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EDGAR ALLAN POE.

Tommy—I looked through the keyhole when Sis was in the parlor with her beau last night. Father—What did you find out my boy? Tommy—The lamp, sir.—Cedar Rapids Saturday Chat.

"There goes a man who has never been known to disagree with his wife." Dobson—How does he manage? "Easy enough. She does all the talking."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Slimson—Why, Willie, you must have been in a terrible fight. Willie—Yes, I was; I got licked by the minister's son. "What did he whip you for?" "He had on a suit of my clothes you sent him, and he said that was the only way he could get even."—Clothing and Furnisher.

Jones—I don't believe Blivins spends half as much money as he did before he was married. Smith—No, I know he don't; his wife spends it now.

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What section of our country would not be glad to claim "the finest and most original poetic genius yet produced by America?" Yet, Poe was not perfect—far from it.

The life of Poe was indeed a sad one. Who, as he reads his biography, can fail to be touched; as he follows him through his poverty; as he sees him constantly hoping for better days, which never come; as he sees him gaining friends by whom he is always, sooner or later, deserted; as he sees him bestowing his choicest works upon a public who are devoid of appreciation?

Every evil has its effect and no person leaves a blank in his portion of evil doing. Every person seeks some amusements, be they good or evil, and our subject suggests some of the worst which humanity sought for past-time.

But not until the Roman period, however, did these amusements reach their height of popularity and receive the name Gladiatorial Combats from the weapon, the sword, which they used.

The real combats in which men were slain in great numbers, were supposed to have originated in Etruria, from a custom the natives had of killing their captives and prisoners on the graves of brave warriors, thinking that the spirits of the dead delighted in such blood.

The first combat at Rome was given 264 B. C., in the Forum, by two sons, at the funeral of their father. From this time they began to spread until they became as popular as the theatrical plays of to-day.

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Augustus beautified Rome very much. He was fond of saying that "he found it of brick, and left it of marble."

The last years of the reign of Augustus were clouded by domestic bereavement. He married Livia who had two sons, Tiberius and Drusus. Tiberius had so violent a temper that he was banished for a few years, but afterwards being recalled he was made the companion of his father in his reign, who was then thinking of retiring from the cares of government.

During his march with Livia through Ilyria, he was taken violently ill, and hastening towards Rome, was compelled to stop at Nola in Campania, where he died. A few hours before his death he caused a mirror to be brought him and he arranged his hair with unusual care.

It is the popular impression that the much spoken word news means "that which is gathered from North, East, West and South" and that the word was manufactured from the initial letters of the four cardinal points, N.-E.-W.-S.

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STATE NEWS.

A little child of W. A. Elliott, of Davidson county, was burned to death last week.

Fayetteville Observer; From all appearances Fayetteville will soon have a splendid system of water-works. The pipes are being laid and everything is progressing as rapidly as possible.

Lenor Topic; Joseph T. Wilson has just returned from the penitentiary farms in Northampton county after serving out a term of ten years for horse stealing. He has been drawing a Federal pension of \$12 per month during his confinement.

The Morehead City News says that it is reported that Gen. Adlai E. Stephenson will attend the Teachers' Assembly there next session with his family. They will receive a hearty welcome from all North Carolinians at any time.

Winston Sentinel; Mt. Airy will vote on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$50,000 for the establishment of water-works on March 20th. There is considerable opposition to the question and the business men fear that it will be voted down.

Goldsboro Headlight; A large and appreciative audience greeted Maj. Chas. H. Mmth, more familiarly known as "Bill Arrp," at the Opera House Tuesday and they were well repaid. For more than an hour he entertained them with character sketches of the "Cracker and the Cavalier," two distinctive types of Southern life "belo' de wah."

New Bern Current; John Dixon, colored, got into a row with Toke Harris at the Fair grounds yesterday afternoon in which he struck Harris on the head with a brick inflicting a scalp wound. Dixon was arrested and tried by Mayor Manly at his office, and fined five dollars. Dixon did not pay up and of course he was ordered locked up. As he was being taken to the cells he made his escape.