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Formerly, black mustaches were con

sidered the thing. All the heroes of

all the novels had them. Fierce, black

mustaches; and whenever it became

necessary in the course of events to

mention the fact that the bero kissed

thetheroine, it was expressly stated that

"his mustached lip touched her dow: v

cheek,' etc. etc. This statement was

to assure the reader that he did not

shave his mustache off before the honey-

day have done with black mustaches -

breast, and a tawny mus ache on his

lip, gallantly striving to est tapioca

pudding with maple strup for space.

and not leave the traces of varnished

sweetness on his muscache. At the

public tables we have watched these

determined spirits with eager interest.

with sympathy swelling our heart, and

There is another and an incalculable

advantage in an mu-tache. It gives

He must always be stroking it. If he

never loves hold of it he will be sure it

is there. By way of variety, he can

twist the ends. Twirling, we believe,

Young ladies like mustaches. Of

back to our first premises -- by all means

raise one ! Oil it. Pursume it. Comb

it. Brush it. Wax it. Curl it. Tw st

it, Twirl i . If nece sary dye it, and

on no account stop stroking it, for if

you do you will show the observing

world that you are thinking of to ne

thing else, and what fashionable young

man ever log to the existence of his

Sabbaths, -coming to quiet, for

little while, all the week day toil, noise

and s'rife, - are like islands, green,

fruitful, and flower laden, smiling at

one from the midst of wild ocean and

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-N. Y. WREKLY.

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POETRY.

The following lines with the note at teched, was sent us for publication. while it is contrary to our custom to publish snything without the name o the writer, or some responsible person. Yet the lines breath forth such good advice, and sound sense, we have concluded, for this, the first time to depart from our rule and publish the lines.

FOR THE COURIER

MR. EDITOR :- In these times of Buchu Banking' and reckless betting can we all not learn a lesson from the ollowing lines which were written by an old Lany, who died many years ago in Frankfin, If there are defects in the poetry, an ample apology is lound in the fact that the writer was between seventy-five and eighty years of age when the lines were composed, und also(as I have reason to believe) thep were writ en impromta. At any rate Mr Editor, they breath the sentiment of a better time than, this time of ours,

ou't run in debt, never mind, nev

If the cloths are faded and torn ; Fix them up, make them do, it is better by far.

Than to have the heart weary and worn Who'll love you the more for the set of

Or your cuff or the tie of your sh e The shape of your vest, or your boot of If they know you're in debt for the new

There's no comfort I tell you in walking the srteet. In fine clothes it you know you're in

And feel that purchance you may some

Who will sneer - They are not paid for

Good friends let me beg you don't run in debt : It the chairs and solus are old,

They will fit your backs better tha any new set. Unless they are paid for with gold.

If the bouse is too small draw the closer

Keep it warm with heart and good will, A big one unpaid for (in all kinds of

Will send to your warm heart a chill. Don't run in debt: now dear girls take

a h'nt, If the Fashions have changed since las-

Old Nature is ont in the very same tint, And Old Nature' we think has some But just say to your friends that you

cannot afford, To spend time to keep up the fashion, That your purse is too light, and your honor too bright,

To be tarnished with such silly passion, Don't run in debt , let your friends they can, Have fine houses, feathers and flowers,

But unless they are paid for, be more Than to envy their sunshiny hours. It you have money to spare I have

nothing to say, Spend your dollars and dimes as you

But mind you-the man who his note has to pay, Is the man who is never at ease.

SELECTED STORY

In the Nick of Time.

BY JUDGE CLARK,

'Have you the means to support a wife?' was the question which practi cal old r. Worth asked ME when I asked HIM for his daugh er Effie.

