

the happiest of women. Still, I was not quite satisfied—unreasonable being that I was. "You would not have come back, if it had not been for that horrible umbrella of yours," I said, with a little jealousy.

LADIES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

A lady listener at the House of Commons first complains that the ladies cannot be seen, and then that the men on the floor are all bad-looking. She says: "In the ladies' cage there are sixteen front seats. From these the occupants can see nearly all the members, including the cabinet ministers, but can neither see nor hear the Speaker."

A correspondent of a French paper, commenting on the number of "mysterious disappearances" constantly occurring, not only in France, but also in England, starts a curious theory. He maintains that death occasionally is actual dissolution.

TRIED TO LEAD AN HONEST LIFE.—"I've tried to lead an honest life, judge," observed the prisoner, "but what's the use? There ain't no encouragement for genius no more."

At the dedication of the new Second Reformed Church, Albany, a hymn, which had been "written for the occasion by a brother," was sung. The first verse was as follows:

Mr. R. F. Dowell, of Jacksonville, Oregon, states that Goose Lake, thirty miles long and two-thirds of it in Oregon, the rest in California, was almost dry in 1853 and 1854, while in 1869 and 1870 there were ten feet of water; its depth has been increasing since 1870, and there is a probability of its discharging, as at some former time, into Pitt River.

"I feel," said the fat passenger, as the train crossed the Ohio line, "that I am in the land of statesmen. There is a smell of the post office in the air, and the low, sweet sound of a consulate is heard in the dewy distance."

Pleasures of hotel life.—"Here's a fly in my soup, waiter." "Yes, sir; very sorry, sir; but you can throw away the fly and eat the soup, can't you?" "Of course I can; you didn't expect me to throw away the soup and eat the fly, did you?"—Texas Exchange.

At a Cincinnati wedding lately, the organist entertained the audience awaiting the bridal pair by a series of voluntaries, the last of which unluckily was, "Trust her not; she is fooling thee," at which he was hard at work as the bridal procession walked up the aisle.

"The freest government," says Webster, "can not long endure where the tendency of the law is to create an accumulation of property in the hands of the few, and to render the masses of the people poor and dependent."

THE MIRTHFUL MUSE.

A JINGLE FOR JILTS.

One of Boston's wealthy young men was mulcted of \$9000 in a breach-of-promise suit and subjected besides to having his wonderful love-letters read in court. The fate of this gentleman so affected the Chicago Tribune's home poet that he at once composed the following beautiful and intensely practical verses, which should be pasted in the hat of every young man in the country:

In the twilight's solemn gloaming Stood a maiden young and fair, Watching anxiously for some one Who was certainly not there.

THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE.

How doth the busy little wife— Improve the shining hours, And chuck the carpets out of doors As 'round the house she scours.

UNROMANTIC.

A noble young man in Momenoe Loved a maiden with ardor intense. Her cruel pa's boot Obligated him to scot Through the back yard and over the fence.

A FAT MAN'S EPITAPH.

Here lies the body of Thomas Dollman, A vastly fat, though not very tall man. Full twenty stone he weighed, yet I am told His captain thought him worth his weight in gold.

ACQUIESCENCE.

Says the Captain to Pat, "Come, I'll have none o' that!" As Paddy of whisky was drinking his fill, With a satisfied sigh, As he finished the rye, Says Paddy, "Be jabbers, I don't think ye will!"

REFERENTIAL.

An Arab came to the river side With a donkey bearing an obelisk; But he would not try to ford the tide, For he had too good an ass.

So he camped all night by the river side, And remained till the tide had ceased to swell, For he knew should the donkey from life subside, He never would find its ass.

When morning dawned and the tide was out, The pair crossed over 'neath Allah's protection, And the Arab was happy, we have no doubt, For he had the best donkey in all that lot.

The donkey was seen by a shrewd galeot, Who asked, as he showed a sack of "sand": "How much will you take for that 'ere brute, In gold or silver, cash in 'ass?"

"Go to! go to!" cried the Arab sheik, With neck outstretched like a lean giraffe; "This donkey's value I could not speak In an Evaris-protracted ass."

But the noon-day sun shone on the pate Of the faithful donkey, who began to stagger, And the Arab was forced to assassinate The obelisked ass with a terrible t.

OBITUARY REMARKS, WITH COMMENTS.

Exact in all the relations of life was he— His hat and boots were just what they ought to be. He never was known to neglect the means of grace— He paid for his pew, and always sat in his place.

A bright example he set before every one— Who knows of any good he has ever done? His days flowed smoothly and evenly on to the end— He never succeeded in making a single friend.

By his wife and his children he was highly revered— By silks and sealskins and cash so justly endeared. His life was blameless and pure, without a flaw— Whosoever he cheated, he kept within the law.

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