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Frustra, laborat, qui omnibus, placere, studet—"He labours vainly, who endeavors to please every one.

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POETRY.

(From the Louisville Journal.)

THE WINE CUP.

Oh, pass the glowing wine-cup by,
Nor let thy lips its poison drink.
Though it be mantling warm and high,
Yet pause and on its ruin think.
It meets thee at the festive board
Crowned with jests and ringing laughter'—
A glad temptation brightly poured—
But oh, what heavy days come after!

It lends the soul a feverish power,
What wild and flashing words to speak,
And lights a cold and gloomy hour
Where hope nor sunlight seemed to break;
'Tis like a transient magic spell,
The draft within yon gilded chalice,
But fevered lips that love it well,
Regret too late its burning malice.

There is a tearful record kept
By a pure angel from on high,
And tears of blood are o'er it wept
From eyes that slumber not nor die—
It bears the name of those like thee,
Who only touched and lightly tasted,
Yet have went down as silently
As treasure-barks that rocks have wasted.

A voice of warning sternly comes
From where young and proud were wrecked
And canst thou tread earth's ruined homes
And sink thy godly intellect?
The costly jewels of thy brain—
And wouldst thou have their brightness scattered?
To dull the maddest sense of pain,
Wouldst have thy reckless life-strings shattered?

Is there no hallowed spirit fled,
To hover round and guard thy fate?
Now whisper from the sainted dead,
Too stay the ere it be too late?
Is there no human heart that's thine,
And linked by ties thou wouldst not sever?
Oh, turn and flee the sparkling wine,
As thou would'st keep that love forever.

Ministering angels stand between
Thy priceless soul and its dark grave;
And would'st thou trample love unseen
That lines thy path to shield and save?
Oh, we are not our own, but His
Who by a wondrous mistery wrought us.
And we should guard a truth like this,
That by His costly blood he bought us.

By all the star-Bright hopes that shine,
And make thy future dazzling seem,
By angel aspirations—thine,
And by ambition's gorgeous dream;
By all the prayers that upward go,
Joy's deep and passionate emotion,
Oh, tread this strong temptation low,
And save for Heaven a heart's devotion.

There is a bird in Eastern skies,
That will not soil its wings with earth—
The peerless bird of Paradise—
Art *thou not too* of Eden birth?
Then leave the wine that's foaming high,
Though jovial friends, prize its gladness,
And pass the cup untasted by,
Charmed from its ruin and its madness.

IDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A GOOD OLD JOKE.—'How did you sleep last night?" asked an anxious landlady of a new lodger.

"Why madam, if the inmates of your house were only democrats, I should have been taken out of bed!"

"Who do you mean?"

"The fleas, to be sure. 'Union is strength,' is a maxim they do not appear to understand, for had they been unanimous they could have easily carried me off."

"I was not aware that I had a single one in the house," said the landlady.

"I don't belive you have," retorted the lodger, "they are all *married*, and have uncommonly large families."

☞Weeping is said to be the cry-tear-eye-on of grief.

Disputed Property;

OR,

SMITH VURSUS SMITH.

BY PAUL CREYTON.

John George Smith, Esq, senior, is a man about forty-five years of age, very red-faced, very corpulent, very cautious and very good-natured.

John George Smith, Esq, junior, is a man who has seen about half the summers which have contributed to ripen his highly respectable father; he is handsome, slender, hot-blooded and independent.

John George Smith, senior, and John G. Smith, junior, are the only remaining members of a particular family of Smiths. The old man is a widower; the young man's a bachelor. The former is rich, the latter is lucky enough to have the good will of his worthy progenitor. Old Smith is proud of his son, and young Smith is proud of—his father's purse.—If old John took pleasure in accumulating a handsome property, it can be said, without far of contradiction, that young John, at the time of our story, took no less pleasure in spending what his father had acquired.

Both these personages were great favorites of the ladies. The fair creatures liked the father for his humor and unrivalled gallantry, and the son for his sparkling wit, pleasing address, and handsome person. Thus, strange as it may appear, John G., senior, and John G., junior, had cause frequently to be jealous of each other, in consequence of which they at length began to move in different circles of society, in order to have seperate and undisputed fields of operation.

Thus, the indulgent father and affectionate son seldom saw each other except at home, and then few words passed between them except on matters of business.

One morning, however, as John G., the elder, was on the point of entering the apartment of John G., the younger to speak with him on a matter of vital importance, he met the later coming to his own room to converse with him on an equally important subject.

'Ah, John,' said the old beau, taking his son's hand with unusual affability, 'how are you this morning?'

