

AN OLD YEAR SONG.

As through the forest, darrayed by chill November, late I strayed, I loved thy music, the wind's low wailing, I loved thy music, the wind's low wailing...

AN EARLY RISE.

"My dear aunt," exclaimed young Harvey, "I hurriedly entering the great sitting-room of Mrs. Bent, you give me a mouthful of breakfast?"

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The Troubles Entailed by Absent-Mindedness.

Sprague has an old white horse, which he drives down to the store every morning. He leaves hitched in front until night. He drove down the other morning as usual, and after hitching the horse, went into the store and sat down with his back toward the window.

Packing Statistics.

Table with columns: To date, To date, To date. Rows: Chicago, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cedar Rapids.

All About a New Shirt.

There is a superstition that the presentation of a knife without any equivalent whatever will cut friendship. There is a fact lately come to light, in a small town where there is a great deal of primitive simplicity.

people can contrive to make in the course of an evening. Lizzie's work lay on the table over Mrs. Bent's last exploit before he retired the night before. The reading-lamp stood near it, in evident need of "trimming."

"Yes, indeed. But you see when I was married I had no kind sister to do duty for me. So for the first year of wedded life my poor Steve never knew at what hour breakfast would await him, or whether he could count on having any at all.

"Well, my dear, Steve didn't come; neither did he come to tea; and when he finally did put in an appearance, at nine o'clock at night, he found me there that he had taken his meals at his mother's house all day, and should breakfast there in future, so that I need not curtail my hours of sleep."

"Yes, indeed. I always serve them while the water is heating for coffee. I fancy the tiny things want their food and clean water just as much as we."

"Well, it is true—I don't get up very early." "Not before nine o'clock, for instance." "Now, auntie! What a shame! I'm always out of bed before seven—that is, I try to be; but sometimes I take too long a nap while Harvey is lighting the fire. This morning he went away so early, and I didn't get up until half past nine o'clock."

"I shall never breathe a word of the dire occurrence to Harvey," resumed Lizzie, after the sigh had subsided. "I shall be slain by the sword in his righteous anger. Early rising is the poor boy's hobby, and he would swoon with horror if he thought you had almost caught me in bed after your husband's death."

"I thought he was obliged to be at the store as early as that." "Well, so he is; but by a few minutes he would be late, and that is a much difference," said Lizzie, carelessly.

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The Paris police has forbidden the use of certain streets to people with velocipedes, and commanded that in all others they must carry bells by day, like sleighs, and a lantern at night.

At a recent "cheese fair" in England, the judge decided that American factories cannot produce cheese equal to the best cheese made in England, although they successfully compete with the medium qualities.

Mr. SKILLINGS, of West Gorham, Me., fixed to his poultry-yard the other night and brought down a pig, a hen, and Blake, two quiet citizens who had got in among the chickens. Perkins died in a short time, and Blake carries thirty-seven wounds.

Mr. HENRY R. MITCHELL, of Oxford, N. Y., has a quart bottle of old Madeira wine in his possession which was put heretofore sealed by Robert Morris, of Revolutionary treasury fame, in 1774. He will have it on exhibition at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876.

An old tax warrant, just discovered, sets forth that Joseph Bonaparte was taxed in 1812 \$10 for 1,600 acres of land, by Nathan Southwicks, then Assessor of Borden-ton, N. J. The ex-Assessor is still living, and says he "stuck it on a little, as Bony was rich and could stand it."

An agent of the Massachusetts Board of Health is traveling on the railroads of that State testing the air in the cars, more particularly the smoking-car. He carries a pair of bellows and a small vial, partly filled with a fluid, into which the air is forced with the bellows, and subsequently it is analyzed and the impurities separated.

Let those who think that if all plant corn instead of wheat the pork and cattle business will be overdone, look carefully to the tables of slaughtered animals in this country. In 1860 the value of slaughtered animals was \$200,000, and in 1870 \$400,000. If it reaches double that in 1880, there will be a demand for all.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says: Bonner, of the New York Ledger, is responsible for much of the prevailing distress. For years young people have been reading his delusive romances and his advice to marry young, and now there are thousands of people with large families on their hands and nothing to eat but New York Ledgers.

The Waverley Novels.

Comparatively few persons now living can remember the excitement caused by the appearance of a new fiction by the author of Waverley. Circulating libraries were besieged by their customers, eager to be favored with a look at the new work.

"You see, auntie," said she to Mrs. Bent, a long while afterward, "when I lay a-bed so late of mornings I was continually hurring to get up in the morning, and I was always behindhand with my work, and consequently always tired when night came. But now it's all so different! I have time for everything, sewing and all, and am never really tired, while the consequence is that I am pleasing one of the best of husbands in all the world."

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How to Render Clothing Non-Inflammable.

A large number of lives are lost every year by the burning of the clothing of women and children, and many disastrous fires result from the igniting of bed clothing, curtains and other light fabrics made entirely or partially of cotton or silk.

A Mormon paper at Salt Lake places the number of polygamists in the Territory at 1,000 men, 3,000 women, and 9,000 children, and the cost and loss, by legal punishment of all, at \$2,000,000, and thinks that the courts would have around them 3,000 crying women and 9,000 crying children. This is probably a pretty accurate computation.

Mormon Polygamists. The Portland Press has prepared an exhibit of the amount of tonnage built in Maine during the year 1874, from which it appears that the whole number of vessels built and registered during the year as far as reported is: Ships, 15; barkentines, 11; barks, 23; brigs, 13; schooners, 104; steamers, 5; tugs, 4; other vessels, 7; total tonnage of same, 75,538 tons.

Shipbuilding in Maine. The Portland Press has prepared an exhibit of the amount of tonnage built in Maine during the year 1874, from which it appears that the whole number of vessels built and registered during the year as far as reported is: Ships, 15; barkentines, 12; barks, 33; brigs, 15; schooners, 118; steamers, 5; tugs, 4; other vessels, 13; aggregate tonnage of same, 90,621.

Joseph Dodd, recently deceased, was in the employ of the New York post office over sixty years. When he commenced service as mail messenger the matter for the Southern and Western States was crowded into the compass of a single bag, and started by coach from Jersey City. By economy and strict attention to business he was enabled during his long service to increase the distribution to its present magnificent proportions. It is an example of what can be accomplished by a single man when he brings to his work industry and unwearied integrity to bear in a single direction.

Bozon proposes a convention of bald men to be held next month. Probably the result of experiments with this preparation.

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