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For the Ledger.

She has passed away

Like a gentle breath,

And her eyes are closed with the sleep

of death.

The leaves on the trees will flutter and

fall,

And the drifting snows will cover all,

But she will peacefully, calmly rest,

Forever happy.

By angels blest.

Tender and loving, wise and good,

Aid too good for the sinful earth!

Only the angels knew her worth.

So they called her unto them,

Decking her brow

With a diadem.

Better to smile

When such a life

Gives up the battle of earthly strife,

Better to know that her tasks are done,

Trials ended and glory won;

Tears are vain when a soul so bright,

Wings its way

To the gates of light.

She has passed away,

But her sweet good will

Like a fragrant odor lingers still.

The tender lessons that memory brings,

The memory of patience over us flings,

We learn to follow the path she trod

To be more like her

Who has gone to God.

A DESCRIPTION OF HEAVEN.

For the Ledger.

Though our world has been defaced

by the blighting influence

of sin, there is still much left that

is beautiful. We see it in the

first flashes of morning, in the

matured strength of meridian

day, in the subdued glow of evening,

when slowly sinking down

the Western horizon glide

the rich banners of declining day

and night with crescent diadem

lights her starry chandelier—and

trails her robe of blazing jewels

through the sky. You have heard

of the beautiful Vale of Cashmere

and you have imagined in a world

like this, shut out from the ills that

afflict and the storms that agitate

our poor world you could dwell

forever in the freshness of unfading

youth and in the possession

of unwithering joy; but there is a

land compared with which the

Vale of Cashmere, the fabled

golden garden of the Hesperides

and Eden in its first bloom, ere

the trail of the serpent was upon

its bowery, are but dark and

deserted spots; nor is it the vision

of romantic fancy—nor is it the

embellishment of poetic genius—

no, for it is heaven!!

A land of pure delight,

Where saints immortal reign,

Infinite day excludes the night,

And pleasures banish pain.

St. John writes that an angel

took him upon a mountain and

spread out before him a heavenly

city. It was of immense magni-

tude, God was its light. It had

high walls, had 12 gates and at

every gate were 12 angels. Its

walls were emeralds and its gates

were pearls all richly set with

diamonds. The streets there

were paved with gold, and along

the streets flowed the river of life

clear as a crystal; on each side of

the river were trees of evergreen

bending with a brood of fruits,

and the beaming skies that can-

opied the eternal city were mir-

rored in the deep still stream that

flowed onward and onward fore-

ever; where time nor space can

circumscribe nor limit its expan-

sions. The ornaments of this city unite their splendors. Gem shines upon gem. Gold glitters upon gold. Ruby beams upon ruby. Diamond sparkles upon diamond with the sapphire's brilliant blue. The brightest amber beaming blends with the rainbow's variegated hue. Around the throne transparent bends flames of splendor. It is our Father who shakes the forked lightning from his fingers, hurls the bolted thunder from His hands, walks serenely on the wings of the careering wind, rears His sublime throne on the dark

Many whose occupations are of a sedentary character, often have the feeling of being literally worn out, and are reminded very forcibly of declining years, when it they knew what ailed them, they would find that all their troubles arose from the inaction of their kidneys or liver. If they would at such times take Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm, would again feel the vigor and strength of maturity.

SHE GAVE UP HIS MONEY.

A woman's quick wit makes her, when she has the courage to act upon it, a valuable aid in an emergency. Some years ago, in the days when "road agents" abounded in Montana, a woman was travelling by coach to join her husband. One day a fellow passenger said to her:

"I have \$1,000 in my pocket book, and I feel uneasy about the road agents. Would you mind concealing it in your dress, and returning it to me at the end of your journey? If the highwaymen do stop us they are less liable to search you than me."

She acceded to his request, hid the money in her dress, and the stage drove on without meeting a road agent until toward evening. Then the shout, "throw up your hands!" was heard. The driver promptly pulled up as four men on horseback, with masked faces, appeared in the road and covered him with their pistols.

Two of the highwaymen then rode to each side of the coach and ordered the passengers to give up their arms, which they did promptly.

"Now shell out!" said the robbers. The passengers handed out their pocketbooks; even the man who called in the woman's aid gave up a few dollars.

He was congratulating himself upon his caution, when he heard the woman say in a quiet way:

"I have got \$1,000, but I suppose I must give it up."

Suiting the action to the word she handed over the man's roll of greenbacks.

The robbers rode away, and then the man gave expression to his feelings by abusing the lady and accusing her of betraying his trust through sheer fright.

She smiled mysteriously. "You will see, sir; but I can't explain now."

At the end of the journey she asked him to stay all night at her house, and said that her husband would be glad to see him.

"Yes, ma'am, I will come to your house," he answered in the tone of an injured man; "it's the least you can do, ma'am, seeing that you have left me without a cent in the world."

At the lady's house he was treated as a distinguished guest; but neither host nor hostess offered him one word of explanation that night, and he went to bed a sad, irritated man. The next morning as he entered the dining room the host shook hands with him and said:

"Here is your \$1,000 which my wife ventured to borrow in an emergency. She had \$20,000 which she was bringing to me concealed in her dress. She thought by giving up at once the \$1,000 entrusted to her by you she would save herself from being

searched by the robbers. Her quick wit saved me from a heavy loss, and I am much obliged to you for the use of the forced loan."

