The Valentine Season.

The God of Love, with a peddler's pack
Of valentines on his chubby back,
Is making his rounds, like a young "Sam Slick,"
Using his shaft for a walking-stick.

In every village he makes display
Of his stock in trade for the Mating Day,
And simpering misses with rapture glow,
As they "rumage" his gay portfolio.

Flaming hearts upon arrows skewered,
Doves with notes to their wings secured,
Shirtless cherubs, on purple wings,
Fluttering out of roses and things.

Lovers walking in bowers of bliss,
Where the blossoms are scorlet cabbages,
Or sitting, after their floral tramp,
On mossy banks that look mighty damp.

Hymens, sporting ignited stakes,
In the style of Abe Lincoln Wide-Awakes,
And brides in white, whose vermillion faces
Speak less of love than of too tight laces.

Jocular pictures (for luckless wooers)
Of dandies, dunces, and snobs, and boors,
With caricatures of maids on the wane,
Which shouldn't be sent, for they oft give pain.

For these and a hundred styles beside
There's a brisk demand; be it well supplied;
Away with panic, ignore the dumps,
There must be union when hearts are trumps.

My billing and cooing has long been o'er,
And 'tis rather too late to cry *encore!*
But I don't mind trying, by way of a shine,
My hand for the nonce at a valentine.

What is a Zouave?

Doesticks says he is "a fellow with a red bag having sleeves to it for a coat; with two red bags without sleeves to them for trousers; with an embroidered and braided bag for a vest; with a cap like a red woolen saucepan; with yellow boots like the fourth robber in a stage play; with a moustache like two half pound paint brushes, and with a sort of sword-gun or gun-sword for a weapon, that looks the result of a love affair between an amorous broadsword and a lonely musket, indiscreet and tender—that is a Zouave. A fellow who can 'pull-up' a hundred-and-ten-pound dumb-bell; who can climb up an eighty foot rope, hand over hand, with a barrel of flour hanging to his heels; who can do the 'giant swing' on a horizontal bar with a fifty-six tied to each ankle; who can walk up four flights of stairs, holding a heavy man in each hand, at arm's length; and who can climb a greased pole feet first carrying a barrel of pork in his teeth—that is a Zouave. A fellow who can jump seventeen feet four inches high without a spring-board; who can tie his legs in double bow-knot round his neck without previously softening his shin-bones in a steam-bath; who can walk Blondin's tight-rope with his stomach outside of nine brandy cock-tails, a suit of chain armor outside his stomach, and a stiff northeast gale outside of that; who can take a five shooting revolver in each hand and knock the spots off the ten of diamonds at eighty paces, turning summersaults all the time and firing every shot in the air—that is a Zouave."

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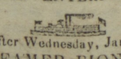

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A POEM FOR THE TIMES.

Every subscriber of the Home Journal knows that we have never entered into any political discussions, nor taken part in any of the agitating topics of the day, and we do not intend to do so now; but the following original and beautiful lines, from the pen of Mrs. Emeline S. Smith—one of the most gifted of our lady contributors—which bears upon these things, we trust will not be considered "treasonable" by any party!—Ponder it well, reader, for it is full of truth and meaning:—*Eds. of Home Journal.*

THE SISTERS.—AN ALLEGORY.

"My daughters," said a dying man,
"My daughters, young and fair,
Ye've grown in every loveliness,
And well repaid my care;
But you must lose this guidance now—
List, then, my latest prayer.

Oh! live, as ye have always lived,
In unity and love;
Be to each other kind and true,
And gentle as the dove;
Thus shall my spirit bless ye still,
From its far home above."

The good man died as he had lived—
With soul serenely grand;
And left, to sorrow o'er his loss,
That fair, bright household band—
The lovliest sisterhood that e'er
Graced any age or land.

Awhile they lived in union sweet
Awhile they kept unstained
That golden heritage of love
Which from their sire they gained;
Awhile, in all their happy hearts,
Sweet Peace and Concord reigned.

How beautiful those sisters were,
Linked by such holy ties!
Men came from far and near to view
Their charms with wondering eyes;
And star-crowned angels, smiling, kept
Watch o'er them in the skies.

As years went by—alas! alas!
That such a thing should be!
A change came o'er that happy band,
A change most sad to see—
Sad as the blight that Eden's bowers
Received at Heaven's decree.

It was a little thing, at first,
That wrought the grievous ill;
A little thing—it always is,
For hearts are mysteries still,
And "trifles light as air" can oft,
Their inmost pulses thrill.

"Why do you wear your former fringe
Upon your garment yet?
'Twas thus an elder sister spoke,
As she a younger met—
"I hate the fashion; change it pray,
For one that I have set."

"I wore it in my father's time,"
The younger maid replied,
"And all that he approved is still
My pleasure and my pride;
Yet had your boon been *kindly* asked,
Your plan I *might* have tried."

From such a small beginning, mark
How dark and wild a close!
One angry word engendered more,
Till scorpion broods arose;
And those fond sisters—fond as fair—
Became like deadly foes!

Now Hatred lights his baleful torch
At every flashing eye;
Now bitter words, from lip to lip,
Like poisoned arrows fly,
And, in this warfare, heaven-born peace
And loving kindness die.

One sister taketh part with that,
Another joins with this;
Their looks are like the lightning's stroke,
Their voice like serpent's hiss;
Till all, by swift degrees, have fallen
From their pure state of bliss.

Ah! ne'er was sadder vision seen
Beneath the sun's glad light!
The households of the whole wide earth
Look on it with affright;
And pitying angels veil their eyes
To shut it out from sight.

Oh, pray! ye men most wise and good,
As ne'er ye prayed before,
That Heaven, to this misguided band
May harmony restore,
And link their hearts in love again,
As they were linked of yore!

[From the (Balt.) Family Journal.]

A Scene on the Mississippi.

BY ISLA.

We were passing out from the Ohio into the bosom of the Mississippi. For nearly two miles we were kept in the calm waters of the *Belle Riviere*, but at length the superiority of the "father of rivers" began to show itself, and the green tinted waves of the Ohio were absorbed in the mighty rolling flood whose domain it would fain have held in copartnership. I sat in the door of my state room, which open-

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