

LAFAYETTE COURIER.

A SKUNK STORY WITHOUT THE SKUNK.—The Bowling Green (Ky.) Democrat is responsible for the following: "One of our good citizens being aroused a little earlier than usual by the strong odor of a skunk, left his couch at early dawn and proceeded to make his homely toilet. Having drawn on his unmentionables, he stirred up the dying embers, so as to have a little more light, and then reaching round to the corner of the hearth for his shoes, proceeded to the front door to put them on. Happening to glance back, he saw a white and black something follow him. 'Polecat!' he yelled, and made for the door, shoes in hand. Being closely pursued, he had no time to unfasten the door, and passed on around the room. Coming to the bed he shouted, 'Polly, I'm going to jump in.' 'No you won't,' came from deep down under the cover, so round he went, still hotly pursued. He endeavored to open the door again, but the enemy was upon him, and round he went on the second heat. Reaching the bed again he exclaimed, 'I'm going to jump in.' 'No you won't,' came again. 'Yes, but darned if I don't,' and dropping his shoes, in he went, and, hauling the cover over his head, awaited the attack. Finding all quiet, after a time he cautiously peeped out, and with the increasing light discovered—not a polecat, but his wife's black and white knitting, with the ball of yarn in his shoes."

PLANETARY FLIBTATIONS.—The fashionable events in celestial society for the present year are as follows: At sunset on the 27th of last month, the silver planet Mercury, seldom distinguishable on account of its close proximity to the sun, was brightly visible in the west. At five minutes past nine o'clock on the morning of July 5, Mars and the sun were in conjunction. On the 12th of August, at three minutes past seven in the evening Jupiter and Venus will approach within one degree of each other—presenting a rare and beautiful spectacle. An annual eclipse of the sun, visible in Asia, and partly in Africa and Northern Europe, will occur on the 10th of October. The magnificent Venus will be at her nearest to our earth on the night of November 10th. One month thence, or on the 10th of December, will recur the great centennial transit of the beautiful planet across the disc of the sun, by elaborate observations of which the astronomers of the world hope to establish the exact distance of our world from the sun. On the mornings of the 14th and 15th of the same month, too, Mars and Venus will come within three minutes of each other, so as to seem in actual contact.

[We would have said something about these freaks before, had we only known how much some of the young couples, of this place, indulge in watching the planets.—Ed.]

ENGINEERING SPIDERS.—In the house of a scientific gentleman in Newcastle-on-Tyne England, there is exhibited a glass tumbler inclosing the triumphant of engineering of a little spider, as remarkable in its way as that of Robert Stephenson or Roebbling. A young lady noticing a little scarlet spider with its bright yellow nest on a sprig of laurestins, plucked the twig and placed it on the mantle-piece under a glass. In a very short time the ingenious engineer had almost filled the tumbler with its minute and almost invisible threads, and actually raised the sprig with the nest nearly to the top of the glass. The twig weighed several hundred times more than the spider; and yet without peg, beam or nail on which to hang its cords, it had lifted its nest to something like its natural position clear of the ground. The dead body of the spider may be seen hanging from a silken thread attached to the glass, with the nest swinging in the cords by which it was raised.

The Milwaukee Sentinel thus epitomizes the daily life of an editor-in-chief. From the plaintive tone of the last sentence the writer intimates that he knows how it is himself. "The young man who is fitting himself for a journalistic career asks us if the chief editor's position is difficult. On the contrary it is the most comfortable place on the paper. He has only to dash off a few columns of editorials a day and then enjoy himself. All the good looking women with poems are shown into his rooms, and he smokes all the cigars sent in for the reporters. He receives invitations to deliver addresses at country fairs, and carries home the best of the books sent in for review. When he hasn't anything else to do he looks over copy and carefully runs his pencil through the joke the writer struggled four hours with and considered it his masterpiece."

A Detroit female breathing hard and carrying a large hickory cane, ran down the street, the other day, inquiring if any body had seen a "small, cross-eyed man anywhere along here?" Several persons asked, "What's the matter?" But she hurried on, saying, "Haven't time now; I want to get my paws on the fawning sycophant just a minute!"

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