

MARK TWAIN ON FEMALE SUFFRAGE.—In a letter on this theme, Mark Twain says: "A female political canvass would be an outrageous thing. Think of the torch-light procession that would distress our eyes. Think of the curious legends on the transparencies: 'Robbins forever! Vote for Sallie Robbins, the only virtuous candidate in the field!'"

EMERSON ON "THE BABY."—One of the sweetest and prettiest of Emerson's latest writings is the following. "Who knows not the beautiful group of babe and mother, sacred in nature, sacred also in the religious associations of half the globe? Welcome to the parents is the puny little struggler, strong in his weakness, his little arms more resistible than the soldier's; his lips touched with persuasion which Chatham and Pericles in manhood had not. The small despot asks so little that all nature and reason are on his side. His ignorance is more charming than all his knowledge, and his little sins more bewitching than all his virtues."

A LITERALIST OR A JOKER.—The Bishop of Oxford sent round to the church warden in his diocese a circular of inquiries, among which was: "Does your officiating clergyman preach the gospel, and is his conversation and carriage consistent therewith?" The church warden near Wallingford replied: "He preaches the Gospel, but does not keep a carriage."

Wool Fraud.—The wool circular of the San Francisco Wool Exchange says: "A system of fraud, practiced by wool growers in the interior, has been the cause of great annoyance to our manufacturers and buyers. They have found themselves victimized so cleverly as to be unable for a long time to ascertain means by which it was done. Purchasers in the interior suffer severely—wool bought by them losing from 7 to 15 per cent in weight while in transit to this city. After diligent search for the cause of these losses, it was found that quite a number of wool growers were in the habit of sprinkling water on the fleeces before packing them for sale. The evil of this fraud does not end, however, by the loss of weight, as the water, in connection with the natural grease, causes fermentation, which injures the strength of the staple, and causes it to be black yellow instead of white, so that it can only be used for dark colored and inferior grades of goods. Oregon wools received in this city have almost all been in very bad condition, the fleeces in some cases being mixed with stones, and others with sheep manure. These adulterations have been made purposely to defraud, the adulterations in some fleeces being three pounds each."

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