

AT THE SAW-MILL.

You, 'neath the mill, I sat one day,
In peaceful reverie sunk profound,
And watched the waters run away.

MA'S OLD BEAU.

Clara and Mary Merwin, sisters and orphans, were in the drawing room of their pleasant home on the edge of a beautiful village near the Missouri.

The man must have been on the shady side of fifty, to judge from his gray hairs, although his face was indeed fresh and unlined.

"I am obliged to introduce myself," said, smiling and bowing in a courtly manner, "Abner Pierce. Here is my card--professional card. You will perceive that I am a lawyer in St. Louis, and presume to be a respectable man."

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bell, and suppose you bring that mortgage with you. I have no doubt it is all correct, but I would like to see it."

Mr. Campbell assented to this and withdrew. Abner Pierce filled his pipe with nervous haste, but also with tobacco, and Mary brought him a light.

"I have made inquiries concerning the property," said the old gentleman, "and am satisfied that it is not worth more than the amount of the mortgage, and would probably bring much less if sold at foreclosure."

"This reminds me," said the lawyer, picking up the mortgage again, "of an occurrence that fell under my observation in Tennessee, where a friend of mine died suddenly, leaving a wife and one daughter."

"I am free to admit," said Clara, "that we need assistance and advice, and that we have not known to whom to look for it."

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Physical Education For Girls.

Fifty years ago or more, scarcely any attention was paid in education to the physical system; the body was not recognized as of any account in mental improvement.

Great advances have been made in the physical sciences, and in the application of sanitary law to the prevention of disease, to preservation of health, and to human welfare; but in every stage and department of education, the importance of physical development in its relation to mental culture is underrated.

In no part of female education is there so much need of reform as in that of physical culture. If the standard of scholarship is to be raised higher and higher in all our schools for girls, and no greater attention is to be paid to the laws of the body, as well as to the mental, grave consequences may be apprehended.

While it may require several generations for the development of these laws, the first links in the chain seem the more important. If an education that breaks down and impairs the physical energies of the system tends to defeat the objects of the marriage institution, it is not time to pause and consider whether, as a people we are drifting?

It may be said that education is not the cause of such a state of things or condition of society, but that the influence of women dictates the fashions of the day, and moulds our domestic institutions.

Now if young men must depend for success in life upon the vigor of the body it is not equally important for young women, who are to be their competitors in the learned professions, and in various departments of business, but what is more important, who are to be, in the broadest and fullest sense, the "educators of the race?"

Don't Boys.--Don't be impatient, no matter if things do go wrong sometimes. Don't give the ball a kick and send it into a mud-puddle, because it would not go straight where you threw it.

We hear that Mrs. Julia A. Smith has given her husband, and the question is, was Mr. Parker bald when he married her, or have the exigencies of married life already removed his hair?

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