'Tolerable,' replied the young beau, happy in finding his father in a good humor; 'and I'm glad to see you look so well to day. What's the news?'

'I want to talk with you, John,' said the eldest Smith.

'And I have no less a desire to have a quiet serious conversation with you beloved father,' returned young Smith, entering the old man's apartment.

'On what subject?'

'Marriage,'

'Marriage!' echoed old John; the very thing I wanted to talk with you about.'

'No!'

'Fact.'

'But you've no notion of taking a wife, father?'

'I have, by Jupiier!'

'By Juno, so have I!'

'I am glad of it,' exclaimed old John warmly. 'You are wild, my boy, and a wife will tend to tame you.'

'And you are rather gay, father, and a companion will serve to sober you,' returned John, with a sly vein of satire in his tones.

'Pshaw! John. But tell me about that—your marriage.'

'And will you tell me about yours?'

'Certainly.'

Old John stroked his beard in thoughtful manner, then looked up with a business-like air, and said: 'In the first place I must tell you that my intended is rather young for me.'

'There we are even,' said the other with a smile.

'But my lady is the pretiest in town.'

'I am sure mine would prove an exception.

'Very beautiful, is she?'

'Enchanting!'

'So is mine!'

'But mine has one defect.'

'What is it?'

'She is near sighted.'

'Strange coincidence! I have noticed the same defect in my intended.'

'And mine is perhaps a little too dark.'

'So is mine.'

'And a little too tall—'

'Mine is tall—but I am vastly fond of tall women.'

There was a pause in the conversation, when old John remarked to young John, with a sad smile, and something like a sigh, 'I've a rival.'

'No!'

'I have, 'pon my word.'

'And so have I.'

'Mine is a young buck, who, although I have never seen him, is said to be quite captivating.'

'And mine is an old rake, good looking enough, I am told and very rich, who has the impudence to dispute my claim to the hand of my fair lady.

'But I don't fear my rival.'

'Nor I mine.'

My intended laughs at the young buck.'

'And mine, I am sure, despises the seperanuated old rake.'

'I congratulate you, John.'

'And you have my sympathy, sir.'

'The name of your rival?'

'O, he is one of our own family. His name is Smith.'

'Strange! My rival has the honor to bear that name, too.'

'So it is Smith cut Smith, this time, all around.'

'Exactly.'

'But when do you get married, father?'

'That question is not decided yet, in my case, John.'

'Nor in mine, either.

'But I shall step off as soon as my charming Mary Anne—'

'Mary Anne!'

'That's the name.'

'And it is the name of my intended too!"

'Mary Anne Brown?'

'Mary Anne Brown.'

'The daughter of Isaac A Brown?'

'The same.'

'She's my intended!'

'No, by Judas, she is mine!'

And John G Smith junior, and John G. Smith, senior, looked at each other as if they were the very last of the numerous family of Smiths, and wished to exterminate each other.

'You are a presumptuous fellow!' exclaimed old John, frowning as he never frowned before in his life.

'Were you not my father,' retorted John, cooly, 'I should call you a silly old cock—I'm sure I should!'

'But you are to blame—'

'I am not!'

'You designed winning the affections of my Marry Anne!'

'And you plotted to get her away from me! You are to blame!'

After this pleasant little storm, there was a calm, and old John and young John looked at each other solemnly.

'You must give her up to me.' said the elder, at length. You are too young to marry.'

'No,' replied the younger, firmly; 'I will marry her myself. 'You are too old.'

'Do you think I could call my beloved Mary Anne *daughter?*'

'Do you think I could call my adored Mary Anne *mother?*

The idea served as a very beautiful climax to the conversation we have noted down; so the two, as if by mutual consent, turned their backs upon each other, and parted in high dudgeon.

For a whole week the father and son never exchanged the morning compliments with each other.

One day, however, old John and young John met in the hall, and old John bowed and smiled, and young John touched his hat and extended his hand.

'Your Mary Anne,' began the elder.

'Your Mary Anne,' interrupted the younger, correcting him.

'Very well,' said the other, smiling, 'we will have it our Mary Anne.'

'Just so.'

'I was disappointed in her.'

'So was I.'

'She is a coquette.'

'She is, by Jupiter!'

'You have heard the news, then?'

'That she is married?'

'Yes.'

'I was told so this morning.'

A rich joke! laughed old John.

A piece of deception exclaimed the other.

But I am glad you were not so rash John, as to make her your wife.

And I am glad, father, you did not commit such an indiscretion as to make her your's.

