

THE ROANOKE NEWS

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP.

HOLY OLIVER WENTWORTH HARRIS.
She gathered at her sister's seat,
The bairns a guidle belt embraced,
Our hostess' hand grasped it round,
The gentle shrank; its lessening round
Still kept the linking gem,
But still the link it found;
A anxious desire,

Nowhere still the cincture grew;
The shorted links resist,
Yet flashes in a bairn's grasp
The diamond set aye.

Her neck's white column spanned.

Sunrise set the straining clasp

The shortened links resist,

Yet flashes in a bairn's grasp

The diamond set aye.

At length, the round of changes past,

The thievish years could bring,

The jewel glittering to the last,

Still sparkles in a ring.

So link by link, our friendship part,

As long as we fall,

And living heart,

Lives changeless through them all.

SPRIGHTLYSPARKS.

Life hath no blessings like a prudent friend.

Hand-cuffing a prisoner.—Boxing him on the ears.

Our dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them.

A horse ought to gain in weight when he is led.—*The Tug*.

"He is under the weather," they say in Texas when they bury a man there.

"Let us drink to the dying year!" sing out a poet. That's what we call poetry.

A flowing gown should be made of watered silk, of course.—*Yonkers Statesman*.

To pay as you go is the best plan; especially if the man in charge will let you go until you pay.

A church festival was broken up at Kansas City by a mouse, which at an unguarded moment, stole the oyster.

A Buffalo girl has already scored a leap year victory. She proposed to her young man that he propose, and he proposed.

The pen may be mightier than the sword, but if you get a hair in it you begin to believe it may sometimes outlive its usefulness.

This is the best country in the world for a poor man. Except when he is married he has a right to do as he pleases with what he makes.

A Southern gentleman thus referred to his friend: "The Cunnel is in Congress, recuperating his fortune that was shattered by the wah, wah."

The saying, that if you could buy some men at their own estimate, and sell them for their real value, you could soon make a fortune, is too true.

Don't think, young man, that just because it is leap year you are going to be supplied up right away. The girls want a chance before they leap.

When your friend is married put your good wishes into the shape of an old English saying: "One year joy, another of comfort, and all the rest content."

Men of intellect stand by their ideas, dissipated men by their rye beers, and men by their rye beers, and men with extra-grat wives are ruined by their high debts.

"You are now one" said the minister to the happy pair he had just tied together with a knot they never could undo. "Which one?" asked the bride. "You will have to settle that for yourselves," said the clergyman.

A few desks in the reading room of the British Museum are set apart for ladies only, and one of the stamping jokes of the most perfectly supported by the fact, is that they are never occupied, the ladies preferring to be with the gentlemen in all cases.

An article is going the rounds of the press entitled, "The Umbrella in France." That settles it. For a while we cherished the hope that we might regain possession of that umbrella, but as it has crossed the ocean to evade us we might as well give it up.

Suffer no thoughts to dwell on the injury you have received or the provoking words that have been spoken to you. Not only learn the art of neglecting them at the time you receive them, but let them grow less and less every moment, until they die out of your mind.

An Illinois philanthropist wishes to benefit the poor by teaching them to eat their bread and butter with the butter side down. He says that the sense of taste is most acute on the tongue, and that a very small amount of butter is satisfactory if put in the obviously right spot.

A collector wrote to Gen. Sherman for his autograph and a lock of his hair, and received in reply:

"The man who is been writing my autographs has been discharged, and as my orderly is bald, I cannot comply with either of your requests."

A mother once asked a clergyman when she should begin the education of her child, which she told him was four years old. "Madam," was the reply, "you have lost three years already. From the very first smile that gleams over the infant's cheek your opportunity begins."

"Madame, you've destroyed five dollars worth of merchandise," angrily remarked a dandy to a lady, as she seated herself in a chair in which he had deposited a new Derby hat. "Serves you right," she replied, slowly rising from the ruin, "you had no business to buy a five-dollar hat for a fifty-cent head."

At a microscopic exhibition in Boston lately, the sting of a honey bee was thrown upon the screen, the point of which was so sharp as to be hardly distinguishable. At the time the finest of fine needles was shown under the same power of the microscope, and the end of the needle measured five inches across.

A quart of whisky was mixed with feed and given to a cow in a New York town, and half an hour later the animal was "bellowing" "We won't go home till morning," or something like that, and treated several persons to a couple of "horns," and acted in a very reprehensible manner generally. When she sobered she jumped down a bank and broke her neck. This shows the superior intelligence and good sense of the cow over the average bibulous person. When the latter gets drunk and makes things howl, instead of jumping down a bank and breaking his neck, when he gets so immediately begins to lay the blame for another drunk.

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