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AN EXTEMPORE TO BESSY.

Let living poets vaunt their fame
For May's or for Fanny,
My heart contains one only name—
A name worth all the three;
And if you ask that name from me,
'Tis not Jane, Ann, nor Jessie;
It is a name worth all the three—
What could it be but Bessy?

Gods! if you saw her hazel eye,
Her teeth like rows of pearl,
You'd own, I guess, with many a sigh,
That she might match an earl;
And if you saw her raven hair,
So ringlet and tressy,
I'll stake my honor you would swear
No earl could match with Bessy.

The number that her charms have slain
Exceeds my computation;
I'm sure no wonder were she vain,
For she has thinned the nation!
Though thousands fall at Waterloo,
At Aiguesourt and Cressy,
Those thousands would seem very few
Beside those killed by Bessy.

Yet little does she think, I ween,
How deeply men are won by her;
She knows not that she makes a queen
With slaves beat down before her;
She is not given to idle show;
She is never nore dressy;

In pure and tranquil current flow.
The thoughts and hopes of Bessy.

Long long I've worshipp'd at her shrine
I've wander'd from it never;
Old would to heaven she were mine,
My own—my own forever!
But I've not asked her yet—I fear
To make the dreadful essay;
I'll cut my throat from ear to ear,
If you refuse me Bessy.

A GOOD RETORT.

Some years ago, as a Scotch clergyman was walking one summer afternoon, two young beauties took it into their heads to break a jest at the old parson. Walking briskly up to him, they asked him if he could tell them the color of the devil's wig. The worthy clergyman, surveying them attentively for a few seconds, made the following reply:

"Truly here is a most surprising case—two young men who have served a master all the days of their life, and can't tell the color of his wig!"

THE CROWN OF ENGLAND.

The following is estimated as the value of the jewels in this magnificent diadem:—Twenty diamonds round the circle, £1,500 each; £30,000; two large centre diamonds, £2,000 each, £4,000; fifty-four smaller placed at the angle of the former, £100; four crosses, each composed of twenty-five diamonds, £12,000; four large diamonds on the top of the crosses, £4,000; twelve diamonds contained in flourishes, £10,000; eighteen smaller diamonds contained in the same, £2,000; pearls, diamonds, &c., upon the arches and crosses, £10,000; also one hundred and forty-one small diamonds, £7,000; twenty-six diamonds in the upper cross, £200; two circles of pearls about the rim, £3,000. Cost of the stones in the crown exclusive of the metal, £111,500.

SOLITARINESS IN OLD AGE.

I have seen the number of my constant friends diminish, till the hour when my venerable grandmother last departed. She and her sisters had often said that one could not long be separated from the other; they kept their word, and I. Mademoiselle de Bedon survived. Mademoiselle de Béistillot but a few months. I am perhaps the only man in the world who knows that these persons existed. Twenty times after this time I have made thousand observations; twenty times I have seen social circles formed and dissolved around me. This impossibility of the duration and persistency of human ties, this deep oblivion which follows us, this insinuating silence which takes hold of our tomb, and spreads over our house impresses upon me always the necessity of isolation. Any hand will suffice to give to us the cup of cold water of which we may have need in the levity of death. Yet we part with sadness from the hand which we have clung with knees, and which we could wish to hold forever near our heart.

A CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

A poor spendid wife as follows shows the sanitary power of a very well known plant. I have discovered a remedy for pulmonary consumption. It has cured a number of cases after they had commenced bleeding at the lungs and the hectic flush was already on the cheek. After trying this remedy to my own satisfaction, I have shown the philanthropists required that I should let it be known to the world. It is the common mullein, steeped strong and sweetened with cedar sugar, and drunk freely. The herb should be gathered before the 5th of July, if consistent. Young or old plants are good if dried in the shade and kept in clean exposure. The medicine must be continued from three to six months according to the nature of the disease. It is good for the urinary vessels. It strengthens the system and builds up strength taking away the strength of the glands, and takes off the grippe from the lungs. It is the wish of the writer that every periodical in the United States, Canada and Europe should publish this recipe for the benefit of the human family. Lay it up and keep it in the house ready for use. Christian Advocate.

THE MAIDEN'S LEAP.