Ha, ha!

He, he!

Thus off ring each other mutual congratulations, the father and son said good morning, and the important case in the court of love, Smith vs. Smith, was settled to the satisfaction of all parties.—Their Mary Anne was no longer disputed property, she being found to belong solely and entirely to another.

MORAL—It is thus that cases in other courts; as in the court of love, are usually terminated. The parties have the satisfaction of seeing the property in dispute pass gradually and effectually into the hands of a third person.

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON AND WASHINGTON.—J. R. Cork (vol. vi, p 480) tells how Wellington was in his youth smitten with the charms of a lady, who, in after life, having appealed to save the life of Marshal Ney, was not simply unsuccessful in her object, but was ordered to quit Paris forthwith. J. B. Burke, in the "Patrician," tells how Washington endeavored to win the love of Mary Pillipse, and how he failed; how years rolled on, and the rejected lover, as commander-in-chief of the American forces, was supplicated by the same Mary, then the wife of Roger Morris, to spare the life of Andre. The appeal failed, and one of the General's aids, was ordered to conduct the lady beyond the lines.

Appointments of the Methodist Episcopal Conference.

The Methodist Episcopal Convention which has just closed its annual session in Harrisburg, made the following appointments for the ensuing year.

North Philadelphia District.—J. CASTLE, Presiding Elder.

St Georges, F. Hodgson;
Trinity, D. W. Bartine;
Eight Street, William Urie;
Fifth Street, J. A. Roach;
St John's, G R Crooks;
Kensington, Pennel Coombe;
Sanctuary, Wm Barnes;
New Market Street, Geo Quigley;
12th Street, W H Elliott;
Cohocksink, John Thompson;
Bethlehem—To be supplied;
N City H Mission, A Manship;
Summerfield Mission, E R Williams;
Port Richmond, Wm Major;
Zoar—To be supplied;
Milestown, S Townsend;
Lehman's Chapel and Fairview, W B Word;
Doyleytown, Wm W McMichael,
Frankford, J Cunningham;
Bridesburg, Wm C Robinson;
Bustleton, R M Greenbank;
Holmesburg, J H Boyd,
Bristol, M H Sisty;
Attlebotough, J Y Ashton;
Newton, J A Watson, M A Day;
Allentown and Bethlehem—To be supplied;
Quakertown Mission—To be supplied
Easton, J R Anderson,
S. Easton E Townsend;
Richmond, T W Simners;
Stroudsburg, J F Boon;
Emory Mission, W I. Gray;
Cherry Valley, —— Hubbard;
Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, J P Durbin;
Agent of Tract Society, J W Mecaskey.

South Philadelphia District.—E. J. THOMPSON, Presiding Elder.

Union, Wm M D Ryan;
Nathareth, E Miller;
Ebenezer, M D Kurtz;
Mariner's Bethel, A. Johns;
Wharton Street, J Sewel;
St. Paul's, P J Cox;
Salem, Wm Cooper;
Western Church Mission, J. W. Arthur;
Asbury, W Philadelphia J McCarter;
Kelly South city Mission, E England;
John Wesley—To be supplied;
Haddington and Monroeville, J Henry, C R Curry;
Radner, H Sutton, one to be supplied.
Village Green. J T Cooper, H A Hobbs;
Rockdale, Geo W McLaughlin;
Lancaster, 1st Church, Wm. Bishop;
Lancaster, 2d Church, J H. Alday;
Safe Harbor, Daniel L Patterson;
Columbia, J Mason;
Marietta, S Patterson;
Mount Joy and Bainbridge, G W. Brindle;
Harrisburg, A Cookman;
Dauphin and Humettsburg Mission, H Sanderson, J S Lame;
Halifax, J S Cock, H H Hickman;
Mantua, J Dickerson.
H M Johnston, Professor of Dickinson College.

Reading District.—J. D. CURTIS, P. Elder.

Reading Ebenezer, John Ruth;
Reading, St Peter's Mission, N. Heston;
Pottsville, 1st Church and St Clair, J L Taft
Pottsville, 2d Church, C T Turner;
Springfield, A Reed;
Pottstown, J Hand, Wm E Manlove;
Phœnixville Mission, D J Crouch, F. Meredith;
Bethel and Evansburg, E Reed;
Grove, J H Turner;
Norristown, H. S Atmore,
Manayunk, Mount Zion, H R Calloway;
Manayunk, Ebenezer, T A Fernley;
Germantown, G D Bowen;
Chesnut Hill Mission, T S Thomas;
Lebanon Furnace Mission, H B Monger;
Tremont and Pine Grove Mission, J T Gracey;
Mineraville, J E Meredith;
Port Carbon, J H Wythes;
Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton, L B Beckley;
Tamaqua Mission, G Orum;
Mauch Chunk, J R McCollough;
West Chester, C Carsner;
Wanesburg, C Carlisle, A Longacre.