Breakfast was a far more cheerful meal to the man than the supper of the night before.—Youth's Companion.

Kidney and bladder troubles produce a feeling of utter despondency. A genial stimulant, and tonic, and an unfailing remedy for all such troubles, may be found in Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm.

AN INGENIOUS CLOCK

A New Orleans gentleman has just received from San Francisco a wonderful piece of workmanship, which is a striking evidence of the patience, skill, and ingenuity of the natives of the Celestial Empire. It is in the form of an egg, but little larger than a turkey's, and, to outward appearance, nothing but such an egg as might be picked up in any farmyard. But inside of it there is such a delicate mechanism that an accurate description of it is well nigh impossible, and to get a fair idea of the limits to which human skill may reach it is necessary to see this marvel. The egg shell is divided into two parts, but so closely and skilfully are they joined that the naked eye fails to discover the line of junction. The tiny works by which its different parts are operated are a lot of microscopic springs and diminutive wheels, so small that the largest of the lot hardly rivals in size those small spangles which are used in gold lace embroidery.

The arrangement is such that once in each hour the two shells, which are hinged at the base, fly apart with a spring, displaying to view a gorgeous tulip, so artistically and truthfully colored that one can hardly believe that it has not been plucked from a flower bed instead of being a production of art. The petals of the tulip slowly unfold, opening one after the other, until the flower is full blown. Within it stands a wee church, with belfry, on the outside of which is a small dial plate, where the tiniest hands point the hour. The latter are so very small that, placed next to them, the finest needle seems monstrous.

The hour strikes with a fairy like tinkling, the church slowly revolves on its axis, when the rear comes to view, exposing the works to sight. Then the petals of the tulip fold together again, the shells of the egg rejoin, and for another hour the whole seems to the uninitiated beholder nothing but a common egg.—New Orleans Times.

Nature usually makes a gallant fight against disease, and when helped by Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier will eradicate it from the system.

SNAKE OF ANOTHER ERA.

One of the most interesting natural curiosities ever seen in this section was discovered recently on the South Side. During the day the chain gang was employed in cleaning El Paso avenue near the fountain, where the bank on the side has been lately excavated. Officer Preston, who is in charge of the gang, was sitting to one side overlooking the men and idly prodding the bank with a sharp pointed stick, when a small lump of earth and gravel was dislodged and broke at his feet, disclosing a snow-white snake coiled as it ready to spring. It looked so natural that the officer thought it was alive, but touching it with his stick discovered that it was dead.

An examination showed that the snake was of a species totally unknown in this section, but somewhat resembled a ground rattler. Its length would be about a foot and its diameter

about one-half inch. The head is flat, with a sharp flat nose curling up like a scoop, and the original color was a mottled brown, although time has bleached all but one spot. The age of this curiosity must be immense. It was found sixty feet back from the original face of the bank and eight feet from the surface. Erom its appearance it would seem that the snake had been caught between two rocks by the tail, ages ago, its peculiar position eloquently expressing its agony. Instead of decomposing the body dried out so perfectly that no taxidermist could hope to equal nature's work, even the eyes being perfect.—Ex.

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MRS. VOGEL'S FEATHER BED.

Caroline Vogel, a steamer passenger on the Gothia, from Copenhagen, tried to smuggle a lot of material through in a novel way, but was frustrated by Mrs. Anna M. Parks, an inspectress of customs. The passenger had among her effects an old-fashioned feather bed, which was tied with a strong cord and the interior of which was supposed to be filled with feathers. Mrs. Parks, against the vigorous protests of Mrs. Vogel, cut the ropes and found in lieu of feathers a large assortment of articles, among which were twelve hanks of yarn, one piece of binding, three pieces of woollen cloth, six pieces of gingham, one piece of flannel, four handkerchiefs, one piece of elastic, eleven pairs of stockings, two pieces of broadcloth and one piece of alpaca, all of which were seized.—Ex.

For rheumatic and neuralgic pains, rub in Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liment, you will not suffer long, but will be gratified with a speedy and effective cure.

FIRST OCEAN STEAMER.

It is remarkable that after so much has been written and published in regard to early steam navigation (especially of ocean navigation, which is of comparatively recent date), it remains to be shown that the first regularly built ocean steamer was constructed on this side of the Atlantic. Waiving all that has been claimed for the voyage of the "Savannah," we now find that an American shipbuilder constructed the first sea going steamer that ever crossed the ocean, propelled wholly by steam. This was called the "Royal William," in honor of the "sailor king" who then reigned in England, and the Historical Society of Chicago has her original drawings on file in its archives.—Ex.

The dangers of a malarial atmosphere may be averted if you will occasionally take a dose of Dr. J. H. McLean's Chills and Fever Cure. 50 cents, warranted.

It would hardly pay the farmer to engage in the poultry business beyond the keeping of two of three dozen fowls for family use, unless there should be some one about the place to make it a special business to look after the poultry and like to do it. Sometimes the service of a good, steady boy, who is a natural fancier, may be secured at a small cost, and all of his time may be profitably employed in caring for 200 or 300, or, if he be experienced, probably 500 or 600. In embarking in the business it is not best to start out on too large a scale.

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