"THE DEAD THEY ARE WITH US STILL."

BY JUSTIN MC CARTHY.

I cannot touch his cheek, Nor rufile with a loving breath his hair; I look into his eyes, and hear him speak— He never knows that I am there! Oh, if my darling one could only know That day and night, through all his

weary life,

I, whom he loved in years of long ago,
Am with him still—his wife!

1 watch him at his task, When the broad sunbeams first light up

1 watch him till the evening lays her mask Upon the face of Day; and in the gloom He lays his pencil down and silent sits, And leans his chin upon his hand and

How well I know what memory round him I read it in his eyes.

And when his pencil's skill Has sometimes wrought a touch of happy

I see his face with sudden gladness fill; I see him turn with eager lips apart, To bid me come and welcome his success And then he droops, and throws his brush

Oh, if my darling then could only guess. That she is near who died!

Sometimes I fancy, too,
That he does dimly know it—that he feels
Some influence of love pass thrilling thro
Death's prison bars, the spirit's bonds and Some dear companionship around him still; Some whispered blessing, faintly breath-

ed caress The presence of a love no death can kill Brightening his loneliness.

Ah, but it cannot be! The dead are with the living—I am here; But he, my living love, he cannot see His dead wife, though she cling to him so near.

1 seek his eyes; I press against his cheek; I hear him breathe my name in waiting He calls me, calls his wife, I cannot speak— He thinks he is alone.

To see him, still be near him, feel his breath Fan my sad cheek, and yet I am not free To bid him feel, by any faintest touch, That she who never left his side in life-She who so loved him, whom he loved so Is with him still-his wife.

"The fall of man" doesn't attract near so much attention as the fall of woman-particulary if the is young and pretty and her Our Assortment is Large bustle explodes as she sits down upon the icy sidewalk .- Fall River Advance.

It is said that the ratio of marriage is declining but if so, statistics are sometimes contradictory. Over 6,000,000 bottles of hair restorative were sold in this country last year .- Chicago Ledger.

I thought Miss S, that you hated that flirt minx; yet you went up and kissed her. So I do hate her, and that is why I did it. Look at the freckles on her chin where I kissed the powder off.

A little girl lately wrote to her friend "Yesterday a litte baby sister arrived and papa is on a journey. It was but a piece of luck that mama was at home to take care of it."-Farmer's Call.

If man will be a slave to custom, he should see to it that it is a good one-

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MAKING SASSAFRAS OIL.

An Industry that Might be turned to

Profitable Account in this Section. The following article, by Mr. Thos.

C. Harris, of Raleigh, is taken from the Popular Science News. We publish it as a matter of interest to our readers, many of whom in some localities the GOLD LEAF doubts not could turn the industry under considertion | with me. to profitable account:

In some of the interior counties of North Carolina may be seen, in oper ation, many primitive establishments for the manufacture of the oil of sassafras and oil of pennyroyal. The apparatus used in this work is so exceedingly rude and primitive as to appear ridiculous to most observers; but the product is of good quality, and con-stitutes a profitable industry.

For these oils the usual style of "still" is shown in the sketch, which may be briefly described as a short trench in the ground, flue or chimney. Over this trench is placed a closed

of the steam-box, allowing steam to | rapidly. The steam passes through pass freely up through the barrel. A the mass of bruised roots, and is conlute of clay is used to close the joint densed by the tin tube into a mixture between the lower end of the barrel of distilled water and oil, and runs into and the steam-box, as well as the cover a glass vessel set to receive it. Being of the barrel. Instead of a "worm," a tin pipe immersed in a trough of rapidly settle into two strata, and one cold water is used; and a steam connection with the barrel is generally made by an elbow branch of wood, bored out with an auger. The sassafras tree (Sassafras officinale) grows abundantly in this section, especially tablishing such a "factory" is less than on worn-out lands, where it is usually \$10 for the entire establishment, and found in dense thickets of small no chemical education is necessary on shrubs. The root is dug and washed the part of the operator, the profit of quite free of dirt, and, after being the work is not to be despised. chopped short and bruised with a hatchet, is ready for the "still." This work is done by boys employed by higher than at present. Now it sells price per hundred pounds for the root

duction of the oil of pennyroyal (He- cans to the wholesale druggists North deoma pulegioides), which grows abun- who buy it from the distillers. One

roots, and the cover made tight with months is the proper time to work. clay, the process of distillation goes on No license is required.



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> ing a sheet-iron bottom, and auger hole on top, through which water is poured. An ordinary barrel stands end wise on top of the steam-box, and as several holes bored through its oottom, and also

through the top of different densities, the oil and water

can be decanted from the other. It is said that the operator of such a "still" can pay all running expenses and make a clear profit of \$3 per day. When we consider that the cost of es-

Note-At this time the article was written the price of oil was much the manufacturer, who pays a stated for about 35 cents per pound, and the business is not profitable unless the root is very abubdant and cheap labor The same outfit is used in the pro- to dig it. It is usually shipped in tin dantly in the woods in many counties. hundred pounds of root make two per When the barrel is filled with the cent of oil. The spring and summer

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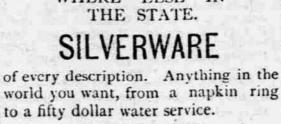
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