Wilmington District.—ANTHONY ATWOOD Presiding Elder.

Wilmington, Asbury, R Gerry;
Wilmington, St. Paul's, G D Carrow;
Wilmington, Union Mission, J Humphreys;
E Zion, To be supplied.
New Castle, W B Walton;
Delaware City, T Sumption; R Owen;
Middletown and Cantwell's Bridge, J Aspril;
Newark, J L Houston;
Elkton, E J Way, W L Boswell:
North East, L Storks, F B Harvey;
Port Deposit, H. Colclazer;
Zion, S R Gillingham, Wm R Dalrymple;
Oxford, J Cummings, A Howard;
Fulton, J Edwards;
Strasburg, V Gray, J B Dennison;
Cochranville, S G Hare, John O'Niel;
Brandywine, J Shields, J N King;
Chester Mission, J B Maddox;
Chester Circuit, W H Brisbane;
Mount Lebanon, W H Burrell;
Mount Salem, Wm Mullen.
J C Thomas, Superintendent of the plan of endowment for Dickinson College.
Wm McCoombs, Agent for Female College at Wilmington;

Easton District.—T. J. QUIGLEY, P. Elder.

Smyrna, T C Murphy;
Smyrna Circuit, G W Lybrand;
Dover, H E Gilroy, R W Todd;
Frederica, D Lambden, W M Warner:
Vernon Mission, J Bell;
Milford, S Annear:
Denton, T Newman, L C Petit.
Greensborough, J B Ayres;
Talbot, B F Price;
Easton, J T Hazzard, J H Leightburn;
Centreville, H T Hern, J P Merritt;
Church Hill—To be supplied;
Kent Island, J J Jones, P Elder;
Kent, J A Massey, F W Thomas;
Millington, J Flannery, D R Thomas:
Sudlersville, S Cooper, J Gregg.

Snow Hill District.—D. DAILY, P. E.

Seaford, S Pancoast. G A Phœbus;
Federalsburg, G R Merrill;
Dorchester, James Hargis, J F Chaplin;
Church Creek, R E Kemp, T B Miller;
Cambridge, V. Smith, J Pastorfield;
Quantico, C L Steinman;
Hooper's Island, D Tiflow;
Salisbury, S E Patmeter, J W Hammersly;
Princess Ann, A W Milby, J B Quigg;
Annamessex, J A Brindle, G R Leatherbury;
Accomac, C Hill, S Dobson;
Northampton, John Allen;
Newton Mission, W Merrill;
Snow Hill, R H Pattison;
Berlin, W Rink;
Worcester Mission—To be supplied.
Lewes, A Wallace, C Schock;
Laurel, Jos. Smith, T. Childs;
Georgetown, J Hough.

How to Weigh live Cattle.

This is of the utmost utility to all those who are not experienced judges by the eye. By the following directions, the weight can be ascertained within a mere trifle:

Take a string and put round the beast; stand square, just behind the shoulder blade; measure on a foot rule the feet and inches the animal is in circumference; this is called the girth; then, with the string, measure from the bone of the tail which plumbs the line with the hinder part of the buttock, direct the line along the back to the shoulder blade: take the dimensions on foot, then rule as before, which is the length, and work the figures in the following manner:—Girth the bullock, six feet four inches; length, five feet three inches—which multiplied together, make 31 square superfical feet; and that multiplied by 13 (the number of pounds measures less than five in the girth) make 715 pounds. Where the animal measures less than six and more than seven in girth, 31 is the number of pounds to each superficial foot.

