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Not costly dress, nor queenly air;
Not jeweled hand, complexion fair;
Not graceful form, nor lofty tread;
Nor paint, nor curls, nor splendid head;
Nor pearly teeth, nor sparkling eyes;
Not voice that nightingale outvies;
Nor breath as sweet as eglantine;
Nor gaudy gems, nor fabrics fine;
Not all the stores of fashion's mart,
Nor yet the blandishments of art;
Not one, nor all of these combined,
Can make one woman, true, refined.

'Tis not the casket that we prize,
But that which in the casket lies,
These outward charms that please the sight
Are naught unless the heart be right;
She, to fulfill her destined end,
Must with her beauty goodness blend;
Must make it her transcendent care
To deck herself with jewels rare;
Of priceless gems must be possessed,
In robes of richest beauty dressed;
Yet these must clothe the inward mind.
In purity the most refined.

She who doth all these goods combine
Can man's rough nature well refine;
Hath all she needs in this frail life
To fit for mother, sister, wife.
Contentment dwells within her mind,
And peace doth there in lodgment find.
He who possesses such a friend,
Should cherish well till death doth end.
Woman, in fine, the mate she should be,
To sail with man o'er life's rough sea;
And when the stormy cruise is o'er,
Attend him to fair Canaan's shore.

Miscellaneous.

JUST IN TIME.

"Elma Griffin, died April 15, 1849, aged 18 years, 2 months and 6 days."

These were the words engraved upon a silver plate, but there was no coffin under them. Mrs. Purroy, an elderly lady visiting friends living on Clinton avenue, Almeda, but whose home was in Brooklyn, N. Y., looked with an air of mingled pride and reverence upon the carving, for her name was once Elma Griffin, and the coffin was made to hold her remains.

"On my nineteenth birthday," she said, "my mother invited a number of acquaintances to our house to celebrate the day. We lived some distance outside of Williamsburg, as it was then, and the ground was a little soft and boggy. One of my friends remembered this as she was about to start home with her brother, and she laughingly congratulated me on being housed already and having no occasion to brave the swamp. I was a wild young girl in those days, and I declared at once that I would go with them and return alone.

"Everybody present tried to dissuade me except the girl's brother. We started and when I reached my friend's house I was conscious that my feet were quite wet, and that a disagreeable chill had crept over me, but I declined an invitation to go in and went away at once. Of course Rob—the brother, I mean—came with me, and somehow I forgot the cold and damp as I walked home.

"I think we must have talked for a long time as we stood on my uncle's door step, for suddenly Rob—my escort, I mean—said: 'Elma, your face is very pale. Have I kept you standing here too long?' He talked to me for ten minutes after that, and then wished me good night and left me. I rang the bell, and when my mother opened the door I told her what I might have known an hour sooner, if I had given it a thought, that I was really ill. She hurried me to bed immediately, and when she came to call me the following morning she looked very anxiously. By noon I was delirious, but I could hear the doctor tell my mother I had typhoid fever, and that he could not hold out much hope for my recovery. I knew that my mother was weeping, but I was a selfish girl, and I only cried out: 'Robert! Robert! Where is Robert?' and they told me, hardly thinking that I heard them, that Robert had been suddenly called upon to start for California early that morning, and had not even heard of my illness. He sent a letter to me, however, but I did not see it until many weeks later.

"I grew rapidly worse, and gradually all knowledge of outer things passed from me. I fancy I had a certain consciousness, but not of matters around me. I was in another state of being, in which the person acting and speaking—always strangely speaking—was myself, and yet not myself. Then came an utter blank, from which I awoke after nearly three weeks of oblivion, to see my mother, and the doctor said the crisis was passed and I should probably recover, but I did not feel any interest in what he was talking about.

"The quiet days of convalescence followed, and the doctor, seeing that I was very weak, regarded me seriously and warned mother that a relapse should be carefully guarded against. I used at that time, too, to fall into curious physical conditions that I suppose were trances, in which I knew all that was going on around me, but from which I did not seem to care to arouse myself by moving or speaking. These periods lasted longer and longer, but they were not observed, and as they were rather pleasant than otherwise I said nothing about them.

"One morning I awoke from what seemed to be a natural sleep, and lay with my eyes closed listening to sounds that at first I could not interpret; but slowly the knowledge came to me that my mother was sobbing beside my bed. I tried to ask her why she was grieving, but I could not move or speak. The trance was upon me. I was sensitive, however, and knew that I was lying upon a hard substance and not upon the comfortable mattress of my bed. I could feel, too, very little coming over me, and despite my fear lids being down the gloomy darkness of the room could be detected. 'Where in the world have they carried me to?' I thought.

"Presently I heard my mother's voice, and I knew that she was speaking to my cousin Mary, who was staying in the house with us.

"'Poor Elma,' she said. 'I was sure that God would spare her to me. She struggled through that dreadful illness only to die quietly in her sleep at last. It is very hard, Mary.'

