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To make that sweet which seemeth small;
Where every lip in fondness speaks,
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Whose thought beyond their means ne'er range;
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Who in a neighbor's fortune find
No wish—no impulse—to complain;
Who feel not—never felt—the mind
To envy yet another's gain;

Who dream not of the mocking tide
Ambition toiled endeavor meets—
The bitter pangs of wounded pride,
Nor fallen Power that shuns the streets.

Though fate deny its glittering store,
Love's wealth is still the wealth to choose;
For all that man can purchase more
Are sands it is no loss to lose!

Some livings wherso'er they go,
Find naught to please, or to exalt—
Their constant study but to show
Perpetual modes of finding fault.

While others in their caseless round
Of daily wants and daily care,
Can yet cull flowers from common ground,
And twice enjoy the joy they share.

Oh! happy they who happy make—
Who blessing, still themselves are blest!
Who something spare for others' sake,
And strive in all things for the best!

A "Pretty" Little Item.

Pretty little girl in Shreveport, La., told her papa that there was a pretty little bird in her pretty little room singing a pretty little song. The affectionate parent told her to go back to bed, as it was probably only a katydid; but when he went to bed himself, his wife told him to listen to the strange music of a mock-bird which filled the room. The astonished husband struck a match, and discovered the musician on the lower shelf of the washstand. It was a singing mice.

The Black Republic.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Late despatches received at the Department of State from Hayti contain information of the death of ex-President Domingue and of the serious illness of President Canal. Domingue died in exile, at Kingston, Jamaica, June 14th last, aged 77. This event produces no perceptible effect in Hayti, the fact being barely chronicled, although he was Chief Magistrate from June 11, 1874, until April 15, 1876. The official journal makes no mention of it. One obscure gazette is draped in mourning; another notices the event in doleful terms. In striking contrast to the silence with which this news is received stands the fact that the remains of three generals who were shot under Domingue's authority have recently been exhumed by the Government for the purpose of receiving honorable burial, attended by impressive ceremonies.

Contraction and Expansion.

John Henry was with Julia the other evening when she observed:

"John, dear, what is *all this* talk about *contracting and expanding* the currency, and *which do you believe in?*"

"Well, my sweet," said John pulling his collar, "that depends upon circumstances. In some cases I should advocate contraction of the currency, and in others expansion of it.—It is according to the circumstance—that is, the condition of things."

"But what is the difference between the two, and how do circumstances affect them? That is what I want to know about."

"Oh, that is easily explained," said he, in a tone of great cheerfulness. "For instance—when we are alone we both sit on one chair, don't we?"

"Yes."

"Well, that's contraction. But when we hear your pa or ma coming we get into two chairs, don't we?"

"I should say we did."

"Well, my love, that is expansion. You see it is according to circumstances."

"John," said she very softly, tickling his ear, "we are contracting now, ain't we?"

"You bet," said John with increased cheerfulness.

The Eight Hour Law.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun in his letter of the 7th inst. has the following to say in regard to the workmen in the Government Navy Yard. The Secretary of the Navy said he did not in every instance when the power was entitled to and would be benefited by the doubt in the construction of existing statutes, that he would so assume the law; and it was this purpose that determined the modification of existing regulations which were made to govern the eight-hour rule in the Navy-Yards.

It was held by the First Comptroller that Government agents were authorized on the beginning of the eight hour law to make contracts for day's labor at the rate of ten hours per day, but until the last decision of the United States Supreme Court it was not considered expedient to enforce such a construction. Now that it is the rule, the present regulation which requires the muster of workmen twenty minutes before the bell rings in the morning and at noon is to be changed as follows: The bell will be rung for ten minutes before the hour of labor in the morning and afternoon, and at the last stroke of the bell the muster will commence. At the moment the men are mustered they will proceed to the place of work and no workman is to leave his work until the bell rings to knock off. This is substantially the old rule revived just as it was before the enactment of the eight hour law.

Dogs Insanity for a Plate of Ox-tail Soup.

A hungry and desperate man in Chicago hit on the expedient of feigning insanity as a means of getting a plate of oxtail soup without paying for it. His conduct is thus described by the Chicago Times: "He gulped down the soup without the aid of a spoon. He found, at the bottom, several joints, which he picked out and laid in a row. Then he got up and tied the tails of his coat into a knot. He coaxed the bristles of his head down over his forehead and eyes. He turned up his coat collar and spat upon his hands. He kicked the chair out from under him, and crawled down until he was upon all fours. He gave vent to a sound that was between an Indian war whoop and the hoarse cough of an elephant. 'Betteny man in the room $4 even that was a bad steer. Betteby man four to one he was a Texas steer. Four to one, four to one. Gimme the five. Bet he war'n the riot. Four dollars in the pool and the steer dead; how much for the soup?' All this in a single breath, as he pawed the floor and overturned the table. They shied the castor at him; they hurled queensware at his form. He made for the door, tripped the cashier on the way, and then disappeared down the alley. There he halted, untied his coat, wiped his brow with his sleeve, and talked again to himself: 'Wall, Jim, they kinder got away with you in the riot, that's a fact. But buckin' agin steer soup's your best hold. You've got that soup down so fur that a stunick pump wouldn't rais it."

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