I had never thought of that, and I am quite sure Effie hadn't. How to keep the kettle boiling was a croblem far too unpoetical to engage the attention of two yo ng people wrapped up in the contemplation of each oth-

But the question only needed to be put to prove its pertinence. Mr. Worth's fortune was moderate; mine was nothing. At present, I was barely able to gain my own livelihood, To take a wife, under such circumstances, I was as no loss to perceieve, would

betoken either unpardonable rashness, or an indelicate willingness to pension myself on another's bounty,

My resolution was at once taken .-Stammering something in reply to Mr. Worth's question, I bowed myself out of his presence and sought his daugh-

'Your father is right,' I said to Effie when I had told her what had passed 'No man has a right to take a woman from her home, till he has another to offer her. Till I am prepared to do so, Farewell!'

In the gold mines of California, then lately discovered, I toiled and roughed it with the soughest. Fortune, after many frowns, at length began to smile upon me; and I hoped soon to be able to return and claim, w thout humiliation, the prize for which if I had not labored as long, I had at least encountered more of hardship and danger than the young Isra: lite did to win the choice of his heart.

I carefully abstained from corresponding with Effie. To do so before the conditions were fulfilled which had prescribed to myself, I would have looked upon as a breach of faith.

Through a friend, however, with whom I occasionally interchanged letters, I learned, in time that Mr. Worth's affairs had become embarassed. He had even been forced to borrow money from an unconscionable old usurer or the security of ais homestead, and the exacting creditor was threatening to turn him out of doors.

I could easily spare the amount necessary to avert such a calamity, but how to do so without wounding the sensitiveness of Effic and her tather, was a question of no small delicacy.

I wrote to my friend, inclosing sum sufficient to buy in the claim against Mr. Worth, with instructions to take a blank assignment of the bond and mortgage and to forward them to my address, every precaution being taken to conceal my name in the trans-

My instructions were complied with, and, in due time, I received the papers : and, my good fortune continuing, it was not long before I felt that I might present myself to Effie's father, prepared to answer the question which had so disconcerted me at our last

I was on my way from the mines to San Francisco, whence I expected sail for home by the next steamer, when, one evening I was overtaken by a stranger riding in the same direc-

People do not stop for an in roduction under such circumstances. think if one met his 'dearest foe,' Haulet phrases it, in the heart of wilderness, old feuds would be forgotten, and a friendly chat would spring

and answers disclosed that the stranger's destination and my own were the same, and we agreed to bear each other company. Besides the pleasure of companionship, the stranger suggested we should be more secure against an attack from robbers-no uncommon occurrence in that region-than if we traveled singly.

It was some miles to the place which we proposed camping for the night, and darknest had already begun to set in, My companion and I freely | ly : exchanged experiences. He, like myself had been a miner, and we both bragged a little of our successes. The subject was an interesting one to me It made me think of Effic, and I had fallen into a reverie when I was aroused

by the report of a pistol at my side. I can only remember a sharp sensytion of pain, and seing, as I turned my head, the hand of the assassin-no other than my new companion-extended toward me with the murderous weapon in its grasp.

I returned to consciousness to find myself taken care of by some miners, who had found me and carried me to their tent. It was weeks before I was able to resume my journey, and months

before the San Francisco doctor would permit me to embark on my homeward

My appearance had greatly altered. My face was broused by exposure and emacitated by recent illness-to say nothing of the change made in

Few of my old acquirtances, I thought, would recognize me. I wondered if liffie would. I meant to take her by surprise, and try the experiment, at any rate,

It was evening when I reached my native village. The eld innkeeper. whom I had known from boyhood, received me as a stranger. He was an authority on local topics, and I could not forbear putting a few questions touching the matters uppermost in my mind

Do you know Mr. Worth who lives here? I began.

'John Worth?-none knows him

'How is he?' I inquired.

'A leetle broke, latterly,' the 'And his daughter, Effie?' I went

'A nice gal, Effie-do you know her? asked the innkeeper.

'Slightly,' I replied, 'SHE'S A GOIN' TO BE MARRIED TO-MORROW,' said the host. 'You've

come to 'tend the weddin', prob'bly.' 'Married!' I exclaimed, with a start which must have excited the old man's attention had his eyes been better-'to whom?'