A daughter of the first Earl of Gowil was courted by a young gentleman, much her inferior in rank and fortune. Her family through their pride and conceit, held the match, permitted him to visit them at their castle of Rathaven in Pethouse, and on such occasions the chamber assigned him was soever, near another tower in which the young lady abode. One of his visits to the young lady, before the doors were closed, put into the latter's apartment, but some of the family being out off all possibility of return, hastened to surmise that the young lady, however, hearing the well-known steps of her mother, holding up stairs, ran to the leads, and took a desperate leap of nine feet,即 inches over a chain of sixty feet from the ground, right on the battlements of the other tower, whence descending into her own chamber, she crept into bed. Her mother, having in vain sought her in her lover's chamber, came into her room, where finding her seemingly asleep, she apologized for her unjust suspicion. The young lady alighted the lead on a night and was married. The chasm to whom the towers is still shown and the appellation of the "Maiden's Leap."

It walls have ears, we suppose they are located in the hereafter.

THE SCOTCH NATIONAL EMBLEM.

In the year 1010, during the reign of Malcolm I, Scotland was invaded by the Danes, who made a descent on Aberdeenshire, selecting the still hour of midnight as the time to make a descent on Stanes Castle. When all was ready and there was a reasonable hope that the inmates of the castle were asleep, they commenced their march. They advanced cautiously, taking off their shoes to prevent their footstep being heard. They approached the castle with their hearts beating in joyful anticipation of victory. Not a sound was heard from within, and they could scarcely refrain from exclamations of delight; for they had to swim across the moat and pass scaling ladders, and the castle was theirs. But in another moment a cry from themselves aroused the inmates to a sense of their danger, the guards flew to their posts, and pursued the now trembling Danes, who fled before them, and the invaders were repelled. The cause was that the moat, instead of being filled with water, was in reality dried up and overgrown with thistles, which pierced the unprotected feet of the assailants, who, tortured with pain, forgot their cautious silence and uttered the cry which had alarmed the inmates of the castle; and from that day the thistle has been the national emblem.

A CONTINENTAL DAM.

A correspondent in Atlanta, Ga., offers the following plausible explanation of this term:

"I do not claim to be versed in slang phrases, but I must confess that my knowledge of them is sufficient to explain the origin of an expression of this nature, of which Mr. Richard Grant White admits he can give no account. In his article entitled 'Words that are not Words,' which was recently published in the *Evening Star*, with regard to the combination of words, 'Now with a continental dam I am at a loss to assign a sense to it.' Those who are familiar with American history will know that during the revolution of 1776 the continental currency was counterfeited to such an extent that it became necessary for the government to take some steps to ascertain which was genuine. To this end they required that it should all be brought to the common treasury. Here the spurious were distinguished from the genuine notes, and such counterfeit notes had the word 'dam' struck out of the Latin watermark, (or *lemon*) stamped upon their face. When the very small value of the genuine continental notes, and the utter worthlessness of those marked dam is considered, it will be easy to assign a sense to this phrase. The addition of the letter 'n' to the abbreviation requires no explanation."

BUSINESS LAW.

The following brief compilation of business law is worth a careful preservation, as it contains the sense of a large amount of legal verbiage:

It is not legally necessary to say on a note "for value received."

A note made on Sunday is void.

Contracts made on Sunday cannot be enforced.

A note by a minor is void.

A contract made with a minor is void.

A contract with a lunatic is void.

A note obtained by fraud, or from a person in a state of intoxication, cannot be collected.

If a note is lost or stolen, it does not release the maker; he must pay it, if the consideration for which it was given and the amount can be proven.

An endorser of a note is exempt from liability, if not served with notice of disendorsement.

Notes bear interest only when so stated. Principals are responsible for the acts of their agents.

Each individual in a partnership is responsible for the whole amount of the firm.

Signatures made with a pen or pencil are not valid.

Signatures made with a lead pencil are good in law.

A receipt for money is not always conclusive.

The acts of one partner binds all the rest.

BABIES.

We love babies and everybody who loves babies. We have many in this instant sun don't have babies. Babies were made to be loved, especially to those whom they grow up. A man is not worth a shilling who hasn't a baby, and the same rule applies to women. A baby is a spring day in winter's gloom in mid-winter; a ray of sunshine in frigid winter; it is a true and honest friend.

The law compels no one to do impossible things.

An agreement without consideration is void.

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AN UNSUCCESSFUL SUICIDE IN THE CANAL.

On Sunday evening last, a young man who for the sake of convenience, we call John, went to visit the girl whom he would call his own. The fair one resides near the canal. During the evening the young man of the name of John was unable to conceal the wish of his heart, and in tender accents declared his desire that the young lady should consent to be his. He met with a flat refusal. The ardent John still pressed her farther, desiring that, if she would not accept him, he would then and there drown himself in the briny waters of the canal. As this threat did not meet the desired purpose, he proceeded to carry it out. He plunged fearlessly in the murky flood, and waded out until the chilly air reached over his shoulders. It will be remembered that the evening on which this occurred was none of the warmest. Retreating before finally carrying out his purpose, John cried out shivering with the cold: "W-w-will you marry me now?"