Again, suppose a pig or any shall beast should measure two feet in girth, and two along the back, which multiplied together make 4 square feet; that multiplied by 11 the number of pounds allowed each square foot of cattle measuring less than three feet in girth, makes 44 pounds. Again, suppose a calf, a sheep &c., should measure 4 feet 6 inches in girth, and 3 feet 9 inches in length, which multiplied together, makes 15¼ square feet; that multiplied by 16, the number of pounds allowed to all cattle measuring less than five feet, and more than three in girth, makes 265 pounds. The dimentions of the girth and length of horned cattle, sheep and calves, or hogs may be as exactly taken this way as it is at all necessary for any computation or valuation of stock, and will answer exactly to the four quarters; sinking the offal and which every man who can get a bit of chalk can easily perform — *Chambers' Information for the People.*

A cure and preventive of the Potato Rot.—Mr. H. Penoyer, of Union county, Ill., gives the following as a certain cure and preventive of the potato rot, as well as being productive of an increase, and an improvement in the quality of the crop:

"Take one peck of fine salt and mix it thoroughly with half a bushel of Nova Scotia plaster or Gypsum, (the plaster is the best) and immediately after hoeing the potatoes the second time, or just as the young potato begins to set, sprinkle on the main vines, next to the ground, a table spoon full of the above mixture to each hill, and be sure to get it on the main vines, as it is found that the rot proceeds from a string of an insect in the vine, and the mixture coming in contact with the vine, kills the effect of it, before it reaches the potato."

INCREASED VALUE OF PROPERTY IN MARYLAND.—We have the following official returns of the new assessment of real and personal property in the subjoined counties of this State, which we compare with the old assessment!

	Old Assess.	New Assess
Allegany	$4 133,039	$8,080,959
Anne Arundel	5 842,120	7,410,702
Carroll	6,664,774	8,038,910
Charles	3,382,685	4 980,736
Caroline	1 492,152	1,057,580
Howard	3,354,280	4,170,843
Dorchester	4,106,054	4,077,706
Frederick	18,067,150	20 458,801
Kent	3,739,908	4,621,725
Somerset	3,401,920	5,379,720
St. Mary's	3,861 597	3,690,646
Washington	11,886 160	14,390,490
Worcester	3,546,758	4,220,927
	73,577,804	93,288,792

This exhibits an increase in 13 counties of $19,710,988. The remaining 8 counties and city of Baltimore, will, no doubt, show a much larger increase.

Methodism in the United States

The Editor of *Zion's Hearld* takes the following view of the progress of Methodism in this country. He says:

"American Methodism is not yet a century old. In the incredibly short space of eighty-even years, it has built 4,220 churches, (which is a little less than one for every week of her existence,) at a cost of $14,735,575. It has also erected and endowed its colleges and numerous academies with large sums. It has built innumerable parsonages, and supplied itself with Church and Sabbath school literature. Now, most of those Churches; having been newly erected, rebuilt, or remodelled, and most of these vast outlays having been made within the last quarter of a century, we think it no exaggeration to estimate the expenditures of Methodism in the United States for home purposes, at an average very little short of one million of dollars for the last twenty-five years, in addition to that it has paid the support of its ministry.

THE ADVANTAGES OF PRINTING.—Mr B—, a well known metropolitan printer, once told us that on one occasion an old woman from the country came into his printing-office with an old Bible in her hand.

'I want," said she, 'that you should print it over agin. It's gettin' a leetle blurred, sort of, and my eyes is not wot they was. How much do you ax?"

'Fifty cents."

Can you have it done in half an hour? Wish you would; want to be gittin' towards home; live a good ways out of town."

When the old lady went out, he sent round to the office of the American Bible Society and purchased a copy for fifty cents.

"Lor sake massy!" exclaimed the old lady when she came to look at it, "how good you've fixed it! It's e'en amost as good as new! I never see nothing so curious as what printers is."—*Knickerbocker*

☞If you wish to know how quick a man can go a mile, tell a red haired woman that her baby squints.

SEVEN FOOLS.—The following we take from Punch:—

1. The Envious Man—who sends away mutton, because the person next to him is eating venison.

2. The Jealous Man—who spreads his bed with stinging nettles, and then sleeps in it.

3 The Proud Man—who gets wet through sooner than ride in the carriage of an inferior.

4. The Litigatious Man—who goes to law in the hopes of ruining his opponent, and gets ruined himself.

5. The Extravagant Man—who buys a herring, and takes a cab to carry it home.

6. The Angry Man—who learns the ophiclide because he is annoyed by the playing of his neighbor's piano.

7. The Ostentatious Man—who illuminates the outside of his house most brilliantly and sits inside in the dark.

☞You can't get along in the world with a homely wife. She'll spend half her time in looking in the glass, and turn, and twist, and brush, and fix until she gets completely vexed with her own ugliness, and she'll go right off and spank the baby.

☞While thousands fall by clashing swords,
Ten thousand fall by corset boards
Yet giddy females, thoughtless train—
For sake of fashion yield to pain.

☞"Will you open the services?" inquired a deacon of a brother, who was an oysterman by profession.

"No, I thank you" said he, half waking from a doze; "I've left my knife at home."