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GROWTH OF LOVE.

Small is the soul's first wound
from beauty's dart,
And scarce th' unheed fever
warms the heart;
Long we mistake it under liking's
name,
A soft indulgence, that deserves
no blame.
Excited, though, the smother'd
fire at length
Bursts into blaze and burns with
open strength,
That image which before but
soothed the mind
Now lords it there, and rages un-
confined;
Mixing with all our thoughts it
wastes the day,
And when night comes it dreams
the soul away.

—Hill.

But of all the taxes ever impos-
ed a people the "birth tax" was
the most odious. It lasted thir-
teen years, dating from 1695.
Every person not in receipt of

alms was required to pay two shil-
lings for every "little stranger"
that came into existence. The
tax was a great burden to the low-
er orders; but the nobility and
gentry were subjected to still
heavier payments than their poor-
er neighbors. Thirty pounds had
to be paid on the birth of a duke.
The sum gradually diminished,
according to a fixed scale, until it
reached ten shillings.—Chamber's
Journal.

Patient—"Do you think any-
thing serious is the matter with
me?"

Doctor—"Nothing but a slight
lesion in the muscles of your back.
Take take that medicine and you
will be all right to-morrow."

Patient—"What makes you
walk so funny, Doc?"

Doctor—"I have had the back-
ache for three weeks."—Judge.

A parrot died last year in Paris
at the reputed age of 103 years,
and, since it was handed down by
will to successive owners, its long-
evity may be accepted as a fact
fully established.

Some time ago County Supt.
Taylor, of Des Moines was call-
ed to the country to settle a trou-
ble which had arisen in a school.
The difficulties arose over the fact
that a young lady teacher had se-
verely flogged three young men
who were attending school. The
superintendent made due investi-
gation of the case, got acquainted
with all the parties and settled the
difficulty. Since then the super-
intendent has received an invita-
tion to a wedding, and to his sur-

prise the parties were the young
lady school ma'am and one of her
unruly pupils whom she chastised.
There will be a question in that
household who is the woman of
the house.—Omaha Bee.

In 1850 there were 6,737 pris-
oners in the jails of this country.
In 1880 the amount was 59,250.
In 1850 there was one prisoner to
every 3,442 inhabitants; in 1880
there was one to every 837 inhab-
itants.

The thaler or dahler is a coin
nearly the same in value as our
dollar. It is so called because the
first dollars were coined in a dale
—a dahl—namely, the valley of
Fouchinethal in Bohemia. The
first American dollars were coined
in 1794, through a suggestion of
Alexander Hamilton. They con-
tained 371.25 grains of pure silver.
One of these early silver coins now
commands the price of one hun-
dred dollars.

An immense Lemon was pick-
ed the other day by J. Winkle-
man, residing near Oakland, Ga.
It measured thirteen inches one
way by fifteen in the opposite di-
rection, and weighed nearly two
pounds.

A citizen of Eustis, Fla., is said
to have a combination tree in his
garden, consisting of a lemon, or-
ange, guava, peach, pear, grape
fruit, and persimmon, all grafted
on one stock and all in bloom.

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