'Well, he's a stranger lately come to these parts-a Mr. Garth by name -a man of money, they say. Him and old John patched it up, somehow, between them, though they do say Effie was dead agin it at the start. You see it's ben whispered she'd a sort o' likin' for a young chap as went off to Californy; but Effie's a grod, bidable

gal, an' obejent to her father.' I resolved to be present at that wedding. I do not think I contemplated openly upraiding Effie, or making a a scene; but a strange fascination possessed me to witness the perfidy of her on whose faith and truth I would, till now, have staked my life.

The ceremony. I learned, was to take place in the little church in which had sat so many Sundays, thinking of Effie's pretty face, and forgettime all about the text and sermon. I followed the crowd as it entered. I could not see Effie's face, but observed that she trembled violently.

She and the bridegroom, with their attendants, took their places. The minister advanced to speak the words which were to place an impassable barrier between me and my life's object, A turn of the bridegrosm's head enabled me to catch a glimpee of his features. HE WAS THE SAME MAN WHO The interchange of a few questions | HAD ATTEMPTED MY LIFE! However faithless Effie had proved, I could not look on and behold her bound to a fate

'This must proceed no further ! I exclaimed, advancing and facing the

nuptial pair. The dastardly assassin cowered as though he had seed a ghost. He may have thought me one, for he had me for dead that night.

Effie's face was pale as death .-Stretching out her hands appealing

'Oh! say you have come to mve me!' she cried, in tones that stirred my dailies;

heart to depths. Save you from what? I asked. sternly. 'Are you not here of your own will?"

'I am here to shield my father against one who has the power to drive him forth homeless in his old age, she answered.

A few words sufficed to explain all My murder, as the reader has surmised. had been attempted for the purpose of robbery. Fortunately I had but little money about me, most of my gains having been previously forwarded to a banking house in San Francisco. I had with me, however, Mr. Worth's bond and mortgage, dreedy spoke of and

these fell into the hands of the robber, who, having written his name in the blank assignment, presented himself one who had purchased the claim; and eseing Effie, he had offered to make her hand the price of abstaining from preming his rights against ber fatherby a full beard of many menths' | The villainy had the more readily escaped detection because of the old money lender's death, and the absence of the friend through whom I had taken

up the claim. I briefly recited the facts within my knowledge, and the would be bridegroom was conducted from the church to a prison.

The little church was the scene of eeremony not long afteward, which went off, I am happy to say, without interruption, and at which I was also present—though not as a spectator this time. - N. Y. Ledger.

Old Maids.

BY SWEETBRIER.

body turns up their noses at them and yet everybody is glad enough to avail themselves of the sympathy and assistance of maiden relatives and friends when the hour of effliction and trial comes. Did you ever think, busy little married woman, when you make fun of the old maid; that she too might have been married had she condescended to use the deceptive arts by which

you won your husband? Another favorite fing at old maids is that 'no woman is ever an old maid

from choice.' Many are old maids from duty; an while the majority of women prefer to accept an offer of marriage even at the risk of becoming the wite of an un principled man, there does exist a woman now and then who truly prefers to remain single rather than unite her life to that of a man of whom she knows but little, and that little not of the

Another mystery is that these mar ried women who are least happy in merriage are usually the first to speak contemptuously of ol | maids. Perhaps the philosophy of this is that we are apt to censure that we most envy, and after all it may be that the married once sometimes envy the single blessed,

But the unkindest cut of all is in accusing the old maids of carrying all the news and pedding all the scandal.

Grave mistake! Women are all slike about news. They all like to hear news, and all tike to be the first to tell saything new that may be stirring.

Men are not so sly about telling what they hear, nor so devoted to the You don't often hear a man say, 'Now, don't you tell !' nor, 'Do not

use my name it you have occasion to

repeat what I have told you." Oh, the women ! the women ! Heaven bless the old maids, and spare us enough of them to help us in the care of our sick, and to comfort us

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A Mustache.

By all means raise one! My young masculine friends, if you have heretofore neglected it, attend to

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