"No!"

In he plunged again, this time until the water reached his neck, and again he waited before the last plunge.

"W-w-will you marry me now?"

"No!"

Again he went in, this time going fully under water, so far that only the top of his head could be discerned above the surface. But he emerged, and staggered out of the canal, and shivering worse than ever, spluttered out:

"N-n-now, w-w-will you marry me now?"

"Well, I don't care a d-dam whether you'll marry me or not. You won't get me into that cauld again!"

Not so again evry his fortunes in the uncertain deep. Shivering and chattering with his teeth, he quietly departed, returning to his home a sadder, and, let us hope, a much wiser man.

I like to hear a child cry, innocently said an old doctor. Why? Because there seems hope of its being sent away.

A Miss Abbott ne'er was recently set upon by a party in disguise and Kidnapped. On being questioned, he said his K.K. friends were of the colored persuasion. He was asked who he thought, "I think 'em, massa," was the shout and concluding reply.

Girls always love these boys best who are the kindest, best natured, most considerate and "man-like" in their behavior; and who are not coarse, profane, and boisterous in their talk. The boys who are by their school or playmates loved the most, make the best men.

"It is a little principle, your Honor," said a lawyer "causes always produce effects." They always do for the attorney," blandly responded the judge, "but I've sometimes known a single cause to produce a client of as his client."

Mrs. D. Sarah Bates was married to Mr. Joy. A local editor gave the following notice:

No more Dr. Bates displayed in Joy, A little has found a home.

With pleasure now without alloy,

And others days to come.

The following is well worth saving for future reference:

Lucky Jaw from a rusty nail in the foot was easily cured, in four cases reported by Dr. Kimball, by applying to the whole spinal or brain clothes saturated with oil of roses, but at the approach of the snare always to find sleep and finally recover.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

45 Years Before the Public.

THE GENUINE DR. C. McLANE'S CELEBRATED

LIVER PILLS,

FOR THE CURE OF

Hepatitis, or Liver Complaint, DISSIPATION AND SICK HEADACHE.

Symptoms of a Diseased Liver.

DRAIN in the right side, under the edge of the ribs, increases on pressure; sometimes the pain is in the left side; the patient is rarely able to lie on the left side; sometimes the pain is felt under the shoulder blade, and it frequently extends to the top of the shoulder, and is sometimes mistaken for rheumatism in the arm. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels in general are constipated, sometimes alternative with lax; the head is troubled with pain, accompanied with a dull, heavy sensation in the back part. There is generally a considerable loss of memory, accompanied with painful sensations of the skin; his spirits are low; and although he is satisfied that exercise would be beneficial to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it. In fact, he distrusts every remedy. Several of the above symptoms attend the disease, but cases have occurred where few of them existed, yet examination of the body, after death, has shown the LIVER to be greatly enlarged, and the liver's substance is often disorganized.

A slight, dry cough is sometimes an attendant. The patient complains of weariness and debility; he is easily fatigued, his feet are cold or burning, and he complains of a prickly sensation in the skin; his spirits are low; and although he is satisfied that exercise would be beneficial to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it. In fact, he distrusts every remedy. Several of the above symptoms attend the disease, but cases have occurred where few of them existed, yet examination of the body, after death, has shown the LIVER to be greatly enlarged, and the liver's substance is often disorganized.

AGUE AND FEVER.

Dr. C. McLane's LIVER PILLS, IN CASES OF AGUE AND FEVER, when taken with Quinine, are productive of the most happy results. No better cathartic can be used, preparatory to, or after taking Quinine. We would advise all who are afflicted with this disease to give them a FAIR TRIAL.

For all bilious derangements, and as a simple purgative, they are unequalled.

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

The genuine are never sugar coated.

Every box has a red seal on the lid, with the impression Dr. McLane's LIVER PILLS.

The genuine McLane's LIVER PILLS bear the signatures of Dr. McLane and FLEMING BROS. on the wrappers.

Insist upon having the genuine Dr. C. McLane's LIVER PILLS, prepared by Flemings, of Pittsburgh, Pa., the market being full of imitations of the name McLane, spelled differently but same pronunciation.

It can easily be kept for hours, wrapped first in several newspapers and then in a blanket.

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They fled in disorder, and the Danes

were soon repulsed.