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TERMS OF ADVERTISING. One Dollar a square for the first week...

Poetry.

"Old Aunt Hannah."

The following lines are from a volume of Poems by Dr. W. H. Holcombe...

Let's wait a little longer, Tom! Before we start to go...

Miscellaneous.

The Broken Heart.

BY WASHINGTON IRVING.

I never loved With true affection, but I was nipt...

It is a common practice with those who have outlived the susceptibility of the early feeling...

Man is the creature of interest and ambition. His nature leads him forth in the bustle and struggle of the world...

To a man the disappointments of love may cause some bitter pangs; it wounds some feeling of tenderness...

But woman's is comparatively a fixed, a secluded, and a meditative life. She is more the companion of her own thoughts and feelings...

her peace. With her the desire of her heart has failed—the great charm of existence is at an end...

She is like some tender tree, the pride and beauty of the grove, graceful in its form, bright in its foliage...

I have seen many instances of women running to waste and self-neglect, and disappearing gradually from the earth...

Every one must recollect the tragical story of Emmett, the Irish patriot. It was too touching to be easily forgotten...

But there was one heart whose anguish it would be impossible to describe. In happier days and fairer fortunes he had won the affections of a beautiful and interesting girl...

But then the horrors of such a grave so frightful, so dishonored; there was nothing for memory to dwell on that could soothe the pang of separation...

To render her situation more desolate, she had incurred her father's displeasure by her unfortunate attachment and was an exile from her parental roof...

ship, and heeded not the charmer, charmed he ever so wisely. The person who told me her story had seen her at a masquerade...

The story of one so true and tender could not but excite in a country remarkable for enthusiasm and interest. It completely won the heart of a brave officer...

He took her with him to Sicily, hoping a change of scene might wear out a memory of early woe. She was an amiable and exemplary wife...

It was on her that Moore, the distinguished Irish poet, composed the following lines: "She is fair from the land where her young heart sleeps..."

The Curiousities of Coral. Coral, like sponge, is one of those common things about which the majority of people know very little...

Coral formations occur chiefly in the Pacific, the Indian Ocean, and the Red Sea. In the Indian Ocean, and around New Holland, they are produced by various species of polypes...

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account is given by an eminent traveler. After describing the work of the polypes, he says: "Sea-shells, fragments of corals, sea hedge, hog shells and their broken off prickles..."

The always active surf throws blocks of coral (frequently of a fatfathom in length, and three or four feet thick) and shells of marine animals between and upon the foundation stones...

There is much that is beautiful as well as interesting in the appearance of coral reef. On the coral coasts, where the water is bright and transparent, the effect presented by the submerged reefs may be easily observed...

The floor is of sand, like the mountain drift, and the pearl sheets spangle the flinty snow. From the coral rocks the plants lift their boughs, where the tide and billows flow...

A Dog Story. My oldest son was crossing the fields in the country, some distance from any dwelling, when he was pursued by a large and fierce dog belonging to the gentleman whose field he was crossing...

As he ceased speaking, he threw himself on a chair by the table, and buried his face in his hands. His discharge was indeed a terrible blow...

For a while Mrs. Huston knew not what to do. Tears ran down her cheeks, but she feared to approach her husband. "He will drive me away," she said to herself...

At last she ventured to approach him, and at last he was induced to listen. "With many years she promised never to be neglectful again..."

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The Torn Pocket.

"My dear," said Mr. Huston to his young wife, as he rose from the breakfast table, "I wish you would mend my overcoat pocket..."

"Very well my love," was the reply, and a moment after, the front door closed upon the husband, who departed to the store where he filled the place of a responsible clerk...

Truth was, Mrs. Huston was what is called a "good easy woman," that is, she never intentionally harmed any one, but was only thoughtless and forgetful...

Directly the servant opened the door and the step of the husband was heard, but heavier and quicker than usual. Her heart unaccountably began to beat faster...

"What have you done?" cried Mr. Huston, passionately, taking off his overcoat, and turning the torn pocket inside out, and throwing the garment into the hearer's lap...

"How did it happen? Can nothing be done?" timidly said the wife, after a while. "How did it happen? In the most natural way possible..."

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A Remarkable Incident.

The Presbyterian tells the following: We recently heard a remarkable and touching story of a little boy, the son of a gentleman in an adjoining county...

In a short time his father took him to Nashville, to get the benefit of the medical profession there, but none of the physicians could do anything for him, and happily made no experiment on his eyes...

From the same Alpine mountains flow two rivers; the same rain and melted snow feed them, but each of these rivers follows the course it has traced...

The hermit—a slawred, rosy old man—told her to wait, and retiring to an inner chamber of his cell after a short time he brought out a curious looking box, carefully tied up...

"Take this," said he, "and keep it for one year; but you must, three times a day and three times a night, carry it into the kitchen, the cellar and the stable, and set it down in each corner..."

The good woman received the box with many thanks and bore it carefully home. The next day, as she was carrying it into the cellar, she met a servant who had been secretly gawing a pitcher of beer...

At the end of the year she, faithful to her promise, carried the magic box to the hermit, and besought him to allow her to keep it, as it had a most wonderful effect...

Accident in Halifax. We learn that Mr. Wm. Gaither of Halifax county, accidentally shot himself at Enfield last Thursday with a pistol, from the effects of which he died last Sunday...

A Fiendish Outrage.

We have rarely heard of a more diabolical and fiendish outrage, than the one perpetrated yesterday, eight miles above this place, and two miles above Russellville, in Hawkins county...

It seems that a man, of rather a demon, by the name of Joshua Ballard, armed himself with a scythe blade, and started from his home with the intention of murdering some person. The first man he encountered was a Mr. Bewley; but it appears that Bewley escaped without material injury...

It appears that Ballard was a desperate character—addicted to strong drink and all kinds of dissipation. He was the champion of the neighborhood, and most men were afraid to encounter him singlehanded...

At the present season of the year, when dysentery and diarrhoea are prevalent, it is well to have a preventative at hand. Clip this out and have it convenient. Many years trial have proved it a sure remedy...

Heart Force. A man's force in the world, other things being equal, is just in the ratio of the strength and force of his heart. A full hearted man is always a powerful man...

The Magic Box. A housekeeper's affairs had for a long time been becoming very much entangled, and the poor woman knew not what to do to get out of her difficulties...

A Chance for the Ladies. Jane Swishelm advertises, editorially, in her last issue, as follows: "Wanted in St. Cloud, a large supply of raw material, for the manufacture of hives. None in the market, and a pressing demand..."

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