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UNDER THE LAVA.

BY MARY BAYARD CLARKE.

Far down in the depths of my spirit Out of the sight of men, Lies a buried Herculeanum...

Her Majesty's Ship Pinafore.

Newbern people—even many of those who do not generally attend theatrical entertainments, have been enjoying the rendition of "PINAFORE" by an amateur troop under the direction of Miss Ella E. Ives, as Manager...

pretty—there was really nothing ridiculous in Captain Corcoran's going down on his knees and making love to her...

Dick's acting was as good as his make up, for it was simply inimitable, particularly in the by-play, when he pulled out a regular sailor's knife and cut a quid with hands, on which were tattooed an anchor and a heart...

Here, Captain Corcoran laid him in the shade entirely, for the ardour of his devotion to Little Buttercup was something truly sublime, and when in the presence of the whole crew, he fell on his knees to her, he brought the house down along with him...

The last performance was a benefit for Miss Ives, to whose untiring perseverance the plan was due. She originated the whole thing for the benefit of the Oxford Orphans—and most of the "sisters, and the cousins, and the aunts," were her music scholars, and all trained by her for this occasion...

Well! we have told of the opera, and said but little of the singing. Before doing so, we will, a la Mr. Lincoln, "tell a little story."

This quenched our ardor; for music is to us a terror, as well as a terra incognita when it comes to the technicalities, but woman's wit saved us, and we decorously replied that being country-bred, we

could not go alone to the theatre, and would require tickets to take an escort. "Tickets! get a dozen every night if you like—only be sure and send in your copy in time."

We cannot close without saying a word about the conductor, who complains that no one compliments him for his excellence in performing the part for which he was especially selected.

D. Appleton & Co. have just published a "LIFE OF DR. ERASMUS DARWIN," the grandfather of the celebrated Charles Darwin, of this day.

MY DEAR POLLY:—As I was turning over some old mouldy volumes that were laid upon a Shelf in the closet of my Bed Chamber, one I found, after blowing the dust from it with a Pair of Bellows, to be a Receipt Book, formerly no doubt, belonging to some good Old Lady of the Family.

The Charity Ball last night was a success. The Charity Ball always is a success here! Good years and 'bad years' as noted by the index of Wall St., may make some difference in the profits, after all expenses are paid, but when Fashion and Charity combine, they are all-powerful.

"To make an Honest Man." This is no new dish to me, says I, besides it is now quite old fashioned, I won't read it. Then followed, "To make a Good Wife." Pshaw! continued I, "an acquaintance of mine, a young Lady of Litchfield, knows how to make this dish better than any other person in the world, and she has promised to treat me with it sometime, and then in a Pett' threw down the Book and would not read any more at that time."

stant habit with him to write to his sister's children, either in prose or verse, letters adapted to their understanding. "All his rhymes," says Mr. Trevelyan, whether written or improvised, he put down to the credit of the "Judicious Poet."

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Is it not good? I wonder who the author can be. Not Newman, I think. It is above him. Perhaps it is Bishop Wilberforce.

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Aspiration is an all-pervading fact of nature; nay, more—it is the spring of motion, which is life. Everything that exists prays continually; the mineral, for transformation into a finer and more exalted state; the vegetable, for growth and progress. In man the desire for that which he has not—for that which

is not—is the source of all activities. It is the unquenchable yearning of the soul, the divine spark which links him with the universe and prophesies of immortality.

Man views the universe from a different standpoint from woman, hence sees what she cannot see, and is powerless to perceive a corresponding portion which she beholds; yet the blending of these two pictures in one can alone give to any subject of thought complete solidity and symmetry.

General Grant is the first ex-president who has visited the upper part of South Carolina since Washington passed through in his private carriage in the year 1797.

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