"I have often wondered since that I did not really die of horror at that moment, as I realized like a lightning flash that they thought I was dead and had put me in my coffin. They were going to bury me. I strove hard to speak but the sphinx was not more dumb than I. I tried to stir, but the rock of Gibraltar might have moved as easily. 'Must my life be smothered out in a grave for want of a little speech or action now?' I thought.

"'It is hard, indeed, dear aunt,' replied Mary, 'but His will be done. You must arouse yourself. The undertaker will close the coffin in a few minutes. Do you think Robert—Mr. Purroy—will be here?'

"'I hardly think so now,' answered my mother. 'Something must have happened to delay him. He was to have arrived home yesterday, but he did not come, and I postponed the burial until to day.' He has not heard of her death, poor fellow. The news will nearly kill him. There is one person in the world, I think, who loved poor Elma as dearly as I do.'

"'O, Robert, Robert,' I cried, with silent voice, come quickly. If you look at me you will know I am not dead.'

"I heard a knock at the bedroom door. Was it Robert? No, it was only the undertaker.

"'May I close it now, ladies?' he asked in professionally mournful but very business-like tones.

"Nobody but myself knew that my heart was beating, and even I hardly knew it as the undertaker spoke. A second afterward it seemed to me that it throbbed loud enough for everybody to hear it, for somebody rang the door bell and I knew as well that it was Robert as though my sealed eyes could have looked through brick, wood and mortar to see him standing outside. Softly and quietly he entered the room, gravely and calmly he asked my mother and my cousin to leave him for a few minutes alone with the dead. He closed the door after they had gone out, and, stooping over the coffin, gently kissed me. Then he started. I heard the quick nervous movement, and I knew that I was saved.

"He hastily called my mother and the doctor was quickly summoned. He saw at once that life was not extinct, though he had been just as positive for days earlier that I was quite dead.

"My husband declares that—an old woman may say it now—that I blushed and smiled when he kissed me. At all events I lived to marry him, and he would not part with that silver coffin plate for ten times its weight in gold."

An Intelligent Snake.

A True Story.

Harper's Young People.

An American lady from Virginia was spending sometime in Paris, and one day was asked to go with some French and English friends to the Jardin des Plantes. After wandering about for sometime in the gardens, it was suggested that they go round by the serpent house. The lady from Virginia, who had an unconquerable dread of snakes of all kinds, objected strongly, but finding that the rest all wanted to go, and yet were too polite to leave her behind, she at last consented. Once near the row of cages, however, she begged the others to go on and see what they wanted to, leaving her to wait for them there. One English lady preferred remaining behind also; so, after saying a few words to the two ladies were left standing at one side of the first cage, where glimpses of a torpid-looking snake from beneath the folds of an old blanket on the floor of the cage had been enough to frighten both ladies from going any farther. The conversation until now had been entirely in French, but as the rest of the party moved on, the two left behind began talking in English.

With the first words the English lady spoke the torpid snake began moving uneasily. As the Virginia lady answered her, and went on talking at some length, the snake grew more and more restless, till it finally showed every sign of intense excitement.

"Evidently," said the English lady, "that's a snake who understands English."

They laughed a little and moved away, the dreadful head pressing so near the wires of the cage unnerving both ladies for a longer stay. But as they came out in front of the cage, and looked up to the label to see what the creature exactly was, they read, to their astonishment, *Crotalus Virginiensis*, or "Virginian rattlesnake."

"Think of it!" exclaimed the American lady; "he not only knows English, but he recognizes my Virginia dialect."

The whole affair seemed so uncanny that they began to think they would rather move on and join their friends. The gentlemen, however, when the story was told, were so anxious to see the experiment themselves that the American lady consented to conquer her dread again, and go back to the first cage.

When they reached it the snake was again lying torpidly on the floor. Conversation was begun in French, quite rapidly and very loudly, to see whether it would be roused by the mere noise.

It paid no attention to them, however, till the English lady spoke in her native tongue, when the slight restlessness at once began again; and as soon as the lady from Virginia had uttered a few sentences the creature was evidently furious, rousing itself with such baleful fire in its narrowed eyes that the nerves of the lady could bear it no longer, even in the interests of science, and she beat a retreat.

She was urged to go to the garden again and again by scientists anxious to make every experiment possible, but she found herself utterly unable to face the creature, even with iron bars and wires between. She assures me that the whole party said it was impossible to doubt but that the rattlesnake did recognize the language and the dialect.

The strangest part of such a thing would naturally be that the rattlesnake, unlike any domestic animal or bird, could not have heard much talk from human beings, owing to the secrecy of its movements and the obscurity of its haunts. Whatever recollection of the language it had carried with it across the sea when it was sent to France must have come from that one encounter with Virginians when it was captured, its very evident association with the Virginia accent being one to enrage it beyond measure.

