

INNOCENT YOUNG LOVE.

A young couple from the rural districts attracted considerable attention in town last Saturday though they didn't once suspicion that all eyes were fastened upon them, and noting their every action. They were in that bread-and-butter-with-basses-on-it stage of love that make prince and princess alike moist and gassy, and alike oblivious to the rest of the gaze and opinions of the outside world. It is a beautiful state of existence, and the man or woman who has grown old without experiencing it has skipped the most thrilling chapter in the book of life. To be or not to be-atifis—that's the question. Whether it is nobler in the man to battle alone and unloved against the world, or to take a girl in his arms and turn away from it. In one voice we exclaim, "Give us the girl!"

So felt that young Granger. Ten thousand mathematicians and a sea serpent couldn't have divided that couple as they leaned up against a stack of side-meats in a grocery, and clung to each other's clothes. Fortune might have emptied her sack at that youth's feet and he would not have stopped to touch the treasure. Fame might have held her brightest jewel an inch above his head and he would not have reached for it. His country might have called until she was hoarse and he would not have heeded her. Angels might have beckoned him to come away and skip with them along the green banks of the beautiful river, but not a skip would he have skipped unless that girl could have become his companion skipper. Nothing but absolute cremation will ever have power to remove her from him, and even then he will cling to her as long as there is enough of her left to make a grease-spot on his shirt-bosom.

Long they stood there and well. Inquisitive people stepped outside the door and gazed in upon them, and whispers went around the crowd: "Got it pretty bad, ain't they?" "Don't she snuggle up to him though?" "Watch his arm, now—heh—see there!" Still the girl pressed up against his side, and wished the sun was turned down that John might capture the kisses that were dropping in the nectar of her lips. Still she squeezed her arm and admired each gem of a freckle that shone on her fair face like strawberries in a dish of cream. Closer together drew their faces—so close that scarcely a thought could pass between them. A great awe fell upon the assembled multitude, and they awaited the crisis in such deep silence that you might have heard a stitch drop. Just as the lips of the lovers were within a hair's breadth of touching, a small boy in the crowd broke into a demure laugh. The enraptured pair were jerked back into this world with a suddenness that nearly dislocated their necks and sent buckets of blood to their faces. He looked as though he had been caught whipping his grandmother, and she looked like she was sorry for him. The wild light faded out of his eyes, and he pulled his hat over them. The kisses lay dead on her lips, and she pulled them in and pressed them tight to her teeth, out of the sight of their murderers. Hand in hand they left the grocery, and, with faltering steps, departed for the sylvan shades, where they may gnaw each other's necks and exchange vows and saliva in sweet seclusion.

But, confound that boy! He doesn't deserve to ever have a girl. Except for his ill-timed exclamation this story would have been longer and sweeter.—Brunswick.

Fruit for Fattening Purposes.

Every man who has an orchard or vineyard should keep hogs enough to eat up all the inferior and rotten fruit. The problem has often presented itself to our mind whether or not perishable fruits, when the price is low, would not bring more if converted into bacon and lard than utilized in any other way. This is a doubtful problem and we will not argue it; but certain it is that rotten and unsound fruit will bring good returns when fed to hogs. It is well known that corn is the best food in the way of grain that stock can have, the fattening properties being very great on account of the large amount of starch contained. Fruit is far superior to corn, because the starch particles are already resolved into sugar, and it is therefore more easily digested. Where there is a large orchard many tons of fruit are unavoidably lost which might be all gathered up and fed to hogs. Grasses of all kinds are good growing feed for swine, but to fatten for market requires something more substantial.—S. F. Chronicle.

A young Leander swam across the Ohio from a lower Kentucky town the other night, to interview his lovely Hero on the Indiana side; but the old man stood on the bank with a revolver in his hand, and Leander swam back again.—Louisville Journal.

Daniel Webster.

"Daniel Webster," remarked Colonel Gumpsey, as he trimmed a quid of nigger-head and fastened it securely between his teeth in the left side of his mouth, "Daniel Webster was a great man. There wasn't nothin' mean about him. I've heard him talk, but it wasn't his talk so much as his generosity that took me. He had a kinder careless way like, that kept him from gettin' rich. He never seemed to think what things cost. I was coming up in the Hudson river steamer along with him once, and in the morning Daniel and me was washin' our faces and slickin' our hair in the cabin, and he took out a tooth-brush and brushed his teeth. I didn't see no other tooth-brush around, so I borrowed his; and after I used it I handed it back to him, and what do you think? Why, Daniel Webster just slung the tooth-brush into the river; and I suppose next day he went and bought him a new one. That's all he cared about money! There ain't no such men as Daniel Webster livin' now," concluded the Colonel, meditatively, as he squirted a stream of tobacco juice into the fire-place at the other end of the room.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

The Lincoln statue, which is to be dedicated at Springfield, Ill., is completed at Chicopee, Mass., and a special car has arrived to carry it to its destination.

A neck-faced, humble-looking individual, in attempting to traverse a bit of banana peel, the other day, sat down violently on the sidewalk, and merely remarked, "Grace, mercy and peace."

The Rochester Democrat says: "Mrs. Stanton wants every church in the land to have a woman preacher. Very good indeed. Stay! who will make pastoral visits? Speaking for one, we do not propose to undergo any more dangers."

"May heaven's angels whisper golden words as they kiss your darling cheeks," wrote a La Crosse man to his Betsey only last spring; and now he wishes heaven's angels would whisper to him how his breach-of-promise suit is coming out, as his lawyer is doubtful.

Father Chaucer was sound on the main question. Witness: "What is better than gold? Jasper. What is better than jasper? Wisdom. What is better than wisdom? Woman. What is better than woman? Nothing."

The St. Paul Pioneer says that the experiment of planting trees along the line of the St. Paul and Pacific R. R. has been very successful. The trees planted were willow, cottonwood, Lombardy poplars, white ash and box elder. European larch and ash-leaved maple have also done well.

A New Hampshire woman, when dying, made her husband swear on the Bible that he would never marry a woman with a sharp nose.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

Table with market prices for various goods like wheat, flour, and other commodities.

PORTLAND MARKET.

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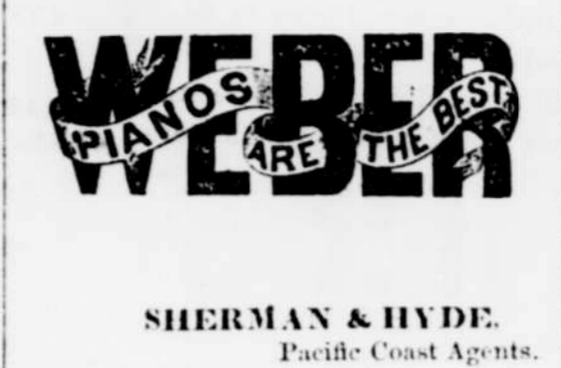
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