

WHAT WILL THEY BRING?

Written for THE NEW ENGLANDER. BY ARAMINTA F. DICKSON. Into the future years to-night, I would right gladly gaze...

FROM THE KORAN.

When quiet in a darkened room A form lies cold and still, To whom the solemn voice of death...

A Stern Chase to Overtake the Overland Train.

The uncertainties of life and railroad travel, says the San Francisco Chronicle, were well illustrated at Oakland on Thursday morning...

FRENCH DUELS.

There are many reasons why duels rarely end fatally. All the gunsmiths keep pistols warranted not to hit a barn door at ten paces...

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good." A Tennessee farmer had his crops, stock, etc., damaged by the late floods...

Everybody is anxious to lend the man something who does not want to borrow anything. The philosophy which a nation receives...

The most glowing passages in a minister's sermon will attract scarcely half the attention that centers on the man who blows his nose in church.

"How much did he leave?" said a lady, on learning of the death of a wealthy citizen. "Everything," responded the lawyer...

Germany is the most productive field abroad for labor in the Sunday-school. Twelve years ago there were no Sunday-schools in the country...

It is said that in Chicago ladies faint away in church in order that other ladies may have a chance to inspect their jewelry...

Rhyme, being a kind of music, shares the advantage with music, of being a language of speaking that, which all Philistia is unable to challenge.

These are the cold, blustering nights when the Western miner unclutches his pistol and bowie knife, and throws himself down in the lurid glare of the log fire...

Many a man who would roll up his eyes in terror at the idea of stealing a nickel, will swoop down on a silk umbrella worth ten dollars, and march off with his lips moving peacefully, as if in prayer.

A young woman in Chicago put her false teeth in a glass of water at night and in the morning found them imbedded in a cork of solid ice. She was late at breakfast, the process of thawing out the teeth with a bonfire of matches having been slow.

When a St. Louis gentleman meets his neighbor in the morning, he looks surprised and asks, "Hain't you been indicted yet?" The reply is, "No; when did you get out?" Then they both laugh in an imbecile way...

An editor gives the following picture of the local editor, for the benefit of young persons who aspire to that position: "Here is the face of the reporter. See how jolly he looks; he has just heard that a man has cut his own throat, and is going for the item. Should you like to be a reporter and get licked on dark nights, and see dead persons, and climb up four pair of stairs?"

It was like the song of some wonderful bird, and it made the air shine after the sound had died away; and yet it was just the remark of a brave young man who walked past me one day, arm-in-arm with a companion: "Depend upon it, Tom, St. Edmund of Canterbury was right when he said to somebody, 'Work as though you would live forever; live as though you would die to-day.'"

POINTED ANSWER.—"What am I made of?" asked a little girl, fresh from her first Sunday-school lesson, as she essayed to show off her knowledge to her younger sister. "I don't know," was the honest answer. "What does mamma sweep up from the floor?" was the first speaker's next trial in the Socratic method. "Fins, needles, and hairpins," was the prompt but unexpected answer.

He skulked into a saloon, leaned over the bar, and whispered: "Here's my last ten cents. If you were me would you pay it out for whiskey, or buy some candy for the children?" "I'd buy candy," replied the bar-keeper. The man put up the money, made for the door but halted as a bright idea struck him and returned and said: "I guess I'll pay for the whiskey, and get trussed for the candy."

Mary Rourke, a girl of seventeen, was brought to Bellevue Hospital from the eighteenth precinct early yesterday morning in a sick and fainting condition. It was soon ascertained by the physician in attendance that the poor girl had no disease, but was actually dying from starvation. Day after day she had walked the streets searching for employment, and at night she had slept in the station houses. Though on the brink of starvation there is no doubt of her recovery.—N. Y. Herald.

During leap year the girl who counts all the gray horses she sees until she has got up to a hundred will be married within a year to the first gentleman with whom she shakes hands after counting the one hundredth horse. Every girl in the city carries a memorandum book that she may be sure to keep a correct record. One has already twenty-six, another eleven, and another, who only began yesterday has seven. If somebody would bring a drove of a hundred gray horses to town to-day what a shaking of hands would take place to-morrow.—Jefferson City Tribune.

"Pa, are you in favor of the Bible in public schools?" asked a West Side youngster at the breakfast table the other morning. "Why, of course I am," responded the father, pleased that such an important subject should engage the attention of his youthful offspring. "What makes you ask such a question, my son?" "O, nothing," rejoined young hopeful, "only I thought maybe you wasn't as you never have had one at home." The uncle dodged, but wasn't quick enough.

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