About the Wedding Ring.

The following curious facts about rings are gleaned from an interesting article in *The Popular Science Monthly*:

The uses of the finger-ring have been many and diverse. It was once worn by physicians to prevent contagion, and by patients to cure diseases, the timorous wore it as a charm against evil sprits, and the ambitious clung to it as a talisman giving the wearer success over his enemies. But as a love token and as a symbol of marriage the use of the ring is so general, and of so long standing, as to dwarf into insignificance its employment in all other directions. The Hebrews used it in very early ages, and probably borrowed the custom from the Egyptians. The Greeks used wedding-rings, so did the Romans, both putting them on the forefinger—by the way, a practice followed by the mediæval painters, many of whom represent the Virgin's ring on her forefinger. During a part of the Middle Ages custom demanded that the wedding ring should cost as much as the bridegroom could afford to pay, and there are records in Germany and France during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries of many large investmeuts made in this direction by grooms eager to conciliate their brides and be in the fashion. The revulsion made the ring we now have—a plain gold circlet.

The materials of which wedding-rings have been composed are as diverse as the nations which have used the rings. The British Museum has rings from all parts of the earth—of bone, ivory, copper, brass, lead, tin, iron, silver, gold, and some of a composition of several of these metals.

After the Crusades had set Europe in a flame a practice became common in France, Germany and England of wearing rings the setting of which was a tiny fragment of wood from the true cross, and many of these rings are still preserved in the cabinets and museums of Europe. Ass-hoof rings were in the seventeenth century very popular among the Spanish peasants as a cure for epilepsy, and such a ring—made, it is said, from the hoof of the ass which carried Christ into Jerusalem—was used in a wedding in a country church near Madrid in 1881.

A FARMER ON HIGH TARIFF,

How He Calculated What Toll He Was Paying "Protectionists."

Belford's Magazine for July.

I made a discovery one day. I found that this protective tariff that Hon. Leatherlungs was a-whoopin' up was the vampire that was sitting the life blood out of us. Under pretence of laying a tax to support the government, these cuning devils had laid a tax to support themselves. I was curious to know how much of this levy for private pockets I was paying. To this end I got the tariff and went to studying. It is no easy matter, but it can be done by any farmer.

Now, to begin with, my house, a frame one, may be valued at $800. This, if I were building, would be the price; but when I had deducted the protective tax on lumber, glass, shingles, hardware, and paint, I found the real cost of my house was only $500. Here is a dead loss to me of $300.

I had paid $300 to the Carnegie set to keep up their palaces and tally-hos at home and in Scotland.

My stable, also a frame one, cost me $400. Calculating as before, I found the same proportion held good, and I am skinned to keep up the protectionists to the tune of $150—another loss to me to that amount.

I have a pair of old work horses. The harness on these cost me $40; the unnecessary tax is $14—surely a loss.

My three plows cost me $30. The tax on these is, in steel, iron and lumber, the neat sum of, as near as I can calculate, $12.

Four years since I bought a binder, I paid in installments $225. An agent, who had quarreled with his manufacturing company, told me that the binder cost $50. Twenty-five dollars went to advertising, and when the agent sold one he was allowed $25. Of the remaining $125, $75 went in as profit to the company, and $50 to the protectetionists.

This is only a beginning. There is nothing a farmer purchases that does not pay toll to these protectionists.

VARIETIES.

—Women distrust men too much, in general and too little in particular.

—Physician (to convalescent patient)—"My bill, sir, for attendance during your late illness." "Great Scott, doctor, was I as sick as all that?"

—Bobby—"What are the wages of sin, Pa?" Father—"Depends on the locality. In Washington they'll average about five thousand a year."

—Why is it that, whenever you are looking for anything, you always find it in the last place you look? The reason is because you always stop looking when you find it.

—"Bridget, has Johnnie come home from school yet?" "Yis, sorr." "Have you seen him?" "No, sorr." "Then how do you know he's home?" "'Cause the cat's hidin' under the stove, sorr."

—Master—"No, Pat; there's no use you're asking me for more money. You're your own worst enemy, and will drink till your death." Patrick Monahan—"Thrue for ye, sir. Oi'm me own wor-ist inimy, but the dhrink puts me on good terms wid mesilf."

—"Where are you going on your vacation, Fogg, this summer?" "I don't think I shall have any vacation at all. I didn't last year, and I never enjoyed myself so well in my life." "You surprise me." "But my wife was away all summer."

—"No, sir!" exclaimed old Mr. Getthere to an agent who had invaded the sanctity of his private office. "I wont look at your cyclopedia; I don't want it; I wont have it. My boys have all got bicycles, and I'm not going to buy anything new for them to break their young necks off of."

—Each day has its duties, and we do well if we perform them in their order, without trying either to avoid them or anticipate those of a day that is to follow. Too many people waste their energies in morbidly looking back or tremulously looking forward, with