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## POETICAL.

### THE OLD COTTAGE CLOCK.

Oh! the old, old clock, of the household stock,  
Was the brightest thing and neatest;  
Its hands though old, had a touch of gold,  
And its chimes still rang the sweetest;  
'Twas a monitor too, though its words were few,  
Yet they lived though nations alter'd;  
And its voice, still strong, warned old and young,  
When the voice of friendship falter'd;  
Tick-tick! it said; quick, quick to bed,  
For ten I've given warning;  
Up, up—and go—er else, you know,  
You'll never rise soon in the morning!

### TWO PICTURES.

LOOKING OUT.  
Rory and warm the fire light falls,  
In the rich man's home to-night,  
On the pictures hanging against the walls,  
And the children's faces bright.  
They have parted the curtain's crimson folds  
Away from the window high,  
And their eyes look out at the whirling snow,  
And the dull and stormy sky.

### LOOKING IN.

With tattered garments, and faces thin,  
Abroad in the bitter cold,  
The poor man's children are looking in  
Through the curtain's crimson fold.  
The bleak wind tosses their ragged hair,  
Their feet are aching and bare,  
While they gaze at the beauty and light within,  
And the children's faces fair.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

For the Old North State,  
Feb. 11, 1869.

Mr. Hanes: I have sought for a subject to write about and have concluded that by taking all the responsibility myself, it would be proper to discuss the "Old North State"—or rather the last issue thereof. I must frankly tell you that it is a singularly interesting subject.

### SHE IS DYING.

"Hush! She is dying! The sunlight streams through the plate glass windows—the room is fragrant with the sweet breath of the Southern flowers—large milk-white African lilies—roses, a nightingale would stoop to worship—cape jasmines and camellias with the large glossy leaves.

### BEWARE OF THE BELLES WITH ADMIRERS MANY.

A lady contributor to a New York paper gets off the following sensible and tasteful remarks:  
If by the term "prospects," applied to a young lady, you mean the probabilities of her getting a husband, then she whose admirers may be called legion has infinitely poorer prospects than one whose friends of the opposite sex may be counted on the fingers of a single hand.

### A BATTLE AMONG THE BIRDS.

We all remember the legend of the war between the birds and the beasts, in which the poor but hardy bird, in its struggle with the more powerful beast, was victorious. This is a story which has been told in many forms, and in many lands.

## CRIME.

The New York Herald thinks that as the days advance, crime seems to multiply. Murderous assaults, homicides, suicides, are on the increase all over the country. Lawlessness has become a

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## LADIES SHOULD READ NEWS-PAPERS.

It is a great mistake in female education to keep a young lady's time and attention devoted to only fashionable literature of the day. If you would qualify her for conversation, you must give her something to talk about—give her education with the actual world, with the outer world, and its transpiring events. Urge her to read newspapers, and become familiar with the present character and improvement of our race. History is of some importance; but the past world is dead—we have nothing to do with it. Our thoughts and our concerns should be for the present world; to know what it is and improve the condition of it. Let her have an intelligent opinion, and be able to sustain intelligent conversation concerning the mental, moral and religious improvements of our time. Let the gilded annals and poems on the center table be kept part of the time covered with weekly and daily journals. Let the whole family—men, women and children—read newspapers.

### When next occurs another fight, May we be there to see.

[Paris Kentuckian, Dec. 23.]

### THE BALTIMORE GAZETTE COMPLAINS THAT THE AGENT OF THE PEABODY EDUCATIONAL FUND MAKES DISCRIMINATIONS IN ITS USE IN FAVOR OF "LOYAL DISTRICTS," QUOTING FOR ILLUSTRATION THE AID GRANTED BY HIM TO A SCHOOL IN CHARLOTTE.

The Baltimore Gazette complains that the agent of the Peabody Educational Fund makes discriminations in its use in favor of "loyal districts," quoting for illustration the aid granted by him to a school in Charlotte. It is true that every chicken in a brood will leave a good dinner, and all go in of their number running away with a large-sized worm, or after an imaginary sized-crum. But it is not true that a young man will forsake the modest gentle girl, whose society he can enjoy without rivalry, to compete with a score of others for the company of a young lady whose smiles are free to all.

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"Where in the world are we," and whither are we drifting, are interrogations which constantly trouble themselves upon our attention. I ask the indulgence of the Senate, for the purpose of imparting a brief history of this investigation, and the considerations suggesting it, in so far as it may be suggested from me. In doing so, I may appear to indulge in remarks that may have little relevancy to the subject under consideration. Their pertinency consists in the fact that they relate to important public measures of doubtful policy and wisdom, all of which have contributed to influence my action by magnifying, and individualizing, and quickening a sense of official duty and responsibility. The public mind has, for some time, been deeply agitated with forebodings of financial ruin. There is a wide spread apprehension that our State credit, which once challenged the unbounded confidence and generous pride of every citizen—impelled by its extravagant and unwise expenditures, and quickening a sense of official duty and responsibility. The public mind has, for some time, been deeply agitated with forebodings of financial ruin. There is a wide spread apprehension that our State credit, which once challenged the unbounded confidence and generous pride of every citizen—impelled by its extravagant and unwise expenditures, and quickening a sense of official duty and responsibility.

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