

## Poetry.

**THE VISION OF THE SNOW.**  
She has come to be with the angels,  
So they had always said;  
To the world she was a seeking  
Of her fair, young mother, dead.

They never had told of the darkness,  
Or the secret the small girl  
By hiding a thought of gloom.

With the old boy, beautiful, bright,  
Her mother's love from her went,  
Had him in baby's sweetest,  
To pass to her early rest.

And when he would sleep—where is she?

More than ever he knew.

Too pure for mortal sight,

Where the shadow ones who have left,

Are walking in robes of white.

And with a sweet face he would listen,

His tremulous lips apart,

Till the thought of a Beautiful Country

Haunted his yearning heart.

One more, he is gone from the window,

A miracle of surprise,

A marvelous day is vision,

Dashed its wondering eyes.

Born here the winter hardness

Is tempered with spring's glow,

The delicate colorsuring

Never has seen one snow.

And chasing his childhood fingers,

He turned with a fanning bow,

And cried—"We have got to heaven,

Show me my mother now."

**PERSONAL ALMANAC.**

Commander Gordon of the British Na

vy is visiting friends in New York city.

Bret Harte is to lecture on "The Argonauts" of '49 next season.

Ady Hayes the Arctic explorer, is rusti

cating in Chester County, Penn.

Mrs. Horace Greeley and her two

daughters are at Angouleme, France.

Charles Read is once more on the war

against the critics.

Maggie Mitchell is offered \$3500 in

gold per week, by a San Francisco Man

ager.

The family of Senator Carl Schurz are

about to sail for Europe on a summer ex

cursion.

It is safely announced that Queen Vic

toria and the Princess of Wales have dis

carded chignons.

Adice Johnson proposes to be a can

didate for the Governorship of Tennessee

on the Greeley platform.

A Pittsburg cripple challenges the world

to a race on one leg and crutches for \$50

a side and the championship.

The Empress Augusta, who has been visiting Queen Victoria for the past two weeks, has returned to Berlin.

Victor Hugo is to be paid thirty cents a

line for "Surveyn People," a new

romance on which he is engaged.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston is writing a

history of the campaign in which he was

engaged.

Cadet Smith, the colored boy whose

presence at West Point caused at first

some trouble, now ranks in the first third

of his class.

Roskin declares that letters written to

him must be plain, brief, and ask no fa

vor, for I am old, tired, and ill-natured,

he says dolefully.

Prof. Loomis of Yale College has the

honor and satisfaction of seeing his mathe

matical works translated into the Chi

ese language for use in the East.

Manager Janet, what of was, and is to

be, Nibbs' Theatre, sold for Europe yes

terday to secure new attractions in the

way of Jarrett.

Dr. Thomas Yowler Short, the lately

deceased bishop of St. Asaph, in Wales,

for twenty years every day, storm or sun

shone, strewed flowers on his wife's grave.

Judge Thread of New Orleans, has ren

dered a decision restoring the confederate

to the late John Sidal to the heirs

of the deceased.

The recovery of the Prince of Wales

was celebrated by Te Deum in the Greek

Cathedral at Constantinople on the 1st

inst.

The anniversary of Stonewall Jackson's

death was commemorated in Jounsville,

Pa., on the 10th inst., by decorating the

graves of Confederate soldiers.

A. M. Holbrook, of the New Orleans

Playhouse, was married yesterday to Miss

Elijah G. Pontever Potts, well known by

the name de plume of "Pearl Rivers."

Before a Kansas City police court last

week Martha Washington preferred com

plaint against her husband, George Wash

ington, for cruel and inhuman treatment.

The Episcopal Diocesan Convention re

assembled at Philadelphia yesterday.

Bishop McBrane, of Ohio, presided over

the opening session yesterday afternoon.

A magnificent statue of the Goddess

of Victory is to be presented by the city

of Leipzig to Prince Albert of Saxony, in

recognition of his eminent services in the

late war.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Queen of the

Gymnasium, is about to contract a marri

age alliance in England; whether these

subjects are said to be looking forward to all

parts of the world.

The Senate in executive session yester

day confirmed the nomination of Captain

Daniel Aman to be co-mine in the body

of and of Thomas R. Cole to be collector

of customs at Sacramento.

A letter from an officer in the British

fleet at Shanghai, China, says—the

Grand Duke Alexis will return by the

way of the Sandwich Islands and San Fran

cisco. He is expected to reach this city

in September next.

**NOVEL SUIT FOR DAMAGES.—Says the**

Albany Knickerbocker:

We understand that a most singular

suit is about to be instituted by one of

our well-known citizens against a mer

chant for damage in causing the death

of his wife, and setting damages at \$10,

\$00. It appears that the merchant, who

is as liable to drive, was in the habit of

selling to the wife of the citizen referred

to, and in doing so, sold laudanum,

which was the immediate cause of death.

He is the woman's best friend, and

dictated to the use of the drug, she was a

healthy, intelligent, and happy woman,

a loving wife, doting parent, and induc

ent our litigious status.

Through the influence of the drug, his

wife lost her health, and became depen

dent on spirits, and death followed, causing

desolation in his home and sorrow in his

heart. Believing that all this was pro

duced by the sale of the drug, he claimed

that he lawfully sold the poisonous ar

gent, fully aware of its disastrous effects

upon the human system.

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