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BLUE AND GRAY.

"Oh, mother, what do they mean by blue?
And what do they mean by gray?"
Was heard from the lips of a little child
As she bounded in from play.
The mothers eyes filled up with tears:
She turned to her darling fair,
And smoothed away from the sunny brow
Its treasures of golden hair.

"Why mother's eyes are blue, my sweet,
And grandpa's hair is gray,
And the love we bear our darling child
Grows stronger every day."
"But what did they mean?" persisted the child,
"For I saw two cripples to-day,
And one of them said he fought for the blue;
The other, he fought for the gray.

"Now, he of the blue had lost a leg,
And the other had but one arm,
And both seemed worn and weary and sad,
Yet their greeting was kind and warm.
They told of the battles in the days gone by,
Till it made my blood thrill;
The leg was lost in the Wilderness fight,
And the arm on Malvern Hill.

"They sat on the stone by the farm-yard gate
And talked for an hour or more,
Till their eyes grew bright and their hearts seemed warm
With fighting their battles o'er.
And parting at last with a friendly grasp,
In a kindly, brotherly way,
Each calling on God to speed the time
Uniting the blue and the gray."

Then the mother thought of other days—
Two stalwart boys from her riven;
How they knelt at her side and, lisping, prayed
"Our Father, which art in Heaven."
How one wore the gray and the other the blue;
How they passed away from sight.
And had gone to the land where gray and blue
Are merged in colors of light.

And she answered her darling with golden hair,
While her heart was sadly wrung
With the thoughts awakened in that sad hour
By her innocent, prattling tongue:
"The blue and the gray are the colors of God;
They are seen in the sky at even,
And many a noble, gallant soul
Have found them passports to Heaven."

JUST WHEN TO PROPOSE.

HOW LADIES IN A MISSOURI TOWN VIEW POPPING THE QUESTION.

"How shall a man propose in order to be successful in his suit," repeated one of the most intelligent ladies whose silver locks only serve to enhance the beauty of her still youthful face. "In my opinion, though, all men know well enough how to make love, there is not one in a thousand, who knows how to propose. My husband spent six months protesting and convincing me of his love, of which, by the way, I was well aware of from the first, without asking the important question, "will you marry me?" and finally one day he said to me, with a disheartened air, "you are like all the rest, a perfect enigma. I have spent months trying to win you, and I do not know that I have made any impression upon you; you are as hard to unravel as the scarf you wear around your throat." "This," I exclaimed in the most innocent way: "why 'tis no difficult task to unravel it, if you only get hold of the right string. He saw the point took hold of the string, and—His arm took the place of the scarf!—Well, neither of us have regretted it."

A bright-eyed girl, who is still a skillful angler for hearts, thinks a young man, to be successful, should propose after a very short acquaintance, take the girl by storm, as it were, while she is pleased with a new beau, and before she has time to tire of him, then follow the proposal up with a vigorous courtship, lots of flowers and bon-bons, drives, theaters, parties, etc., and, if she consents, insist upon a short engagement by all means. Another well known blonde beauty, who has created sad havoc and has had much experience in this line, says the only successful way is to propose when least expected. Allow no time for consideration, and then insist that the acceptance must be "now or never." She feels sure that is the only way that she will ever be captured; but she thinks very few men are bold enough to try that game. A handsome young widow, well known in social circles, who is not so rich as she was, says that the only successful way to win her is to offer her a fine house, horses and carriages, with plenty of money to keep them up.

A dark-eyed girl, with a tangle of soft brown hair shading her brow, says: "If a fellow is desperately in love with a girl and persistent in his efforts to win her he is sure to gain his suit. Widowers understand this point and know how to make love and propose, and you will observe they are always successful." She knows one case where a widower went in and hung up his hat, announcing his intention of remaining until he was accepted, and she had to marry him to get rid of him. A widower bean makes her nervous about the result.

One sweet, dreamy eyed girl, who is just on the threshold of society, says: "Love-making must be so sweet that she would wish her lover to be a long time in making the approaches, and she would not shorten the delights of an engagement, if they tire of each other it would be better before than after marriage. She is not particular as to style, but he must be tall and handsome, and sing and dance well, and, above all, he must know how to make love." This girl's name must be kept a secret.

A married lady, in whose household the little god of love certainly makes his abode, says the only successful proposition of which she knows anything was made without being spoken: "John and I sat looking at the fire a long time without saying anything, when all at once he put his arm around me, drew me to him and kissed me.—When father came in a moment later he said: "Major I'm going to steal your daughter."

