

cry, and snatching it up tore open the seal, and drawing out a delicately written letter, read as follows:

"GILBERT W. DOUGLAS.—Long ere you read these words, I shall be many miles away, basking in the smiles of the only man I ever loved; for, Gilbert, when I married you I was bound to another, both by the laws of love, and of honor; but I forsook the one to whom I had given my heart, and married you, for the sake of your gold, for I knew you could afford me a life of ease and luxury, while Harry, my best loved one, could not, for he was poor in this world's goods. But thanks to a kind Providence, he is now able to support me in ease; and, oh, Gilbert! I fly to his arms, to feel once more his kisses upon my cheek, and brow. I take my baby with me, for I could not part with her; Do not despise me, only try to forget me; and measure the depth of my love by yours. I assign myself no longer Estrella Douglas but

ESTRELLA L'ESTRANGE."

"Oh false, cruel, perjured Estrella!" he groaned, crushing the paper in his hand as he arose and left the room, with tottering steps. Guy Leton listened until the echo of his footsteps had died away; then falling back upon the sofa he murmured, while a satanical expression overspread his face.

"Fools, fools! to be so easily duped."

Ah! Leaton, beware, beware, for the wicked are invariably overtaken by a just retribution.

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A BAD BOY.—They say that the chief astronomer at the Washington Observatory was dreadfully sold a few days ago. A wicked boy, whose experience seems only to have made him more depraved, caught a fire-fly, and stuck it, with the aid of some mucilage, in the centre of the largest lens in the telescope. That night, when the astronomer went to work, he perceived a blaze of light apparently in the heavens, and what amazed him more was, that it would give a couple of spurts and then die out, only to burst forth again in a second or two. He examined it carefully for a few moments, and then began to do sums to discover where in the heavens that extraordinary star was placed. He thought he found the locality, and the next morning he telegraphed all over the universe that he had discovered a new and remarkable star, of the third magnitude, in Orion. In a day or two, all the astronomers in Europe and America were studying Orion, and they gazed at it four hours, until they were mad; and then they began to telegraph to the man in Washington to know what he meant. The discoverer took another look, and found that the new star had moved about 18,000,000,000 miles in twenty-four hours, and upon examining it closely, he was alarmed to perceive that it had legs. When he went on the dome, the next morning, to polish up his

glass, he found the lightning bug. People down at Alexandria, seven miles distant, heard part of the swearing, and they say he infused into it much whole-souled sincerity and vigorous energy. The bills for telegraphic dispatches amounted to \$2,600, and now the astronomer wants to find the boy. He wishes to consult with him about something.

AN ERECT POSTURE.—A writer on health very justly condemns the habit of laughing, in which large numbers of persons indulge, as injurious to health. He says: "An erect bodily attitude is of vast more importance to the health than is generally imagined. Crooked bodily positions, maintained for any length of time, are always injurious, whether in the sitting, standing or lying posture; whether sleeping or walking. To sit with the body leaning forward on the stomach, or to one side, with the heels elevated to the level with the head, is not only in bad taste, but exceedingly detrimental to health. It cramps the stomach, presses the vital organs, interrupts the free emotions of the chest, and enfeebles the functions of the abdominal and thoracic organs, and, in fact, unbalances the whole muscular system. Many children become slightly hump-backed, or severely round shouldered, by sleeping with the head raised on a high pillow: when any person finds it easier to sit, or stand or sleep in a crooked position than in a straight one, such person may be sure his muscular system is badly deranged, and the more careful he is to preserve a straight and upright position, and get back to nature again, the better."

THE OLDEST INHABITANT.—Several years ago there was such a tremendous freshet on the Illinois River, that it was for a long time referred to as the flood. During a law suit in Peoria, and old man, named Adam, living in a little hamlet on the river, known as Paradise, was examined as a witness.

"What is your name?" was the first question asked him.

"Adam, sir," said he.

"Your name is Adam, is it? Well where do you live?"

"In Paradise, sir."

"Oh, your name is Adam, and you live in Paradise, do you? Well, how long have you lived there?"

"Ever since the flood, sir, replied the simple old man, whose words were drowned in a roar of laughter, in which the court, jury, council and spectators all joined.

Mrs. Partington thinks that grocers should have a music teacher to teach them the scales correctly.

"Who made you?" was asked of a small girl.

She replied, "God made me that length," indicating with her hands the length of a new-born infant, "and I grewed the rest myself."

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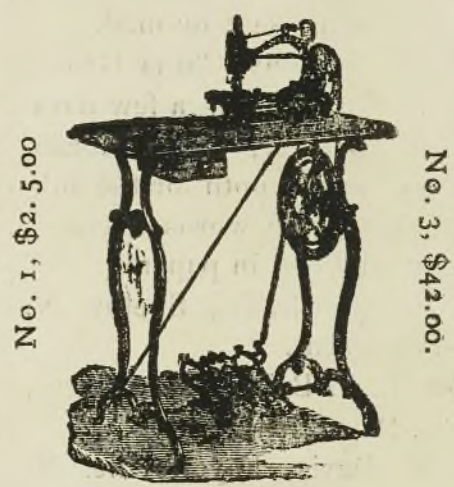
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