

BY-GONE DAYS.

I'm thinking of the schoolhouse, Ned, "Where we sat side by side,"

I'm thinking of the roadside green, Of every tree and nook,

I'm thinking of the benches rude, And desks, so broad and steep,

I'm thinking of the "old slough," Ned, And its waters, dark and cool,

I'm thinking of the homelike nest, With its sand so white and fine,

Your way lies over the hillside, Out in the rain and sleet,

My quiet way will be haunted, With visions none others can see,

For this world is full of mischances, And one of these chances may fall,

Terrific Effects of Drunkenness—A Lady in High Life the Victim.

[From the Louisville Commercial.] Monday afternoon a gentleman living in an aristocratic portion of Second street set out to search for his wife who had been absent from home since Saturday.

A carriage was sent to the door and an officer, whose assistance was required, went into the house and finally persuaded her to return to the home she had not seen, and perhaps had not thought of since Saturday.

There are in the United States to-day, one hundred and ninety grain and molasses distilleries, with a daily productive capacity of 162,820 gallons of grain spirits and 8,322 gallons of molasses spirits—a total per annum of 58,305,824 gallons of spirits, presuming that the stills are allowed to rest on Sunday.

PRUDENT.—A young lady thinking it would be interesting to faint at an evening party recently, when one of the company began bathing her head with vinegar, upon which she started up and exclaimed: "For goodness sake put nothing on that will spoil the color of my hair!"

A new treatise on precious stones declares that after all, mankind if wise will say of precious stones, the most valuable as well as the most useful stone in the world is the grindstone.

STARVATION OF A CHILD.—A dispatch from Fishkill Landing of the 10th ult., says that a boy, aged seven years, belonging to the strong women attached to O'Brien's Menagerie, died of starvation at Stonyville on Thursday night.

REV. P. CARTWRIGHT'S EIGHTY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY.—A grand family reunion took place at the residence of Rev. Peter Cartwright, near Pleasant Plains, Sangamon county, Ill., Sept. 1st, in honor of the eighty-seventh birthday of that aged and veteran "soldier of the cross."

HOW THEY DRINK BEER IN CHICAGO.—The latest Chicago table improvement is in methods of imbibition. A large cask, or bowl of iced beer or other beverage, is provided with valved sucking tubes and set on the dining-table, within a convenient distance from the diner, who is provided with a portable mouth-piece, which he attaches to one of the sucking tubes and imbibes at pleasure.

WHAT MRS. BEECHER THINKS.—The political views of Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, it appears, do not accord with those of her husband. She has recently been on a visit to the "Land of Flowers," with Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, near Enterprise, and thus writes of the Ku-Klux clamor: "I declare to you, before God, that if the ruling powers will keep the carpet-baggers away from us, and refrain from sending politicians down here to kindle the fires of dissension for their own base ends, there will be no trouble with Ku-Klux or Southern enmity or bitterness."

TROUSERS FOR A BRIDEGROOM.—A genius who has been excited spitefully by the current accounts of the expense of a bride's trousseau, gets off the following: "One black silk, \$80; one pocket handkerchief, \$5; two shirts, plain bosoms, \$5; one night shirt, embroidered, \$5; two paper collars, \$5; one pair night drawers, plain, \$1.75; one pair night drawers, ruffled, \$2.50; one bottle whisky, \$2; one paper collar, 12c; one cake honey soap, 25c; one cork-screw, 25c; one bottle cocktail biters, \$1.50; one ivory toothpick, 20c; one Baxter's Saint's Rest, \$2; total, \$100."

OTHER DAYS.—An old-fashioned woman remarks, with retrospective view: "I can remember when eight yards of print and ten or twelve hours' work without a sewing machine would make a dress, which required only a pretty collar, a black silk apron and a brooch to arrange into a very neat toilet. But that was when ladies did household work in the forenoon, dined in the middle of the day, occupied themselves in sewing in the afternoon, and had tea at 6 o'clock."

ENDURANCE.—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps says she once saw a young lady ride the whole way from Portland to Boston in the cars without leaning back in the seat, so that she should not tumble her black silk sash. That degree of endurance put into politics might possibly produce some good results. At all events the woman-woman may use the idea as an argument.

FRENCHY AND GOOD.—The French have a story that Sir Walter Scott once offered his youngest daughter a choice between a dowry of 100,000 francs or "Queenin Darnley." She asked to read the MS. took it scrupulously to a publisher, found that he would give her 120,000 francs, and dutifully and meekly told her father that she would rather have the MS. than the money. Sir Walter was deeply touched by this mark of filial devotion. The Paris journal which tells the story, says that a French girl would never have done such a thing as that. She would simply have taken the 100,000 francs, and—she would have found some way to get possession of the romance also.

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