

POETRY.

BUILDING ON THE SAND.

'Tis well to woo, 'tis well to wed, For as the world hath done...

'Tis good to speak in kindly guise, And soothe whoso'er we can; Fair speech should blind the human mind...

Love Among the Lawyers.

As I was perambulating the other day up and down Brier creek, now and then catching a fish...

"MY DEAR BELOVED: Every time I think of you my heart flaps up and down like a churn dasher...

"Well," retorted the other, "since you think her so charming and so proud looking, I'll bet you a hat that I can step over there and kiss her without ruffling her temper."

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"Well, that beats the devil!" exclaimed the Tullahoma man as his friend returned to his seat. "I never saw anything to equal your impudence in my life!"

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Strange Matches.

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"Thank you, I don't believe I want it," said Mr. Fair. "But why not?" was the rejoinder.

"Well," replied Mr. Fair, "there is no particular reason, except that I have six hundred and forty thousand dollars in the bank up there on the hill that I can't for the life of me, think how to invest."

As a song bird hankers for the light of day, the cautious mouse for fresh bacon in the trap...

You are fairer than a speckled pullet, sweeter than a Yankee doughnut fried in sorghum molasses...

If generous and noble, they'll vent on their spleen, you'll hear some loud hints that you are selfish and mean...

And then if you show the least boldness of heart, or a slight inclination to take your own part, they will call you an upstart, conceited and vain...

An amusing incident occurred on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad the other day. A Tullahoma gentleman boarded the train at that place and met a Georgia friend whom he had not seen for sometime...

"By Jove, isn't that a pretty woman?" he whispered to his friend. "Yes, she's passably good looking," was the guarded reply.

"Passably good looking?" was the indignant rejoinder, "why, she's as lovely as a speckled trout in clear water, and as proud looking as a peacock with its tail spread."

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People Will Talk.

You may get through this world, but 'twill be very slow, if you listen all that is said as you go; you'll be worried and fretted, and kept in a stew...

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed that your humble position is only assumed; you're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool...

If generous and noble, they'll vent on their spleen, you'll hear some loud hints that you are selfish and mean...

And then if you show the least boldness of heart, or a slight inclination to take your own part, they will call you an upstart, conceited and vain...

If you dress in the fashion, don't think to escape, for they criticize then in a different shape; you're ahead of your means, or your tailor's unpaid; but mind your own business...

Now, the best way to do is to do as you please, for your mind, if you have one, will then be at ease. Of course you will meet with all sorts of abuse, but don't think to stop them...

A Mother's Words.

A mother, on the green hills of Vermont, was holding by the right hand a son sixteen years old, mad with love of the sea...

"Edward, they tell me—for I never saw the ocean—the great temptation of a seaman's life is drink. Promise me, before you quit mother's hand, that you will never drink."

"And," said he (for he told me the story), "I gave the promise, and I went the globe over, Calcutta and the Mediterranean, San Francisco and Cape of Good Hope, the North Pole and the South..."

Was not that sweet evidence of the power of a single word? Yes, that is no half. For yesterday came into my counting room a man of forty years.

"Do you know me?" "No." "Well," said he, "I was once brought drunk into your presence on ship-board; you were a passenger; they kicked me aside; you took me to your berth, and kept me there till I had slept off the intoxication, then asked me if I had a mother. I said I had never known a word from her lips..."

Amusing Mistake.

Mr. James G. Fair, one of the four stockholders who controlled the celebrated "bonanza" mines, at Virginia City, Nevada, has an annual income from that source of several hundred thousand dollars a year.

Mr. Fair, attired in his well-worn blue flannel mining suit, escorted the visitors through the different levels. On reaching daylight once more one of the company offered a "four-bit" piece to the obliging guide, with the remark: "Here, my man, we are much obliged to you."

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How to Vote at the Ensuing Election.

At the election in November six tickets are to be voted, and consequently the same number of ballot boxes will have to be used at each voting place or precinct.

1. Electoral Ticket.—Ten Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

2. State Ticket.—Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Attorney-General.

3. Congressional Ticket.—Members of the House of Representatives of the 45th Congress.

4. Legislative Ticket.—Senator (or Senators) in the General Assembly and member (or members) of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly.

5. County Ticket.—County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Surveyor, five County Commissioners, Coroner and Sheriff.

The Amendments.

The Conservatives against the protest of the Radicals cut down the fees of officers, court costs and all that, and by the amendments have provided that the legislature shall meet only every other year.

This was a great saving. It is now proposed to require that the penitentiary convicts shall not be supported in idleness, but shall work on our public roads. It is also proposed to fix the per diem so that no legislator shall cost more for per diem than \$41.000.

This will be a great saving. The Radical legislature for two years cost \$430,000—about ten times as much.

If the amendments are adopted the running expenses of the State government will be for every two years about as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Legislature— mileage and per diem, \$ 50,000; Printing, 12,000; Contingencies, 40,000; Other ordinary expenses, 180,000.

How to Keep Sweet Potatoes.

Do not dig your potatoes until the vines are killed. Do not mean the leaves, but the vines. Dig your potatoes in a dry time if you can, and when dug leave a place in the north or northwest corner of your garden or lot...

There is great danger in the first of the winter in keeping them too warm, and in the latter part in letting them get too cold.

If you will follow strictly the above plan, I would not be afraid to guarantee your potato crop, nine years out of ten. I have kept them forty four years out of forty-five.

When the spring comes, let your potato hill stand open on one side and they will lay in the hill until they dry up. If you wish to keep them through the summer, barrel them up in dry sand, and put them away in a cool place.

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