Virginia expects to raise 2,100,000 bushels peanuts this year. North Carolina is put down at only 135,000.

Indian Farmers in North Caorlina.

The Indian farmers in Western North Carolina are located in Swain County, fifty miles from any railroad, and comprise one thousand eight hundred men, women and children. When the Cherokees were removed to their new reservation, these Indians, that is, this remnant absolutely refused to go and the Government finally consented to their remaining. They are, most, of them farmers. Their "farms" run in size from one hundred acres down to ten. They own their land, live pretty well, and use the same implements as the whites They raise corn, wheat, small fruits, and vegetables, making a specialty of sweet potatoes. They plow generally the year round, the winters are so mild. Their farms present a fair appearance, the fields being enclosed with the Virginia rail fence. They do their own horse-shoeing, and other work pertaining to the blacksmith shop. As a general thing they are moral, and do not use intoxicating drinks.

They are under the leadership of Chief Jarrett Smith. Chief Smith is about forty years of age, straight as an arrow, and over six feet high. He has a wife and eight children. The children have been taught English, and two of them are able to teach in any school in the country. The people go to Chief Smith for advice, and obey him. While they observe the Legislative enactments of North Carolina, they make laws and regulations for themselves. They talk the Cherokee language. They have schools conducted by Quakers, of which the general superintendent is a man name Brown. The children are taught English. Their school houses are built of logs, and partially covered with shingles. The Indians are now constructing a new building for educational purposes. School is kept up the year round. The children are paid a cent a day for attendance, and at Christmas they receive new clothing from the Quakers.

Suit Owl, the preacher of the Indian farmers, is six feet two inches, high and about fifty years old He preaches with great power, and his sermons are longer than white people would care to listen to. Frequently he will discourse for an hour and a half at a time, the listeners remaining until the sermon is finished; and not infrequently after the Rev. Mr. Owl has closed his discourse, another preacher takes the rostrum and delivers a sermon, the people remaining and listening to the finish. The Indians are mainly Methodists and Baptists, and are good citizens generally.

They display a dood deal of mechanical ingenuity. A convenient lathe, invented by one of their tribe, is generally used by them in the manufacture of their household goods etc. Their corn mills are rude in the extreme. The mill enture, consists of a section of white oak, together with a double-leader pestle, very heavy at both ends. A man or woman, as the case may be, pounds the corn.

It is note worthy, that wherever the half civilized tribes of Indians are settled they compel the tribe of Indians are settled, they compel the women to perform all the labor, but here the men do their share. The Indian women are very ingenious at making baskets of all kinds, though not so skillful in this line of labor as the Passamaquoddies of Maine. One of the interesting characteristics among the females is the Indian nurse. She wraps her child in a white sheet, and carries it about upon her back, instead of having the infant strapped closely to her to her back in papose style. The settlement is about sixty miles from Asheville, N. C. A new railroad, when completed, will run within ten miles of here.—"American Agriculturist" for September

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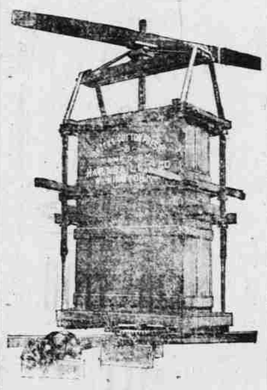

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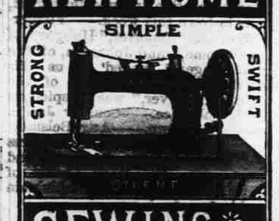

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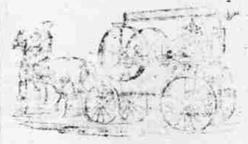

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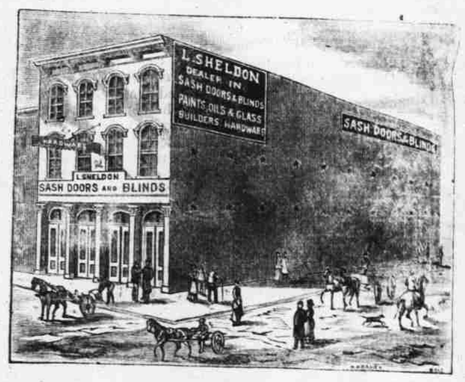

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