

THE MIRTHFUL MUSE.

NOCTURNE.

Up to her chamber window
A slight wire trellis goes,
And up this Romeo's ladder
Climbers a bold white rose.

THE REASON.

Why do I struggle and scream
When o'er my slumbers a dream
Comes like a shot
Or a boy through a lot
When en route for a dish of ice cream?

THE WILLIAM GOAT.

Mary had a William goat,
And he was black as jet;
He followed Mary round all day,
And liked her—you just bet!

TRUE, THE WORLD OVER.

Alas! how soon the hours are over,
Counted us out to play the lover!
And how much narrower is the stage
Allotted us to play the sage!

"AD" SOLICITOR'S REFRAIN.

There was a man in our town,
He was so wondrous wise,
He thought his business would run itself,
And he didn't advertise.

TURNING A NEW LEAF.

And now are gone the Christmas days,
When all the Pa's and Ma's
Smiled sweetly on their children dear
And lied about Santa Claus.

A REVERIE.

'Twas in the gloaming
By the fair Wyoming
That I left my darling many years ago,
And memory tender
Brings her back in splendor
With her cheeks of roses and her brow of snow!

WOULD YOU, NOW?

If I were a terrible Hippogriff,
In an island just over the moon,
And I caught a bad cold, and my wing it got stiff,
I'm sure I'd fly into a horrible miff,
Like any outrageous meecoon,
Or a loon,
In an island just over the moon!

JOAQUIN MILLER'S LATEST.

There was a young girl of Pittsburg,
Whose young man once gave her a hurg;
And so angry was she at this liberte
That she shook him straightway, and he died on a spree.

THE THOUGHTFUL CREATURE.

"Darling," said she softly, and her blonde bangs brushed
his brow,
"And her voice was like the music of a lute,
"You had better go at once, for I hear Pa coming now,
And you know he wears a number seven boot."

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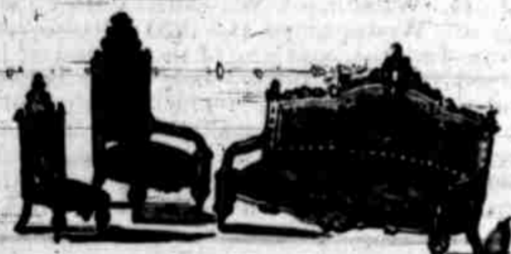
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