looks like mutilation, and we think the growers make a mistake. It may take a little longer to trim the roots off with four cuts than with a single stroke of the knife, but it will pay in the end by making more sales and increasing the demand for their products.

A RABBIT TRAP.

A Handy Contrivance Described and Illustrated by Prairie Farmer.

Rabbits are the easiest of all animals to take, for the reason that when in the trap they invariably sit down before attempting to nibble at the bait. A boy in trapping rabbits rids the premises of destructive animals, provides a nice dish for the table and has his sport as well. The common "figure 4" trap is the simplest form. The one shown in the cut is a handy affair, and is easily made as follows:



A HANDY RABBIT TRAP.

Nail three boards a little less than two feet long and a foot wide together for bottom and sides. Nail another one running up to a point or with a piece nailed on, as shown in the engraving, for the back. For the top and front nail two pieces together of the length of the sides and height, and fasten by a hinge joint at the back. The apparatus for setting consists of two pieces of wood and a string. Whittle one piece, which is about ten inches long, to a point at one end with a notch at the other, and put it through a hole bored in the back a few inches from the bottom. The other piece make chisel shaped at both ends and notch it so as to tie a string in the middle. Make another notch in rear end of the top for this small piece, as shown in the figure. Fasten one end of the string to the front of the top to pass over the notched stick at the back to the brace fastened between the notches of the bait stick and back. For a bait use pieces of apples or turnips, or even corn on the cob, the bait being fastened to the pointed stick on the inside of the trap. A rabbit entering the trap nibbles at the bait, shaking the bait stick, which in turn sets free the brace, and the cover falls. The notches should be only so deep as to fairly allow the trap to be set.

Sweets for Horses.

The average horse has a special fondness for sugar and other sweets, and this appetite has been successfully catered to in different parts of the world for improving his health and condition. Horses thrive well upon saccharine substances, and it is said that in Australia and South America sugar and molasses are largely used as horse food in preparing them for sale; its tendency is to aid flesh to the form and glossiness to the coat, both probably followers of healthy digestion and well regulated bowels. Colts also are regularly treated to rations of the fascinating diet. Sugar not only improves the condition of the colts, but it prevents risks of stoppage of the bowels or impaction of the stomach during the season when dry food only is procurable. The manner of using the sweetened food is to dissolve the sugar or molasses in water and pour it upon chaff or cut hay, mixing well. If the mess is at first not relished, a greedy preference will soon develop, and the colt will lick, with the greatest enjoyment, the bottom and sides of the manger long after the last morsel of chaff and cut hay has been eaten.—Southern Cultivator.

The Fifth Wheel.

The fifth wheel for a coach has found its place at last. On the tramway at Brussels they have cars (Trams derailables) which are fitted with a fifth wheel, so that they can easily be made to leave the rails and be replaced upon them—and their use is said to be increasing. The fifth wheel is placed in the fore part of the car, and can be raised by means of levers, so that the other wheels are free to leave the rails whenever there is an obstacle on the line of route. In order to replace the car on the rails the conductor unclamps the guide wheel, and the other wheels are thus made to regain the rails.—Practical Electricity.

Money That Has Disappeared.

One may get a notion of the number of pennies lost from the history of the old half cents. Of these 800,000 were issued a few years ago. Where are they now? A few are in the cabinets of coin collectors. None have been returned to the mint for recoinage or are held by the treasury. Nobody sees them in circulation. All of them except some hundreds saved out by curio hunters have absolutely disappeared.

Of the old copper pennies, 119,000,000 still remain unaccounted for, save that once in a long while one sees a specimen. There are more than 3,000,000 bronze two cent pieces somewhere out of 4,500,000 of them that the government issued. Of nickel three cent pieces, nearly 2,000,000 are yet outstanding, although it is seldom that one of them is come across.—Washington Letter.

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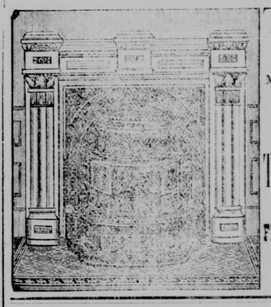

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