#### THE MIRTHFUL MUSE.

A PURITAN HYMN. My soul is but a rusty rock; Lord, oil it with thy grace; And rub it, rub it, rub it, Lord, Until I see thy face.

ANOTHER VERSE BY TILDEN. The higher the moon climbs above, The purer and brighter its beam; The older you grow, my dear love, The sweeter and fairer you seem.

#### TIS EVEN SO.

Full many a gent of spurious ray screne
The spotless shirts of hotel clerks do bear!
Full many a simple, ignorant surline
Helieves them purest stones of value rare!

#### A STORY BRIEFLY TOLD.

They met, they smiled, they went, they loved; He called her Jane, she called him Thomas— A richer man came down the lane, And Tom brought suff for breach of promise.

#### ABUENE

A beautiful girf in Moline, Whose finir was a silvery sheen, Banglat an awful red luring On her foreignal to hong, Producing a curious scene.

#### JUST A NATURAL GIRL.

No, she does not live on dow, And her brow's not filly white,
And her hair is not the line
of the sun's eye-dimining light;
No, her notth are not like pearl.
And her mouth is not like a rose;
She is just the kind of a girl Nature generally grows.

#### THE POUBLE CHAIN EXPLAINED.

When the maid I mean to marry
I of evenings go to see,
I bryarhably earry
Wateries twain along with me,
one is hours and hours too fast,
The other hours and hours too slow;
By the first we meet—the hast I consult when I should go.

## A BOSTON GIRL'S FIRST POEM.

Some girls love ginger-bread, And some tove round-hearts best; Some cruilers do prefer, Though for them I've no zest; Some first would sponge-cake have, And some for plum-tarts cry; But give me kisses when you can, And if not, pumpkin pie.

#### COMPENSATION.

The poet sings on the plain,
The trader toils in the mart;
One envies the other's gain,
One stares at the other's art.
Yet carch one reaches his goal,
And the critic steers as they pass,
And each of the three in his son! -Beet Harte.

#### "COULD SHE BE MINE ?"

I stood by her side when the tide came in, With its creeping kiss and wailing moan; held her fast-was she mine to win? Might I call her, some glad day, my own?

I booked into the depths of her hazel eyes; Close to our feet crept the restless son; In the tender tones that fond hearts prize, I told her how fair she was to mo.

I praised the grace of her queenly head-The flashing waves sung low and sweet; While the light four nestled about her feet

I praised the sheek of her chestant bair; Never a word she said to me, But closer she crept to my side down there, By the restless, tossing, mouning sea.

"Could she be urine?" As I held her fast,
I asked the driver. He spoke me fair,
And sald, "He would sell me, first and last,
For a hundred dollars, the obestuat mar."

—Barlington Hawkeye.

A Grateful Lioness.—Lions, when confined in cages, do not object to the presence of rats, These are often seen gnawing the bones off which the lions have dined. In illness the case & different, for the ungrateful rats begin to nibble the toes of the lord of the forest before his death, and considerably to his discomfort. "To save our lioness from this annoyance," said a London showman, "we placed in her cage a fine little tan-terrier, who was at first received with a surly growl; but when the first rat appeared and the lioness saw the little terrier toss him in the air, catching him with professional skill across the loins with a snap as he came down, she began to understand what the terrier was for; she coaxed him to her side, folded her paw around him; and each night the little fellow slept at her breast, enfolded by her paws, watching that his natural enemies did not disturb the natural rest of his mis-

Earliest Book and Newspaper.—It is said that printing was first introduced into America by the Spanish Viceroy Mendoza, at the City of Mexico, in the year 1536; and the first book published is believed to have had the title, "Escala Espiritual de San Juin Climaco," No copies of this work are known to exist at present, and the name of the printer is a matter of doubt. In what is now the United States, Cambridge, Mass., has the honor of having first introduced the printing press. This was about the year 1638, Stephen Daye was the first American printer, and his book was the "Bay Psalm Book," issued in 1640. The first newspaper was issued at Boston, by John Campbell, on Monday, April 24, 1704. It was called the Boston News-Letter, and was regularly published for about seventy-two years.

Harold St. Clair Athelton sends us a love of a poem beginning, "Sweetly the roses bloom on my Harold, thou child of genius, change your shirt and take a bath this minute. Next thing you know you will just be covered with plantains and dog-fennel, or some man will come along and plant you down in cabbage.—Hawkeye.

When an orator gets a stitch in his side and "hems" a great deal, it is needless to remark that he will lose the thread of his discourse if he keeps on hemming.

Square umbrellas have been introduced in Paris; but some one says they are just as bad as the old kind, because they are never round when wanted,

A lady who drew a gentleman's dressing gown at a church fair, now wishes to draw a good-looking young man to put in it.

A common malformation-Too long a tongue.

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PORTLAND, DALLES AND SALT LAKE E. R. Will be constructed at an early day. This will give us three

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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