

LOVE'S KISS.

[L. F. S. B.]
Once I refused love's proffered kiss,
Now, alas, I've wiser grown!

LOVE'S STRANGE DILEMMA.

A FEAR THAT TWO LOVERS MAY BE BROTHER AND SISTER.

Eighteen years ago a female baby a few months old was found one morning on the steps of a New York residence on East Twenty-third street.

The postmaster wrote letters to all of the individuals of the name given which he could find in the directory.

Finally he visited her and it was a clear case of love at first sight, each being equally impressed with the other.

Abs Was All Surrounded.

Senator Douglas, who served in the Black Hawk war with President Lincoln, used to tell a good story about "Old Abe's" military exploits.

During the night the sentinel imagined he saw the Indians and immediately discharged his old fuses.

An "Old Cle" Jewess.

One of the finest looking and most fashionably dressed Jewesses in Chicago is a dealer in second-hand clothing.

Politeness and Candor.

"How do you like our mutual friend, Snook?" "I like him very much. He has two qualities that we seldom find united in one and the same man.

Detroit Free Press: The Phenicians are supposed to have been the first people to use saws.

A CURIOUS CLOCK.

The Wonderful Timepiece Which Was Twelve Years in Building.

The Cincinnati Times Star thus describes a remarkable clock which is now on exhibition in that city: The mechanism is inclosed in a walnut case twelve feet high and five feet wide, and weighs 2,300 pounds.

Immediately above the base of the clock is a stage or platform extending the full width of the case.

The central upright case is two and one-half feet high and four feet wide.

At the left of the Bunker hill monument is a skeleton a foot high grasping a hammer, with which it tolls on a bell the quarter hours.

At the fourth quarter hour the opening of a door brings to view a scene emblematic of the late civil war.

In addition to the airs that are played every five minutes the period is also marked by the passage across the stage of figures which pass through the portals of the one on the left.

The clock is operated by two springs twenty feet long and three inches wide, having a lifting power of 800 pounds.

Southern and Northern Girls.

"Perhaps," remarked a southern girl the other day, "it is because northern men have not the deferential manners towards women that southern men have, and perhaps it is because we still let them think it's their privilege and honor to seek us; but anything like the bold monopoly of men by northern girls I never saw."

An Arduous Business.

The hatter gets a dollar by making a hat-brim straight. The following season he gets another dollar for turning the brim up.

Character in Hand-Shaking.

The different modes of shaking hands will delineate human character better than any other single act can do, and many peculiarities of different persons may be noted in the performance of this social custom.

How much that is in the heart can be made to express itself through the agency of the fingers! Who, having once experienced it, has ever forgotten the feeling conveyed by the eloquent pressure of the hand from a dying friend when the tongue has ceased to speak?

Contrary to this style, there is a habit among a rude class of giving your hand a crushing grasp, which is often most painful.

New Orleans to Be a Great City.

It is safe to say that within twenty years New Orleans will have a population of 500,000, despite its drawbacks.

But it will never be a manufacturing city. Nature has barred that effectually. There can be no successful manufacturing in a climate in which oranges ripen in the winter, and where human beings can exist out of doors eleven months in the twelve.

The first essential to successful manufacturing is the certainty of labor.

Because of the ease of living in a climate like that of New Orleans, labor cannot be depended upon any more than it can in Naples.

The Last Dollar in San Francisco.

The other morning a sad-looking citizen walked into the office of Wells, Fargo and Company and began solemnly doing up in a package a battered-looking silver dollar.

"I found this dollar on Market street last night, and I wish you'd address it to Adeline Patti, New York."

"Think she lost it, eh?" "Think?" said the man, in a surprised voice. "Why, of course. So far as I can learn it's the only dollar left in San Francisco, and, of course, it must have been dropped by her."

The Queen of Weapons.

Both in Afghanistan and in Zululand it befell me to see something of the use of cold steel, and I can not agree with your correspondent "C. B.," that against foes armed with stabbing implements as their main weapon any advantage would be gained by discarding the bayonet for the short sword.

Will Probably Hit It.

He was a Chicago manufacturer of butterine. He reached home from a trip down south, and entered his office with the remark to his partner: "Smith, all is lost."

By Foolery Thrive.

Peck, of Peck's Sun, and author of "The Bad Boy," to an interviewer of The Boston Traveler said that his mother often asked him why he made such a fool of himself.

LIBRARIES FOR SHOW.

The Purchase of Books by Ignorant Parvenus.

A New York Sun reporter interviewed a book-seller with regard to the purchase of books for the mere sake of their bindings by ignorant parvenus.

One of our customers insisted on having all his books bound after the same pattern and numbered. Some time afterward a friend told him that people were asking if he kept a circulating library; so he had morocco labels stuck on over the figures.

How it Happened.

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"No, sir," answered the negro, "I wuz in de street k'yah."

"Did he take it out of maliciousness?" again queried the man, not noticing the negro's error.

"Do you know you are a fool?" faintly howled the interlocutor, boiling with impatience.

The Church Bell War.

As the senate committee on education and labor seems to have a sort of roving commission, I don't see why it should not take up the church bell question in which some New Yorkers are just now deeply interested.

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A Coffee Plantation.

The coffee districts of Mexico which supply the German market are Vera Cruz (the true cross) and Tabasco, upon the gulf coast, and the states of Colima, Michoacan and Guerrero.

At Jalapa the coffee interest is absorbed entirely by the English. The city of Jalapa is a delightful spot, full of tropical fruits growing in the public parks—figs, oranges, dates and other fruits are here found in perfection.

To protect the plants from the sun the husbandman places a banana or castor-oil plant near each coffee plant, and the shade of the larger fully protects the smaller fruit.

The plants are kept trimmed down to six feet high, in order to facilitate picking by men, women and children, who earn about 25 cents per day.

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THE WAR TURTLE.

A Terrible War Engine Invented by a Yankee Genius.

Up to this date nothing has been written or printed about it, but the inventor, a well-known builder of locomotives and the originator of many valuable and famous machines, has so far developed his plans that he is willing to speak of them in a general way while he holds back for the present the secret details of manufacture.

"Of course," says the inventor, "the weight of the turtle, which must carry ammunition, petroleum in tanks beneath the steel skin and men to man the guns and steer the fighting land craft, will be enormous, but I have carefully studied and calculated and find that I can get enough power from the engine to move with sufficient rapidity and clear away whatever obstacles the enemy might erect to stop the turtle's progress."

The inventor, who is no Darius Green with his flying machine, but is known as a clear, level-headed man, says that of course the turtle with its guns and dynamite will seem impractical to the average engineer and mechanic, but he insists that he can build it and work it successfully whenever the government shall have need of such a terrible weapon and death-dealer.

Objector's Holman in the Barber Shop.

The other day some Michigan members who wanted to get a bill through the house appropriating \$300,000 more for one of those never-built public buildings planned a scheme by which they thought to circumvent the vigilant objector.

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